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THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES

To NUBEENA

(STEPHEN CHEEK COUNTRY)



In May 1971, Tony Williams came again with an offer to line the building, but the lining material alone would cost \$1,500, and there was only \$300 in the bank. Still, the needs were met. And the volunteers kept coming—from Copping, Highcroft and Nubeena. Sue Hardwick of Highcroft offered to do painting, and at last the work was done—the night before the opening!

It was a great day. It rained, but the district needed rain. The building was crowded and included 45 campers who were having a camp reunion in Hobart. Folk were there from all over the State and from Victoria. Bruce Spaulding, a grandson of Geo. Spaulding, presided, and Darcy Williams, a great-grandson of Joseph Williams, told the story of the new building.

Len Mundy, elder, provided another link with the pioneers (there were four generations of Mundys present). Sid Greatbatch, son of Geo. Greatbatch, and Mrs. Greatbatch, were not able to be present for health reasons. It seemed that at every step you find the influence of Stephen Cheek. James Cooke, the father of Mrs. Sid. Greatbatch, was a convert of Cheek, as was Mrs. Stacey, Sid's grandmother.

Sharing in the opening was Harold Street who had two ministries there, one commencing in 1930 and the other in 1948. He declared the new Christian Centre open for worship and witness and urged members to "press on to richer experience, deeper joys, and greater victories for our Lord Jesus Christ. The glory of this latter place shall be greater than that of the former building if . . . and mark well this 'if' . . . if you as a church, with growing faith and deeper dedication to the service of Christ, make use of this building to show the presence and to make known the influence of Jesus Christ in this community."

Len Mundy recalled early days. "As I look back I wonder how they managed to keep going. I've seen those old hands trudging along through mud and slush, with no roads and no conveyances. It was many years before they had any conveyances whatever—still, the little church was open every Sunday. It has only been possible to build this Centre through their toil and determination."

The Director of Home Missions and Evangelism, Don. H. Smith, had given encouragement. He was closely linked with the Nubeena folk throughout, as was Ray Drayton, church architect, another member of the Department. At the opening, Mr. Smith said, "This building represents your own confidence in the State, in the stability of the Peninsular with its hospital, its school, its community centre, and its industry. But beyond all this, it reflects your confidence and conviction about the gospel of Jesus Christ. You have made a great decision to act at a time when Western society is in great turmoil and uncertainty, and when the church at large has not been free from these problems. This new building will equip the church for mission and the everlasting gospel."

At night there was an excellent audio-visual which told of the building of the new Centre. ("It didn't always go up," said Bruce Spaulding, "sometimes it went down. One day, the spire fell off!"). The audio-visual is excellent and well-worth borrowing to give a 12-minute feature spot in a church service. The next generation was also at the opening, represented by a group of junior singers. The "Barton Stone" Quartette, made its first ever appearance, also.

Southern hospitality was at its best. In the afternoon there was food to spare even for the huge crowd, and even for the 45 campers. (Once, when Stephen Cheek came unexpectedly to visit William Spaulding, there was nothing in the pantry and things were desperate until Spaulding had the idea of digging up some of the seed potatoes which had just been planted. Cheek never did know that he dined off next year's crop!)

Others who took part in the week-end of thanksgiving were former ministers, C. J. Heier and W. Taylor. The present minister is W. J. Flett, a graduate of the N.S.W. Bible College.

As we said, they didn't take an offering. They didn't need it. The new Christian Centre was opened free of debt. They didn't want us down there to help them pay for their building. Nor did they want us to praise them for their faith and works. (Darcy said they had more faith at the finish than they had at the start!). They wanted us to be with them as they said thank you to God for enabling them to build for him. This we did with joy — mixed with humility and pride! — A.E.W.

WHEN we attended the opening of Nubeena's attractive and functional Christian Centre, we thought that they forgot to take up an offering. They didn't forget! They just didn't have one. This was not because they wanted to be independent. Rather it was because they were very dependent . . . upon God!

Nubeena is very much in Stephen Cheek country, although that busy pioneer evangelist of Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland, never actually preached in Nubeena itself.

The town is on the Tasman Peninsular in Southern Tasmania, 60 miles from Hobart, and a few miles beyond Eaglehawk Neck, a very narrow corridor between bay and ocean that separated the Port Arthur prison colony from the rest of Tasmania. Heavily guarded by men and dogs, the Neck ensured that the only way out was by water, or death.

The prison system ended in 1878 and the Peninsular was thrown open for settlement. It happened that at that very time the church at Bream Creek was surging with life through the ministry of Cheek. Geo. Spaulding was a convert of G. B. Moyses, the man who exercised such a strong influence on Cheek himself. Joseph Williams was a Cheek convert. Spaulding and Williams became the new leaders of a Christian fellowship which began holding meetings in Geo. Spaulding's home at Impression Bay (now Premaydena). When they needed more room they moved over to the farmhouse of Wm. Spaulding (a brother of George).

George Greatbatch was another early settler, and another convert of Cheek. He gave the land on which the first church was built.

Sid. Greatbatch, now 83, still remembers the meetings there and that his mother baked a special loaf each Sunday for the Lord's Supper. Most of the land around Nubeena was owned by J. T. Soundy, a Baptist who lived in Hobart. The Soundys had their holidays in Nubeena and built a hall for meetings and even brought, occasionally, their own minister to conduct services. After a time, Mr. Soundy gave the building to the Church of Christ and it became the regular place for the gospel services, the communion service still being held at the original chapel which became known as the "top" church.

The "top" church served the members for 20 years before being moved by 12 bullocks en route to Koonya. It tipped over and was dismantled and finished the journey in bits and pieces before being re-erected. Ten years later, a bushfire completely destroyed it. Another cause began at Tunnel Bay (now Highcroft), and the Church of Christ was easily the dominant Christian force on the Peninsular.

At one time the "Impression Bay" church was the third largest in Tasmania and the early preachers, mostly self-educated, served well.

In 1970 the members at Nubeena had to decide whether to enlarge again their building (this had been done twice before) or whether to build anew. There were seven classes in the S.S. and five of them met in the chapel. The church decided to build and the members backed the adventure with faith and works. One man (who is far from wealthy) said he would give \$200 if ten others would do the same. When the offering was received three months later, it amounted to \$1,942.04. The way was open and in July that year the first concrete was poured for the foundations. This set the pattern for voluntary team work. Tony Williams offered his services and used his own men to erect the frame. An offer came to provide \$1,000 for bricks, and the money for the bricklaying soon followed. An approach was made to the Properties Corporation for assistance and \$3,000 was made available, but the church decided to try to build without borrowing.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

A. A. B. Martin, Director of the Overseas Service Bureau, has announced plans for the 10th Australian Volunteers Abroad programme. "We want to hear from Australians interested in volunteering for work overseas rather than constantly chasing higher salaries, more influential social status, and public recognition. We want to hear from people with a skill to offer, who are prepared to do something different from making a financial contribution to worthy appeals, people who want to learn about world development issues at first hand, and who are prepared to do something more than 'just talk.' More than ever before, Australians are being given the opportunity to do something meaningful through personal commitment."

Under the A.V.A. programme every year a number of Australians representing a diverse background of occupations and a wide variety of ages and interests are being sent overseas to work as Volunteers in over 15 different countries in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. During their one or two years away they don't make their fortunes—as their incomes are arranged to allow a few dollars pocket money above basic living costs. This year there are 130 Australian Volunteers Abroad working in developing countries around Australia.

"We know from past experience there are many people who are interested in the possibility of giving up home comforts, higher salaries, and getting away from the

rate race they feel their lives are becoming, to work as Volunteers. People interested in going overseas next January should enquire about the programme now, and lodge their applications during the coming weeks."

Opportunities exist for Volunteer teachers, building and mechanical tradesmen, nurses, farmers, laboratory technicians, pharmacists, geologists, biologists, doctors and paramedical workers, surveyors, civil and mechanical engineers and many other skills, trades and professions. Application and enquiries should be made to: Australian Volunteers Abroad, 17 Glenmore Road, Paddington, N.S.W., 2021 OR 23 Clarendon St., East Melb., Vic., 3002.

o ANOTHER MUSICAL

"MAN OF SORROWS"

THE JESUS CENTRE in musicals shows no sign of abating. Following Jesus Christ Superstar and Godspell on to the Sydney stage next month comes Man of Sorrows, directed by John MacLeod, with musical score by Enzo Toppano and lyrics by Peggy Mortimer and Lorrae Desmond.

Man of Sorrows, billed as The All-Australian Modern Musical, will be presented in the Pitt Street Congregational Church under the auspices of a Methodist minister, the Rev. Roger Bush. Whether these religious associations will be commercially harmful remains to be seen.

Actor Colin Croft, press manager for Man of Sorrows, says the musical is "the authenticated, scripturally correct version of Christ's life."

Roger Bush, well-known as a radio talker-back and newspaper columnist, chose the musical's title. It seems to have been a little too sad a choice for the promoters because it is described as "a joyous experience, with comedy and up-beat tempos to counteract the provoking confrontation of the great sacrifice."

Man of Sorrows begins at Christ's birth and includes such scenes as "the 12-year-old drop-out's impact on the priests of Nazarus" and "the great and everlasting story of the Resurrection."

According to Colin Croft, it was composed, written, arranged, directed and choreographed "by 100 per cent Australian talent, people who have made their reputations overseas as well as in their homeland."

DEATH OF TONY HICKS

Tony Hicks died as a result of injuries received in a car accident on the Derby to Fitzroy Crossing road on May 12.

Tony came from Hammersley Station to Carnarvon Mission school in 1953, when he was six years of age. He completed his Junior Certificate at Carnarvon and went to Adelaide to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Manning. He matriculated and was the first Aboriginal student at the Perth University. He was awarded the Daisy Bates Prize for Aboriginal Citizenship for school children. He did not continue with his university studies but was accepted as a District Officer with the Dept. of Native Welfare and was posted to Fitzroy Crossing.

Lance Fisher and Don. Butler, Secretary of the Federal Aborigines' Mission Board, were able to attend the large funeral conducted at Port Hedland.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOURS

Three special tours have been arranged for August, 1972 and January, 1973 for Australians to study the culture, progress and problems of people in a number of developing countries.

The tours have been arranged by Community Aid Abroad in co-operation with the Australian Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

One 36-day study tour, Dec. 27, 1972-Jan. 31, 1973, will visit India, Nepal, Ceylon and Thailand. Two other 22-day study tours, Aug. 3-24, 1972 and Jan. 4-25, 1973 will visit Indonesia.

Members of the tours will visit development projects sponsored by Community Aid Abroad and Freedom from Hunger, and will have the opportunity to meet with local community leaders, teachers, doctors, farmers and housewives.

Further information and registrations for the tours are available from Community Aid Abroad, 75 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, Vic., 3065, phone 41-7055 (Melb.).

INCREASED GIVING

(BRIAR HILL, Vic., R. Baxter). The Dept. of H.M. & Evang. recently conducted a Planned Giving Review which resulted in a 23% increase in weekly offerings . . . Y.P. held a camp at Belgrave Heights . . . Family picnic and outdoor service was held at Humevale . . . The minister, president and readers exchanged with Ormond church on June 18 . . . A Kraft Foods demonstration was a feature of C.W.F. birthday.

o 6th NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

LEADERS ANNOUNCED

Kelvin Parry will lead the Bible studies at the 6th National Youth Convention of Churches of Christ in Australia in Canberra, Jan. 5-11 next.

Mr. Parry is the new Director of the Dept. of Christian Educ. in W.A. He is the immediate Past-President of the W.A. Conf., and has had ministries at Inglewood, W.A., Kensington Park and Port Pirie, S.A.

Rev. Trevor Hulme, of the House of the New World in Sydney, will lead a workshop on "Youth Ministry—with the

fringe." Leaders of the other eleven workshops are: Keith Farmer (minister, Epping, N.S.W.); Miss Joy Rainey (social worker, Melb. Children's Hosp.); Rev. Geoff Bridge (Meth. Presb. minister, Pearce, A.C.T.); David Parkes (youth secretary, Aust. Council of Churches); Peter Langford (art teacher, School for Deaf, Melb.); C. H. J. Wright and C. G. Dredge (Canberra ministers), and Christian Educ. Dept. directors A. C. Male (Qld.), R. A. Kallmier (N.S.W.), R. C. McKeuzie (Vic.-Tas.), G. D. Rose (S.A.) and Mrs. Avril Chapman (N.Z.).

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BEWARE OF CHILDREN . . .

An American sociologist, Urie Bronfenbrenner, has published a book entitled "Two Worlds of Childhood" in which he compares children of America with children of Russia and the ways in which the children are brought up, and their results. His findings are scathing of American parents and their children.

But Bronfenbrenner believes that things are even worse in Britain. He says: "Of all the countries in which my colleagues and I are working — half a dozen in east and west — only England exceeds the United States in the willingness of children to engage in anti-social behaviour. It is also the only country which shows a level of parental concern lower than our own, with both parents and especially fathers offering less affection, offering less companionship and intervening less frequently in the lives of their children."

Peter Smark, writing in "The Australian" says that adult-child relationships are just beginning to be seriously studied in Britain, but the need for concern is evident. "From the prevalence of the battered baby tragedy, through the degree of parent self-delusion and abrogation of responsibility . . . to the vandalism and violence of particular areas and schools."

It costs Liverpool \$2 million a year to repair the handiwork of vandals, most of them young children. One London Council uses a private security company to protect school property.

Violence and vandalism is regarded by Britain's adults as plain evidence of falling standards of behaviour of the young, but Bronfenbrenner contends that the roots of this behaviour may be in the home environment itself.

The Schools Council, a State-financed educational body which plans and co-ordinates educational projects has decided to spend \$130,000 on a moral education project. The scheme, aimed at 8 to 13 year olds, will try to "help children develop a

considerate attitude towards other people's needs, interests, and feelings as well as taking their own reactions into account."

The Council said it was undertaking the project because British children are amongst the most ill-mannered, undisciplined, and selfish in the world. But many observers feel that many children are victims before they become vicious. They know little affection, win little recognition, and feel that they are of little significance within their own families.

Says Peter Smark, "How can any arm of the state teach people to love, care about and take more interest in their children? And that is what the problem is all about, not just child selfishness or anti-social behaviour."

"The real need of British children is that of children in every country of the world, and every child, every parent, every teacher and every psychiatrist knows what it is—a much debased four-letter word, which is still the most wonderful word in the English language—love."

GROWING CONCERN FOR FREEDOM

A Joint Working Group of 21 Australian theologians declared that the growing concern throughout the community for freedom and dignity was "one of the encouraging signs" in an increasingly impersonal society.

The Group representing the Australian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, held its annual conference in Sydney on the theme "Authorities in Moral Behaviour."

In a statement the Joint Working Group said: "The churches must take their stand on the Christian gospel as the message of freedom and love. Such freedom enables us to accept one another in Christian love, and to respect and care for one another."

"This care must involve open rejection of all forms of exploitation of human beings — for example, using voters or consumers, women or children for domination, profit, power or personal gratification."

"One of the encouraging signs of our time is the growing concern throughout the community for the dignity and freedom of the human person, and especially for the safeguarding of human freedom from erosion in our increasingly impersonal society."

TO SERVE IN GHANA

(STRATHALBYN, S.A., R. L. Oke). Graham and Marjorie Bee, with daughter Julie, sailed on June 7 to serve in Ghana with Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade. . . . Recent speakers have been F. Arehbold (Red Sea Mission) and Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson, on furlough from Nepal. . . . Young people visited Lenswood youth group on May 26. . . . Ronald and Anne Boxhall from Hobart have been in fellowship.

ACTION FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT

ACTION for World Development is a programme of the Australian churches designed to raise awareness among Australians of the urgent concern for World Development. Your congregation can participate in the July study programme using the study book "Development is for People." Regional Committees have been formed across all States to promote these home-based ecumenical study groups. To date 25% of Churches of Christ congregations have registered as participants. It is not too late to follow this lead and encourage your members to join other Christians in July. In this way you can be part of some quarter of a million people helping to make a dent on the Australian conscience. For further information contact:

In New South Wales—

Action for World Development, 3rd Floor, 401A Pitt St., Sydney. (P.O. Box 124, Brickfield Hill, 2000).

In Victoria—

Action for World Development, Room 6, Ground Floor, 100 Flinders St., Melbourne, 3000.

In Tasmania—

Action for World Development, 119 Macquarie St., Hobart, 7000.

In South Australia—

Action for World Development, 222 Victoria Square, Adelaide, 5000.

In Western Australia—

Action for World Development, 38A St. George's Terrace, Perth, 6000.

In Queensland—

Action for World Development, 1st Floor, Canberra Hotel Building, 318 Edward St., Brisbane, 4000.

Victorian Secretary of the campaign, the Rev. Douglas Dargaville, writes, "I have never been stimulated so much as by the response of local congregations. In every corner of the State we have found somebody who has been willing to head up an ecumenical committee. In these groups, Protestants and Catholics, Anglicans and Orthodox alike, have found it possible to co-operate in a very practical way. Some

groups have found it possible to use great ingenuity in getting the message to the public.

"The big 'seller' of the campaign is the study book itself. Attractively printed and profusely illustrated, it stands in its own right as a valuable piece of literature. It is just the right kind of stimulus we need to start the study."

o WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NEW CAUSE

ONE of the areas to which the W.A. Home Mission Committee directed its "new causes" strategy is the rapidly developing mid-southern suburbs, lying to the south of Perth, but a little east of South Perth itself, an area of over 100 square miles. Our only established churches in the area are at East Victoria Park and Kelmscott, the latter being self-supporting.

The H.M. Committee called W. Thornton to undertake a "Mid-Southern Ministry" at the completion of his term at Bridgetown, and he commenced this work in Jan., 1972. Included in his ministry is the oversight of the East Victoria Park church. He has pursued an intensive programme of investigation and visitation with a view to making contact with members of Churches of Christ in the area. The Committee circulated all of our churches to ask for names of members known to be living there.

As a result a meeting, with J. Curtis as chairman, in the Thornlie Primary School on June 11, 1972, was attended by 30 people including the six members of the New Causes sub-committee of the H.M. Committee. The meeting resolved to commence communion services in the school on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. from July 2, 1972. 18 people indicated their intention to be present.

Mr. Curtis, formerly of Brighton Gardens, S.A., accepted responsibility of organising the first communion service. His father, L. Curtis, was also present.

A similar type of ministry is to commence in a Northern Suburbs area in the near future.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY U.B.S.

Ulrich Fick, of Stuttgart, has been appointed the new General Secretary-designate of the United Bible Societies.

Mr. Fick succeeds Dr. Olivier Beguin, who held the office for 25 years, until his death on April 1, 1972.

At present he is the head of the Lutheran Church in Wurttemberg, Germany, and chairman of the Wurttemberg Bible Society.

Mr. Fick will take up his new appointment in November.

o WOMEN'S WRITE

The Christian Wife

LOVE STORY IN CLAY

Take a lump of clay,
We'll it, pat it,
Make a statue of you,
And a statue of me,
Then shatter them, clatter them,
Add some water,
And break them and mould them
Into a statue of you,
And a statue of me,
Then, in mine, there are bits of you,
And in yours, there are bits of me,
Nothing shall ever keep us apart.

This, in a way, sums up for me, what a Christian should be. And the part a Christian wife plays in this partnership can be one of content and much happiness.

In Proverbs, we read that an ideal wife is trustworthy, a willing worker, kind-hearted and wise, so that it is not meant to be a role of sitting back and being a lady.

I think that in these days it is very important that a Christian wife be wise and alert to all that is going on outside the home as well as taking care of all within the family circle. She should be concerned with political issues and be able to offer sensible criticism of local schools, kindergartens, town or city affairs and other concerns in the community. Being well informed on such subjects can also make dialogue between husband and wife more fruitful and so build the partnership as time goes on.

Sometimes we may find that household chores and family worries keep our thoughts in a very small circle, but we must be ready to support our partner in his work and other facets of his life. Share his enthusiasm in church organisations and other services which may take him away from us many times during the week. Be thankful for his dedication.

In Ephesians we find in Paul's teaching on marriage, that Christian marriage is the most precious relationship in life, whose only parallel is the relationship between Christ and the Church.

William Barclay writes, "The true basis of marriage is simply the love which thinks more of the happiness of others than it thinks of its own, the love which is proud to serve, the love which is able to understand and therefore always able to forgive."

Perhaps if we can attain to these thoughts, we can truly be a Christian wife.

—Dorothy Haines, Briar Hill (Vic.).

"A" in Conduct

My glance toward the school is a loving one,
I pass its precincts with reverent tread,
For here its irrepressible son
Sits with a halo around his head!

—May Richstone.

WORD TALK No. 54

WHICH author wrote the most of the New Testament?

Around Australia everyone answers "Paul," which of course is incorrect. Luke wrote more than any other author for his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are longer than the combined Epistles of Paul.

Luke was a companion of Paul, a "fellow worker" (Phile. 24), a "fellow prisoner" (two years in Caesarea and then in Rome), and known to generations as "the beloved physician" (Col. 4: 14). Possibly he was the brother with Titus (2 Cor. 8: 18, 12: 18). He was born in either Antioch in Syria (Acts 13: 1 and Rom. 16: 21) or in Philippi (Acts 16: 9-10) where he was thought to have been identified with the Man of Macedonia. He is the only non-Jew in N.T. author. Note his historian's accuracy: Luke 1: 1-4 where he speaks of his own research, 2: 1-4, 3: 1-3 where he gives eight contemporary references to date the events. His research meant that half of his Gospel is only found in Luke. We owe the nativity stories of John and Jesus to him. Who but Mary could have given him the most personal details? The prayer parables, the Parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan are his, as is the story of the Road to Emmaus. Note his personal experiences in the "we" passages (Acts 16: 10-18, 20: 5 — 21: 18, 27: 1 — 28: 16). Note his entree to professional circles—"Oh most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1: 3, Acts 1: 1). Note his interests: his Greek of Luke 1: 1-4 is the best of the New Testament, his medical terms for illnesses among the healings of Jesus portray academic training (in the Medical School at Tarsus?), his concern for social justice for the poor and outcast is the strongest in the

LUKE

N.T., his elevation of the role of women (he gives six exclusive references to key women in the gospel stories). His world vision for the gospel, his emphasis on joy, prayer, the Holy Spirit, the Resurrection and the Ascension. Luke was an artist with words and a cathedral in Spain boasts a painting said to be by him.

FOR TODAY:

Today is the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist. Without Luke we would not have known of the nativity of John the Baptist (Luke 1: 5-80). He never saw Jesus in the flesh but his faith and research presents the loveliest book on the life of our Lord. His is the prime example of the significance of a devoted layman, serving God with every skill, having a missionary heart, with a deep concern for the welfare of people, and the ability to express it in written form. What a debt the Church owes to its beloved physicians! Dr. Livingstone, Dr. Scudder, and Dr. Schweitzer stand for them. In our own brotherhood the beloved physicians—Magarey, Cook, Banks, Hinrichsen, Kingsbury, Fortune, Whean, Vercoe, Knight, Messent, Kemp, Killmier, Warmbrunn, Oldfield, Hall, Thomas, Crowley. . . stand for a host of dedicated laymen who have continued the work of Luke and encouraged many a minister. Behind every Paul there is a Dr. Luke. "A Foreign Devil in China" tells of the work of Dr. L. Nelson Bell, author, physician, missionary, companion, helper and father-in-law of Billy Graham. Lukes of this world, we salute you!

GORDON MOYES.

OPEN FORUM

WHITES

To the Editor,

The Aboriginal infant mortality rate of 120 to the 1000 ("The Australian," 19.11.71) is alarming when contrasted with the whites ratio of 17 or 20 to the 1,000. And it is depressing to learn that primitive attitudes still prevail like that of Mr. Nixon, the Minister for the Interior, who said in the House of Representatives, "The Government believes that it is wholly wrong to encourage Aborigines to think that because their ancestors have had a long association with a particular piece of land, Aborigines of the present day have the right to demand ownership of it."

Our call from God to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world (including the world of politics and economics) requires us to respond more fully to Christ's love by living in utter obedience to his will, by loving all people.

It is sometimes argued that critics who complain that little is being done for Aborigines are silent when the question is asked, "What can we do?" The significance of this silence has not been understood.

First, we are all responsible for thinking through racism and its application to us whites. To expect a few people to provide the "answers" for us, is irresponsible. More importantly, the silence indicates that we are being presumptuous if we think that we can "do" more than recognise our racist attitudes and action individually and as a community, and correct these. All we can do is cease to oppress Aborigines (as we do by denying them the land we are squatting on) and cease to decide paternalistically what is "best" for them.

We must remember that the "problem" we are discussing is not caused by Aborigines, but by Whites who invaded this land, decided that its people were inferior to ourselves and now try to forget the past. We feel that it is doubtful if many Aborigines could perceive Christ within us, for in our racial relations, at least, we have shown that we have a spiritual need problem—we are unable to translate our right relationship with Christ into right relationships with other people.

We hope that you will, like us, change your racist attitudes, through prayer (which involves committed action) and sharing with each other in Christ's Spirit of truth—and it is vital of course, to share with Aborigines.

It is not so much "what can we do?" but, in response to God's love, "What can we help undo?"

—Phil. Saunders, Heather Dennis, Shirlee Brabham, Trevor Gordce, Leigh Philip, Valerie McLean, Mike Toppley, Tarlie Dowling, Alison Blaskett, Chris Barrett, Lindsay C. Holmes, Noel Holmes, Lyn Docking (S.A.).

INDONESIA

To the Editor,

I can understand the feelings of Allan Webb ("A.C.," 27/5/72), as he senses the keen desire of Indonesians for us to send men to their country to share Christ with them. The same pressures have been on those working in New Guinea from the commencement of the mission in New Guinea right through till now.

The Overseas Board consistently inspired us who were there in New Guinea with their faith and vision with the result that today we see week-end services held in 52 villages attended by about 2,000 villagers. There are 371 people who have confessed Christ as Lord, with a further 100 people being prepared for baptism.

5,200 people claim Churches of Christ as their mission: i.e., the mission which is responsible for their instruction in the things of God and Christ.

Now as a member of the Federal Overseas Board I am proud to say that I am continually impressed by the Board's faith and vision as it faces today's challenges.

Allan Webb suggests we be co-labourers in Indonesia. I believe God is leading us as the sole responsible group into the Keram River area of New Guinea, to which we have only partly responded, and is placing the further challenges before us in the grass country west of the Keram; the Schrader Ranges area south of the Keram; and into villages on connecting trade routes Aiome to Madang and Aiome to Bogia. Territory greater than many Indonesian islands put together; territory of which the late Albert Anderson dreamed would receive witness to Christ by our churches.

I believe we have witnessed a Macedonian call today! Years of investigations and attempts to enter Indonesia have resulted in closed doors. God is opening doors in New Guinea (not to mention India and the New Hebrides). I feel sure God today is calling on all the Australian brotherhood, in spite of other known and pressing needs such as Indonesia, to do the task demanded of us in money, sweat, prayer, persevering faith and dedicated man and woman power that no other part of the Christian church has taken up.—Rex Chamberlain (S.A.).

VETERANS' RETREAT

To the Editor,

We have youth camps, men's camps, women's camps and family camps, but somehow as a people we have missed out on camps for elderly people! The church at Thornbury, Vic., held one and called it "Veterans' Retreat." People from about 60 years of age and upwards were invited.

The "Benwerren" Guest House at Yarra Junction was taken over for four days and proved an ideal location. The aim was to give an opportunity for a brief holiday and at the same time provide Christian fellowship amongst people of their own ages. Dr. E. R. Kilmer generously engaged a locum to allow him to take time off from his medical practice and his presence was a very real asset to the retreat. As well as attending to medical needs he conducted breakfast devotions each day.

We did not have a set study programme but each day spent time in discussion on some appropriate Biblical passage. The experience of living together and sharing our faith in "unorganised" ways was very valuable. In the warm, homely atmosphere of big log fires, carpet bowls and singing around the piano filled the night hours before evening devotions brought the days to a close.

The dozen folk who went were highly appreciative of the "Retreat" at the very low cost of \$6.50.

I would suggest that more churches give earnest consideration to providing regular local programmes and holiday/fellowship retreats for elderly people—many of whom have made, and are still making, a very valuable contribution to the life of the church. Any church willing to do this will find it one of their most satisfying ventures.—V. Quayle (Vic.).

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"THE MINISTER IS OUR FRIEND"

To the Editor,

Sometimes we have little dinner parties with our friends. We were planning the next one. Out of the blue the wife said, "I think we'll invite the minister and his wife." I shuddered and said, "But we have those evenings for our friends." "Sure," she said, "and the minister and his wife are our friends." I agreed, "Yes, I know they are, but in a different sort of way. Our friends would be embarrassed." "Why?" she said. I couldn't think why, and lamely agreed that we should invite them. I kept my fingers crossed and hoped that he'd have a meeting on that night. Calamity! They could come! I sweated at the thought of it all the week. I needn't have worried. I ended up very proud of our minister and his wife. (You should have seen her all dressed up and excited to be invited out to dinner).

Everyone was relaxed and no one seemed to worry about a minister being there. He was his usual friendly self. Talk covered all the usual things that crop up at dinner parties. Religion came up a couple of times, quite naturally. I must confess that each time I went hot and cold. But our minister didn't pose as the great expert and blind us with theological science. Rather he encouraged the others to give their ideas. And then they asked him questions, and I could see that they were interested in his answers. I was surprised how well he could say it in their language.

The night was a great success. Our irreligious friend Fred remarked, "I like your parson, he's quite human!"

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

ISRAELI AT C.W.F.
(CANBERRA, A.C.T., C. H. J. Wright, C. G. Dredge). Mrs. Ereil, wife of the Israel Ambassador, was a recent speaker at Ainslie C.W.F. . . . There were decisions at both Ainslie and Lyons on June 14 . . . R. Smalley is Chairman of Ainslie Board of Deacons. G. Butler is Secretary. At Lyons, C. Dredge is Chairman and N. Pummeroy, Secretary . . . At Ainslie the Dickson High School Choir sang on May 28. Bible Study house groups were conducted in May . . . E. W. Roffey, Federal Secretary, attended an elders' meeting to discuss Federal Conf. in 1974 . . . Brotherhood giving has increased 100% during Planned Giving Programme.

NEW ELDERS
(HORNBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). Ed. Newton and V. S. Dallinger were added as elders at annual meeting. Mrs. E. R. Bishop is treasurer and J. V. Ellerby is secretary . . . An All-Age Christian Education Programme will commence in July, and relocation of the work to Thornleigh will take place towards end of year . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Bartholomew led a Queen's Birthday weekend young people's camp at Lake Munmorah.

LONG TRIP FOR BOYS
(WAGGA WAGGA, N.S.W., P. French). Members of the Dunmore House Committee brought 16 boys by car all the way to Wagga. On June 3, they were entertained at a barbecue tea, games and items, and they showed slides of the Home. On Sunday they attended S.S. and morning service. They were then given dinner before leaving on the return trip. The visit was a great success. The boys were billeted in members' homes and quickly made friends.

CHRISTENSENS BACK
(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Christensen who spent 12 months in the U.S.A. after the completion of their ministry at East Kew, Vic., have returned to Australia. Whilst overseas, Mr. Christensen conducted preaching missions and was involved in college and church conventions and camps, and studied current renewal and revival activities.

His present address is 185 Karingal Drive, Frankston, 3199, and his phone number is 781-2939 (Melb.). He is available for short or extended evangelistic campaigns and also for week-end preaching.

THINGS TO COME

- JUNE:** QUEENSLAND
25 D.C.E. Academic Service.
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- JUNE:** VICTORIA
"Winter School" at College of the
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25 Girls' Sunday
26 Explorers' Mid-Year Tea - Brotherhood
Centre.
30 C.E. Missionary Rally.
- JULY**
21 Social Service Women's Luncheon, Lower
Melb. Town Hall, 12.30 p.m.
30 D.C.E. F.O.Y.A.
- JULY:** WESTERN AUSTRALIA
15 "Dinner Down Under" (Youth Dept.),
Christian Centre, 7.45 p.m.
25 Women's Auxiliary "Mother and Daughter"
evening, Christian Centre, 7.30 p.m.
28 B.S. Rally to conclude State Efficiency
Campaign, Christian Centre, 7.30 p.m.

DEEP LOSS AT HURSTVILLE
(N.S.W., Dr. L. E. Jones). Our friend, elder and secretary, Wal. French, has died after a serious illness. The sympathy of the whole church goes out to Mrs. French, Robin and Jill in their great loss . . . A special winter programme of services has been commenced by Dr. Jones . . . 42 young people attended the "New Look" youth tea.

NORSEMAN AID
(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., I. Adams). The Mission Band provided clothing for a boy at Norseman mission . . . C.E. is growing, led by Mr. and Mrs. Huggan . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jessup were honoured on their 65th wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have returned to Melb. because of Mr. Hunt's ill health . . . C.W.E.F. repaired hymnbooks and bought new ones, also crockery for the kitchen. . . . A jumble sale was held on June 6 . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. O'Neill.

DUKE'S AWARD
(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). Janet McDonald has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Medal. She is a senior in the Girls' Brigade. Her brother, Ian, recently became a Queen's Scout . . . Mrs. Warburton, over 80, was welcomed back after surgery. Mrs. Pigou has been in hospital . . . Eric Fox, of S.A. Temperance Alliance, was recent speaker.

BIBLE SCHOOL TEA
(BLACKWOOD, S.A., H. G. Norris-B. V. Coventry). 230 attended a tea for Junior and Intermediate B.S. scholars and their parents . . . The World Vision film, "The Link of Love" was shown by Graeme Irvine . . . Miss Hazel Skuce of India was recent speaker to Ladies' Guild at manse. . . . Mr. Norris led 78 young people in a youth camp at Pt. Sturt. An innovation was an all-night prayer vigil. The young people conducted the Sunday evening service at Millang where Pam Carroll gave the sermon. There were three decisions.

GREAT YOUTH RALLY
(STH. PERTH, W.A., D. G. Nelson). A recent Saturday Youth Rally attracted 400 young people . . . In May there were two confessions of faith, four baptisms and ten were welcomed into fellowship . . . Colin Munsie led Intermediate Camp at Tom Price's orchard. Several young people made decisions . . . The elders met with young people under Mr. Nelson's chairmanship to consider what the Bible teaches about behaviour and responsibility in regard to dress, appearance, etc.

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JULY IS DEVELOPMENT MONTH On the back page of this issue there is a frightening picture of a cute little boy with a rifle. It is a warning about the third world war which will be fought with much more fearsome weapons. If that war comes we shall blame some nation or some event—but those with the most guilt will be those who failed to speak when it was time to speak out against injustice, world poverty, racism, and apathy. That means that our generation will be responsible — it means us NOW!

We shall not excuse ourselves because of our ignorance, for we have no right to be ignorant of facts like these: A thousand books are produced each day, but there are millions who will never learn to read; one third of all the people living in the cities of the world are eking out an existence in shacks and hovels; half the children of the world have never touched a water-tap or an electric switch; Indonesia has one doctor for every 30,000 people, Australia has one for every 1,000.

Whilst we are enjoying higher salaries, better wages, more gadgets and fewer working hours — some nations are actually becoming poorer. Action for World Development is about these things and about many more of which we dare not remain in ignorance. If we were only being selfish, we should do all we can to avert a future tragic conflict. If we have Christian compassion, we should do all we can just because we care.

There is still time to join in the July Action for World Development Study programme. See the addresses on page 5 and send a letter today to your nearest office of concern.

FRENCH BOMB While some scientists say that danger from fall-out from the testing of the French bomb at the Muratooa atoll will be nil or negligible, there is more than enough competent testimony to the contrary.

The head of the department of nuclear medicine at Melbourne's Alfred Hospital says that he is almost certain that some Australians will suffer if France goes ahead. A petition of protest by medical men is gaining many signatures. Two things need to be spelled out. One is that the consequences may not be known for years, and the other is that the victims will probably be children.

The danger has produced a mounting wave of protests that has caused the government to change its mind about its national attitude. In Stockholm, at the U.N. Conference on the Human Environment, our representative actually abstained from voting for the resolution pressing for a total ban on nuclear testing. Subsequently, the Government, sensitive to the growing opposition, instructed our representative to vote for the resolution sponsored by New Zealand, and on paper we are standing with the world majority against the irresponsible arrogance of the French.

The people of Australia proved that they can get some action when they care enough about something. Ecologists, conservationists, unionists, scientists, doctors, mothers-to-be, were all a part of the silent majority that found its voice. Unions stopped the mail, and refused to service French planes and ships. Herb. Elliott, Olympic Games runner, gave back the honour the French conferred upon him. The French Consul to South Australia resigned, and a Melbourne firm cancelled orders from a French firm worth \$250,000 a year.

The French have shown no sign of giving in to world opinion. They claim that the bomb is safe and there is no danger from fall-out. There came the obvious response: If it is safe, then let them explode the bomb in France or in the Mediterranean Sea! But most of us don't want it there, either. We don't want French people to suffer or French mothers to be afraid. We just don't want the bomb.

GOOD GRIEF!! A young man in the U.S. can be compelled to fight against his will in Vietnam. If a soldier disobeys an order in the field he will be court-martialed. Deserters who flee the country will be imprisoned if they return. BUT General John Lavelle who admitted sending planes without authority to bomb and kill in North Vietnam, and lied and cheated, has been retired on a salary of \$27,000 a year!

14 RESPONSES

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). "Mission '72 — Worldwide for Jesus" concluded on May 28. An average of 110 people heard seven different speakers develop the theme—"Worldwide for Jesus." Speakers were Stan. Bannon, Ron. Roberts (of Overseas Missionary Fellowship); Keith Macnaughtan (I.E.W.), Allan Webb, Barry Jenkins, John Smith (and his "God Squad"), and Norman Pell (Victorian Baptist Union). At the youth night (Saturday 27th), the young people were inspired by John Smith

and "Exodus." Features of the Mission, included "The Rhythmaires," "Ambassadors Quartet," "Immanuel Quartette" and "Out-reach Singers." Guest soloists were Frances Myors (Williamstown Baptist) and Jim Gibbon (of I.E.W.). Song-leader was Arthur Haskell. There were 14 responses and numerous new contacts were made through the special meetings. Follow-up work commenced with a "Casserole Tea and Bible Study" at the manse. There have been two more decisions for Christ since.

\$500 OPPORTUNITY

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). Hartwell and Sth. Melb. members held an Opportunity Shop and raised \$500. Ladies from both churches met at Hartwell and the money raised was received by a representative from each church . . . The men held a rally at Hartwell on May 28 when the address was given by Senator Ivor Greenwood, Federal Attorney General. The Senator is a member of the Hartwell church.

"UNCLE TOM'S" GOSPEL

(BALWYN, Vic., W. J. Saunders). Chaplain Crisp gave a series of evening addresses entitled "The Gospel of Uncle Tom's Cabin." . . . Mrs. John Tudor was speaker at C.W.A.F. birthday meeting . . . C.W.E.F. held a jumble sale and raised \$113 . . . There is increasing interest at early morning service and parents of S.S. children are attending.

FLYING VISIT

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). The Fed. Literature Committee, Melb., paid a flying visit to the church board on May 23 . . . The Rev. Moulton led the Methodist-Congregational-Church of Christ monthly service on June 4. Mr. Moore gave the address . . . Maylands church collected \$390 in recent Austcare Appeal. . . . The C.W.F. held an all-day sewing meeting . . . As Ron. Potkin relinquished the position of choir leader, Mr. Moore expressed thanks for services rendered.

BAPTISM AT NOBLE PARK

(Vic., T. Giles). There was a baptismal service on May 14 . . . Recent speakers have been Miss G. Russenberg of C.O.B. and Dr. G. Whiting who spoke on Child and Family Relationships . . . The C.W.F. celebrated its birthday.

YOUTH PAY VISIT

(LENSWOOD, S.A., A. E. Cremin). The C.Y.F. from Strathalbyn joined us on May 26 for fellowship . . . Miss Hazel Skuce presented an illustrated evening on June 2 and told of missionary work and projects in India . . . C.W.F. monthly meetings feature visiting speakers.

SWAN HILL CONFESSIONS

(Vic., R. E. Pritchard). Two girls from the B.S. made decisions recently . . . Bus load from Swan Hill and Woorinen joined with members from Pyramid Hill, Beort, and Echuca for barbecue tea and evening service on June 18 . . . Weekly youth fellowship is sometimes held following Sunday evening service.

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SEUMAHU (Wells)—To Steve and Dianne, a son—Benjamin Joseph—brother for Sonja, on May 31, Lae Hospital, P.-N.G.

ENGAGEMENTS

COLEMAN-BARRON—Mr. and Mrs. H. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. A. Barron, Geelong, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of Lynette and Alan.

HEATH-BARTLETT—Mr. and Mrs. B. Heath, Magill, S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. F. Bartlett, Croydon, S.A., are happy to announce the engagement of Penny and Peter.

RICE-MARSHALL—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rice, Ridge Road, Olinda, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their younger daughter, Marilyn (in England) to Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Marshall, "Howard Cottage," Vicarage Way, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, England.

TURNHAM-MOULTON—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Turnham announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter, Joan Margaret, to Ronald Moulton, of Adelaide. Wedding: Sept. 2, 1972, Balwyn Church of Christ, Vic.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

JENNER, Alf and Jane, 13 Cardew St., East Ipswich, Qld.—On 2.7.32 in the Rosewood Church of Christ, by the late Pastor L. Larsen. Loving congratulations from Merle, Max, Karen, Marilyn and Heather.

DEATHS

BRADSHAW, Ben—Aged 74 years. On June 2, 1972, at Royal Hobart Hospital, Tas., beloved husband of Nita, loved and loving father and father-in-law of Judith and Bill Moore, Rachael and Ron. Fax; and dearly loved Papa of Fiona, Andrew, Bronwyn and Richard Moore and Adrian and Deborah Fax.

FRENCH, Wal.—Of Lowana Place, Beverly Hills, N.S.W., and Hurstville Church of Christ, loved husband of Thelma, loved father and father-in-law of Robin and Ian Lowther, and Jill and Harold Hayward, and grandfather of their children.

WHEATON, Ruby Gladys—On June 14 (aged 79), beloved wife of the late Clarence M. Wheaton, Miram, Vic., dearly loved mother of Roy, Elvie, Gladys, Harold, Sylvie, Merle and Joan; loved and respected mother-in-law of Anna, Alan, Joyce, Ellis, Brian and David; fondest grandmother of 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A lifetime of witness and service. "She has done what she could."

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KANIVA MINISTRY

(Vic., G. M. Mathieson). Barry Brown, now of Echuca, will commence a ministry in Feb., 1973. . . . Five members who attended Conference gave reports to the congregation. . . . 24 from Kaniva and Servicemen attended N.W. Dist. Conf. at Horsham. R. W. Rowe and Rex Thompson were appointed president and secretary for 1972-73. . . . C.W.F. entertained inmates of Avonlea Elderly Citizens' Home at Nhill. . . . C.W.F. ladies are preparing a missionary parcel for New Guinea. . . . Barry Williams is pres., and Reg. Dyer sec., of C.M.F.

"DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY"

(MANIFOLD HGTS., Vic., A. E. Stevens). Members are being trained for leadership for "Experiment in Discipline and Discovery." . . . A picnic and "wood-chop" was held on June 10. Wood will be sold for church project. . . . C.W.F. regularly visits "Grace McKellar House" to distribute gifts for elderly patients. . . . Pat Smith is ill with glandular fever. . . . G. R. Stirling was guest speaker at Family Tea Table Service on June 4.

PENTECOST WITH PRESBYTERIANS

(CHADSTONE, Vic., B. J. Jenkins). Chadstone Presbyterian congregation joined us on Pentecost Sunday for a baptismal service. Many said they were glad to be invited to witness the baptism of Janice Jackson. Another Bible Class member, Pauline Turner, made her decision. . . . Peter Jamieson, Aboriginal pastor from W.A., was a recent speaker. . . . Ian Cook, missionary from Thailand, attended a boys' camp and preached at a family service.

STUDENT MINISTRY

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic., D. Holmes). David Brown, of the C.O.B., will shortly commence a ministry. . . . \$60 for the building fund was raised at a Social Afternoon. . . . J. Clark is ill and Mrs. R. Pretty is again in Alfred Hospital. . . . Messrs. Plummer, Farmer, Bolduan and Forster have been assisting at services.

RENEWAL GROUPS

(NORLAND, Vic., W. J. Edwards). Strong Renewal Groups are meeting as a result of the recent Lay Witness Mission. . . . Mrs. Billie Thomas is recovering from surgery. . . . Among members back after distant holidays is R. Tattersall who visited New Zealand.

MISSIONARY PUMPKINS

(DONCASTER, Vic., K. D. Horne). C.Y.F. raised \$33 in one week-end to support the Carnarvon Work Party with the sale of pumpkins donated to the group. . . . Evening features have included an interview with Cyril Minns, a "Youth Adult Encounter," and the screening of "A Man for All Seasons." . . . 32 completed an "Introduction to Pastoral Care" course conducted by Geo. Mathieson (D.C.E.) and the minister. . . . Response to an "Interest Finder" has given some direction for future programming. . . . C.Y.F. Services Committee under direction of G. Wilcott (asst. minister) will assume responsibility for one service a month. . . . Russ Tully has been appointed to the eldership.

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BAYSWATER MINISTRY

(Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes-D. Cleaver). A. Fletcher has accepted an invitation to commence a three-year ministry next year. . . . Methodists shared an evening service with us followed by community singing, question and answer time, and supper. . . . C.W.F. and Yukana Singers visited Oakleigh Guest Home. . . . Gavin Didsbury showed a film on life in the Philippines and spoke on Inter-Church Aid.

YOUTH-A-RAMA

(Vic.). When a group of about 100 young people get together from Warracknabeal, Bim. Broken Hill (N.S.W.), Swan Hill, Echuca, Bendigo, and Mildura, Dareton, Red Cliffs, Irymple, something must happen. . . . Well, something did happen—a youth-a-rama.

BOOK REVIEWS

WHY BLAME GOD?

By Gordon Moyes.
Disasters pose a problem for the Christian with his faith in an all loving and all powerful God. Mr. Moyes faces the problem honestly and presents helpful propositions. He rejects the old ideas that suffering is punishment for sin, or is sent to especially mark out the righteous.

He refers to the book "The Will of God" by Dr. Leslie Weatherhead in which the Intentional, the Circumstantial, and the Ultimate will of God is considered.

The writer goes on to make four propositions: 1. Some disasters are due not to God but to man's stupidity. 2. Some disasters have been the means of bringing about good. 3. All our prayers will not change natural laws. 4. When disasters strike with swiftness you will have nothing to stand upon but your faith.

With faith in the ever present Christ we find that life, with all its disasters, may be lived victoriously.—T.T.R.

(From T. H. Fraser, 17 Eden St., Cheltenham, Vic., 3192).

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS GIFTS

By J. Oswald Sanders. (Zondervan).
Mr. Sanders became N.Z. General Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (formerly China Inland Mission). He has been involved in the training of missionaries, and has travelled widely.

In this book he deprecates the neglect of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and stresses that the Spirit is a Divine Being, the third Person of the Godhead. Something of the Spirit's meaning and power is shown in the names and emblems given to Spirit in the Bible—i.e., wind, fire, water, the dove. The name "Comforter" is unfortunate because of change in language. A better word would be "Advocate," literally "One called alongside to help."

We need such a book as this to quicken our interest in the doctrine of the Spirit, and to deepen our desire for a fuller experience of His working in our hearts and lives.—J.E.B.

PURSUIT OF PEACE

By Dorothy H. Pentecost. (Moody Press).
An American minister's wife has written a book, in which she seeks to help those whose need is to find peace of soul. She has consulted doctors and ministers, so that her writing is sane and well balanced.

Though quietly reticent to speak much of her own experience, there are hints here and there that she herself knows well the suffering of which she writes, and the peace which can be won through it.

On her last page, Mrs. Pentecost states: "It is usually nervous people who accomplish most in life. The characteristics of

The weekend of May 6 and 7 was spent in Mildura by these young people involved in everything from barbecues to smorgasbords to pizzas, from discussions to social events and concerts, from bonfires in the bush to the raiding of the local riverboat.

Visitors were billeted out in private homes and hospitality was fabulous.

Underlying the fun and games was the fact that everyone was there under the flag of Christ and this showed throughout the whole weekend for those who point—"One way—Jesus."

"LIFE-LINE" VISITOR

(FOOTSCRAY, Vic., F. B. Alcorn). Rev. Arthur Preston spoke at C.M.F. tea on "Life-Line." . . . Youth group conducted recent evening service. Ladies, in conjunction with other local ladies' groups, have commenced a welcome-visitation programme to pensioners in new Housing Commission flats near our chapel. Evening services are at 5.30 p.m. until end

of September. . . . Migrant outreach programme continuing. . . . Guest speaker at the church anniversary was the Conf. Sec., S. H. Wilson. . . . Mr. Alcorn exchanged pulpits with D. White, of Maidstone on June 4. . . . Recent C.W.F. features included Mothers' Day afternoon service; family film night with proceeds for Jane-field Chapel appeal; friendship visit and programme to Talbot Centre.

BACK AFTER ILLNESS

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). Our minister is back in action again after 11 weeks of illness. . . . 53rd church anniversary has been celebrated. . . . Merv. and Beth Davies are home for two months from Wycliffe Bible Translators. Nell and Gordon Lees from New Guinea are also back. . . . 26 are in the youth group led by Mr. Berston. . . . Girls' Brigade will commence under Miss Betty Houghton. . . . \$975 received for Mission Outreach. . . . Church hall is now free of debt. . . . Ida Ghyss will visit her daughter in England during world trip.

the personality that often cause nervousness also belong to the nature that makes a person conscientious, loyal, responsible." —J.E.B.

TO TAKE IT UPON HIMSELF

By B. Ward Powers (Jordan Books). \$1.00.
This is a study of the faith and practice of the Church of England. Designed specifically for those preparing for confirmation in that church and for general study by its confirmed members, it is valuable for non-Anglicans to hear from an Anglican the church's view of the sacraments, the creeds, and the Christian life. There is also a brief history of the Church of England. First published in 1962, this is the fourth edition.

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MR. & MRS. SACK FAREWELLED

(ENFIELD HGTS., S.A.). A farewell luncheon was held on May 28 when elders G. Filmer and A. Harris expressed appreciation of Mr. Sack's ministry, and their loss at his going. Mr. Harris made a presentation of a wallet and cheque . . . E. W. Heard and A. R. Jones were recent speakers . . . N. Gavros will commence a ministry in Jan., 1973.

TEACHING MISSION

(NAMBOUR, Qld., R. McLean). Principal F. L. Ewers, of Kenmore, conducted a week-end teaching mission, and also addressed the C.M.S. . . . When C.W.F. met at home of Mrs. King, Brisbane guests showed slides of New Guinea. An offering was taken for mission work . . . Wynnum young people were guests through a Youth Exchange.

DECISIONS FOLLOW CAMP

(OWEN-LONG PLAINS, S.A., L. W. Marshman). Long Plains youth combined with Nailsworth for weekend farm camp. Peter DeWildt led studies. There were two decisions at youth service after camp. There was one baptism at L.P. . . . Y.P.C.E. has

been doing studies on "Jesus Christ Superstar." . . . As one Owen organist has moved to Adelaide, the organist from Alma Congregational Church has been assisting. . . . Combined Communion Service with Methodists is now held every six weeks. . . . Hazel Skuce from India spoke at combined lunch and meeting at Owen . . . There have been two baptisms at Owen.

MEN'S RALLY

(ANNERLEY, Qld., C. A. R. Smith). The Dept. of Men's Work conducted a Tea and Rally on May 20. On 21st, G. Montgomery presided, G. McKelvie was speaker, and R. Coates, soloist . . . Other recent speakers have been E. T. Hart, B. Cutchie, G. Birch, G. Parriott . . . At 59th church anniversary, B. Benz was guest speaker and the film "The Restless Ones" was screened . . . C.W.F. raised \$110 at their stall on election day . . . The church voted unanimously to extend Mr. Smith's ministry.

TEMPLE DAY OFFERING

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). Mr. Philp was preacher and soloist at church anniversary. Temple Day offering was \$300 . . . Miss Mabel Belcher has bequeathed \$100 to the church. Once a member here, Miss Belcher died at St. George's Christian Rest Centre Home . . . Teachers' Dedication Service was led by

Mr. Bartlett and G. Rose (D.C.E.). . . . Ron. Dix showed slides of Arkaroola and S.E. at Social Club. Proceeds of \$29 were forwarded to Jeffrey May at Glen Iris College.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

(HARLAXTON, Qld., R. Foletta). Bruce Roberts was guest speaker at Golden Jubilee services. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foletta were welcomed. \$1,570 was received in the "Golden Bag" Thankoffering. There were two decisions at night . . . Les. Armstrong, Conf. Pres., conducted induction service on June 4 . . . The interim ministry of Howard Earle was appreciated. . . . Lyn Large is serving in New Guinea with A.P.C.M. . . . Fay Christensen is studying at Kenmore Christian College.

EIGHT NEW SCHOLARS

(COLONEL LIGHT GDNS, S.A., R. V. Holmes). After-school "Funshow" meetings contacted 200 children. Of these 50 were of no church commitment. Eight new scholars were gained . . . A young woman confessed Christ at evening service . . . Week-end Family Camp met at Nunyarra Methodist Centre . . . Young people led by Mrs. Moira Lawry provided musical items at evening services . . . C.W.F. took programme to the Christian Rest Home at Everard Park . . . Mr. Holmes is conducting a membership class for young adults.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

AITSI: OUR NEIGHBOUR

Aitsi is an 11-year-old New Guinean boy, tall for his age and well built in body. His skin pigment is a dark chocolate brown and his brown eyes beam beneath his short curly hair. His white, well shaped teeth show when he smiles, especially when he is strumming his ukulele. Not all boys are lucky enough to have such an instrument, so this is highly prized by Aitsi.

Aitsi has two more years of primary schooling ahead of him at a mission boarding school. He enjoys school but does like to get back to the village of a weekend.

By CHRIS. CAMPBELL, New Guinea

There he can roam in the bush and, if he is lucky enough, join a pig hunt. The pig hunt has the excitement of the hunting and the feasting afterwards. The weekend at home ends all too quickly and it is back to school for another week.

At school Aitsi learns many new things from his teacher, from the radio, and from the library. He knows his most valuable book is his New Testament where he learns more of the things of God to help him in his own life and to help others.

One weekend on returning home from school he found his little brother, Kima, ill. He remembered a health lesson at school when the man on the radio had said how important it was for a sick person to be taken to medical help as soon as possible. Aitsi urged his parents

to take little Kima to the mission sister where he would be given the correct medicine. It was through Aitsi's good sense that saved his brother's condition becoming serious.

At school Aitsi hears God's message and continues to grow in God's grace. His unsaved parents and others can see the difference in his life since knowing Jesus. It is not easy for him to live a Christian life but he knows Jesus is the one who can bear his cross and give him lasting happiness. There are other boys and girls who share his faith and this helps them all to develop spiritually. It is encouraging for missionaries to hear young people like Aitsi relate their village problems to the Bible. Some of them will be able to go on to High School and it is our task to ensure that their faith is well grounded in Christ before they take on a new life away from their village. In the future some may become leaders with important positions in the land or village, so it is vital that they trust God. Even for those who don't go on to further education the things they have learnt at school will be a helpful basis for a better way of life back in the village.

God's goldmine in New Guinea will be these future young people of his church. What a blessing for us all to share in his wealth here, and witness the dividends! You too, by your spiritual and physical help, by reading "Missionary News" and becoming a "share partner" can help people like Aitsi who is our neighbour.

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The Rev. Canon David Jenkins will deliver the four Moorhouse lectures on the theme, "The Trinity—Possibilities of God and Man."

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Two symposia on "Feminism and Theology" and "Ecology and Theology" will form part of the conference. Papers on all theological subjects are also invited from members of the conference.

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KING OF THE TREES (See last issue)
The bramble said he would be king,
and that he would be a great king. But
we guess that he wasn't. If the right
people refuse to be leaders, the wrong
people will rule. (See Judges 9: 7-15).

THE HIDDEN BABY

Long ago a baby was born into a world
that was very dangerous. The law said
that he should not be allowed to live.
Naturally, his mother did not pay any
attention to that kind of law; she kept
him hidden. When he was three months
old and because it was no longer safe
to keep him at home, she made a little
boat and put it in the river, while his
sister watched from nearby. She saw
some people coming and . . . (what hap-
pened next? Answer in next issue.)

WHAT IS SKIN DEEP?

The skin of the average size athlete
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beneath the surface and pull down ducks
and geese and wring their necks below
the surface, continuing their hunt until
they have as many as a dozen birds.
To catch sting rays, men of the tribe
will stand motionless in the river. One
of them, usually an old man of the
tribe, stands on the bank and utters
a piercing shriek. All the startled sting-
rays within a hundred yards or so will
reveal their position by breaking water.
They are then speared by the men in
the river.

BEN: Did you know that one side of
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other side?
Pen: Which side has the most?
Ben: The outside.

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THE LAST WORD . . .

GIVE US LOVE!

Love is kind, and suffers long.
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong;
Love than death itself more strong.
Therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight.
Hope be emptied in delight.
Love in heaven will shine more bright;
Therefore give us love.

—Charles Wordsworth.



The man who consecrates his hours
By virtuous effort and an honest aim —
At once he draws the slings of life and
death.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."
(The New Testament).

The Bible never suffers from neglect, it
is only those who neglect it who suffer.



Death is set at the end of life so that
there is plenty of time to get ready for it.



Often we allow ourselves to be upset by
small things we should despise and forget.

Here we are on this earth, with only a
few more decades to live, and we lose
many irreplaceable hours brooding over
grievances that, in a year's time, will be
forgotten by us and by everybody.

No, let us devote our life to worthwhile
actions and feelings, to great thoughts, real
affections and enduring undertakings. For
life is too short to be little.

—André Maurois.



The wedding ring is the first link in the
chain of married life.

Happiness is that certain something
you acquire while you are too busy to
be miserable.



After all is said and done, more is
usually said.



I'm not denying that women are foolish;
God Almighty made 'em to match the
men. — George Eliot.



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