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Editorial

THE schools in our land are in a state of continuous crisis, with problems apparently beyond resolution. Buildings, equipment, facilities and training programmes are all inadequate. The money cost alone will reach Everest proportions if our schools are to be mended.

There is also a crisis in Christian Education. It does not receive the same attention or arouse the same passions, and money and other needed resources will be less readily available. But it is not too much to say that the next few years in Christian Education will determine the course the church will take for decades.

The difficulties being experienced are not peculiar to us. They affect practically every church, but our churches have lost, since 1962, about 20% of our scholars and 10% of our teachers. It also appears, in so far as these things can be measured, that we are doing less with the scholars we have. The decline in Sunday School and youth activities cannot really be divorced from the decline in church membership and church attendance, but the problems in Christian Education must not be considered as just a part of a larger problem. It could be the vital area affecting the health of the whole body.

The answer is not to be found primarily in enrolment and attendance drives, although these will have their own place. More important for us now is to be clear about the role of Christian Education and what best can be done to attain its objectives.

Christian Evangelism and Christian Education go hand in hand. If we think of evangelism as being a specific call to commitment and a response to that call, then evangelism takes place within the framework of Christian Education which prepares its subjects for the evangelistic response, and then continues to guide the disciple into a full Christian life.

Sunday School and other study materials are only part of the tools of Christian Education but it is helpful to consider a recent review of a curriculum plan as it was related to the tasks of learning. The tasks suggested were: 1. to listen with growing alertness to the Christian message; 2. to explore every relationship with other persons in the light of that message; 3. to discover through that exploration the highest meanings and values of our relationships; 4. to appropriate those meanings and values as personal responses (conversion); and 5. to accept the individual and social responsibilities that grow out of the personal commitment.

A PRAYER FOR HUMILITY

O Lord,
Forgive my middle-class snobbery . . .
My blindness to another's view.
Imbue me with the knowledge
Of how very much I do NOT know.
Make me aware that every man, woman, and child
I meet may teach me something
If I am receptive.
Forgive my arrogant assumptions
Based on the half-truths
I hear about life and people.

YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL IS VANISHING

When a teacher confronts his (or her) class, he is not simply imparting facts, even facts about the Bible. Through his materials and through his own attitudes and actions, he is seeking a response, not the response of agreement on the facts presented, but a response in the attitudes, and subsequent actions, of the group. That is why the Sunday School has such a high stake in the quality of its teachers.

Motivation is a great spur to both teaching and learning. Teachers will find their motivation in their love for their Lord and in their concern for their scholars. If they have to be persuaded, coerced, or shamed into accepting a task that will never be more than an irksome chore, they will not be able to bring the enthusiasm essential to the lighting of spiritual fire in their scholars.

Some of us believe, however, that teachers who come to their tasks with high hopes and great enthusiasm find that they are ill-equipped to do in their one hour what many day school teachers find hard despite their training and the authority that rests in them. We need to support our teachers, give them materials and facilities adequate to their jobs and give them the training that will sustain and enrich them.

All of this adds up to a massive partnership. The Federal Board of Christian Education is committed to the service of the churches, mainly in the provision of lesson material and teacher training guides. The State Departments of Christian Education have responsibilities almost as wide as the church itself, and in the Sunday School area they assist the churches in getting the best out of the lesson materials and they conduct extensive and intensive teacher training programmes. The churches should be aware of what is needed, what is available, and how best to make their education work effective. As individuals and through their officers, Sunday School staff, and Christian Education leaders, they should give major attention to church's teaching ministry.

The consequences of our failure to read the signs of present danger and to take appropriate action could be disastrous. Christian education demands the best that our hearts and minds and pockets can give.

Years ago, a Christian leader said, "We have evangelised, we have baptised, but we have not taught, and therein lies the tragedy of the church."

By CAROL ALBRIGHT

Make me search for truth . . .
And bear not witness to things
I do not know for sure.
Humble my spirit
That I may come to understand
The worth of every other person. Amen.

—"Bethany Guide."

POLLUTION

By TOM R. MASON

LAKE BONNEY is dead. Over 80 square miles of water has become a polluted bog due to the effluent from the paper mills on its shores. Lake Erie too is dead. This 10,000 square mile sheet of water between Canada and the U.S.A. has lost its life by similar misfortune.

The scientists call it eutrophication: "the process of becoming richer in dissolved nutrients." These man-made nutrients fertilize prodigious growths of algae which use up enormous quantities of oxygen, with the result that the fish die, plant life dies, the lake dies. Today the birds won't even fly over Lake Bonney.

Industry alone is not to blame for such tragedies. We, with our household detergents, are equally guilty. But there is hope: recently a poverty-stricken South Carolina community refused the offer of a multi-million dollar chemical plant, which would have given employment and bread, because of its feared polluting effects on their waterways.

Is the earth headed for an ice age or a flood? Scientists are divided. Some say a heavy belt of polluted air around our globe will so block out the sun that the cooling of the earth will cause the polar ice caps to spread towards the equator. Others think this polluted air will cause the earth to overheat, thus melting the ice caps and causing the sea level to rise by about 400 feet.

It is a disturbing thought that in this auto age some 40-60% of air pollution is caused by motor vehicle exhaust. Industry also contributes. For example, the sulphur content of industrial smoke in Gary, Indiana, resulted in rain falling as sulphuric acid, and burning off the city's lawns, trees and flowers. But there is hope: since the fatal London smogs of 1952, the English Clean Air Act has enabled Britons to see more sun than they had for many a year past.

JUNK AND NOISE

Then there's junk. The annual U.S.A. junk heap comprises 7 million cars, 100 million tyres, 2 million tons of paper, 28,000 million bottles and 48,000 million cans. In England and Wales 14 million tons of garbage is collected annually. That's 2 lb. per person per day, and I suppose our output is not much different. Sunday Mail Journalist, William Rescke, recently ran a mile along the Port Wakefield road and estimated it was littered with at least 500 cans tossed out by passing motorists. But there is hope: in the U.S.A. bottles are being crushed to make road beds, and old tyres are ground up and mixed with tar for road sealing. And a very good road they make.

It does not surprise us to know that our lives are becoming more and more polluted by noise. Young people seem to love it. But the medico tells us that the maximum safe level is 85 decibels. Above that we are in danger of deafness, or of the nervous stress that makes us inefficient in our work and difficult to live with. Yet the noise of traffic on a busy road may run at 85 decibels, you mow your lawn at 110, and a jet aircraft take-off shrieks at 150.

But there is hope: a planned new jet port near the Florida Everglades was disallowed when it was learned how the noise pollution would endanger the wild life.

The danger of chemical residues, especially DDT, is a favourite target of anti-polluters. Traces of DDT have been found in the eggs of Antarctica's penguins. A Californian brown pelican colony of 600 birds hatched only five chicks in a recent season; the rest of the eggs collapsed because of DDT-weakened shells. But there is hope: DDT and other chemicals are being increasingly banned or more closely controlled.

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TOO MANY PEOPLE

At the heart of the pollution problem stands the population explosion. In 1650 there were an estimated 500 million people in the world. By 1650 the population had doubled. Only 80 years later it had doubled again to 2,000 million, and by 1975, only 45 years later, it is expected that the figure will stand at 4,000 million. Where will it all end? Some experts think we are heading for a wholesale population collapse.

In 1916 four Sika deer were landed on the one-half square mile James Island off America's east coast. By 1956 the number had grown to 300. Then they mysteriously began to die. They went on dying, even though they were well-fed and fat, for the next two years until only 80 were left. Why? Experiments showed that nervous stress leading to brain haemorrhage was the cause, and the reason seemed to be that the deer were living too close to one another. If spread out evenly over the island they would have been 60 yards apart. Human beings on the face of this earth are at present 150 yards apart. By 2000 the distance will be reduced to 120 yards, and that will be halved by 2070. What then?

RELATIONSHIPS

These are the major areas in which pollution is threatening us. But, we may ask, what concern is it of ours? Because we are Christian and because it involves people, it ought to be our concern above anyone else's. Let us consider it as a matter of relationships.

First there is the relation between man and God. God, we believe, is Creator of this world and its life. The Genesis account of creation tells us that when God saw all that he had made "it was very good." Within that creation he set man as his steward to subdue the earth and to rule over it. This means that the earth is not man's own to do with as he pleases. But man thought it was, and "on the eighth day", as a British scientist put it, he began to make a mess of God's world.

This leads us to consider the second relationship, between man and nature. God meant man to rule over his world, not to rape it as he has done. But now he is reaping what he has sown. Once he could despoil an area, then move on to fresh ground. He can do that no longer. And yet he still looks for new ways of exploitation of his environment. It is time for man to wake up to the fact that he is not above nature, but an integral part of it, and so very much dependent on it. To upset the ecological balance is to destroy himself ultimately.

Folk singer Pete Seeger has a song about the little town where all the people spend all day scratching themselves. It seems there was once a rabbit plague, so the farmers decided to poison the rabbits. But the dogs ate the rabbits and they died too. So did the meat-eating birds. This removed the natural enemy of the mice and they soon reached plague proportions too. So the people poisoned the mice. But the cats ate the mice and they died as well. Now with all the dogs and cats dead where else could any self-respecting flea go? So from that day to this the people of that town have been scratching themselves.

Parts of the Pacific Ocean are inhabited by sea urchins which feed off the kelp growing on the ocean floor. When it has been eaten down most of these creatures die off for lack of food. So the kelp recovers. This allows the remaining urchins to multiply and eat the kelp once more. So the balance is maintained. But when man began spilling his sewage into the Pacific the urchins had so much food they never died out, and they ate the kelp until it disappeared. Man is part of nature, and if he upsets its balance he may, in the end, do irreparable harm to himself. The third relationship is between man and man, perhaps best seen in this context as man the producer and man the consumer. The producer, wishing to turn out goods as cheaply as possible, is generally not in favour of anti-pollution measures which will cost him

money. But he is not entirely to blame for his attitude. The consumer, in his turn, demands more and bigger and better and cheaper goods from the producer. He contributes indirectly and directly to pollution too.

LOVE THAT CONSUMER!

It is time for us now to love our producer-neighbour or our consumer-neighbour, and to realize that to constantly pressure him to make or to buy may do more harm than good to our environment. It is time now for abstinence if the effluence caused by our affluence is not to overcome us. We could begin by producing less consumers! We could demand less consumer goods. We could become more realistic about the price of progress. Indeed, are we progressing at all, or are we in fact regressing into extinction? To paraphrase Lt. Oliver Perry's famous battle report from — appropriately enough — Lake Erie: "We have met the enemy, and he is us."

We must enter a right relationship with God, as stewards of the Creator. We must realize that we are a part of nature rather than apart from it, and that we are so dependent

on it. We must love our neighbour too, and remember that this is his world as much as it is ours.

How then are we to act? We can educate ourselves and our children to be living opponents of pollution. We can pressure our governments to clean up our environment and to keep it clean. We can adopt a put-it-in-a-bin attitude to our own litter. We can move a little more quietly through life. We can be careful how and with what we spray the roses and the tomatoes. We can bring buyer resistance to bear in cases of excessive packaging, non-returnable and non-disposable packaging. We can patronise the car manufacturers who are making an effort at exhaust emission control. We can see that our present vehicles are well tuned to prevent excessive pollution. It will cost us of course, but we must be prepared to pay the price.

This is our Christian responsibility to God and to our fellowmen. Moreover, there is no one who can honestly say, "There is nothing I can do." This is God's world, and if we are God's people we must be in the vanguard of those who would attack the man-made enemy of man, pollution.

OVERSEAS AID REDUCED?

The following statement was issued by the Co-Presidents of the Joint Secretariat on Action for World Development, Archbishop James Gleason of Adelaide and Bishop David Garnsey of Gippsland:

"We are alarmed at the indication, given by the former Minister for Foreign Affairs and now Prime Minister (Mr. McMahon), in a public address that the Australian external aid programme may be reduced this year.

"Though we are aware that aspects of the Australian economy are of concern to the government and to all Australians, we do not believe that a cut-back in government programmes to help the underprivileged, whether in Australia or overseas, should be contemplated. We

strongly urge the government to propose other areas for any reduction in expenditure found necessary.

"We urge all Christians and men of goodwill to call on their members of parliament and Federal Government leaders to ensure that adequate provision is made for the underprivileged, both in Australia and overseas, even in the event of reduced spending in other areas."

(The Joint Secretariat on Action for World Development was formed by the bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in Australia and by the Australian Council of Churches last year. Its purpose is to stimulate greater Australian involvement in all forms of assistance to developing countries.)

BAPTISM AT COMMISSION

(Geneva). Although most churches agree on the central meaning of baptism, they still have not been able to achieve full mutual recognition of each other's baptism. However, church union negotiations now in progress have given the subject a new urgency. And the discussion has moved beyond the recognition of baptism as a sacrament of initiation to focus on the practical consequences of having different practices in the churches.

These and other points are made in a report to be presented to the Faith and Order Commission when it meets in Louvain, Belgium, August 2-13. Entitled "Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist," it gathers up the findings of a consultation held in September 1970 in Czechoslovakia.

"The churches are agreed that the central meaning of baptism is participation in Christ," the report says. "Those who receive baptism are baptised by the one Spirit into one body; baptism is the sign and seal of their discipleship in obedience to the Lord."

One hindrance to mutual recognition, according to the report, stems from the separation of baptism and confirmation. The two are "inseparably inter-related," it is stated.

"Once baptism and confirmation are separated in time, the once-for-all character of baptism may be lost," the report

says. "Confirmation cannot do more than underline or for some traditions complete what has already been achieved in baptism."

The report also makes the point that the once-for-all character of baptism requires "immediate admission to the eucharist". If this is deferred, the impression is created that the incorporation into the Body of Christ has not yet fully taken place.

In order to move towards mutual recognition certain common criteria are essential, it is stated. Suggested for consideration are the following: Baptism is to be recognised by all churches when Jesus Christ has been confessed as Lord by the candidate or, in the case of infant baptism, by the church on his behalf and when baptism has been performed with water in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.—E.P.S.

JERUSALEM DISPUTE

Four chief justices of the Israeli Supreme Court visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre while hearing a case brought by the Coptic Church against the Minister of Police and the Minister of Religious Affairs. At issue is the control of the passage between the church and the Coptic Patriarchate which is claimed by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.—E.P.S.

TIPS FOR WRITERS

Out of a deep concern that the good news of salvation may be made available to as many as possible in this generation, Evangelical Literature Overseas is undertaking a new project.

Two free leaflets have been published full of helpful information for those who are interested in Christian Writing. "Sixteen Tips for Potential Writers" deals with fundamentals of Christian Writing, writer's style, ideas, practical tips. The second leaflet is entitled "Are You Really Communicating?" This deals with the How of Communication, Urgency of Good Communication, Sharpening your ability to communicate.

The next ten years will see great changes in the structure of the Church and particularly in the use of literature as a means of Evangelism. Christian Journalism will play an important part in attacking error, encouraging the lonely, educating the illiterate, seeking the best for Christ and His kingdom.

For your free copy of these two leaflets write: The Secretary, Evangelical Literature Overseas, P.O. Box 4, Beecroft, N.S.W., 2119.

AN ARM CUT OFF

(Melb). The Community Welfare Foundation has been engaged in various forms of care for people in need in this city since 1955. Today, a staff of 105 is busy in caring activities among homeless children and teenagers, among elderly citizens, among the unmarried girls in the maternity home, among persons of all ages in the Neighbourhood Centre and Mission Halls.

One of the most difficult and demanding forms of care is among the homeless men, many of whom are alcoholics. It is indeed a strange twist that this aspect of our care is undertaken in what was once an old hotel in North Melbourne. These men have sick and at times vermin-infested bodies, grotesque personalities, and injured brains. They are, and probably have been since birth, socially deprived.

Unfortunately, so great are the problems associated with offering adequate care to these men in old buildings, which were never planned for such a purpose, that the Foundation has reluctantly decided to close.

At some future time when sufficient resources have been marshalled the solemn responsibility of offering care to these broken men in the spirit of Christ will be taken up again.

TO REVISE THE NATIONAL SERVICE ACT

Representatives of the Australian Council of Churches and the Returned Services League have issued a joint call to the Federal Government for a conference of community bodies to make recommendations for the revision of the National Service Act.

The President of the A.C.C. (the Rt. Rev. D. A. Garnsey, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland) and the National President of the Returned Services League (Sir Arthur Lee) stated: "Efforts to devise satisfactory alternatives to military service should be pursued with imagination and vigour by the Government."

The statement followed a meeting in Melbourne between Sir Arthur Lee, Sir William Hall (Victorian State President), Air Marshal Bladin and W. Keys (National Secretary), representing the R.S.L. and Bishop Garnsey, the Rev. John Westerman (Director of the Dept. of Christian Citizenship of the Methodist Church in Vic.), the Rev. Phillip Newman (Victorian Council of Churches) and Vaughan Hinton (representing the A.C.C.).

WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT

The Joint Secretariat on Action for World Development announced the appointment of Vaughan Hinton as its first Executive Secretary.

This is the first such joint appointment to be made by the Churches in Australia. The Joint Secretariat is sponsored and financed by the Roman Catholic Church and the Australian Council of Churches (representing 11 Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox Churches).

Mr. Hinton has been Secretary for Public Relations of the Australian Council of Churches since 1963 and has played a prominent part in many ecumenical programmes. He has been concerned particularly with promotion of the Council's overseas aid programme and in developing greater concern for aid issues in the

statement also indicated agreement between the two delegations on the need for:

- o A voluntary, non-military humanitarian service as an alternative to national service.

- o A system of tribunals to replace the present procedure of magistrates hearing conscientious objector cases.

- o Provision for a workable appeal system to hear appeals against the findings of tribunals.

- o Provision for tribunals hearing conscientious objector cases to be able to direct applicants to fulfil obligations in a non-military service.

The joint statement said: "World events may at times cause governments to require that young men should serve in the armed forces. In these circumstances there is the responsibility to ensure that the rights and the moral and spiritual attitudes of those involved are respected."—A.C.C.

Council's member churches. He is also honorary secretary of the Australian Council for Overseas Aid.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is married with two children. He will take up his duties in June and will work from Sydney.

The primary tasks of the Joint Secretariat are—

- o To awaken the Christian conscience to the responsibility of all Australians for world development.

- o To plan and implement a programme for the education of public opinion in co-operation, where possible, with community organisations.

- o To make international development a public and political issue.

our C.W.E.F. at a Discussion Night including the topics "Are Women Slaves to Fashion" and "Working Mothers" . . . Mrs. G. Bywaters and Mrs. V. Hennis are attending services again following surgery.

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HAMILTON HILL GROWS

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A., H. Fitch). At the annual meeting the growth of the work in the Hamilton Hill area was particularly noted. A presentation was made to E. Peller for his work as honorary supervisor of the erection of the building there . . . R. P. H. Jackson did not stand for re-election and was thanked for his services for several years . . . R. Thompson was re-elected as an elder . . . On March 14 the Girls' Triplet Trio assisted at the gospel service and two of the members went forward in re-consecration. A young man made an initial decision . . . The Boys' Brigade had its enrolment night on March 21.

SCHOLARS DECIDE

(LENSWOOD, S.A., H. E. Paddick). Two of our B.S. scholars, Trevor Pellard and Valerie Pellard, made decisions on March 14 . . . The local C.Y.P. and Grote St. combined for a mystery hike on March 28, followed by devotions and supper.

FREEDOM AND AUTHORITY IN THE FAMILY

By LESLIE C. CLEMENTS

IT'S THE SAME THE WIDE WORLD OVER!

WHEREVER parents meet, they ask much the same questions. In Togo an interpreter translated a question from the vernacular, "Can Mr. Clements tell us what to do when our daughters defy us by wearing mini-skirts?" In Mexico City reporters asked, "Do you think parents will ever regain their authority?" In Fiji the same questions were asked. In Nigeria at a seminar a pastor asked, "What can I do to restore some order into my own family?" And, of course, it is the same in Europe and everywhere. Something is happening all over the world — but what? Is it any comfort to worried parents to know that everyone else is in the same boat? Perhaps not, but it might be helpful to know that the problem is universal and apparently timeless. We are not an abnormal generation.

1. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY?

It is to prepare a new generation to live in a rough world which is getting rougher but whose ultimate goal is freedom for all men. It is impossible to have freedom and democracy in the university and not have freedom and democracy in the home. It is impossible to imbue young people with the ideal of freeing men from the shackles of racism, prejudice, and so on, and then have them sit unquestioningly in their own homes. If the young do not learn about freedom at home, where will they learn?

2. WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DO WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE?

Our answer to this fundamental question will help us on this freedom-authority thing. Here are some of our answers as we look at our 17-month-old son:

(a) We want him to be himself. Sure we get a kick out of seeing bits of ourselves in him, but we have a hunch that he is very special and is full of unique potential. We want him to discover and develop every gift that God has hidden in him.

(b) We want him to be free. I don't know how to define this. Do you? I think I know a "free man" when I meet one, that's all; and I like what I see in the eyes of some of my contemporaries, both old and young. We hope he will have a liberating spirit and help others to be free. We know also that if we believe enough in his freedom, he may break our hearts.

(c) To this end we want him to be sensitive to other people's needs. We know we are asking him to have an exposed nerve — maybe asking him to have his heart broken — but there should be some resilience in him, too. The world might not respond at all, but its salvation lies in the tenderising of the human conscience. And we hope for our son that he will be a sensitive person.

(You go on and write your own list).

3. WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP OUR CHILD GROW UP FINE AND MATURE?

I think if your answers are something the same as ours, you have to opt for the maximum of freedom in the family and the minimum of authority. If by authority you mean the authority of parents over their children, a demand for blind obedience. And I think what I sense in groups all over the world is that parents have an instinctive belief that the freedom idea is right, but then things come unstuck. They give their kids freedom, and they take to drugs or bash the family car or produce an unwanted baby or they stop going to church or

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some such. I gave both my eldest sons freedom, and one is a Christian and a churchman and the other is neither, and I love them both. So what do you make of that? We must accept that freedom is a very risky business, but in the long run virtue and strength will only flourish in its air.

BUT WHAT ABOUT TRAINING CHILDREN?

Yes, what about parental wishes, parental wisdom, and parental authority; and what about the transference of well-tested values and beliefs from one generation to another? Yes, what indeed. Of course, no child would survive if parents didn't act pretty authoritatively and swiftly sometimes, especially in infancy. But there comes a time, and perhaps it comes very, very early, when parents, with infinite patience, must win the minds and the consent of their children by explanation. I like the story of the pretty ten-year-old daughter in the States who was involved in the discussion with some family researchers on the subject of discipline, and she was asked if she felt her father was too lax or too strict. She said, "He's strict. Period. He won't let me watch late TV — well, not on school nights. I'll have to say this for him — he explains the reasons for rules, although not more than twice, but (and here her face lit up with obvious pride) he ain't impressed by crummy arguments. You just can't fool him." Here is one of the secrets, obviously. There was love here and concern and definiteness, consistency, and explanation and, as noted, a little girl's pride in her father's intelligence, which saw through her crummy arguments. But what happened, I wonder, to this little girl when she was 14 or 16 and there was a test of will? I hope her dad then didn't grow inflexible. I hope the explanations turned into discussion and dialogue, and I hope he was able to admit that he might be wrong and say he was sorry sometimes, and I hope he was able to compromise!

The democratisation of the family moves along quickly now in some cultures. And there are rich examples of how successful the family council can be, where children and parents discuss everything from family budgeting to holiday decisions, to sex, sport, leisure, drugs, alcohol and so on. Every home, every marriage have strains, stresses and problems. The difference between success and failure in the home is not whether you have problems or not but simply whether you can cope. And how you cope in some particular crisis is really determined by all that has gone before. In a family whose style of living has always been based on discussion, listening, respect, compromise, the chances of the authority-freedom question reaching a flash-point of disaster is almost nil. But what happens all too often is that there has been no preparation at all in common decision-making, and often father is the chief culprit, abdication of responsibility for nurture, caring, and guidance to mother until he is faced with a rebellious teenager, whereupon he shouts about the impossible new generation who won't listen to reason!

WHAT ABOUT LOVE?

Perhaps we must finish by discussing love, the demonstration of affection, and touching — a neglected thing in the Anglo-Saxon world. This business of love, of course, is an act of faith. No one can guarantee that love will remove all tensions, solve all problems. But it is equally obvious that the lack of love and inadequate love is the cause of most of our human malaise in and outside of the family. Love enlightened by good sense and insight should make it almost unnecessary to be conscious about freedom and authority. On the whole, I hope we can get on with the business of learning about love!

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QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Why do our ministers not speak out on the social and political issues that are headline news and vital for our country? In many of our pulpits they are never mentioned.

If you think that ministers do not speak on such matters, you are misinformed. Some do. Those who do sometimes find that there are more pressures to stop them speaking on controversial issues than there are pressures to make them vocal. Some ministers may find it difficult to get another church if they become too political or socially active in the one they have. Some, I suspect, have left the pastoral-preaching ministry so that they can work for reforms from within social action groups.

Nevertheless, it is relevant for you to ask how ministers should act in respect to the issues that agitate and divide the community.

It is important to acknowledge the fact that the divisions in the community are also present in the church on some questions. A minister does not preach to a congregation with a common mind and general agreement. On political questions, it will be recognised that there are Liberals as well as Country Party and Labor men and women in the church. There is unlikely to be any D.L.P. supporters in our churches, but there are surely plenty of Independents! On many of the social and national issues there are clear cut political divisions, and if a preacher identified himself closely with one group, he would as clearly alienate another.

WORDS TO TREASURE

E. L. WILLIAMS
in

"A Biblical Approach to Unity"

If we are to fulfil our mission in relationship with others we must develop a culture that is expressed in our life, worship, witness, and ministry. We are a small people numerically and we shall not fulfil our mission by any quantitative impact but by the impress of quality.

In the necessary confrontation that goes on in relation with others in the presentation of our witness, we are confronted with the best brains and the most highly trained scholars in the Christian world. We can only hold our ground if we can match the scholarship that we meet.

We, as a people, must allow room for scholarship, encourage it, and trust it. Not only must we produce specialists, but the general level of qualifications for ministry and leadership must be high. The level of leadership determines the level of the whole community. Inadequately trained leadership makes for limitation. If we would fulfil our mission, we must be a people of marked mental, moral, and spiritual range and quality.

The approach to Christian union calls for a spiritual maturity which is manifested in bigness of heart and mind. We shall fulfil our mission only as we attain spiritual maturity in Christ.

As different members may have opposing opinions on the questions, so ministers in different churches may differ. Churches and congregations could become identified by their attitudes to current and contemporary situations rather than by their allegiance to the eternal Lord through his enduring word.

It is not being argued that a minister should preach sweet nothings, and express no opinion which might make him unpopular with his board of officers or congregation, or both. He has to take his preaching orders from God and seek to please Christ. If this means that he has to become a prophet defiantly declaring his conviction by God's will in this or that matter of contention, then he must do it — and take the consequences. These consequences may mean life in the desert and a diet of locusts and wild honey! But whatever the consequences he must do what he believes God wants him to do.

Most of us feel that we can preach a positive message of peace and love and that we can present the principles of Christian social and political responsibility — allowing the people to form their own attitudes and to determine their own actions. The Holy Spirit will give guidance to the members of the congregation as well as to the minister. It is not to be expected that the congregation will have to wait for the minister to declare himself before they can know their own duty.

This short reply must not be permitted to give the impression that the church is not a part of the real world and that the church has to keep out of politics. There is need for congregations to be informed and to be confronted with the need to make decisions and, where necessary, to back up those decisions with action. Opportunities can and should be provided where the controversial issues which trouble the Christian conscience are discussed, where in an environment of mutual acceptance and respect, differing points of view are presented.

One of the marks of Christian maturity is the capacity to love one another at the moment when our differences are greatest.

WORD TALK — GORDON MOYES.

No. 25 — 1 JOHN 5: 1 (K.J.V.)

"Begat . . . Begotten"

Some complain that the Bible is full of "begat's and begotten's." I have counted 566 "begats" in the various tenses in the O.T. and 96 in the N.T. 1 John 5: 1 is typical: "Everyone that begat loveth him also that is begotten." Any translation makes that clearer! Then Jesus is referred to as "the only begotten Son" eight times in the N.T. This is both a mis-translation in the KJV and a theological insight. "Only begotten" is a different word altogether from "begat" and "begotten." It means that Jesus was "only" God or "uniquely" God, and was used in N.T. times of the uniqueness of the Phoenix.

Where did the KJV mis-translation originate? It is correctly translated in the earliest manuscripts and in the Apostles' Creed. Jerome first mis-translated it to give theological support to the relationship between the Father and Jesus, following the theological arguments of Gregory of Nazianzus (379-381 A.D.). Tyndale in his earliest editions copied Jerome's mis-translation, although he corrected it in later editions. The KJV translators followed Tyndale's earlier manuscripts.

The early creeds of Nicea (325) and Chalcedonia (451) stress the unique relationship of Jesus with the Father: "Begotten not made." The creeds were right in stressing the difference. Jesus was never "made," hence the stress on "begotten", but likewise He was not begotten, because He co-existed with the Father through all eternity. "To be made" means to be made like something, but not of the same substance, e.g. a man can make a statue, but this is not the same substance as the man himself. But if he begets a son, he makes it of like substance. God made man in His own image — like Him in some respects, but of a fleshly substance. Jesus through our faith in Him enables God to beget us as His children of the same eternal likeness. Hence our fleshly created life is called "bios", but our eternal spiritual life is called "zoe".

God created us as humans but He re-creates us as His children when we are by faith "born again" (John 1: 12-13; 3: 16), or "adopted" (Rom. 8: 15) (Gal. 4: 4-6). Man are made, Christians are begotten.

FOR TODAY:

We enter the Kingdom of God, not by virtue of our creation as men, but by our faith in Christ. We must be born into the Kingdom, we don't acquire the Kingdom by virtue of our parents' faith, for God has only children, not grand-children. Neither do we enter the Kingdom by passing educational standards. Christian education prepares us for re-birth as Children of God, and matures us in our growth, but we must be born into the Kingdom by our commitment to Christ.

Like King Oedipus, who is at present walking Australian stages, we each must search for our true Father.

OPEN FORUM

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NO MINISTER SURPLUS

To the Editor,

Mr. Gilmore (in "A.C." 6/3/71) in one breath advocates, by implication, a reduction in the numbers preparing for the ministry, and also a colossal expansion in the number of ministers by a centralised placement scheme so that all the smaller churches have a minister.

There are approximately 400 ministers in our churches in Australia — if all of them enjoy a working life of 40 years, then an average of 10 will retire each year and need to be replaced. Added to this number need to be those who leave the ministry for health reasons, for specialised chaplaincies, and because they want to, as well as those who are "forced out." I have no figures for this group, but I would guess about five a year at least. The "plain facts" Mr. Gilmore puts forward are neither particularly plain nor factual. The 100 students will not graduate all in one year, nor presumably will they all seek or expect ministries in Victoria. On an average basis 25 will finish college per year.

I find, from a study of entries and graduates at Woolwich, over the past ten years, about 80% of those who enroll graduate, and about 50% of those who enrolled in this period are in the pastoral ministry now. Not all the other 50% are "drop-outs" — many are mis-

sionaries or involved in other full-time Christian work.

This means that merely to "keep up" in supplying pastoral care the colleges need to graduate about 30 men per year. Added to this number should be those who are in training for missions, and for specialised tasks (and the numbers for this group are increasing). I would suggest that far from having too many in training we are merely keeping level and not making any provision for increase. At least we are not yet in the onerous position of some of the more centralised denominations who are finding recruitment to the ministry at an all-time low, and we should be thankful for that.

—Russell Craig (N.S.W.)

NURSES' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

To the Editor,

It is probably correct to say that never before has N.C.F. passed through such a difficult time as it has over the past four to five years, but that also throughout that time the Lord has been unfailing in his goodness and faithfulness.

Financially we have experienced severe testing, as rarely have our monthly commitments been met on a regular basis. During the past two years a Finance Partner Scheme has been introduced and even though the members

enrolled in this scheme are few, almost 50% of our income is derived from this source.

Several months ago the fellowship was invited to occupy rooms on a rental basis in the Nurses' Memorial Centre, which is the central place for all nursing bodies in Vic.

There is a tremendous amount of administrative work if our organisation is to be effective and this means that our skilled nursing personnel are involved in many aspects of work for which they have not been trained. Council has arrived at the decision to seek for an administrator, either man or woman of mature Christian experience with not only administrative ability but able also to establish good public relations and to provide leadership for our staff.

We solicit your aid in whatever way you see fit to help, perhaps by means of regular prayer support the establishing of prayer meetings in your home, or the assurance of regular financial support.

—Mary Evans, President N.C.F., 431 St. Kilda Rd., Melb., 3004

PRISONERS' AID

To the Editor,

The Prisoners' Aid Association of S.A. Inc. is a voluntary agency working in the field of prisoner rehabilitation.

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This work is amongst individuals who often find great difficulty in coping with everyday situations and decisions. Regrettably, many of them will not respond and may offend again.

In addition to regular contacts with a client, sponsors will be involved periodically in attending group meetings with other sponsors.

At present the Association has a number of vacancies for sponsors. Any interested should contact R. J. Kidney or J. R. C. Wise at Prisoners' Aid office, 222 Halifax St., Adelaide, S.A., 5000 as soon as possible.—John R. C. Wise.

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N.W. DIST. CONFERENCE

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). N.W. District Conference at Horsham on March 21 held morning service in Botanical Gardens. R. S. McLean (Overseas Missions) was guest speaker. Next Conference will be at Horsham, 1972, D. J. Marr presiding. . . . Following Harvest Thanksgiving on March 20, goods were sold to the benefit of Bethany Boys' Home. . . . A.C.E. programme on April 7 included a family communion service.

HARVEST TO HOMES

(FLINDERS PARK, S.A., H. S. Prime). Harvest Thanksgiving produce was sent to St. George's and Everard Park Rest Homes. . . . At Auxiliary Parade on March 28, 170 were present. This monthly feature is proving successful. . . . Combined service was held with the Methodist church prior to Easter.

COLLEGE WIVES AND OTHERS

(RESERVOIR, Vic., A. Baker). A team of 13 wives and fiancées of College of the Bible students led C.W.F. in evening meeting with Bible study and items. . . . A service of dedication of elder and deacons was held on April 4. . . . Mrs. Lovell was baptized on Easter Sunday. . . . Three ladies made decisions for Christ recently.

R.C. VIEWPOINT

(DULWICH, S.A., Chas. Dow). Under guidance of interim minister, C. H. Dow, with assistance from Brian Ricketts, the church has embarked on a series of "Special Emphasis" and Workshop services. The first was an interview on "What do Roman Catholics Think and Believe?" with B. C. Condon, B.A., B.Ed., a Teachers' College lecturer and Catholic layman. . . . May and June Sunday evening services will be at 5 p.m. . . . The church is discussing with Methodists and Congregationalists the possibility of a united parish in the district, but is not committed to any firm course of action. . . . At C.M.F., Neville Bradley (general manager, S.E.A.) and Ian Lewis (Dept. of Social Welfare) spoke respectively on role of radio and social service in community affairs.

COMPANIONS AID MONBULK

(CHELTENHAM, Vic., G. K. Moyes). The annual meeting reported increases in attendance and giving. Practical interest in outside work is growing and the church has a reputation as a centre of Christian influence. A regular weekly prayer meeting commenced in February. . . . 50 teachers were present for annual B.S. dedication service. . . . The first C.M.F. dinner for years was addressed by Rev. C. Bailey, Pentridge Chaplain. Wal Elliot is Pres. for 1971. . . . For March Loyalty Month the Young Adult Fellowship conducted evening service on the 14th. Miss Kath. Packard, Christian Organiser for Aust. Universities, was interviewed on her work and witness. "Lowanna Singers" presented "the procession of palms" on 25th, and church choir featured the beautiful "Easter Song" cantata on April 4. . . . Three

Muggeridge colour films on the "Life of Christ" were screened. . . . Good Companions raised \$76 towards "Minibulk" camp. . . . G. Chapman, assoc. minister, leads newly-formed sports council. . . . Mr. Moyes will be in N.Z. for an eight-weeks preaching tour.

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TASMANIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

CHANGE AT TAREE

(N.S.W., R. B. Whan). Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wylie concluded their ministry with the Taree church on Feb. 28th after four years of ministry. On Feb. 24 at the conclusion of the Bible Fellowship Hour the church extended a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Wylie. A. W. Billingham presided and expressions of appreciation were brought by C. A. Norling on behalf of the church and Mrs. Ken Wrigley on behalf of the ladies. A representative of the Taree Ministers' Fraternal also spoke. Mr. Norling presented the departing guests with a wallet of notes . . . Mr. and Mrs. Whan were welcomed on March 7. Two days earlier the church was saddened by the death of Cecil Redman, a member of over 40 years' standing. The funeral service was conducted by Mr. Whan and Mr. Billingham.

STUDENT ASSISTS

(MOSMAN, N.S.W., D. W. Smallbone). Student minister, Lloyd Thoms, commenced in March . . . Business meeting elected Messrs. W. K. Hunter (Treas.), M. Hunter, C. A. Murray (Sec.), G. Murray, G. Rose and F. Walker . . . S.S. picnic was held at Bobbin Head.

NEW TREASURER

(GILGANDRA, N.S.W., I. R. Martin). At the annual business meeting Ian Combridge was elected as treasurer, a position previously held by W. J. Mudford.

50 years ago

(From the "A.C.," April 3, 1921)

America's New President, President Harding succeeded Woodrow Wilson as President of the greatest republic on earth. The United States has been fortunate in having at the head of its Government men of religious faith, deep moral convictions, and high ideals. President Harding continues the illustrious succession.

Women Liberated. 1,000 R.C. women in Belgium met and resolved: 1. We will appear in church or society dressed only in simple, modest attire. 2. We will not allow modern dancing in our homes. 3. We will not attend theatres where immoral or suggestive plays or pictures are shown. 4. We will banish all pictorial papers that carry suggestive pictures.

Here and There. Nearly 1,000 were present on Sunday night at the Ulverstone, Tas., mission of Hinrichsen and Brooker . . . The church at Forestville, S.A., laid the foundation stone of their meeting house . . . The ceremony was performed by Wm. Liddle, in his 90th year . . . The annual meeting of the Churches of Christ Football Assoc. was held at Lygon St. hall. Teams intending to play should communicate with the secretary, W. A. Fordham.

Tasmanian weather at its best welcomed delegates and members of the churches to Devonport for the Annual District Convention, March 27, 28, 1971. The stress is on the word Convention! Last year it was decided to make the annual meeting more a time of inspiration—fellowship—challenging messages, than the routine of "reports, minutes, business arising" which at best only duplicates much of what belongs essentially to Vic-Tas. Conference in Melbourne and at worst inclines to be more than wearisome to all but the very patient!

The new structure of Convention gives opportunity for challenge through preaching. This we received in the preaching of Dr. Lloyd Jones who was guest speaker for the weekend. In his characteristic style Dr. Jones captured the attention at every gathering at which he spoke (six!)—and certainly challenged all to personal commitment.

The business session was short—(some felt over-simplified) and handed on to the next quarterly meeting of delegates several matters that needed attention. However, this approach is in keeping with the simple fact that in Conference application—Tasmania is in full membership with Victoria in Conference matters, and our annual meetings are more

properly in the nature of a State District Convention.

But of course there is so much that can be done on a State-District level "Spotlights" presented to the general meetings and to the Women's Conference (on the Sunday afternoon) told of two new church buildings—Nubeena (well on in stage of construction) and at Ulverstone (where plans are almost complete); excellent work being done at Bichenog camp site by John and Colleen Harrison in voluntary work; Bethany Children's Home improvements; continuing projects and annual camp by C.W.F. groups. These and other matters indicate a good involvement of our members.

The Devonport folk looked after affairs well. As mentioned, the weather was ideal—especially for the more social outing on Saturday afternoon to a Christian campsite near Ulverstone where one section of Convention was held.

So we met—and conversed informally, we discussed, reminisced a little, worshipped, were encouraged and challenged to go on—and although many arrived home feeling a little "weekend weary"—most would agree it was a good Convention.—Lloyd Cooke.

TASMANIAN WOMEN CONFER

Sixty-three Tasmanian women from seven churches met in conference at Devonport on March 28. The Vic-Tas. President-elect, Mrs. Preston, led them in devotions.

They were interested to hear news of Bichenog from Mrs. J. Harrison who with her husband is serving voluntarily at Bichenog for twelve months. She urged the women to use Bichenog. Mrs. Morfow shared with the women news of some of the boys who have left the Bethany home and are now useful members of the community.

Miss Denise Moore sang the solo, "How lovely are Thy Dwellings."

They were thankful for the year of service given by their president, Mrs. D. Hartam. The incoming President, Mrs. L. Boxhall, presented Mrs. Hartam with a book of devotions on behalf of Conference.—S. Cooke (Mrs.).

TRAINED TO VISIT

(LAUNCESTON, Tas., C. J. Robinson). 13 ladies are taking part in a training programme arranged by the Women's Inter-church Committee of visitation to patients in hospitals, and "shut-ins" in the community . . . Following a recent morning service several church families held a picnic luncheon organised by the C.W.E.F. . . . The choir now sings at the morning service as well as the evening service each Sunday.

DORCAS GIFTS

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). At the annual Dorcas Gift Afternoon, the ladies received many gifts of material plus over \$77 in money. Mrs. Weber gave

an illustrated travel talk, and the soloist was Mrs. G. Verco . . . Dr. Desmond Crowley is the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Willoughby Community Aid and Information Service which held its inaugural general meeting on March 7 . . . F. J. Stephenson is leading the Adult Bible Class in a three-week study of "The Atonement." . . . C.W.E.F. ladies enjoyed a demonstration of "Korbond" aids to sewing and mending . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Morris have left for a four months' trip overseas . . . C.Y.F. held a tea at home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McElvenny . . . Mr. Taylor is giving a series of pre-Easter messages. . . Elders B. E. Perkins and L. K. Wilson have been re-elected for a further two years.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COURSE

(N.S.W.). The special "evening classes" conducted under the title of "Christian Service Course" and held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Woolwich Bible College have moved off to a good start. The programme for 1971 includes Old Testament, Church History, Christian Education and Restoration Movement and the lecturers are G. L. Chapman, B.A.; D. C. Nutt, B.A.; D. J. Schofield, B.E., Dip. Ed., L.Th., Dip. R.E., and Dr. A. G. Elliott.

BURWOOD "CRUSADE"

(N.S.W.). Through the co-operation of M. H. R. Pleper, minister of the Burwood church, a group of senior students of the Woolwich Bible College will conduct an Evangelistic Crusade during the last week of the first term, May 9-16. Students will share in preparation and prayer, musical planning, visitation, preaching, counselling and follow-up.

Qld. & W.A.

CONFESSIONS FOLLOW FESTIVAL

(COLLIE, W.A., W. A. van Leen). Candles flickered, white T-shirts and fluorescent signs glowed under ultraviolet lights, and hall walls vibrated with the sounds of music and singing at Collie's first Christian Youth Festival. 35 members of the Perth "Beach Group" invaded Collie for March 20-21 and conducted a Coffee House programme with an informal atmosphere. The minister, W. A. van Leen, interviewed several members of the Beach Group. Over 150 young people attended the Coffee House during the evening. Group members took part in the Sunday morning service, reading, speaking and providing music on an electronic piano accordion. At the conclusion of evening service six young people made public confessions of faith . . . The C.Y.F. is raising funds for this year's project, "Slack Flicks"—for a movie projector. Film nights, sale of bankas nuts for firewood, manure for gardens, bottle drives and many other novel ideas of fund-raising are being used.

30 AT L.I.F.E.

(KEDRON, Qld., R. Ellis). Thirty members shared in a Lay Institute for Evangelists course arranged by the Ministers' Fraternal. Mr. Ellis was Local Director and 18 churches took part . . . There have been four decisions for Christ. Eight others have been received into membership by transfer. Three young people spoke at a recent youth service on the theme "I want to be a Christian, but . . .!" Two teenagers responded to the invitation . . . The C.W.F. group held a Lamington Drive in March and made over 40 dozen . . . Our ladies will cater for meals at Conference this year . . . Kedron C.Y.F. came third in the annual swimming carnival . . . Electric fans have been installed in the church. Increased attendances at 9 a.m. morning worship have established this as the permanent starting time . . . Recent speakers have been Miss Judy Simpson (New Guinea) and Doug, Willis.

CALL FROM PRESIDENT

(KALAMUNDA, W.A., M. Hughes). H. Heyhoe, Conf. Pres., K. Patterson and T. Morrison have been visiting speakers. . . John Bolton, on leave from New Guinea, told us about the work there. . . The C.W.F. combined with other communions in World Day of Prayer. . . The ladies are providing clothes for a child at Carnarvon Mission . . . Our sympathy is offered to Vince and Jillian Jassome in their sadness . . . Mrs. Greenwood and Mr. Cook continue to improve in health.

METHODISTS AT BAPTISM

(NORTH PERTH, W.A., J. K. Robinson). The local Methodists dropped in on a baptismal service when their student preacher failed to arrive . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Mosmans on Labour Day . . . Ted and Mrs. Spencer showed slides on their recent trip to N.Z. and Fiji at ladies' social . . . A recent speaker was A. Anderson from Morowa . . . J. Henderson, A. Moyle and K. Patterson were re-elected to the Elders' Board.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

The March Auxiliary meeting was the final meeting for this Conference year. Mrs. G. A. Ewers, President, welcomed 77 ladies representing 25 C.W.F.'s.

Morning meditations were led by Mrs. B. Wells and Mrs. J. K. Robinson led in intercessory prayer.

Mrs. John Bolton spoke of the work in New Guinea and brought greetings from the field.

Guest speaker was A. M. Bell, President, Federal Aborigines' Mission Board. He outlined the history and growth of Norseman and Carnarvon Mission Stations.

The Aborigines Mission feature at South Perth was well supported. Mrs. J.

L. Pallot, Aborigines Mission Supt., prepared the excellent programme. Missionaries and young women, girls from our mission stations now in Perth continuing their studies or working, shared in the programme.

A day of Intercessory Prayer conducted in half-hourly watches was held in the homes.

Points for Prayer and Praise:

1. For the W.A. work party to New Guinea as they prepare.
2. For Mr. Harrison as he prepares to receive them and orders materials to build the Bethesda Hospital on the Keram.
3. For the increasing number of voluntary workers.
4. For the voluntary workers who have become permanent workers.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

VISUAL SERVICES

(Qld.). Former Collingwood Church of Christ minister, Barry Cutchie, and his wife, Anne, have shifted to a new ministry in Qld. Barry is Executive Director of "Gospel Audio Visual Services," which is a non-denominational missionary organisation producing story-tape cassettes and radio programmes. The aim of Gospel Audio Visual Services is to place a cassette player and tapes in the children's wards of hospitals—the tapes being dramatised Bible stories and songs. Investigations are also under way as to the possibility of a five-minute daily devotional to be broadcast on medium wave radio all over Indonesia.

HEATER SERVICE INSTALLED

(BASSENDEAN, W.A., D. Thorpe). A team of men willingly hastened the recent installation of a new water service . . . The Ladies' Fellowship received an illustrated address from Mrs. Gilchrist on a tour of Scotland and England . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. I. Hall in the death of her husband, Stan . . . A dedication service was held on March 4 for the Board of Officers . . . Recent speakers have been L. Wilkins, A. Jacques and R. Brand together with G. Fewster of Nollurua . . . On March 13 the B.S. picnic was held at Crawley Bay.

SEVEN DECISIONS

(MARYBOROUGH, Qld., Roger Clark). There have been seven decisions since the commencement of Roger Clark's ministry, three being from the family in our Children's Home. Gospel services and Prayer and Bible Study meetings are increasing, following a month of addresses on prayer, with members pledging daily prayer for the gospel, ministry and outreach of the church . . . Fairhaven is a hive of building activity with one contractor working on the Nursing Infirmary valued at \$120,000 to care for an additional 29 guests. Another contractor is erecting eight more units to house 11 guests at a total cost of \$60,000. Both projects are due for completion in six months, bringing our family at Fairhaven to over 70. . . . Owen Bell relinquished service as treasurer after eleven years of faithful service . . . The combined Christian Women's Day of Fellowship was shared by Bundaberg and Gympie on March 25.

BAPTISM AT ALBANY

(W.A., E. Bruce Clapp). A young mother was baptized prior to morning service on March 28 and welcomed into fellowship at communion . . . The annual meeting showed auxiliary fellowships healthy and active. The B.S. has shown great increases . . . Two families have been welcomed on transfer.

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Glen Waverley. He has been chairman of the church board for three years. He is also an Honorary Probation Officer in the community.

Banking is John Alabaster's profession. He is Manager, Personnel Administrative Headquarters, of a large and well-known banking group in Melbourne.

All of our Vic.-Tas. churches will welcome John B. Alabaster to the office of Conference President at his Induction Service to be held in Nicholas Hall, Lonsdale St., Melb., on Friday, April 30, at 7.45 p.m.

NEW MINISTER AND PROPERTY

(BLACKWOOD, S.A., H. G. Norris). Lloyd Cooke, Hobart, Tas., will minister here when the service of Mr. Norris is completed at the end of 1972. . . . An area equal to the present church property will allow for expansion. . . . The S.S. roll for 1971 totals 361, average attendance up 40 to 245, offerings increased 42%. . . . Ken Dawson, Conference President, was speaker on April 4.

Our missionary Living Link, Mrs. Anne Coulter, is to visit us on furlough during May. A special offering of \$645 has been received for this work.

DES NELSON FOR SOUTH PERTH

(SOUTH PERTH-KELMSCOTT, W.A.), D. G. Nelson, currently serving at Nollamara, will minister at South Perth for three years commencing at the beginning of 1972. . . . J. K. Bond now in his third year at South Perth had previously indicated his wish for termination in 1971 which was received with regret. . . . Harold Jones continues to minister to Kelmscott church where the congregation now has its own elder and deacons and deaconesses appointed as a further move towards autonomy. . . . A special series of gospel meetings at South Perth conducted by Jack Bond attracted capacity attendances and decisions were recorded. . . . At Kelmscott a church family tea preceded an address and discussion on church plans. The architect's concept for church development was shown and explained. . . . South Perth elder, Harry Heyhoe, has concluded a busy year as State Conf. Pres. He has travelled widely and displayed particular concern for the work of the church in the rapidly expanding northern part of the State.

THEIR WORK CONTINUES

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Noble are known by many in the brotherhood for their devoted work in the ministry. Childless in life, in their death they adopted "sons in the faith" to continue their ministry. They left all they had to be used by the College of the Bible for students needing special assistance. Each year \$294 from the Noble Trust are applied to this purpose through the College of the Bible Bursary Fund. Norman Noble was one of the earliest students at the College.

EVANGELISM AT ANN ST.

(BRISBANE, Qld., L. G. Armstrong). The Crusade with Kevin Turner of Vic. concluded on April 4. There were three primary decisions. One young lady has been baptised and received into fellowship. The prayer support of the Springvale church and their assistance in making Kevin Turner available is appreciated. Presentations were made to the Crusade team comprising Kevin Turner, Ray Coats (song leader), Graham Watson (organist) and Stanley Vincent (pianist).

N.S.W. BROADCASTS

N.S.W. Brotherhood Broadcast session, entitled "New Life in Christ" is still maintained over Sydney station 2GH at 5.45 p.m. each Sunday evening. Recent contributors to this witness have been Roy Dixon, of Marrickville, and Brian White, of Telopea.

The Dept of Christian Education assists educational programmes by making available teaching material, leadership courses and learning situations such as Easter camps, seminars.



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Wishing up at Easter Camp



Class leads its own worship



Alan Mule Reads workshop at National Youth Convention

S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

Next meeting will be on Monday, May 3, 10.30 a.m., at Grote St. Centre. Guest speaker is Kevin Heath on "Marriage Guidance. Mr. Heath is chairman of the Marriage Guidance Council, Adelaide.

THINGS TO COME

- NEW SOUTH WALES**
- APRIL:**
29-May 2 ANNUAL CONFERENCE—Finnore Tabernacle and Sydney Town Hall
- MAY:**
13-24 N.S.W. D.C.E. Barrier Reef Camp
- QUEENSLAND**
- MAY:**
7-9 D.C.E. Planning Conference at "Camp Cal"
11-14 Junior Camp, "Teen Ranch," Marburg
24-30 D.C.E. Dept./Church Relationships Programme, Harlaxton
28-30 Youth Group Exchange—City to Country.
- VICTORIA**
- APRIL:**
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.
- MAY:**
2 Annual Offering, Dept. Christian Educ.
7-9 Engaged Couples' Camp, Monbulk
7 Eastern Dist. Youth Service
10-12 Girls' Camp, Monbulk, Grade 6
20-30 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
25 C.W.F. Christian Educ. Regional Meeting, Moreland, 8 p.m.
28-29 D.C.E. Commission (C.Y.F. Leader Training)
30 Y.P. and Inter. C.E. Missionary Challenge.

PERTH IN 1972

The 34th Assembly of Federal Conference will be held in Perth, W.A., October 10 to 15, 1972.

The important thing to note is that rail reservations must be made at least thirteen months before date of travel; that means by the end of August, 1971.

The Vic.-Tas. Travel Agent for Federal Conference is Keith D. Bates, G.P.O. Box 4309, Melbourne, Vic., 3001.

Those who, at this stage, are only thinking of going to Federal Conference should make contact with Keith Bates indicating the means of travel they would choose.

We stress the importance of making your initial contact with the travel agent as early as possible.

JOINT MINISTRY

(EAST PRESTON, Vic., A. Fletcher). The joint ministry experience with Preston is consolidating. Combined activities have included dedication service, B.S. picnic, board meetings, C.Y.F. and planning for visitation. . . . All auxiliaries are now in session with replacement leadership where vacancies existed. . . . Mrs. Fisher, Sur., has moved to the Christian Guest Home and A. Williamson is now living at Ivanhoe. . . . H. Olney has returned to Norseman after his visit here and he plans to continue his work there for the time being. He relies on the prayers of friends in Christ for his sustenance in advancing years.

Department of Christian Education

Studies in Discipleship. At what age do you anticipate conversion? Do you programme for discipleship in your Sunday School? What kinds of counselling materials do you use? Such were the kinds of leading questions as Western Australian teachers sought to relate their Christian education role with evangelism. Under the auspices of the Christian Education Division, teachers from as far as Bunbury involved themselves in a day seminar under the leadership of A. F. Cant, J. K. Bond and B. Still. The Seminar sought to take seriously the many years of effort spent by teachers preparing children for the opportunity of acceptable commitment to Christ. Materials tabled included the Federal Board productions of "Jesus, Your Lord and Friend", and "Steps in Discipleship".

Crisis in youth work.

Open or unstructured youth groups are one of the ways we have responded to this new situation. The role of the church is to provide two things—an arena for youth meeting, an environment for relationships to develop. Youth's basic need of relating his life to his peers and the adult world are met here. Significant Christian adults are the "alongside" communicators of the faith as the group experientially reflect upon the faith. The lack of obvious organisation and programme puzzles and confuses many adults. In the truest sense the needs of the group unite the programme and determine the activity. Out of the dynamic of life's experience in the midst of this group relationship the presence of and power of Christ is made known.

The crisis of programming for youth is there for all to see. The W.A. Department has sought an innovator to introduce such new ways to make the gospel relevant to youth today.

The S.A. Youth Choir thrilled thousands with their ministry in music at World Convention. This dynamic group make a vital contribution to the South Australian brotherhood. Each year they produce a top class performance of a Gilbert & Sullivan Opera, playing to a packed house on 4 consecutive nights. All proceeds go to assist Department projects. In addition they are widely used in special ministries of song in churches and crusades. This is Youth on a positive note.

Junior High Camping is now an established part of the S.A. Department's programme. More and more young people are being involved in their early teens to the challenge of Christian commitment through the adventure of camping.

Where it all begins—in Sunday School. Recognising that the overwhelming majority of people who commit themselves to a growing Christian life in the church, come from our church schools, the S.A. Department takes an active part in the work of Sunday Schools. Teacher training courses are provided, visits to Sunday Schools, consultation with school staff and church boards are just part of the Department's programme to serve the local church.

A brief pen picture of personalities involved in the Queensland Department of Christian Education in action.

Youth Conference President, Mr. Noel Culbert, a school teacher and psychology major, is with the Guidance and Special Education Branch. He is in charge of Swim Carnival, Sports Day, Youth Group Exchange Programme.

Field Officer, Rod Feldhahn, graduate of Kenmore, completing Arts/Divinity degrees, serves under the "Order of Stephen" (no salary—that's also sacrificial) and speaks on behalf of the Department in this vast State.

Youth Consultant, Graham Agnew, an Executive with B.P. Australia, is available to youth groups in a leadership capacity and to churches for speaking appointments.

Lyn Miller, Assistant to the Director, serves "above and beyond the line of duty" in the office administration.

"Bicheno Workers". John and Colleen Harrison are now living at Bicheno Camp, Tasmania. They intend finishing off numerous small jobs that are required to complete the existing buildings. This is a wonderful ministry.

"Minibulk" and "Minilab". These two are not related! They were two service appeals in 1970 conducted by auxiliaries of the D.C.E. Good Companions raised money for "Minibulk" provision for small group camping in Monbulk. C.Y.F. groups raised monies for their Minilab project. It was for the purchase of equipment for teaching English to migrants and was presented to the Church of All Nations, Carlton.

Explorers and C.E. Societies also conducted service projects in 1970.

"Thanks for helping us prepare more adequately for our married life together" — Comment in a letter from a couple who attended an Engaged Couples' Course conducted by the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E.

"Adventure Camping gives young people healthy backs," said a well-known Melbourne psychiatrist recently. So the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. now possesses its own rock-climbing equipment, two 12 foot aluminium boats, tents and has ready access to canoes and leeks and soon it will own its first sailing boat.

A new adventure for the Department of Christian Education in N.S.W. is the recent purchase of a camp site to replace Camp Erpenhulgi, after 19 years, and which has been sold for housing development. Stanwell Tops Christian Conference Centre is set in 75 acres of bushland, on the cliffs overlooking Stanwell Park, just 35 miles south of Sydney. The property has cottages on lease as well as some for holiday lettings; and auditorium seating 1,100; dining facilities for 500; and dormitory accommodation for 250, and a chapel seating 250. It is already being widely used for camps and seminars by all churches and some business organisations.

"Focus" puts the focus on youth interests presented in a modern, appealing method. It is produced and edited by an enthusiastic team of voluntary persons skilled in their own crafts in the printing industry. Articles of inspiration and an emphasis on Christian living have given Focus wide acceptance in Australia and overseas. It is posted direct to subscribers six times a year.

Examinations. For many years now N.S.W. has conducted an Annual Scripture Examination. The examination is set on Bible passages and lessons of the Australian Standard Lesson Material, and all schools using this were eligible to sit. A total of 849 scholars and teachers sat from 36 schools. 672 passed.

And finally there is YOU! On you we depend because your offering is the vital factor. Without this there is not a thing we can do. Give a little and we can do a little. Give a lot and you make it possible for the Departments to carry out an effective ministry.

DESIGN AN ADVERTISEMENT COMPETITION

The Department of Christian Education is involved in educational programmes for people of all ages, both male and female, Christian and non-Christian. The Department works with many varied forms of teaching. Because of this, when it comes to advertising the Department's activities, what is an interesting and informative advertisement for one person is often of little interest to another. Therefore, the problem is to design an advertisement which would communicate successfully to a person such as yourself. Information opposite may help in copy writing. For example, such an advertisement might include

reference to: 1. Youthquakes in N.S.W., 2. The Bicheno camp site in Tasmania, 3. Department-church relationship scheme in Queensland, 4. Bible school teacher training in South Australia, 5. Studies in discipleship in Western Australia, 6. Small-group camping in Victoria. There is no prize other than the satisfaction of designing a successful advertisement. You'll know if it was a successful design when you find your advertisement assisting you to decide on your individual or church contribution to the Department of Christian Education. We trust it's a good design.



WELL, WASN'T THAT AN INTERESTING TALK BILL GAVE THIS MORNING BEFORE COMMUNION



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BUT, I COULDN'T SEE ANY LINK BETWEEN THE TALK AND THE LORD'S SUPPER



WELL, THE WAY HE EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN XMAS AND CHRISTMAS— THAT WAS SOMETHING I PREVIOUSLY DIDN'T KNOW



3

BUT, IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER



WELL, I MUST AGREE, AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SUITABLE FOR THE ADULT STUDY GROUP



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WHAT ADULT STUDY GROUP?

WELL, YOU JUST TOLD ME THERE WAS A TIME AND PLACE FOR EVERYTHING NOW YOU TELL ME THERE REALLY ISN'T! NO WONDER SOME PEOPLE RAISE THESE POINTS AT THE WRONG TIME BECAUSE THERE JUST ISN'T A RIGHT TIME... AND WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN? THEY HARDLY EVER GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO



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WELL, THERE WASN'T ANY LINK TO SEE



2

HOW COME YOU SAY IT WAS INTERESTING?

WELL, I KNOW HOWEVER, DON'T YOU THINK IT WAS INTERESTING?



3

SURE, SURE, BUT, THERE'S A TIME AND PLACE FOR EVERYTHING



THE ONES WE HAVE HERE WITHIN THE CHURCH



5

WE DON'T HAVE THEM ANYMORE

STUDY AND EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS... WELL, THEY WOULD APPRECIATE THE INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION OF AN ADULT STUDY GROUP, AND OF COURSE, SO WOULD PEOPLE LIKE BILL... AND I'D APPRECIATE IT MYSELF. NOW, YOU MIGHT THINK THAT I DON'T SAY MUCH, AND YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T LISTEN AND THINK...



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The Department of Christian Education prepares and makes available material to aid Bible Study and discussion groups of all ages.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE CROSSES OF CALVARY (3) There were three crosses at Calvary. One of them represents those who rebel against life and find in death only meaningless pain. The second cross represents those who have failed the tests of life but are able to look beyond pain and death into a redeeming hope. The third cross is everybody's cross because it bears everybody's Saviour.

Between the Star of Bethlehem and the Cross of Calvary, Jesus lived a life of such abundance that the benefits of that life are available for everyone. Jesus does not redeem life only at death. He redeems the whole of life. The Crucifixion is not the ultimate symbol of sorrow, it is the ultimate symbol of joy. One Dutch painter showed the Crucifixion against a background of men working in the fields. He is saying that man's daily work is redeemed by the death of Christ. Another Dutch painter painted the Christ on the Cross in the foreground of a winter scene in which scores of people are skating in the sunlight. He is saying that man's fun has also been redeemed by the death of Christ.

For the great crises of our lives, the Man on the Central Cross brings special resources. For our deepest needs we require the greatest response. But the Cross of Christ is not only for Good Friday and life's final hours. It is for birthdays, workdays, playdays, wedding days and Sundays. It is not the days that are redeemed, it is the life of everyday.

THE JURY RETURNS On the one day, in the U.S., two famous cases reached their climax in their respective courtrooms, but both are likely to trouble the U.S. conscience for many years. In one case, Charles Manson and his amazingly loyal "family" were convicted of mass murder. The blood-thirsty killers acted like hyenas savaging helpless victims in the jungle. But it was a jungle, a jungle which modern society has encouraged by its acceptance of violence as a way of life. The people may well ask if the technologically most advanced nation in the world has produced a new kind of amoral monster.

The other case concerned Lieut. Wm. Calley, sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour for premeditated murder at My Lai in Vietnam. The U.S. at first refused to believe that their soldiers could have been guilty of the slaughter of old men, women, and children, on a scale and in a manner that shocked the world. When massive evidence confirmed the massacre the shock turned to anger. There were demands on every hand for the punishment of those responsible for the killings, and also those responsible for hushing up the affair when it became known to the authorities. Calley was found guilty, and incredibly found himself a hero. In a truth-is-stranger-than-fiction reaction the people now saw him as brave and honourable—but unfortunate.

The two cases belong together because they are both symptoms of a world that has lost its way, where traditional vices become virtues, where its noblest philosophies have become inverted, and where religious values that reverence life and have been replaced by sensationalism and self-interest. Manson and his tribe have been set a long example by society's indifference to human values. Calley could have asked if there were old men, women and children at Hiroshima. We are all responsible for the Mansons and the Calleys. And we are responsible for the way that these men can profit by their crimes. Manson is a kind of a singer who could not make the grade. Now his records are selling well. Calley, already famous, will also become rich. His "confessions" are being published in "Esquire" magazine.

THE SPORTSMEN Fresh from its victory over that sporting colossus, Dunlops, the A.C.T.U. team and its captain, R. J. Hawke, have announced that they will take on the South African cricket team. Although they are the world's best cricketers, the South Africans must be regarded as having little chance against Mr. Hawke, who plays the game hard and tough.

Churches throughout the world have been almost unanimous in condemning South Africa's apartheid policy as inhuman as well as unchristian. And churches have joined with other protesters in urging that the planned tours of Australia by South Africa's footballers and cricketers be cancelled.

South Africa's cricketers made their own protest against racism in a recent match when they walked off the ground for five minutes, and they followed this up by asking the Government Minister concerned to approve the choice of two coloured cricketers in the team for Australia. The request was denied. This was, nevertheless, a fine gesture by the cricketers, and it points the way to the answer to the problem. The sportsmen could have taken a further step and announced that they would not take part in overseas tours until South African sport is multi-racial. Racism can only be dealt with effectively by South Africans in South Africa, and so long as discrimination is acceptable over there, so long will South African teams be unacceptable in other countries.

Memo: Keep sharp watch on Australia's de facto apartheid situation, and hit our contributions to multi-racial sport.

GOOD GRIEF!! The Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation gave permission for a Washington homophile (homosexual) congregation to hold a meeting in its sanctuary but the Episcopal Bishop, Rev. Wm. F. Croighton, withdrew permission and ordered the sanctuary locked when he learned that the proposed service included a "wedding" of two men.

Happenings

According to a Gallup Poll, adults who attended church weekly in Australia last year comprised 23% of the population; Canada 44%; U.S.A. 42%; Netherlands 36%; Greece 26%; Britain 20%; Uruguay 18%.

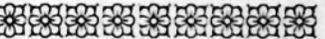
Miss Janice De Lissa, of N.S.W., died after being stung by bees whilst serving with the Church Missionary Society in Malaysia.

Speculation on the successor to Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, who will soon retire from the office of the W.C.C.F. General Secretary, names as possible: Lukas Vischer, Albert van den Hauvel, M. M. Thomas, Paul Versabee, Philip Potter, Emilio Castro, Samuel L. Parmar, General Tahli Simatupang.

Ten more church workers have been deported from South Africa, making a total of 40 in five years.

Of the 27 chaplains serving with the Vic. Council for Christian Educ. in Schools, six are ministers of Churches of Christ.

The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education reports that 1,500 colleges and universities (77% of U.S. total) are facing "financial crisis unmatched in its impact."



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AREA MINISTRY GROWS

(BORDERTOWN, S.A., Reg. Com-bridge). Reg. Combridge now has the oversight of the entire circuit since the resignation from Keith of Graham Lawrie. He is assisted by a number of members with the preaching engagements . . . The church was saddened to hear of the death of a former minister, Frank Cornelius, and extend to Mrs. Cornelius and daughters our sympathy. . . C.C.Y.F. continues under the leadership of Kathy Hudd and Lyn Fisher, participating in a variety of evenings . . . Church recently farewelled Dawson Beets after a stay of 18 months in the district. Dawson was actively associated with church and S.S. where his services were greatly appreciated. He has returned to New Zealand to be married. Also from N.Z. we have Rosemary Skeets who is on the hospital nursing staff. Rosemary is helping with organ duties. Rob. Chesterfield is a new addition to the H.S. teaching staff and a welcome addition to the church.

FORWARD MOVE PLANNED

(WINDSOR GDNS.-TEA TREE GULLY, S.A., R. Brand). The church held a series of conferences to plan in areas of evangelism, fellowship and Christian Education. Active membership is 106. Special services will encourage parents of B.S. scholars to attend and interest them in the programme of the church.

SERVICE RECOGNISED

(BEVERLEY, S.A., R. W. Saunders). Appreciation has been expressed to Brian and Kevin Harding who have retired as secretary and treasurer after 20 and 17 years of service and to Mrs. Brian Harding for her work as deaconess . . . Mini-fete organised by and supported by children, teachers, parents and members of Beverley and Cheltenham churches and many visitors raised \$200 for B.S. funds . . . Morning services are now held at 9.30 a.m., when Mr. Saunders speaks before proceeding to 11 a.m. service at Cheltenham. Members join with Cheltenham for evening gospel services at Cheltenham. Young people are sharing with Cheltenham in Senior and Junior Youth Clubs . . . Conference President, K. Dawson, was a recent speaker.

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WOMEN "MAKE CAMP"

(S.A.). At the 12th Annual Women's Camp, 59 ladies settled in to Longwood campsite on March 12. During the week-end the number grew to 75. Mrs. J. C. Cunningham's study on the book of Ephesians was the dominant feature and warm appreciation was expressed.

"In My Opinion," a discussion session on topical questions was keenly contested and minds set thinking on the responsibility of Christians in the field of social reforms.

Camp Concert on the Saturday night provided relaxation and quality entertainment, while the culinary efforts of

YOUTH MISSION

(NAILSWORTH, S.A., P. R. Whitmore). A youth mission, Feb. 28 to March 7, had H. M. Long as missionary. Church coffee followed all evening services. Visiting group artists gave musical programmes. Iced drinks and coffee were served . . . Recent speakers were K. Dawson, Conf. Pres., Nell Oxenbury, and A. R. Jones . . . Following the Harvest Thanksgiving services goods were divided between St. George's Rest Home and the Youth Hostel.

APPROACHING TARGET

(EDWARDSTOWN, S.A., R. H. Brown). Attendances and offerings are steadily moving towards the target figures of 120 communicants and \$140 in giving . . . The church has launched a "Venture with God" programme of outreach for 1971. Auxiliaries are intensifying efforts to expand their numbers. "Happy Hours" were conducted by the minister and helpers have contacted approx. 30 new S.S. prospects . . . Evening services are attracting approx. 100 . . . Young people raised \$123 for Red Cross.

TWO FOR MINISTRY

(MT. GAMBIER, S.A., Bernard Duff). The church is thrilled with the decision of two of our men to offer themselves for the full-time ministry—Dare Stevens, former policeman, and his wife, Lynne, and baby are at the College of the Bible, and Geoff Byron is training at the Adelaide Bible Institute . . . The church has lost five members by transfer, including an elder, Tom Tregloan. We have gained three by transfer . . . At a special Family Tea recently a man made his confession of faith . . . David Wass has offered his services to the local goal in instructing the prisoners in general craft work . . . The church deeply appreciates the support from the Glenelg, Bordertown and Naracoorte churches over the past twelve

four young men from the Youth Choir resulted in varied meals beautifully cooked.

Highlights, conducted in the chapel, were the devotional times prepared by Mrs. Greensblonds, and the moving communion service led by Women's Conf. Pres., Mrs. W. S. Morrow. An offering of \$40 together with camp profit is to be used towards Longwood kitchen improvements. Six country churches from Pt. Lincoln to Tarpeena were represented, and some voted this very happy experience the "best camp yet." Arrangements were handled by the D.C.E. Women's Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Searle.

months . . . The B.S. is having problems with insufficient teachers. The B.S. raised \$14 for the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. This was presented to M.A.F. at a field day they had in Mt. Gambier recently . . . Gerald Rose was a recent guest speaker.

REGULAR BROADCAST

(BRIGHTON GDNS., S.A., K. J. Harvey, C. E. Curtis). The 11 a.m. service is being broadcast over station 5DN each six weeks with the theme "Man In Conflict." A new ministry amongst retired and elderly people in the community has commenced. Church facilities are being used once a fortnight for those who are "Sparetimers." Sixty attended the inaugural meeting . . . On Harvest Thanksgiving Day the church expressed gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of Robt. Manning. Rob's service was marked by great energy, dedication and enthusiasm. The church first met in his home 17 years ago. . . 18 house parties are being conducted to meet Mr. and Mrs. Collin Curtis as they enter the team ministry . . . The church has purchased a house on the western side of the church for use as a second manse . . . Ken Dawson, Conf. Pres., addressed the church on Anniversary Sunday . . . There were three decisions on March 28.

C.M.F. RECOMMENDED

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). Sixteen men met recently and re-established the Men's Fellowship which has been in recess for several years. They will meet each month for fellowship and service. Cyril Wood is Secretary. Each man has received a questionnaire covering their interests in studies, speakers, etc., also skills as handymen. The fellowship will assist anyone in need of help in the garden or home because of sickness or infirmity.

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GROWTH STIMULATED

(MONTROSE, Vic., K. Fechner, A. Horne). Mr. Fechner with the help of other College of the Bible students, conducted Adventure Time which resulted in 14 new scholars for the S.S. and an increase in attendance at boys' and girls' clubs. Because of the many new contacts made and a policy of outreach the Officers' Board decided to appoint two students with a view to a greater continuity of the ministry . . . Mr. and Mrs. I. Bird and Mr. and Mrs. J. Dolan have been welcomed into membership by transfer . . . Church and hall have been fully painted, and a new fence erected. . . Mrs. McGregor was welcomed back after holiday in Tas. and N.S.W. . . An evening symposium on prayer was held with five speakers ranging from primary school age to a retired person.

MONBULK WORK PARTY

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). A party of Senior Explorer boys spent a day at Monbulk, clearing the Will Newham Track, and using the new facilities for small group camping in the new "Lodge." . . . Good Companions and Explorers participated in Inter-club Swim Nights organised by D.C.E. . . S.S. attendances increased to reach 70 in March. The C.L.C. materials are being appreciated . . . Friendship Week commenced on March 28 with E. Keating (Dept. H.M. & E.) in charge.

YEAR'S PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

(RINGWOOD, Vic., G. W. Barnett). Functional committees and conveners for overall 1971 programme are: Fellowship (W. Fairfull), Promotion (I. Smith), Outreach and Christian Educ.—Adult (G. W. Barnett), Christian Educ.—Youth (A. Hall), Finance (C. Emerson), Maintenance (A. Moore), Co-ordinators (M. Moody and K. Greig) . . . Guest speakers in March were A. West (anthropologist) and Mrs. Beryl Amos on "Our Mission Work among the Australian Aborigines." Following a smorgasbord luncheon, coloured slides of this work were shown. . . A. B. Clark, minister at Croydon, conducted three mid-week pre-Easter services on the theme "A Look at the Crucified." . . . Nell Nankivell is proceeding to England for further studies and has resigned as church treasurer and organist. C. Lawn is the new treasurer and I. Dickason is assistant . . . The church senses the loss of Lindsay Smith Sr., an esteemed and faithful member.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY

(FRANKSTON, Vic.). G. Reed will fill the position of church secretary vacated by Dennis Nell who has been sent by his firm, British Petroleum, to their base in Italy for two years . . . At the annual meeting, following a family tea on March 14, 60 members were present, a big increase on previous years' attendances. . . Officers for the ensuing year: Minister, R. Patterson; Elders, Messrs. J. Bolwell, K. Taylor, L. Carter, F. Adams, C. Bolwell; Deaconesses, Mesdames L. Bolwell, B. Bolwell, M. Gowty, P. Young.

BORONIA IS FIFTY

(Vic., D. Olafsen). The Boronia church commenced in a tent in 1921 and the present chapel was erected about mid-1921. The 50th anniversary services were held from April 14 to 21 beginning with "Back to Boronia" services on the 14th. 240 were present in the morning and 270 at the P.S.A. luncheon was served to 200.

At the P.S.A., tape-recorded messages were received from past ministers: Dr. H. W. Graham (1945-49), Colvin Smith (1949-58), and Jack Manalack (1959-1967). Several foundation members were introduced: Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Maguire Sr., Miss K. Chandler, Mr. Salmon, Gordon Chandler and L. J. Maguire.

BUSY MINSTRELS

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). The Minstrel Group has given concerts at Glen Waverley and Ormond churches . . . Miss Jean Raddon was speaker at morning coffee arranged by the A.C.W.C. Ladies also went by bus to Belgrave for A.C.W.C. fellowship . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Riddell Recreation Ground . . . "His Land," a film showing the fulfilment of Biblical prophecies, has been screened . . . Brenton Wandke (O.M.F.) led three Bible study sessions as preparation for a week of evangelism in May.

C.E. HAS BIRTHDAY

(HARCOURT, Vic., John Byrnes). The Christian Endeavour recently celebrated its first birthday and invited Castlemaine C.E. to join with them . . . C.W.F. had another enjoyable and financial year . . . Charlie Rice is Supt. of the B.S. for the next twelve months. Mrs. Jessie Symes has been elected as deaconess, Vic. Symes as elder. Horrie Rice has taken the office of church secretary once again in spite of ill-health. All other officers were re-elected.

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

(GARDINER, Vic., L. S. Dewberry). March as "Friendship Month" proved helpful in fellowship and witness. Sermons had to do with divine and human friendship. A picnic at Emerald Lake, a concert, and house-parties were features. In the house-parties about 120 members and friends shared informal fellowship in the same kind of programme in nine homes . . . At the Univ. of Melb. the degree of Ph.D. was conferred on Ian Jones. Bruce Jones has gone to the Univ. of New England, Armidale, N.S.W., to do post-graduate study. Both Ian and Bruce were selected to represent Victorian

At the anniversary reception on March 17, greetings were brought by the Mayor of the City of Knox (Gr. Newman), the President of the Vic.-Tas. Conf. (K. J. Clinton), and the Pres. of Knox Inter-Church Council. The featured speaker was G. R. Stirling who also spoke at Ladies' Night on March 13, a Koffee Klub for young people on the 19th, a men's breakfast on the 20th, and at both services on the 21st. At the evening service three young people accepted the challenge to decide for Christ.

A proposal for the erection of a new building will be considered this month.

universities in the Australian Universities Athletic Championships in Brisbane in March, and are to represent Australian universities in contests in N.Z. in April . . . Keith Stevens, a student at the Australian National University, Canberra, spent most of the long vacation in India assisting Keith Skillern on an agricultural project. On March 14 at church he was questioned at length by Mr. Dewberry on his Indian experiences.

GATHERING AT HORSHAM

(KANIVA, Vic., R. C. Bolduan). Meetings were closed on March 23 to enable members to go to the North-Western District Conference held at Horsham, 26 from Kaniva and two each from Serviceton and Klata attended. Ron McLean of the Overseas Mission Board addressed the three gatherings . . . 30 attended C.Y.F. for a "Hike and Hot Dogs" night. . . Barry Brooks has returned to Australia after 12 months' military service in Vietnam.

FOOTBALL TEAM

(ORMOND, Vic., L. Barker). Our young men have formed a football team for the first time . . . A minstrel show, performed by the Williamstown C.M.S., assisted our new organ fund . . . Our church picnic was held at Mornington on Saturday 27th. . . A successful cake stall was held in Bentleigh last Thursday . . . There was a good response to Mr. Barker's marriage dedication service on March 21 . . . Our new student minister, D. Stevens, his wife and young son have been welcomed.

TOOTGAROOK (Vic.). An annual meeting on March 26. H. Farmer and R. Wilkie were elected elders. Seven deacons and three deaconesses were appointed. A. Barber and Mrs. F. Baker are organists.

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BIRTHS

TOWNS (McKenzie)—To Heather and Bruce, on March 19, at Melbourne, a daughter—Belinda Joy. First grandchild to Harold and Nancy, Ray and Betty.

JONES (Warmbrunn)—Marion and Peter proudly announce the safe arrival of Kristen Dorothy, on April 6, at Dandenong, Vic. Both well. "Thanks be to God."

ENGAGEMENTS

O'DONNELL-WATSON—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. O'Donnell, 1 Virginia St., Pascoe Vale, Vic., together with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Watson, 9 Dickens St., Yarraville, the parents of the respective couple are happy to announce the engagement of Jeanette and Ian Richard, on April 6.

WRIGHT-WATSON—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wright, 17 Menin Rd., Nunawading, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their youngest daughter, Jennifer, to Henry (Ben), second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Watson, Narracan, Vic.

SELWOOD-ROBB—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Selwood, 164 Hearn St., Colac, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Desmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robb, Bungador, via Colac.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

BEST-BARNETT—On April 17, at 4.30 p.m., at West Preston Church of Christ, Mr. G. Barnett will officiate at the marriage of his son, Peter, with Julie Best, 66 King William St., Reservoir, Vic., 3073.

SILVER WEDDING

NIXON (Smith)—Joe and Joyce, with pleasure and gratitude to God, announce the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated on April 20, 1946, by A. G. Bennett at Sunshine Church of Christ, Vic.

GOLDEN WEDDING

ANNEAR-LITTLE—The family of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Annear, 94 High St., Launceston, Tas., are so pleased to be able to announce the 50th Wedding Anniversary of their parents. The marriage was solemnised at Margaret St. Church of Christ, Launceston, on April 27, 1921, by P. R. Baker. Love and congratulations from Phyllis, Carl and Shirley; Peggy and Don.; Bev. and Noel; Maurcen and Geoff.

APPRECIATION

W. A. WIGNEY and Gwendolyn, Graeme and Malcolm. The hundreds of expressions of sympathy and love received during our sad bereavement make it impossible to reply individually. Would you please accept this as a personal thank you and assure you of our sincere appreciation.

DEATHS

CORNELIUS, Frank—On March 20, 1971, at his home, Westbourne Park, S.A., beloved husband of Anne, loved father of Dorothy, Merle (Mrs. Grigg) and Alison (Mrs. Burnard), leaving six grandchildren. Aged 78 years. "I am willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5: 8).

COUSINS—On March 29 at Deloraine Nursing Home, Greensborough, Vic., Alexia Alice, formerly of Essex St., West Footscray, loved wife of the late William Vere, much loved mother of Les., Stan. and Hazel (Mrs. Pietzsch), loving mother-in-law of Addie, Mabel and Henri, loved Nana of Leigh, John, Leslie, Joan, Lee, Marilyn, Lynton, Glynne and Colyn, and great-Nana of eight. In her 86th year. "With the Lord which is far better."

IN MEMORIAM

BANGSUND, Leif Gordon—Loving memories of a dear husband and father, who passed away on Good Friday, April 16, 1965. "Happy and smiling, always content; Loved and respected, wherever he went."—Ivy, Flat 215, 1 Holmes St., Northcote, Vic., 3070.

Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING—"God made day as well as night; God made black as well as white."—L. McColl, Maldstone, Vic.

ANNETTS, Lexie—Treasured memories of a dear wife, mother and grandma, called home on April 15, 1965. "Some day, some time, we'll understand."—Inserted by Harold, Merle and Bill.

BATTY, Thomas Edward—Died May 3, 1968. Also his wife, Daisy Evelyn, died Dec. 11, 1960. Dear friends of Bert and Merle Watson, West Preston, Vic. "Always lovingly remembered."

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Mrs. Lovell, Reservoir, Vic.
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MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Poole and Christine, from Tunby Bay; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Iner, from Blackwood and Prospect; Mr. Tompkins, from West Croydon, to Croydon, S.A.

Don, Judy and Penny Lewis, from Strathalbyn, S.A.; Barry Larter, from Murrwillumbah; Ruth Larter, from Orange to Bexley North, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevill: Thomas, from Prahran; Mrs. T. Autellano, from Coburg; Miss Lyne Anderson, from Swanston St. to Reservoir, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Stow, from Kenmore to Parkdale, Vic.

Neva Cox, from Zillmere to Dalby, Qld.

Mrs. Marie Mengler, to Robbvale, Vic.

Mrs. N. Small, from Chadstone to Noble Park, Vic.

H. Eastgate, from Toowoomba; Miss F. Thomas, from Pearl Beach; Mrs. M. Holyar to Redcliffe, Qld.
Lynette Williams, from Hampstead Gdns. to Launceston, Tas.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell and Jan, Terrace, from Prospect; Dr. and Mrs. Thornley and Edda Thomas, from Wembley, W.A.; Mr. and Mrs. John and Shirley Wise, from Queenstown to Blackwood, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard, Miss Sandra Whitnell, from Kingaroy; Miss Valerie Steller, from East Ipswich; Miss Joyce Spriggs, from Harlaxton; Miss Ruth Paddon, from Roma; and Mr. and Mrs. John Forbes, from Townsville to Kedron, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, from Kedron to Ann St., Brisbane, Qld.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Whitaker, from Bunbury, to Collic, W.A.

Robyn and David Green, from Dalby to Albion, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Harding, from Beverley to Flinders Park, S.A.

Don Witham, from Warrnambool; Kevin Green, from Collingwood to La Trobe Tce., Geelong, Vic.

Mrs. Sedgman, Snr., from Preston; Mr. and Mrs. D. Coxhill, from East Preston to West Preston, Vic.
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A. Taylor, from Prahran to Gardiner, Vic.

Nurse Noeline Pope, from Eidsvold to Maryborough, Qld.

Mrs. E. Pfeifer, from Malvern-Caulfield to Chadstone, Vic.

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MARRIAGES

Christine Barnett to Robert Hall, Ringwood, Vic.

Norma Masterton to John Milhan, Oakleigh, Vic.

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Robyn Walker to Malcolm Hunter, Mosman, N.S.W.

Rosemary Evans to Glen Volp, Ann St., Brisbane, Qld.

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Julia Dougal to David Brand; Marcella Pearce to Richard Benz; Jeanette Pryor to Robert Smith, Flinders Park, S.A.

Susan Nash to Doug. Hall; Diane Acroff to Chris Haines, Cheltenham, Vic.

DEATHS

Mr. Crabtree, Croydon, Vic.

C. Kilsby, Brooklyn Pk., S.A.

Edward Charles McArdle, Chadstone, Vic.

H. W. Brown, Oakleigh, Vic.

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FORMER SECRETARY DIES

(CHADSTONE, Vic., B. J. Jenkins). The church was saddened by the death of a faithful member of the church, E. C. (Ned) McArdle on March 24. A foundation member, Ned McArdle was secretary during the ministry of Bruce McIntosh . . . 30 of our teenagers spent a weekend at Mill Valley Ranch . . . The year's programme commenced with an evangelism programme led by Ted Keating; quite a few contacts indicated their interest in church membership . . . Mr. Jenkins has been organising Christian Education Seminars for the senior students in secondary schools throughout the city of Waverley . . . Miss Dorothy Holstein, on furlough from India, was guest at the manse for a week.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

(SVAN HILL, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). During May, a Planned Giving Review programme will be conducted by E. O. Keating, Dept. of H.M. & Evang. field officer . . . Recent visiting speakers were S. Allison (Aboriginis Missions) and K. J. Clinton (Pres., Vic.-Tas. Conf.) . . . The annual meeting elected A. Anderson and I. Crowe as elders.

PRESIDENT AT ANNIVERSARY

(THE PATCH, Vic., W. Condron). Women's World Day of Prayer service was well supported. Other activities were church anniversary at which the Conference President, K. J. Clinton, was guest speaker, members' picnic at Upper Yarra Dam, and S.S. anniversary on March 28 followed by buffet tea. K. Fechner (Montrose) was speaker . . . Annual meeting was held on March 31. E. Holmes is now treasurer. Deaconesses are Mesdames Walker, Easton and McDowell.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

(DONCASTER, Vic., A. E. White/A. W. Candy). Although orchards are fast disappearing from the Doncaster district, a worthwhile response was made by members and scholars of the B.S. The fruits of harvest were distributed to the College of the Bible, Social Service homes and hospital . . . Doncaster Explorer Midgets gained first prize at recent swimming sports . . . C.W.E.F. organised evenings which resulted in \$25 being donated to Onemda Minding Centre for retarded children at Donvale . . . Recent octogenarians, Mrs. R. Moffat and A. F. (Bert) Miller received congratulations and best wishes from their many friends and admirers in the Doncaster church and city. Both have more than 60 years' service in the fellowship of the church at Doncaster.

QUEST HOME OUTING

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). On April 4, folk from our guest homes were taken for a car drive, then to Hartwell church for song session and afternoon tea . . . Choir is combined with Burwood Congregational Church to render Stainer's "Crucifixion," conducted by Mrs. Willing, with Rex Cleland organist and H. Aldering and E. Hancock soloists . . . C.W.A.F. visited Oakleigh to hear Dorothy Holstein speak on Dhond Hospital.

CHANGES IN THE VIC.-TAS. D.C.E.

VAL WILLIAMS LEAVES

● Miss Val Williams has recently left the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. after 13 years as Secretary. Many people in the brotherhood have either personally met Val in the office and know her competence or have seen the quality of her work through the mail. The Department is most grateful for 13 years of dedicated service. At our last Department meeting former Directors L. A. Trezise and R. V. Longthorp, as well as the present Director and Dr. K. R. Bowes paid tribute to Val's ministry.

500 IN PARK SERVICE

(MITCHAM, Vic., E. W. Heard). Over 500 attended an outdoor service in Dandenong Park on March 21 when churches of Christ from Mitcham, Dandenong, Ringwood, Noble Park, Berwick and Bayswater combined. E. P. C. Holland, of Glenelg, S.A., was guest preacher. Musical items were brought by "The Fire-brands" and the "Kern J's" . . . Kevin Turner will begin a ministry with the church in January, 1972 . . . After a

● The Department appreciates the continuing ministry of Mrs. Alva Candish, and now we welcome Mrs. Suzanne Lee to the team.

● There will be changes at Monbulk also. In July Mr. and Mrs. Keith Humphries of Blackburn will take over from Mr. and Mrs. A. Reed. We welcome them also to the team and would again express our gratitude for the wonderful ministry of Arthur and May Reed over the years.

plenic tea the Intermediate S.S. children led a recent gospel service. Another feature was "The Master's Men" when eleven men told a congregation of mainly young people how they would act "if they knew at 16 years of age what they know now." . . . Colin Titchell, Supt. of the Burwood Boys' Home, spoke to the C.W.F. on the work of the home . . . Mrs. Cocks and Mrs. Wilson are recovering after being in hospital.

106th Victoria-Tasmania Conference

APRIL 25-30, 1971

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Selected students have been sent to N.Z., Australia and England for further studies in education, medicine, evangelism and engineering.

As New Hebrideans become better qualified they are able to accept positions of responsibility with missions, the Government and in industry. There is however one area of education that has not been available, and that is training in commercial subjects.

There is a growing need within our own mission work and there are opportunities for employment outside of the mission for New Hebrideans qualified to do office work. It is the policy of the mission to train New Hebrideans for service within the Conference rather than to continue sending out missionaries.

The Good Companions in Victoria approached the Overseas Mission Board last year and advised that they were interested in bringing a New Hebridean to Australia for twelve months' special study in some field which would help the mission work. The whole matter was considered very carefully and finally it was decided that instead of bringing out one student, someone should be sent to the New Hebrides for a period of two years to teach a class of students interested in commercial training.

The Overseas Mission Board and our Mission Committee are delighted that the Victorian Good Companions have accepted such a wonderful and worthwhile proposition.

OBITUARY

BARROT, Francis Charles

Mr. Barrot was born at Shepparton, Vic., in 1900, and his family moved to Korumburra. At the age of nine they went to Chandler Rd., Dandenong, where Mr. Barrot lived on the same property for 61 years until his death. He was a market gardener as a lad before becoming a bread-carter in Dandenong and district for 22 years. Later he again became a market gardener until he retired with a heart condition at the age of 50. He was a keen fisherman and took an active interest in football. He joined the church in 1950, attending the Dandenong church and later transferred to Noble Park where his parents were foundation members. He married Emma Jesson in 1925 and they had five sons and three daughters. At the time of his death on Jan. 6, 1971, he was grandfather to 21 and great-grandfather to four. The funeral service was conducted at the Noble Park church.—T.G.

ject. They are now inviting applications from persons interested in this position. Applicants should either have had experience in teaching commercial subjects or be well experienced in general office work. Persons applying should also have had experience in youth work and be actively involved in Christian service.

Applicants are invited to write to the Victorian Overseas Mission Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Heard, 39 Creswell Crescent, Mitcham, Vic., 3132.

TV ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Man is gradually destroying more and more of his environment, but the process need not be fatal, maintains a film produced for Canadian television and inspired by Canon David Jenkins, director of Humanum Studies for the World Council of Churches. The film is an outgrowth of a consultation on "Ecology and Responsibility" sponsored jointly by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and the Canadian Council of Churches. "A Footnote to Genesis" is the first of the 1970-71 "Man Alive" series made by a team of religious programme producers. The second film, "Me," evokes images of what it means to be a human being. "When Is a Man Not a Man?" is the third in the series.—E.P.S.

BILLY GRAHAM TO REST

(Atlanta, Georgia). Dr. Graham's doctors have ordered him to take an extended period of rest. All of Dr. Graham's preaching engagements have already been cancelled until April 15, apart from an engagement in Cleveland, Ohio, March 14, to accept an award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Dr. Graham underwent surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, Feb. 10. His next major Crusade begins April 25 at the University of Kentucky at Lexington.

EDWARDS, Mrs. Amy

In January, Amy Edwards, of the Northcote, Vic., church died while on holiday in Queensland, N.S.W. She had been enjoying her holiday and had seemed in good health, and her death came as a great shock to her husband, Norm, and friends, Don and Lil Nation, with whom she was holidaying. Amy's association with Northcote church goes back to 1910, when her parents, Thomas and Ellen Gracie, foundation members of the church, enrolled her on the cradle roll. From her parents, Amy gained her enthusiasm for the church and its activities. She was baptized in her teens and was an active and loyal member of the S.S., the Phil Beta Pi, sporting clubs and later, of the Christian Women's Fellowship. At various times through the years she took the offices of secretary and president of both the afternoon and evening fellowship groups. Twenty-seven years ago, Amy married Norm Edwards and their life together was one of great happiness. Amy's home and heart were always open to others and no task was too great or too small for her to attend to if it meant

extending a helping hand. For any task beyond her capacity or talents she was always ready to offer encouragement and support to those who undertook them. Amy will be sadly missed by her husband and her many friends, and her passing has left a wide gap in the fellowship of the Northcote church.—G.A.

ELLIS, Raymond Arthur

Raymond Ellis died suddenly on March 20, 1971, at the wheel of his car as he was returning with a friend from Maldon. About 10 years ago he was first made aware of a heart condition, in 1955 he suffered his first serious heart attack. Although in one sense prepared, all have been deeply shocked at the suddenness of Ray's passing. He was born March 26, 1916 in North Fitzroy and when the family shifted to West Preston he attended the Church of Christ where he was baptized at the age of 19 and served as S.S. teacher in many other aspects of the church's life. At West Preston he met his wife, Nancy, a member of our Thornbury church and they were married in 1941. The Leighton Ford Crusade in 1961 was referred to by him as one of the greatest spiritual highlights of his life, for it was there that together Ray and Nancy rededicated their lives and began in a new way to share their faith with each other and others. At that time they joined the Reservoir church where Ray served as a deacon and later as an elder. This office speaks for itself of the high respect in which he was held. He was a keen student of the Bible and in the opportunities he had to preach and teach all appreciated his sincerity and deep conviction. He worked at the Melbourne University for 28 years, the last six as safety officer. He was an amateur radio operator and a keen photographer, using these talents in the service of God and others. To Mrs. Ellis and their daughter, Denise, we convey our Christian love and sympathy.—A.B.

WIGNEY, Mrs. Alma

The church at Box Hill, Vic., was packed beyond capacity for the funeral of the wife of the former minister, W. A. Wigney. Mrs. Wigney was greatly loved in the church and in the community, and several hundred people represented the local church and the brotherhood, as well as many community interests. Mrs. Wigney was born in Fitzroy, and joined the church under the ministries of Thomas Hayer and Will Gale. She met her husband Will while he was working at Charlie Wheaton's general store at Miram. She was one of many people greatly influenced by the faith of this family. They were married in 1929 following Will's graduation from the College of the Bible. They ministered at Warragul, Echuca, Ararat, West Preston, East Kew, Box Hill and South Yarra. Mr. Wigney also saw active service during the war, and his wife cared for the family, Gwen-dolyn, Graeme and Wally during these years. As a minister's wife she endeared herself to everyone with her pastoral concern. Her practical help was a continual expression of her personal faith. She was fully involved in the youth work of each church, and held office in C.E. and P.C.F.O. Her interests beyond the local church were with the Mission to the Blind, the D. & F.B.S. and the W.C.T.U. During their ministries many young men entered into training for the ministry. The service was conducted by two of them—Gordon Graham, the present minister at Box Hill, led the service, and Gordon Moyes, whose home church was Box Hill, paid the personal tribute. After nine weeks of illness, Mrs. Wigney unexpectedly passed to be with her Lord. We praise God for her life of good works.—G.K.M.

ASSOCIATE ABROAD

(WEST PRESTON, Vic., A. J. Stora). The honorary associate minister, Geoff Wilcott, is on a business tour of South-East Asia . . . The young adults led the service on Racism on March 21. Malcolm Humphries was speaker . . . The elders for 1971 are J. Bridson, W. Nash, and A. Wood. The treasurer is F. Gillespie . . . The Youth Team is encouraged by increasing numbers at the Wednesday and Friday programmes. . . John Styles' thesis has been accepted and he qualifies for the Master of Science degree. The combined Easter service was held at the Baptist church.

"OPEN DAY" AT WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). March 20 was "Open Day" at Woolwich Bible College. In a brief service conducted by Dr. Elliott, greetings were brought by the Pres-elect of the N.S.W. Conf., R. F. Bartholomew; State C.W.F. Pres., Mrs. J. McLean; the Secretary of the College Board, John F. Morris, and the Student President, Ray Smith.

Mr. Chapman, who has entered this year upon his duties as Senior Lecturer, was also introduced to the gathering.

Afternoon tea was served in the College grounds by the Ladies' Committee under the superintendency of Mrs. R. Single, and students led parties on a tour of the College buildings. The historical display, concerning the earlier days of the Restoration Movement in Australia, and also the Missionary Exhibition, proved to be of particular interest to the visitors.

CROYDON DECISIONS

(Vic., A. B. Clark). Geo. Mathieson, D.C.E. Field Officer, spoke at youth service on March 14. Two young ladies made decisions . . . Members took part in Red Cross collection on March 21 . . . Senior Girls' Club attended Eastern Zone swimming sports . . . A basketball team has been formed for girls 12 years and under. . . At C.W.F. church parade Mrs. D. Strack was speaker and Mrs. Drummy soloist . . . Young people attended Sunday night "Sing-Out" at Camberwell Civic Centre . . . 24 hours were spent in prayer from 6 p.m. April 14 to 6 p.m. April 15 for the Lay Witness Mission. . . The church is saddened by the death of Mr. Crabtree at age of 86.

METHODISTS AT BAPTISM

(LA TROBE TCE., GEELONG, Vic., T. R. W. Holmes). Some of our Methodist friends were present on Feb. 28 when Mr. and Mrs. A. Duffield confessed their faith and were baptized. The Rev. G. Fletcher, Methodist minister in the area, assisted Trevor Holmes in the service. Mr. Duffield is an area preacher for the Methodist churches on the Bellarine Peninsula, John Davies, another area minister, read the scripture. At the close of the service a lady acknowledged her faith . . . It was decided to appoint deaconesses to assist the elders and minister. Mrs. Joy Williams and Mrs. May Kennedy have accepted nomination.

VICTORIAN C.W.F.

A Thanksgiving Service was presented by Mrs. G. Barnett at the April Council meeting. 150 delegates and visitors were present.

Sister Dorothy Holstein, on furlough from the Mission Hospital at Dhond, brought greetings from the women of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India. Mrs. D. Sterling led in Prayer of Intercession.

Mrs. J. Preston reported on her visit to Tasmania for the Tasmanian Conference and of her fellowship with C.W.F. groups.

VISITORS TO WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). James Fox, British actor, film and television star, who was converted in a remarkable way through the ministry of the "Navigators," and who had tremendous crowds at his recent meetings at Sydney Univ. and the University of N.S.W., also visited Woolwich College and spoke to the students and staff. Other welcome visitors included W. R. McKeown, Secretary for Australia of the Leprosy Mission, and Rev. Alan F. Scott, N.S.W. Secretary of the B. & F.B.S.

C.E. CELEBRATES

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Over 100 attended the 10th C.E. birthday party . . . Midget Explorers had weekend camp at Mt. Martha; Seniors at Rosebud . . . Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Howells from Wales . . . Mrs. Ron Webster welcomed back after many months of illness . . . The annual meeting

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. G. Barnett for her leadership during the past Conference year.

Women's Conference Day on Wed., April 28 in the St. Kilda Town Hall will have sessions at 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Tea will be obtainable at 5 p.m. A crèche will be available during the morning and afternoon sessions. There will be no Council meeting in May. Next Council will be held on June 4 at 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Stanton H. Wilson.

—M. Nelson, Asst. Secretary.

ected the following: Sec., J. Winkler; Asst. Sec., A. Tivendale; Trans., K. Mitchell; Asst. Treas., H. Smedley; Auditor, W. Wigney; B.S. Supt., R. Clarke. . . Under the leadership of E. Hammond the choir rendered the Easter anthem with Dorothy Wigney as soloist. . . Two teenagers made the good confession.

BROTHERHOOD FEATURED

(WATTLE PARK, Vic., A. R. Lloyd). Morning services in March were brotherhood information services. Speakers included Stanton Wilson, Conf. Sec., Mrs. J. Strack and Mrs. K. Mitchell, Dept. of H.M. & Evang., Miss N. Mobbs, New Guinea, and Alan Jenkins, for Aborigines' Missions. Members lunched together in Wattle Park after a service in March. . . Surrey Hills, Camberwell and Wattle Park churches combined for S.S. church picnic by train to Bacchus Marsh . . . The cricket team won premiership.

REVIEWS

INTRO . . .

(International Bible Reading Association Series). 30c ea. This is a series of six (so far) booklets which seek to show the relevance of the Bible to modern life. The titles are: No. 1—"The People with a Future" (an optimistic look at the church); 2—"Sex and Sense" (by the popular Leonard Barnett); 3—"Dead But Alive!" (a look at life after death); 4—"Drugs and Deliverance" (on a very topical issue); 5—"Man, Machines and Tomorrow" (where is the machine-age going?); 6—"People and Politics" (where do we fit in to the power game?).

The booklets are useful for personal reading and thinking, and for group study.—R.W.L.

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WHY WE BELIEVE

By James H. Jauncey (Standard Publishing Co.).

This book, sub-titled "How to be Sure," is a treatment of what older Christian scholars called "Christian Evidences." The former Principal of Kenmore Christian College calls it an application of the reason to the facts of the Christian faith. The amount of solid thought in this volume is amazing. He has a keen eye for fallacies. Error is quickly exposed. Then comes the strong and clear note of the positive. He does not mean that we can find certainty through reason in itself. But reason can show that the Christian faith is cogent and convincing. Reason thus becomes "the spring-board for personal faith."

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Dr. Jauncey argues that we can be sure of many related doctrines—Miracles, Creation, Salvation, the Church, Christian Experience, Guidance, Morals, God's Goodness and the Hereafter.—J.E.B.

THE UNDERWORLD PREACHER

FREDDIE GAGE with Stan Redding. (Zondervan). \$1.05

This is a guided tour through hell to meet some frightened and frightening people (mostly young, for they don't live long in the jungle of marijuana, heroin, and alcohol. Gage used to live there because he was part of it; now he lives there because he wants to preach it out of existence. He got into it when he was still at high school in Houston, Texas, and became an associate of thieves, drug addicts, pimps and prostitutes. He got out of it when he attended an evangelistic crusade in a Baptist church. His conversion was immediate and complete. As an ordained minister of the Southern Baptist church he set up the "Pulpit in the Shadows" and from this base he conducts evangelistic campaigns in colleges and high schools. Always his main target is drug addiction and the prostitution which, says Gage, is the twin evil which is inevitably linked with drug taking.

GENESIS

By Donald Grey Barnhouse. (Zondervan). \$4.95.

This devotional exposition of chapters 1 to 22 of the first book of the Bible is only half the book it was intended to be. Dr. Barnhouse, one of the great evangelical preachers of America, set out to expound and apply, verse by verse, and phrase by phrase. But, half-way through this loved task, he died.

There are memorable sentences, e.g. "If God had not remembered Noah, all that Noah would have lost would have been his soul, but God would have lost His honour."

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curse upon him. Prejudiced souls who wished to justify their investments in human flesh resorted to any subterfuge to bolster their untenable position. Any attempt to make black skin the fulfillment of a curse is un scholarly, prejudiced in the extreme, and certainly without basis in the Bible.—J.E.B.

SOUND DOCTRINE

By J. Dwight Pentecost (Zondervan). \$1.10.

First given as sermon Bible studies to his congregation in Dallas, Texas, the chapters present a conservative review of fourteen basic doctrines: grace, regeneration, repentance, predestination, resurrection, sanctification, justification, redemption, etc.

PERSPECTIVE

By Richard Halverson (Zondervan). \$1.10.

Dr. Halverson is well-known for his inspiring ministry to men. In "Perspective" he has gathered 130 brief devotional messages, one to a page. Sample: A MAN'S MAN. When is a man, A MAN'S MAN? It certainly doesn't have to do with bulk—broad shoulders—bulging biceps—massive chest. Often men with these qualifications are like clouds. They can be pushed around with ease . . . Nor does it have to do with size. Which is probably an accident of birth. Many men who stand head and shoulders over their fellows are whipped over and over again in the BATTLES THAT REALLY MATTER.

You judge beef on the hoof by bigness—sheer bulk . . . BUT YOU DON'T PICK A MAN THAT WAY! Some of the biggest men are like putty in the midst of the crowd. THEY'RE NOTHING MORE THAN TOOLS. They don't think for themselves . . . they let someone else do their thinking. They're just dead weight—going downstream with the crowd. They look big outwardly—but inside they're jelly fish. They could slug it out with a man—like brute beasts in a jungle . . . BUT THEY LOSE EVERY BATTLE THAT INVOLVES PRINCIPLE! There's something more to a man than bone and muscle."

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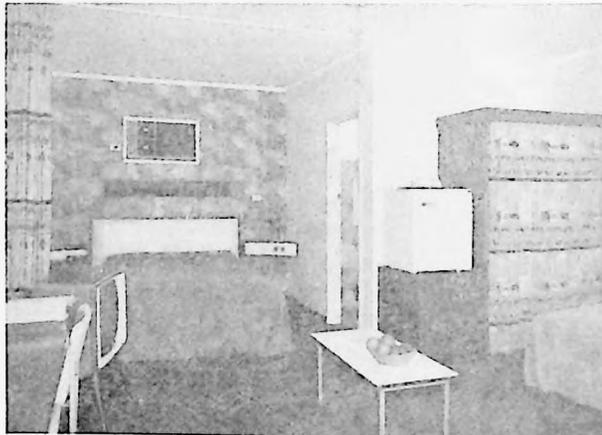
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By WIN. BEALE

methods of communication remoteness is not so common. The people move about freely. The growing towns open up a new need of mission work. A convert is now very likely to come in contact with other missions and churches. Increased education by government demands ever increasing educational standards for native church leaders.

To meet all this missions combine to pool resources and co-operate. In New Guinea an Evangelical Alliance has been in operation for a number of years now. Churches of Christ have been associated with this. At first it was all European missionaries. Then a few local observers came. In 1969 some local churches became members and sent delegates who mostly sat silent while the Europeans talked. This last meeting in 1970 was different.

There were many more New Guineans both as delegates and observers and this time they really began to talk. Matters such as education were debated mostly by Europeans with a small amount of New Guinean participation. But when it came to matters which affected local churches and town situations the pattern changed.

For the first time the New Guineans talked back. For some Europeans, what

was said was a bit of a shock. For all it was a time when missionaries had opportunities to learn how to be more effective. The message came out loud and clear. The people wanted the missionaries. There was a real fear expressed that they might be left alone and not be able to handle things. But they wanted the missionaries to stand with them, as brothers, not above them as dominant. Again and again when a New Guinean said things that were slightly bitter, it was because he felt that the missionary would not listen to him and let him try his way.

Another message that came out was that some of the things that the Europeans consider so important in Christianity are not necessarily so for the New Guineans. The divisions of the church were not understood and one New Guinean said, "You have taught us to follow the Bible, and love our brothers and stop fighting. All right, now you missionaries go back to your Bible and love your fellow Christians and stop these divisions."

The Evangelical Alliance makes it possible for small missions such as Churches of Christ to share in facilities that would not be possible for us to maintain alone. Our students sometimes go to other member High Schools or to Christian Leaders' Training College. We share knowledge and talk with a common voice to the Government and the outside world on some issues at least.

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- By educating the people, you will harvest one hundredfold.

Kuan-tzu (4th-3rd cent. BC).



Instead of complaining that we can't have all we want, we should be thankful we don't get all we deserve.

"Children are to be given more than one kind of answer to problems, given more than one kind of experience with which to compare their own, given more than one way of living the good life, more than one way of thinking about God, more than one way of seeking him in prayer. This is important lest the child come too easily by a point of view, by a belief.—SOPHIA LYON FAHS.

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