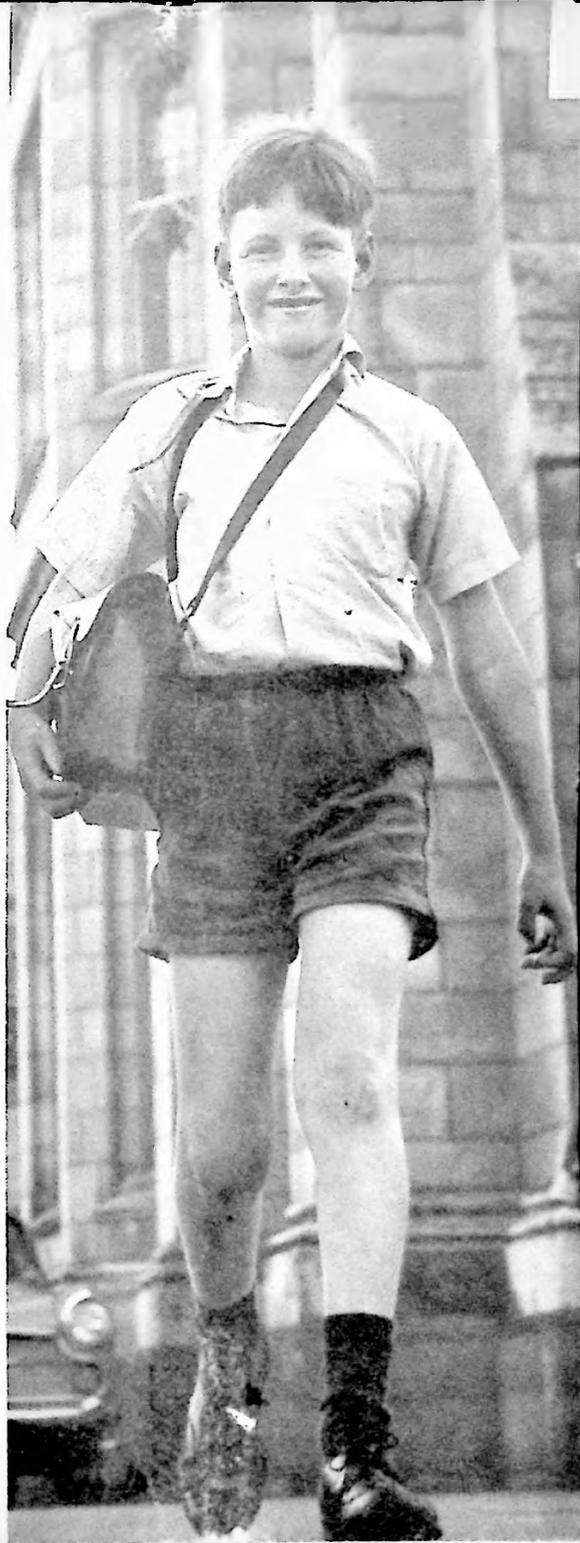


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EVANGELISM

EVANGELICAL churches and organisations are finding themselves in a rather astonishing position these days. Hard times have begun to affect other churches, but genuinely Bible-centred institutions are continuing to prosper. Many denominations are declining, but evangelical membership is up 3 per cent. The religious book field is retrenching, but evangelical books are flourishing. Many religious magazines are in trouble, but evangelistic literature is thriving. Many Sunday Schools, church-related colleges and theological seminaries without Biblical orientation find their enrolment languishing, but Bible schools and institutes are expanding.

What does it all mean? We don't want to leap to any facile conclusions, but we are reminded of the scolding that evangelical Christianity has been taking from the English-speaking world in the past decade. "They have omitted to do A, they have neglected to do B, they have failed to do C. They have been responsible for this, that and the other." One minister was told, "If you were a man, you would go home and burn down your church."

Now, when evangelical Christians are criticised for their genuine shortcomings (which they have in ample supply) they should not object. Jesus rebuked his disciples. Why should today's Christians place themselves above reproach? If, for example, evangelicals are told that they should become more involved in the great social issues affecting mankind and make their witness to Christ by so doing, what's wrong with that?

But throughout much of the upbraiding and scolding there runs a harping theme that makes the evangelical dubious about its ultimate value. Too many of the critics seem to want the evangelistic activity stopped. They want soul winning to be abandoned in favour of something—anything—else. And do you know, that is the easiest thing in the world to do?

It is far easier to talk about religion than to ask a man if he is a Christian. It is far easier to preach a sermon than to give an invitation. We know people are not saved by invi-

tations; they are saved when they acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Saviour from sin and receive him as Lord of their lives. But to bring them to that point requires *evangelism*. A great deal of the tribulation that the non-evangelical church is experiencing today is caused by its failure to go after the sinner and to win him to Christ. Such a failure is evidence of what our Lord meant when he told the church at Ephesus, "You have lost your first love."

The Mayor of Toronto remarked the other day that "our clergymen play guitars and do not actually believe in God and in saving people's souls." There is nothing wrong with a guitar, but it makes a poor life jacket. No one has ever been entertained into the Kingdom of heaven, though entertainment does have its uses. Evangelism plus entertainment equals soul winning. Evangelism minus entertainment equals soul losing. But entertainment minus evangelism equals entertainment.

Evangelicals don't lay title to any special privileged corner of the universe. Evangelicals are simply people who have one distinction — soul winning. Take that away, and they will become a part of the problem rather than a part of the solution. But we wish it to be known that the distinctive is not about to be taken away. People can publish "surveys" and "analyses" of converts until the end of time; we are going to keep right on evangelising without compromise because we have been told to. A survey taken recently at the Birmingham Bible Institute in England showed that 55 per cent of its students were converted to Jesus Christ at mass rallies. We are not about to stop mass rallies.

And so to those our teachers and instructors who have chided us we say, Keep on! It's good for us; we have a lot to learn and we want to do better. But don't tell us to stop evangelising! For in this regard we announce with the Psalmist, "I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation" (Psalm 119: 99).

—From an Editorial in "Decision," Feb., 1971.

YOUNG REFUGEE

Older by far than the tally of his years,
Feeling the truth though unable to capture it
Within the bounds of words . . .
Tears long dried having made him strong . . .
He sits, jaws set, unsmiles tight,
His eyes staring, unseeing, into a clouded future.
Ready to spring . . . at what?
Determined, with all the strength and courage
he can muster.
To do what?

By
JOAN MALIHA

And frustration batters against his young frame,
Tearing away at him from within,
As does deprivation from without,
Watching the little ones playing in the dust,
The endless dust of their homelessness.
His eyes, the only reflection of his soul's hope,
Watch the changing of days,
morning, heat, hunger, darkness . . .
Sometimes on a clear night, he stares up at the stars,
And tries to remember — the words of a prayer.
—"World Communique."

By STANTON H. WILSON

LINES FROM LONSDALE ST.

(Formerly "Lines from Leicester")

Here I Sit!

WHAT a come-down! But not really. Here I sit at the "Centre" of things of the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference. My office window, if it were on the "west side" of the building (which it is not), would look on to Celestial Ave. But my window looks east and so I look on to Celestial Ave. —believe it or not. In the avenue is a Chinese laundry run by an Oriental gentleman who rejoices in the name of On Hie. Now, there's a business address for you: On Hie, Celestial Avenue! I'm glad my office window looks east and not west; it makes all the difference how I feel about my office and my job.

Sometimes I Fly!

I don't sit in this office every day. The other week I flew to Tasmania primarily to attend the Tasmanian Convention Quarterly Business Meeting. What a re-union with friends across the years! Here I found the hospitality, generosity, zeal for the Kingdom and very real personal commitment to Christ which I have always appreciated in our Tasmanian members.

Hobart is a beautiful city and is growing more beautiful than ever. The Church has made good progress. Bethany Boys' Home is a real "home." It is doing a difficult job but it is doing it well. It deserves to have the interest, encouragement and better financial support of the brotherhood. God bless the Morfews and the Queen of the Kitchen, Shirley Byard.

While in Hobart with an hour to spare I re-visited its attractive and remarkable Museum and, as I always do, went to the section on the Convict Days.

Here I read of one:

Thomas Household, Convict No. 914, who could neither read nor write; who was married with one child and who was convicted for killing a ewe with intent to steal the carcass and was, for this first conviction, deported from England, to the Convict Settlement in Van Dieman's Land on Oct. 18, 1843, in the ship "Equestrian" for a term of 15 years. British people have made progress over the last 130 years—slow though it has sometimes been. Not even thirteen decades can dismiss the pain one feels at such injustice. How thankful we should be for all that is right with our judicial system. Do we pray as often and as appreciatively as we should for all involved in the legal profession?

I was driven from "Bethany" to Bicheno. It's an interesting road via the East Coast. We went over "Bust-me-Gall Hill" and "Breakneck Hill," which names don't really commend Tasmanian tourism, I should think. How far more euphorious, I recalled, was the place in Scotland I came to at length after a long precipitous drive up the vale of Glencoe—It was called "Rest-and-Be Thankful." Learn a lesson from the Scots!

At Bicheno I rested and was thankful for all that busy hard-working Tasmanians had done with their own hands to

make Bicheno Conference Centre and Youth Camp what it is today. I was glad to know that so many visitors from our mainland States call in at Bicheno Camp. Next time they visit there, they will be delighted with the improvements which John and Colleen Harrison are making. This young couple are residing there and are really transforming the whole Bicheno project. When John and Colleen have been there a year I predict for Bicheno a new era of usefulness as a Centre for promoting the church in Tasmania and for witnessing to the gospel of Christ among young and old. When I think of this young married couple—their faith, their practical service and personal dedication to Jesus Christ, I thank God and take courage.

I felt this way again when I met my old friend, Henry Sulzberger, in Ross. Henry and his late wife, affectionately called "Liz," were pillars of the local church in Launceston. Moreover, few have been such faithful supporters of Overseas Missions than these two. What I would really like you to read about is the two rows of modern, attractive homes they have caused to be built for deserving tenants on the pleasant heights of Launceston. It's a good story, the story of "Henry and His Homes." It's a story which at one and the same time challenges and cheers. I assure you.

Ulverstone isn't a bit like its sister city in England, which is languid and low-lying. Ulverstone in Tasmania is "beautiful for situation." Our work there is in good heart. Mr. and Mrs. Cec. Robinson had a very effective ministry there before retiring (?) to live in Launceston. Carl Clayden and the congregation are experiencing much blessing in the life of the Ulverstone church. Their proposed new building will give them a better venue for the fine witness they are making in this locality.

"Margaret Street" welcomed me with open arms. Margaret Street is not a lady's name. I hasten to add, it's the address of the City Church in Launceston. Here is a splendid band of women supported by an equally energetic team of men. This church has, of recent years, made attractive additions to its buildings and equipment at minimal cost, due to the hard work of the members and the building supervision of Colin Orr, who is known locally as S. D. Orr; "S.D." standing for Slave Driver—of course, they don't really mean it! They regard him affectionately and esteem him highly for his work's sake—as we all do.

AT THE CENTRE

Recent visitors have included Ernest and Louie Gray, of Leicester, England, British Fraternal Delegates to World Convention. The Executive Office arranged for them to tour Tasmania where they were given a warm welcome and wonderful hospitality in the churches. They also visited extensively in Victoria and, before returning to England, called in at Canberra and Sydney.

Miss Bronwyn Matthews, from the office of the Federal Board of Christian Education, was recently married to Roy Arnold, a student of the College of the Bible. The Centre staff made a presentation to the couple at a function in their

Lines from Lonsdale Street (continued)

honour. Mrs. Arnold will continue as secretary to Richard Lawton.

Every Tuesday morning at the Centre the entire staff in the building meet for devotions, usually conducted by each member in turn. Dr. Lloyd E. Jones, of Swanston St. church, was a recent appreciated speaker and on an earlier occasion it was our pleasure to have morning devotions conducted on tape by that veteran and encourager of the brotherhood—W. R. Hibbert. His message was sheer delight.

The Melbourne Committee of the British & Foreign Bible Society which, some years ago, gave us a beautiful Bible for use in the Brotherhood Centre Lounge made a further gift to us last month. We were presented with a beautifully bound copy of the New English Bible which is placed on the Board Room table and is used by departments, auxiliaries and committees which elect to include a reading from God's Word in the opening devotions of their meeting. We gratefully acknowledge the goodwill and generosity of the Bible Society.

Such is the tax upon the use of the Brotherhood Centre that on occasions the Lounge Room has to be used for committee meetings after 6 p.m. (The lounge is strictly reserved exclusively as a lounge for visitors between 9 a.m. and 6

p.m.). A new table has been added to the furnishings for occasions when the lounge has to become a committee meeting room.

Sometimes I Get Letters

Always I get letters—some are asking for money—some are sending money—some are quite formal—and some convey the warm personal spirit of the writer. Some are critical and negative—some are critical and constructive—and encouraging. Sometimes—not often enough—I get one like this:

"Any time you need any help at all just give me a call and I will do my best."

Letters are really an extension of one's personality into print. There is a text which says: "Thy speech betrays thee"—well, so do our letters. It's true that our lives are letters "read and known of all men." Conversely, it is, in a particular sense, true that our letters are our lives. But enough for now—besides, there's the postman again. Aren't we fortunate—they didn't have one in England for six and a half weeks. I should get some lines from Leicester any day now.

ALERT

— TO THE RESCUE!

(Addis Ababa). Since biblical times leprosy has been among the most feared of all the diseases known to man because it leaves the victim disfigured for life. The old word for a leprosy patient, "leper", has itself become a term of abuse signifying someone outside the pale of normal human fellowship. Perhaps Pope Paul VI had this in mind when in Geneva in June 1969 he presented the World Council of Churches with a cheque for \$100,000 expressing the wish of the anonymous donor that "this gift will stimulate men of good will and other faiths to join in the effort for the relief of those afflicted by leprosy."

It didn't take the World Council staff long to decide that the money should go to ALERT, the All-Africa Leprosy and Rehabilitation Training Centre situated on a pleasant and spacious site just outside Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The centre, a brainchild of Dr. Paul Brand and Dr. Stanley Browne, was started four years ago to provide "training in an African setting for physicians and all senior categories of leprosy workers and rehabilitation workers from any part of Africa."

Africa is a continent with a leprosy problem. Of its estimated 3,668,000 leprosy sufferers, only 1,712,132 are registered. While it is now easier than ever before to diagnose leprosy in its early and curable stages, getting people to admit they have it is still a problem. Leprosy can begin in any one of four ways: light-coloured patches with no feeling appear on the skin; thickening of the skin especially around the face and ears; loss of feeling or weakness in the fingers or toes; or pain starting in the nerves. At this stage a patient can be cured, deformity

prevented. Equally important, the spread of disease to family and friends can be stopped before it has begun.

Why then the reluctance to come forward? Many people, particularly those in remote areas, simply do not know what the first signs of the disease are. But for many others the old taboos linger on. Fearing social ostracism, patients are afraid to confess that they have the disease. Others think there is no cure. So the slow deterioration begins. Loss of feeling in the extremities of the body becomes more pronounced. Unfelt cuts and burns become infected and cause the hideous deformities responsible for people's fear of the disease.

Dr. Fenton Ross, the British-born director of training at ALERT, finds this by-no-means inevitable progression depressing. For while the drugs to cure the disease exist, the incidence of leprosy is increasing and it continues to be one of the major causes of physical disability in today's world. But he is equally anxious that people not get the idea that because drugs are available, a universal cure is in sight.

The problem for any doctor treating leprosy, he says, is to persuade people who have never had the opportunity for prolonged medical care or treatment "to walk the three hours it takes to get to the nearest health centre once a week for five years." For that is how long a cure may take. And a simple thing like the rainy season, which makes it almost impossible to get to the clinic, can set a patient back to paralysed square one.

ALERT, then, cannot perform miracles but its integrated, comprehensive approach to the whole question of leprosy

makes it a model and place of pilgrimage for leprologists and doctors interested in public health care from all over the world. In partnership with the Ethiopian Government, church-related agencies (which have contributed \$228,500 through the WCC's Division of Inter-church Aid, Refugee and World Service) and secular voluntary agencies and governments, ALERT plays a highly significant role in the treatment and cure of the disease. Basically, the centre has a three-pronged programme: training, service and research.

To carry out its programme, ALERT, with a staff of 28 expatriates and 300 Ethiopians, has set up headquarters adjoining the Princess Zenebework Hospital just outside Addis Ababa. In a large compound, spacious and airy single-story buildings have been constructed which contain lecture rooms, clinics, wards, workshops and a research institute. Some \$1 million have been invested in making this one of the most up-to-date medical centres in Africa. — E.P.S.)

CATHOLIC BISHOPS YIELD

Rhodesia's Roman Catholic Church has agreed under pressure to a government request to limit the percentage of black pupils in predominantly white church-run schools to 6 per cent. A statement signed by Rhodesia's five Catholic bishops said the temporary concessions would remain in force pending further negotiations. The bishops said they reject the ideological principle behind the Land Tenure Act which restricts the right of one race to "occupy" land in another racial area without permission.—E.P.S.

"Paternalism" for Aborigines

By DAVID G. HAMMER

THE situation in Queensland regarding Aboriginal affairs is at the moment extremely interesting. Prime Minister Gorton has gone on record as saying that if certain States (Queensland and Western Australia?) do not remove discriminatory legislation from their Statute books, the Commonwealth Government will have to step in and overrule them. This may sound just fine overseas, though somewhat belated. At the same time, there is no doubt that this is the sincere feeling of many in the Federal Parliament.

Queensland's Premier Bjelke-Petersen's first reaction, according to the radio, was to tell the Commonwealth Government that if they wanted to run Queensland's Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders' affairs, they could have the job, providing they are willing to pay the bill the Queensland Government has been meeting for many years. There is no question that Queensland has spent a tremendous lot of money on the Aboriginal "problem", and it is still costing the taxpayer many millions of dollars each year. Queensland has a point, in that if you want to call the tune, you should be prepared to pay the piper! Some critics argue that most of this annual bill for Aboriginal matters has gone to pay white men to control and protect Aborigines. A few of the more vocal (not necessarily more thoughtful) Aboriginal leaders would like to have their hands on this money (and more), with no controls at all. It is quite unrealistic, of course. Trained public servants, with all the legendary faults attributed to them, are better able to disburse public money than are enthusiastic amateurs, whether Aborigines or not.

Mr. Bjelke-Petersen is now completing a tour of Missions and Settlements up to the north of the State, and including Torres Strait Islands. It was more than a courtesy visit he planned, and much of the seamy side which is hidden away from tourists, has been revealed to him. The radio now reports that he thinks that the Prime Minister and other Federal Parliamentarians, including Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Wentworth, don't know enough about the problem to make pronouncements. He suggests that they should visit Queensland's north, and see the problem for themselves. This sounds good, but from the practical point of view it appears that some country municipalities are finding it difficult to entertain visiting politicians, what with the drought and now the floods!

Who is right?

The long and short of it is that Mr. Bjelke-Petersen seems to feel that the Queensland Government policy of alleged "paternalism" is justified and necessary, with, of course, small revisions such as wet canteens as required. On the other hand, Mr. Gorton wants no laws that particularise Aborigines as such, whether they are for their good or not. Who is right?

It is not simply an argument between the practical man and the theoretician. They are both right—and possibly both wrong! One thing is certain, and that is that in Australia today, anything that smacks of "paternalism" is unacceptable to thinking Aboriginal people and unworthy of our nation. At the same time, as the President of O.P.A.L. (One People for Australia League), Neville Bonner, has said, many Aborigines will continue to need some special assistance if they are to climb from the bottom of the ladder. But in receiving this assistance they should be subject to as little Government control as possible.

Is "paternalism" the villain?

To claim that "paternalism" is the root cause of today's Aboriginal problem is an over-simplification. But it is at least a contributing factor. It is as if a father said, "I've given my boy everything that he can possibly need, without him even

asking, I've made all his decisions for him, and shielded him in every adverse circumstance." It would be small wonder if his boy grew up spineless and without any will of his own.

Queensland Aborigines can be declared incapable of looking after their own affairs (some no doubt are incapable) and, because they are Aborigines, can be forcibly placed in Settlements or Missions. Their wages can be taken from them and a proportion doled out to them, while the rest is banked on their behalf. They are not then allowed to draw on this balance without special approval for the spending they have in mind. As a result, some are denied the use of their own money in the way they think is fitting. These and other restrictions are intended for the Aborigines' good. Included in the list is the vexed question of the prohibition of alcohol on Settlements.

From the practical point of view, one of the most dangerous forms of "paternalism" is in the Government's provision for Aboriginal inhabitants of its settlements. It is not necessary to work. Everything needed is provided! A report in the "Courier-Mail" (16/2/71) says that at Palm Island "drinking, gambling, immorality and general shiftness are widespread." Is this a result of "paternalism"?

At the Government Settlement at Palm Island, one of Australia's loveliest beauty spots, there are 1,200 Aboriginal people. Some call it a penal settlement, but the main complaint from Aborigines seems to be that the wicked white people in charge ban people from living there for various misdemeanours! The above-mentioned newspaper report says:

a. Half the adult Aborigines are seasoned metho. drinkers, as are also some teenagers. There is a black market for methylated spirits smuggled into the settlement. A 26 oz. beer bottle of it brings \$18.

b. Gambling rings flourish. Children on their way home from school frequent them.

c. Although there are few marriages, babies are being born even to schoolchildren. Some young unmarried mothers have five children. V.D. has been found amongst schoolgirls.

d. Of the total population of 1,200, only about 25 men have accepted regular eight-hour-a-day jobs.

Is there an answer?

With regard to the metho. drinking, the Premier, while at Palm Island, said that the wet canteens he was advocating would remove the need for that kind of drinking. (One cannot help feeling that in the context in which they are being introduced, wet canteens are not a move towards Aboriginal self-determination, but a further "paternal" act to teach Aborigines to drink in a socially-accepted manner). One of the Aboriginal Councillors of Palm Island, Mr. Castors, who described Palm Island as "a place of despair," said, "No, the canteens won't solve the problem. . . . There are so many of them who won't even drink beer. For a kick, it's got to be metho."

Where will it all end? No "paternalism"? Or "paternalism" for how long? There is no easy answer, whatever State or Federal Government's attempt.

Bob Williams, and many of our other wonderful Aboriginal Christians know that there is only one real answer. It is not a question of what is imposed on the people from the outside, whether intended for their own good or not. The urge must come from within—an incentive that grows out of an experience of Jesus Christ as Saviour that enriches and ennobles, and makes a person a real person. Bob wouldn't put it that way. He likes to tell hopeless cases, "Let the Lord take over. He's the only one who can help you."

I Remember Newmarket

By RONALD GRAHAM

IT is 29 years since I went to Newmarket Church of Christ, in Melbourne. In those days, first-year men at the College of the Bible usually did not have a student church. However, as it happened, Newmarket suddenly and unexpectedly found itself in need of a student minister. So Principal Scambler brought us fledglings together one afternoon and talked about Newmarket. It chanced that I had preached seven times whereas the next hopeful had preached only six times, which somehow gave me a clearcut advantage.

So Newmarket it was. On trial for a month. "If we like him we'll keep him; if we don't, we'll kick him out" was part of the introduction that first Sunday morning. At least the terms of engagement were brief, simple, and clear!

That month ran its course and was followed by some thirty-eight or nine others, when we moved to Boronia, "we" being wife and baby daughter, as well as self.

The first ring of churches beyond the city included North Melbourne, which closed about the time I went to Newmarket. A few of its members transferred to, and some of its resources were shared with, Newmarket, which was in the second ring. And last November Newmarket Church of Christ closed.

The heyday of the church, if memory is anywhere near accurate, was in the late 20's and early 30's. In the late 30's the membership declined from about 180 to 80, many transferring to Essendon and other northern suburbs. By 1942 we had something like 50-60 members on the roll.

In the same period, the Baptist church, which was just around the corner, declined from more than 300 to a mere handful. I preached for them one Sunday, when six of their total of 12 members were present. Newmarket Presbyterian and Kensington Methodist churches, our next nearest neighbours, also suffered heavy losses in those same years, although they were still able to maintain full-time ministries.

A man's first ministry can make him or break him. To have been student minister at Newmarket 1942-45 was my great good fortune. Early in the piece I read "Dick" Shepard's little book, "The Impatience of a Parson," in which,

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among other things, he spoke witheringly of the minister who arrogantly thinks only of the good he does for people and seldom if ever of the good they do him. The brethren at Newmarket did me a great deal of good and, to use Paul's language to the church at Philippi, "I thank my God whenever I think of you."

First, they gave me every reason to appreciate people and taught me something of the meaning of a person-centred ministry long before that term became commonplace. There was heartbreak in Newmarket. The first funeral I ever attended was the one I conducted in those earliest weeks. There were deep hurts in some homes, occasionally stumbled upon unsuspectingly. There was dread loneliness in some lives. There were a few families with very scanty resources, and none lived on wide margins. There were some young lives and loves that were blossoming. There was a lot of cheerful loyalty and group solidarity and a sort of dogged hopefulness.

Second, they strengthened my belief that the divisions of the church are a scandal to the body of Christ. Inner city work, as we now call it, presented problems that a divided church—Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Church of Christ—could not hope to meet. We did make a few small moves toward the other three churches but no great thing was attempted.

Third, they gave me an experience of and a feel for "the brotherhood" through frequent association with the churches at Ascot Vale, Essendon, and North Essendon. It was not so easy to achieve this at Taree, N.S.W., with the nearest Churches of Christ a hundred miles to the south. It is a feature of Australian life that many Americans are jealous for.

Finally, they accepted a young green-as-grass minister as he was, warts and all, and opened their hearts and homes to him. Occasionally they rebuked where rebuke was thought necessary. More often than not they encouraged. And always they accepted and loved.

It is a very good Campbellian idea, having sufficient scriptural warrant, that there is but one people of God and that that people must of necessity gather in local congregations. In the local and temporal sense the Newmarket Church of Christ is no more, but in the larger sense I have no doubt that it is caught up in the eternal purpose of God.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Is there any good Biblical reason for a Church of Christ to close its doors for a whole month during the January holidays?

It is assumed that the church in your question held no service at all during the period mentioned. There are churches which hold morning services only, during the main holiday season. Others, making an ecumenical virtue out of a local necessity, combine with other churches at night.

With so many of our people going away for the holidays, the number of worshippers is often very small and the number of leaders is even smaller. Some churches find it impossible to maintain an effective service. And as the holidays draw more and more folk away it is becoming harder than ever "to borrow speaking brethren" from other churches and the only solution is close down for a few Sundays.

As you say, the Bible tells us that the early church "met on the first day of the week." There is no N.T. guidance, however, as the number of times we should meet or at what hour. It seems evident that as the church is to serve the needs of the people, the church itself should decide when and how often it should meet so that those needs may be met in the most effective manner.

My own view is that during the holi-

day season we should make every effort to have at least one service, and if there is a change from the normal meeting time, then someone should be available at that time to greet any visitors who may turn up. It is a very deflating experience for someone who returns to his old church during the holidays and finds a locked church with no information as to what is happening.

Information of changed meeting times, or of services shared with other churches can be effectively displayed. Fifth form art students do this sort of thing very well and it is good to use them.

God does not have a holiday, nor does people's need for him lessen at holiday time, and we should be careful not to deny, unnecessarily, our facilities for worship and fellowship.

It is not only the church that is restricted. Very often, the S.S. closes completely. We have to consider this question also from the standpoint of what the boys and girls require (and what they want) and what our manpower and resources are. We cannot impose a programme upon the children if it is not wanted by the children themselves and their parents.

Before the days of electronic entertainment (our children today are virtually wired for sound!) and before families became mobile (many of them use wheels more than feet!) the Sunday School, in addition to giving Christian training and worship opportunities, met a tremendous social need that no longer exists. The S.S. provided an exciting interlude in an otherwise fairly drab week. Now, the children who attend S.S. have to choose between it and much more dramatic experiences. When holidays come, with "open school" and other makeshift devices, there is far less contact with the children and the value of the programme is widely questioned. Teachers who are prepared to adjust their own holidays out of loyalty to S.S. ideals find that it is almost impossible to achieve anything worthwhile in the seven weeks of summer season.

WORD TALK

—GORDON MOYES.

No. 23—1 COR. 11: 30 (J.B.P.)

"Feeble and Sickly Christians."

"It is this careless participation (of the Lord's Supper) which is the reason for many feeble and sickly Christians in your church, and the explanation of the fact that many of you are spiritually asleep." 1 Cor. 11: 30. Is Paul here affirming that all suffering is due to spiritual sin—an attitude that Jesus refuted on at least four occasions, (e.g., John 9: 1-5) and one which he himself didn't hold when it came to his own thorn in the flesh? 1 Cor. 10, verses 5-10 he points out Israel's sufferings because of their abuse of God's provision for them. It seems Paul does attribute "weakness," "infirmity" and the fact that some have "fallen asleep" to careless participation in the Lord's Supper. The terms he uses are interesting. "Weakness" and "infirmity" explain themselves. "Fallen asleep" is used by the New Testament writers as a synonym of death. 1 Thess. 4: 13-18 uses the term frequently. Jesus says Lazarus is asleep (John 11: 11). This term was used to indicate the restful and temporary nature of death in the Christian understanding. It was not used like this in the Old Testament or in Classical Greek, except in a poetic sense.

Christianity made much of death being a sleep. There was no point in grieving for one who was to rest in sleep. The ancient world and many contemporary places were called Necropolis—city of corpses. But Christians called their resting places "cemeteries"—a dormitory of sleepers.

FOR TODAY:

If Paul does attribute physical suffering and death to spiritual laxity, then most commentators would say he was making a homiletical and not a theological point. This is why J. B. Phillips renders the passage in a spiritualized fashion. Careless participation and negligent observance of the Lord's Supper leads to many spiritual casualties. A person's faith declines, leading to weakness that could result in spiritual death.

But I dare suggest that the old translations are still right in translating this in physical terms. One of the great discoveries of the psychologist in this century has been that many of our physical weaknesses and infirmities and even physical death can be due to our guilt and anxiety, unrelieved grief, resentments and inner hatreds. To miss communion with our Lord is to rob ourselves of the resources and the faith that can help us overcome these conditions that lead to our physical decline. Both the Church and the individual must be concerned for unworthy participation. We need to show concern in coming and encouraging others to be regular at the Lord's Table.

Jesus Christ left us only himself. At the communion table we come close to the power, peace and pardon of his presence. This presence strengthens our weakness, overcomes our infirmities and turns our death into a sleep.—GORDON MOYES.

FORCE 10 GIVES \$62,000 AID

A group of 2,300 Australians last year contributed more than \$62,000 for development aid projects overseas. They are members of Force 10, a programme run by the Australian Council of Churches in which individuals commit themselves to give at least \$2 monthly to an overseas aid project.

Force 10 began in 1967 and has been growing steadily ever since. Members study aid issues, keep themselves informed on government aid initiatives and contribute themselves. Each month they receive a bulletin describing in detail the current project.

In 1970 Force 10 members gave:

- \$6,300 to buy lathes and tools for a technical school in Korea.
- \$5,240 for an agricultural training programme for tribal people in Taiwan.
- \$8,960 for medical supplies for refugees in Laos.
- \$5,970 to provide a piped water supply for a leprocurium in Tanzania.
- \$5,549 for a self-help village development scheme for Palestinian refugees.

- \$8,200 to rebuild a village in Peru destroyed by an earthquake.
- \$5,850 to build wells in India.
- \$5,900 to establish a Flying Doctor service in East Africa.
- \$6,230 to support Australian volunteers serving overseas.
- \$6,260 to extend a vocational training school in Sumatra, Indonesia.

As well as individuals, Force 10 has as members classes in many secondary schools throughout Australia. Among the largest contributions from schools last year were \$302 from Scots College, Sydney and \$159 from Essendon Grammar, Melbourne.

In its first project for 1971, Force 10 is rebuilding a village destroyed by the cyclone in East Pakistan late last year.

Information about Force 10 may be obtained from Inter-Church Aid offices, of the Council of Churches in all State capitals or from Force 10, Australian Council of Churches, 511 Kent St., Sydney, N.S.W., 2000.

"FREEDOM AND AUTHORITY"

- ★ The National Marriage and Family Week Council has chosen the important theme "Freedom and Authority in the Family" for May 3 to May 9, 1971.
- ★ Many church and community organisations will co-operate in observing the week.
- ★ A leaflet outlining practical programmes to parents of young children, adult groups and youth-adult groups has been prepared. Extra copies are available from the National Marriage and Family Week Council, 100 Flinders St., Melbourne, Vic., 3000.
- ★ It is hoped that attention will be given to the theme at church services on May 9, or on some suitable Sunday, and that young people may be involved with adults in the leadership.
- ★ The Chairman of the National Marriage and Family Week Council is Dr. C. J. Wright.

WORDS TO TREASURE

I DO NOT ACCEPT

By CHARLES DAVIS

in "A Question of Conscience."

My personal crisis was a crisis of faith, not the sorry outcome of a particular conflict with authority. Everything, including my own personal experience with authority, converged upon the question of the credibility of the Roman Catholic Church as the Church of Christ. I have not and do not wish to conceal the personal factors, both of internal temperament and external circumstances, which do much to explain why to confront my doubts about the Church not only became possible but also ineluctable. I have tried to allow for subjective distortion. Whether I have succeeded or not, others can judge by testing the strength of my objective reasons. At any rate, the conclusion I reached was that the Roman Church lacked credibility as the Church of Christ.

To put my position, then, bluntly and briefly: I left the Church because I had ceased to believe in it. Placed in the Church where my profession of its faith was publicly implied in my situation, I could not with integrity and truth remain when I no longer accepted that faith.

I do not accept the Roman Catholic faith. That is the straightforward, indeed some may think naive, reason why I did not stay within the Church to work for its reform. Roman Catholics who stay within the Church but do not accept its authoritative profession of faith may, I grant, be personally most sincere. All the same, the subtle explanations must be on their side. Granted the same lack of assent to Roman claims, it is for them to justify their remaining more than for me to defend my departure.

OPEN FORUM

MINISTERS

To the Editor,

I would like to endorse R. N. Gilmour's suggestion ("A.C." 6/3/71) of a common fund as a basic means of ensuring adequate remuneration for all ministers and adequate ministry for all churches. True brotherhood calls for a fully systematic sharing of total resources.

A placement system could overcome some difficulties. However, contingencies and complexities often defy any system. The relating of churches and ministers is not simply a matter of numerically balancing supply and demand. There is the complexity of finding the right man for the right church at the right time. Both churches and ministers have their own ideas about the right minister and the right church. Placement may mean traumatic experiences for both ministers and churches no less than the call system. The recognition that there is no easy answer does not mean that there is not very real concern about the problems that arise and the persons involved.

In the light of the priesthood of all believers is not "drop-out" a misnomer? For a variety of reasons students and ministers change their vocation. This is common among all students and walks of life. Nowhere can the unfortunate cases be escaped.

When recruiting students for College it is realistic to take into account all the facts, one of which is that not all who come in will complete the course and not all who complete the course will go on into what we call the ministry.

Incidentally, "scarcely a vacant pulpit" does not mean that there are not requests at the moment to meet coming vacancies in Victorian churches.

In the thirty-two years of my association with Glen Iris I cannot remember one student of capacity and definite desire for ministry who did not receive a call to church or mission field. This year, as in so many other years, the demand for our exit students is beyond the supply.

We were the most devoted, the ablest, and the most diligent of our young men who are ready to face the demands and hazards of ministry.

—E. L. Williams, Principal, Federal College of the Bible.

COFFEE HOUSE MINISTRY

To the Editor,

I commend the article "Coffee-House Ministry" in "A.C." Feb. 20, 1971. The Central Methodist Mission is to be congratulated and it is unfortunate that Churches of Christ, having lost Phillip Andrews, can only justify such a loss by saying, "he is representing the whole church."

I and another professional youth church worker, both former members of Churches of Christ, manage two coffee

lounges in the Perth metropolitan area from Monday to Saturday each week. Each week we make personal contact with over 400 "left-school" teenagers.

Meanwhile, the Churches of Christ youth groups continue, if still functioning, to attract up to 1 per cent of the teenage population in each district, these teenagers mainly belonging to church families, many also being school students.

The W.A. Churches of Christ Youth Dept. is lucky to attract 100 young people to the central monthly programme. The total membership of Churches of Christ youth groups in W.A. would be less than the weekly attendance at our two coffee lounges. In the coffee lounges I have found fellowship, friendliness and love.

Is there just one Church of Christ in Australia interested in the thousands of "left-school" young people? Congratulations Methodists, best wishes Phillip Andrews — let's drink to your future success, coffee, of course.

— Bill Manalack (25 yrs.)

THANKS TO MELBOURNE

To the Editor,

On behalf of those who attended the 5th National Youth Convention (N.Y.C.) from N.S.W. and the A.C.T., we say thanks to the organisers and the churches of Melbourne and Victoria for the wonderful time we had in Melbourne. Please convey our warmest thanks to all from N.S.W.

—Glenn A. Cue, N.S.W. N.Y.C., Y.A.P. Liaison Officer.

CITY CHURCH'S URGENT NEED

(Melb.) Because of its ever-increasing ministry amongst students and nurses in the city area of Melbourne, the Swanston St. church is faced with the immediate necessity of providing at least one manse as close in as possible. It is felt wise to have a location within a radius of two miles of the G.P.O. so that it will be readily accessible for all the young people. Further, the house will need to be of seven or eight rooms to serve its real purpose. Such properties are of course available but at prohibitive figures. To provide two manses will strain to the utmost the church's budget, already stretched to the limit for its dual ministry. But in faith we believe this step must be taken as a further step in our missionary work in the city.

May we request any who may have available or know of a suitable property either for purchase or rental, that you immediately contact Mr. R. M. Walker, 38-8869 or Dr. Jones 51-3611. The need is urgent for we are passing up opportunities of ministry to dozens of young people whom we cannot otherwise touch if we can't secure such a property. Members of the brotherhood churches are invited to pray with us about this challenge and help us in it.

KOYAMA ON T.V.

Kosuke Koyama, the Japanese Christian scholar who made such an impression as a featured speaker at the World Convention and the National Ministers' Seminar, will be the subject of an ABC TV programme, "Meet Kosuke Koyama." Dr. Koyama will be interviewed by Herbert Davies, (N.S.W., A.C.T., and Vic., 9.30 p.m., March 21; S.A., 9.35 p.m., April 4; Qld., 9.30 p.m., March 28; W.A., 9.30 p.m., April 18).

MINI-MISSION

(GEORGETOWN, N.S.W., D. P. Holloway.) Splendid time in a Mini-Mission with Roy Greenhalgh. 15 workers distributed special literature plus copies of "He is Coming," supplied by Scripture Gift Mission. About 1,000 homes were visited and another 1,000 folders placed in letter boxes. Other churches co-operated and good attendances at all meetings. There was one primary decision and two other decisions for baptism. Mr. Greenhalgh also spoke at the District Convention meetings in our chapel. . . . Two young church families have returned from a car trip to Carnarvon with pictures, stories and much enthusiasm.

MISS P. M. ELLIS PRIZE

In the list of prizes and prize-winners at the Federal College of the Bible for the year 1970, printed in the previous issue of the "A.C.," the Miss P. M. ELLIS Prize was missed. This prize for diligence was awarded to Exit Student, Ian Adams (S.A.). The prize is from the estate of the late Miss Ellis who gave long service to brotherhood women's work in the Victorian churches.

MEET GARFIELD TODD

An ABC television interview with Garfield Todd, former Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, and former Superintendent of our New Zealand missionary work in Africa, April 4, 9.35 p.m., N.S.W., A.C.T., Vic.; April 18, 9.35 p.m., Qld.

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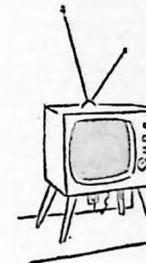
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4 p.m.: Reminiscences.

5 p.m.: Anniversary Tea.

7 p.m.: Gospel Service: M. J. Savage.

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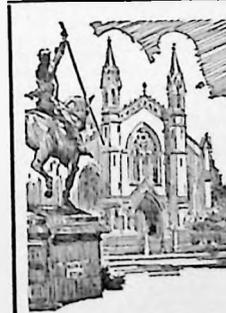
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7 p.m.: Evangelistic Worship.

Sunday, April 4, 11 a.m.: Worship and Communion.
7 p.m.: Outstanding Film of Palestine, "His Land" with Cliff Barrow and Cliff Richards.



LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

AFTER AN UNUSUALLY DULL SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

To the Editor,

It was probably my fault for watching telly so late on Saturday. I get very niggly and critical if I don't get my sleep, or so the wife says. But yesterday morning's service did nothing for me. The hymns seemed equally compounded of sloppy sentiment and archaic phrases. The prayers were offered in the sort of voice that we seem to reserve especially for God. And I could have suggested a number of places where the sermon could have been rounded off, long before it was. I was glad to get home for dinner. But I couldn't settle down for my usual nap for thinking about "What is the point of this business of eleven on Sundays?" I got some answers, and for what they are worth, here they are:

1. In going to church I am witnessing for the only truth that matters in the world, and for some strange reason it is church going that keeps that truth alive. I don't think it would have survived had there not been what must often have been the dreary drudgery of church going down through the centuries.
2. In going to church I am supporting that body that leads the field, however poorly, in social service, human kindness, concern for people, care for the poor, the aged and the bewildered, and belief in the dignity of persons.
3. To be a real person I need to be identified with as many other persons as possible, who themselves are identified with a cause far greater than themselves. Church going does this for me.
4. From the start the church has had its Pauls and Lukes and Lydias, and its Sapphiras and Demas and Diotrophes . . . and people like Eutychus and Tertius who sleep during sermons. Yet it so happens that God has chosen this body as the one way in which the world will get to know him. It's not for me to question God's wisdom in choosing such a "punk" lot as we are, but to be thankful and pitch in somewhere.
5. The church is the only body for which any biblical promise of survival is given after this life. God could have other plans that we don't know about, but I'd just as soon be sure.
6. And it happens that God is there at 11 on Sundays. If he can stand it, I guess I can.

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS.

GOSPEL SERVICE INCREASE

(TAMWORTH, N.S.W., R. Foletta). The church programme was presented at quarterly church tea on Feb. 26. Much interest is already evident. Attendance at gospel service has passed 100 on two Sundays in Feb. . . . C.M.F. made new tables and stools for Kindergarten at their recent monthly tea. . . . Young Marrieds held a barbecue at the manse. . . . District C.E. rally was held at our church on Feb. 27. . . . Mr. Foletta spoke at second church anniversary at Orange. Tamworth continues to support the work there.

MAYORAL DISCUSSION

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). The Mayor of Willoughby, Ald. Dougherty, has invited ministers of the district to meet him to discuss areas of civic and church co-operation. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott were farewelled on the eve of their departure for missionary work in New Hebrides. C. A. Saxby made a small presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, and C. G. Taylor preached the sermon. . . . Dorcas Society office-bearers are Pres., Mrs. L. K. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. W. Perry; Treas., Mrs. G. Hing. . . . Home Prayer meetings have begun again and will continue during the year. . . . C.Y.F. held a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Single, prior to evening service.

TREASURER'S LONG SERVICE

(BEXLEY NTH, N.S.W., J. Rogouby). A special minute at the annual meeting records appreciation of services of Cedric Langbein during the past 20 years as church treasurer. . . . Our preacher has commenced his second year of ministry. There were 11 confessions during the year, although transfers restricted active membership to 92. . . . Increased attendances are noted at all meetings, especially the mid-week Bible study when 20 attend senior group and 15 to 20 teenagers meet in youth action group. . . . The treasurer is M. Alderman and the secretary, L. C. Yelds.

WOOLWICH COMMENCEMENT

(N.S.W.). The "Opening Dinner" of the Woolwich Bible College was held on Tuesday evening, March 2, when 18 new students from the Australian States and New Zealand were welcomed. Following the dinner students and faculty moved into the Principal's residence and shared in an informal gathering in which the new arrivals met the lecturers. Mr. Chapman concluded the evening with devotions.

On March 3, students, faculty and members of the Board assembled in the E. O. Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel for the Inaugural Session of 1971. Dr. Elliott conducted devotions and greetings were presented by David W. Mansell, N.S.W. Conf. Pres., and John F. Morris, Sec. of the College Board. An apology was presented on behalf of P. H. Morton, chairman of the Board, who was unable to attend because of an accident to his knee.

After this meeting the Placement Committee met to allocate the students to churches for the coming year.

N.S.W. D.C.E. CENTRE

CAMP STANWELL TOPS

(N.S.W.). The N.S.W. Conference, through its Department of Christian Education has acquired a new camp and conference centre. The property has been purchased for \$175,000, but an independent valuer sets its worth at \$334,800.

The campsite is about 35 miles south of Sydney and only a mile from the South Coast. There are seven modern, three-bedroom, brick-veneered cottages, seven one-bedroom fibro and weatherboard cottages, and five two-bedroom fibro and weatherboard cottages. A large brick auditorium can seat 1,100, and the dining hall and modern kitchen can cater for 500 at meals. There are separate dormitories for ladies and men to accommodate 250. The administrative building has all amenities and the chapel is also in brick. For recreation, there is a mini golf course and a sports oval. Tennis courts are planned.

"Camp Stanwell Tops" is well constructed and in good condition and is ideal for conventions and camps, and as a Christian holiday centre. A small camp can be conducted simultaneously with a large one.

The N.S.W. Conference has authorised the reception of a special Thank Offering throughout N.S.W. churches.

The total cost, including transfer and legal expenses, is \$178,000. The land and caretaker's residence at Lake Illawarra have been sold for \$103,000, leaving an amount of \$75,000 to be found.

The opening day for the new conference and campsite is April 17, at 3 p.m.

NEW GROUP

(MURWILLUMBAH, N.S.W., E. Holt). A new "Tweenage" group called the "Adventurers" has been commenced by Mr. Holt. . . . The church rejoices with Tweed Heads in the opening of their new chapel. . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. G. S. Stewart, a faithful member for many years. . . . Recent speakers have included Bob Armstrong, Director of Y.P.C. in N.S.W., F. Ewers, Principal of Kenmore Christian College, and K. Crawford, N.S.W. H.M. Director.

MINISTERS AT FAIRFIELD

(N.S.W.). We said farewell to our minister, Bill Whitton, but Elaine and Garry Harris have taken on his work, making themselves very welcome. . . . The C.Y.F. group swelled the Gospel Service by 20 to 30 young people. The C.W.F. continue an effective ministry by contributing to the Women's Conference. Stall proceeds go towards their Furnishing Fund (Chapel). . . . The C.Y.F. has \$1,000 for the new chapel. . . . An effective ministry is conducted monthly at the United Protestant Homes Service, and fortnightly visits to Lidcombe Men's Hostel. . . . Lois Anderson has spoken to the various auxiliaries about her work in Lebanon. . . . The C.Y.F. attended a camp at Teen Ranch.

YEAR OF MISSION

(WYOMING, N.S.W.). For the 1971 church programme "Year of Mission" church officers visited homes encouraging support for a special "Family Service-Church Parade" each month. At the first of these on Feb. 21, Good Companions and Boys' Explorers heard Dennis Shadow as guest speaker. This was also a dedication service for S.S. teachers and club leaders. . . . The church has under-

taken a project to raise \$600 toward the establishment of a mission station in the Keram River area of New Guinea. Considerable interest has been aroused and already there is \$250 in hand.

HORNSBY ADDITIONS

(N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). There were two baptisms on Feb. 14. . . . B.S. annual picnic was on the 20th at Bungool. . . . Guest speaker on Feb. 21 was Miss J. Simpson, on furlough from New Guinea. . . . At an after-church fellowship on Feb. 28 the services of Mr. and Mrs. Tal Smith were recognised as they move to Pendle Hill. Mr. Smith has accepted an appointment as Assistant Manager of the Boys' Home on a part-time basis. Bruce Nichols, a first year student at Woolwich Bible College, has come to share in the life of the church. . . . The church extends sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Hillford who died on March 4. Mrs. Hillford was the wife of a former preacher here.

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50th ANNIVERSARY

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). The church will celebrate its 50th anniversary, April 17, 18. . . . On Feb. 28, G. J. Lord brought a message on "Prayer" and congregation formed into three groups for study of the subject. . . . Fortnightly fellowship, "Topic" recommenced on March 3, the subject being "How we got our English Bible." . . . A former minister, J. E. Webb and Mrs. Webb, were present for two Sundays while holidaying from S.A. . . . The church was saddened by sudden death of L. R. Smith. Formerly at Hartwell, of recent years he was in membership at Ringwood.

THIRD YEAR AT SHEPPARTON

(Vic., R. E. Hillbrich). Mr. and Mrs. Hillbrich have commenced their third year of ministry here. R. Clydesdale, A. Farrar, and H. Stevenson were re-elected as elders. H. Stevenson was re-elected as church secretary. It is regretted that after 15 years as treasurer, F. Harris felt unable to accept the position again. Mr. Harris was thanked by the church for his services. The treasurer's position is still vacant. . . . A. Farrar and B. Batchelor, with an assisting committee, have formed a fortnightly youth group. . . . Mrs. K. Wittick leads the Good Companions, and D. Read the Boys' Club. Mrs. R. Gates is S.S. Supt., and Mrs. G. Welland and Miss J. Arthur are Primary and Kinder Supts., respectively.

50 YEARS IN SPORT

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Eric Hammond has relinquished his role of chairman of the football club after nearly 50 years' service with the sporting activities of the church. . . . Officers took active part in a gospel service. . . . Student minister, Peter Nelson, has been welcomed. . . . The C.Y.F. spent Labor Day at Torquay beach. . . . Mrs. Will Wigley is still very ill and in need of constant prayer. . . . Mrs. Ron. Webster making slow progress. . . . Murray Farmer left for overseas business trip. . . . C.W.E.F. attended Area Meeting at Surrey Hills, with Rev. Kenworthy the speaker. . . . As part of intellectual programme Midget Explorers attended model aircraft display and Box Hill Fire Station. . . . The church was filled for Women's World Day of Prayer when Mrs. A. A. Coates was speaker. . . . Gordon Stirling was speaker at Y.P.S.O.E.

THREE-WAY INTERIM

(DONCASTER, Vic.). The 1971 trilogy interim ministry of Messrs. A. E. White, A. W. C. Candy and G. Warren is progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Candy occupied the pulpit through January and now is concentrating on the pastoral needs of the people; Mr. White commenced preaching on Feb. 7, and Geo. Warren is serving as youth minister. . . . Teachers' Dedication and Recognition service for 47 B.S. teachers and staff was conducted on Feb. 14. . . . Miss Ann Read has returned safely after working in the new blood banking facility at Blen Hea Province Hospital in Vietnam. . . . The church has presented selected theology books to the library of the Doncaster High School for the use of students. . . . There was a baptism on Jan. 28 by Mr. Candy. . . . Concern is felt by the church for Mrs. Hilda Tully after undergoing surgery at the Alfred Hospital.

BELGRAVE HGTS. CONVENTION

The 20th Easter Convention at Belgrave Heights (April 9-12) will again feature leading preachers from both Australia and overseas. They include the Rev. Geoff. Fletcher, Australian National Director of the Lay Institute of Evangelism, and K. V. Cherlan, founder of Evangelise India Movement and Chairman of the South India Keswick Convention.

The morning Bible Studies will be conducted by the Rev. N. P. Anderson, Principal of the Melbourne Bible Institute, under the theme — "Great Doctrines of the Cross."

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ELDER EMERITUS

(OAKLEIGH, Vic., T. V. Weir). E. J. Miles has been appointed Elder Emeritus in honour and recognition of his nine years' ministry here. . . . The first "Friendship" service, especially for guests invited by the church, was held on Feb. 21. Harold Steele was guest speaker. Hymns were sung by "The Soul Agents." . . . Members are preparing for a "Mission" to be held soon. . . . The annual meeting elected the following: Elders, S. Fordham, K. Masterton; Sec., A. Brown; Treas., K. Buchanan; B.S. Supt., L. Miller. . . . Mrs. Fordham spoke to the C.W.E.F. on her recent trip to South Africa. . . . An after-church fellowship was held at the manse prior to the departure of Russell Simmonds to Vietnam. . . . Rod. Lloyd, of the College of the Bible, is student assistant minister.

HOUSE PARTIES

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). Eight well attended house parties have been held to which members and friends have been invited to meet the minister, his wife and family and to stimulate interest in the church. . . . On Feb. 28 a youth service was led by R. Huggan. The youth chair brought items. . . . C. & N.D. Conference was held at Pyramid Hill on March 6. Mr. and Mrs. R. Elbourne were guest speakers.

Dandenongs offers day visitors full picnic facilities, ample car parking and an attractive programme to suit all the family. There will be special meetings for children and young teenagers and a Play Centre for very young children. The main meetings are held in the large open-sided auditorium which accommodates almost 2,000 visitors.

Many Youth Camps and House parties are organised for the duration of the Convention and visitors may also stay at the Caravan Park on the delightful grounds. The Convention affords a splendid opportunity to spend the Easter season profitably in ideal surroundings and in fellowship over the Word of God.

THE PRISONERS' SONG

(MORWELL, Vic., A. B. Gaunson). Mr. Gaunson was invited to sing and speak at the Morwell Prison Farm. . . . The church interior has been painted and the floor sanded and polished. . . . "Think In" youth group meets each Sunday afternoon for tea and discussion. . . . A youth camp was held on the property of John White, Narracon. . . . Several members have undertaken the new Lifeline course which commenced on March 14. . . . An R.C. missionary from India was the speaker at Women's Day of Prayer. A presentation was made to Janet Sullivan on leaving for Teachers' Training College, Geelong. . . . Good Companions held a "Meet the Minister" night. Mr. Gaunson entertained with song and guitar and answered questions about the role of the minister.

TRAINING COURSE POSTPONED

(Vic.). The training course on "Communicating Theology Through Pop Culture" planned by the Council for Christian Educ. in Schools and the Confederation of Christian Doctrine will not be held on March 15 but will be postponed until later in the year. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Assistant Director, C.C.E.S., 55 Exhibition St., Melb., 3000.

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W.A. MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS

From the College of the Bible: K. J. Duffy to Scarborough; D. A. Good to Merredin/Bruce Rock; H. A. L. Clark to Harvey. F. Rees, from Fremantle to Maylands; R. A. Ryall, from India to Perth; H. R. Fitch, from Merredin to Fremantle; A. J. Gordon, from B. & F.B.S. to York; W. A. Turnell, from York to Geraldton.

D. G. Hammer, from Federal Aborigines Mission Board and Perth City Church to Kenmore Christian College; I. E. Allsup, from East Victoria Park to Burwood, Vic.; A. H. Coleman, from Kalgoorlie to Murray Bridge, S.A.; G. E. Powell, from Maylands to Bayswater, Vic. A. W. Ladbroke has retired after four years' ministry at Harvey, but will assist East Victoria Park on a part-time basis. G. Smith, Social Service Director, is absent overseas on study leave for two years.

BEGINNINGS AT BALGA

(W.A.). The Inter-church Extension Committee has advised the State Housing Commission that, after agreement among the communions involved, the Churches of Christ are willing to develop three-quarters of an acre on the corner of Climping St. and Heyshott Rd., opposite Balga shopping centre. The committee feels that the time has come to call together the disciples living in the Balga area to discuss the establishment of a church. The Nollamara church alone has 35 members in the area who are said to be keen to establish a cause at Balga. All churches have been asked to advise the committee of members or contacts living in Balga or Girrawheen.

The Properties Committee has commissioned architect B. J. Kidd to draw up a master plan for the site, as is required by the Housing Commission. Other suburbs yet to be developed which could be served by a growing church will be Koondoola and Boyare.

THINGS TO COME

NEW SOUTH WALES

- APRIL:
9-12 D.C.E. Camp (Easter). Under Canvas at Colo.
17 Dedication Service — Stanwell Tops Brotherhood Centre.
29-May 2 N.S.W. Annual Conference.

QUEENSLAND

- MARCH:
19-21 Women's Camp — "Camp Cal."
20 West Moreton Annual Conference.
27 Kenmore Christian College Open Day
APRIL:
8-12 Easter Camp — "Camp Cal."
15-18 State Conference.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Mar. 30-Apr. 4 Annual State Conference.
APRIL:
8-12 Easter Youth Camps at Bunbury and Morawa.
9 (Good Friday) Brotherhood Devotional Service, 10.30 a.m. Preacher, D. A. Beavis.

TASMANIA

- MARCH:
27-28 Tasmanian Convention, Devonport Church of Christ. Guest preacher: Dr. Lloyd Jones.

MITCHAM APPOINTMENT

(Vic.). The Mitcham church and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. & Evang. announce that K. R. Turner of Springvale has accepted an appointment with the church at Mitcham commencing in 1972.

R. B. ELBOURNE INDUCTED

(GLEN WAVERLEY, Vic.). Nearly 200 people attended for the induction on Feb. 7 of R. B. Elbourne by K. J. Clinton, Pres., Vic.-Tas. Conf. At a welcoming fellowship tea at night for Mr. and Mrs. Elbourne, Paul, Ruth and David, the congregation watched an audio-visual of the Elbourne family, skilfully put together by Mrs. Elbourne. Entitled "It Happened This Way," it described events leading up to their call to Glen Waverley. The colour slides portrayed the background of the Elbourne family and their previous ministry at Lane Cove, Sydney. The offering of \$745 at the induction service bears witness to the strength of commitment of the membership which was stimulated by the recent Planned Giving programme. . . . Teachers from the Junior and Intermediate Depts. recently joined local Methodist and Presbyterian representatives in a programme of teaching observation and evaluation.

MUSIC CAMP

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. Avery). A Youth Camp at Dromana studied "music in the church" with the help of Ian Ferguson, a music teacher at Doncaster, Danny McDowell, leader of the "Silver-tones," Russell Platt, leader of the "Jordanares" and Russell Kelly, leader of the "Heritage Sounds." Berwick young people were there and Mr. Holland, their minister, presented morning and evening devotions. On their return on Feb. 21, the young people presented a "Mini Pop Opera" on the "life of Jesus through music." . . . A new wide screen has been purchased for the church by two of our young people. . . . On Feb. 28, a baptismal service was held. Miss N. Mobbs, returned missionary from New Guinea, showed slides and spoke on the work there. John Temby sang. . . . A Dedication Service was held on Feb. 28 for the parents of two new babies. . . . The first meeting this year of all Undershepherds was held March 3 at Thornbury.

TRACTOR FOR NEW GUINEA

(HARLAXTON, Qld., Bruce Roberts). The C.M.S. is raising funds for another tractor for our New Guinea Mission work. . . . 60 attended the 20th Family Camp. Bruce Roberts led studies on "Living for Jesus." . . . Proceeds from combined B.S. concert at Margaret St. were divided between our three Bible Schools. . . . At C.M.S. meeting Mary, Muller was elected chairman and David Lowe secretary. One of the highlights of the year was the Walkathon when \$900 was raised to assist the New Guinea Work Party. . . . The annual business meeting reported an increase in membership, an increase in attendance at morning services, and offerings increased by 33% over 1969. . . . Joyce Spriggs has left for teacher training in Brisbane, and Bill Horne for army training in Vic. . . . Miss Callinan was guest speaker at 21st birthday party of C.W.F. . . . There was a church parade of C.W.F. groups. . . . The church is providing a scholarship for a Kenmore student.

VICTORIAN C.W.F.

Speaker at Council held on March 5 was Miss Phyl. Davis, Matron of Francis Perry House, private wing of the Royal Women's Hospital. Miss Davis outlined the work of Francis Perry. She also spoke of many women of the Bible and the long-range benefits that resulted from their work. Those present were challenged to be aware of the needs of others and to do their utmost to meet them.

107 delegates represented 38 churches. Miss Noela Mobbs brought greetings from New Guinea and spoke of the living conditions of the native women. Mrs. K. Clencie led in Prayer of Intercession.

Next Council: Friday, April 2 — 10.30 a.m. Thanksgiving service prepared by Mrs. G. Barnett.

—M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

LIFE ELDER

(UNLEY, S.A., R. V. Holmes). At the annual meeting Sir Phillip Messent was appointed a Life Elder in recognition of his services as President of the 8th World Convention of Churches of Christ. The meeting also placed on record appreciation of the valuable contributions made by Mrs. E. V. Lawton and I. J. Chivell. Several members paid tribute to the leadership and work of the minister who commences his eighth and last year with Unley. Elders elected were I. J. Chivell and G. E. Venus. . . . Miss Carleen Tannebrink, an Unley member, who spent her Christmas vacation as a voluntary helper in Indonesia, interested Evening C.W.F. with an informative talk. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bartlett attended service on March 7, the 40th anniversary of their marriage in Park St. church. Mr. Bartlett is minister at Kensington Park.

RESERVOIR MINISTRY

(Vic.). A. Baker has commenced his ministry here. . . . The S.S. picnic was held on Feb. 27. . . . Recent soloists have been Mrs. E. Coughlin and Terry Cliff.

SECOND TERM

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). D. Oakes has accepted the church's invitation to minister for a second three-year term from 1972. . . . H. Taylor has been re-elected as church secretary, H. Barnden as treasurer. . . . A recent "guest service" was followed by fellowship games. . . . 13 Explorer boys and leaders joined D.C.E. Adventure Camp at Murrindindi River. . . . C.Y.F. combined with Frankston C.Y.F. for Labor Day weekend camp at Inverloch.

INTERIM AT COLLINGWOOD

(Vic.). Ceell W. Jackel recently commenced an interim ministry at Collingwood church, and will serve there until May, 1971, at which time he will be available for further ministry.

THREE BAPTISMS

(RESERVOIR, Vic., A. Baker). Three girls made decisions recently and were baptized. . . . The church annual meeting was held in Feb. . . . A carpet has been laid in the church with monies raised from a cent drive over two-and-a-half years. . . . A creche has been started to assist in morning services.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE CROSSES OF CALVARY (1) There were three crosses on Calvary. On one of them was a man we call the penitent thief. At first he joined his companion in misery in abusing Jesus. This was normal for men in the excruciating agony of crucifixion. They reviled everything and everyone in sight. But the penitent thief changed. He suddenly saw something in Jesus which no one else appeared to see in the darkness that was Calvary. No one else could see it because all eyes were so sure of the defeat of the Christ and all that he had planned and worked for. The friends and enemies of Jesus were at last united in that they felt that this was the end of the mission of the prophet of Galilee. The penitent thief, perhaps because of his strangely advantageous position on his own cross, could see some future hope beyond the pain. What he saw caused him to appeal: "Jesus, remember me, when you come as king." Jesus replied, "Today, you will be with me."

For a brief time, that was all there was of the Christian kingdom. A dying king and one broken subject. A prophet rejected by his own people and being executed at their request, and a social drop-out who was also as good as dead. That was all. The disciples had to be won again after the resurrection. Whatever pre-Easter faith they had, it would not stand the shock of the apparent defeat of the cross.

Those who knew him best had given up. Those who feared him most were celebrating his destruction. But there was still one man who saw Jesus as king. Sadly, he had nothing to offer the Christ but his death. What a change would take place in God's world if all of us who could offer him our lives would also see Christ as king!

BE OUR GUEST The former African nationalist leader, Robert Sobukwe, was president of the banned Pan-African Congress, and was sent to gaol in 1960 for three years. After his release he was sent to the penal colony of Robben Head near Capetown. To legalise his being held there, the government re-enacted the detention legislation every year—just for him. In 1969 he was released, but was confined to the Kimberley area. Now the Government has relented, and has granted him an exit permit. He is able to leave South Africa permanently and can take up the Research Fellowship which he has been offered in the U.S.A. There is one small snag. The Minister of Justice (Mr. Pelfer) refuses to lift the order restricting Mr. Sobukwe to the Kimberley area. He has a permit to leave, but he cannot use it. Encouragement of this kind of cruelty and stupidity is one of the fringe benefits that come when any nation takes action to support the South African Government. For example: the proposed sale of arms by Britain in defiance of the United Nations.

STIRRING THE POT Irresponsibility gene riot is found in the statements of Dr. Moss Cass (Labor M.H.R. for Maribyrnong). Addressing the annual meeting of the Young Labor Association in Melbourne, he said, "Speaking as a member of the medical profession, and as a politician, I would like to see marijuana legalised. It is pretty harmless compared with cigarettes and alcohol." Just after he said that, it was announced that the American Medical Association will shortly release a report that will indicate that marijuana is far from harmless. The report claims that there is evidence that "pot-smoking" causes impotence in males and that an unusual number of birth defects and mental deficiencies are found in the babies of marijuana-smoking mothers. When Dr. Cass learned of the report he stated that it could change his opinions. But there have been enough previous misgivings and warnings to cause anyone but an irresponsible youth or an irresponsible politician to wait for positive evidence of harmlessness. A World Health Organisation expert committee "unequivocally and unanimously" declared that marijuana is a drug of dependence. The Medical Journal of Australia said that physicians in South Vietnam reported on twelve cases of acute psychosis in otherwise normal soldiers who had smoked marijuana for the first time. One of them killed a companion in mistake for a Viet Cong. The British Medical Journal "Lancet" described the birth of a child without a right hand. The mother had smoked marijuana throughout her pregnancy. It is not claimed that marijuana has been isolated as the sole or even the major factor in these cases of abnormality, but it is surely clear that we need more evidence before declaring the drug harmless. If Dr. Cass is right in saying that marijuana is less harmful than cigarettes or alcohol, this may be a good reason for restricting the use of cigarettes and alcohol. It certainly does not make a case for the legalising of marijuana.

GOOD GRIEF! Near Melbourne (the Melbourne in Arkansas, U.S.A.) the Howard Funeral Home's new building is now being used. It is one of the most modern in the State. One feature is a "drive-by" viewing window, with swing-out guest book. This is a new idea for working people who want to pay their respects to the deceased by viewing the remains, but do not have time to go home and change their clothes.

MINISTRY AT EAST KEW

(Vic.). B. P. Goldsteen has commenced a ministry here and he and Mrs. Goldsteen have been welcomed into the fellowship. . . . Cottage prayer meetings have increased attendances, up to 21 being present. . . . A progressive dinner was held on Feb. 27 involving four homes.

LONG SECRETARIAL TERM

(KINGSFORD, N.S.W.). A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith on Feb. 14. Mr. Smith was church sec. for over 50 years. Dennis Bruce is present church sec. . . . C.W.F. recommenced with Mrs. Nell Larcombe as president, Mrs. Win. Gale, vice-president. Mr. Willis from the Leprosy Mission was guest speaker for March. . . . Ken Bond has accepted invitation of the church to minister this year while continuing studies at Woolwich Bible College. . . . Recent speakers were Ken. Mason, John Morrow, Phillip Simpson and Nigel Merriek.

MINISTRY CHANGES IN N.S.W.

The following ministers recently moved in or out of N.S.W.:

G. Chapman, B.A., from Hurstville to the position of Senior Lecturer at Woolwich College; D. J. Eagling, from the New Hebrides to Hurstville; R. V. Smith, L.Th., from an interim at Epping to Mt. Druff; K. W. Farmer, B.A., B. Com., from Canley Heights to Epping; Don. Norling, from Liverpool West to Belconn; Owen Clarke, from S.A. to Liverpool West; Colin Thomas, from Vic. to Bowral; Bob Whan, from New Guinea to an interim ministry at Taree; L. E. Willie, from Taree to Rockdale; E. J. Penderleith, B.D., from Lidcombe to Earlwood; J. Shaw, from Vic. to Nth. Turramurra; and G. J. Harris, exit student from Woolwich College to Fairfield.

A. W. Stephenson, M.A., is undertaking an interim ministry with Lane Cove; G. R. Elliott, B.A., has concluded an interim ministry at Rockdale to go to the New Hebrides, and R. E. Ewers has moved from Kingsford to take up work with the Navigators in Personal Evangelism at the University of N.S.W.

86th CONFERENCE

(N.S.W.). In its 86th year the N.S.W. Annual Conference will take place from April 29 to May 2. Evening rallies and an all-day Saturday business session will be held at Emuree Tabernacle, and the final meeting, the Sunday afternoon "Witness Service" will be in the Sydney Town Hall, the speaker being David W. Mansell, President of Conference. The incoming President is Ron. F. Bartholomew, of the Hornby church and secretary of the Boys' Home Committee of Management.

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LACY (Bucknell)—Sheryle and Ian happily announce the arrival of Darren Ian at Bendigo on March 1. Both well. (Address: 476 Napier St., White Hills, Vic., 3550).

ENGAGEMENT

BASINSKI-NELSON — Mr. and Mrs. C. Basinski, Richmond, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dianne, to Garth, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Nelson, Hampstead Gardens, S.A.

GOLDEN WEDDING

WARMBRUNN (Pritchard)—The family announce with pleasure and gratitude to God the 50th anniversary of their parents' wedding, celebrated at Brighton Church of Christ, Vic., by the late H. E. Knott. Congratulations and love from Doug, Frances, Helen, and grandchildren.

RUBY WEDDING

BEAN (Johnston)—It is with gratitude to God that Harold and Agnes announce the 40th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated on March 28, 1931, by W. Gale at Moreland Church of Christ, Vic. Present address: 1 Clitus St., Glen Waverley, Vic., 3150. At home 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 28.

DEATHS

HILFORD, Irene Jessie—Passed away at Gilgandra, N.S.W., March 5, 1971. Widow of the late Robert Hilford, loved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother of Alan and Juan (Redcliffe, Qld.) and Roma and Bill (Gilgandra) and their families.

SMITH, Charles Patterson—On March 3, 1971, at the Austin Hospital, dearly loved husband of May, beloved father of Keith; fond father-in-law of Valerie, and very dear grandpa of Elizabeth, Colin, Rosemary, Trevor and Alison. "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you."

WEST, Norman Kenneth—Passed away at Mildura, Vic., suddenly, on March 15, 1971, loving husband of Edna, loved father of Margaret (Mrs. Simons), Elaine, Kenneth and John; dear father-in-law of Ross and Vera; loving grandpa and parple of Stephen, Wayne, Leanne, Marion and Jacqueline. Aged 61 years. "Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, To love and cherish and never forget."

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MORNING DECISIONS

(KANIVA, Vic., R. C. Bolduan). Two more decisions were made at the morning service on Feb. 28 when seven were received into fellowship. At night, Mrs. Barry Williams and Mrs. Brian Kuchel on piano and organ led the service in music. Some items were given and a choir sang to make an impressive service of worship . . . 17 young people attended the second C.Y.F. meeting.

ELDERS ELECTED

(ESSENDON, Vic., C. Badcock). N. Cheal and J. Hemsley were elected as elders and inducted on Feb. 7 . . . At an every-member-present service on Feb. 14 the chairman of the Planning Committee outlined the Friendship and Outreach Programme to be held in co-operation with the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. . . C.W.F. president is Mrs. N. Cheal and Mrs. N. Hutton is president of the C.W.A.F. . . There was a baptismal service on Feb. 28. Miss Marilyn Neville, of Kew, was soloist. A "Slingspiration" was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Rogers . . . Graeme Blair left Adelaide in Feb. with the 3rd Battalion . . . Cricket team with Ray Cheal as captain, is undefeated . . . A creche has commenced led by Mrs. Valda Cheal.

DISTRICT SURVEY

(NORTHCOTE, Vic., G. L. J. Marsh). On Feb. 27-28, a number of church members helped in an Inter-Church Survey when every home in Northcote was visited . . . The minister has commenced his second year . . . On Feb. 28, members lunched together and opportunity was taken to make a presentation to R. E. Anderson. Mr. Marsh then presented his programme for the church for 1971. At night, a man made his decision.

CHANGE AT SUNSHINE

(Vic., G. Bradley). Mr. and Mrs. Goldsteen were farewelled and given a presentation on moving to conduct a ministry at Kew. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley were welcomed here where Mr. Bradley will serve as minister for two years . . . The Prayer-Fellowship Group have their weekly meeting at the manse . . . Mr. Dorgan from Williamstown and members from Maldstone have presided at morning services recently. The Maldstone singing group contributed a bracket of songs on Feb. 28.

YOUNG WORSHIPPERS REVIVED

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). We have recommenced the Young Worshipers' League with the aim of increasing young people's interest in the church. The Y.P.F. conducted a success-

ful Car-Wash, enjoying themselves and building up their funds at the same time. . . G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible, was a recent speaker. He also spoke to an adult group of our Counsellor Training Classes . . . The B.S. picnic was held on March 6.

FAMILY CAMP

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). 110 people participated in a successful family camp at Hall's Gap over long weekend. G. R. Stirling led discussions . . . N. Fulton has been elected as elder . . . A garden party at home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sherriff raised \$21 for missionary work . . . T. O. Turriff spoke on behalf of Aborigines' Missions Board on Feb. 28. . . Ivan and Judy Sherriff have been farewelled on leaving to take up a teaching position in Melb.

INDUCTION AT BERWICK

(Vic.). R. A. C. Holland was inducted into the ministry and Mr. and Mrs. Holland were welcomed into the fellowship. The service was led by E. C. Keating. The Shire President welcomed Mr. Holland on behalf of the Shire, at a luncheon following the service . . . Combined with Dandenong a young people's camp was held at Dromann . . . A S.S. scholar committed her life to Christ . . . Alan Funston is now church secretary and Bill Fletcher is chairman of the board.

OBITUARY

BOSWELL, John

John Boswell died suddenly on Jan. 11, 1971 while he was busy with his daily affairs at his accountancy office at Chatswood, N.S.W. He had attended and taken part in the previous Sunday services at Lane Cove church. He was born Nov. 1, 1911. As a lad he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church at Seven Hills. After his marriage to Mavis, he moved to Chatswood area and joined the church at Lane Cove in 1947. Over the years he was called upon to preach at Lane Cove and at other centres, which he enjoyed doing. Being a qualified accountant he was in demand as church treasurer and served Lane Cove in this capacity. He also served the church as secretary. Brotherhood departments looked for his help. He was the treasurer of the N.S.W. Bible College Board for some years. Then he was invited to serve as a member of the Social Service Committee, a work that was near his heart. He was chairman of the committee on several occasions and was chairman at the time of his death. From the commencement of the Adult Christian Education programme at Lane Cove he took his place as a leader. His quiet and sincere leadership enabled him to open up the scriptures to his group. Never was a man more faithful, and yet humble in the service of his Lord. Rarely did he miss attendance at church morning or evening. He was ever ready to help where there was a need. To Mavis, his wife, and to Graham, his son, we extend our deepest sympathy. A fitting tribute to the life of this good man was made by C. G. Taylor who conducted the funeral service.

—A. W. Stephenson.

BROUGH, Amy Eliza

In the early 1850's, John Brough wheeled his barrow containing the family belongings into Cheltenham, so beginning a family that was to have tremendous influence on the Cheltenham (Vic.) church. A grand-daughter of the original pioneer, Miss Amy Eliza Brough, died on Jan. 29, aged 78 years. Miss Brough lived with her sister for many years in a stone house on the family owned market gardens. She was well known in the area, covering many hundreds of miles on her pushbike, visiting many market gardens in connection with her deaconess work for the Cheltenham church. Her two grandfathers were associated with the building of the existing chapel of the Cheltenham Church of Christ, overlooking the Nepean Highway, in 1878. One designed the building, and the other built it. Her mother laid the original foundation stone. Her whole life was spent in service for the church. One other long time resident, E. A. LePare, M.B.E., remembers when she was brought to the church as a child.

For many years she was a S.S. teacher. She prepared the Lord's Table, helped at baptisms and visited all families, supported the services and prayer meetings. But she became best-known as the Cradle Roll Supt., seeking out children for the S.S. Many hundreds of children have come over the decades through her visitation. At the funeral service in the Cheltenham Church of Christ there were some women present paying tribute to her whose children are now in the S.S., who were themselves brought as little children by Miss Brough. During depression years, with her sister, she was extremely generous to many families in the area with farm produce. She used her finances well in the support of women's work, and the College of the Bible in

GREEN, Adelaide Clifton GREEN, William

Early this century, a young school teacher, Adelaide Francis, set out from the manse of her father, R. K. Francis, in England, to join her fiancé, William Green, who had come to Australia previously, and was a boiler-maker in Sydney. Adelaide had been baptized at Knapp-hill, Woking, Surrey. She was allowed by her father to come to Australia alone, provided the wedding took place as soon as the ship docked and they were married by the late A. E. Illingworth at Em-more Tabernacle. William had been one of the original students of the British College of the Bible. From this beginning, Overdale College later grew, and the present principal, Mr. Francis, is a nephew of Mrs. Green.

The Greens had one daughter and two sons. From Sydney they moved to Queensland and then to Kapunda in S.A. There being no Church of Christ there they "broke bread" in their own dining room each Lord's Day, and then went off to the Baptist church where Mr. Green became Supt. of the S.S. After a stay at Gawler they moved to Adelaide in 1924 where the parents remained for the rest of their lives, close to the Mile End church. William Green was appointed by the Education Dept. as Headmaster of the "Ironworkers' Trade School" as it was then called. He took a personal interest in each boy. He retired in 1949, and was held in high regard.

The Greens were most active in the work of Mile End church and the brotherhood. They helped to establish the neighbouring churches of Brooklyn Park and Torrensville, worshipping with them and assisting in the B.S. They returned to the home church when oversight was no longer needed and at Mile End Mr. Green was deacon, elder, and B.S. Supt., and also Bible Class leader. Mr. Green was twice Vice-President of S.A. State

particular. At the age of 65 she obtained her licence and put aside the bike to drive a car in her visitation, which she continued into her 73rd year.

For the past two years she had been a resident of Emmaus Rest Home. A large number of local residents attended the funeral service which was conducted by the minister.—G.K.M.

MAIN, Hubert David

It is with a sense of sorrow that we heard of the death of Mr. Main on Feb. 10, 1971. Following his marriage Mr. Main moved to Restdown, then to Echuca West, Vic., and in 1929 to his property at Bamawm Extension where he spent the remainder of his life. He became a well known and well loved personality in the district. He was quite active in playing tennis and had a life-long love for fishing. Mr. Main had a tremendous capacity for work, and he transformed his property from one large fenced paddock to a very productive farm. Mr. Main served for years on the Echuca board of officers and made a valuable contribution to the life of the church, for which the church is deeply grateful. He was faithful in attendance up to the end. His attendance was significant because on many occasions he came in spite of much physical pain. In the last year or so Mr. Main derived a great deal of joy in the activi-

ties of the Elderly Citizens' organization at Leedington. Despite a weak heart and arthritis Mr. Main insisted on making his contribution to the work on the property. It was on one of these occasions that he died suddenly. Mr. Main is survived by his daughter Mrs. Jackel and her family of Cobram, and his son, Ron, and his wife and family of Bamawm Extension. Hubert David Main the beloved father, grandfather, relative and friend is no longer with us, and we are sad at heart because it leaves an empty place in our lives.

Conference, but illness prevented him from assuming office as President. He was on the Overseas Missions Committee in past years.

As a speaker or president at the morning service, he always had something worthwhile to say, and he was up-to-date. At the 60th anniversary of the Mile End church in 1963, Mr. Green presided at the age of 84.

Mrs. Green was a capable speaker and steadfast worker for women. She was President of Women's Conference in S.A. in 1930 and 1943, and Federal Women's President in 1946. She will be remembered especially for her work on the H.M. Committee when she had facts and figures about all the churches at her fingertips. She was a member of the original committee formed to establish the first Churches of Christ Rest Home in S.A. at St. George's. Bible study was their love, and many years after they thought they had retired from active life, they consented to lead further studies. In 1963 Mr. Green lectured at the Adelaide Bible College on the Book of Acts. For 13 years, until 1969 he led a morning adult group on Sundays. Many men in the brotherhood remember his men's Bible class of 20 years ago. Prayer meetings and Bible study were held in their home during 1970.

Mrs. Green died on Nov. 4, 1970, after a brief illness, and just 12 weeks later, her husband died on Jan. 27, 1971, aged 86. At the funeral service for Mr. Green, W. Philip paid tribute to him as an elder, as a friend, as a teacher, and as an encourager. The tribute applied equally to Mrs. Green. They leave two sons, Robert and Francis, of Forestville and Henley Beach churches, S.A. Their only daughter, Joan (Mrs. Phillipa) predeceased them in 1970. These, with their families, are a witness to the truth they have carefully shown.—L.M.

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THE THREE DAYS OF EASTER

By Philip Andrews (C.L.C. Easter Study). 30c.

This is an Easter study with a difference!

Philip Andrews has written a poem in three parts on the
Easter theme: Day 1—I looked at life on Friday, and saw
Desolation; Day 2—I looked at life on Saturday, and saw
Futility; Day 3—I looked at life on Sunday, and saw Love.

He seeks to show on Friday, that the crucifixion is not
merely a Bible event that happened some 2,000 years ago,
but it is something that happens now; on Day 2, that life
is futile when viewed from the point of view which does
not take into account the resurrection of Jesus Christ; on
Day 3, that there is a way "from despair to hope, from death
to life" and that the way from one to the other is "love."

There is a study guide to the poem and a guide for its
use in public worship and in private devotion.

Penetrating, stimulating and thought-provoking!—R.W.L.

(Available from the Federal Board of Christian Education,
217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic., 3000).

THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH

By Hal Lindsey with C. C. Carlson (Zondervan). \$4.65 (cloth),
\$2.30 (paperback).

This is a book by a premillennialist about premillennialism.
It claims to demonstrate that all prophecy in the scriptures
have been literally fulfilled in respect to events that have
now passed, and argues that those not yet fulfilled will be —
literally.

There is naturally a feature role in this book for the
new State of Israel. The Six-Day War of 1967 is quoted as
fulfilling one of God's promises. Lindsey said that in March
and April, 1967, he was lecturing on the U.S. West Coast,
declaring that as he understood the Bible the Temple would
have to be rebuilt and "in order for there to be a Temple,
there would have to be a re-possession of the Temple site in
ancient Jerusalem. Somehow the Jews were going to have to
repossess old Jerusalem." Many chuckled about that statement.
But then came the Six-Day War of June, 1967, and
Moshe Dayan marched to the wailing wall, the last remnant
of the Old Temple and he said, "We have returned to our
holiest of holy places, never to leave her again." No matter
what obstacles remain, says Lindsey, it is certain that the
Temple will be rebuilt on Mount Moriah. "Prophecy demands it."

Israel, Russia — and Scripture — hold the key to the
future. Russia will be aligned against the ten-nation Revived
Roman Empire of Europe (possibly including the U.S.A.). The
Russian forces will be destroyed and the Western powers will
then set against the Oriental powers led by China at the
battle of Armageddon and as that battle reaches its climax,
Christ will return to reign for a thousand years.

There is not much point in evaluating this book. The pre-
millennialists will welcome and perhaps enthuse over it. The
post-millennialists and the amillennialists will dispute its
arguments. The cynics will say that the majority of Chris-
tians don't even know what the millennium is!

This can be said, it is incredible how modern political
and military events can be linked with prophecy so convincingly.

THE MAN AT THE CENTRE

By G. D. Rose (Pamphlet Club Nos. 188-189). 20c.

This Bible Study on Colossians was especially prepared
for the fifth National Youth Convention in Melbourne, in
January, 1971.

Mr. Rose raises the question of the kind of life (or "life-
style") we live as Christians and points to the danger of a
culture Christianity. He points out that the Christian life style
is characteristically described in Colossians as being "in
Christ Jesus," and then sets out to explore the pages of
Colossians in order to declare what this means.

He concludes, "Paul was very much a man who was at
the centre and he made sure he witnessed to the Man who
was at the Centre of all things. Where are you situated?"

The pamphlet deals with Colossians in a great amount of
detail, and I would have classed it as heavy-going. However,

at the National Youth Convention, two-thirds of the young
people rated the Bible Studies, which were presented delibera-
tely in solid lecture form, as "excellent" and most of the
others expressed appreciation of them. Apparently our young
people are not afraid of coming to grips with the teaching
of the Bible. Perhaps they are giving a lead to all of us.
—R.W.L.

(Available from the Federal Board of Christian Education,
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BLACK AND FREE

By Tom Skinner (Paternoster Press). 95c.

At seven years of age, Tom Skinner joined the church
because it was the expected thing to do. He was a preacher's
kid. As a teenager he joined the Harlem Lords, a tough negro
gang. He joined as his protest against the white man's world.
He had to pass much more severe physical and mental tests
in order to join the Lords than was expected of him in the
church, but he was an apt disciple. Eventually he became the
leader by defeating the previous chief in a knife duel! An
uncouth, uneducated radio preacher won him back for Christ
when the station that usually gave him wild music had an
unscheduled gospel session. He received the word and then
found that he had to share it. He has become a most effective
evangelist among his own people and has been used greatly
in the West Indies where white evangelists are often suspect.
This is the story of his conversion and service. For a bonus,
the last chapter gives a Negro Christian's answers to a number
of questions about the Negro and his future.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Edited by Russell T. Hitt (Zondervan). \$1.10.

The sub-title is "Perspective on Witnessing" and has six
chapters on ways to share faith in Christ with others. It is
conservative and wholesome, and the point of integrity in
witnessing is greatly stressed. No gimmicks or tricks, and it
does not make the mistake of suggesting that we should all
be door-knockers. But we can all witness in some way. This
book suggests some ways. In 52 pages it is not exhaustive
nor exhausting, but it has some practical ideas that are
already working.

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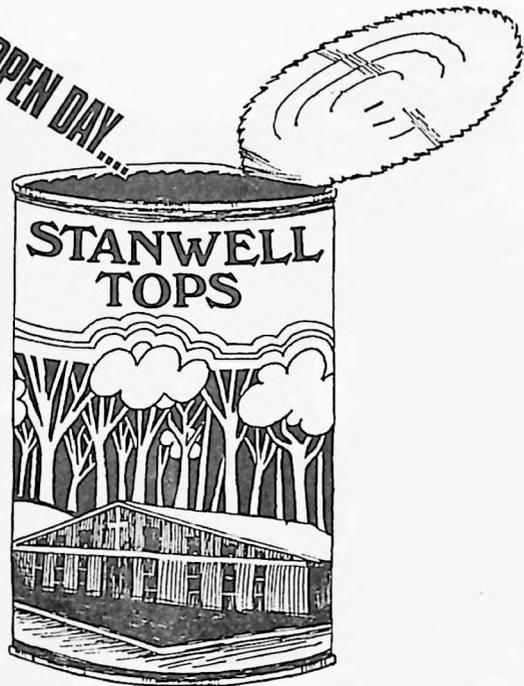


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(SEE PAGE 10)

Surprise Surprise!!

Across the road from the Bible Society offices in Auckland, N.Z., is a shop labeled "Resistance," a centre for anarchist revolutionary, and communist literature. Recently the Deputy General Secretary of the Bible Society, the Rev. David Cohen, went into the shop incognito, and noticing photographs of Ho Chi Minh and Chairman Mao, among others, together with the printed works of all the great Communist and Socialist writers of the century, he asked the young man behind the counter what the moving force of the organisation was. The man answered, "We preach love, peace, and brotherhood amongst all men, and this will come once the present oppression is overthrown by revolution!"

Cohen replied, "Why, I belong to an organisation that preaches the same doctrines of love, peace and brotherhood. Would you like to hear some of our

writings? Close your eyes, sit back and listen."

Enjoying the challenge, the young revolutionary sat back and did just this. Passages were read from the "Love Selection" — 1 Corinthians 13 in Today's English Version; also passages from "For All God's People" — the Epistle of James in Today's English Version. The listener's eyes gradually opened in amazement and he asked "What's this you are reading? It sounds just like our manifesto!" On being told that in fact they were from scripture, he retorted, "You must be joking. That couldn't be from the Bible because I understand it!" On being assured that in fact they were passages from the Bible, he was then easily persuaded to take a supply to have on sale in the bookshop together with Communist literature. So today, along with Marx, Lenin, Engels, Chairman Mao, and others, copies of the Word are going out.

ABORIGINAL WELFARE OFFICER

(S.A.). The first aborigine to be appointed as a Welfare Officer of the Prisoners' Aid Association of S.A., Jim Stanley, is confident he can rehabilitate aboriginal offenders. "I have been shown a better way of life, have found it, and now want to share it with my fellow countrymen," said Mr. Stanley in a press interview. "Having been a labourer all my life, I have accepted a real challenge in taking an interest in my own people." The chairman of the association, A. B. C. Wilson, said it was a significant advance. "The association believes there is an alarmingly high proportion of Aborigines in our prisons," he said.

Mr. Stanley, a married man with six children, will work towards securing jobs for prisoners, helping with family prob-

lems and overcoming prejudice. He is a former light middle-weight boxing champion of Queensland. He will begin duties on March 1. — "The Advertiser."

"GOOD NEWS" FOR VIETNAM

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(Answers next issue.)

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First Ghost: "I lost my skeleton key."

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A sinner to a saint once cried:
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THE LAST WORD

LENT

"Is this a fast, to keep
The larder lean
And clean
From fat of veal or sheep?"

"Is it to fast an hour—
Or ragged to go—
Or show
A downcast look and sour?"

"No! 'Tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat
And meat
Unto the hungry soul!"

"The question of salvation is asked today in terms of the meaning of life. It asks what future there may be which gives meaning and form to our present decisions and existence. It asks for the ultimate meaning which shapes the penultimate sacrifice."—GIBSON WINTER.

"It is to fast from strife.
From old debate
And hate—
To circumscribe thy life."

"To show a heart grief-rent:
To starve thy sin
Not bin—
And that's to keep thy lent."



Maturity, not scholarship, should be the first aim of education.



He who is only just is cruel.
—Lord Byron.

One sure way to bury a friendship is through a series of little digs.



In the will of Harriet Martineau, who died a spinster at the age of 87, was this clause: "I don't want anyone to put 'Miss' on my tombstone . . . I haven't missed as much as some people may think."



Two small boys were bragging. One said, "My hands are dirtier than yours." The other replied, "There's a good reason for that. You're a year older than I am!"

THE MAGIC NUMBER IS

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WE can't afford a crystal ball, and we are as short of prophets as we are of profits, but we reckon that our survival circulation target for 1971 is 5,300.

We started the year with 5,041 subscribers, but we had 60 cancellations (a January disease we can't seem to cure!). On the bright side we have had 136 new subscriptions so far! Still needed this year: 183!

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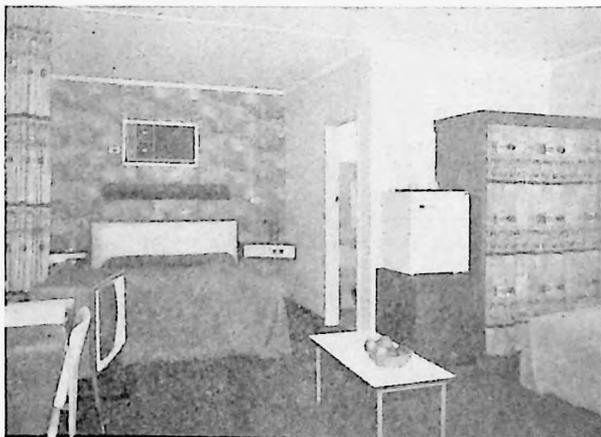
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