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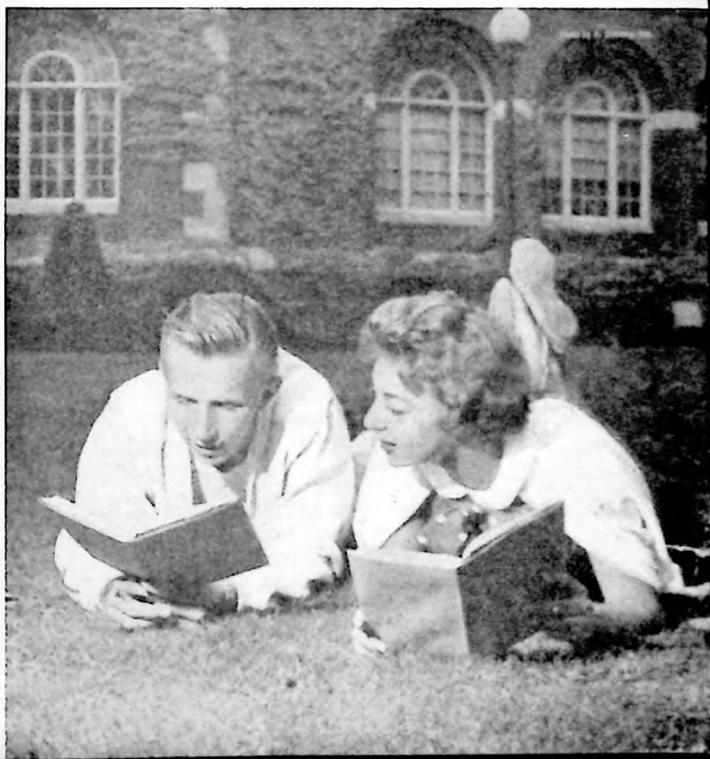
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Editorial

AS we reckon up our losses in church membership each year, it is worth asking whether we spend enough time, talent, and treasure in holding for Christ those who have been won through evangelism.

Our brotherhood has been strongly evangelistic. This is seen in our early literature which has very little about doctrinal subjects but contains a vast library on conversion. It is also seen in the results of our impact. It was on the basis of a call to open, personal commitment to Christ through faith and baptism that our congregations multiplied and grew strong.

Evangelistic methods have changed over the years and today there is a much greater emphasis upon personal contact or visitation evangelism, but preaching still has its place. Whatever the form of the initial approach, the positive response is usually made through a preaching situation and many of our churches give budget priority to organising evangelistic campaigns and employing competent evangelists.

Last year, numerous campaigns followed the World Convention in Adelaide and in some churches there were many additions. This year the evangelistic concern is as strong as ever and this journal regularly reports evangelistic activities. Responses still come from a positive call to commitment to Christ.

Those responses, however, are not reflected in the reports from our churches. Although there are occasional advances in membership, or there are localised increases, the prevailing trend is a decline in the number of active members in our churches. We are becoming so accustomed to reporting losses that there is a grave danger that such losses will be regarded as inevitable as the road toll: a very sad state of affairs about which nothing can be done.

We lose just under one per cent of our members through death—theoretically, the only way we should lose them—but the greatest losses are those listed under that vague and euphemistically named umbrella "Roll Revision." Under this title we hide a multitude of spiritual sicknesses. It is not easy to obtain exact figures but it appears that about 5½% of our members disappear each year. We lose more through roll revision than we gain through evangelism. We lose members because of boredom, guilt, church rows, gossiping, liberalism, fundamentalism, neglect, apathy, irrelevance, weak worship services, tired preaching, under-planning, over-organising, and a host of other illnesses, equally fatal.

I'VE HAD THE 'FLU!

*God has the 'flu too—I believe!
I saw him late last night with beads of sweat
Like to mine—squeezed through the pores of a
Furrowed brow; as he writhed in the feverish
Process of expelling the contagion that pestered
Him.*

*Was it delirium—or the privilege of one
High moment of 'aloneness', that caused me to
See in that untimed hour those same beads of
Sweat — to Him — are but the expulsion of all evil
Going on in the midst of the Eternities!
That the wrongs that infect and infest my
World today, and all the unnumbered years gone by
Will all be put to naught — eventually!*

WARNING FOR SHEPHERDS!

We started by asking if we spend too much effort in winning people and not enough on holding them. The answer is that while we must continue to make evangelism a major emphasis, we must move more actively into the business of conservation. We should plan as deliberately to hold members as we do to win them, to train our members as effectively in the business of personal soul-keeping as we do now in soul-winning, to spend as much on materials about conservation as about evangelism, and to be as ready to hire competent leaders to help us sustain the gospel and develop our membership, as now we hire preachers to present the gospel.

One of the first things to be done by the local church, if not already done, is to set up an active group (we are afraid to call it a committee!) whose task it will be to ensure that the fellowship, worship, pastoral, and service resources are available to all present members, and that we work backwards into the list of "revised" members with the same determination and enthusiasm with which we work forward into the evangelistic prospect list.

The State Departments of Home Missions and Evangelism and Christian Education are well aware of the problems being faced in our churches, and are providing resources and skilled leadership to help churches do something about them.

The Report of the Commission on Membership which was presented to the Vic-Tas. Conference in 1966 is a valuable introduction to this area of concern and although it deals statistically with its own conference churches, it has material which is generally valuable for all states. The Qld Home Missions Department also investigated this question. All states have helpful programme material. The Federal Board of Christian Education publishes "GO!", a quarterly planning guide, and the Vic-Tas. Dept. of H.M. & Evang. Issues "Bridgebuilder," a bulletin about Evang. and Church Development. These publications have many admirable and practicable suggestions. The April, 1971, issue of "Bridgebuilder" highlights membership losses in its leading article.

Our rolls do have to be revised from time to time, but the removal of members' names from the active roll should not remove them from the orbit of our concern. We must stop thinking of them merely as unfortunate statistics. They are persons and the first step is taken to win them back when we affirm that they belong to the body of Christ and that we are not whole ourselves so long as they are separated from the church.

By
LLOYD COOKE

*Surely! Surely my incidental sickness is but a
Symbol of a God who suffers — sweats in an
Agony of the Ages—the unending process of
Redemption,
The cleansing of the world and universe of worlds,
of all
That plagues and spoils—to leave at last
At long last—a Kingdom fit for habitation
Ready for his New Creation.*

The liberty of the Gospel of Christ is its conspicuous characteristic. Jesus said: "You shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." He also said: "I AM THE TRUTH!" Furthermore, the eternal freedom that comes with salvation in Christ has its implication in everything we think and do and its application in all the aspects of our daily living and striving.

As our lives touch other people the power of the Spirit should be sensed and felt. If we really belong to Christ he should be speaking and acting through us. When he is in control there is an inevitable impact. This too, once Christ has the complete mastery of our lives, can be amply reflected in our attitudes—toward injustice, inequality, poverty, racism and political or economic unrest.

The current approach to evangelism, however, tends to see only these wrongs to be righted in the socio-political realm—without regard to the transforming power of Christ in the life of the individual. Yet, if the New Testament means anything—it is saying all the time that only as Christ, through his Spirit, enters the individual personality, only as the Gospel of his Death, Burial and Resurrection in redeeming love and power has its impact on the lives of men and women—only then will they be motivated and spiritually activated to bring about social and economic betterment.

KNOWING THE TRUTH

The primary consideration in evangelism is to be used by the Holy Spirit, through the Word, to persuade men to "know the Truth." This means nothing less than knowing Christ and him crucified and risen. Knowing the truth implies a clear-cut break with sin and the Prince of this World. Christ calls for trust in him and repentance from sin. He claims total obedience in every area of our experience. This is the Good News preached by Peter, Paul, Philip, Timothy—and the rest of the N.T. Christians. Nothing less than this will bring victory.

The slant of much present-day preaching and thinking, however, seems to bypass altogether the necessary warning concerning the inevitable judgment of a righteous God against sin. The "New Evangelism" clearly "puts the cart before the horse." There can be no serious talk of taking Christ to the community and influencing the social structure of our day unless he has first made a life-changing impact in the individual. The catch-cries of "peace" and "brotherhood" that we hear today—without a primary call for complete commitment of the life to the Lord of all—bear no resemblance to the message of the first century churches. The only lasting peace we can know—is not the "peace" of the "round-table conference," or the "peace" wrung from men's souls by fear of nuclear destruction—but "peace through the blood of the Cross."

COMMUNICATING THE TRUTH

A great deal of "bilge" is banded about today over the vexed question of communication! It is perfectly true that we must communicate the gospel effec-

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tively. If we believe we have the message of Christ it is essential that we pass it on. But most attempts at communication are almost wholly humanistic. We have largely failed to realise that the N.T. Christians had no problem of communication. Why? Simply because they were wholly devoted to the truth. They breathed Christ. His Spirit "breathed" and "spoke" through them. Those around about them couldn't help but get the message!

The Spirit is the Communicator. He communicated the gospel in the first century. He has communicated the love of Christ in every generation since. He alone is communicating the Word of Life today.

The primary means of spreading the gospel is through the lives of those who are engaged in the missionary task—whether it be at home or abroad. Only the Spirit-filled servant of God can be used as an effective channel of communication. Only through Spirit-filled lives is it possible for Christ to be made known.

Building up a new, shining facade of social awareness and economic competency may be a worthy by-product of Christian outreach—but it has never been—and never can be—the major imperative. Mere human effort is bound to fail. Only the Spirit reveals Christ. Only the Spirit convicts of sin. Only the Spirit brings about regeneration.

Changing the social pattern of the world was not the compelling reason that sent the Son of God to Calvary. He died to save men and women from their sins.

LIVING IN THE FREEDOM OF THE TRUTH

Paul knew what he was talking about when he wrote: "There is therefore, now, no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." It is the blood of Christ, the sacrifice of the Saviour, that makes possible this glorious deliverance. He is THE TRUTH. His constraining love spells liberty. He has overcome sin and death.

"He died that we might be forgiven. He died to make us good; That we at last might go to Heaven Saved by His precious blood.

By
Dr. A. G. Elliott

O dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him too;
And trust in His redeeming blood
And try His works to do."

This is a wonderful testimony that many will re-echo. But note that the order of the hymn-writer is the true Scriptural order. We must first of all "trust in His redeeming blood"—and only then will His Spirit go in and activate us that we will gladly be empowered to "try His works to do."

Human bondage is the result of the enslavement of Satan. Only Christ can give us freedom. As the Apostle John reminds us, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the Devil."

A merchant of Antwerp made a loan of a huge sum of money to the Emperor Charles V. The note became due, but Charles was unable to re-pay the loan. The merchant thereupon gave a great feast for the Emperor. When the guests were assembled and before the food was served, the merchant had a large platter placed on the table and a fire lighted on it. Then taking the note from his pocket, he held it in the flame until it was burnt to ashes. Overcome with emotion, the Emperor threw his arms around his benefactor and wept. In like fashion we, too, have all been mortgaged to God; but unable to pay. Nearly 2000 years ago the Father invited the world of sinners to the Gospel Feast—and in His Son, through the blood of the Cross—our sins were consumed.

THIS IS OUR FREEDOM. He is THE TRUTH.

FUTURE OF MINISTRY IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

PART ONE

By G. R. STIRLING

some propositions

1. Churches of Christ have a unique witness to the church and the world, and that witness is best made by an expanding and lively brotherhood.

If we have no valid witness we should quickly dissolve ourselves to be absorbed into other churches according to each person's taste.

2. Churches of Christ are committed to work towards the unity of the Body of Christ. This does not mean that we can slacken our pace until such a unity is consummated.

We cannot mark time hoping to solve our problems by an early union with others.

3. We owe it to the rest of the Christian church to continue to be strong, so that our witness to truth will be preserved for the whole church.

4. Such strength depends on full effective use of the total ministry of our churches, including the "theologically trained ministry."

The ministry of all of the people of God is the only New Testament ministry.

5. Ministry in the New Testament was varied and flexible and involved everybody doing the essential work of the church in ways best suited to the circumstances. Most ministry was voluntary, some was "supported" (1 Tim. 5: 17, 18 N.E.B.), and some was partially supported (Phil. 4: 15, 16).

The essential work of the Church was and is in evangelism, service, worship, pastoral care, nurture and teaching, fellowship.

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6. During the history of our movement, we have applied the church's ministry to the reality of the situation. We should still be flexible enough to do the same today.

The so-called modern "worker-priest" concept of trained ministry (call it "tent-maker" ministry if you will) was the norm in the early days of our Movement on both sides of the Atlantic. Adaptation to realities eventually brought forth the salaried, one man, one church, one set of buildings, concept of "full-time ministry." This form of ministry met the needs and challenges of many generations and still does and will. However, its success has had two negative by-products: (a) lay involvement in the church's ministry has lessened; (b) we have found it difficult to adapt to other ways of using the trained ministry to meet the needs of inner-city churches, rural churches, and new causes in outer areas.

7. The most efficient use of trained ministers is not necessarily on the basis of one salaried man, one church, one set of buildings.

(a) There may be many other ways of using trained men and women in voluntary or part-time ministries where this is the only way to meet local needs. This is not advocacy of part-time Sunday ministries just to keep the preaching going. Rather it is the advocacy of deliberately selecting trained men of ability to join trained ministerial teams, some of whose members may be full-time, some part-time and some voluntary. Such teams may be responsible for the leadership of a group of churches. Two or more voluntary or part-time men may be sent to bring new and imaginative life to an inner city church, or a rundown rural church, or an out-lying suburban church, or a church so heavily committed with building debts that it can no longer sustain other forms of ministry. Such ministries would not be "fill-in" ministries, but rather team ministries programmed to involve the whole of the congregation in evangelism, pastoral concern, service and Christian education.

(b) Trained women may very well have important parts to play in such teams either voluntary, part-time or full-time.

(c) There may also be ways in which "laymen" can receive a theological education to equip them as "lay members"

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of ministerial teams. (Such courses may be less extensive than the normal ministerial course, but far more extensive than present extension lectures and correspondence courses.)

NOTE: Theological education includes all of the practical applications of theology in programming, pastoral care, counseling, fellowship, evangelism, Christian education, and community service.

8. Many of our churches in Australia have been "priced-out" of one man, one church, one set of buildings, ministries.

(a) Our membership has grown but since 1950 it has been scattered over double the area. It has become over-concentrated in middle class suburbs. It has dwindled seriously in rural areas. In inner suburbs, and in industrial suburbs and towns.

(b) Never has the lay conscience concerning the "full-time minister" been so sensitive. Men in the churches who have nice homes, good salaries and superannuation, want all of these things for their ministers. They also want suites of church buildings that do us credit for their community. All of these things have to be paid for. So the shrinking congregations and the new congregations and the problem rural sector congregations have great difficulty in maintaining the cost of "full-time" ministry. Most of them are still effective churches that could thrive and grow under newer forms of voluntary or part-time team ministries working either with single churches or groups of churches.

9. Rapid social change has scattered many of our people into areas where we have no congregations. These people worship and share life with other churches. But if they are still convinced concerning our unique witness, we owe them ministry, even if we cannot give them the one man, one church, one set of buildings, type.

(a) These people gathered into fellowship groups could still be vital in their support of the Movement and its work and witness, while sharing life and worship with others. (b) Itinerant ministries, or the team ministries of nearest churches could keep them vital. (c) In some cases these may become the nuclei of new causes, served at first by one or more voluntary or part-time trained men. (d) In areas such as Darwin, Alice Springs, Port Hedland and others where United Churches attract our people during temporary sojourns in these places, we could still offer them ministry of the "tent-maker" or "worker-priest" type. e.g., in Darwin a man could be commissioned by the brotherhood to ministry while supporting himself fully or partly. He would work as a team man with both the United Church and the Baptist ministers, and he would minister to our people in both congregations. He could form them into a witnessing fellowship within the framework of the whole Darwin Christian community.

(PART 2 TO FOLLOW)

May 1

An Innocent Abroad in the World Council of Churches

By R. N. GILMORE

AFRICA HALL, Addis Ababa, was the venue of the 1971 meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in Ethiopia. Africa Hall was built by United Nations money to the design of Italian architects (the Italians are doing better in economic conquest of Ethiopia than they did in military conquest) and is the headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. In 1971, which is the United Nations International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, more than 100 members of Central Committee plus staff considered the Christian gospel, the application and the communication of that gospel to man in the modern world.

RACISM

The issue uppermost in our minds was the question of reaction to the grants made to 19 organisations in various countries to assist them in their struggle against racism. Two Australian organisations were included, the National Tribal Council and the League for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. The grants to Australia were made to assist the organisations with legal fees in their struggle for land rights for Aborigines and the Islanders. The silence of the Australian churches to the making of these grants to Aboriginal organisations has been monumental — leading to the question "are the churches in Australia just not interested in the land rights struggle?" Sharp reaction to the grants came from Southern Africa, especially the Republic of South Africa where the Prime Minister, John Vorster, made an impassioned speech in the Parliament demanding the withdrawal of all South African member churches from the W.C.C. All have refused to obey the Prime Minister.

The action of the World Council in making the grants has stimulated world-wide discussion in the churches on the whole issue of racism. The Central Committee faced the question as to whether the Executive had gone beyond the intention of the Uppsala Assembly and the Canterbury meeting of the Central Committee at which the programme had been set up. Debate was long and tedious but the final result was the unanimous endorsement of the programme and the grants and the issuing of an appeal to the churches for a further \$300,000 to fund the programme to combat racism. Churches of Christ in Australia, through their conferences and mission agencies, need to face the question "what are you going to do about it?" The eyes of the world church are upon us and await our response.

DEVELOPMENT

The very simple words from the official statement on the closely related issue of development need emphasis: "The church cannot stand apart. Our common creatureliness under God renders us not only responsible stewards of this world's resources but renders us responsible also for our brothers." This understanding provides the motive for participation both in the struggle against racism and in the programme of development. The launching of the Second Development Decade by the United Nations and the worsening of the world development crisis led to close scrutiny of the W.C.C.'s new work in the field of development. C. I. Itty, Director of the Commission on the Churches' Participation in Development and the new Ecumenical Development Fund led a consultation on Ethiopian development prior to the Central Committee meeting. The consultation involved the Emperor, Haile Selassie, and five ministers of the Imperial Government, as

well as the leading figures of the Coptic Church and civic leaders. Both in the consultation and in the Committee the attempt was made to communicate the vision of "development" in much more than economic terms. For although involuntary poverty is perhaps the most blatant form of underdevelopment, the development ideal is concerned with social justice, self-reliance, and human dignity as well as economic factors. The response of the churches to the call for development funds has, to date, been disappointing. We are not yet ready to give without being enticed by the bait of a specific project. If we are ever to be effective in the sphere of development we must learn to give to our brother without tying him down as the way in which he shall spend that which we give. When we give to another without trust in him we rob him of human dignity.

FAITH, WITNESS, MISSION

Last it be thought that the World Council of Churches be simply a miniature United Nations, these issues which prove most provocative are always issues of faith, witness and mission. At Addis Ababa it was the question of "Dialogue with Men of Other Faiths" and, some were keen to add, "of no faith." Implicit in the whole of the W.C.C.'s programme of dialogue is the question, "What are we doing when we talk to men of other faiths — are we just talking? Are we engaged in mission? What is the purpose?" Metropolitan George Khadr, Greek Orthodox from Lebanon, spoke out of years of living dialogue, not simply from theory, but many of us found it difficult to accept in entirety his thesis of the Christ hidden in the other faiths and the attempt to describe the followers of those faiths as Christians who are not aware of their Christianity. S. J. Samartha of India, Director of W.C.C. Programme of Dialogue with Men of Other Faiths, sees dialogue as a living relationship between people and as involving the necessary commitment to one's own faith and the equally necessary willingness to respect the other person and his commitment. Dialogue is therefore an important part of our obedience and witness.

Having worked its way through plenary session debate and reference committee consideration the question of dialogue emerged in an interim policy statement recording the conviction that it is Jesus Christ himself who draws us into genuine dialogue and accords us the promise that his Spirit will lead us into all truth. Our faith in him places us under obligation to witness to him; love, his love, requires that we recognise the integrity of the other. A statement from the Division of World Mission and Evangelism that "dialogue is part of mission" could thus be made and go unchallenged. We never encounter another person and give witness to our faith and the gospel in isolation; the Holy Spirit is ever present to make his own witness and to do the convicting which he alone can do.

Standing alongside our relationships with men of other faiths is relationship of the World Council of Churches with churches which are not in membership. Several churches from varying traditions of the church were admitted to membership of the W.C.C. at Addis Ababa, including the Baptist Church of Nigeria, a missionary daughter church of the Southern Baptist Church of USA (which is not itself a member of the W.C.C.) and the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, a large conservative group of churches which have had the question of W.C.C. membership under close study for over 20 years.

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PEOPLE IN CRISIS

At least once a night, a mental health worker from the A.C.T. Psychiatric Services Branch receives an emergency call seeking help for a man or woman in crisis. For example, one of the team may be called by a general practitioner at midnight to comfort the wife of a man who has just died of a heart attack. The woman may really be alone.

A senior social worker said that, from the results of work already done on personal crises, it was apparent that lack of family background and immobility in outlying suburbs contributed to the loneliness of young mothers and migrants. Dr. Brian Hennessy, Director of the Psychiatric Services Branch, said loneliness is the original cause of nearly half of the mental and emotional problems dealt with in the A.C.T. The absence of "grannies" who could help mind children, organise birthday parties and so on, is a significant factor contributing to the breakdown of young housewives.

LIFE LINE

To help meet the needs of people in crisis in the Canberra community, the churches of Canberra are setting up "Life Line" in a joint undertaking. People from all churches are currently being trained to staff the enterprise. There were over 100 present at the first training session. Archdeacon R. H. Oldmeadow, of Albury, has been appointed full-time Director of Life Line which will begin functioning in July.

Canberra Hospital reports that 250

WORDS TO TREASURE

Now, about a country going to war. If it is winter it will be too cold, if in summer it will be too hot. So it should be neither in winter nor in summer. If it is in spring it will take people away from mowing and planting; if it is autumn it will take people away from reaping and harvesting. Should they be taken away in either of those seasons, innumerable people would die of hunger and cold. And, when the army sets out, the bamboo arrows, the feather flags, the house tents, the armour, the shields, the sword hilts—innumerable quantities of these will break and rot and never come back.

The spears, the lances, the swords, the panlards, the charlots, the carts—innumerable quantities of these will break and rot and never come back. Then innumerable horses and oxen will start out fat and come back lean or will not return at all. And innumerable people will die because their food will be cut off and cannot be supplied on account of the great distances of roads.

And innumerable people will be sick and die of constant danger and the irregularity of eating and drinking and the extremes of hunger and over-eating. Then, the army will be lost in large numbers or entirely; in either case the number will be innumerable. And this means the spirits will lose their worshippers, and the number of these will also be innumerable.

Such an undertaking is not in accordance with the interests of the country.—*Motsi (or Noti) 463-401 B.C.*

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WORD TALK —GORDON MOYES.

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(GOODSPEED)

By C. H. J. WRIGHT

people tried to commit suicide last year by taking an overdose of drugs. The total of suicide attempts was 100 more than the previous year. Three-quarters of the suicide attempts were by women. The 250 people only includes those who took an overdose, not suicide attempts by wrists slashing or hanging, which would increase the number by about one-third. The figure does not include patients treated by their general practitioner. One of the worrying aspects of the situation is the large number of young people who made the attempt. Although the largest number of would-be suicides was aged between 26 and 35, there was an increasing number between 16 and 20.

CITY OF NOMADS

A housing survey has shown that Canberra, a city of migrants, has a high rate of internal migration. The survey showed that about 24 per cent of all households indicated an intention of moving within 12 months. "In fact about 22.8 per cent did so," the report added.

There were four per cent of households who indicated that they "definitely" intended moving away from Canberra within 12 months. In the longer term, 14 per cent of households indicated they "definitely" intended moving away in five years." Add to these transitory households the large number of young people who come to Canberra for a temporary stay, and you will understand

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I guess this must be one of the contradictions that the Bible is so full of! At least this is what my friend gives as his main reason for not reading it. "Be free men . . . slaves of God." Our hymn book is full of the same contradictions: "The bondage of Thy loveliness is perfect liberty" (490); "I shall be firmly bound, forever free" (870); "Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free" (878). The essence of Christian liberty is personal bondage to Christ.

In the Old Testament liberty is almost always associated with release from slavery. In the New Testament liberty is almost always given a higher context. Jesus came to set at liberty captives and the oppressed (Luko 14: 16-21). The Letter to the Romans gives us details of man's bondage to sin (Romans 3: 23), to the Law (Romans 7: 7-20), and to death (Romans 8: 21). Jesus took upon Himself a form of slavery (Phil. 2: 7) that He might free us from sin, the Law, and death. Henceforth we are freed from this bondage, but we take upon ourselves a new bondage, a bondage through our allegiance to Him and righteous living, and to disciplines of eternal life (Romans 6: 18-22). The point of transition is at our baptism, when we are raised to a new life (Romans 6: 3-4).

FOR TODAY:

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead has spelled out very lucidly what he calls "the bondage of the free." He points out how people who are libertines, who live without discipline, and who cry that they alone have freedom of life, do, in fact, tie themselves into a terrible bondage. He contrasts this with what he calls "the freedom of the bound." Those who take upon themselves the discipline of Christ live with a new sense of freedom. Nations wanting democratic freedom must live within their own laws. Science that demands freedom to experiment, must act responsibly. Teenagers who throw off parental restraints must realize that they can become bound to teenage conformity and find a bondage far greater than the discipline of the home.

Personal commitment to Christ gives inner liberty that outer bondage cannot destroy. Paul in prison is free. John Bunyan in prison writes "Pilgrim's Progress." Handel, confined by a disastrous stroke writes the "Hallelujah Chorus." The Indian mystic Tagore proclaims that a violin string while it dangles free is unable to sing, but when it is bound and restricted to the violin it produces melody.

Jesus said: "If you continue in My Word you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free." They answered Him: "But we have never been in bondage to anyone." Jesus said: "Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. If the Son makes you free you will be free indeed." (John 8: 31-36).

• MAY IS LITERATURE MONTH

READING CHANGES THINGS

By A. B. CLARK

ONE day as a Spanish girl was working in a field she noticed a stranger approach one of the workmen, and offer him something. The workman took it with an angry gesture and threw it into the drain that ran through the field. The drain passed the place where the young woman was working, and very soon she saw the thing the workman had thrown away float near her in the water. Out of curiosity she rescued it. It was a little booklet. She took it home, dried it out, and began to read. It was a copy of the Gospel of John. The girl read it again and again. Then she read it to her family, and later on neighbours began to come in to hear the book read. In the course of time they built a place for their meeting and formed themselves into an evangelical congregation.

This happened to a person whose mind was unoccupied. Today most of us are pre-occupied with many things that are "in," that someone is trying to sell for someone's profit, or that are merely entertaining, very often at a sentimental and superficial level. Our minds are often merely occupied.

This Spanish girl read a very wonderful and powerful document, for the Word of God is living and powerful. Nothing can take the place in Christian growth and experience of reading the Bible itself; but someone has suggested that one who knows only the Bible does not know the Bible. When we widen our reading our understanding of the Bible increases. We would be poor indeed without the rich harvest of Christian literature which has grown out of that seed which is the Word of God.

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why the churches have a problem with the "floating" population. There are hundreds of people in Canberra who were "active" church members in their home State, but who do not link up in Canberra. It is also hard to get people to commit themselves to some responsibility in the church. They are "on the move." Any church has the problem of people moving away to newer suburbs. Lyons has lost a number of families who have moved away from the A.C.T. altogether.

"BANDITS" IN CANBERRA CLUBS

There is a strong move to introduce poker machines into the A.C.T. The "pushers" say that Canberra people are investing their money in Queanbeyan (a few miles away in N.S.W.) and that, in some absurd way, this money being spent across the border, deprives all Canberra citizens of special advantages and facilities.

This is nonsense. Members of the Canberra community who are members of clubs across the border and who contribute to their revenues may visit them and take advantage of all "special" facilities at little inconvenience to themselves. The people who are not members of these clubs and who do not contribute to the "special" facilities have no right to use them.

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SUGGESTED BOOKS

For Sermon Topics, Study, and Personal Reading.
How to be a Christian without being Religious. Edited by Fritz Ridencour.
Dare to Live Now by Bruce Larson.
Bless This Mess & Other Prayers by Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley.
Martin Luther King by Kenneth Slack.
(SEE REVIEWS ON PAGE 21)

The Federal Literature Department is concerned with the promotion of Christian literature, and through its Pamphlet Club is constantly making available to our churches some of the fruits of some of the richest minds of our brotherhood.

Each year the Department suggests to the churches a month that may be used as Literature Month to encourage the reading of current Christian publications. May is recommended this year as Literature Month, and the last week in May as Literature Week. The Department suggests books that may be used as the bases of sermons during the month, displayed on a book stall where orders could be taken, at least through Literature Week, and recommended for reading to members of the congregations. Some leaders may prefer to recommend other books, and use a more convenient time, neither of these changes would affect the purpose of the Department, which is not to direct, but to encourage the reading of Christian literature.

In our great cities this may be described as the age of the pre-occupied mind. There are so many things that demand our attention, and it is more difficult to make the mental effort to meet the less demanding needs of our mental and moral life. Because it may require greater effort to read the best Christian thinking it is the more important that we deliberately encourage each other to make that effort and provide the Spirit of Truth with weapons to win the battle for the mind.

Among the parliamentarians present were: The Hon. C. F. Adermann, formerly Minister of Primary Industry (Kingsway Church of Christ, Qld.), and Senator The Hon. I. J. Greenwood, Minister for Health (Hartwell Church of Christ, Vic.).

BURGMANN OPENS

Burgmann College opened at the beginning of the first term of the Australian National University, but the Master, staff and students have been working under great difficulties. The building is far behind schedule, and only one of the three blocks can be occupied. About 200 students are living in the college in cramped conditions, and about 35 others are being housed elsewhere. In spite of these difficulties there is a fine spirit in the college. All the building will be finished for beginning of second term. All places in the college are booked and there is a waiting list.

ANGLICANS COMMEND GRANTS

The Anglican Consultative Council, meeting in Limuru, Kenya, has endorsed and commended the World Council of Churches' programme to combat racism. The Consultative Council comprised bishops, clergy and laity from all parts of the Anglican communion. Four Australians attended.

Grants by the W.C.C. from its special fund to combat racism have been the subject of controversy in Australia and some other countries.

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OPEN FORUM

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

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

To the Editor,
Having just completed the Church Workers' Correspondence Course conducted by the College of the Bible at Glen Iris, I would like to state that this course has opened to me doors that reveal further and deeper wonderful things to know.

My faith has increased, and I know more truly what a thrilling and exciting thing it is to be a Christian. The course has been a grand experience, and I thank the Board of Management of the College of the Bible for making it available. I also wish to thank the busy men who gave their time in tutoring. My prayer is that God will bless all who continue to serve in this way.

—Mrs. R. M. Welmer (Qld.).

THANKS FROM ENGLAND

To the Editor,
Now that Mrs. Gray and I are back in our own home, may I use the correspondence columns of "Australian Christian" to express the deep sense of gratitude we feel for the unfailing kindness and hospitality shown to us by the ministers and members of the Churches of Christ which we visited during our stay in your country.

Everywhere we have gone—in Perth, Adelaide, Victoria, Canberra, Sydney and Tasmania—we have been received with open arms and almost overwhelmed with

Christian love and fellowship. It has been a wonderful experience for us.

It has been a special pleasure to meet so many who have strong links with Britain and the British churches, and already we are doing our best to pass on to those "at home" your loving greetings.

We thank you all most sincerely for your kindness and for the enrichment of our lives which has resulted. We shall never forget you. We pray God's richest blessing on your work and witness.

—Ernest Gray (Eng.).

REPENTANCE

To the Editor,

Re Tertius' letter "A.C." 28/3/71, the whole tenor of the Bible in both Old and New Testaments is that man is, by nature, a sinner. Without repentance and the new birth, none of us have any hope of being received into the family of God. To allow a person we are attempting to lead to the Lord, to think that he has no need to repent of his sins, would be quite wrong.

In his first sermon Jesus said, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," and at the last he said, "Preach repentance and remission of sins." In Luke 13: 3 he said, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." The father of the prodigal came to meet him after he had repented.

Today little is heard of hell. Jesus had no hesitation in warning his disciples about it. Whatever else it is, hell is eternal separation from God and his Son. On this the Bible is crystal clear.

But God is not willing that any should suffer this awful fate and in his mercy he has made a way back to himself. Our part is to repent of our sins and accept his son as our Saviour and Lord.

The great evangelists of the past — Moody, Spurgeon, Wesley, while they stressed God's love, also preached of his judgment. Between them, multitudes were swept into the Kingdom.

Many people are wondering whether if these basic doctrines were preached more freely today, would the Christian church be so ineffectual and powerless in a world rushing to its doom?

—Grace Magarey (S.A.).

CANCEL MY SUBSCRIPTION

To the Editor,

As a "January Cancellation" referred to on page 24 of the March 20 issue, you may be interested in the reason.

I became a subscriber last year because of a church announcement that you badly needed more subscribers, and although I was already subscribing to several Christian periodicals I decided to include one more in a good cause.

An article in your November 14, 1970 issue made me wonder whether it was such a good cause. I refer to the statement made by Dr. James Hempstead in an article entitled "The error of the otherwise" wherein he referred to the Prophet Isalah "peering through the mists of a thousand years" and "having the gall to write 'There was not a straggler in their ranks.'"

If Isalah was a prophet of God (and he was so regarded by the Lord Jesus Christ), then such language is disrespectful to say the least and in any case I cannot find where he did make the statements ascribed to him by Dr. Hempstead (the reference quoted — 14: 31 — has no such statement).

The cause of Christ is not advanced by "speaking evil of dignitaries."

—Ex-subscriber, W.A.

[Ed. We think that Ex-Subscriber (the did, of course, supply his name) is not being fair in rejecting his own brotherhood journal because of an unimportant item in the printed sermon from the World Convention.

A re-reading of the sermon reveals no disrespect for the Lord or his prophets. The preacher noted what he took to be an inconsistency between the Book of Exodus and the prophet Isalah. The Isalah reference is a bit vague and it is not obvious that it even refers to the complaining Israelites. We do not have to agree with the use the preacher made of the verse, but the whole tone of the sermon is positive and wholesome, challenging us to use the one gospel to make possible one world!

Incidentally, Isalah 14: 31 is translated in the RSV as "and there is no straggler in the ranks," and in the New English Bible, "not a man straying from his ranks." The King James Version has "and none shall be alone in his appointed times."]

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(SWANSTON ST., Vic., Dr. L. Jones & A. L. Webb). The six meetings of the annual Missionary Convention had a total attendance of 1,000. A prayer breakfast for men and the Teen & Twenty Fellowship Tea with 125 young people were features. On the Sunday evening there were two decisions for Christ and six young people offered themselves for full-time training and service. Rex Ellis, of Kenmore, gave inspiring leadership as guest preacher . . . Recently six people were baptized and eight received into membership. Morning service attendances have exceeded 200 and many new university and college students have linked with us . . . The church's particular work with Asian young people continues and 30 new young students have come under our care . . . When the film "His Land" was screened, there were two decisions . . . Mr. Webb has been leading midweek meetings and a new cottage meeting has been set up in one of our church homes in Bundoora with John Tudor assisting . . . 17 students are enrolled for the College for Christians, term studies being Old Testament and Mission Strategy for the Seventies. Reports from those recently returned to their own countries have shown the use to which this training programme is put in local churches . . . The church sorrows at the death of Mrs. Denton, who was hospitalised following an accident . . . Jack Wright is still laid aside.

CALLED UP

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). John Davis was farewelled by a number of friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Handasyde. John has been called up for National Service for two years.

REPLY TO

C.W.F.

The women of our churches, are workers, I'll agree, They are worthy Christians of superlative degree They get busy raising money to pay off all the debt, They sew and knit and pray for folk they haven't even met The sick they are concerned for, and visit constantly, Their efforts are fantastic in the work of C. of C.

But where does all the cash come from, raised by women fair? Who stands right behind her and shows her that his care Is in her gallant efforts for Christ the Lord of all? Who's patient when the dinner's late, and soothes the children's fall? Team work is essential to the work of God. So then It's our women, sure, who work hard, but behind them are the men.

—ANON-Y-MRS.

"C.W.F." by Anon. was published in "A.C." April 17, 1971.

BRAZIL AND TORTURE

The Brazilian Government has been asked to admit an impartial team of international investigators to determine the validity of reports of torture in Brazil's prisons.

The request was made by 15 international organisations, including the World Council of Churches' Commission for the Churches on International Affairs and the International Commission of Jurists.

The organisations told the government that over the last two years grave con-

cern has been expressed over allegations of the systematic violation of human rights in Brazil, which have been repeatedly denied by the government.

The request recalled that the Brazilian Government had refused to authorise representatives of any international organisation to visit places of detention and imprisonment or to allow prisoners to be interviewed. It also recalled that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights was denied entry to investigate the treatment of political prisoners.—E.P.S.

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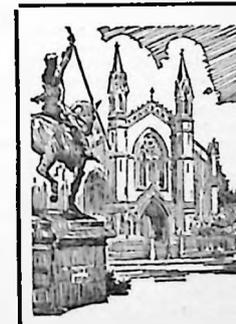
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7 p.m.: Evangelistic — Worship.

AN INNOCENT ABROAD (continued from page 5)

ROMAN CATHOLICS

However, it is the relationship of the W.C.C. with the Roman Catholic Church which presents the most pressing problem. There is no question of the W.C.C. inviting Catholic membership, for there is no means, either functional or constitutional, by which the membership of any group can be sought or invited by the Council. However, there has been a growing area of co-operation between the two bodies in areas of aid, development, justice and peace as well as in study ever since the Second Vatican Council. The stage has been reached where the effect and implications of Catholic membership in the W.C.C. must be thoroughly considered. To minimise the difficulties raised by such membership would be foolish, for those difficulties are numerous and just as numerous for the Catholic Church as for the W.C.C. and its members. An examination of the papers on Catholic relations with the W.C.C. from Uppsala 1968 to Addis Ababa 1971 leads to the conclusion that there has been a sobering up in this somewhat heady process. There has apparently been a cooling off from both sides. Those involved are marking time whilst everyone does some hard thinking.

BLAKE

The resignation of the W.C.C. Secretary, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, whilst not coming as any great surprise, was received with widespread regret. Dr. Blake had indicated in 1968 upon his re-election to the post of secretary that he did not intend to hold the office through the next Assembly period. His resignation at Addis Ababa was intended to give the Central Committee time to choose a successor and to allow that successor to become familiar with the position before the next Assembly in 1975. There were other critical questions before the Central Committee. There is continuing crisis in W.C.C. finances. The present deficit of more than \$100,000 and the indication from member churches of their own financial plight made more urgent both the question of making economies in the programme and the matter of "restructure". The Uppsala Assembly had instructed the Central Committee to restructure the W.C.C. organisation and set the Addis Ababa meeting as the time by which restructure needed to be put into effect. The restructure proposals,

results of two years' work, were given approval at Addis Ababa. Three units now form the backbone of the structure — "Faith and Witness," "Justice and Service," "Communication and Education" — each has both its unity and its tensions but each represents clearly major concerns not simply of the W.C.C. but of the church as a whole. There is some hope as well that this simplified structure will also produce economies in staffing and finance.

In conclusion, let me record my appreciation to those individuals, some of them unknown to me, whose generosity coupled with a subsidy from the W.C.C. itself enabled my attendance at Addis Ababa. As I understand it, my position on the Central Committee is important, not so much for me personally, but for the witness and position of Churches of Christ in Australia. It means that we have a voice very close to the centre of a movement of which some of our people are afraid and it means that we have an ear in that same central position to know just what is going on. There are many frustrations in the position of a Central Committee member, the greatest of which is to know how to transmit the experience to the people whom I represent on the Committee. It is always possible to speak when invited but it is not possible to invite oneself to all the churches.

There were many rich moments in the experience. Standing out from the Addis Ababa picture for me is the Communion Service. Celebrated in the Church of England but according to Presbyterian order by a French-speaking Presbyterian from the Cameroons and the Ethiopian pastor of the local Ethiopian Evangelical Church, the service moved me greatly as I found myself at the altar rail with a Lutheran bishop from Tanzania, a Christian Baptist from Russia, a member of the House of Lords representing the Church of Scotland, an Orthodox from India (defying the discipline of his church), a Negro lady from the U.S.A., an Anglican bishop from England — somehow as we received the white bread and red cup from black hands, divisions of race, colour and creed seemed insignificant before the love of the One who had died for us all. We were one. But returning from the altar rail I was sharply jolted to see some who had remained seated, unable to join us in the breaking of the bread, for the discipline of their churches forbade them. We were not one. That is the paradox of the church today — there is a unity but there is a disunity which is a scandal in the face of our Lord's own prayer.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

66th CONFERENCE

Theme: "PARTNERS IN PRAYER."

Mrs. G. A. Ewers presided at the 66th Conference. Mrs. G. Moignard's beautifully arranged floral decorations were a delight, not only for Women's Day but throughout the week of Conference meetings held in the Christian Centre.

Attendances were not as good as other years but there was well balanced programming, inspiration and fellowship. Mrs. O. Bloore of N.S.W., a past-president, Federal Women's Conference, was welcomed.

Devotions was presented by the President, Aust. C.W.F. Federal Conference, Mrs. J. L. Pallot, and the Incoming State President, Mrs. L. W. Ladner, who spoke on her theme for the new Conference Year, "Stand Perfect as God is Perfect."

Music plays an important part of Conference and this was brought by Mrs. L. A. Brigatti who presided at the organ throughout the day, and Mrs. C. Fovey at the evening rally. Messages in song were brought by Mrs. J. R. Mc-

Ihrwaith, secretary, Aust. C.W.F. Fed. Conf.; Mrs. Conigrave and Mrs. Calladine; the Fremantle C.W.F., the Applecross C.W.F., and Mrs. C. R. Johnston and her daughter, Shelley. Singings were led by Mrs. J. A. Pendlebury and Mrs. B. Brand.

The honouring of veterans is always a delightful segment. 109-year-old Mrs. Sharp sent an apology and greeting. Mrs. Ewers presented ladies 80 years' old and over with a souvenir bookmark and floral spray. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Farley and Mrs. Smilie, an Executive life member, who joined this august group. Mrs. P. Armstrong recited the poem, "They tell me I'm growing old."

During the Social Service report concern was expressed over the sale of the newly-introduced soft drink, "Shandy." It has an alcoholic content of 1.00% and is being sold in school shops, milk bars and the like and has already proved harmful to children. A motion was passed "that the Conference assembled registers its support to curtail the activ-

ity of the sale of all low alcoholic content beverages and that their sale be restricted to licensed premises." Petition forms to this effect were available for C.W.F. members to sign and send to their local Member of Parliament.

Mrs. Lance Fisher, who came with her husband to Camarvon Mission 10 years ago, gave a testimony of how the Lord had guided them throughout those years. Now God has given them additional responsibilities and avenues of service in the Onslow district—an Aboriginal outreach work in the Far North of W.A.

We thank God for answered prayer for the restored health of Mrs. John Bolton and that the Boltons were able to return to New Guinea on April 16. Joyce shared in various segments of Conference.

The evening rally had a missionary flavour when an audio-visual "The Mission along the River" was presented by Mrs. Bolton, and Dr. David Coulter, guest speaker, brought the final challenge for the day, "And He Healed Them," the Ndul Ndul Hospital motto.

Harry Heyhoe, Conference President, brought greetings and thanked the women for their support, especially financial—it being a record year. He presented Mrs. Ewers with a Bible, a token of appreciation from General Conference.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

South Aust.

INFIRMARY EQUIPMENT

(FULLARTON, S.A., N. Gavros). As a result of a C.W.F. project, ladies were able to present a cheque for \$200 to the Social Service Committee for equipment for the new Infirmary at St. George's Rest Home. A special business meeting elected T. Christie and D. Botting as deacons. Gifts of groceries at Harvest Thanksgiving will be sent to our missionary. Miss A. Giles, who was very seriously injured in a car accident will be immobile for many months. Recent speakers were Rev. L. Carr, B. Bowden, B. Townsend and D. Hammer.

ELDER HONOURED

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). At the annual meeting H. Jones was presented with a copy of the scriptures on his retirement from the eldership. He had also served as teacher, deacon, and choir member. J. Dunkley was elected to the office of elder. Mrs. Heath Snr., was thanked for many years of service as a deaconess. Miss W. Beasley will serve as deaconess. On Palm Sunday the choir rendered Stainer's "The Story of the Cross." On Good Friday the Methodist and Congregational churches combined with us in communion. Mr. Moore led the service and the Rev. Ian Moulton gave the address. A number of our young people attended Easter Camp at Longwood. On April 18, five young people were baptised. They had made decisions the previous Sunday. The sympathy of the church is offered to Mr. and Mrs. Dene Parker in the loss of their daughter, Everil.

SOCIAL SERVICE QUESTIONS

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). Guest speaker on April 4 was A. R. Jones of Social Service Dept., who also answered questions from young people. Miss Lyn Averay was soloist. Miss Grace Jackling was soloist at the Good Friday communion service. The film, "More Than Conquerors" has been screened. C.W.F. day group met at Hillcrest Hospital to mend for the inmates. The evening group saw slides and heard Miss M. Payne describe her experiences as a tour hostess in Europe. Basketball and family tea was held on April 4. Rosslyn Marsh and Barry Atwell from Maylands, answered questions.

MORNING BAPTISM

(BORDERTOWN, S.A., R. Combridge). There were five baptisms on the morning of April 3. (See "Personal" page). The elders assisted the minister who received the candidates into fellowship and conducted the communion service. Mr. Hughes, from Grote St., was organist. The S.A. Youth Director, Gerald Rose, visited the church prior to the St. Eastern General Conf. The church farewelled Janette and John Tilley on April 3 and presentations were made by church and S.S. John was a church officer, S.S. teacher, and on the education committee. Janette has been a S.S. teacher and primary supt. as well as giving honorary secretarial assistance to the minister and church. The women's prayer group is conducted on alternate Tuesdays at the manse.

COACH GIVES ADDRESS

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). The girls' netball teams paraded at the gospel service. There are five teams with coaches and umpires. Two girls assisted in the service. Mrs. Chonnell, leader and coach, gave the address. Mrs. Baker helped with a solo. March "Loyalty Month" proved very successful. Young people took part in a youth service on March 28. Daryl Thoday was preacher. On Good Friday, a combined service with Park Holme Baptist was held in our church at 9.30 a.m. Mr. Baker conducted the service and presided at communion. The address was given by Rev. L. Flatters. On Easter Sunday, S. R. Baker preached at morning service, and at night conducted an Easter hymn service, interspersed with scripture on which hymns were based and a story on the writer of several of the hymns. Mrs. Ray Goodwin, from Petoskey, Mich., U.S.A., a sister of J. Pickup, was a visitor.

DISTRICT WOMEN

(HAMPSHIRE GARDENS, S.A., M. D. Williams). Women's District Conference was held in Hampshire Gardens church on March 30. The focus was on the Home Missions and Christian Education committees. W. Tregloan and A. Lundberg were elected as elders. Mrs. D. Lawrence is a deaconess. The B.S. picnic was held at National Park on March 27. Recent attendances at Saturday night teenage youth group have been encouraging. Special Easter choral items were presented on April 4.

WEEK OF EASTER PREPARATION

(BALAKLAVA, S.A., Jas. Dow). Pre-Easter services were held each week night prior to Easter. We combined with Methodists in various homes to study "The New Way," six studies in the Book of Romans. This activity concluded with a combined Good Friday service. Mr. Dow is president of the Nthn. Dist. Conf. for 1971. Goods from the Harvest Thanksgiving service were forwarded to the Social Service Committee. Mr. White from the Dept. of Social Welfare, addressed a combined meeting of women from all churches. Mrs. Dow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Earle, were visitors from Qld. Mr. Earle preached on April 18. Dorcas Society will clothe a boy from Norseman Mission.

MORE PAPER WORK

(GOOLWA, S.A., Brian Beck). The Youth Group held a special paper drive on April 30 to collect all unwanted papers throughout Goolwa. The combined Good Friday service was held in the Methodist Church, Goolwa. The Rev. Gosse gave the Easter message. Brian Beck is working with Trevor Lawrie in R.I. at the High School, Victor Harbour, with scholars from both churches.

RACISM SERVICE

(CLOVELLY PARK, S.A., A. W. Morris). The produce from Harvest Thanksgiving on March 7 was sent to our two rest homes. On March 21, we had a service dealing with race relations, with participation by all present. Mid-week A.C.E. programs have featured studies on "The Person of Jesus Christ." The Over 21 Group and families had a beach picnic at Christies Beach. The C.W.F. raised \$40 from a jumble sale.

CHORAL SERVICE

(TUMBY BAY, S.A., K. J. Edwards). A special choral programme, depicting the life of Christ, was given on Easter Sunday. Combined Good Friday services were held at Ungarra. Church is saddened by the death of Miss Elsie Young, a very loyal and loved worker in the church. The annual meeting re-elected Geoff. Nankivell as secretary. W. Treasure is in hospital.

GIFT OF COMMUNION SET

(UNLEY, S.A., R. V. Holmes). At a recent week-day service in the Home for Incurables' Chapel a Communion set given by Unley church was received by the Chaplain of the home, and used for the first time. Mr. Holmes shares in these services with the assistance of church members. The film "I Beheld His Glory" was shown at a pre-Easter service. The Good Friday combined 8 a.m. service was held in Manthorpe Memorial Congregational Church. The Rev. J. Morgan spoke and the Rev. Chatfield and Mr. Holmes shared leadership. Goods for Harvest Thanksgiving were distributed to our St. George's Rest Home and the Morialta Protestant Children's Home. 30 girls of the Girls' Brigade engaged in a "walkaround" to raise funds for brigade work. An unconventional service was an interview with H. Thomas (part Aboriginal), artist at the S.A. Museum Anthropology Dept.



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NEW STUDY GROUP

(INVERELL, N.S.W.). A special Bible Study group has been formed for older members who are unable to attend the regular mid-week service. The group meets regularly on Tuesday afternoons. . . . Over 80 campers and leaders attended the Easter camp at Quirindi. Young people came from Inverell, Armidale, Tamworth, Gilgandra and Newcastle. There were five decisions, three being from Inverell. . . . A special ordination service was held when deacons and elders elected at the annual meeting consecrated themselves to perform these tasks faithfully.

MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTED

(IPSWICH, Qld., E. Stevens). Rex Ellis led a missionary rally and showed slides of recent trip to Indonesia, also our other mission fields. Miss Judy Simpson, missionary from New Guinea, spoke at two services. . . . Qld. Social Service Director, E. T. Hart, addressed the church. . . . Mrs. E. Stevens has twice had to undergo surgery in recent months. . . . Our assistant student minister for Leichhardt church is A. Davis, of Kenmore Christian College. Two of our members, Miss Carol Neumann and Roger Risson, are first year students at Kenmore College. . . . Three young people recently made decisions. . . . Local area Methodists, Presbyterian, Baptist and Church of Christ combined for 7 a.m. service on Good Friday. Lord's Supper was incorporated in the service. . . . At the annual meeting E. Stevens was appointed chairman; N. Fawdry, secretary; A. Boettcher, treasurer. Elders are F. Norwood and A. Stieker. W. E. Reeve was appointed Elder Emeritus in recognition of valued service to local church and brotherhood.

SUPPORT FOR KERAM

(WYOMING, N.S.W.). On April 3 a musical concert with guest artists from Sydney and Newcastle, was presented by the Allan family and raised \$120 for the Keram River Project. \$422 now in hand. . . . Mrs. Clymer has undergone surgery in Gosford District Hospital. . . . Recent speakers were Messrs. Jones, Truscott, and Morris, and Mr. Oliver, from Epping church. . . . Mr. Willis from Leprosy Mission showed slides and spoke to S.S. children, and the morning service. . . . Mr. Belcher, from Jewish Evangelistic Witness, was guest speaker on March 28. The evening service was the special Family Service and parade for Good Companions and Explorers and took on an informal note—group seating in the hall—for films on Jerusalem followed by supper.

SIXTH YEAR COMMENCED

(NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.W., Noel Flint). Mr. Flint has commenced his sixth year of ministry. . . . The church met for lunch following communion on April 4 to discuss evangelism for the rest of the year. Emphasis is to be on the involvement of "families." . . . The Loft (Collective-evangelistic outreach) had 300 in attendance. The last monthly youth service was taken by students from the

QLD. C.W.F.

Recent Conference meetings were well attended and a spirit of enthusiasm was manifest.

Southport ladies led the devotions in the February meeting and the President, Miss Callanan, gave a challenging message based on the ministry of the innkeeper in the parable of the Good Samaritan. As he was asked to "take care" of the injured man, so it should be our task to "take care" of new members in our churches and those who have special need.

Matron J. Wilding of O.P.A.L. (One People of Australia League) was guest speaker at our March meeting when she told of her work among the underprivileged Aboriginal people around the city of Brisbane.

"The best camp yet" was the consensus of opinion of the 90 women who gathered at Caloundra. Some came from as far away as Dalby and Bundaberg.

Devotional sessions provided times of rich spiritual refreshment. Studies on "How to Win over Worry" enabled many to really "cast their burden on the Lord."

Highlights of the camp were the dawn prayer meeting on the beach where 57

Sydney University. There have been two recent decisions. Young people went to Bathurst over Easter to participate in an evangelistic outreach to the thousands of "bikies" who go there for the races. . . . A Chinese "dragon" under which the S.S. scholars walked was a novelty used at their picnic. . . . A further gift of \$500 has been given to the manse fund. . . . Mrs. Flint graduated in Arts from New England Univ., majoring in psychology and education. . . . Miss Frances Woods was farewelled on returning to India with the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

SINGING WITH STUDENTS

(CAMP HILL, Qld., Peter Burnham). The minister, who is conducting Christian Education classes at Camp Hill High School, is leading male voice in their current musical production "Bye Bye Birdie." Other church young people are involved. The play is directed by Mrs. Gail Wiltshire, High School teacher, and a member of our church at Albion. . . . Don. McLucas, Bruce Scott, Don. Cranston and Allan Male were elected to various committees at the recent State Conference.

women in hushed silence witnessed the glory of the sunrise and truly realised that "the heavens declare the glory of God." This was followed by the Communion service in the Open-Air Chapel where in the silence and beauty of the early morning we met with our Lord.

Thirteen lady students from Kenmore Christian College, accompanied by Mrs. Ewers, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Hammer, wives of the college faculty, were guests at the April meeting. Mrs. Hammer was welcomed into the Qld. Fellowship, and Miss Helena Tanawidjaja, student from Indonesia, gave a brief testimony. Camp Hill ladies led devotions when Mrs. P. Burnham guided us in a pre-Easter meditation. Luncheon with our Kenmore visitors was a "get-to-know" one another occasion when the fellowship was enriching.

A report of the five-day Mission to Women at Bundaberg, conducted by Miss Callanan and Mrs. Robbins showed that through planned public meetings and visitation over 150 women were contacted.

To close her year of office, Miss Callanan entertained her executive at a farewell luncheon at her home in Southport.

—Eleanor L. Robbins, Asst. Sec.

. . . Mrs. R. Cardew and baby Nerissa Burnham have been hospitalised. Mrs. Barnes who was a foundation member, died at the age of 88. . . . 10 ladies attended Women's Camp at Caloundra and between them donated "The Verco Story" to the church library. . . . A group of ladies conducted the birthday meeting for Moorooka Ladies' Fellowship using group singing, items and dialogue. . . . The minister and Frank Olsen conducted a teacher training course on Sunday afternoons. . . . The Young People led by Peter Still, our Kenmore student, conducted recent evening service. . . . Miss Gay Spencer has earned A.T.C.L. for speech.

"WEEK AT THE CROSS"

(DALBY, Qld., R. H. Holt). "A Week at the Cross" with Bruce Roberts as missionary and R. Holt as songleader, concluded on Easter Sunday. The attendance averaged approx. 115 per night. Five were baptized. Another made the good confession on April 18. . . . Some of our C.Y.F. group attended Easter Camp at Caloundra. . . . The tennis court has been put in order again for social tennis.

Victoria . . .

FACE-LIFT

(SURREY HILLS, Vic., R. V. Amos). Men of the church, under the direction of a professional painter, have made an excellent job in painting the exterior of the school hall. . . . W. Yates has been appointed as an elder, and Neville Carr is the new B.S. Supt., succeeding his brother, Max, who served in that capacity for the past 10 years. . . . Mrs. N. Brooks has returned home after a successful operation.

EXPLORERS GO SAILING

(KNOXFIELD, Vic., D. Nancarrow). Explorers spent two weeks studying how to sail and rig a yacht. A camp was then held at Lake Epallock where 16 boys put into practice what they had learned. . . . Due to lack of leaders for Girls' Club we are holding monthly activities for Junior and Intermediate girls. These included a barbecue, a cooking night and games. . . . The church school picnic was held at Badger's Creek Weir. . . . A Parent, Child Dedication Service was conducted for Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Andrew, and Mr. and Mrs. Krone and Heather on April 4. . . . Approximately 100 attended Holy Week services. . . . The annual business meeting elected: Chairman, S. McCredden; deputy chairman, A. Knight; treasurer, W. A. Thompson; secretary, P. Krone. A dedication service for church staff was held. . . . C.Y.F. held a Mini Camp at the church. They attended Impact in March when D. Nancarrow and N. Wolstencroft assisted with the programme.

SERVICE HONOURED

(MALVERN, Vic., I. R. Adams/K. Verge). At annual finance meeting Laurie Finger was re-elected treasurer. Opportunity was taken to make presentations to a former treasurer, John Blucher and his family. Both John and his wife, Judith, have served faithfully in many capacities over several years, even after moving from the district. . . . A working bee on March 27 made many repairs and improvements. . . . Evening services are to commence at 5 p.m. for the months May to July.

CHOIR LEADER RETIRES

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Choir excelled at Easter Sunday service when Eric Hammond retired as leader after many years' service. . . . Members of Y.P. C.E. took a service at Mitcham. . . . Over 100 attended the annual cricket banquet. . . . Miss M. Perry and Kerry Tivendale were injured in falls. . . . Murray Farmer was welcomed back from an overseas business trip. . . . Led by Graeme Wincey, 250 Juniors and Buds Christian Endeavourers from surrounding churches attended our C.E. Pleasant Sunday Afternoon when young people gave musical items, Bible readings and text hunts. Each society represented provided one member to pray specifically (without notes). . . . Combined Good Friday service was held in the Baptist church. . . . Open Air Campers gave illustrated gospel message on April 10.

6 A.M. COMMUNION

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). An Easter Meditation programme at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday proved worthwhile. Mr. Pitt was the speaker at the combined Good Friday service at the Baptist church. . . . The Youth for Christ team was featured at the monthly youth service. The guest speaker was Ray Harrison, World Director, Y.F.C. A young lady visitor made her decision. A retiring offering of \$18 was received for Y.F.C. . . . The C.W.A.F. held a garden party at the home of Alma Pedretti. . . . Taped Bible study lectures given by Rev. G. Fletcher (L.I.F.E.) are used at weekly prayer and Bible study meetings in preparation for home visitation. A "Mini Mission" will be held at the end of May.

"LET'S GO FISHING"

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). On Easter Monday, the church organised a fishing trip on Port Phillip Bay. . . . Mrs. Amos gave an illustrated talk on our Aboriginal mission work. . . . "Jesus Super-Star!" was the theme of a special gospel service on April 4. . . . The Young People's Fellowship visited the Mill Valley Ranch at Tynong North on April 17. . . . Mrs. Stancliffe is making progress at Cheltenham Convalescent Home.

PRISON TENNIS

(MORWELL, Vic., A. B. Gaunson). Following a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Gaunson to the Morwell Reafforestation Prison Farm, an invitation was given for a tennis team to visit the farm. This was accepted and a further invitation was received. . . . Ladies of both C.W.F. groups combined for a garden party in the church grounds on April 22. Stalls, novelties, and competitions were featured; also a speaker on horticulture. . . . A sewing day for our missionaries in New Hebrides was held on April 20. . . . Several teen members attended the Banksia Easter Camp. . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Reg Andrew.

\$400 OFF DEBT

(HAMILTON, Vic., R. W. Marshall). The Harvest Thanksgiving and Temple Day services resulted in \$400 being received to reduce the building debt. . . . There were three decisions at a mini-mission conducted by John Timms and Tom Coad of Ballarat. . . . Three of our best teenagers have left to go to the city. Jennifer Baulch to the Melb. Univ., Christine Baulch and Carlene Rivett to Royal Melb. Hospital. . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Tully. . . . Mrs. Marshall is making steady progress after surgery.

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(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). The Harvest Thanksgiving display took a different form with a natural display of a tree loaded with apples. It showed both the abundance of God and the artistic ability of some of the members. The children participated delightfully. The goods have been sent to the Social Service Homes and the College of the Bible. . . . The first of a series of C.W.F. home Bible studies was held in the home of Mrs. Charles. . . . Good Companions and their leaders shared in a rally with 400 other girls. . . . The Youth Club attended an evening service at Wattle Park with 150 others. . . . Some of our families attended Easter camp at Belgrave Heights. . . . Mrs. Ross is recovering after a lengthy illness. . . . A baptismal service was conducted recently.

D.C.E. VISIT

(STRATHMORE, Vic., S. K. Bannon). G. Mathison (D.C.E.) was speaker on April 4 and afterwards attended a S.S. teachers' luncheon and conference. . . . Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis Assoc. presentation service was held. Tea and fellowship followed. . . . A C.W.F. garden party was held at Mr. and Mrs. F. Robertson's home. . . . Copies of the "Australian Christian" are given to all new members for a quarter. . . . Explorer boys gained first place in the relay and the Good Companions came fourth in the swimming sports. . . . Junior girls and leaders went to Belgrave and Menzies Creek and met with other Good Companions.

THE SEVEN LESSONS

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). The service of the Seven Lessons of Easter was impressive at the evening service. April 11. East Preston members shared this service. . . . Elders, deacons and deaconesses are embarking on systematic visitation of church members and contacts. . . . A church school picnic was held at Donnybrook on March 27 when a number from East Preston joined with us.

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BIRTHS

BAILEY (Prior)—To Judi and John, a son—Liam John, on April 17 at Mitcham and District Hospital, Vic. Both well.

GRAHAM (Ross)—To Diane and Neil, Glen Waverley, Vic., a son—Andrew Nicholas, on April 7. Both well.

RISSON (nee Kingston)—To Adrian and Dorothy, a son—David Charles, on March 17, 1971. Brother for John.

WRAY (Carter)—To Joan and Ken., at Naracorte on April 4, 1971, a son—Gregory Kenneth, brother for Dianne and Madeline. Both well.

ENGAGEMENTS

HOPE-ILIFF—Chris. and Lindsay, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hope, Marysville, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Iliff, Eildon, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing their engagement.

CLEAVER-WALSHE—Mr. and Mrs. Don. Cleaver 35 Peel St., Launceston, Tasmania, are very pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Julie Dianne, to John Leslie, second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Walshe, Port Sorell, Tasmania.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

MOORE-BRADLEY—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moore, 30 Jennings St., Newtown, Tasmania, are happy to announce the approaching marriage of their only daughter, Denise, to Kerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bradley, Southport, Tasmania. Mr. Lloyd Cooke will conduct the ceremony which will take place at the Collins St. Church of Christ, Hobart, on Saturday, May 15, 1971 at 6 p.m.

EMERALD WEDDING

TRENWITH—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Trenwith, Kadina, S.A., announce with pleasure and gratitude to God, the 55th anniversary of their wedding celebrated at Church of Christ, Kadina, on April 29, 1916, by A. J. Wedd.

GOLDEN WEDDING

CHAPPLE-VON BERTOUCHE—It gives us much pleasure to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents, whose marriage was celebrated by the late Charles Hunt at Berri Church of Christ, S.A., on May 5, 1921. Congratulations and love from all the family.

SILVER WEDDING

LIFF-ALDERSON—Ron. and Glencie announce with pleasure the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at Sunshine Church of Christ, Vic., April 20, 1946, by A. Gordon Bennett. We praise God and give thanks to him for home and family and the joy of sharing together these 25 years. Present address: 27-5th St., Eildon, Vic., 3713.

DEATH

YOUNG, Elsie—On April 8 at Tumbay Bay Hospital, S.A., loved daughter of the late George and Mabel Young, sister of George (dec.) and Florrie; Bob and Mary; Cliff and Rita; Doris and George; Freda and Bert. Aged 65 years. "Forever with the Lord."

IN MEMORIAM

HENRICHSEN, Bessie Olive and Albert—Loving remembrances of our dear parents who were called home: Mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, April 25, 1963, and father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Feb. 3, 1964. "Forever in our hearts a memory is kept."—Inserted by their loving family.

APPRECIATION

CORNELIUS, Frank—Our heartfelt thanks go out to all Christian friends who have shown or sent loving reminders of their sympathy and care for us at the time of the home-call of our loved husband and father. "I am not skilled to understand, What God hath willed, what God hath planned; I only know at his right hand, Is one who is my Saviour." (Dora Greenwell).—Anne Cornelius and daughters.

ENGAGEMENT

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APPLE TIME

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., C. Muller). The church has been distributing apples to needy families . . . A week-end camp was held at Cairn Curran. Many parents travelled to join in the closing afternoon session . . . Mr. Merriweather, a missionary from New Guinea, visited the Good Companions and Teenagers . . . Mr. and Mrs. Muller and family held a successful Talent Corner on April 1 . . . The combined Easter service was held in our church.

SHARING EASTER

(BALVYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). The Good Friday service was united with the Baptists whose minister, the Rev. I. Emmett, was speaker. Evening services at "Mary's Mount" was shared by all local denominations. North Balvyn Choir presented the glorious cantata "Easter Song" . . . Recent speakers have been F. Levett of B. & F.B.S., and at Shoppers' Service, Mrs. Midgley . . . The funeral service of an officer and Bible Class teacher, F. Parsons, was conducted by L. F. Barker and W. W. Saunders.

50th ANNIVERSARY

(PARKDALE, Vic., Des. Stow). Clifford G. Taylor, of Chatswood, N.S.W., and Kevin Turner, of Springvale, were guest preachers at the church's 50th anniversary services on April 18. The Cheltenham church choir and quartette, the Mordialloc Choral Society and the Methodist

50 years ago

(April 17, 1921)

Here and There. H. G. Harward has been appointed by the Federal Executive to serve as Federal Evangelist. H. B. Robbins will be song leader.

North Fitzroy. A mission at Nth. Fitzroy, conducted by H. G. Harward and J. F. Baker, resulted in 60 decisions, 36 uniting with the church. Begun in 1873, the church had 370 members in 1921 and 400 were in the Sunday School.

Music in Church. Music in some Protestant churches was once condemned as "a satanic artifice to lure men's thoughts away from God"; now the gospel of the "divine note" is so widely recognised that the only controversy is over what the organist plays.

Qld. Conference. Church reports showed that there were 216 additions for last year: 124 by baptism, 54 by letter of transfer. Losses were 138, ten by death, 62 by letter, and there were 66 withdrawn or lost sight of.

De Garis Co. R. G. Cameron, who has had many years' experience in growing fruit and other produce proposed to be grown at Kendenup, W.A., by the De Garis Development Co., has gone to inspect the land and investigate the proposition. Watch this space.

Ladies' Choir assisted at the services. Luncheon and tea was provided for visitors and members. The celebrations concluded on the morning of April 25. That night the church joined with other Melbourne churches in the Melb. Town Hall for the Conference Evangelistic Rally . . . The C.W.F. (evening group) celebrated its birthday on April 20 with Mrs. G. Barnett as speaker.

LAKE CAMP

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). 31 young people from the churches in the Central and Northern Dist. for the first time shared in a youth camp at Lake Eppalock during Easter . . . 20 members of "The Changing Moods" presented a witness to Christ in song and spoken word on April 17 . . . Good Companions' Club held church parade on March 14, and assisted in the service . . . On March 28, G. Mathieson spoke to B.S. teachers and club leaders . . . Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on April 4 . . . Miss D. Holstein, missionary from India, was recent speaker at C.W.F.

MISSIONARY VISITOR

(NORTHCOTE, Vic., G. L. Marsh). Sister D. Holstein (missionary) was a recent speaker . . . A man and his wife have been baptized . . . The church sympathises with Roy Smith in the death of his wife.

CHURCHMAN'S SHOW AWARD

The award for supreme champion dairy female at this year's Sydney Royal Show was won by Victorian Jersey cow, Francill Illusion 66th. The cow, exhibited by Reg Broad, of Sutton Grange, Victoria, was selected as the champion Jersey cow. Mr. Broad is a member of our Harcourt church, and is president of his regional district conference.

ASHBURTON HAPPENINGS

(Vic., C. E. Watson). At the "Church of the Hill", St. George's Cross, a sub-committee was set up to research the educational needs of the church, and a number of recommendations were put forward. Out of this report came the setting up of an Educational Council. The first outreach will be into the field of adult groups, the new educational programme will be launched this month . . . A Dawn Service was held on Easter Sunday, entitled "Resurrection Meditation." It was ideal weather—a pre-dawn mist added to the atmosphere. 63 attended from Ashburton and surrounding Churches of Christ. Ian Ailsop (Burwood) assisted by reading the gospel accounts of the Resurrection which formed the basis of the meditation.

TO LEAVE NORLANE

(Vic., J. Edwards). The minister, J. Edwards, has advised that he wishes to terminate his ministry at Norlane at the end of 1971 . . . A weekend "Lay Witness" mission will commence April 30, 1971 . . . A number of young people, together with Malcolm and Beth Humphries, and Geoff. Cutchley, attended Easter camp at Hall's Gap . . . Gifts from Harvest Thanksgiving services were sent to the Aborigines' Advancement League Hostel at Northcote.

Mrs. COMBRIDGE PASSES

(Vic.). On April 24, Winifred May Combridge, widow of the late B. J. Combridge, died at the Will H. Clay Nursing Home, to which hospital she was admitted on April 14. Since Dec., 1969, she had been resident at Emmaus Rest Home.

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OBITUARY

SMITH, Charles Patterson

With the death of Charles Smith the church at North Fitzroy, Vic., lost a highly esteemed and beloved elder. He became associated with the church in 1948 when he attended with his son, Keith. He was received into membership. This association of 23 years' membership was characterised by friendliness to all and loyalty and love to his Lord. He became a deacon to which task he brought wisdom and diligence. Later the church honoured him by appointing him as elder. He exercised a ministry of teaching as he presided at the Lord's Table, and exhorted through the sermon. He was also asked to serve as treasurer. He brought to this task the same meticulous care that he applied to all his service. He was a humble man and well loved by all, and will be sadly missed from our fellowship. He was in indifferent health over the past few years, and whilst this restricted him he was loyal to the church and his duties right up till the last few months of his life. He died on March 3 and a large crowd gathered in the chapel and at the graveside to pay tribute. The service was conducted by J. Searle and J. Turner. Our love and sympathy go out to his wife and son Keith and family. —V.J.P.

COUSINS, Mrs. Alexie Alice

Mrs. Cousins was born at Ararat, Vic., on May 17, 1885, and died on March 29, 1971. As a girl she attended the Footscray Church of Christ, then situated in Paisley St. She was baptized in 1901. She met her husband, William Cousins, at "Nobles," Deer Park, and they married in 1904 with A. R. Main officiating at the ceremony. The home they established was marked by warmth, order and hospitality. Preachers and delegates coming from interstate for Conference were always guests at their home. Mrs. Cousins was a friendly, good-humoured, generous and hardworking wife and mother. When the Adelaide Church of Christ was opened in 1949, they became foundation members and heartily supported the "out-pest" church. Mr. Cousins died in 1963 at 83 years and since that time until her death Mrs. Cousins maintained her exemplary life of usefulness and kind interest in others. Until her hospitalisation she was very active in the C.W.F. and without fail attended and enjoyed the Lord's Day meetings. The funeral at Footscray Cemetery followed a service at the Maldstone chapel, conducted by David White, pastor. To Lesley, Addie, Stan, Mabel, Hazel, Henri and their children we extend our sympathy. —D. P. White.

BEER, Ruby May

Miss May Beer passed away at the Kyneton, Vic. Hospital on March 6. She was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Phoebe Beer, and was born in the Lauriston district. Miss Beer received her early education at the Tylden State School. On leaving school, she worked for a short time in Melbourne, then later for some years in Sydney. Returning to this district, she was disabled from a fall five years ago while in the employment of the late Maurice Hurry, spending the last 18 months in hospital. Miss

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CORNELIUS, Frank

Frank Cornelius died on March 20. For some weeks he had been very weak and had been cared for by his wife and daughters at home. During that time his faith shone brightly and those members at Hawthorn, S.A., who visited him felt themselves to receive his ministry. Born at Kadina, S.A., in 1892, he was baptized there in 1909 and went to Glen Iris and the College of the Bible to train for the ministry. He graduated in 1919 and began a ministry at Colac, Vic. In 1921 he married Miss Anne Russell and during all of his life she was able to give him the support so evident in the final weeks of his life. Three children were born to them: Dorothy is in membership at Hawthorn and has had many years of experience in China and Japan with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship; Alison Bernard is married to the I.V.F. General Secretary in Australia and is living in Sydney; Merle Grigg is presently involved in missionary activity in Djakarta with her husband and family. Their lives indicate the deep influence of a home which honoured Christ. There are six grand-

children. Following the Colac ministry there were ministries at Brim and Warracknabeal, Borderdown, Cowandilla and Brooklyn Park, at the Hindmarsh Christian Church, and finally at Colonel Light Gardens and Edgarsford. After faithful ministries in these places ill-health finally forced him into retirement from full-time ministry. He then worked in a secular job with a newspaper, but on coming to live at Hawthorn in 1953 accepted the office of elder, an office which he filled until his death, save for a two-year period as a deacon. In the final weeks he entered into a crystal-clear sense of his relationship with Christ, which influenced all who spoke with him. We will greatly miss his friendly interest in people and his constancy in worship. We offer our deep sympathy to his wife and daughters, and family in their loss and commend them to their Lord, and his Lord. The service at Hawthorn was a tribute to his place in the affections of many people. Howard Kitchen, Chairman of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, S.A., paid tribute to Frank and his family in the service at the church. —C.L.S.

GRUNDY, Hilda Myrtle

With the death of Mrs. Hilda Grundy on Jan. 22, 1971, the Murray Bridge (S.A.) church lost its last foundation member. Born at Currency Creek (S.A.) 84 years ago, she was baptized at an early age in the creek itself, at the same time as her brother, the late Pastor J. E. Shipway. In her teens she worshipped with the Goolwa church until her marriage in 1910. Moving to Murray Bridge, she and her husband were part of a small group meeting in the roller skating rink, until a chapel was built in 1913. Kindergarten Supt. for many years, with a very special love and concern for all small children, "Auntie Hill" as she became affectionately known, endeared herself to all who knew her. She was very active in all aspects of women's work in the church, secretary for many years of the C.E., W.C.T.U., and the Guild. All she did, she did well. Despite falling eyesight and indifferent health, she faithfully attended services as often as she was able. Her faith and love for her Lord never grew dim. The services at both chapel and cemetery were conducted by P. R. Whitmore. The church remembers her with love and pride. —A.H.C.

PALLOT, Victor Harcourt

The church at Subiaco, W.A., was saddened by the death of Victor Pallot on March 20, 1971, at the age of 63 years. He confessed his faith in Christ in Collic, W.A., under missionary, F. E. Buckingham, on Nov. 13, 1933. He had always served his Lord, particularly in his singing, and he will long be remembered for this ministry. His life was typified by a gospel song he loved to sing, "The Old Rugged Cross," part of which says, "which ever be true." He held membership at North Perth, Nedlands and Subiaco churches. His particular service in the last 25 years was in the choir. At the funeral a wide circle of friends, both business and church, were present to pay their tribute. The

sympathy of all is extended to his wife, Ivy, and son, Neil. —J.W.G.

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WEST, Norman Kenneth

The church at Merbein, Vic., was saddened by the death of Norman West on March 1. Born at Wedderburn in 1910 he moved to Merbein with his parents at the age of five. He was baptized at the age of 12, at Merbein following the Harington-Brooker Mission and spent all his Christian life in fellowship with the Merbein church. He was an active member of the B.S. serving as a teacher and as Supt. twice, and Endeavour Societies. Following his marriage to Edna Farrant in 1937 by J. K. Martin, he took over the position of church treasurer from his father, a position he held until his death. Mr. West loved his church and his Lord whom he served and was always regular in attendance at worship and took an active part in the services up to the time of his illness. The funeral service was conducted by Dean Hamilton, of Mildura. The church extends its love and sympathy to his wife and family—Margaret, Elaine, Ken, and John. —L.C.K.

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Attack on Racism

Investments, land rights and Indians in Latin America will be the three major emphases for 1971 of the Programme to Combat Racism (PCR) of the World Council of Churches.

This decision on priorities was made by the Commission for PCR which oversees this controversial World Council programme at the five-day annual meeting of 25 members and consultants from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Great Britain, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, U.S.A., U.S.S.R. and Zambia.

The Commission agreed that PCR should give special emphasis to the investigation and analysis by World Council member churches of investments in international companies and banks operating in southern Africa and in any countries practising white racism.

A symposium on land rights is being considered to bring together persons affected by this problem in Australia and New Zealand. Regional ad hoc groups may also be formed to investigate the exploitation of land which deprives racial groups of their cultural, economic or political rights.

Specifically the Central Committee

called on member churches to investigate the military, political, industrial and financial systems of their countries to discover how they support and perpetuate racism, both in domestic and foreign policy. The Committee was told that research was already under way by the PCR staff on the Kunene Dam project which, it is alleged, will displace a large number of blacks in southern Angola and South-West Africa to be replaced by 500,000 white settlers once the dam is completed.

The third emphasis involves a continuing discussion and follow-up of the "Declaration of Barbados" drawn up at a consultation of Latin American anthropologists. Their statement, addressed to the World Council for its consideration, expressed the conviction that Christian mission agencies should phase out their work among the Indians. Until that can be done, it urged missionaries to show true respect for Indian culture and to halt the theft of Indian property by the appropriation of labour, lands and natural resources. It also called for an end to competition for Indian souls and the practice of population displacement or concentration in order to evangelise or assimilate.—E.P.S.

The cricket team were defeated in the final . . . B.S. and church picnic was held at Maroonah Dam . . . Mrs. E. J. Miles trained a youth group in special readings and hymns for a pre-Easter service . . . Mrs. A. Cummings has returned home from hospital. C. Blackmore is convalescing at home.

AUXILIARY SERVICES

(RICHMOND, Vic., D. Smith/P. Burnham). The annual meeting asked each auxiliary to arrange an evening service. The officers' board conducted the first and also provided after-church fellowship and supper . . . Harvest Festival goods were distributed between the College of the Bible and the Christian Guest Home . . . The Youth Activity Centre is attracting new members in a programme of craft, art, worship, singing, Bible teaching, and "Christians in Action" . . . The pre-Easter service was held on Maundy Thursday . . . Miss Gaylene Walker is home after a 10-month holiday in England . . . Len. Cockrel's church cricket team hopes for more victories in football than they had in cricket!

ATTENDANCE INCREASE

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. Paver). A special effort during February and March resulted in an increase of 50% at evening services. Highlights were a late afternoon guest service and a panel discussion. There has been one baptism . . . Churches in the district have formed an area council of the Victorian Council of Churches . . . C.Y.F. had a camp at Ferny Creek . . . Ladies visited Emmaus on April 20.

MISSION PREPARATION

(OAKLEIGH, Vic., T. V. Wehr). Members have stepped up their efforts for the Mini-Mission. Teams of members have visited homes to invite attendance. Two guest services featured Dr. David Chong of the Overseas Christian Fellowship and Lindsay Smith, Principal of Monash High School and Vic. Chief Explorer. The Harmony Three gave musical items. There was one decision . . .

State News

WOMEN AT THE TABLE

(MERRIEDIN/BRUCE ROCK, W.A., D. A. Good). At Merredin, due to small number of men, women have volunteered to assist as helpers at the Lord's Table. . . . During recent heavy rains the minister was unable to travel for services as flooded roads were closed . . . Mrs. Auld has been in hospital. Miss Hazel Bray recently fell and broke her arm . . . Evening services use the C.L.C. study book "The Gospel Today." . . . Bruce Rock had visit from Sudan Interior Mission reps. . . . Minister reported to both churches on State Conference . . . Both churches shared in united Easter services with Methodists in their respective towns. . . . Both churches observed International Day for the Elimination of Racism.

SEVEN JOIN

(ASQUITH, N.S.W., D. L. Krause). There have been seven recent baptisms, and two have been received by transfer. . . . Our student minister is S. Rendall. He will assist in our youth programme. . . . Over the Easter weekend the B.S. screened a film in an open session with parents present . . . R. Greenhugh was guest speaker on April 18 . . . The ladies raised \$80 at a street stall . . . A Girls' Club has commenced . . . The church was saddened by the sudden death of Cliff Collins.

ONE FAMILY

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). For Easter, Anglicans, Methodist-Presbyterian, Churches of Christ met as one family in God at the United Church — Revs. D. B. Benfield and A. E. Edwards led worship, E. K. Morrison delivered the occasional address . . . Several young people attended Hall's Gap camp, and three made decisions . . . Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mitchell of Home Missions have visited the church.

37% INCREASE

(BURWOOD, Vic., I. Allsop). The recent Review Planned Giving Programme was directed by E. C. Keating. Response by members amounted to a 37% increase in weekly offerings. Five house parties were held for discussion and fellowship. . . . Representatives or Aborigines' and migrant groups were guest speakers in March . . . Seven volunteers collected \$56 for Box Hill Hospital . . . Boys' club average attendance is 130, girls 90 . . . Mrs. J. Patterson has been elected as deaconess and D. Bismire as secretary.

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BOOKS SUGGESTED FOR LITERATURE MONTH

HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT BEING RELIGIOUS

Edited, Fritz Ridenour. (Billy Graham Evang. Assoc. Press), 90c.

This book will charm you with its simplicity—but startle you with its apparent "inside information" about "what makes you tick?" It is really a Bible study without your realising that you are studying the Bible. It is based on the Book of Romans and the crisp expressive language of Ken Taylor's "Living Letters" paraphrase is used.

Ridenour makes an honest and disciplined attempt to convey the meaning of scriptural terms by dressing them in the new clothes of today's expressions. Treating forgiveness and justification he asks "Are Christians on parole or are they fully pardoned?" Spouting of mercy and grace he says "Grace is like getting a warning ticket when you deserve a suspended licence."

Human emotions, attitudes, complexes, appetites, passions, ambitions, weaknesses, fears, hopes, pretences, inconsistencies are placed under the microscope of Paul's letter in an attempt to help us analyse them and apply the God-given correctives.

Reference is made to the experiences and statements of a wide variety of people, i.e., Lambert Dolphin, research physicist, J. Edgar Hoover, Walter F. Burke, general manager of space flight projects, Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Miss America 1965.

Helpful use is made of the arresting and humorous cartoons of Joyce Thimms.

In the introduction Ridenour claims that, using the Book of Romans, you will be shown "who you really are, why you are living and how to get the most out of life." The claim is justified.—Leslie S. Dawberry.

DARE TO LIVE NOW

By Bruce Larson. (Zondervan Press), 85c.

As the title of this book suggests the writer has sought to relate the Christian life to the "here and now."

He bares his own soul revealing many occasions and experiences of petulance, pride, anger, resentment, "hard-to-get-on-withness" and the therapies he found to deal with such maladies. There is also a rich stream of encounter with the problems, successes and failures of other people flowing throughout the book. Larson directs this stream wisely so that it refreshes rather than distresses the reader.

Because each chapter deals with real life circumstances and situations, there are excellent illustrations on almost every page. These "real life" situations are handled with humour and honesty.

Not only have I read and re-read this book for the good of my own soul but I have used a large number of extracts from it as "thought for the week" material and in sermons.

I heartily commend for preaching and living, this warm and challenging affirmation of God's power for ordinary people in everyday life.—Leslie S. Dawberry.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

By Kenneth Slack. (S.C.M.), \$1.20.

This book was born during a series of sermons, preached by Kenneth Slack, from the pulpit of City Temple, London. In 1968 he preached on "Four Great Men of our Time," one of whom was Martin Luther King. The author met Dr. King, very briefly, on one occasion only. But interest in the man, his works, and the convictions which moved and moulded him, led Kenneth Slack to write this very illuminating book.

This is a valuable treatment of the life of a magnificent modern martyr, who has been called "the Christian apostle of non-violence." The writer traces the life of this brilliant young student and pastor, through his early years, showing the ideas and influences which shaped him, and led to his unplanned, but inevitable entry, into the civil rights struggle, of which he soon found himself a leader.

It is a vital presentation of the contribution of one of God's good men to the age in which he lived. He appears

as a man of integrity and great moral courage, who "passionately believed that the Christian gospel and the Christian way could be preached in such a fashion as to evoke a response from men's hearts that would drive their will." (p. 15).

The personality of Martin Luther King becomes visible as the man—his convictions, his spirit, his character, and his faith emerges within the pages of this book. This is a fine piece of biography—fresh, incisive, and effective. Kenneth Slack sees a similarity between Dr. King and the great man of ancient history, Moses. — R. V. Amos.

"BLESS THIS MESS and Other Prayers."

By Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley. (Abingdon Press), \$2.35.

"Lord, bless this mess,

Bless this Monday house — breakfast dishes in the sink, beds still unmade . . ."

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These prayers are so very down to earth, and match so well our everyday living. They provide excellent examples of true communication with God, and an honest attempt to have a right relationship with others. My best literature investment for a long time.—May Barnett, Pres., Vic-Tas. C.W.F.

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"That was my preacher. I got him for a \$2 overtime parking fine, and he signed me up for a \$200 pledge!"

Victoria

BAPTISMS FOR NUMURKAH

(SHEPPARTON, Vic., R. E. Hillbrich). As lifelong friend of their mother, R. Clydesdale (elder) baptized Marena and Alison Price from Numurkah church . . . S.S. held successful Mystery Barbecue at farm of H. Stevenson. High School Chaplain, L. Wilson, spoke to children at tea-time . . . Newly-formed Youth Club has Julie Harris as president and Max Newman, secretary . . . Ladies conducted an Opportunity Shop raising over \$400 . . . Boys' Club leader, D. Read, has been transferred to Melb. . . S.S. mourns loss following death of young teacher, Kathy Johnston . . . Fellowship was enjoyed with 60 Blackburn visitors (caravan campers) on Easter Sunday morning.

NTH. FITZROY'S 98th

(Vic., J. Searle/D. Sonsee). Annual meeting revealed that much effort is being attempted in an endeavour to maintain and extend the work . . . The 98th church anniversary on March 28 brought back many past members. Morning service was conducted by the Trotter family — father (elder and one of our oldest attending members) and two sons, R. Baxter (Briar Hill) was speaker. At afternoon service musical items were rendered by R. Pope and D. Sonsee. A. E. White was speaker. At 5 p.m. there was a reunion tea. Final service was conducted by J. Searle. Mr. and Mrs. L. Stewart brought messages in song . . . The church has been saddened by the death of beloved elder, C. P. Smith . . . Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in our chapel, organised by Mrs. A. Arnot and Miss Smith. Miss Pam Bowers, of C.O.B., was guest speaker.

SHORT INTERIM

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. A. Avery). Following Mr. Avery's departure for N.Z. on April 16, K. J. Clinton, Pres. of Conf., will conduct an interim ministry . . . Combined services were held with the Presbyterians and Methodists each night of Easter week concluding at Scots Church on April 11 when Principal E. L.

Williams was speaker . . . On April 4, a complete T.V. film of religious "ads" was presented and discussed with Frank Morgan . . . At morning coffee Mrs. Hulson showed slides of India and food was collected for the Parcels for Missionaries project of the church . . . Mr. Avery has been invested as Chaplain of the church-sponsored 16th Dandenong Scout Troop . . . A B Grade Junior basketball team has been formed . . . Our tennis team won the premiership flag . . . Church members assisted with the Red Cross door-knock.

VISITATION RESULTS

(FOOTSCRAY, Vic., F. B. Alcorn). Following visitation prior to official opening of new Worship Centre, all auxiliaries, B.S., and Sunday services have increased attendances . . . Evening Fellowship speakers have been F. B. Alcorn, Sister West from Christian Nursing Service, and a visitor from Footscray Historical Society . . . Men's Fellowship had a prayer breakfast with David Cox as speaker. The men also provided an outing for older members . . . Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Clark attended Afternoon Fellowship on behalf of Prayer and Evangelism Committee.

HARTWELL JUBILEE

(Vic.). Fifty years of services were recalled from the opening social evening on April 17 when Alan Rowe, T.V., and other artists provided entertainment. On Sunday morning, past ministers J. E. Webb, C. J. Robinson and Dr. G. Whitling led the service and the address was given by Stanton H. Wilson. Many visitors from interstate and other places were present. At 4 p.m., speakers brought messages of the past prior to tea. Visitors included the Mayor of Camberwell, E. Ristrom and Mrs. Ristrom, the Rev. Maffertzen, representing the Methodist church and churches in the district; J. Alabaster, Pres.-elect Churches of Christ Conference; Senator Ivor Greenwood and Mrs. Greenwood. At night, C. J. Robinson led the song service and M. J. Savage preached. The choir rendered anthems at both services led by Mrs. Willing, with A. V. Morfiew and D. Patterson as organists.

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RETURN TO INDIA



By JOHN MAIN

When we flew into Madras customs officials were very helpful, though still strict. We were at our hotel and in bed by 1 a.m., but had to fly on to Coimbatore at 6 a.m. We then went the 40 miles from Coimbatore to Coonor, where Jenny's school is located. Hebron School is about 6,000 feet above sea level, and the district has a most pleasant climate. The school is run by missionaries and is designed specifically for missionaries' children. We are happy with the high standard of teaching and the Christian commitment and dedication of the staff. We stayed over the weekend. We are thankful that there is a school such as this where we can send our children and do not have to leave them at home as some do.

We realised the implications of being in India when we were told that our flight to Bombay from Coimbatore had been cancelled, and there were no alternative reservations available, and we had to be in Poona the following day, a two-day train journey. We asked in Coimbatore for help, but when we arrived at the airport a few minutes before the plane arrived they still had no room. We anxiously waited as names were ticked off the list, then 10 minutes before the plane left we were given seats on the first leg, to Bangalore. There we tried again for another plane to Bombay, and I was amazed to discover that there was a plane to Poona direct. (I had been told that this was cancelled also when I enquired about it). Again the wait, and again seats and we were in Poona that afternoon, a day earlier than we expected. We went directly to the police, were told that all is in order for us to stay and came on here to Dhond the same evening. We gave thanks to God who tells us that he can do better than we ask or think, and proves it, too.

We are living at Dhond for a few months until we shift into Poona in June. My work will be with the group with whom we have undertaken Book Tours in the past, Christian Literature Distributors. Our Indian Conference has seconded me for the position of Distribution Manager with C.S.P. (the Marathi name is Christi Sahitya Prasarak). This means that our relationship to the Australian brotherhood is the same as always, our salary is paid by our Board, but my work, as determined by the Committee of Management here, is with this combined group in the vital field of Christian Literature. We will be members of the church in Poona, and, I trust, will be able to share in their activities in a meaningful way. I hope that I may be able to achieve, in an unofficial capacity, what I tried to do while working with the Poona church before we went home. I will be available to our own Conference for preaching, consultation and advice. Quite apart from the worthwhile nature of this work, I am happy with the relationship with the Conference as we feel that the Indian Christians must be increasingly responsible for management of the work here and that missionaries should maintain only those programmes which we would not expect to continue if overseas finance or personnel were withdrawn, or important activities for which Indian leadership is not yet available.

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MOTHER

"Most beautiful things in life come in twos and three's, dozens, hundreds. Plenty of stars, roses, sunsets, sisters, brothers, aunts and cousins. But there is only ONE mother in all your wide world."

THERE was a young man from Japan,
Who wrote verses no one could scan;
When they told him 'twas so,
He said, "Yes, I know,
But I try to get as many words in the last line that I can."

WHO AM I?
The answer to "Who Am I?" in the last issue is Naboth (1 Kings 21).

JILL: "Horrible accident on my train today!"
Jack: "Yeah, what?"
Jill: "A girl had her eye on a seat, and a boy sat on it."

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 But other lands have sunlight too, and clover
 And other skies are blue and clear as mine.
 O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations,
 A song of peace for their land and for mine!

—Anon.

The finest kind of friendship is between people who expect a great deal of each other but never ask it.

A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he starts to blame somebody else.



Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow: it only saps today of its strength.

Junior grabbed the funnies and went into a comiccoma.



Businessman to friend: "Last night I was talking to my son . . . you know how you do when the T.V. set's out of order. . ."

Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they open up.



An anonymous taxpayer wrote to the Deputy Commissioner: "Five years ago I cheated on my income tax and haven't been able to sleep since. Enclosed is a cheque for \$20. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the balance."

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