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## CHILD IN THE MIDST

HE WAS BORN TO DIE, A LOSER FROM THE START.  
HIS ANNOUNCED COMING MADE MEN AFRAID.  
HIS GOING BROKE HIS MOTHER'S HEART.

LIKE A 20TH CENTURY BABE LEFT ON THE  
DOORSTEP; THE UNWANTED CHRIST WAS STABLE-BORN,  
DEPOSITED IN THE RANK STENCH OF A BACKYARD  
SHED, WHERE AT LEAST HE COULD CRY AND CRY  
WITHOUT DISTURBING PAYING GUESTS.

ONLY THE DISCERNING SAW THE STAR, AND.  
ONLY THE RECEPTIVE SHEPHERDS HEARD A VOICE.  
THE REST, THE MOB WERE MARKED BY ALL THE  
INCONSISTENCY WHICH TYPIFIES A PEOPLE  
PRATTLING ABOUT A GOLDEN AGE — YET  
SUMMING UP THE 'ARRIVAL' AS SO MUCH  
GARBAGE SPILL! AND CHRIST IS BORN!

WHY DOES MY AGE WEEP FOR A LOST GOOD  
YET FAIL TO DIAGNOSE THE CAUSE FOR WEEPING?  
A CHILD IS BORN! A CHILD IS IN THE MIDST  
TO JUDGE AGAIN OUR IMPOVERISHED GENERATION.

By LLOYD COOKE



MRS. UNA LEWIS . . .  
President, N.S.W. C.W.F.

# NOW IS THE TIME

HOW often on T.V. and radio we hear this phrase: Now is the Time to buy. Now is the Time to invest . . . to secure . . . to register. Always we are being reminded that now is the time to act if we want to receive the best value, the most gain . . . the greatest benefits.

If we would enjoy the greatest benefits, the best value and the surety of Eternal life, Now is the Time to accept the lull salvation that is offered freely by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. A life that is fully consecrated to the Lord, is a life that is willing to be used in service for the Master. There is a task for each of us to do and it is only as we allow ourselves to be directed and used by him that we will find complete fulfilment and peace and joy.

It is now that we are to make ourselves available to him, for Jesus said, "All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned to us by the one who sent me, for there is little time left before night falls and all work must come to an end." (John 9: 14).

Time is among our most valuable possessions. Every person has twenty four hours each day. Some of us make use of our time, some waste it away. Often we live as if time were ours to do as we please. Time can never be recalled. Time is so precious we should give prayerful and careful consideration to its proper use.

## MEMORY

Dear God,

I would enjoy the pleasures of the present  
And store within the memory's vast gallery,  
(Processed, catalogued and indexed in the brain),  
The things I see and feel that charm the senses.  
Such as, an early morn — fresh and clean  
And jubilant with bird song.  
A pretty day — a blue, blue sky that's flecked  
With snowy clouds, and flowers  
Garlanding my garden walks  
A low rich, tuneful melodies —  
And yes, wise words and faces of my friends.  
A silver moon such as I saw but yester-night  
Making the world around me white and bright,  
Perhaps some almost old-world perfumes,  
Of mignonette and rambling rose  
And ambrosial stocks scenting the soft ambient night.

By WILKIE THOMSON

If age or flesh's infirmity  
Should dull my senses,  
I should not pine,  
Much less to whine,  
For what has been,  
Lord, help me draw upon sweet memory,  
Of sights and sounds and scents that now please me.

## SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH (30)

Born at Newcastle . . .  
made her decision . . .  
After her marriage . . .  
moved to Wollongong . . .  
at a tent . . .  
For many years . . .  
member of the C.W.F. . .  
years ago when . . .  
C.W.F. . .  
10 years . . .  
God . . .  
every day . . .  
needs . . .  
without any merit . . .  
find an excuse . . .  
Do we find tomorrow . . .  
serve? Will we then . . .  
one to Christ?

It is only when we must tell the King of Christ to those who know him not, before the "available time" closes. Jesus wants us to "seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Matt. 6: 33) and so little time left to him, put first things first. Paul is quoted in the Corinthians ch. 7: 29 says "time important thing to remember is that our remaining time is very short."

God cheerfully gives us . . .  
every day. He richly and . . .  
needs. He defends us from . . .  
without any merit or worth . . .  
find an excuse for having . . .  
Do we find tomorrow a . . .  
serve? Will we then have . . .  
one to Christ?

"When I have Time! O Friend, can you . . .  
That opportunities fly swift away?  
Neglected now, the day may never be . . .  
When you and I will write or lift . . .  
NOW IS THE TIME!"



# The Christmas Story

SENTIMENTAL — SUPERFICIAL —  
OR SUPERNATURAL?

By DR. A. G. ELLIOTT

THE story of Christmas has been told for a long time, yet it never loses its charm. The tragedy of our age is that so many "enjoy" the festive season without a clue as to what it is all about! Even many "Christians" show by their attitude that Christmas has no real deep significance for them.

It is not surprising that the secular society of our day has very little meaningful appreciation of Christmas. For most folk — Christians and non-Christians alike — it is an opportunity for commercial gain. Nevertheless, the New Testament leaves us in no doubt at all as to the real challenge of Jesus' birth. It speaks positively, in clarion tones, evangelically oriented — in the angel's words to Joseph, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1: 21).

This is definitive. The Christmas message ought to be clear and plain. There should be no misunderstanding. This season is a time of communication, of witness, of evangelism. Yet, it has degenerated into an occasion for trivial amusement with little thought of more profound issues. Matthew 1: 21 is for all who are prepared to acknowledge him, through his saving name, Jesus, and to look to him for salvation from their sins. Salvation from sin, then, is the real implication of Christmas.

### THE SENTIMENTAL

To what depths of degeneration has the "soft-soap" line of keeping Christmas led us! surely an exchange of moderately puerile greeting cards and sentimental inanities? And this at a time when the whole creation should be rejoicing in the wonder of the greatest fact of all history — that God came down — as man — to lift up men! Despite this tremendous "happening" — so often it is the mere incidentals, the side issues, the unimportant features of the Christmas story — that have made their appeal. The stable, the manger, the oxen, the cattle, the shepherds — and of course the wise men — delightful though they undoubtedly are — all seem to stand in the way and virtually crowd out the Babe who is God!

Human nature is so dumbly obtuse that it has repeatedly sentimentalised the Bethlehem story and almost completely ignored the glory of the grace of God in the one who came. All too frequently we have missed the point of the Father's love, stooping down and reaching out in the Son.

At Christmas we tend to by-pass reality with vacuous words, the tinsel of children's pageants, an orgy of spending—and an escape into the sentimental.

### THE SUPERFICIAL

In all of this it is to be seen the temporary triumph of the superficial. This is the world's view of Christmas — a massive burlesque in which the major theme is "Eat, drink, and be merry . . ." Such an attitude bears no relation to the gospel.

"God so loved — that he gave." This is what Christmas means. But competitive industry and commerce today is represented by the very opposite — "Get — get — get!"

Satan is on the throne. The Bible assessment of the world is surely right. "The Prince of the power of the air" — "the Prince of this world" dominates the lives of the unbelieving majority. Standards have been lowered and blindly accepted — even by so-called "believers." Huge money-making combines exploit our youth and play up the satanic undercurrents of sex and pornography. Young people unwittingly and naively exploit the human body created by God for his glory. The Lord of the Universe is degraded by ignorant, ill-informed and sacrilegious terminology — which in the language of "show business" refers to the Saviour of the world as "Super Star." Is it any wonder that the current craze which delights in the mere superficial renders the true message of the Christ of Christmas largely inoperative and almost wholly misunderstood?

### THE SUPERNATURAL

It is high time we awoke to the seriousness of the situation in which a "hippie" mentality is allowed to dominate the so-called "communication," or witness of true believers. If we really belong to Christ, then his spirit within us will show us clearly, in terms of the scriptures — that Christmas, like everything else that concerns the gospel — belongs to the supernatural.

Christ came to change "sinners" into "saints" — saints in the New Testament sense — separated believers, prepared to lay down their very lives for the Lord in whom they trust. This change in the life is "supernatural." That is, it is a "miracle." If you really know Christ, then a miracle has happened in your life! If not — whatever else you may profess to be, a church officer, a baptised believer, a church member — you cannot claim to be a true Christian. Only the Miracle of the Indwelling Christ can make a Christian. And this too is the secret of Christmas.

And what is a miracle? It is what happens when a sinner is "born again." But how do we explain it? It is what happens whenever God acts according to laws which, while not contrary to nature, are superior to and above and beyond the natural — this is a miracle.

Or, when God acts in a way, not inexplicable — though unexplainable by human reason or understanding — this is a miracle. Many acts of this kind are recorded in the Bible, where Jesus demonstrates his mastery over natural forces, diseases both physical and psychological, and also over the demonic powers of Satan. But the greatest miracle of all is the supernatural birth which we call conversion. This is what the Christmas story actually foreshadows. The prophetic promise "comes alive" — Jesus "saves his people from their sins."

At Bethlehem, with the coming of the Son, the Supernatural broke in upon the natural. Here God entered into human life, so that Christ might give himself to mankind and in his death on the cross and resurrection to life again, reveal God's love and power and bring sinful men back to the loving Father. This is the "good news" of Christmas: the real secret, the miracle of life. It is not tawdry and sentimental, not empty and superficial — it is real, the Supernatural God, in Christ, "reconciling" men "unto himself."

# "THEY CALL ME A FAT WOP, MISS!"

OR AN EDUCATION SYSTEM MOVING  
FROM CRISIS TO CATASTROPHE

By ALAN MATHESON

**MEET Mario:** "It hurts me in here". Mario is 14 — Sicilian — his hand is on his plump chest. "They call me a fat wop, Miss. I know I am fat — but my mum, she cries if I don't eat everything she gives me. 'I been cooking for you all day, son,' she says. 'Don't you want what I make you?' So I eat it. It's bad enough being fat — but maybe when I'm older I can fix that. But being a wop — well, ya can't stop being Italian, can ya?"

**Meet Sammy:** "Gee, Miss, I make up me mind I'm not gonna do anything' to gripe the teacher. Every class I say to meself: 'Look here, Sam, this time you're gonna be good, see! This time ya don't get into no trouble.' But it only takes ten minutes and somethin' goes wrong."

Sammy is 17. He sits in the back row of the third form of a metropolitan high school. He's rather tall now and he finds it difficult to get his knees under the desk. He feels it badly that he is the oldest in the class, and, as he puts it, "the stupidest" . . .

"I dunno — I was always best in the grade at home — but here . . ., and my dad just says 'work harder' . . . but he don't really understand."

Mario and Sammy are but two of the statistics that go to make up the state of migrant education in Australian schools. Even after a twenty-year programme of migration we are just slowly beginning to realise that we have created an intolerable situation for many who have come to Australia to make a new life. But even the statistics don't tell the full story of disappointment, frustration, scholastic retardation, meaningless existence, and emotional disturbances now being experienced by thousands of children in our educational system. Thirty per cent of all migrant children in N.S.W. are having serious language difficulties; 20,000 children in Victorian schools are in the same situation with nearly half of these retarded by at least one year.

## The System

Dr. Ronald Goldman, regarded as an eminent authority on education, bluntly described the present Australian educational system: "If God had wanted to create a poverty stricken shambles with the greatest educational inequalities possible in an affluent society, he would have invented Australia!"

Surely not true!

Yet . . .

— we do have a national plan for defence but none for education (and this with the knowledge that school enrolment will increase by 80% in the next few years).

— we do spend only 4.4% of our gross national product on education (Canada 8.5%, Russia and Sweden 7.3%, Britain 6.4%).

— we do have scores of schools where children are taught in staff rooms, corridors, sick rooms, and toilets (one school in Melbourne is permanently located in 35 temporary portable rooms!)

— we do have a system of state aid which means we deliberately widen the gap between private schools and the state inner suburban relics we euphemistically call schools.

Incredible as it is, there are still numbers of ordinary people in our community who still believe that our education system is the best in the world, who still swallow the myth of educa-

tional equality. Any Sunday afternoon drive from Balwyn or Brighton through the inner suburbs of Fitzroy or Collingwood would quickly dispel any doubts. But too few take the trouble!

## Hung up on poverty

Part of the reason the churches have shown little interest in the brutalising and violent practices carried on in the name of education is that the people who are most affected are the poor and the inarticulate. The mass media has described, analysed, and discussed the grossly under privileged schools where facilities are primitive, classrooms overcrowded, the playing space minimal and trained teachers in short supply.

But where are the churches? Are they not the ones with the gospel of love, angry concern and justice?

On the other hand, the problem really doesn't affect the churches, because as in politics, the poor, the impotent, the disadvantaged don't give the money, don't cast votes, don't pose threats, don't sit on important departmental committees, go to afternoon fellowships, holiday camps or prayer meetings.

As we are slowly coming to terms with the fact that we are basically racist and prejudiced to an incredible degree in our attitudes to anyone different from ourselves, so we will need to come to terms with the painful fact that our attitude to the poor is basically one of distrust and superiority.

## From Crisis to Catastrophe

To be a migrant child in our community is in many ways not merely an educational condition but a social and political condition. Not only is he condemned to a state of illiteracy and his culture devalued but too often he is condemned to poverty and political impotence. Because our schools are miserable failures in providing anything but a daily tortuous existence for thousands of migrant children, this present silent minority condemns us for our apathetic paternalism and our preoccupation with ourselves.

The tragedy is further intensified in that at a time when democratic community participation is becoming a reality in the inner city the churches find that they have little to offer. Congregations are elderly and discouraged, student and part-time ministries are restrictive and unimaginative; these compounded with a disturbing lack of prophetic insight and creative approaches are the hall-marks of the churches' ministry and service in the inner city.

However, it is not only the responsibility of the inner city congregation. Christians, no matter where they are, who are concerned and angered with the inequalities that exist in our city, must be encouraged to become even more socially and politically involved. Yes, political involvement, because the answers lie at a political level — no amount of love, secondhand clothes, motions at conference, or unrelated unidentified prayer is going to change the situation.

Initially, there needs to be a spreading of the "bad word". Take a drive through the inner suburbs next Sunday afternoon; documentary material is available to educate, stimulate and hopefully activate the silent majority; deputations and letters to State and Federal members urging action or you change your vote; flood daily papers with letters; utilise the local talkback programmes; raise the issue at your local service organisation, club or committee; or why not seriously consider living in one of these suburbs and becoming involved in the struggle for a new city and a meaningful community.

Until we begin to realise the catastrophic future of our present educational system, nothing will change, and the violent injustice that thousands of children and their parents must now endure will be permitted to continue by our silence and our unconcern.

# BETHLEHEM REBIRTH IN YOUR OWN HOME TOWN

By ALLAN LEE

**D**ASHING down the steps of the church on my way to officiate at a funeral, a young college student, standing in the narthex, abruptly stopped me with an inquiry.

"Hi! Can you tell me where the pastor is?"

"I'm the pastor. What can I do for you?"

"I want to be baptized! I want to be a part of the Kingdom of God!" he exclaimed.

Wanting to assist the tall, bearded university lad, typically dressed in bluejeans and floppy shirt, I explained my departure.

"I want to help you, fella. I really do! But I won't be back until one o'clock this afternoon. I'm due at a funeral in five minutes and it will take at least an hour to fill our baptistery anyway."

He looked disappointed.

"I'll go to some other churches here on the hill and if they won't help me, then I'll come back."

We agreed to the arrangement. He shook my hand, tears streaming down his face, as he thanked me for my concern and interest. Turning quickly, he left by the front door of the church. I alerted the custodian to fill the baptistery just in case he might return.

And he did! Promptly at one, he entered the narthex where I awaited him.

"Two pastors turned me down," he reported. "So, I decided to come back to you and your church. You promised to help me. Oh, I do so want to get into the Kingdom of God."

Sensing his sincerity, I really wanted to minister to him. I knew it would take a few minutes more to fill the baptistery. Meanwhile, we discussed the significance and symbolism of baptism — of how it represents the burying of old ways and the rising to walk in a new way of life, with new attitudes, new aspirations and hopes all centred in Jesus.

At ten minutes after one, on a quiet November afternoon, I immersed this seeker after righteousness — this young man yearning to find and enter God's Kingdom.

(Dr. Lee is General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ).

After he dressed, I gave him a New Testament entitled "Good News For Modern Man." He thanked me profusely while shaking my hand gratefully. Again, tears streamed down his face as he turned and departed through the heavy, wooden front door.

Soon this newly-baptized Christian began attending church. He came regularly, prayed, sang, tithed and talked with our church members. Everyone could see a new radiance in his face, his eyes and his speech. He had experienced a rebirth. He was a new creature in Christ.

There are similar experiences taking place across America today. Young people are finding Jesus all over again. They are being baptized in lakes, streams and bays. They are throwing away everything to follow him, to read and study the New Testament, to witness on street corners and to let the world know of God's love. Some are called "The Jesus People"; others, "The Children of God." They are reborn Christians — young people who have earlier confessed Christ but have now undergone a rebirth of faith and love.

Phillips Brooks, after journeying to Bethlehem years ago, must have had a similar experience, a similar desire. For in his famous hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem," he pleads for this:

*"O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today."*

At this Christmas time, we need such a Bethlehem rebirth, even as the young man seeking baptism or The Jesus People or The Children of God. "O holy Child . . . be born in us today." Yes, be reborn in our churches! Be reborn in our worship committees, our evangelism committees, our membership and social action committees, our Sunday schools, C.W.F.'s and youth groups!

This year at Christmas, the greatest gift you can give is to give your life to Christ and His church. To be reborn. To have a Bethlehem rebirth in your own home town.

# CALL TO RENEWAL

WE bring greetings to our fellow Christians in Victoria. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's incarnation we are conscious of his presence. Through his incarnation he identified himself in some way with every man. Through his redemption he offers us, and the entire human race, new life.

We write to encourage you to seek that new life

- New life for the people with whom we live and work.
- New life for the world with its rich variety of communities.
- New life for each one of us, living in today's complex society.

It is our hope that during 1972 people will find the opportunity within their own churches and through combined action, to accept and enjoy a richer life in Christ.

Many Christian churches will be engaged next year in plans to renew their people in faith and action. Of special interest is the programme of the Joint Secretariat on Action for World Development being planned on an Ecumenical basis throughout Australia with its July study period. Among other activities is the plan for a year of Pastoral Renewal of the Catholic Church as a preparation for the 40th International Eucharistic Congress. Churches of Christ are pursuing a project of renewal under the title, "Strategy for the Seventies." The Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches have stressed the need for prayerful consideration and commitment as they vote on the Basis of Union next year, while Anglicans are involved in a programme of renewal in Christian Education.

Thus 1972 calls us to renewal in three different ways — through our need for personal commitment, through our concern for the community, and through the renewal of life in the church. We commend these programmes to you, and ask where possible that Christians work together in these ventures.

## CHURCHES STUDY WORLD NEEDS

CONGREGATIONS of churches throughout Australia are being invited to enrol in a national education campaign on issues of social justice. The campaign, to climax next July with meetings of groups in all local areas, is being organised by a new ecumenical agency, Action for World Development, joining Anglican, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Churches. About 200,000 people are expected to be involved.

The chairman of the national campaign committee, W. F. Neville, said in Sydney that the aim of the campaign was to help Australians understand some of the crucial issues determining the welfare of underprivileged peoples and nations.

He said the campaign was action-oriented and would deal with Australia's responsibility to developing nations. It was hoped to win vigorous support for measures such as increased Australian aid and the revision of some trade and tariff policies to assist developing countries.

Parishes and local congregations are being asked to pay a registration fee, ranging from \$10 to \$20 according to size. Special interest groups are also being enrolled.

Each registered parish or group will receive monthly information about the campaign and suggestions for activities. Leaders from parishes will be trained for their role.

## MY NEIGHBOUR'S PEN



### WOMEN IN THE MEDIA

Television is teaching children at a very young age that boys are "adventurous, decisive, intelligent and altogether splendid," whereas girls are quiet, well behaved, second-class citizens given to watching boys. At least that is the image conveyed to young children by television programmes in Great Britain, according to Anne Allan, of the Sunday Mirror of London. Considering the fact that the average Briton spends 12 years of his life watching television, the power of the medium to reinforce such images is obvious. Certainly television's growing role as image-maker provides ample justification for an ecumenical consultation on "The Image of Woman in the Mass Media."

Probably the first conference on this subject was convened in Vienna with 100 participants. Mrs. Allen, a socialist on family life, crime, handicapped children, and sex... emphasised that she wants her four daughters to treasure their femininity but to use their brains. She declared that the media are of little help. "I don't want them metaphorically galled on the head and told they are incredibly bright for a woman or efficient in spite of being one. I want my daughters to love being feminine. Put brutally, I want them to forget the attitude of St. Paul and remember the teachings of Christ."

### CHANGE AND INVOLVEMENT

I was more advanced economically, I could be conservative. The man who has never suffered has to learn a lot, but the man who suffers, learns easily because he lives in misery... Through the new personal relations in our work, group meetings, reading books and involvement with the community, I came to realise that we are not poor because of the will of God, but because of that of our brothers.

— Juan Suarez in "Risk."

### PREPARED TO SERVE?

A New Nature — our privilege "In Christ" — implies a new purpose. Gabriel Marcel has said that "Conversion is the act by which man is called to become a witness." Elton Trueblood has put it more bluntly: "A faith which a person is not trying to share is not genuine!"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a modern-day martyr, has declared that cheap grace is the deadly enemy of the church. "Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without discipline... grace without the cross," he wrote. The great need in the Church today is a renewed emphasis on the missionary responsibility of each Christian.

This raises a vital question, however — effective personal service is impossible without adequate preparation. Is Dr. Elton Trueblood not correct in his assertion that "there is no real chance of victory in a campaign if ninety per cent of the soldiers are untrained and uninvolved, yet that is exactly where we stand now?"

— "The Australian Baptist."

### MINISTRY AND LAITY

The ministry and laity both exist for mission. Each has its function, its purpose in the total mission of the people of God. The laity, no less than the ministry, must be recalled to the primacy of mission.

The persistent error of the church is that it has allowed a wedge to be driven between the separated ministry and the laity, exaggerating the role of the ministry and degrading the place of the laity. It has also created an inflexibility in recruitment, training, and function in the ministry. Hence, at intervals, the Spirit of God has been obliged to reawaken the laity from a secondary role in mission and deflate the claims and the almost unconscious superiority of the ministry.

The training of a ministry for mission is something very different from preparation of a professional ministry whose purpose is to serve the institution called the Church. The great need today is for theological education to see as its purpose the enabling of the whole people of God to share in the mission of Jesus Christ to all the world.

— Alan Walker, in "Aust. Pres. Life."

## WOOLWICH GRADUATION

(N.S.W.). Enmore Tabernacle was filled on the occasion of the Woolwich College Graduation Service on Nov. 19.

M. H. A. Pieper, chairman of the College Board and minister at Burwood, presided. Musical items were rendered by the Temple Trio. The organist was Dick Hutchens. A representative of the Woolwich Ex-Students' Association brought greetings and presented a donation for the ongoing work of the College.

Interstate visitors from W.A. and Vic., relatives of graduating students, received a special welcome.

The Senior Lecturer, Mr. Chapman, assisted the Principal, Dr. Elliott, in the presentation of diplomas and certificates. The principal thanked the members of the Board, the Faculty, the domestic staff and the Ladies' Committee for their splendid co-operation. He also indicated the line of development that the College has pursued over a long period as it has completed 30 years of service in training men and women for leadership for Christ in the churches and pointed to this ongoing task as the established purpose of the College in N.S.W.

## FIELD WORKER

### EXPERIMENT CONTINUES

(VIC.-TAS.). A year ago the Dept. of Christian Education in Victoria and Tasmania decided to undertake a venture of faith. Churches from both city and country were making so many requests for help in training and resources that the Director and the team of auxiliary leaders were unable to meet all of them. Further, the Department believed that at this time in the life of the brotherhood positive leadership was needed. George Mathieson was therefore appointed part-time Field Worker with the Department.

In accepting this position Mr. Mathieson has shown tremendous dedication to the cause of Christ. He is working three days a week as a pharmacist, virtually providing his own salary and offering the rest of the week to the Department. Two other persons are sharing in this ministry by making substantial weekly contributions to help defray travelling and other expenses associated with the appointment.

The response from the churches to the ministry of George Mathieson has been most encouraging, and this has led the Department to request him to continue for 1972. This challenge he has accepted. He is to concentrate in the areas of Bible School and Young Adult work, and also working with ministers and church boards in the promotion of viable Christian Education programmes. Churches are invited to continue to make requests for his services, as well as that of the Director, Ray McKenzie.

The Department is confident that God will continue to bless this venture in faith, and the dedicated leadership of the Director. Prayer is sought for this work in the demanding yet exciting days that the churches face together.—Dr. Keith Bowes (chairman).

## BELGRAVE HEIGHTS CONVENTION

(Vic.). Five speakers listed to participate in the 54th annual Convention at Belgrave Heights, Dec. 26 to Jan. 3, 1972, come from widely separated fields of service.

They will bring an inspiring testimony concerning the Lord's work in Africa, India, South-East Asia, Britain, New Zealand and Australia.

Bishop A. Stanway completed 34 years of distinguished service in Africa with the Church Missionary Society, including 20 years as Bishop of Central Tanganyika, and is now Deputy Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne.

Rev. David Stewart, Principal of the N.Z. Bible Training Institute, was for ten years Principal of the Mt. Hermon School at Darjeeling in North India.

Two gifted Asian Christian leaders will

Those receiving diplomas were Robert Aldred, who will minister at Pendle Hill; Maurice Conry, who has been called to Asquith; David Gurney, who takes up the work at Wyoming; David Hovey, who goes to Austral; Philip Letheby, who will take up the work at Geraldton, W.A.; Bill Mills, who goes to Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.; Graham Small, who will minister at Invercargill, N.Z.; and Raymond Smith, who has been called to Cardiff.

Missionary certificates were awarded to Miss Carol Burtenshaw and Miss Clara Denniss.

The Conference President, R. F. Bartholomew, offered the prayer of dedication and Ray Smith made the response on behalf of the graduating students. Graham Small led in the scripture reading and two short addresses were delivered by Bill Mills and David Gurney.

The main message of the evening was delivered by David Eagling, minister of Hurstville church and formerly principal of the Banmatmat Bible College in the New Hebrides.

## C.W.F. AIDS SHRIGONDA

(AINSLIE-LYONS, A.C.T., C. H. J. Wright & C. G. Dredge). Ainslie C.W.F. raised \$400 for Shrigonda Mission. Activities included Norwegian Night and stall at Fyshwick Market. Lyons C.W.F. held progressive dinner in aid of Outreach. Sturt Island camps for Boys' and Girls' Brigades were held in Nov. Elders and deacons met in Retreat at Cotter Reserve to plan 1972 programme. Students from Burgmann College conducted an Ainslie evening meeting. Old folk of Goodwin Homes were taken for a 50-mile drive, were entertained for tea and attended service at Ainslie. R. McKenzie and G. Mathieson of Vic.-Tas. D.C.E., preached at both churches, and met with local committee of National Youth Convention to be held in Canberra in Jan., 1973.

## T.V. WITH WILLIAM BARCLAY

The name of William Barclay has long been a household one among Biblical scholars and those who take their Bible reading seriously. His many books and articles have won for him a deserved reputation — a reputation enhanced when he appeared in the television series "The Sermon on the Mount."

The ABC is to present another notable series of six television programmes in which Professor Barclay deals with many of our contemporary issues: labour conditions, sexual relationships, the place of pleasure, the use of money, the relationship between the individual and the community. In each case he goes to the source of Christian ethical principles and shows the relevance of those principles to our own society. His inimitable style, wide scholarship and real care for people are demonstrated as he speaks in Trinity College, Glasgow.

"Jesus Today, the Christian Ethic in the Twentieth Century" will be shown on six successive Sunday evenings at 9.30 p.m. (Darwin 9.25) commencing on the following dates:

N.S.W. and A.C.T.: Dec. 19, 1971; Qld. and S.A.: Dec. 26, 1971; W.A. and Tas.: Jan. 2, 1972; Vic. and Darwin: Jan. 9, 1972.

## CHRISTIAN CASSETTES

Something new has occurred in the field of Christian music in Australia with the commencement of a Sacred Cassette Club.

The cassette tape enables Christians to carry uplifting, enriching sacred music with them wherever they go.

Popular artists such as Burl Ives, Ralph Carmichael, Pat Boone, Cliff Barrows and The Gang, Tedd Smith, The Korean Children's Choir, Jim Roberts and Norma Zimmer, and many others, have released recordings under the Word, Sacred, Canaan Light and Supreme labels.

Australia's first sacred music cassette tape club is now being launched by The Sacred Music Cassette Tape Club (a division of The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd.); enabling group purchase savings on cassettes available through the club.

The complete New Testament and Psalms (Authorised Version), is also now available on Cassette Tape produced by Bible Voice. These cassettes are distributed in Australia by Sacred Productions Australia. (See advertisement on page 21).

# FEEDBACK

By G. R. STIRLING

**T**HE Vic-Tas. Conf. Executive was asked by Conference to lead the churches in strategy for mission in evangelism, service, spiritual growth and outreach. The strategy item was simply listed as "A Strategy for the Seventies." Since then the phrase has caught on and "Strategy for the Seventies" has become the focus of brotherhood and local church planning. Executive members have been discussing "Strategy" with ministers and leaders at local levels.

There is already a considerable amount of "feed-back." Some churches are already reporting group discussion of the "Pamphlet Club" booklet, "A Strategy for the Seventies," and the book on which it is based, Alan Walker's "Now for Newness." The pamphlet is helping leaders to ask the necessary questions about local church life, that need to be asked if there is to be renewal and revival. These churches, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will discover suitable local strategies. Help will also be given to them by the Executive as desired.

Three ministers in a large country centre spent time looking at "Strategy for the Seventies" from their angle. They came up with four items of strategy for themselves and the brotherhood:

1. "Back to evangelism in gospel meetings." They saw that whatever devices and experiments are used on Sunday night, the strong challenge of the gospel can be presented. Devices and experiments are not to set aside gospel preaching, but to be an aid to it.

2. "State-wide Scholar Drives." They believe that the best avenue of new contacts for churches is through the S.S. They remember that the older type State-wide scholar drives did get results. They are suggesting that human nature hasn't changed and that such drives could still be good strategy in the next three or four years.

3. "Teams for Renewal." These have worked in many different ways. The basis of them is that a small group of lay people whose commitment has resulted in a new God-given dynamic for life, visit a local congregation. The congregation divides into house groups for a few nights. The visitors each go to a group. They encourage members of the group to share the faith and understanding that they have, with a view to spiritual awakening and Christian growth.

ness referred to was in the Sinai or Arabian deserts.

John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea. He quoted the words of Isaiah which were also quoted by the Qumran Community and the Essene Movement. These were words of comfort and encouragement to God's people in exile telling of their coming freedom and restoration as citizens to their homeland. John saw Jesus as God's Messiah doing this for all men.

**FOR TODAY:**

But why shout in the desert? Surely it would have been of more sense to shout this in the crowded city. But John knew that the Word of God would be drowned in the noise of cash registers and supermarkets as effectively then as it can be today.

God chooses to speak to men in the desert. Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, Jesus, Paul, and others all used their desert experiences for reflection, repentance, renewal and rededication to God.

God often speaks to a nation while it is in the wilderness. God spoke to Israel

4. "Meeting the needs of the affluent society." The ministers recognise that the "new needs" are not for physical handouts. They are loneliness, insecurity, hunger for love, prejudice, frustration, meaninglessness, boredom. Both gospel and church should be answers to these needs. The ministers recommend training our people to relate the gospel and the fellowship of the church to these needs.

Another country group of leaders were stimulated to look at "Strategy." They had two ideas both aimed to bring the whole brotherhood into closer fellowship:

1. "Mutual adoption of city and country churches." The idea is that a city and country church adopt each other. This would involve exchanges of visits, sharing of ideas, exchanging of ministers, and mutual encouragement.

2. "Flying Squads." This would resurrect an idea that was current in the 30's and gave great stimulus to country churches. Teams of able laymen from the city would go from time to time, in car loads to country churches to take services, share in church-life conferences, and in general lift the sights of the country congregations. We have some country laymen who could stir a city church or two if the matter were also considered in reverse.

Many of our churches are including such matters as justice and Christian compassion in their local strategies as they plan now to become involved in local study and discussion groups on the theme of "World Development" in July.

This all points up the fact that "Strategy for the Seventies" is not the brotherhood "top brass" handing down a lot of "stunts" to local churches and saying, "Do this because we think it is good for you." "Strategy for the Seventies" is simply the strategy of local congregations hearing again Christ's call to go into the world with the good news, to serve with compassion, and to work for the great values of justice and righteousness and purity and truth. As each congregation works out what it proposes to do, this is "Strategy for the Seventies." The Conference Executive on its part is charged by Conference to encourage and help local churches to do this by providing some resources, by sharing "feed-back" ideas and by helping to co-ordinate the work of other Conference Departments as they too reach out to help local congregations.

more in the desert of Sinai than he ever did in the luxury of Solomon's Court.

Australia is blessed with large acres of wilderness but 90% of Australians huddle into the seven large cities. We must have crowds, meetings, noise, music in lifts and corridors to drown out the silence. Company and fellowship are important and they are best appreciated by the one who first knows solitude. Although we cannot easily take to silence and solitude this is what we each need for spiritual refreshment. "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps. 46: 10). Jesus practised this: "He withdrew to the wilderness and prayed." (Luke 5: 6). He encouraged Christians to withdraw into the wilderness in their own home "When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father." (Matt. 6: 6).

Professor A. N. Whitehead said, "Religion is what the individual does with his own solitariness. If you are never solitary you are never religious." The more we live in a noisy society the more we need the refreshment that comes from time alone with God in the silence.

—GORDON MOYES.

## "READING YOU!"

**I**T has often been a matter of LIFE and DEATH for a missionary to "get through." To hear on the transceiver from the other end — "reading you, loud and clear," brings great relief, but it is so often the other side of the story for our missionaries in New Guinea and New Hebrides. Using old sets with a low output, combined with frequent poor conditions, and sometimes "drowning out" from other stronger sets, our missionaries have in the past often had to repeat many times, or relay through another station which is a lengthy process, or even wait for the next day.

Christian Endeavourers of Churches of Christ in Victoria have realised the need for good communications in these areas, and during 1970-71 have raised over \$650 for a new single side-band transceiver for Bunapas, New Guinea. Mission running efficiency is greatly increased with good radio contact, and the S/S. Band set has good points which make it a great improvement on the old sets.

Endeavourers have whole-heartedly supported this project, knowing how much it will help our missionaries to get on with the more urgent part of the task of telling the tribespeople of God's love for them. These young people have said to the missionaries on the Ramu — "We are reading you; we have heard of your need of this transceiver, and we sincerely pray that the assistance it provides you in your witness will enable the people there to one day say — 'We read you, we read you loud and clear!'"

—Barry Baker, C.E. Committee.

## SA, WA & NSW

### I.T.I.M. VISITOR

(ASCOT PK., S.A., S. R. Baker). The Deputy Director of I.T.I.M., Rev. Ray Pooock, was speaker at men's tea and evening service on Nov. 21 . . . Russell Fisher made his decision and has been baptized. . . Geoff. May has been accepted by the C.O.B. and with his wife will take up residence at the College early in 1972 . . . Graham Edgar, who obtained his L.Th. at the M.B.I., will also enter C.O.B. for further studies.

### HELPERS THANKED

(GOOLWA, S.A., B. Beck). Three A.B.I. helpers were thanked for their church and S.S. service, and gifts were presented to Richard Owen, Ron. Holmes and Ray Hewitt. A. Neighbour spoke on behalf of the church . . . Recent speakers have been S. R. Beck, Don. Peterson and Mr. Archbold . . . Mrs. Betty Spencer and Lorraine Bargar have been assisting with the Mini-Club . . . Terry Haythorpe of C.O.B., addressed the church.

### KALGOORLIE DECISIONS

(W.A.). Four B.S. boys made decisions at the anniversary service conducted by Mr. Maiden, of Manning. Other speakers were Mr. Ruck (Baptist) and Ben. Mason (local native pastor) . . . Mrs. Tinetti Snr. and Mrs. Pannell have been ill . . . John Lydon, the secretary, and wife and family have transferred to Geraldton . . . Sympathy is offered to Mrs. Craig in the death of her husband.

### TENT MISSION WINS SIX

(CHELTENHAM, S.A., R. W. Saunders). Despite high winds and heavy rains there was good support for a two weeks "Good News" Tent Mission with Will Philp and Roger Brown as speakers. Steve Thomas was song leader. Items were given by Cheltenham Baptist Men's Quartette. Hindmarsh Salv. Army Ladies' Trio, Lynne Averay, Darryl Green, Malcolm Rice, Kaye Austin, Beverley Chapman and Cheltenham Youth Choir. There were six decisions.

(INGLEWOOD, W.A., K. Parry). Thirty shared in three sessions of "Parent Teenage Encounter." Guest speakers included a medical practitioner, and representatives from the Health Educ. Council and Mental Health Services . . . At an Arts, Crafts, and Talents Festival the S.S. displayed their year's activities . . . The drama club will present three performances of the comedy "The Happiest Days of our Lives."

### FOLK MUSICAL

(MORAWA, W.A., A. Anderson). The folk musical "Tell it like it is" was successfully presented for two nights . . . Mrs. P. Thygesen is pres. of C.W.F., Mrs. R. Carslake sec., and Mrs. R. Butler, treas. . . Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hall will be missed on transfer to the city . . . Busy bee has been held to harvest some of the church crop . . . R. Butler is home after surgery in Perth.

### HARVEST AT NORTH SYDNEY

(N.S.W., Noel Flint). There have been 15 decisions since August . . . Belinda Foletta gained the Dux prize at S.S. anniversary . . . Serving as Chaplain at North Shore Hospital Mr. Flint is working with doctors on a joint programme to meet hospital needs . . . Universities, local schools and technical colleges have shared in monthly youth services.

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## WORD TALK

— GORDON MOYES

No. 42 — MATTHEW 3: 3

—GOODSPEED

"Shouting in the Desert."

John the Baptist came out of the desert fully grown and fully armed. Prior to this he had spent his years in the wilderness (Luke 1: 80). "Wilderness" and "desert" are used interchangeably throughout the Bible. There are six different O.T. words for "wilderness" and they are used some 266 times. In the N.T. the one word is used some 50 times. The desert was not just areas of sand. It did hold pockets of habitation, areas of sparse pasture and an occasional oasis. It was used for nomadic pasturing. Frequently it is stressed in the Bible as being barren, uncultivated, and a howling wasto of whirlwinds. It is described as the home of wild asses, jackals, and vultures. Usually the wilder-

### 20 YEARS AS SECRETARY

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A., H. R. Fitch). Roy Thompson has been presented with a writing desk in appreciation of over 20 years' service as secretary, a position he still holds . . . Roger Ryall was guest speaker at the 79th Fremantle church anniversary . . . \$150 was raised by the H.H.C.W.F. fete, and \$300 by the Fremantle C.W.F. "Talent" scheme.

### FASHION FIESTA

(PT. PIRIE, S.A., M. T. Lawrie). A C.W.F. Summer Fashion Fiesta was conducted in the church hall by courtesy of G. J. Coles & Co. Proceeds of \$86 went to a chair fund. C.W.F. also held a garden party at the home of Janice Mummery . . . Girls' Brigade raised \$88 at a fete. Mrs. Bignell, Captain, and Mrs. Sadler, Cadet Leader, were installed at church service. H. Knowles of Y.M.C.A. was compere and speaker at a cabaret-style S.S. service . . . The C.W.F. has again made visits to elderly and shut-ins . . . Mr. Lawrie is President of local Ministers' Fraternal.

### NORTHAM NEWS

(W.A., W. Gaunson). The B. & F.B.S. film "Freedom for their Souls" was screened by Frank Regtershott . . . Four young people from South Perth shared in a youth tea and gave items and testimonies on Nov. 14 . . . On Nov. 31 Miss Lia Klinge made her decision for Christ.

### TO ALL CHURCH SECRETARIES!

## A Special Request

The Red Hills, Vic., Church of Christ, would like to hear from Church Secretaries of members taking up permanent residence in the Mornington Peninsular area. This would assist in preserving continuity of membership within the church.

T. Smith, Secretary, Red Hill, Vic., Church of Christ, Hodgins Rd., Hastings, Vic., 3915

## OPEN FORUM

### STATE AID

To the Editor,

Further to our discussion on Government aid to schools, will somebody please explain how money paid by the Government to help the Catholic Church finance its educational institutions (which also give religious education) is different from money paid by the Government to help the Churches of Christ finance their children's homes, Aboriginal homes, teenage hostels, etc. (which also give religious education)?

How is money paid towards the salary of R.C. teachers in convent schools different from money paid towards the salary of Church of Christ teachers in New Guinea village schools?

A successful campaign to separate church and state would not be limited to education. If Government funds are not made available for any religious enterprises, how would our social services cope? And how far do our Youth Departments depend on Government handouts?

—Dorothy Cant (W.A.)

### STATE AID

To the Editor,

The basic premiss of the argument of the anti-state-aiders is the separation of church and state.

The error of their stand lies in the unstated assumption that a state education system is religiously neutral. Even granting that neutrality of education is humanly possible, a study of the various State Edu-

cation Acts reveals that state education is to be secular. In Victoria, where the D.O.G.S. are strongest, the secularism of state education is more ruthlessly spelt out than in other States.

Section 116 of the Constitution forbids the Commonwealth Government to establish any religion. In their crusading zeal the D.O.G.S. will, if successful, be forcing the Government to establish the religion of secularism. Only by granting financial equality to all school systems can the Government maintain its religious neutrality, and so preserve the separation of church and state.

If L. J. Hutchinson ("A.C." 27-11-71) really believes that "the current wave of lunacy and terror in Ireland is the logical outcome of 50 years of state aided church school segregation," how does he explain the ability of Dutch Catholics and Protestants to get along so well with one another after more than 50 years of fully state aided church school segregation? The present Dutch government is a coalition of Catholic and Protestant parties (political segregation!).

Could it be that the state aid question is a red herring?

—L. E. Aberdeen (Secretary, Christian Radical Union), Qld.

### W.C.C. AND MISSIONS

To the Editor,

The report of Dr. Philip Potter's address to the International Missionary Council ("A.C." 27.11.71) indicates a disturbing shift against missionary activity in some quarters.

I sensed something of an anti-missionary bias in several W.C.C. representatives from

overseas at the recent Race Conference at Southport, Qld. Their emphasis seemed to be exclusively on revolutionary social change. When the "Missionary Go Home" motif was voiced in meal-table discussion, a Roman Catholic leader said "But we cannot accept this. We have been given a commandment!" A perusal of the Documents of Vatican II indicate a strong and definite emphasis on missions amongst R.C.'s. At the same time, the position amongst Protestants seems ambivalent.

To my mind, the modern dilemma in missions demands, not that we should recall our missionaries, but that we should send many more of the right type. Maybe we won't call them "missionaries" when we send them, and perhaps they will not be supported from Home Boards, but the church must learn new forms of mission and ministry (probably along non-professional lines) to fulfil the Great Commission at home and abroad in difficult situations in our own day.

—David G. Hammer, Qld.

### INNER SUBURBS

To the Editor

So Moreland church is closing down after 62 years. The reasons are that "The area has changed . . . attempts to draw migrants into our conventional worship programmes have proved fruitless . . . 80% of the population are Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox or Muslim."

With this attitude it is no wonder that the church, faced with a loss of membership has found it necessary to close. Was there ever a time when the Church of Christ could claim more than 20% of the population interested in its cause?

Within this inner suburban area (and the inner suburban areas are growing) the church has a unique opportunity to minister to people who, though in need of Christian concern and interest will only accept it if there are no strings attached. Instead of facing up to the challenge of this new situation we are only concerned about preserving ourselves — getting out while there is still \$60,000 to spend on another cause, another building.

Are there any people within Churches of Christ who are concerned with the needs of the people in these areas, concerned enough to invest money and experiment, to find out how we can best serve them, ministers willing to stop playing the numbers game and come in and minister to the inner suburbs? Or are we only concerned with churches where they need two services on a Sunday morning? If we are then one day we will wake up and find that the inner suburbs have killed us all. It is a sign that this death is already upon the whole brotherhood when the only help and advice that the inner suburb could get from the brotherhood was to sell up and get out.

—Barbara Andrews, Vic.

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Dec. 26 to Jan. 30 inclusive

will commence at 9.30 a.m.

Gospel Services at 7 p.m. as usual.

20 Clarence St., Burwood, N.S.W.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST, Carnegie [Vic.]

All friends of

Arthur H. Galletly

please take note that the above church is holding an evening of recognition to mark the 50th Anniversary of Mr. Galletly's unbroken service and membership. Saturday, February 12, 1972, 8 p.m.

All are welcome. For catering arrangements please notify Max McCall, 265 Poath Rd., Hughesdale, 3166. Phone 57-4760 (Melb.).

## FEDERAL CONFERENCE

PERTH, OCTOBER 10-15, 1972

Transport arrangements for Vic.-Tas. delegates to Federal Conference, October, 1972. Limited Train reservations (first/economy) allotments are held on trains leaving Melbourne on following dates:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1972

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1972

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1972

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1972

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1972

To obtain group fare rebates a minimum of six passengers must leave together, but this is not necessary on the return journey. Return tickets are valid for two months. Delegates who have already registered for all travel will be advised by circular about March next year to confirm their requirements and dates of travel.

If you have not given indications of requirements for travel please advise:

Travel Agent, K. D. Bates,  
c/o G.P.O. Box 4309, Melbourne,  
or  
Phone 560-9623 (priv.), 60-1583 (bus.)  
Melb.

## SOCIAL WORKER

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Graduate Dip. Soc. Studs. required.

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Inquiries to Superintendent Minister,

"Care" Welfare Agency, Broadmeadows Methodist Mission, 415 Camp Road, Broadmeadows, Vic., 3047. Phone: 309-2117 (Melb.).

## Brighton Gardens

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### HOLIDAY SERVICES

Note times 9.30 a.m. and 8 p.m. from December 26 to January 30.

Ministers: C. E. Curtis, K. J. Harvey.

DONCASTER (Vic.)

## Choral Service

December 19, 1971, 7 p.m.

CANTATA —

"BORN A KING"

by John W. Peterson

Organist: C. L. Ward Conductors:

H. Plummer, Mrs. G. Crouch

Preacher: Mr. A. W. C. Candy

All Visitors Welcome

### SERVICES DURING HOLIDAYS

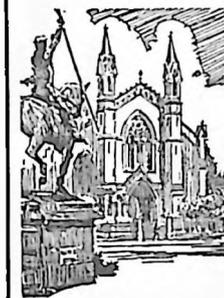
Christmas Day, 9 a.m.

December 26 — 9.30 a.m. only.

Throughout January — One Service only—9.30 a.m. No evening services.

Feb. 6—Induction of new minister, Keith D. Harne — 11 a.m.

Evening Service 7 p.m.



## Swanston St. Church

(Right in heart of Melbourne: opp. Public Library)  
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Ministers **Dr. LLOYD JONES,**  
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**A. L. WEBB, B.A.**

Dec. 12, 11 a.m.: Would You Believe . . . A Cross?!"

This will be the Farewell Service for Dr. and Mrs. Jones & family and a luncheon for all will be provided.

Special: Sun., Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.: Special Christmas Carol Service with Peter McCallum Hospital Choir conducted by Miss Jean Milne.

## 1972 MISSIONARY CAMP

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JAN. 13-20, 1972

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Please accept this late enrolment for the 1972 Missionary Camp.

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**ANNIV. THANKOFFERING**

(REDCLIFFE, Qld., D. Collins). The Mayor and Mayoress were guests at 15th church anniversary. D. G. Hammer was guest speaker and the Risson family presented a programme. Items were given by Jenny Helyar and Mrs. Plint. The thank-offering was \$550 . . . Alan Hilford, treasurer for five years, has been transferred as manager to the Bank of N.S.W. at Buderim. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Hilford and their four sons. Bill Berlin is new treas. . . S.S. held a mission Christmas tree for Eidsvold . . . Seven attended Dist. Conf. at Southport. The C.W.F. sent a Christmas parcel to Judy Simpson in New Guinea . . . Mr. Collins will continue as minister for 1972. . . C.W.F. Pres. for 1972 is Vera Thomas, Sec. Beryl Burt, and Treas. Hope Berlin.

**TO GO NORTH**

(TAMWORTH, N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. Foletta will close their ministry in April, 1972, and will then serve at Harlaxton, Qld. The church is seeking a new minister . . . Mrs. J. Smith is the new church secretary and Mrs. Platt is assistant sec. . . R. Bartholomew, Conf. Pres., and Ron. Hewitt, Conf. Sec., were recent visiting speakers . . . A Girls' Brigade has recently been formed.

**CHURCH FOR WHEELS**

(NAMBOUR, Qld., R. McLean). The church is assisting the Meals on Wheels programme . . . S.S. anniversary theme "God's Creation" was illustrated with floral decorations. Fellowship tea preceded evening film service. Offering of \$55 was for S.S. equipment . . . A cake-decorating demonstration was given at C.W.F. lunch. . . Four men attended C.M.S. camp reunion dinner in Brisbane.

**BINGLEY GUESTS ENTERTAINED**

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). The C.W.F. entertained guests of "Bingley Hall" at a morning function . . . There were two decisions on Nov. 21 . . . Dave Barnes and his team conducted a Youth Crusade from Nov. 23 to 28 . . . The young people shared in a Community Food Drive by covering the Hornsby Heights area.

**"HIS LAND"**

Watch for the screening of the famous film, "His Land" on these T.V. stations:  
Dec. 15: Sydney, ATN7, 10.30 p.m.;  
Dec. 16: Albury, AM4, 9.30 p.m.; Myrtleford, AMV9, 9.30 p.m.; Khancoban, AMV10, 9.30 p.m.; Toowoomba, DDQ10, 9.30 p.m.; Shepparton, GMV6, 10 p.m.; Eildon, GMV3, 10 p.m.; Alexandra, GMV10, 10 p.m.; Wagga, RVN2, 10.30 p.m.  
Dec. 17: Ballarat, BTV6, 10.10 p.m.; Warrnambool, BTV9, 10.10 p.m.; Portland, BTV11, 10.10 p.m.; Nhll, BTV7, 10.10 p.m. Dec. 18: Bendigo, BGV6, 5 p.m. Swan Hill, BGV11, 5 p.m. Dec. 20: Rockhampton, RTQ7, 9.30 p.m. Dec. 21: Broken Hill BKN7, 8.35 p.m.  
See local press T.V. column for Canberra CTC7, Cooma CTC10, and Goulburn CTC10.

(QLD.). The College year came to a climax at Ann St. chapel on Nov. 12. Student choir items were led by Des. Kuhl. Short addresses were given by Warren Hamilton and Arthur Davis, and a solo was sung by another exit student, Miss Shirley Grundy. Glen Wegner read the Bible message. The Conf. Pres., Horace Risson, who is also Acting Chairman of the College Board of Management, presided, addressed the students and offered the dedicatory prayer.

Diplomas were presented to graduating students, and prizes were awarded.

Ron. McLean, Secretary of the Overseas Mission Board, gave the occasional address.

The following students were exits from Kenmore, 1971:

Miss Margaret Cornish, from Fremantle, W.A., who is to marry Glen Wegner.

Arthur Davis, from Chinchilla, who will minister at Leichhardt.

Miss Shirley Grundy, from Midland Junction, W.A., to continue University studies.

**HOWARD EARLE FOR INTERIM**

(HARLAXTON, Qld.). Bruce Roberts concludes his ministry this month and Roger Foletta commences in June, 1972. Howard Earle will conduct an interim ministry . . . There were decisions and reconsecrations in mission with "Gems of Joy Gospel Messengers." . . . Church helped raise finance for tractor for mission work in New Guinea. 16 churches raised \$2,370. C.Y.F. have raised \$100 towards M.A.F. in New Guinea.

**NEW CHURCH OPENS**

(SOUTHPORT, Qld., E. Watson). The first service in new church was held Dec. 5 . . . The final service at Frank St. was followed by fellowship recalling the establishment of the church and 14 years of witness . . . Kindergarten tables and furniture were made by the men at Warren Taber's workshop from materials donated by J. Green, Garth and Peter . . . Miss Elaine Bennett will serve in Kenya with Africa Inland Mission.

Warren Hamilton, from Narwee, N.S.W., will continue his ministry at Warwick.

Miss Helen Hoskin, from Naracoorte, S.A., will serve at Norseman Aborigine Mission, W.A.

Mrs. Glenys Moyle, from Nollamara, W.A., will remain with her husband who has not yet completed his course.

Barry Thygesen, from Morawa, Qld., will continue his ministry at Wynnum

Glen Wegner, from Gatton, will probably continue University studies.

Miss Marian Zaunbrecher, from Norlane, Vic., will also continue at the University of Queensland.—F. L. Ewers, Principal.

**MINISTRY REDUCED**

(BEXLEY NTH., N.S.W.). J. Regouby's full-time ministry will conclude in Feb., 1972 but he will continue as a part-time worker until a replacement is found . . . C.W.F. Talent Night raised \$155 . . . The Conf. Sec., Ron. Hewitt, paid an official visit to the church . . . Mrs. Ron. Watson is home from hospital.

**BRIGADE LEADER APPOINTED**

(NTH. TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., J. G. Shaw). Girls' leader, Captain Judith Taylor, has been appointed Commissioner of Brigade 5th Division. There was a combined brigades' camp at Narrabeen . . . On Nov. 21, members enjoyed an after-church picnic lunch in nearby Wahroonga Park . . . A special education service included a choir from North Turramurra Public School . . . Dr. J. Pitt recently addressed Men's Fellowship on his work with C.S.I.R.O.

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By E. P. C. HOLLARD

News from this State seems to centre around the movements of personalities just now. Several of our members have been making impacts, and have brought distinction to the Kingdom of God.

**LYALL BRADDOCK.** The S.A. Government announced that the first Chairman of Advanced Education in this State will be Lyall Braddock. He will be in charge of all institutes, teachers' colleges, in fact all tertiary education except universities. Mr. Braddock headed up the Institute of Technology's Accountancy Branch, is one of five Directors of the Savings Bank. He is Chairman of the Finance Committee of Churches of Christ, and with Mrs. Braddock is in membership at Kensington Park church.

**KEN DAWSON.** Our Immediate Past-President of Conference is now the incoming President of the S.A. Council of Churches. Mr. Dawson has always shown a keen interest in inter-church relationships, and walks through the fellowship paths in the church with high respect from people of all communions.

**MATRON ROSEMARY CLARK.** The name Matron Annie Harkness is a household word among us. She has stepped down from St. George's Rest Home, and the name of the new Matron is Rosemary Clark. Just now she is an unknown quantity, but with the prayers of the churches behind her she will surely deserve to become another household name.

**KEITH HORNER, "K.D."** is going out on a worn track . . . to and from New Zealand! Once again he has been to the Dominion, this time to conduct Church Life Conferences in three centres, and to be fraternal delegate to the Dominion Conference of the brotherhood. He found time to conduct a Ministers' Refresher Course. Back home he has further campaigns planned with Edwardsdown and Murray Bridge churches. He was farewelled from S.A. on Dec. 10, on leaving for Victoria.

**GAOL CHAPLAIN.** For well over a decade Albert Jones of our Social Service Department has carried on a monumental work at Yatala Gaol. Now the Uniting Church, with the Baptists and Churches of Christ will be placing a Chaplain in the gaols. The new appointee will be the Superintendent (Chaplain-wise) for all gaols in S.A. with his headquarters at the Yatala Prison. The new Chaplain will be announced possibly in the new year.

**MANSFIELD PARK.** Churches of Christ in S.A. are involved in a preaching mission. Adjacent to Cheltenham church where Ron. Saunders ministers, is a well developed housing area, Mansfield Park. A tent has been pitched and Will Philp, Ron. Saunders and Roger Brown have been active in night sessions.

**OTHER THINGS.** Henley Beach church is well ahead in its building of the new manse. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Setzman will commence a ministry there early in 1972. . . . Young people are preparing for Christmas Camps and the Longwood Camp theme will be "Creative Celebration." . . . The Youth Choir has at last burst out of the Unley Town Hall and now moves into the city to Her Majesty's Theatre for their annual Gilbert and Sullivan presentation.

(S.A., H. M. Long). Up to 300 attended services to celebrate a century and a quarter of witness at Australia's oldest Church of Christ. Dr. Lloyd E. Jones, guest preacher, contributed greatly to the success of the occasion.

Two hundred attended the anniversary tea where reminiscences were aided by an epidiroscope. Three week-night sessions led by C.W.F., the choir, and C.Y.F. respectively. In the C.W.F. pageant, young women in period costume (some garments were over 100 years old) were proxies for the pioneer women. C.Y.F.'s night featured an audio-visual and Stirling Y.P.'s "Light Brigade." There are still copies available of the commemorative brochure

"Comeos of a Century and a Quarter." Those desiring copies are invited to write. . . . The annual meeting decided to divide the annual income from the Toll legacy as follows: 25% to our Social Service Dept., for Hospital Chaplaincy; 25% to our H.M. Dept., 50% to the Grote St. Maintenance Fund, to provide a new steel staircase, paving of carpark, etc. . . . Sid. Matthews and Gil Pederson have been elected as elders.

Long overdue is this move, for the choir represents a standard of presentation deserving of a longer season and a more worthy place for it. Jan. 26-29 sees "Iolanthe" in session . . . Christmas and New Year greetings to all the Australian brotherhood from South Australia.

**SHUT-INS VISITED**

(KENSINGTON PARK, S.A., W. Bartlett). The C.W.F. visited members unable to attend services . . . Miss Dorothy Wilkinson has removed to Broadview and has been replaced as Primary Dept. Supt. by Mrs. J. Wehr . . . At a combined tea and meeting Ron. Dix led community singing and there was an audio-visual and discussion . . . The Hospital Committee has gratefully received gifts for hospital patients.

**CARE FOR OTHERS**

(WASIPPOON, S.A., R. Combridge). The Women's Fellowship sent Christmas gifts and groceries to A. R. Jones of the Social Service Dept., and \$25 to assist J. B. Baker in the hospital chaplaincy . . . The annual B.S. smorgasbord raised \$100 for the school . . . Visiting speakers have been R. Rowe of Gidcons, and Trevor Russell, Temperance Alliance, for youth.

**THIRD TENNIS COURT**

(BORDERTOWN, S.A., R. Combridge). At a special tea the tennis club raised \$75 for a third tennis court . . . Campaigners for Christ conducted special meetings led by Gilbert Cann . . . The J.C.E. picnic on Don. Verco's farm was combined with a bike-hike barbecue . . . Mrs. Jim Lawson and Mrs. Jack Martlew have undergone major surgery . . . The death of L. E. Verco closed a life of faith.

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## ERIC HOLLARD FOR U.S.A.

(S.A.) After five years' ministry with the Glenelg church, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hollard will move to the United States in early April. He has been appointed Associate Minister to Dr. Franklin Edmund See at First Christian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. This great church of 3,500 members has a viable programme of evangelism and outreach, and Mr. Hollard will be Minister of Evangelism and Pastoral Concerns for a term of five years.

The Glenelg church graciously released the Hollards and feels considerable appreciation that their minister has received such an appointment. The Pulpit Committee of the church is now moving to find a successor.

At Glenelg morning services rarely move below 200 and the evening worship from 120 to 150. Additions come regularly. Giving is at an all-time high, allowing for building repayments and considerable outreach through brotherhood and other activities. Over 80 young people comprise the C.Y.F. group.

## OVERSEAS NOTES

### Teaching Assignment

Miss Karen Humphries from the Blackburn Church in Victoria has been appointed to serve in the New Hebrides as a Commercial Subjects Teacher. Travel expenses and field living allowance will be provided by Good Companions Clubs throughout Victoria.

It is expected that Miss Humphries will serve in the New Hebrides for two years. During this period she will do Secretarial work and give training in typing and book-keeping to a group of New Hebridean young people. Miss Humphries will leave for the New Hebrides on Feb. 7, 1972.

The Overseas Mission Board expresses sincere appreciation to all Good Companions and Club Leaders who are enthusiastically supporting this venture.

### Remaining in New Hebrides

The December issue of "Missionary News" advised that Sister Eunice Cane, voluntary worker at the Ndui Ndui Hospital, New Hebrides, was returning to Aus-

tralia on Dec. 2. Sister Cane has offered to remain in the New Hebrides until another nurse is available. The Overseas Mission Board has gratefully accepted her offer.

### \$2,000 for Santo Church Building

The Campbell Edwards Foundation in N.S.W. has kindly donated \$2,000 towards the erection of a church building on Santo in the New Hebrides. For about 18 years our island Christians have been meeting in Santo in an ex-American army hut. In recent years they have been buying a plot of land for the erection of a church building.

Permission has now been granted to them to build, and this generous gift from the Campbell Edwards Foundation will be an encouragement to them.

Previously the Foundation donated \$5,000 for the erection of a chapel at Bunapas in New Guinea.

### Nurse Accepted

The Overseas Mission Board has gratefully accepted the offer of Sister Margaret Dillon of the Hawthorn (S.A.) church to serve as a voluntary worker in the New Hebrides for a period of twelve months.

Sister Dillon is a triple-certificated nurse and is on the tutorial staff at the Memorial Hospital, Adelaide. She will leave for the New Hebrides on Feb. 7, 1972, and will serve at the Ndui Ndui Hospital, where she will be involved particularly in teaching trainee nurses and dressers.

The services of another nurse are urgently required at the Ndui Ndui Hospital, and the Overseas Mission Board will welcome enquiries from any double-certificated nurse willing to offer for missionary service in the New Hebrides.

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To the Editor,

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—Paul A. Cullen, National President.

## T. E. ROFE SETTLEMENT

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Graduates of the College of the Bible intending to apply for grants for the 1972 academic year should write immediately to the Vice-Principal, 7 Elm Road, Glen Iris, Vic., 3146 asking for an application form. Forms should be completed and with the Vice-Principal no later than Feb. 10.

## DEVONPORT BAPTISM

(Tas., E. W. Taylor). A young man was baptized on Nov. 21 . . . The Boys' Brigade camped at Evandale and took part in the Tas. Tattoo and "Founder's Day" celebrations . . . G. R. Stirling represented the College of the Bible on Oct. 31 . . . Young people spent a week-end at Westway where Mr. and Mrs. V. Perry conducted a S.S. . . . Miss Roslyn Williams spoke on New Guinea on Nov. 17.

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**INDIA v. PAKISTAN** No nation can afford the cost of war. War is a stupid waste of material resources, and an even more stupid waste of life. War creates more problems than it resolves and breeds even more wars in the arrogance of the so-called victors and the hatred of the defeated. If there were nations that could afford the disaster that war always brings, India and Pakistan certainly cannot. These poor backward and overcrowded countries can barely exist in peace. In war they will mortgage their peoples to misery for generations to come. In one sense, though, India and Pakistan are victims of the large powerful nations, which talk peace, and veto every move to achieve peace. They deplore war with words and make money from the weapons they sell. And the refugees? — the unwitting cause of, or the excuse for, the conflict — they must wait now upon the priorities of battles.

**GOOD GRIEF!** More advertisements. From "Kalamazoo Gazette": "Introducing Sister M. Clarice, S.J., from Nazareth College, a new member of our staff, looking forward to meeting all her new customers.—Millie's Beauty Salon." From Meriden, Connecticut: "Have your Easter dinner at a Former Church . . . Red Garter Steak House . . . The Largest Roast Beef in Connecticut."

## \$2,418 FOR MISSIONS

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). Temple Day offering was \$750, with \$200 of this coming from C.W.A.F. Mission Outreach is now \$2,418 . . . Judith Lunn and Irene Bruhn have returned from overseas working holiday . . . At Fancy Dress Night, C.W.F. raised \$18 for Golden Bag project . . . Senior scholars acted in a S.S. anniversary drama, written by Miss Marjorie Buckingham. Miss Jean Milne conducted singing . . . Mrs. Cantlay is ill and being cared for by her daughter at Montmorny.

## S.S. ON RADIO

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). Parts of the S.S. anniversary were recorded by Kelvin Reed for radio and for New Guinea. Max Birch was conductor, Alison Anderson, Cheryl and Frank Burn-

ham, Olive Cannon and Frank Clarke formed the orchestra. Richard W. Lawton was guest speaker . . . Deacons met with Ted Keating at Hepburn to plan renewal programme for 1972 . . . Evening Fellowship entertained elderly ladies of church to tea, items and community singing

## SEVEN TO MISSION FIELDS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Seven members have gone to the mission fields during 1971 — New Guinea, Carnarvon and Andross . . . Two tea chests of clothing have been forwarded to Harold and Mary Finger . . . \$114 was raised by C.W.F. for two classrooms to be erected in New Guinea . . . The Day's Pay offering reached \$395 . . . At C.W.F. break-up at home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jeffrey at McCrae, gifts were brought for hospital visitation . . . Seven Box Hill nurses shared in evening service when Sister Juan Turnham was speaker.

## L. J. BUTLER AT GUILDHALL

Among the many offices held by Len J. Butler of the Hartwell church, Vic., is that of President of the Australian Division of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators. He is at present in England attending a Conference of the World Institute and on Dec. 15 will give the Address-in-Reply to the Lord Mayor at a reception given by the City of London at the Guildhall.

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**GOLDFINCH (nee Ahearn)**—To Pat and Phil, a daughter—Lisa Jane. Sister for Grant. Born Canberra 25-10-1971.

**VAN LEEN (nee Gault)**—Lorrie and Adrian welcome a beautiful gift from God—a daughter—Debra Rachelle, born at Collie, W.A., on November 27.

**STEELE (Lacy)**—To Pam and Eric at Castlemaine, Vic., on December 2—a son—Rodney Trevor. Brother for Carolyn and Brett.

**WILLIAMS**—Iris and David welcome with love a son—Rohan David. Darling brother for Julie and Peter. Nhill Hospital, Vic., December 3, 1971.

### ENGAGEMENT

**TULLY-BEREZY**—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tully, 498 Doncaster Rd., Doncaster, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Denise Barbara, to Val John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Berezy, 21 Merino Ave., Broadmeadows.

### SILVER WEDDING

**PATTERSON (Langford)**—Bill and Glad, Strathalbyn, S.A., are happy to announce the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at Strathalbyn Church of Christ on December 14, 1946 by Pastor F. Stow.

**WILLIAMS (Richards)**—Murray and Hazel announce with pleasure the 25th anniversary of their wedding on December 7, 1946, celebrated by Principal E. Lyall Williams, and the late Mr. Richard L. Williams, in the chapel of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic.

### MARRIAGE

**BECK-PASCOE**—The marriage of Heather Joy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pascoe, to Graham Keith, second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Beck, both of Glenelg, S.A., was solemnised at the Church of Christ, Glenelg, on Saturday, November 20 by Mr. E. P. C. Hollard.

### DEATH

**NORTH, Annie Gwendolyn**, of 12 Libna St., Carnegie, Vic.—On November 20, 1971, dearly loved mother of Jan (Mrs. Holt), Laurie, Lyn (Mrs. McEwen); loved mother-in-law of Keith, Gwen and Bruce; devoted gran to Andrew and Darren, Brendan and Danny, Genine and Ashley. "Safe in the arms of Jesus, until we meet again."

### IN MEMORIAM

**THOMAS**—In loving memory of my mother, Hilda A. Thomas, passed away Nov. 17, 1970, and my father, James E. Thomas, who departed this life on Nov. 27, 1944.—Ruth Tilley. "United at last in the glory land. Never forgotten here below."

### IN MEMORIAM

**LANGLEY**—Fond memories of David Malcolm, dearly loved son of Rene and Harold, called home December 24, 1965. "There is no end to love, There is no death above."

**NEWHAM**—Loving memories of husband William and son Will, united in God's care. "Death means separation, earthly bonds are torn apart; But nothing breaks the cords of love that bind the faithful heart. Somewhere in angel country of God's happy land, We shall see His purpose, we shall know and understand." — Ettie.

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### Memberships Next Issue

### MARRIAGES

Dianne Prout to Leslie Verco, Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, W.A.

Barbara Miller to Geoff. Shallies, Bentleigh East, Vic.

Glenda Wardle to John Luck, Warracknabeal-Brim, Vic.

Maxine Jones to Peter Bullen, Croydon, Vic.

Laraine Dow to John Maydom, Oakleigh, Vic.

### DEATHS

L. E. Verco, Bordertown, S.A.

Mrs. Alice Mary Rogers, Manifold Heights, Vic.

Mrs. W. J. Murley, Bentleigh East, Vic.

Mrs. Ruby Muriel Martin, Warracknabeal, Vic.

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Enquiries to Mr. Pittman's niece, Mrs. Henshilwood, 98-4272 (Melb.).

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## • ALCOHOL THE DRUG

# FACTS, FIGURES, FINDINGS

Alcohol is a clear liquid, like water in appearance, but very different in its effect. Ethyl Alcohol (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O), the result of fermentation of sugar and yeast, is found in all alcoholic beverages. In Australian beer and non-fortified wines this is in strengths varying from 5 per cent (beer) to 14 per cent (wines) by volume. In fortified wines, spirits and liquors through the addition of distilled alcohol this percentage may increase up to and beyond 50 per cent.

In industry ethyl alcohol is used in manufacturing polishes, varnishes, stains and liminents, insecticides, sheep-dips, dye solutions, and other products. It is used in museums, schools and universities for

preserving specimens. It is used in thermometers because it does not freeze.

Not one of these uses involves drinking alcohol as a beverage. The abuses begin when the first alcoholic drink is taken and affects body functions, particularly the brain. The body processes the food and drink we take, the cells selecting what they need and rejecting what is harmful.

There are few poisons which can escape this "rejection process" and penetrate and damage the cells. One such poison is alcohol. Within 10 minutes of being consumed alcohol passes into the blood stream and circulates there until burnt up (oxidised).

The Journal of the American Medical Association said, "Alcohol is a poison,

inherently, absolutely, essentially, in a drop, or in a gill, in a pint, or in a gallon. In all quantities, and in every quantity it is a poison." Plainly the quantity cannot alter its chemical constitution. Alcohol is the most freely available tranquilliser on the market. It is the most widely used and abused pleasure-giving drug in the western world. It is a socially acceptable drug which can be consumed openly and freely, without arousing disapproval of society or action of the law. The incidence of drug addiction is much lower than that of alcohol addiction. We cannot have alcoholism, or alcohol addiction without alcohol.

The Australian estimate, based upon the 50,000 "registered" alcoholics in Victoria is that we have 4 million confirmed alcoholics with an increasing annual figure.

In Australia beer production figures 1967-68: 310 million gallons; 1968-69, 322 million gallons; 1969-70, 342 million gallons. Beer consumption figures, 1967-68: 25.7 gallons per person; 1968-69, 26.6 gallons per person; 1969-70, 27.36 gallons per person. Wine and spirit production, 1969-70, beverage wine, 33,451,400 gallons, an increase of 5.4 million gallons over '68-69; grape spirit, 4,902,400 gallons, 25.1% increase over '68-69; brandy, 1,258,200 gallons, 17.8% increase over '68-69. Producers are not satisfied with this increase, they are planning for a faster and greater increase than ever before.

Alcoholism is costing Australia \$100 million a year. In the year 1965 alcoholism killed 2,589 people. Nineteen per cent of students in Australia are heavy drinkers according to a survey carried out last year. This survey also showed that more than 60 per cent of high school students were occasional drinkers and only 15 per cent were total abstainers.

Sixty per cent of road deaths have alcohol involvement at a rate in excess of .05%. Dr. Birrell says 1,750 people were killed because of alcohol in 1968. He also states that alcohol is the biggest single factor in the road toll. Drinking in moderation is not the solution to the liquor problem, it's the main cause of that problem.

Millions of dollars are being made in profit from the production and sale of a commodity, whose ultimate efforts involve the community in enormous costs to repair some of the casualties. All governments gain substantially from excise and licence fees (our Federal Govt. for the year 1968-69 received \$392 million) yet do very little towards the cost of teaching, research, prevention treatment or rehabilitation.

Something more is called for than the present indifference of most members of the church to the evidence before them of the cost of liquor in the community.

The drinker who is a church member, not only damages his own spiritual life, but also exerts a harmful influence upon others. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour."

A Christian must be conscious always of his influence, he must forgo that which, though it may not seem wrong to him, might lead some weaker person astray.

A church of abstainers is a church which will never suffer the spiritual decline which inevitably follows drinking. Repentance brings freedom, Surrender brings guidance, Discipline brings zest, Obedience brings power.—(Mrs.) Millie Evans, Supt. C.W.F. Temperance Sub - Committee Churches of Christ in Vic.-Tas.

## Victoria...

### YOUTH PACK FOR AGED

(KANIVA, Vic., G. M. Mathieson). The C.Y.F. packed Christmas parcels for elderly folk. Another evening was spent on the croquet lawns under guidance of Miss Hazel Jewell. . . Meetings are at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. during daylight saving period. . . Snr. Constable Brian Marchant of Box Hill church spoke to 46 at Christian Men's Fellowship on Nov. 7. . . Mutton Ball was interviewed by minister at evening service on Nov. 7. . . Rosalie Williams from New Guinea mission field spoke at morning service and showed slides after evening service on Nov. 7.

### FOR OTHERS PROJECT

(WEST PRESTON, Vic., A. J. Storay). "Talent" project to assist multiple sclerosis sufferers culminated on Nov. 7 when Oak-over Methodist Choir sang the cantata "Then Sings My Soul." Cheque for \$462 handed to Miss Joan Tuxen, Director of Vic. Society for Crippled Children and Adults. . . Visits to auxiliaries by team from Board commenced with visit to Good Companions. . . Six-week course of teacher training for those who will teach in 1972. . . Youth 1 held a week-end camp at Rye. . . Outreach Adelphos (coffee shop) made a good start. . .

### JOINT MINISTRY

(NORTH FITZROY, Vic.). In February, 1972, Miss D. Basinski and G. Nelson will join J. Searle in the ministry here. Miss Basinski is fully qualified in several areas of Christian ministry. Mr. Nelson, a 1971 graduate from Glen Iris, will continue with university studies. Miss Basinski and Mr. Nelson will marry before commencing at North Fitzroy. . . Junior Good Companions won a pennant in outdoor sports. . . \$150 was raised at a fete in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Culliver at Lower Plenty.

### NEW GUINEA STORY

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. Morrison). Doug. Chislett, after staying with the New Guinean Engas at Baiyer River, shared his experiences and impressions with the congregation and the C.E. His slides and narrative emphasised problems and urgency of this mission field. As nationalism grows rapidly this field may be soon closed to all European missionaries. . . A weekend planning session for elders and deacons resulted in a questionnaire being circulated to all members to evaluate and overcome the problem of low and declining gospel service attendances.

### HELP FOR H.M. CHURCH

(ORMOND, Vic., L. Barker). Briar Hill is the new church we will be helping through the H.M. Dept. . . Ormond Elderly Citizens were entertained at tea. . . Mr. Rafferty, M.P., spoke after church on "Education, The Real Issues." . . "You and Your Child" lectures were held for mothers. . . Mrs. Houzago held special afternoon for organ fund. \$162 was raised. . . Student Dare Stevens and his wife and baby left us on Nov. 14 to take up residence in the South Melbourne manse.

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## FORCE TEN

CHURCHES in Australia have joined together in an on-going aid and development programme, Force Ten, and in the first joint project will be supporting Indonesian Muslims in an agricultural development scheme as the result of a partnership between the Australian Council of Churches and Australian Catholic Relief.

Under the Force Ten programme, members pledge themselves to give at least \$20 annually to ten specific projects. These may be agricultural projects, community development, medical or social welfare or refugee rehabilitation.

There are already more than 2,400 members throughout Australia.

Alan Ife, chairman, A.C.C.'s Division of World Christian Action, explained that the name, Force Ten, had been taken from the phrase used by weathermen to describe a full-force gale, to signify the "winds of change" that were needed for human suffering to be effectively eased.

"Force Ten was commenced by the Australian Council of Churches in 1967, and has resulted in about \$225,000 being pro-

vided for 43 separate projects—more than half of them in Asia," he stated.

### First Joint Project

The first project to be supported under the joint Force Ten programme will be an agricultural development scheme in Indonesia.

A Muslim community in the South Celebes is to develop a new village and farming unit on a very fertile area of 2,000 hectares, which is now lying unused. They require help with the basic needs of farm materials, shelter, medicine and transport to establish the community on a self-supporting basis by 1973.

Force Ten will be seeking \$6,800 to help the people achieve their goal of 200 families securely settled by the end of next year.

## YOUTH RALLY WEEKEND

WARRACKNABEAL-BRIM, Vic., Miss N. Hall). Our young people invited High School age youth from our churches all over Western and Central Victoria. With a collective membership of 77 our two churches billeted 108 young people and leaders. All visiting groups provided items at the Minal-Moomba in the Warracknabeal Town Hall. Pastor Doug. Nicholls was guest speaker, His son, Ralph, and Dudley Bastock demonstrated Aboriginal Corroboree dances. On Sunday morning, 130 young people shared with the two congregations for communion in the Brim Memorial Hall, Pastor Doug was again the speaker. The Youth Rally was a great success and was received with great enthusiasm and praise.

### THE FUTURE COMMUNITY

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. Bowes). Continuing centenary celebrations, Dr. Bowes chaired a session with a panel of speakers from the City of Knox on the theme "The Church serving the Community in the Future." Speakers were N. Haynes, Town Clerk; Mrs. B. MacFarlane, Welfare Officer; F. Adamson, High School Principal, and Rev. T. Ugalde, Methodist minister. Speakers the following Sunday were Dr. Bowes and Deane Olafsen. Glenda Finger was guest artiste. Dr. Bowes and Mrs. Lennye Westaway (of Yukana Singers) both composed centenary hymns.

### NEW ORGAN

(HARCOURT, Vic.). The church has purchased a new electronic organ. . . Student minister, Jim Spiker, will commence a ministry in Jan., 1972. . . Dr. Killmiller was a recent speaker. . . The Bendigo Quartette conducted a recent evening service. . . Vic. Symes leads the prayer meetings and the C.E. is building up. There are 30 in the youth group.

### FAMILY CAMP

(BENTLEIGH E., Vic., T. T. Robinson). 77 attended the Family Camp at Monbulk with studies led by Neil Gilmore. . . Good Companions' walkathon raised \$55 to send a teacher to New Hebrides. . . T. V. Weir was guest speaker at S.S. anniversary. . . Three tennis teams are in the summer competition and 88 attended the five-team netball presentation dinner. . . The Cheltenham church choir presented the cantata, "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

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## OBITUARY

### BOWMAN, P.

Phil Bowman, of the Black Rock church, Vic., died at the Repatriation General Hospital on Nov. 4, 1971. Over the last year he had suffered much discomfort and distress, and spent several periods in hospital. Born 73 years ago, in England, he came to Australia in Dec., 1927, with his wife, and recently shared with the church the celebration of 50 years of marriage. Under the ministry of F. Youens, in 1947, Mr. Bowman gave his life to the service of Christ. He served at Dandenong, in S.A., and latterly at Black Rock. Almost the final outing he was able to enjoy was to attend morning worship with the church. He was loved by all who knew him, and his ready smile and quaint humour was in evidence even in the midst of suffering. He is survived by his wife, four children, numerous grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and to these who remain we extend our sympathy, and pray God's blessing in sorrow. Services in the Black Rock chapel and at the graveside were conducted by Alan Avery and the writer.

—W.P.P.

### JARVIS, Mrs. Mary Walker

Churches of Christ in S.A. have reaped much benefit from the 76 years of faithful and consistent loyalty to Christ by Mrs. Mary Walker Jarvis, who died on Oct. 25, aged 87 years. Baptized in 1895 by American evangelist G. D'Nesi, she first had membership at the historic Alma church, then at Tumbay Bay, York (now Beverley), Ungarra (23 years), Hawthorn (18 years) and Murray Bridge. Her faith and courage will be remembered by all who knew and loved her. Losing her mother at birth, she was brought up by her grandmother. Married to Arnold Jones, she lost two daughters in infancy. 58 years ago her husband died, leaving her with three young sons, Eric, Jack and Cliff. Of these, Cliff survives, living at Morphett Vale. Some years later she married Ernest Jarvis, who with their two sons Lawrie and Don., with their families, are in membership with the Murray Bridge church. Earlier this year Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Shortly after, Mrs.

Jarvis' health began to deteriorate, and for the last few weeks she was confined to her bed. Her spirit, her faith, and her interest in church, family and friends remained strong to the last. A large number of friends joined with the family to pay tribute in the funeral services.—A. H. Coleman.

### WHITE, Frank Hewitson

Frank White was born at Newstead, Vic., but moved with his parents, sisters and brothers to Melbourne when he was still a child. He became a carpenter and worked as a foreman on large city buildings. As a builder, with his home set in a community that was developing, he ungrudgingly lent his time, his tools, and his great talent for getting things done. He was a most particular craftsman and built well.

He married Elsie Withers of the Coburg church, and with his four children was a great family man. For many years he did not concern himself much with the meetings of the church, but even then he was ready to help in building projects. But there came a time when he publicly acknowledged his faith and was baptized into the church at Essendon. He then gave active and loyal support to the church's witness and ministry, took his place in its worship services and, as was to be expected, gave his best in practical ways. He packed goods for despatch to overseas mission fields and in 1969, went to New Guinea as a member of a work-party. Although his health broke down, it was typical of him that he would try to use his skills to build for Christ as once he built for his neighbours. His last mission task was to pack sewing machines for New Guinea.

For thirty years he worked with Ansett at Essendon and saw that company grow from a small struggling airline to the great organisation it is today. He gave that loyalty and second-mile service that cannot be bought for wages alone. The highest executives at Ansett valued both his friendship and his work.

Frank died on Sept. 26, 1971, and the church offers sympathy to his wife and children and their partners, Maureen and David, Elaine and Moey, Mel, and Betty, and Coral. The funeral service was conducted by his minister, C. L. Badcock, his brother Alf., and his brother-in-law A. B. Withers.

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## ELDERLY CITIZENS

(BALWYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). Special coral items and evening service were devoted to Elderly Citizens who were transported from and to homes and entertained at supper . . . The Girls' Gymnasium held successful concert . . . A. W. C. Candy and W. J. Thomson assisted in services during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders in N.Z.

## "HIS LAND" AT SWAN HILL

(Vic., R. E. Pritchard). 450 attended the Town Hall when our own youth council sponsored the film "His Land." An appeal was made and two young people responded . . . An Intermediate C.E. has been formed . . . Buffet lunch followed the family service on Nov. 28 . . . C.M.S. paid friendship visits to homes.

## "TRASH AND TREASURE"

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). The ladies held a street stall and "Trash and Treasure" sale and realised \$137 . . . There were two decisions at B.S. anniversary services. Speakers were Maurice Rocha, David Hutchins, Mrs. K. Clencie and Mr. Pitt . . . 41 C.Y.F.'ers went by bus to the film "The Cross and the Switchblade."

## 49 FOR SUNSHINE

(Vic., G. Bradley). K. A. Macnaughtan and Alan Webb were speakers at 49th anniversary. Mrs. Bruce was soloist and the church male choir also sang. The Temple Day offering for missions was \$225 . . . Two S.S. boys and a young man have been baptized . . . Miss Faye Walking, from Thailand, was guest speaker on Nov. 21 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ian Hocking have returned from England.

## FIELD OFFICER AT NOBLE PARK

(Vic., T. Giles). E. C. Keating of Dept. of H.M. & Evang., conducted youth services, coffee mornings, family services and informal fellowship evenings, Nov. 21-28 . . . A progressive dinner netted C.W.F. \$91 for a hot water service and they raised \$65 at a street stall . . . T. Dunn gave an illustrated address "In the Garden."

## CALLED BY STRATEGY

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). "Strategy for the '70s" was discussed on Nov. 20 with representatives from seven churches led by Dr. K. R. Bowes and K. J. Clinton . . . R. Lacy has been appointed as church historian . . . Sympathy is offered to Mr. and Mrs. Steigenberger in the death of Mrs. Steigenberger's father . . . Members of the Properties Corporation and the official board have discussed the future of the Bendigo circuit.

## NEXT TO BEST

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). Explorers were equal runners-up in Champion of Vic. competition . . . Mr. Oakes conducted a short mission at Portland . . . Youth II class held a C.L.C. camp at R-R Lodge, Monbulk, combined with Ormond, Black Rock and Brighton . . . Church has extended sympathy on home-calls of Mrs. North and Mrs. Gourlay . . . C.W.A.F. street stall raised \$125.

## RETURN FROM MISSION

(YARRAWONGA, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones and family have returned after three months on Palm Island, Qld., at the A.I.M. mission. Mr. Jones is B.S. Supt. . . Mr. Bersten and Mr. Tabbernee were guest speakers at S.S. and church anniversaries, respectively . . . Two teenagers, Darrel Colless and Joyce Ireland, have made decisions.

## CHANGE OF SECRETARY

(KYNETON, Vic.). The church expressed its deep appreciation for 12 years of service by S. D. Gilmore as secretary. The new secretary is Craig Bingham . . . The church's oldest member, Mrs. Emily Dickson, died in Kyneton Hospital at the age of 91 . . . 30 young people attended the car-b-que at a member's pig farm . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams will continue their student ministry for a further twelve months.

## TARGET CLOSE

(COLLINGWOOD, Vic., S. Downie). The missionary target of \$1,200 is close to being reached.

## MARRIAGE REDEDICATION

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. A. Avery). A marriage rededication service was held on Nov. 14 . . . The church annual meeting commenced with basket tea on Oct. 24

and was followed by a church planning session . . . Five groups shared in Youth Invasion night . . . "Elderly Citizens' Night" on Oct. 31 was preceded by a drive and church tea . . . Three ladies who work at Winton spoke on "The Fate and Future of Women Prisoners" on Social Questions Night . . . The C.W.F. raised

## C.O.B. INTERVIEW

(MALVERN, Vic.). Guest speaker K. J. Clinton was interviewed by Robin Haskell to give a lecturer's view of the C.O.B. . . . The board reported on 1972 plans after a shortened service . . . There was a combined "Soul Service" led by "The Proclaimers" in Malvern Town Hall . . . Members attended C.O.B. service where the minister, I. Adams, was among those graduating and being ordained.

## BROTHER & SISTER AT ENFIELD

(S.A., R. C. Sack). A 14-year-old girl and younger brother made decisions . . . C.W.F. Pres. is Mrs. R. Townsend, with Mrs. D. Gainer as Sec. The C.W.F. visited aged folk at Walkerville Nursing Home, blind inmates at Melrose House, and entertained Aboriginal girls and boys at church tea . . . Mrs. C. Sires died suddenly, following surgery . . . Mrs. R. Allen and Mrs. R. Sack are making progress after illness.

## FOR SYDNEY GRADUATION

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). The Hovey family attended the graduation from Woolwich College of David Hovey and David Gurney . . . Visitors have included D. H. Smith and others from H.M. Dept., at N.W. Dist. picnic conference; Barry Cutchie, Qld., who showed slides of work with Gospel Audio-Visuals; Mrs. Preston, C.W.F. Pres.; and Tom and Betty Mason, en route from S.A. to the U.S.A.

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## REVIEWS

### BREATH OF LIFE

By Patricia St. John. (Norfolk Press). \$4.80.

This is the story of missions in Rwanda and Burindi, parts of what was once German East Africa. It is a story of many missionaries and a people ravaged by famine, disease and revolution. Len Sharp and Algernon Smith were doctors who were among the first sent by God to serve with the Church Missionary Society in this new and difficult and dangerous area. Dangerous it was, and the history of the mission is rich with the names of martyrs. The health of the missionaries was always under threat, and their children died of disease. The messengers from God battled against famine and leprosy, dysentery, tuberculosis and typhus. Constance Hornby started a girls' school. One night she asked her girls, "What do you want to say sorry for tonight?" "Envy," replied one, "I envy you every time I see the sheets on your bed." Miss Hornby then lived even more simply and became even more one with those she served.

For those who think that the 20th century is no longer a time for missions, there is much here to change such minds. But the book is not only about white missionaries from outside Africa. Africans are also missionaries to other Africans. There is Blasio of Uganda. He loved his own land but served in Rwanda. He was a bit of a stirrer, and could not understand why Christians did not take God at his word. He denounced deadness of spirit and materialism and neither bishop nor deacon could escape his call for revival.

The story of Pastor Yona should be known by every Christian congregation. In the middle of the greatest upheaval in the 1960s, with terrorists on the rampage everywhere, Yona was told that he was to die. "There are two charges against you. Firstly, because of your stand for the Word of God, and secondly, because you love everyone, indiscriminately." And Yona replied, "These two things, the Word of God and the Love of God, are like garments with which God has clothed me and I cannot go without them." He was murdered by soldiers on Jan. 23, 1964, and his name has been added to those of modern martyrs in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

This is a book to inspire and would make an excellent gift to interest and challenge.

### FAITH ON TRIAL IN RUSSIA

By Michael Bourdeaux. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$1.30.

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tians who are determined to stand for their faith, and if necessary to die for it. There are many tears, and much joy in this book. An appendix refutes Bourdeaux's book via an article in the Russian journal "Science and Religion." Readers can make their evaluation as to where truth lies. For this reviewer the refutation only served to strengthen Bourdeaux's case.

### THE PAMPHLET CLUB

No. 196 — GRACE AND TRUTH by K. R. Bowes. This is a summary look at the N.T. by the lecturer in New Testament at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. It is complementary to a similar treatment of the Old Testament by K. J. Clinton (see No. 186). In such short space, it can be nothing better than a summary, but it is helpful to have a good summary. It gives a surprising amount of information: the N.T. language, the order of the books, significant events, the centrality of Jesus, the important features of the gospels, and some of the great ideas in Paul's letters.

No. 197 — JEWISH NEIGHBOURS by Arthur Pigdon. Mr. Pigdon was sometime Australian Director of Jewish Evangelical Witness, and is well equipped to share insights about the common heritage we have with Jewish people, and also to help us to understand a small but significant Australian minority (about 70,000). This pamphlet explains the festivals, and customs of the Jews, talks about the observance of the Sabbath and Jewish food laws, and outlines Judaism's religious books and doctrines.

No. 198 — A STRATEGY FOR THE SEVENTIES. The Vic-Tas. Conference is concerned to make a strong bid for a renewal of church life and evangelism for the decade of the seventies. Departments of Conference were asked to report on their plans, ideas were sought from individuals and groups, and regional meetings have been held to help bring the strategies out of discussion groups and into the active life of the churches. Coincidentally, Dr. Alan Walker wrote a booklet called "Now for Newness." Because many of Dr. Walker's ideas were stimulating and significantly along some of the same lines our own leaders were thinking, "Now for Newness" was recommended for study by the churches and this pamphlet was produced to be used in conjunction with it. This is a helpful guide to study and helps to bring into practical focus both Dr. Walker's views and our own practical opportunities for some real action.

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**VICTORIA**

**LONG INNINGS ENDS**

THE Burnley and Richmond (Vic.) Church of Christ cricket team were forced to disband this season after 40 years in various competitions. It was a sad occasion for the players and supporters, especially for Len and Phyllis Cockrell.

Len Cockrell had batted and bowled with the team for 38 years. He had been secretary for the last 25 years. His wife, Phyllis, was appointed scorer soon after they were married 36 years ago and held the position until this year.

"I married a cricketer and the side did not have a scorer and so they decided to pick on Len's young bride," she said.

The team played with the Churches of Christ Cricket Association until it was disbanded during the war. Since then it has played in the Eastern Suburbs competition.

Now the team is finished and the Cockrells organised a big re-union before fading into cricket retirement. There were over 120 cricketers present, including Tom Salisbury who is 83, and Mr. Fordham Snr. On behalf of the "team," Fred Barnett presented Len and Phyllis with an overnight bag and an evening bag.

**VIET KITS**

(MT. EVELYN, Vic., D. Kernick). J.C.E. and Y.P. C.E. have been making up Viet Kits for World Vision . . . Ian Malins, lecturer designate, Christian Leaders' Training College, New Guinea, was recent speaker . . . K. Macnaughtan spoke at 24th anniversary on Nov. 7. At night, P. Sumner and Hans ("Seeing Eye" dog) were features.

**VETERAN PASSES**

(MANIFOLD HGTS, Vic., A. E. Stevens). Mrs. Rogers, beloved, oldest member, died aged 91 . . . Four members, including minister, attended "Camp Furthest Out" at Belgrave . . . Three young people were baptized by Mr. Stevens on Nov. 14. . . Jennifer Douglas has graduated from M.B.I. . . . The minister, officers, and auxiliary leaders met to formulate plans for 1972.

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**DECISION AND BAPTISM**

(BLACK ROCK, Vic., P. Payne). Clyde Allison and Geoffrey Payne made decisions and were baptized. With the acceptance of Geoffrey's decision the preacher has now seen all of his family accepted into membership . . . The Conf. Pres., the Conf. Sec., and the C.W.F. Pres. took part in the annual homecoming services . . . The church was saddened by the death of Phil. Bowman.

**PLANNING GROUP**

(NTH. ESSENDON, Vic., R. Hillier). Officers and others spent a full day making plans for 1972 . . . For the B.S. picnic we combined with East Keilor . . . Mrs. J. Hurwood is now leading Senior Good Companions . . . 60 adults shared in four weeks of home group discussions . . . The present ministry is to conclude in Jan., 1972.

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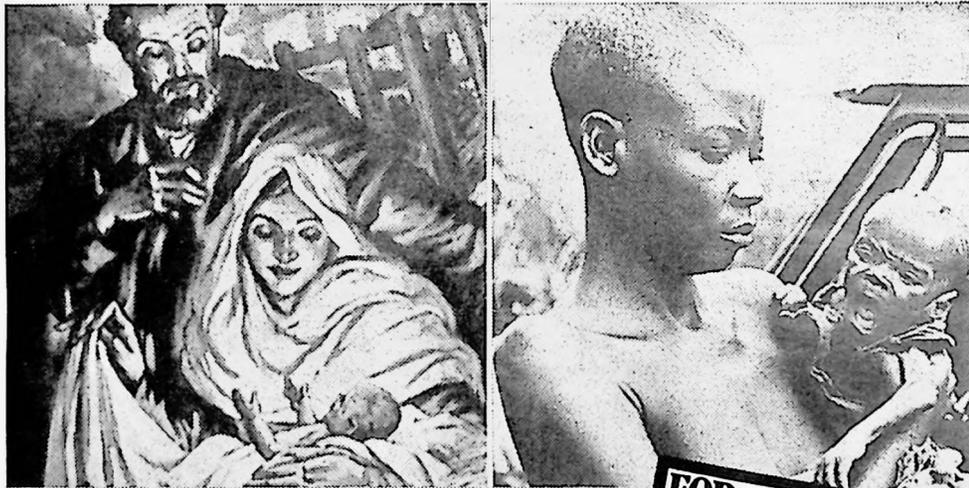
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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

### CONTACTS THROUGH FRIENDSHIP CENTRES

I had not seen him for nearly two years. I was always attracted to him when he came into our Friendship Centre at Indapur. He used to come both morning and evening to read newspapers and magazines. Sometimes he would talk for a while. He did not live at Indapur, but at a small farming village about half way to Dhond.

It was at Dhond that I met him again, just recently, after our return

from home and when court hours were over. He found that at the Friendship Centre. Someone cared, and that made me his brother.

The Friendship Centre at Indapur was started by Hariba Washmode some years ago, soon after his return from studies at the College of the Bible in Australia. It has carried on a real service in the town, and now maintains a witness to Christ under the able direction of Pastor Daniel Dengre. I am convinced that Friendship Centres constitute one of the most effective methods of person-to-person outreach with the gospel. Our Conference in India has four such Friendship Centres, one of which is totally maintained by the local church at Dhond. You share in this valuable ministry by providing finance for steel articles and the necessary purchasing of newspapers, magazines and books, and by praying for their effective use and the going on from friendship to meaningful Christian witness.

My prayer is that through the ongoing ministry of the Indapur Friendship Centre, my lawyer friend will have a greater reason to call me "brother," that he might know the One who is "meek and lowly of heart," and find rest for his soul.

By JOHN MAIN

from Australia. He is a lawyer, and spends half the month at Dhond and half at Indapur, depending on where the court is in session. I don't know when he gets home. I suppose he is married—you don't ask a man that sort of question.

People generally seem to respect him. They call him very "gareeb." We were taught that "gareeb" means "poor," but lawyers in India are not poor. The people thrive on suits and counter-suits and the advocates reap the harvest. They seem to use the word with a sense of meanness and humility, even honesty.

I had just been to the railway station and met him as I was leaving. I wasn't sure that he would want to talk to me in such a public place, for he is a Brahmin, and it isn't always the done thing to be seen talking to a missionary. He saw me while I was still hesitating, and a smile came to his face. He hurried over, took my hand and exclaimed, "Hullo, brother, when did you come?"

"Hullo, brother!" I truly felt honoured. Why should an Indian, a Brahmin at that, call me, a Christian, "brother"? What affinity do I have with this village advocate?

He had appreciated a place to go at Indapur, somewhere to rest while away

## LUTHERANS COUNT

A healthy surge in Lutheran membership in Africa plus notable gains in Asia and Australasia could not check heavy losses sustained by Lutheranism in the rest of the world, according to an annual global Lutheran membership survey published by the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva. The total baptized membership of the communion is down about two per cent—or 1,816,736 fewer adherents—from last year's figure to a new level of 73,307,479 Lutherans throughout the world.—E.P.S.

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- Mount Sinai. 2. Mount Zion. 3. Mount of Olives.

### SMILE, YOU'RE ON . . .

Wife (to husband shaving): "I'd like to try out my new camera. Dear, may I?"  
Hubbie: "Sure, go ahead and shoot."  
Wife: "It's colour film — would you mind cutting yourself?"

—Audrey Cox

### IN THE ROUND

Most of the folks I know  
Are always dieting.  
(At least they tell me so.)  
What's most disquieting  
Is that it doesn't show.

FARMER: "Say, you've sure got a bit of nerve to come down in a parachute with this strong wind blowing."  
Cauter: "Who's coming down in a parachute? I just went up in a plane!"

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# THE LAST WORD...

"God has a Word to spell: His own name. Letter by letter, syllable by syllable he wrote until at last it became entire. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" — Robertson of Brighton.

## BIRTHDAY OF A KING

Women pushing paths through Myers;  
Children chanting shining expectations  
To uniformed professionals;  
Be-bundled husbands scrawling cheques;  
Eternal carolling on corners  
Made gay by the Chamber of Commerce;  
Hallmark selling "sincere best wishes"  
To thirteen million people,  
While Crosby vocals "Adeste Fideles" for  
50 cents each.

Australia . . .  
Looking for the manger  
In the shadow of a cash register

—Dorothy Sipple Cummings.



True charity consists of helping those  
you have every reason to believe would  
not help you.

If your trouble is of long standing, try  
kneeling.



A person is never what he ought to be  
until he is doing what he ought to be doing.



Architects cover their mistakes with ivy,  
doctors with sod, and brides with mayon-  
naise.



The one thing that has done most for  
the uprising of the working class is the  
alarm clock.



In the good old days, life was what we  
made it, but now it's a case of IF we  
make it.

## AT CHURCH

The seat was high  
His feet were short,  
They could not reach the floor,  
The angels bless his holy nap  
Upon his mother's lap,  
But shudder at the demon's snore,  
—Dorothy Myer.



Anticipation that I will make the  
work as easy as possible for you to do it all.



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"An occasional mistake I can overlook,"  
retorted the rate worker, "but not two in  
a row."



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