

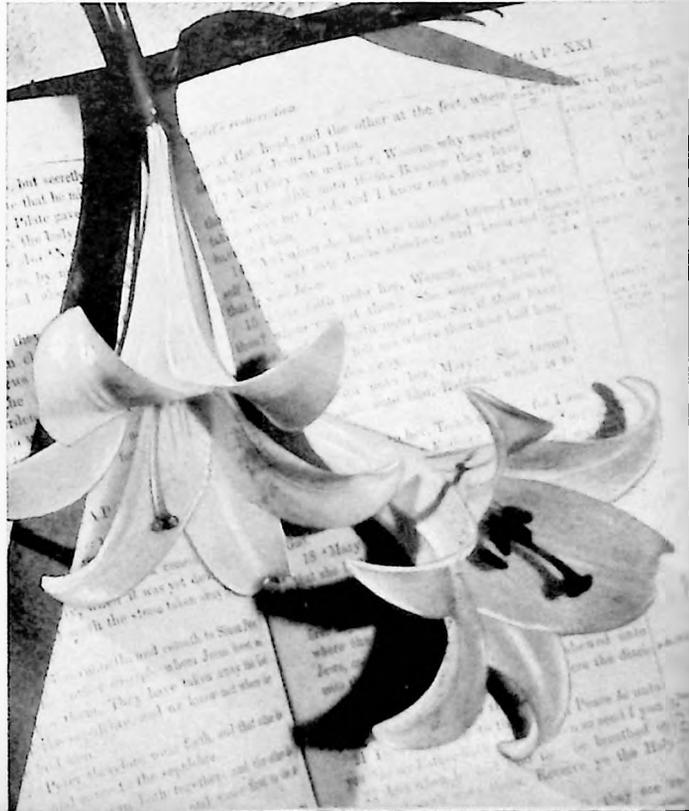
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THE RESURRECTION

IN utter degradation a religious leader dies a malefactor's death. His followers, common men and ordinary, with no genius among them, are scattered, terrified and helpless. A few weeks go by, and in the teeth of bitter persecution, they are back at the scene of their defeat, transformed. They assert with dauntless vigour that their Lord has risen. They are believed although they produce no other witnesses. Persecution organises. The result is to scatter the fire. The sparks of its strewn witness start a hundred new conflagrations.

Saul, the rabbi of Tarsus, falls victim to conviction. What does this mean but that, within five or six years, or less, the evidence, to an educated mind, was strong enough to overwhelm the bitterest prejudice.

A century goes by, and up and down the world, from mouth to mouth, the message has spread. It has travelled with the legions from the Firth of Forth to the Persian Gulf and touched the highest as well as the lowest ranks of society. Round Rome stretch five hundred and eighty-seven miles of catacombs. Graves dating from the first three hundred years of the Christian era number four million. This is ten generations, so the Christian population of Rome must have averaged 400,000 a generation.

The very existence of the early church is itself a strong

line of proof. Legend and tradition are phenomena of moss-like growth, and are quite inadequate explanations of the outburst of spiritual vigour evidenced in the first eight chapters of Acts. Any modern church can give an account of its history for a past half-century. The memory of transforming or traumatic experience can remain sharp and detailed over the span of a lifetime, and all through the first century there were those, like two who walked to Emmaus and told their tale to Luke, who remembered in circumstantial and vivid clarity the events of an outstanding week.

Presumably, since membership in the church was often bought at the risk of life, men and women in a civilised community examined the credentials of the faith they were called upon to accept, and would not have accepted it, with its obvious perils, without strong conviction. The Church had a continuous history; its members thought they knew how they originated, on what facts it was based, and on whose testimony.

If modern historical criticism had not yet been born, common sense was already several thousands of years old. Only a tremendous event can explain the existence, the strength, and endurance of the early Church.

—E. M. BLAICKLOCK, in "Layman's Answer"

We've put a fine addition on the good old church at home.

It's just the latest killer, with a gallery and dome. It seats a thousand people — finest church in all the town,

And when 'twas dedicated, why we planked ten thousand down;

That is, we paid five thousand — every deacon did his best —

And the women of the church have promised all the rest.

We've got an organ in the church — very finest in the land,

Its got a thousand pipes or more, its melody is grand,

And when we sit on cushioned pews and hear the master play,

It carries us to realms of bliss unnumbered miles away.

It cost a cool three thousand, and it's stood the hardest test;

We'll pay a thousand on it, the women'll do the rest.

C.W.F.

They'll give a hundred sociables, cantatas, too, and teas;

They'll bake a thousand angel cakes, and tons of cream they'll freeze.

They'll beg and scrape and toil and sweat for seven years or more,

And then they'll start all o'er again, for a carpet for the floor.

No, it isn't just like digging out the money from your vest

When the Christian Women's Fellowship says, "We'll do the rest."

Of course we're proud of our big church from pulpit to spire;

It is the darling of our hearts, the crown of our desire,

But when I see the sisters work to raise the cash that lacks,

I somehow feel the church is built on women's tired backs.

And sometimes I can't help thinking when we reach the regions blest,

That men will get the toil and sweat, and the women will get the rest.

—ANON.

o "A.C." SHORT STORY

"THE GARDEN OF THE UNDYING DAWN"

THE small boy's fingers traced out the letters carved into the great block of stone that formed part of the gateway into the garden. One by one he spelled out the letters that formed the name of the man who owned the garden, which was part of this whole hillside estate.

Reuben pushed the gate with his foot and watched it swing open and then slowly shut. He pushed it again, and as he watched it swing, he wondered why people called it by such a strange name. It didn't make sense. His dark eyes looked beyond the gate up at the path that led up the hill-side. The warm fine sand felt good between his toes.

Looking around, the little fellow slowly walked up the path. He often thought of this place, but he had never dared to go in before. Once he had heard a man speaking about it call it "The Garden of the Undying Dawn," and somehow this strange name stuck in his mind.

Reuben walked on. There was nothing unusual about this place. It wasn't very big but it was well cared for. He stopped at the top of the path where it flattened out by the great stones of the hill-face. The path now turned and went down the other side of the high-walled garden until it came right back to the big gates again. Reuben wandered down.

Then he stopped. There was a man by the gate. An old man. Reuben knew what gardeners wore like, how they shouted and waved their sticks at trespassing boys. He watched the old man fold his coat and lay it down on the grass; then he knelt down and started to dig among the flowers with a small hand trowel. The boy watched. His only way of escape lay through the great gates behind the old man's back. Perhaps if the old man didn't hear . . . even as he thought he moved quietly, his bare feet silent on the sand.

"And did you like our garden?" asked the old man, turning round on Reuben. "I thought you would come in when I saw you standing by the gate."

The boy stopped, surprised. Then went to run, then stopped—all in one sudden, awkward movement. The old man didn't seem angry.

"Don't run away," the old man spoke again, "you are welcome here." Again Reuben felt the old man was reading his thoughts. "Everyone is welcomed here. This is the Garden of the Undying Dawn." And then, turning, the old man went back to his weeding. Reuben looked at him, his dark eyes never leaving the old man's wrinkled neck. With one foot he scraped a half circle of sand. Several minutes passed. The boy was thinking of that strange name again.

"What are they?" he asked suddenly, breaking the silence, and pointing to the small white flowers nestling in the sheaves of green leaf at the old man's knee.

"Lily of the Valley," he replied, "just like a bunch of tear-drops."

"And they—what are they?" the boy asked, this time pointing to the tall white lilies whose golden throats spoke to the sky.

"We call them, 'Trumpets of the Dawn.' And just like trumpets they be, too. Strange that you should ask about those two, for these two flowers tell the story of 'The Garden of the Undying Dawn.'"

"What story?" Reuben was going to ask, but he kept his peace, for the old man was intent on telling the story anyway.

"Ah yes, my son," the old man continued, looking at the flowers he tended, "these tear-drops speak of one who came to this garden in great sorrow, and those trumpets speak of one who met bearing great news about a new dawn that was bursting into men's lives, a new dawn that would last forever, a new dawn that not even all the darkness in the world could put out. For you see, my son, when she came in tears she met the one who brought this undying dawn, and son, she thought that great one was me! At first she thought that He was me!"

"That He was me!" The thought seemed to overwhelm him. Reuben looked at him, but the old man was still looking at the flowers, his head slowly nodding. "Many times people might mistake you for someone else, but she thought that He was me!"

Reuben watched him for a moment and then started to move towards the gate. This was all too much for a young boy to understand. First the name, then the story. He moved through the gate, his feet treading the soft sand.

For a moment he stood by the great stone that spelled out the owner's name. The letters formed themselves again in his mind. Then suddenly, he turned away, and went off after more exciting adventures, for after all the name meant nothing to him and neither did "The Garden of the Undying Dawn."

The gate swung shut on the great stone that just read,

"Joseph of Arimathea."

THE OLD TESTAMENT FOR TODAY

By TOM R. MASON

How important is the Old Testament for today? For a people who have laid such great emphasis on the New Testament that is a good question. It was asked, and answered, in no uncertain manner before about 35 of our S.A. ministers who were in camp at Longwood for the annual Magarey Lectureship.

For the first time the near-new chapel was used as the lecture room, in its delightful setting with its tiered seating and beautiful outlook across the rolling Adelaide hills. The main theme of O.T. studies was supported by the presentation of various papers on aspects of the sociology of religion, and brotherhood concerns.

The guest lecturer was the Rev. Chris. McKaay, B.A., B.D., formerly a parish minister and teacher of biblical exegesis in the Dutch city of Rotterdam. He emigrated to Perth in 1958 to take up a post as lecturer in O.T. studies to theological students, and about a year ago was appointed Secretary of the S.A. Council of Churches.

THE FOURTH MAN

Under the general theme, Mr. McKaay began by reminding us that we live in the world of Alfred Weber's "fourth man", who finds the Christian faith totally irrelevant to life because he is four generations removed from it. For the church he is the "impossible creature", and we are perplexed. "Why should we do anything about him," we ask. "In order to save his soul," is the usual reply. But what do we mean by soul? Do we understand the biblical meaning of the word, for there is as much difference between "he has a soul" and "he is a soul" as there is between "he has an ass" and "he is an ass"!

Thus the stage was set for four most stimulating and provocative lectures in which Mr. McKaay stressed the great importance of correctly understanding the biblical meanings of words if we are to proclaim the biblical message. This was brought to a climax in the final lecture in which he treated at length two O.T. concepts of "Torah" and "poor".

The noun "Torah", he said, is derived from a verb meaning "to instruct" or "to direct", and like all Hebrew nouns it retains the energy of the verb. So Yahweh continues to instruct and direct his people through Torah. The error of Judaism was that it allowed Torah to become static custom or practice, as did the Septuagint by translating it with "nomos" which has the sense of "rule" or "regulation".

In discussing the "poor", Mr. McKaay said that this class of people in the O.T. was not necessarily those who were without possessions such as land, but those who were frustrated and oppressed by injustice. Thus "almsgiving", the remedy for poverty, is no mere cold charity, but the tool for fighting wrong, the act of reconciliation. He applied this to the work of Inter-Church Aid.

Under the heading "The Relevance of the O.T.", Mr. McKaay said that in human terms the author of the Bible is the whole people of God. Nowhere is this seen more clearly than in the O.T. where so many sources have been gathered together, worked over, edited and re-edited. Even Paul did not write as an individual, but was indebted to the whole people of God, both those of the church and those of the O.T.

THE NAME

Mr. McKaay went on to say that he could not see the possibility of separating the human and divine elements of the biblical message. The kernel and the husk are inseparable, and one cannot, for example, take the prophetic message and separate from it the pure word of God. God's word is moulded into the message of his prophet and into the history of his people. Word is event. Words are history.

Our lecturer stressed the importance of understanding the O.T. concept of the Name. God has not revealed his name to men. He is mystery, the God of the unknown name YHWH,

and for this reason he is not controlled by men but controls them. He is beyond man's power. So when Moses asks his name he replies, "I am who I am", or in less polite language, "Mind your own business and get on with leading my people." The whole understanding of the relevance of the O.T. and the N.T. depends on the Name. Only in understanding the importance of the Name can we comprehend God's revelation to his people.

As we understand that revelation we find that the O.T. is as down to earth as daily life. It shows how God is involved in that life, penetrating every sphere of community, family, national and international life.

In treating the relation of O.T. to N.T., Mr. McKaay warned against looking for progression between the Testaments or in the O.T. alone. Fulfilment there may be, but not progression, for the latter term implies the discarding of the earlier revelation when the later is given. But the O.T. is not the burnt-out stage of a lunar rocket which falls away, useless, from the space capsule. Rather it is the foundation on which the walls and roof of the N.T. are built. "The unity of the O.T. and N.T. is not vested in concepts, ancient and modern, but in God, who revealed himself to his people, and of which his people has testified." Our concept of progression is part of our Hegelian inheritance and is quite foreign to our O.T. heritage.

As Mr. McKaay went on to speak about the relation between the covenants, someone remarked that had Alexander Campbell been among us he would have had a major debate on his hands!

TOOLS AND THE TASK

In the lecture "Preaching the Word" we were challenged to enter the workshop of the tradesman. By an exegesis of Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-10 Mr. McKaay showed how necessary it is for preachers to be familiar with Hebrew and Greek as well as English, for so many subtle changes can take place during translation. The preacher, then, needs the right tools — and not little cheap ones either. He should study each main word of the text with the aid of a comprehensive Bible dictionary and commentary. Aided by archaeological research he must understand the contemporary biblical culture, for it will not do to think that Isaiah was a modern Western man. So the preacher wrestles with the text, as Jacob did with the angel of God, until it overcomes him and tells him its message. So God speaks, for he is fully present in the text. The preacher must then translate the message into the language of his people. And here came the crunch. All this preparation, said the lecturer, should occupy at least ten hours. Anything less may please the palates of the people, but it can hardly be acceptable to the Lord whom we serve.

Mr. McKaay was asked why he had not mentioned the Holy Spirit at this point. He replied that he had, but not by name, for the Holy Spirit operates as the preacher tolls. The Spirit is no substitute for hard work. He told of Klaus Earns, a preacher of the Enlightenment period, who was urged by some of his congregation to spend less time in preparation and to depend more on the Holy Spirit. After trying this procedure and preaching the resultant sermon, he explained to his people what he had done. "And," he concluded, "the Holy Spirit said to me, 'Klaus, you have been very lazy this week!'"

New vistas of O.T. study were opened to us, and new ground was broken as we came to grips with the message of this man and the message of this book. Whatever the Hebrew word for "lecture", it must certainly retain the energy of the verb and go on teaching us through the days to come.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Our daughter is getting married and we are informed that the long list of toasts we had at our own wedding reception is out. What is the present custom, and what is the usual wedding reception programme?

If there is a book of rules for wedding receptions (they used to call them breakfasts!) there is plenty of latitude for most people to do what they will.

Custom does exercise an influence and the present custom is to have fewer toasts and less talk about the few they have.

It is good to ask the bride and groom for their views on how many and what kind of toasts they would like. But, as they are unlikely to have had the experience of being married before, they might like a few suggestions. Maybe the best way to tackle the question is to suggest a programme and to ask the bride and groom if it is acceptable.

If there are professional caterers caring for the reception they will arrange for the seating of guests and the entrance of the bridal party, at which stage the master of ceremonies (or toastmaster) will assume responsibility.

1. The M.C. gives a welcome to the guests on behalf of the host and hostess, usually the bride's parents.

2. Grace is offered, either by a minister, or by the M.C., and the meal begins.

3. The Loyal Toast is not essential, but it is customary. Soft drink is quite acceptable for honouring this or any other toast. "Cyder" is often used for toasts, as distinct from the soft drink used with the meal. Usually (I cannot say always), "cyder" is a non-alcoholic apple

drink, "elder" is the fermented, alcoholic variety. There is no speech associated with the Loyal Toast, simply the announcement. The glasses are not clinked! The national anthem is often sung, but it is enough for it to be played.

4. The Loyal Toast usually comes after the first course, and when it has been honoured, guests who may desire to smoke may do so. They should wait until the M.C. gives them permission, but usually they smoke at their pleasure.

5. The other toasts are offered at times agreed upon by the M.C. and the caterer. Sometimes they are in between courses but, nowadays when there are so few, they are usually offered after sweets have been served.

6. The toast to the bride and groom is proposed by a friend who knows them both, or who knows one of them particularly well. When the toast is drunk, the glasses are clinked and the guests usually sing "FREEZA". Again, the latter is not essential, but it is customary.

7. The bridegroom responds to the main toast, then proposes the toast to the bridesmaids to which the best man responds.

8. The best man then reads the telegrams of greeting. If there are many of these, and there is a groomsmen, the best man and groomsmen read alternately.

9. The cutting of the wedding cake is often the last of the formal acts at the reception, although the caterer may ask for this to be done earlier if he needs the extra time to cut and wrap the cake into small "put-under-pillow" pieces.

10. If the bride and groom are to leave shortly after the last toast, the M.C. will announce what is to happen and approximately how long it will be before the bride and groom depart. It is good not to have the guests in the dark about the programme plans. If there is a social evening after the meal, there is often a separate M.C. for this section.

11. A wedding reception should be as friendly and informal as circumstances permit, and rules and customs should help to this end. If rules and customs get in the way of the general happiness and goodwill of the company it is time for a few of the rules to be broken, or at least bent.

Happy wedding!

WORDS TO TREASURE

Youth is a State of Mind

By
GENERAL
DOUGLAS A.
MACARTHUR

Youth is not entirely a time of life — it is a state of mind. It is not wholly a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips or supple knees. It is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigour of the emotions, a freshness of the deep springs of life. It means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of an appetite for adventure over love of ease. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin; but to give up interest wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair — these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit years back to dust. Whatever your years, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing childlike appetite to what's next, and the joy and the game of life. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, so long are you young.

WORD TALK — GORDON MOYES.

No. 24—ROMANS 5: 1 (Moff.).

"Enjoy the Peace."

In the Bible "peace" has a variety of meanings. In the Old Testament "peace" was used of military and economic calm, of the state of spiritual health that was brought to the nation through its covenant relationship with God. Trust (Isa. 26:6) and righteousness (Isa. 32:17) led to peace within the individual. This was the result of God's salvation. Hence the common greeting grew up wishing God's salvation for persons — "shalom". In the New Testament, these meanings were included, but the New Testament concept of peace went beyond both that of the Old Testament and of the classical Greek usage. "Peace" was seen as the result of the reconciliation that Jesus brought to the strife between Jew and Gentile (Ephesians 2:14-17), to the strife in domestic situations (1 Cor. 7:15) and was seen as the true result of the work of the sons of God (Matt. 5:9). This peace was not an emotion. It came as a result of our right relationships with God. From our alienation we are now reconciled to God and justified by our faith (Rom. 5:1). We have peace through the blood of the cross (Eph. 2:15). As a result of this wholeness in our relationships with God, ourselves and His created world, we have a peace of mind independent of the circumstances about us. This was the distinctively Christian concept of inner peace. It came as the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It was evidence of the mind of the Spirit (Rom. 8:6) within us. God's peace (Phil. 4:7) consequently kept guard over our hearts and minds.

FOR TODAY

A member showed me a cartoon sketched in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. It showed a thin Digger reading a letter from his wife in Sydney that was full of complaints about food rationing and the behaviour of the Americans. The weary Digger said: "I wish she would let me enjoy this bloomin' war in peace."

The inner peace that Christ brings is not dependent upon our outer straits. Paul moved in times of troubles without and fears within (2 Cor. 7:5-6), yet he could claim he was kept in God's peace. Jesus offered peace to His disciples (John 16) but no insulation from this world's troubles. We enjoy His peace because our relationship with God even in trouble helps us have endurance, character and hope (Rom. 5:1-5). The difference this sort of peace can have upon our lives is affirmed by a British psychologist who said, "With this peace in his soul, a man can face any experience whatever."

This inner peace cannot be achieved by the mechanics of attitude encouraged by self-help psychology. It is a gift given from God. It is a relationship with Him maintained by our faith, but effective upon our attitudes.

That is why Moffatt translates this verse as "Let us enjoy the peace we have with God." We already possess it. He provided it for us through our redemption. In spite of troubles, and fears about us, we can enjoy peace. We trust in Him and we are kept in His peace.

• OPENING AT TWEED HEADS

A PRESENT DAY MIRACLE

The new church at Tweed Heads-Coolangatta was opened on Feb. 28.

In 1968 meetings were commenced in the C.W.A. Hall, Tweed Heads, by a few families living in the area. Mrs. R. Steele and Mr. and Mrs. R. Fletcher were largely responsible. Murwillumbah church assisted wherever needed and Kenmore Bible College provided students, G. Poulton, G. Stradden and M. Pelling.

Late in 1969 Mr. and Mrs. G. Richardson offered to provide a church building.

By K. CRAWFORD

Land was purchased on a picturesque corner site in Florence St., Greenbank, a new development beside the Pacific Highway.

Co-architects were S. Marquis-Kyle, Reader at the School of Architecture, University of Qld., and R. G. Sutton, of Banora Point. The building was constructed by Hanna and Edmed Pty. Ltd.

• KENMORE, QLD.

COLLEGE BEGINS WITH CAMP

Sixteen new students enrolled at Kenmore Christian College brings the total for 1971 to 43, which is just about capacity for present accommodation. The total includes four Asian students. Victoria Pardele and Helena Tanuwidjaja are from Indonesia. They journeyed with Rex Ellis, who was returning after his recent extended visit there. Apichart Branjerdorn is a young man from Thailand. Previously he studied at N.Z. Bible Training Institute. Hiroshi Inada, from Japan, has been delayed while awaiting a visa, but is expected shortly.

College commenced with a "Retreat" at Mt. Tamborine, Feb. 24-26. This was an orientation period, and proved very valuable. Devotional messages were brought by John Noble, of Queensland Bible Institute.

S.S. AIDS SOCIAL SERVICE

(REDCLIFFE, Qld., Des. Collins) When E. T. Hart, of the Dept. of Social Service, visited the S.S. he was presented with \$32 for the Children's Home. Mr. Hart also spoke at the morning service on the duties of elders and deacons. . . . At C.W.F., the Conf. Pres., Miss V. Callinan brought a study on the Holy Spirit and Mrs. Robbins told the story of their northern trip to meet many scattered members. . . . A public address system has been installed. . . . Many good books have been added to the church library. . . . At the annual meeting, W. Berlin, H. R. Ploper, P. Smith, and J. Flint were elected elders. . . . S. Meiers is S.S. Supt. and Mrs. M. Helyar and G. Gibson have joined the teaching staff. Mr. Meiers and Mrs. Helyar are leaders of the new young people's meeting on Friday evenings. . . . Miss Margaret Parkinson, a missionary from India, was a recent speaker. Twenty-

The building, of white brick, consists of a main church area seating over 160 and a "Friendly Room" for multi-purpose use is very tastefully designed in the shape of an "L" with covered entrance way into both areas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Richardson donated the land, building and some of the furnishings. Murwillumbah donated most of the seating.

The opening service was attended by 250 people, including representatives from State and Local Government, other churches in the area and members from our own churches in Queensland and N.S.W. including Southport, Murwillumbah, Bangalow, Lismore and Inverell. Meetings over the week-end were taken by F. Ewers and K. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Acland have accepted a ministry and already the church is growing rapidly because of this new ministry, building and interest aroused in the area. Members throughout N.S.W. are assisting through a subsidy granted towards the ministry.

At the Convocation service in Ann St., Brisbane chapel on March 3, Professor A. F. Wilson presided, and the Principal, F. L. Ewers, introduced the new students and presented a diploma to P. J. Burnham who completed the requirements after the close of the 1970 College year. The speaker was D. G. Hammer, formerly of Federal Aborigines Missions, who joined the faculty at the beginning of the year.

The following gained passes in university subjects last year at the Qld. University: I. Berthelsen, L. Berthelsen, P. J. Burnham, W. Chapman, G. Cramb, A. W. Davis, R. Feldhahn, P. J. Jauncey, C. Jauncey, A. B. Gaunson, S. Parry, M. Pelling, T. South, D. Stow, D. Usher, M. Zaunbrecher.

one guests from Burdeu House were entertained at morning tea to hear Miss Judy Simpson, of New Guinea. . . . A C.W.F. monthly prayer meeting is being held in homes.

BROADCAST SERVICE

(HAMILTON, N.S.W., W. D. Howard). The gospel service on March 14 was broadcast by 2KO. Mr. Howard was assisted by Robert Combridge, one of our young men recently enrolled at Woolwich Bible College. . . . The annual meeting on March 11 was chaired by Mr. Howard. Mrs. Combridge was elected Supt. of the Kindergarten Dept. and Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Hallett were appointed church organists. . . . There was a parent dedication service on March 14 for Mr. and Mrs. G. Morris and their daughter Nicole. . . . The church offers its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Camps in the death of their mother.

RESPONSE AT INVERELL

(N.S.W.). A colour slide drama, set in the Billy Graham Crusade was the feature of the Youth service during the month. One young man made a response at the close of this service. . . . Several members journeyed to Tweed Heads-Coolangatta for the recent opening of their new chapel. . . . The Women's "World Day of Prayer" was held in the Baptist Chapel. Mrs. Campbell, wife of the Presbyterian minister, spoke on the theme "A New People for a New Age." . . . David Claydon, Australia's first full-time director for Scripture Union, met with the I.S.C.P. and Scripture Union Bookshop representatives. He spoke at the Presbyterian and Church of Christ services.

ANN ST. EVANGELISM

(BRISBANE, Qld.), Evangelistic Crusade with Kevin Turner of Vic. commenced on March 21 with over 170 at morning and evening services. 200 young people attended after-church coffee pot programme. The Fanny Ratcliffe Memorial Room constructed at rear of chapel for fellowship purposes was officially opened by her niece, Mrs. Roy Feeney. A young woman has confessed Christ and been baptized and received into fellowship. . . . L. G. Armstrong has accepted the church's invitation to extend his term of ministry to the beginning of 1975. The church has been saddened by the death of aged "Gran" Stocks and expresses loving sympathy to all of her family. . . . The purchase of new seats for the chapel is to be completed and the layout changed to a centre aisle.

CRICKETER AT MARRICKVILLE

(N.S.W., R. C. Dixon). Speaker at Youth service on Mar. 7 was former Test cricketer, Brian Booth. . . . Mr. and Mrs. K. Brown were welcomed into membership. . . . J. Horne, 2nd year student at Woolwich, has commenced assistant ministry with Mr. Dixon. Miss Helen Draffen, candidate with European Christian Mission, is also working in Marrickville this year. . . . Intermediate O.E. has 19 members, the C.W.F. has 27. S.S. picnic at Bronte on Feb. 20 attracted about 70 children and 100 adults. . . . As requested by the Minister for Immigration, a special Sunday evening service was held on Feb. 28, when over 70 migrants attended in a total 150. Supper was served afterwards.

C.Y.F. AND T.V.

(DALBY, Qld., R. Holt). The C.Y.F. took an evening service recently and presented the gospel as a TV interview. The following coffee hour was attended by 140 with a Youth for Christ group as guest artists. . . . Eleven attended the Western Dist. Fellowship at Roma on March 6, 7. . . . Mr. Holt is song-leader at a mission at Crown St., Toowoomba. . . . The church will hold a mission next month entitled "A Week at the Cross."

VISITORS FOR GATTON

(Qld., D. Usher). Mr. and Mrs. Scholl from Toowoomba visited our prayer meeting where Mr. Scholl showed slides of his work trip to New Guinea. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wegner and supper was provided. . . . Doug. Willis from North Qld. came to show and to tell us what is being done in the North.

• PLANNED GIVING IN S.A.

CHRISTIES BEACH

The Church at Christies Beach is one of South Australia's new congregations. Established in the new southern development 20 miles south of Adelaide eight years ago, it has made steady progress over the years. The Church at Mile End and then more recently the Church at Blackwood have helped the Home Mission Department support this work.

Two years ago Graeme Smith became the minister of the congregation. His initial engagement because of studies was on a three-quarter time basis. Late in 1970 the ministry was lifted to full-time status and the Church entered 1971 with:

- (1) A Planned Giving Programme;
- (2) An intensification of the total programme of the Church to the rapidly developing southern suburbs.

The Planned Giving Programme has just been completed. For the Church at Christies Beach it has been an exciting and challenging event which in many ways rates as a "High" in the life of this young Church.

The amount in actual pledges exceeds the average offering of 1970 by 82%. The offerings since the programme have increased by more than 100%. Far more important than the money, however, is what this has meant to the congregation. It has been a spiritual experience in every sense of the word and the stage is set for exciting developments as this Church moves into its programme in the southern development.

Keith Horne (H.M. Dept.) led the programme and Kevin Harvey (Minister of Brighton Gardens Church) shared in several important aspects of the programme; his experience was invaluable. The manner in which the entire programme was conducted has made a deep impression upon so many people who under the Spirit of God sought to find what God wanted them to do as his stewards.

The Programme is built on five basic concepts: (a) The need of the individual to give is greater than the need of the Church for money; (b) Equality of sacrifice, not of giving; (c) Jesus Christ is Lord of all: man is his steward; (d) Giving needs to be planned, generous and

regular; (e) The use of pledge cards and numbered envelopes is a proven aid to sustained and generous giving.

Three of the men associated with the programme had this to say:—

S. E. M. Riebes, an Elder, Chairman of the programme committee, said: "I have been impressed with the willing co-operation and involvement of almost the whole membership of the Church. Challenged with a complete surrender of self to Christ, the response has been evidenced not only in the increased commitment of TREASURE, but also of TIME and TALENTS."

Graeme Smith, minister, said: "These last few weeks have offered a unique opportunity for all people to share their faith in Christ at the level of total commitment to him."

C. A. Jones, Secretary, said: "There is a greater spiritual bond and understanding among us because of a new relationship with Jesus Christ."

There is much more that could be said but at this point it is best to let results speak for themselves. The Planned Giving Programme will mean that the Church at Christies Beach, will be able to move forward with confidence into the second stage of its 1971 programme.

Already an extensive programme in this year has been developed by the minister. This will include: several short-term study fellowships in members' homes on vital subjects related to Faith; a series of five Coffee Fellowships for women in April-May; four mid-winter 4.30 p.m. services, featuring experimental worship, with Kevin Harvey (Brighton Gardens); Group Leader training sessions with Gerald Rose (Dept. Christian Educ.); and later, four Guest Services with Keith Horne (H.M. Dept.)

The Church has been delighted with the gift from the Brooklyn Park Church of 30 pews.

The 70's will be exciting years for Adelaide's southern development. With more than 90 members and communicants averaging in excess of 60, the congregation at Christies Beach is a key factor in our future development of the Church in the southern suburbs.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

(CROYDON, S.A., F. B. Burt). The church will hold its Diamond Jubilee celebrations in July, and preparations are well in hand. . . . The gifts of produce, jams, etc., displayed at the recent Harvest Festival were distributed between our Guest Home at St. Georges and the Aborigines' Home at Blackwood. . . . The Youth Council presented a "Round the World" picture night, with church members showing slides of their travels overseas. Most parts of the world were seen, \$15 was gained for youth work.

NEW CHAPEL

(BROOKLYN PARK, S.A., W. J. Philip). The new chapel is about to be built — after nearly four years of sacrificial giving which has provided \$12,000 towards the near \$40,000 project. With Thrift Shop and other special efforts the ladies have provided for the cost of furnishings. . . . The new B.S. year started with record numbers. . . . Two teams won senior tennis premierships. . . . The church is saddened by the death of Colin Kilby, a sincere worker and deacon for many years. . . . J.C.E. with 10 meetings on Friday evenings.

CIRCUIT FORMED

(MERRIDIN-BRUCE ROCK, W.A.). H. R. Fitch was farewell from the Merridin church after three years of ministry. The two churches have formed a circuit under the ministry of Deug. Good who has just completed his training at Glen Iris. K. Parry, State Conf. Pres.-Elect, inducted him at Merridin. Greetings were made on behalf of churches at Narrobin and Mackinbodin, and the Merridin Ministers' Fraternal. The Merridin manse has been sold and this will assist the clearing of the church hall debt. It is planned to rebuild in future years on a block of land already owned by the church. Because of this move the minister is living in the Bruce Rock manse.

MILE END FRIENDSHIP

(S.A., N. Hedgekirk). For Friendship Month members have been inviting friends home to meals. B.S. church parade on March 7 was followed by a smorgasbord luncheon. K. D. Horne of Home Missions was speaker. Harvest Thanksgiving was on 14th and at night Ned Blackel of "Underground Church" spoke and screened the film "To Russia With Love." Rex Ellis, Vice-Principal of Kenmore College, was speaker on March 21. He showed slides and told of his recent visit to Indonesia, showing how interested the people are in N.T. Christianity. . . . Jim Stanley, recently appointed Welfare Officer of Aborigines to the Prisoners' Aid Society, is on Church of Christ, S.A. Aborigines' Board, and a member and B.S. teacher at Mile End.

HELP FROM A.B.I.

(GOOLWA, S.A., Brian Beale). The help of several B.S. teachers from the Adelaide Bible Institute, Mr. Brecken, Victor Harbourn, is appreciated. A.B.I. students also assist by presiding at the Lord's Table. There are also A.B.I. observers at the B.S. . . . Peter Bunney has come to W.A. to serve at the Aboriginal Mission station at Narrobin. He is working on mechanical maintenance and also giving devotional leadership. . . . The Goolwa Players presented a Sunday evening play, "Born Free, But Not for Long."

OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 250 words.

SUNDAY NIGHT

To the Editor,
After generations of successful use of Sunday nights as a means of evangelism, Churches of Christ seem to be giving Sunday night to the telly or to perfunctory discussion groups for those whose consciences won't let them R.I.P. at home.

How strange it is then for us to read of Alan Walker's startling new idea in his book, "Now For Newness!" This idea he claims will revolutionise church life and the church's evangelistic programme. What is this startling new idea? A Sunday night gospel service, with an appeal!

Mr. Walker claims that Sunday night is more suitable for the "outsider" in our temperate climate. He says that to be successful the Sunday night service should be different from and not a "re-hash" of the morning service. He says Sunday morning should be for the nurture of Christians and Sunday night for preaching the gospel to all-comers. "to win people to Christ." He even claims that the early church had these two different forms of gathering.

He says that the gospel service is the time for experimentation, informality, simplicity, directness, testimony, modern instruments, fast-rhythm hymns, and preaching for a verdict. A sentence from the book says, "If I had the power, I would call the whole Church in Australia to reclaim Sunday night for evangelism!"

Poor Mr. Walker! Shouldn't some one

tell him that he won't get church people to support this sort of thing? Perhaps Methodists are different!

—G. R. Stirling (Vic.).

CHAIN LETTERS

To the Editor,

I have received a chain letter which suggests if I send \$1.00 to the top name on a list, then send a copy to twenty others it will soon return me \$8,000. It goes on to point out it is not a gamble or fraud, but it is both a gamble and a fraud. All four names on my letter are Church of Christ ministers.

It is a gamble, because this is the very principle of gambling, "a lot for a little", taking a chance, etc. It is a fraud because it is impossible beyond the first few. The initial ones get their money (perhaps) under false pretences.

How it works . . . One person sends 20 letters; 20 then send 20 letters; 400 send twenty letters; 8,000 send 20 letters (and also \$1 each to No. 1 on the list); 160,000 send 20 letters; 3,200,000 send 20 letters; 64,000,000 send 20 letters, 1,280,000,000 send 20 letters (and \$1.00 each to the 160,000).

But by this time only those who are 8th on the lists are on the top and 1,280,000,000 people are supposed to have letters and each sending \$1.00. I thought there were only about twelve million people in Australia.

—Bruce A. Roberts, Qld.
(Ed.: See also "White Papers").

REPENTANCE

To the Editor,
I note with some interest that Tertius ("A.C." 7/3/71) has by dint of Bible study discovered that it is unnecessary to admit to being a sinner before acceptance by Christ.

If this rather interesting deduction is true, I wonder why Mark's gospel tells us that Jesus, after His baptism, "came into Galilee preaching . . . repent and believe the gospel" (Mk. 1:14 & 15) or why Luke records the Master as saying three times in one short address: "Except you repent you shall all likewise perish," Lk. 13:1-5, or why Paul cried "but (God) now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

Certainly it is not always necessary to harp upon the sins of men but surely the clear message of Scripture is that repentance from sin is necessary for us all.

It seems to me that our "fast talking, confident, personable" young evangelist, although perhaps a little hard to take, is nevertheless pretty well on the ball.

Incidentally, what was it that the publican said when he prayed in the temple? Happy Bible studying, Tertius!

—Ken A. Henley, S.A.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, V.T.A.

The Annual Conference of the Vic. Temperance Alliance will be held in the Minor Hall, 1st Floor, Methodist Church Centre, 130 Little Collins St., Melb., on Wed., April 28, 1971, at 10 a.m. Nomination forms for positions on the Executive may be obtained from the General Secretary, 3rd Floor, 130 Little Collins St., and when completed returned to the Alliance by April 12.

GIRLS FOR SERVICE

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Miss Anne Armsby has been accepted by A.I.M. for Aust. Missions publications. Miss Wendy Townsend has returned to M.B.I. Miss Elizabeth Taylor is in Launceston to continue nursing training . . . On Feb. 24, the ladies discussed their involvement in church activities . . . A "family tea" was held to inaugurate the first Missionary Convention. Guest speaker was Neville Horn, of H.C.J.B. . . . On March 7, Mr. and Mrs. Vander Puy were speakers. Slides were shown. . . . The church decided to re-commence the monthly "Day of Prayer."

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April 17-18, 1971

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Sunday 18th, 11 a.m.: Worship and Communion: Stanton H. Wilson.
4 p.m.: Reminiscences.
5 p.m.: Anniversary Tea.
7 p.m.: Gospel Service: M. J. Savago.

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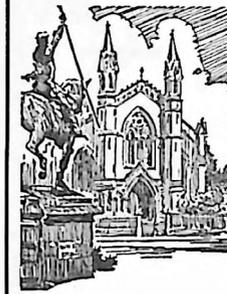
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106th Victoria-Tasmania Conference

APRIL 25-30, 1971

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UNITED EVANGELISTIC RALLY

7 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Melbourne Town Hall

7 p.m.

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10.30 a.m.: BUSINESS SESSION.

1.40 p.m.: SERVICE OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION.

Speaker: Miss Norma Hall, B.Th.

Note: Day-time Crecho for children.

7.30 p.m.: EVENING SESSION. Introduction of Incoming Officers and presentation of the play "Belief — 20th Century Style."

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

VOCATION

To the Editor,

Our oldest boy gave us a mild shock when he announced to us that he intends to be a minister. I didn't try to discourage him. You know what it is with young people. You try to put them off something, and they want to do it all the more. I'm sure he'll get over it, like he got over his infatuation with the Asian girl . . . After all there's no security in the ministry. It's funny . . . you don't mind some one else's boy going into the ministry, but when it's your own boy you get a funny feeling under your belt.

That's what I was thinking about when the O'Connors called me to the fence. They were so excited about something that they were nearly jumping over it. "Tim's been accepted for training to be a priest," they said together. I didn't stop to think before I said, "But he's just been made assistant accountant at the bank at 26, and with his brains the sky's the limit for him." They looked sorry for me. I obviously didn't understand. They both said, as one person, "But the biggest thing God can do for a couple is to call a son to the priesthood." Maureen O'Connor added, "There is something bigger . . . he could call two sons!"

Protestants are so right and Catholics are so wrong, but why is it that at a time like this the average Catholic parent gets so excited and the average Protestant parent just about throws a fit?

One consolation! My boy hasn't suggested that one day he might become an editor of a religious journal!

TERTIUS.



PRINCIPAL D. M. HIMBURY

DISTINGUISHED
PREACHER
AT
VIC. - TAS.
CONFERENCE

The 106th Victoria-Tasmania Conference will begin with the United Evangelistic Service in the Melbourne Town Hall at 7 p.m. on April 25.

Principal Himbury is widely acclaimed as a colourful and original preacher. David Mervyn Himbury was born in 1922 at Ystrad Mynach, Glamorgan, Wales. He attended Lewis School, Pengam, and went on to the Univ. College of South Wales (Cardiff), Univ. of Wales. There he graduated in Arts (with 1st Class Honours in History) and Divinity. He pursued his post graduate studies at Regent's Park College, Oxford, where he took his degree in Letters. In 1959 he

was ordained at Wrexham, and in 1951 was appointed Professor of Church History at the South Wales Baptist College, Cardiff.

In 1959 he took up his appointment as Principal of the Baptist College of Victoria. Ever since Whitley College came into being in 1965 as an academic and religious community, Professor Himbury, with his great devotion and many talents, has given himself in distinguished leadership.

At the United Evangelistic Service at the Melb. Town Hall on April 25, Professor Himbury will take as his subject, "It's Going to be a Great Day!"

CONFERENCE AT THOMSON

(Vic., Kevin Caulton). Ballarat, Colac and Geelong churches were well represented on March 13 for the South Western District Conf. Speakers were Russell Banks, Stanton Wilson and Gordon Stirling . . . Combined Geelong choir was led by Graham Woodroffe. Conference decided to support the struggling Colac cause . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Indented Heads on Labour Day. . . "Disappearing luncheons" held by Thomson and Latrobe Terrace ladies have proved profitable in fellowship and finance . . . Officers meet with the minister at 8 a.m. on Sundays to discuss the work.

ELDER EMERITUS

(ALBION, Qld., Barry Benz). C. R. Burdeu has been appointed Elder Emeritus, as a tribute to his many years of service to Albion Church, and to the brotherhood at all levels. . . The annual meeting voted to increase the contribution to brotherhood committees by 5% of gross offerings. Stephen Wainwright is student minister for 1971. . . The church is sponsoring Miss Victoria Fardele, a student from Jakarta, who is studying at Kenmore Christian College. . . A series of Fact and Faith films attracted evening congregations of over 100. Some of these were followed by panel discussions. . . A number of members have taken part in Lay Institute for Evangelism programmes. . . A visitor from Gilgandra, N.S.W., made confession of faith.

DES. STOW INDUCTED

(PARKDALE, Vic.). At a family service on March 7 Mr. and Mrs. Des. Stow and baby son were welcomed by the church secretary, A. Scott. Ray McKenzie, Director of Christian Educ., presided over the Induction Service. Afterwards there was an informal gathering and morning tea. Both parents of the new minister and his wife were present with other members of their families. . . Graeme Woodhart recently returned from two years' National Service. He is Supl.

March 21 . . . The District Senior Citizens' Clubs which meet weekly in our building has done much to meet the needs of elderly folk of the church and district. . . W. Philip, Conf. Pres., and Ron. McLean, O/seas Missions Secretary, spoke on March 21. There was one decision at night. . . Discipleship classes have been commenced by Mr. Moore.

S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

The next meeting will be held on Mon., April 5, at 10.30 a.m., Grote St. Centre. The guest speaker will be Richard Lawton, Director, Federal Board of Christian Education.

MINISTER'S RESIGNATION

(PEEL ST., BALLARAT, Vic., J. T. Timms). The resignation of John T. Timms as minister has been accepted as from Dec. 31, 1971. . . C.Y.F. has ceased to function, and other clubs are having difficulty finding leaders to continue operations. . . An electric clock and plaque presented by the Fishwick family in memory of the late Mervyn Fishwick, a loyal and sincere B.S. secretary and teacher, was unveiled in the Christian Education Centre by his wife on Mar. 14.

DEATH OF ELDER

(RESERVOIR, Vic., A. Baker). The church is saddened by the sudden death of Ray Ellis, an elder of the church. . . A dedication service for teachers and staff of the B.S. was held on March 14. . . C.W.F. meetings have commenced under the new leadership of Mrs. A. Baker. . . Guest artists and the speaker, Joe Yawson, were featured at the youth service and following Coffee Den.

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WHITE
PAPERS
ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE CROSSES OF CALVARY (2). There were three crosses on Calvary. On the second cross was the impenitent thief. Of the three, this was the wrong cross. He is seen as going into death with curses on his lips against our Lord. We should not make too much of his curses. When a man is in the extremity of pain, he should not be accountable for his words. Nor should we assume too readily that this man had committed a heinous crime. He had been sentenced to death, but the man on the centre cross was also sentenced to death, and he had committed no crime at all. Then, too, up till quite recent times, men have been executed for trivial offences, even in Christian England. Let us be thankful that we do not have to judge this man, and also be thankful that other men have no right to judge us. In spite of his curses, this man can still arouse our compassion, as he surely had the compassion of Jesus. "Forgive them," said Jesus, and the prayer would have included the thief as well as the soldiers and the crowd. Apart from his colleague's word that the two thieves were justly condemned, we know nothing of this man. We don't know his name, whether he had a family, if his crime was from greed or from politics. One thing we may add: this was one of God's many prodigal sons. He may have had little money—but there are other gifts from God and life, and he appears to have squandered what God had given him. The father of all prodigal sons would have received him home. God had three sons on Calvary: Jesus in his unique divine-human relationship, the penitent thief who found grace at the eleventh hour, and the impenitent prodigal, who was also loved by the father.

CHAIN LETTERS. The correspondence in Open Forum on this subject is only one of several to express concern over "chain letters" being received by our ministers inviting them to be part of an "honest effort" that will be rewarded by each minister receiving \$7,000 to \$8,000 within four weeks. Other churches have also reported the circulation of similar letters. The recipient is asked to send \$1 to the name and address at the head of a list of four, then send out twenty copies of the letter to "twenty other deserving" ministers, removing the top name (the one who got the dollar) and placing his own name in the fourth position. In four weeks his name will move to the top of the list and, hopefully, will receive \$1 from each of 8,000 other recipients. The Crown Law Department, Police Headquarters, and the P.M.G.'s Department have assured us that there is nothing illegal about such letters. One has only to look at the names of the ministers involved to be sure also that there is no question of fraud or misrepresentation, although they may have been naive. However, the practice has nothing to commend it. At the best it is time-wasting and impossible of success (there are only about 400 ministers in our churches and even if one of them were to receive a dollar blessing from each of the others, it would not enlarge his ministry very much!). At the worst, the practice is open to misunderstanding, it is a distraction from sacrificial stewardship, and its endorsement by ministers could encourage others to use the system for unworthy motives. Since we are often late in catching up with what is happening, it is probable that the letters have already ceased. If not, they should be discontinued immediately.

GOOD GRIEF! Clayton Lee, the organist of St. Alban's Anglican Church in Winnipeg, Canada, raised \$500 in a hymnathon. In eight hours and fifty-three minutes he played all 812 hymns and 955 tunes.

CHRISTIAN CENTRE

(NUBEENA-HIGHCROFT, Tas., W. J. Flett). Midway through last year the church undertook the venture of building a new Christian Centre. The outside is now completed and the floors have been laid. . . Port Arthur children are transferred to S.S. each week by Nubeena members. Highcroft S.S. now combines with Nubeena. Present facilities are inadequate and the new Centre will be invaluable. . . Boys' Brigade Sections 1 and 2 have been holding "daylight saving" barbecues and ski evenings on the beach. The 2nd section went by bus to Westway and Strathgordon, scene of Tasmania's latest hydro-electric scheme. . . The C.W.F. has completed a number of diet kits for World Vision. . . A recent speaker was C. Dudman for F.E.B.C. . . The circuit has been saddened by the deaths of Clarrie and Ira Burden. Ira Burden's father was a pioneer of the Nubeena church.

YOUTH REPORT TO CHURCH

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). On March 14 the young people's fellowship told of their experiences at their Banksia camp at Labour Day week-end. . . Recent speakers have been Mr. Phillipot of the C.M.S., W. White of Cheltenham, and Mr. Giles of the B. & F.B.S. . . The C.W.F. has celebrated its 10th birthday. . . On March 21, the church combined with Dandenong church for an open air meeting in Dandenong Gardens.

GOLDEN MEMORIES

(BALWYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). Many interstate and past members attended the golden wedding celebrations of Elder and Mrs. L. Warmbrunn who are the first pair to celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss at Balwyn. . . C.W.F.F. featured the work of the Nurses' Christian Fellowship with the audio-visual "Jenny". . . Ecumenical meetings are being shared with local churches.

Happenings

Dr. Kiyoka Takedo Cho is the new president of the World Council of Churches. She is a Japanese Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manning, of the Bentsleigh Church of Christ, left Melb. for missionary service in Africa on March 16 to work with the Regions Beyond Missionary Union in the Congo.

The 84-year-old British Weekly has been bought by the company that owns the Church of England newspaper and whose chairman is industrialist Sir Alfred Owen.

"The Tribune," Roman Catholic weekly newspaper in Victoria (circulation 10,000), ceased publication last week because of financial problems.

Erwin Vogt, one of S.A.'s leading churchmen, retired last month after 22 years at Adelaide's Central Methodist Mission.

MEETINGS
HOMECOMING
COBURG (Vic.)

Sunday, April 18, 1971

- 11 a.m.: Mr. K. Tuttmann.
- Special Feature
- 3 p.m.: Afternoon Tea followed by a
- 5 p.m.: Service with Guest Speaker, Mr. W. Tabbernee.
- All visitors welcome.

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DAY'S WORK FOR OFFICERS

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). An all-day officers' seminar was held in the camp-site chapel on March 6. Recommendations from the many aspects considered will be presented to the church. . . Training classes have been held for readers and presidents, and those wishing to qualify for these tasks. . . Mr. Moore attended the West Coast Men's Camp on

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
- APRIL: 8-12 Easter Camp -- "Camp Cal"
- 15-18 State Conference.
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- 8-12 Easter Youth Camps at Bunbury and Morawa.
- 9 (Good Fridays) Brotherhood Devotional service, 10.30 a.m. Preacher, D. A. Beavis.
- VICTORIA
- APRIL: 8-12 Easter Camps.
- 17-18 Observation Training School (B.S. Comm.).
- 23 D.C.E. Impact Film Night.
- 24 Explorer Outdoor Sports.
- 25-30 VIC-TAS. CONFERENCE.
- 28 C.W.F. Conference, St. Kilda Town Hall.

CENTRAL & NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

(Vic.). On March 6 over 130 attended the Annual Conference of the Central and Northern District Churches of Christ. This embraced ten churches from Swan Hill to Kyneton. The President, Reg. Broad, from Sutton Grange, welcomed all. Devotions were led by Gordon Henderson, of Boort. The speaker, Ron Elbourne, of Glen Waverley, spoke of "Light on Life's Problems," "The Space Age" and "Dust and Destiny," covering three sessions. At the ladies' session, Mrs. Elbourne gave "Meditations in Melody" in a most unusual approach. The song leader and choir master was Keith Lacy, of Bendigo, with David Broad and Mrs. Tom

Farrar as organists; the latter has been organist for over 30 years. The combined choir rendered two items.

A picnic tea at Pyramid Hill's famous landmark, "The Hill," proved unique in Conference history. Some teenagers showed their prowess in climbing to the top of Pyramid Hill in a very short time.

The evening session began with a song service, followed by a children's film, "Sharing is Fun," and the evening address.

The Pyramid ladies lived up to their reputation for serving sumptuous suppers. A happy time of fellowship terminated.

NEW SCHOLARS

(SWAN HILL, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). The B.S. has added 10 new scholars and the Teens' Club is creating interest among young people . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard are settling in well and attendances at all services are well maintained . . . Garry Beasy and Neville Rogers represented Swan Hill at Little Athletics Zone Championships at Mildura.

MISSIONARY FOR W.W.D.P.

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). As hostess church for the Women's World Day of Prayer, the C.W.F. president, Mrs. Harvey Miller, welcomed Miss Noelia Mobbs as guest speaker . . . The youth service had two young people participating and an audio-visual on Dr. Albert Schweitzer was shown . . . Meet the

Minister sessions are being held in homes following evening services . . . Geo. Powell, minister-elect, has been requested to lengthen his ministry in the U.S.A. and will commence here in Feb. 1972. Dr. Bowes will continue his interim ministry throughout the year . . . The Yukana Singers assisted at the 50th anniversary of Boronia church. Danny Hills has welcomed Harvey Miller as an additional leader of the expanding Explorer Club.

HARVEST FOR HOME

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A.). The Harvest Thanksgiving service conducted by Mr. Paddick and Mr. Pollard from Lenswood provided splendid gifts for St. George's Rest Home . . . Members of Missionary Orientation Camp at Longwood conducted a communion service here . . . Graham Smith has resigned as

S.S. Supt., and the new Supt. is John Wehr . . . Hall's picture night netted \$20 to help support two Aboriginal boys. . . Members of the Light Brigade took part in a Family Service on Feb. 21 and also conducted the Coffee Hour . . . Mrs. Doris Simpson, Miss Elaine Rees, Bob Pearce and Daryl Green were soloists during the month.

MANSE SESSIONS GROW

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). The Bible Study and prayer meetings at the manse continue to grow, with 34 at recent night . . . The annual meeting appointed R. Goodman, P. Jones, R. Story and E. White as elders . . . The new B.S. Supt. is Noel Boyd. Peter Ghys has joined the staff as teacher. The B.S. had an outing to Seaford Beach recently . . . The A.W.F. held a garden party at the home of Mrs. N. Sault and raised \$12.00 . . . The Girls' Brigade is led by Mrs. J. Verity . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to Mrs. Hill in the loss of her father.

YOUTHARAMA

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). "Youtharama," a week-end with an emphasis on Youth, saw a team of 20 young people led by Ian McKenzie come from Geelong . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer was held in St. Peter's Anglican Church this year . . . Mrs. A. Pearce in Eye and Ear Hospital for cataract operation . . . Ian Cook, of Red Cliffs, shared with men at a breakfast his trip to Expo 70 . . . E. K. Morrison has indicated he will be leaving Robinvale at the end of his present term of ministry—December, 1972.

OBITUARY

Obituary notices should not exceed 200 words and should be forwarded as soon as practicable — certainly not later than three weeks after the death of the person concerned.

BROWN, Herbert Wroford

Herbert (Bert) Brown was born at Chewton in 1897 and died suddenly on March 16, 1971, while he was enjoying a short holiday with his wife and son at Toolagarook. He was baptised by the late S. H. Mudge at Oakleigh in 1935 after making his decision for Christ on the same night as his young son. Mr. Brown was associated with the Oakleigh church for many years as choir-master and also assisted the churches at Dandenong and Preston over a period of 36 years. He was a good cricketer and played for many church teams. He will be remembered as a good Christian, a faithful husband, a splendid father and a good friend. The large congregation which attended the funeral services at Oakleigh bore tribute to the esteem in which he was held. Services were held by the writer in Oakleigh church and also at Springvale Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Brown is survived by his widow (nee Miss Myrtle Crook) and his son Ron, whom we commend to our heavenly Father for comfort.—T.V.W.

HILFORD, Mrs. Irene Jessie

Mrs. Hilford died on March 5 at the age of 65 years after a lengthy illness. She was born at Carlton, Vic., and accepted Jesus at the age of 15 years. After her marriage to Robert Hilford they together entered the ministry and served for 46 years. Their pastorates covered Vic., Qld., S.A., W.A., and N.S.W. Mr. and Mrs. Hilford served this church at Gilgandra, N.S.W., for two years, and it was to this area they came on retirement where her husband predeceased her three years ago. During her time in Gilgandra she came to find a very real place in the hearts of the local congregation, her cheerful and loving testimony proved a real inspiration to many, and evidenced the outworking of a deep faith in the God whom she loved and served so faithfully the major part of her life. Despite her own sufferings her thoughts were for others and their needs rather than for herself. Her surviving family are Roma, wife of W. Muford, Gilgandra, with whom she resided the latter part of her life, and Alan, a member of the Redcliffe, Qld., Church of Christ.

BYARD, Harold

On Jan. 27 1971, the church at Devonport, Tas., lost one of its most beloved elders. Harold Byard was born at Deloraine in 1893. He was baptised with his two older sisters and brother, Percy, in 1900. The ground was grey with snow as they walked a quarter of a mile to a clear pond at Mayberry. When the three eldest came up out of the water, the mother said to Harold: "Don't you think you had better wait a while?" "No mother," he replied, "I want to follow Jesus now." He then walked fearlessly into the icy water. From this point led a group of faith. At thirteen he led a group of twenty men through a raging bush fire to help save his father's home and property. In his early teens, he and his sister began a little mission on their own, walking half a mile into the bush where an ex-convict lived and his wife. Here they would read the Scriptures and pray. Later when the couple moved they continued with a Sunday School for years with attendances reaching 25 in number. Harold and his brother,

SMITH, Lindsay Richard Garner

Lindsay R. G. Smith was born in Homebush, Vic., in the Avoca district, nearly 81 years ago. He attended Ballarat's first High School where he excelled academically and also became the athletics champion. At 17 years he began the teacher training course by correspondence. While at Ballarat, attending the Methodist church, he made a decision to serve God in the church—a decision which lasted throughout his life. Each promotion meant a move to another school in those days, so he served in many different places. In 1916, he married at the Mt. Erica Methodist Church, Ernbarra. This began a partnership of faithful service to God which lasted for 55 years.

Mr. Smith became a lay preacher in the Methodist church, but a Baptist minister helped him to learn the significance of baptism and they were both baptised. He resigned from the Education Dept. to enter the full-time ministry but when their first son was born this was no longer possible and he returned to teaching. At a mission at Stawell conducted by Mr. Muford he became interested in the Restoration Movement and the Smiths transferred to Churches of Christ.

Teaching duties took them to various places and they served at many churches. Mr. Smith held office at Ringwood for eight years and twice conducted part-time ministries and taught in the Salvation Army Boys' Home at Bayswater. They worked with the Ballarat churches of Dawson and Euel Streets, set up the Lord's Table in a picture theatre at Wonthaggi, and at Stawell again he served as preacher while the church was await-

ing a minister. In Ballarat he helped to commence a church in a shop in Dove-ton St. and he was also S.S. Supt. at Mt. Clear. At Swan Hill, Mr. Smith was again active in preaching and Mrs. Smith led the S.S. He next went to Dandenong as headmaster and his final position with the Department brought the Smiths to Ashburton and they linked up with the Hartwell church, labouring there for 23 years.

His sight began to fail, so that much of the work he loved had to be relinquished. Mr. and Mrs. Smith moved back to Ringwood three years ago. Failing health did not allow them to engage in the work as in past years, but both continued to attend worship services, and to faithfully support the church. Mr. Smith was in church on the morning of Feb. 21 and attended the opening of the Rita Roberts Lodge at Mombul. Mentally alert right to the end he died peacefully on Feb. 24. Mr. Smith had been a keen supporter of temperance work, and at one time was secretary of the Ringwood Temperance Committee. Since his sight failed, he became a respected member and worker with the East Ringwood Branch of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, the Lady Nell Seeling Eye Deaf Association, and the Association for the Blind, at Kooyong. He was loved and respected by all who attended to craft classes conducted by these organisations. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Smith, Lindsay, June (Mrs. Vogel), and Norman, and their families. A memorial service was conducted at the Ringwood Chapel by M. J. Savage and the writer, at which tribute was paid to a keen, willing, and able worker for the Lord.—Geoffrey W. Barnett.

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GRAHAM (Vickers)—Judy and Lance are happy to announce the arrival of Amanda Jane, at Box Hill Hospital, Vic., on March 21, 1971. Both well.

HOLLARD (nee Fitzgerald)—To Helen and Roger, at Berwick Hospital, March 25, a son—Matthew Charles.

SMITH (nee Sherriff)—To Dawn and Doug, a son, our first addition (Travers Mark) at Loxton, S.A., on March 21.

ENGAGEMENTS

BROAD-LEA—The engagement is announced with much pleasure of Lols Jean, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. A. Broad (and the late Mr. W. A. Broad), "Deloralne," Pyramid Hill, Vic., to Barry Walter, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lea, Cailville.

GETHING-WHEELER—The engagement is announced by Mrs. May Gething, Waterdale Rd., Heidelberg, Vic., of June Leslie, to Denis, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wheeler, Perth, W.A.

SIMPSON-WATTS—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Simpson, Mitchell Park, S.A., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Brenda Ruth, to Donald Hugh, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Watts, Murray Bridge, S.A.

STEWART-JEFFERS—Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Stewart, 51 Alston St., Thornbury, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. R. Jeffers, Katandra West, Vic., happily announce the engagement of Elaine and Robert.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

WHITING - VANDERZEE—The marriage of Margaret, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Whiting, 413 Highbury Rd., Burwood, Vic., and Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Vanderzee, 24 Georgia Grove, Corio, will take place at the Church of Christ, Hartwell, Vic., at 11 a.m. on April 10, 1971.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BINGHAM-PATTEN—It is with gratitude to God that Craig and Isabel announce the 50th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Drummond Church of Christ, Vic., on March 30, 1921, by the late H. M. Clipstone. Present address: Kyneton, Vic., 3444.

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 and Frances, Cliff and Helen, and grandchildren.

DEATHS

BEER, Ruby May—On March 6, at Kyneton Public Hospital, Vic., loved sister of Clem, Walter and Minnie (dec.).

WIGNEY—In loving memory of our wonderful sister, Alma, who passed away March 19, 1971. — From Ruby, Will, Dorrie, Ivy and families. "In God's care."

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BOAKE, Russell James—In loving memory of our dear son and brother of Dorothy and Lorna who was called home April 2, 1965. "Time is quietly passing. Memories are everlasting."—Mother Florence Boake.

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SUMMERTON, Norman Alfred James—On April 6, 1969 (Easter Day). "Time slips by but memories stay. Quietly remembered every day." In God's care.—Pop.

SUMMERTON, N. A. J.—On April 6, 1969. In loving memory of our brother and uncle. "The gates of memory never close. As time unfolds another year."—Inserted by Jesamond, Desmond, brother-in-law John, sister-in-law Joan, nieces and nephews.

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The authors' wish for their readers is a noble one: "That the year end will find that the world within you has been brought to a happier order and that the world around you has come to be held in clearer perspective and a more compassionate understanding."—J.E.B.

FINDING A PURPOSE

By Dudley Hyde (C.L.C. Adult Study). 20c.

Vital and happy? OR frustrated, bored and miserable?

The key to the contrast is said to be "Purpose," and these three studies are an attempt to discover how the Christian faith helps us to find a purpose in life.

The first study considers "our need for purpose." Most of us who are dissatisfied with simply drifting along in life would agree that we have this need. But where do we find such a purpose? The study points to the plan of God as he comes to us in Jesus Christ.

The second study considers people who found purpose—Moses, Elijah, Paul and Martin Luther King.

The third study comes to grips more seriously with the way in which we can find purpose. Sometimes it is through a critical personal experience. Sometimes it is through the pathways of prayer and reflection, the Church, the study of the Bible, fellowship with other Christians. Always it is through being open to ourselves, to the needs of others, and to Jesus Christ and his demands upon us.

Three very helpful studies for adult or senior youth groups!—R.W.L.

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

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF GROWING OLD

By Gordon Moyes. (Distributor, T. H. Frazer, 17 Eden St., Cheltenham, Vic., 3192). 10c each (plus postage).

Mr. Moyes says: "This little booklet on growing old grew out of my relationship with the local Elderly Citizens' Club. I felt there was a need for some general sort of literature that could be used by elderly citizens, and which could without offence be given to relatives and recently retired friends."

In our view this purpose has been abundantly achieved. Mr. Moyes understands and loves old people. In thought and feeling he puts himself in their place. We are wise to face this question, all of us, for it is something that is coming to all of us.

His message is in a fresh style. The introduction is a series of provoking questions or unrealized facts. Then the theme is developed by outlining ten practical steps in helping others and preparing ourselves to make the most of growing old.

On pages 9 to 12 there are two quotations of autobiography from Karl Barth and Dr. E. Stanley Jones which make superb illustrations.—J.E.B.

TIME TO ENDEAVOUR

(Christian Endeavour Publications). 60c.

Harold Henderson was asked to write this book to show how one can be more effective in introducing Christ to a changing society.

Few Christian men are better equipped than he for such a task. As Public Relations officer of Sydney's Central Methodist Mission, he has kept himself fully informed concerning the great social issues of our time and in the Central Mission's journal has frequently written discerning and outspoken editorials.

He says his basic conviction is that the modern youth explosion is at one and the same time a challenge and an opportunity for Church youth groups "to make disciples of all nations" by winning a generation of youth to Christ.

In this book Harold Henderson sets out to develop a basis of understanding in relation to pop-culture young people and student activists. He also deals with the conscientious objector.

The book is set in the context of the Church's mission to the world, as given by her Lord. It sounds a call to commitment to Christ in practical deeds of service.

Not only Endeavourers but all Christian young people will profit from reading it.

"Time to Endeavour" is available from bookshops and State C.E. Offices, 60 cents per copy.—A.P.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Silliest thing happened at the zoo. This tiger poked his paw through the cage, and I automatically shook hands!"

Victoria...

CHURCH ROUNDABOUT

(DONCASTER, Vic.) To promote National Marriage and Family Week, a progressive dinner was organised by the Doncaster and Templestowe Inter-church Council. In ecumenical spirit and fellowship, approximately 100 people moved from the Lutheran Church to Church of Christ, Methodist Church and Church of England... 48 primary pupils of the B.S. their teachers and parents attended a special service to introduce the pupils to the significance of the communion service. A. E. White represented the congregation as he welcomed his co-worker minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Candy, as they linked in membership with the church... Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schieglar and family were welcomed as Christians in fellowship.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth), G. D. McKelvie was the leader at the recent missionary convention... Arthur Gee, of the Christian Nationals Evangelism Commission, spoke on March 18... L. Warren, J. Roper, R. Lindroth, and I. McDonald were welcomed at annual meeting of deacons. Mrs. C. Dahl and Mrs. T. Thompson are deaconesses... R. Lindroth is new S.S. Supt... Karl Moekel has been welcomed back after his visit to Germany.

LOSS OF MRS. WIGNEY

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger) The church has been saddened by the loss of Mrs. Will Wigney, the wife of Will Wigney, an elder of the church and a former minister. At the funeral service many tributes were paid to her devoted Christian witness as a wife, mother, loving advisor, and friend... Assistance was given in taking 60 folk from Ferntree to a barbecue at National Park, Ferntree

Gully... Two new teachers, Jenny Marchant and Terry McCredden, welcomed to the B.S... Gifts displayed at Harvest Thanksgiving were taken to the C.O.B... Box Hill folk continue to assist at Hawthorn... Family Gospel service greatly praised.

TO CONTINUE SERVICE

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., C. Muller). The annual meeting again elected R. Walker as secretary and A. Kennedy as treasurer... Ronald Kennedy is to assist in leading the Tweenager youth group... Members of the Christian Educ. Committee paid a visit to the church... The B.S. picnic was held at Avoca.

FAMILY CAMP

(BELMONT, Vic., D. A. V. Thomas). Fifty attended a Family Camp at Eppalock during Labour Day week-end. Evening service on March 14 was at camp extension service featuring various sections of the camp programme. There was also a baptism that night... The evening ladies held their birthday programme and raised \$16 towards their March effort... The church property at 119 Roslyn Rd. is being renovated by voluntary labour. Half of the building will be used for church activities and the other half will be let as a flat... A Lay Witness Mission will be held in May.

LIFE LINE POST

(TRARALGON, Vic., D. E. Stewart). Mr. Stewart has been elected Chairman of the Latrobe Valley Life Line Board of Management... Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gray have transferred from Ashburton. Mr. Gray is a newsreader with GLV 10 Television Station... Recently, 17 Traralgon young people held their first youth camp in conjunction with young people from Noble Park at Camp Banksia on Lake Victoria... S.S. has been reorganised so that team teaching can be used.

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Harold Bischoff Honoured

The General Secretary of the National Bible Soc. of Scotland has announced that Harold Bischoff, Secretary of the Otago-Southland Auxiliary, has been appointed an honorary Vice-President of the N.B.S.S. in recognition of sterling services rendered to the Bible Society cause, together with A. J. Howarth, the A.M. Pres.

A Queenslander by birth, Mr. Bischoff trained for the ministry at the Churches of Christ College of the Bible at Glen Iris, Melbourne. Following pastorates in Victoria, he was called to minister at Wellington St. for five years, and then the city Church of Christ, Dunedin. He then became the first District Supervisor of the N.Z. Council of Christian Educ. in

Otago and Southland, during which time he introduced the Bible Lesson Activity Books which have become a feature of Bible in Schools work.

After returning to minister in Sydney for a period, he was invited to become General Secretary of the Bible Society of Otago and Southland in 1960. Mr. Bischoff also featured prominently in the negotiations for the merger of the B.S.O.S. and the B.F.B.S. in 1964.

As senior Field Secretary, Mr. Bischoff will be carrying out a tour of duty of the Cook Islands in May this year, in an effort to develop Bible work in this sphere of New Zealand's responsibility.—B.F.B.S.

Maori Farewell to Avery and Moyes

On April 15, Allan Avery leaves for N.Z. to lead a Dominion-wide programme with Gordon Moyes who will follow a week later. The Programme of Evangelism will be conducted in six centres—Ashburton, Dunedin, Wanganui, Nelson, Matamata and Auckland.

Mr. Avery will conduct prayer workshops, coffee mornings, house parties, men's breakfasts, youth meetings and train a group in each centre for the work of visitation evangelism. He will work in each centre from Saturday to the Friday of the following week and Mr. Moyes will commence a week of preaching from the Sunday to the following Thursday. During his week with each district Mr. Moyes will speak at Rotary meetings, High School assemblies, lunch-hour meetings, on radio and television. Mr. Avery will fly back from Auckland to Wellington to speak on radio in a nation-wide broadcast. The men will meet in each centre on the Friday to review the previous programme before Mr. Avery moves on to the next centre.

Over the past 12 months since Mr. Avery's initial visit, the N.Z. churches

have been conducting guest services, compiling a master list of names of all those associated with all the churches in each district, and making preparations for the meetings that will eventuate during the next few weeks.

There has been a great response from the churches for this programme as each of the churches in each district has planned, prayed and worked for this venture.

Last year Mr. Avery and Mr. Moyes prepared an audio-visual of the work they are doing in Australia and this has been shown to all the participating churches.

Whilst they are absent from their churches, Ken J. Clinton will conduct an interim ministry at Dandenong and Gordon Stirling and Richard Lawton will conduct an interim ministry at Cheltenham. Both Mrs. Moyes and Mrs. Avery will join their husbands in Auckland for the concluding days of the programme.

Both these men would appreciate prayer support in Victoria and throughout Australia.

JAY'S COLUMN IS FOR Juniors

WHAT AM I?

My first is in Lo! but not in Ho!
My next is in Oh! but not in Ah!
My third is in have, but not in had.
My last is in evil, but not in bad.
My whole is found in 1 John 4:
Let's practise it a little more.

PICTURES OF JESUS (see last issue)

1. They were going to Egypt to escape from a King who wished to kill Jesus.
2. John, who became John the Baptist. (His mother and Jesus' mother were related).
3. Joseph was a carpenter and his workshop was the place where Jesus would play.

"THE world is so full of a number of people,
I wish I could live on the top of a steeples."
—Gertrude Pahlaw.

DON: Why does your dog turn round in circles?

RON: He's a watchdog and he's winding himself up.

"COLD SHOULDER"

When we are anxious to get rid of someone, we sometimes say we have given them the "cold shoulder." In France, when a guest had overstayed his welcome, the host would serve him cold shoulder of mutton instead of a hot roast that might tempt the guest to stay longer.

THE FROG

What a wonderful bird the frog are—
When he stand he sit almost;
When he hop, he fly almost;
He ain't got no sense hardly;
He ain't got no tail hardly either.
When he sit, he sit on what he ain't got almost.

—who cares who wrote it?

If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard, just keep putting off doing it.

"HAVE you ever noticed that the most successful men are bald?" asked Jim.

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FOUR-LETTER WORDS

Don't be surprised if you bump into some four-letter words in church: "Come, Lord, give help with love."

—Robert Hale, "The Christian."



Charity is a virtue of the heart, not of the hands.



Public opinion is merely what people think other people are thinking.

"The spiritually minded man does not differ from the materially minded man chiefly in thinking about different things, but in thinking about the same things differently. It is possible to think materially about God and spiritually about food. For the religious man is not only religious when he prays; his work is religiously done, his recreation is religiously enjoyed, his food and drink religiously received."
—WILLIAM TEMPLE.

There are two kinds of fools. One says: "This is old, therefore it is good." The other says: "This is new, therefore it is better."—W. R. Inge.



Many people who have done great things have been alone—especially on a golf course.



This may never occur to a teenage boy, but some day he will know as little as his father.



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Why are materials sent in a ship called "cargo" and materials sent in a car called a "shipment"?



"It must be nearly forty years since I was last here," said the traveller to the village taxi driver. "And I am sure we got there much quicker than now. Are we travelling on the same road?"

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