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TASMANIA'S
BETHANY
CHILDREN'S
HOME



34th FEDERAL CONFERENCE

TO June 25 there were 464 official registrations from the Eastern States: S.A. 161, Vic. 139, Tas. 13, A.C.T. 6, N.S.W. 101, and Qld. 44.

About 150 people who made out preliminary registrations have not followed them up, and if they intend to register we should be glad if they would do so at an early date.

Although registration forms showed a closing date of June 10, this was done primarily for accommodation purposes — we will not refuse registrations after that date, but it may become a little more difficult to secure the type of accommodation required. Therefore those who are intending to come to Conference which is only a little over three months away, and have not yet registered are urged to do so promptly.

The programme is shaping up well. The Premier of Western Australia, the Hon. J. T. Tonkin, will represent the Government at the President's Reception, and the Lord Mayor of Perth is arranging a reception for a large number of representative folk.

There has been heavy booking for tours but there are still vacancies and we should be glad to have early application from those who desire to go, but as yet have done nothing about it.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER: DO IT NOW!

MISSIONARIES RETURN

(SWANSTON ST., Melb., Vic., A. Webb). The church farewelled David and Margaret Price on their return to missionary service in New Guinea. . . . An extensive preaching and teaching programme will continue through the winter months. . . . Lunch-hour services were held throughout June. . . . Training classes in "leadership of cell groups" have been conducted. . . . 75 young people attend regular youth teas. The youth film, "The Lost Generation" has been screened. A Young People's House Party was held at Belgrave.

THOMSON CELEBRATION

(Vic., K. Cauton). Thomson is a year old and Dr. Lyall was guest speaker on June 25. President and readers were young men without family connections won to Christ at Thomson. Casserole luncheon fellowship followed. . . . Melb. Young Adult Fellowship came from their camp at Aircys Inlet to take part in evening service. They met with local young people at Mr. Cauton's flat.

MONTHLY FILM PREVIEWS

(All States). A new regular service for ministers, youth leaders, teachers and other religious film hirers is to be commenced by The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd., who are distributors of religious motion films throughout Australia.

The exclusively monthly film previews of their latest film releases will be held on the 15th of every month (as far as practicable), except for December and January; in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth capitals.

This new venture will assist ministers and film hirers to become acquainted with the content of the latest religious motion films.

G.F.M. are the exclusive Australian distributors for Ken Anderson Films of U.S.A., whose new Redd Harper film entitled "God Loves People" will be featured in the first of the monthly film previews during July. "God Loves People" portrays Redd Harper as a midwestern farmer.

Films from Gospel Films Inc., U.S.A. are also distributed in Australia by G.F.M. Gospel Films are the producers of the new Nicky Cruz film "No Need to Hide."

CHAPEL EXTENSION

(YORK ST., BALLARAT, Vic., B. McMurrice). The extended chapel was opened on June 16. H. M. Long (former minister) and his family joined us for the week-end. The Conf. Pres., M. J. Savage, and A. Emmett (Prop. Corp.) represented the brotherhood. The Long family and local members contributed musical items. A thankoffering of \$395 was received. The church appreciates special gifts from auxiliaries, members and friends. The young people's lounge created interest. It is carpeted, has two lounge suites, a stereo-gram, games of all kinds, and a coffee machine. . . . 25 young people spent a week-end at Mini-bulk with Mr. and Mrs. McMurrice discussing personal evangelism. . . . The B.S. has gained eight new scholars. . . . A group of young singers under the direction of Frank Clark presented the gospel in "Godspell" fashion on June 24.

● "LIFE FOR MODERN MAN"

SCRIPTURES FOR SURVIVAL

"THE scriptures are basic to the church's survival, as well as to the future hope of mankind," said the Rev. J. R. Payne, Commonwealth Secretary for the Bible Society in Australia in Canberra. Mr. Payne was announcing National Bible Society Week, 1972. The theme, "Life for Modern Man," will be expressed in Bible Society activities from July 30 to August 6.

Mr. Payne noted that the world's present population of some 34 billion people is expected to surpass 4 billion by 1975, and reach near 5 billion by 1985.

"The racial and personality conflicts already tearing apart the more densely populated areas of the world will soon test all mankind," he said.

"This will leave man with but two alternatives. Either he can resort to attempted solutions of the past and continue to battle his neighbour for the food and land he needs, or he can learn to share what is available and live in love and peace with his neighbour in accord-

MRS. A. W. CONNOR IS 100!

(Vic.). On June 24, at Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Mrs. A. W. Connor, widow of one of Victoria's best known preachers, celebrated her 100th birthday.

She received telegrams of greeting from the Queen, the Governor-General, and other important people, and she treasures also messages of goodwill from those with whom she shared with her husband in the churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor were married at Cheltenham by G. B. Moysey before they commenced a ministry at Kaniva. For that Victorian country church they travelled up to 80 miles by buggy on pastoral calls.

Mrs. Connor cared for herself until she was 92 and then went into the Oakleigh Rest Home. Five years later she moved to the W. H. Clay Home. Her husband died in 1942.

WORLD ASSEMBLY FOR YOUTH

The 8th General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth will be held at Manchester, England, and seven have been chosen for the Australian delegation. Ross Baxter of the Y.M.C.A., an executive member of the National Youth Council of Australia will be in the delegation. He is a member of our church at North Balwyn, Vic.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

(REDCLIFFE, Qld., D. Collins). Eight of our young people visited Crown St., Toowoomba, for annual youth exchange. . . . Eight from Boondall visited our C.W.F. and led devotions with Jess Chalmers as speaker. . . . Men's Fellowship speaker was C. Trudgion who also spoke at evening service. . . . Clontarf Baptist Youth Choir presented the cantata, "Hallelujah for the Cross." Norm. Elfverson was organist. . . . S.S. picnic was held at Reef Point, Scarborough.

THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES



TO BETHANY



IN Hobart, back in the 1940's a Christian lady was troubled in her heart because of boys whom no one wanted. Their parents would not or could not care for them, they were too disturbed to fit easily into foster homes or institutions, and the community was too busy to bother about them.

Lots of people feel sorry for problem children, but Mrs. Harper Knight did something about it. She donated her property in Dover to be converted into a Home for unwanted boys. In June, 1947, Bethany Boys' Home was opened and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hindman were appointed as first Superintendent and Matron, along with their work in ministering to the churches at Dover and Geeveston.

Those early days were far from easy. There were many financial difficulties and the churches were not very strong. In the first eight years there were ten changes of staff. In 1955, Ray and Gwen Morfews were appointed to this service, just four months before the Home was moved to its present site in Lindistarne, a suburb of Hobart.

In some ways the Morfews were not well equipped for the job. They had no special training or experience—but they were well qualified in other ways—they were dedicated, they cared, and they were stubborn! Being stubborn is not the greatest thing in the world, love is, but being stubborn is a big help if love is to have its way.

Ray and Gwen are still there after 16 years. When they were beginning, the Director of Government Welfare told them, "the only institution of any kind that has been successful is one in Northern Tasmania, where the matron and superintendent have been there for thirty years! A home for children needs stability." Stability is just one of the qualities the Morfews had to give.

They were anxious to learn and gain experience. They freely admit that they made early mistakes in their attitudes and approaches to the problems they soon met. And they were very grateful when Malcolm Davis introduced them to "Child Care and the Growth of Love" by Dr. John Bowlby. The book profoundly impressed them. Through it they learned that the problems they faced were common to foster parents all over the world and the answers which others had found could be applied to Bethany also. The sharing of experience was extended when an association of welfare workers was formed and the Morfews quickly joined to learn from others and share their own insights.

When Bethany moved to Lindistarne in 1956, the home was free from debt and the committee was understandably anxious to keep it that way. They were reluctant to borrow money and the early years at Lindistarne wore lean. It was five years before they were able to renovate the kitchen, the centre of any boys' home, and then it was mainly due to Government assistance. Governments are never quick to hand out money and even an application for urgent help has to wait four or five years before being answered.

Paint and equipment, floorcoverings and curtains, are important for any institution, but a home is people and the real story of Bethany is one of personal relationships. Most of the boys were emotionally disturbed and rebellious. The Morfews often felt that the boys they received were too old, too set in their hostilities. The boys had been in many foster homes and when they came to Lindistarne they looked upon Bethany, too, as just one more stopping place between their miserable past and their hopeless future. No wonder they came with deep antagonisms.

The Government, however, felt that a home like Bethany should take those who would not settle into normal homes. Where else could they go? Where, indeed! This was the end of the line, the last chance, and the Morfews became "parents" of some of the State's most disturbed children. They have learned how hard it is to make up for early years deprived

of love. The first five years are crucial to the emotional development of a child. Even a bad mother is better than a succession of temporary "mothers" or no mother at all. A child, deprived of mother care, has to be received with understanding and many allowances have to be made. This takes time, patience, understanding, faith, hope, and love, and in this way the Morfews gained their training, education, and experience — on the job!

Of course, they welcome the expert help that is now available. The children go to the primary and secondary schools along with other community children, and the teachers willingly give the extra guidance that is needed. Because of their backgrounds, many of Bethany's children are slow learners.

Some children regularly attend the psychiatric centre and, here also, the strong personal interest shown encourages the Morfews to hope that some of the potential teen-age difficulties may be overcome. Some boys have a lot to make up. One had both parents as alcoholics, his mother was a drug addict, and has since died of cancer. He spent a lot of time on heavy tranquilisers, for his tantrums were both spectacular and destructive. He fretted and rebelled—but with the aid of psychiatric know-how and Bethany's special brand of love, the boy is gradually learning what life is all about and is adjusting to it.

Ray and Gwen have three boys of their own, the youngest being eleven. It has not been easy for their sons and the Morfews are very conscious that the burdens they have been willing to carry have also been shared by their own boys. But on the whole, Geoff, Doug, and Michael, have gained much in their understanding of the needs of others, and they have been willing to help their expanded family by playing with them, reading to them, and teaching them.

Bethany Boys' Home became Bethany Children's Home in 1971. Previously, girls had been refused. The Morfews had enough problems without introducing little girls into an environment which included older disturbed boys and not enough staff for adequate supervision. But as the older boys left to take their place in the world and with the improved facilities, and two "Aunties" to live in and help, Bethany felt ready to have a mixed family. It is enough to lose parents, without spitting brothers and sisters as well.

Housekeeping is a difficult budget-watching business. But there is a lot of help and the assistance is growing. The ladies at Collins St., Hobart, church have a monthly mending day and this essential service is beyond praise. The churches at Margaret St., Launceston, and Uverstone, bottle large quantities of fruit. Jams come from many people. When local churches have Harvest Festivals or community groups have functions, Bethany often benefits. The Sanitarium Health Food people supply nearly all the cereals, free. A man turned up recently with four dozen loaves of hot bread. A lady who owns a delicatessen sometimes drops in with a huge carton of sausages. When they have too much, Bethany shares with other homes, as they did when 30 cases of bananas arrived! But please don't think that an occasional abundance means that their regular needs have lessened.

Vegetables and fruit have always been expensive, but the Morfews happily confess that they are great cadgers! And they find a response. The Devonport church keeps them in potatoes and another Devonport friend sends a weekly case of tomatoes in season — there is a free freight arrangement with the Tasmania railways. Farms and orchardists give generously when they can. In fact, when apples are plentiful, Bethany puts an "Apples for Sale" notice on the gate and does big business. They have made \$50 a ready this season and there aren't many people making money out of apples these days!

General Dorcas in Melbourne send parcels freight free regularly from C.W.F. members throughout Victoria. These gifts in kind are most useful. (Continued next page).

Churches pack hampers at Christmas time and fishermen—amateur and professional—give their surplus fish.

The main help, of course, still comes from donations of money. Money is still what pays the big bills. Bethany began as a Tasmanian Home and the churches of the island have been faithful and willing, but Tasmanian churches are not strong and in later years there has been increasing support from Victoria and elsewhere. This mainland support is appreciated and its continuation is essential.

Holiday placement for the children is always a concern. Last summer they managed to find enough homes, and the Morfews feel that their youngsters should have a short time in smaller Christian homes where they can belong to another family. This also helps to build a bridge into the world into which the children must eventually go. Not that they are pushed out. They go only when they are ready to go.

On leaving the home, not every boy has been a success story. This is not surprising. There are failures even from "normal" homes. Some of the Bethany "graduates" have been in goal and this is a hurt and a disappointment. But many have done well. One is in London and keeps in touch. One is a High School teacher. Another is a full-time ambulance worker. Most of them come back to pay a visit to the only home they have known and to the "parents" who show a continuing concern.

The next member of the team, apart from the Morfews, is Miss Shirley Byard. She has been there nine years and, like the Morfews, sees her task as a continuing ministry of love. She is competent and devoted and Gwen regards her as her indispensable right arm. Recently Bethany welcomed Miss Lynne Vickers from the Ulverstone church as second "Aunty." Her experience in children's work in Queensland for a year will surely help. The staff work willingly on a salary that must be an embarrassment to the Bethany Committee and it is high time that the churches recognised the need to give more support. We should not permit servants of the church to make the sacrifices which should be shared by us all. The staff looks after the children, but who will look after the staff—unless we do?

On leaving Bethany we asked what are some of Bethany's needs and the following are priorities: the kitchen and the laundry need painting, and the bedroom end of the Home needs heating. Oh, yes, and they need a dishwashing machine.

Gwen Morflew has the model picked out! The Home is fairly well equipped with small items.

This year, Bethany is celebrating its 25th birthday and it has a proud record of achievement. It is highly regarded by welfare authorities, and it is a credit to the churches and those whose home is Bethany. Which all goes to show what can be done if you are dedicated, if you care, and if you are stubborn!

Happy Birthday, boys and girls, and staff, at Bethany!
—A.E.W.

DEATH OF C. R. BURDEU

(ALBION, Qld., B. Benz). The church has been saddened by the death of Clive Burdeu, Elder Emeritus, and a distinguished member for many years. The funeral was conducted by Mr. Benz, assisted by Eric Hart and Rex Ellis. An obituary notice will appear later . . . Mr. Benz will serve the church for an extra year to Feb., 1974 . . . All Age B.S. pupils demonstrated their activities at an Open Day . . . A busload of young people shared in the annual youth exchange, this year with West Moreton . . . Norman Luke, from Tamworth, has been appointed All-Age B.S. Supt.

VISIT OF THE YOUNG WORLD SINGERS

(Melb.). The Young World Singers will sing at Youth for Christ in the Dallas Brooks Hall on Sat., July 15 at 7.45 p.m.

The 40 Young World Singers will present a special Gospel Concert, and they are one of the most outstanding groups ever to visit Melbourne.

The singers are kept busy with public appearances. They are featured in every B.Y.F. Rally held in Sydney Town Hall, each year at the Town Hall rallies of the Bible Society, and last year undertook an Australia-wide tour, calling at Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

Last year they visited New Zealand for 10 days and toured from Christchurch to Auckland, performing on eighteen occasions.

There will be no admission charge for the programme on July 15. Clive Stebbins will be comper, assisted by Brian Tizzard, with Len Wallace on the electronic organ and Cheryl Nankervis on the piano.

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PRISON SERVICES

(ALBANY, W.A., E. B. Clapp). Since March Mr. Clapp and some church members have been conducting monthly Sunday afternoon services at the Regional Prison, at the request of some of the inmates. . . . Miss Helen Handasyde was baptised on June 11. . . . Audio-visual films have been featured at youth and B.S. teas. . . . Mr. & Mrs. F. Thomas have been farewelled on returning to the metropolitan area. . . . Mr. & Mrs. David Deck have been welcomed from Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.

"DANGEROUS YEARS"

(NTH. PERTH, W.A., J. K. Robinson). Constable Webster of the Perth Traffic Police addressed a youth tea on "The Dangerous Years of Life." The young people conducted the evening service. . . . A discussion was held on June 4 (p.m.) on "Love as Work." The seats were rearranged for informality. . . . The C.W.F. held a Cottage meeting at the home of Mrs. MacNish. Guest speaker was Mrs. Manning, W.A. Women's Auxiliary president.

GOLDEN WEDDING

(PERTH CITY, W.A., R. A. Ryall). Church members at the manse honoured Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Povey who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. . . . The A.C.E. term topics are "The True Vine" and "What does Freedom Mean?" . . . J. Stanley has left to work in Vic. and Mr. and Mrs. Steward have left for the U.K. . . . The church expresses sympathy to the families of L. Peacock, Mrs. Withnell and Warren Clark. . . . The Girls' Brigade paraded on June 18 when the film "The Youth Drug Scene" was presented. . . . Recent speakers have been A. Walkington (Fed. Conf. Pres.), H. Short (Leprosy Mission), J. McRoberts (Social Service Dept.), J. K. Robinson (former minister), Mrs. Manning (Women's Aux. Pres.), and R. Vincent (Govt. Social Services Dept.).

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

(INGLEWOOD, W.A., K. Parry). The church was filled on May 28 when past and present members and friends and family met for the Lord's Supper and thanksgiving for the life and service of Leslie Clarence Peacock. Mr. Parry spoke of Mr. Peacock's Christian upbringing, early association with the Maylands church, his service to the State and Federal brotherhood, and 41 years of membership and leadership at Inglewood, J. Somerville, Pres-Elect, testified to the influence of Mr. Peacock on his life and experience. A sense of triumph dominated the service. . . . A Family Camp was held at Waterman's Bay, June 16-18. . . . J. K. Robinson has accepted a one-year ministry during 1973.

YOUTH CAR RALLY

(APPLECROSS, W.A., W. R. T. Whitton). The youth group shared in a car rally organised by the combined Youth Groups of all Applecross churches. First prize was won by Brian Kidd, our youth leader. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner were farewelled on June 2 at commencement of a world trip. . . . Mothers' Day features were a Mother and Daughter Night and morning tea provided by the S.S. Primary Dept. for 20 mothers.

BERWICK MINISTRY

(VIC.). The church has received with much regret the resignation of R. A. C. Holland, to take effect from August 7. R. Hillbrich has accepted an invitation to minister in a part-time capacity. . . . Good progress is being made with the new Building Complex. . . . A special series on "What Others Believe" has been informative.

FROM THE WEST

Jack Manalack, of Subiaco, W.A., has accepted a call to the Preston and Preston East churches, Vic., and will commence his ministry in Feb., 1973.

"WALKING IN GOD'S WORLD"

(GARDINER, Vic., L. S. Dewberry). Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Corlett used slides and script and background music to share the beauties and experiences of their overseas visit. . . . John and Barbara Richards told the church what the Carnarvon Work Party hopes to achieve. To aid the Work Party, S. M. Gilmour donated pumpkins from his farm. These were sold for \$70 to which the Commonwealth Govt. will add another \$140. . . . Mrs. Adams has celebrated her 93rd birthday. . . . A B.S. girl, who made her decision at the Melb. Town Hall Rally on May 30, has been baptized.

DECISION AT ASCOT VALE

(Vic., W. Condon). A young man has made his decision. . . . Mr. Condon and his helpers have re-started the Boys' Club. . . . C.W.F. has had successful morning coffee sessions and has raised a good sum for a special project. . . . The church is still being helped by folk from Essendon and North Essendon, and by visiting organists. This help is appreciated.

MEMORIAL ORGAN

(NTH. BALWYN, Vic., A. R. Pigdon). A new Conn electronic organ, given to the church by her husband in memory of the late Mrs. Mavis Collins, a former organist and member, was recently dedicated at a special service. . . . Special feature 5 p.m. winter services commenced with a testimonial visit by John Birt at a Football Club parade. Other speakers have been Matron Phyl Davis, and David Price (Christian Leaders' Training College, New Guinea). . . . Three young people have been baptised. . . . Mrs. Norma Russel has been appointed treasurer, Vic-Tas, C.W.F. . . . Ross Baxter's resignation as Youth Director has been accepted with regret.

LAY WITNESS MISSION

(SPRINGVALE, Vic., T. R. W. Holmes). During the Lay Witness Mission, May 26-28, 48 people made commitments, commitments or deeper commitments for Christian service. Ten Lay Witnesses from other churches shared with us. Nine Prayer and Share groups involving 60 people are held in homes each week.

WOORINEN BAPTISM

(Vic., R. Pritchard). There were 75 in the congregation on June 4. There were four baptisms. A young married woman and a girl confessed Christ. . . . Girl Guides and leaders paraded on June 11. . . . Talent baes were returned at C.W.F. social, over \$40 being raised. . . . The baptistry is being remodelled.

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FROM BLACKWOOD FOR SERVICE

(S.A., H. G. Norris, B. V. Coventry). Bruce and Alison Whyatt (and Bronwyn) have left to serve with the Work Party at Carnarvon, W.A. . . . The assistant minister, Mr. Coventry, has begun a six-week fact-finding tour of India and Indonesia. . . . Gerald Rose led a discussion at a Men's Tea and preached at night on June 18.

EVANGELISM RESULTS

(PORT LINCOLN, S.A., B. Hill). Two young ladies have been baptised, two boys were baptised at S.S. and several more young people, including three Aboriginal girls, have confessed their faith and are receiving counselling. . . . C.W.F. are assisting their Eyre Peninsula Conf. in raising money to assist a trainee minister. . . . A picnic was held at Yallunda Flat Show Grounds on Queen's Birthday. . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Red Cliffs camp site.

MATCHBOX IDEA

(VICTOR HARBOUR, S.A., J. Luff). The distribution of matchboxes to save coins proved a great success for the Pt. Sturt camp-site. . . . B. Stanford has been appointed H.S. Supt. . . . The Forestville ladies visited the C.W.F. and after lunch the visitors were taken on a sight-seeing tour. . . . Mrs. R. Thorpe and C. Tucker are improving after hospital treatment.

DEATH OF RICK WAUGH

(HENLEY BEACH, S.A., G. Satsman). John Richard Waugh died in a car accident on June 26. Rick was 18 and an apprentice motor mechanic. As a leader in the boys' and youth club, and helper in various church activities he had the affection of all. He will be very much missed, especially by his parents and three sisters, Linda, Robyn and Julia. . . . J. G. T. Langman, 86 years old, has been baptised. . . . Dr. A. T. Thomas was speaker at 81st anniversary. . . . R. W. Lawton, Federal Director of Christian Educ., spoke at youth service and official farewell to six young people leaving to spend six weeks building home units for elderly Aboriginals at Carnarvon, W.A. . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Dee Stevens.

C.E. UNION APPOINTMENT

(GROTE ST., Adelaide, S.A., H. M. Long). Mr. Long has been elected Vice-President of the State C.E. Union. . . . The C.Y.F. camp at Cudlee Creek used the "Scripture Analysis" technique instead of the usual lecture-discussion method. Campers conducted a service at nearby Kersbrook church. . . . When youth led recent morning service, Roger Beard was president and Brian Cranney (B.S. Supt.) gave the address. The youth choir sang. . . . The roofing of the chapel and rear halls has been set in motion by half-yearly meeting. . . . Recent missionary visitors have been Miss Hazel Skuce (India), Rev. Paul Chang (C.N.E.C.), and R. S. A. McLean (Federal O'seas Sec.). . . . C.W.F. held a manse "At Home" and funds were boosted by a bring-and-buy an apron.

WORD TALK No. 55

MOSES

MOSES is the outstanding man of the Old Testament, the leader of Israel in the Exodus, through the wilderness and in the consolidation of the nation. The Exodus is central to Israel's history and faith. It was their birth as a nation and Moses was dominant in leading the nation, forming their religion and codifying their laws. He was a servant of God, a judge, exile, fugitive, shepherd, guide, healer and prophet. "The people beloved in the Lord and in Moses" (Exo. 14: 31). He looms large as the agent of God. As a baby in the bullrushes (Exo. 2) he was delivered by the throne he would later threaten. Little is known of his upbringing in Pharaoh's Court (Acts 7: 21-22). For 40 years he lived as a shepherd in Midian where God called him (Exo. 3 and 4). Moses was not an idealist, a holy crusader or even a national liberator. He was a conscript for the task. He returned to Egypt to interpret and mediate God's will. The drama unfolds between Pharaoh with his resources of State and army and Moses with the resources of God.

"Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness" (Exo. 4: 30 — 5: 1). This feast was a forerunner of the Passover. Moses rallied the people in times of rebellion (Exo. 14, 16, Num. 16) and helped them survive in extremely harsh conditions. Here the central aspects of Jewish religion developed: the Ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle and the Law from Sinai (Exo. 19-40).

Moses was incomparable both among his contemporaries and successors. In the N.T. he is the most frequently mentioned O.T. figure. Usually he is spoken of as a law giver (Matt. 8: 4; Mark 7: 10; 2 Cor. 3: 15) but he also speaks as a prophet (Luke 24: 25-27; Acts 3:

22). His Covenant is contrasted with the New Covenant (2 Cor. 3 and Heb. 3). At the Transfiguration of Jesus Elijah and Moses spoke to Jesus about his "departure" from Jerusalem (Luke 9: 31). This word in the original is "Exodus."

FOR TODAY:

God can have a mission for us in spite of our excuses. Moses lacked prestige (Exo. 3: 11-12), a message (3: 13-14), authority (4: 1-5), eloquence (4: 10-12), courage (4: 13-16) but God was adequate (3: 12). God can conscript us in spite of our excuses. Moses reminds us that even the best of God's servants are also human. Moses sometimes lost his temper (Num. 11: 10-15), told God off (Num. 11: 12), and acted independently (Exo. 18: 13-27). He killed a man and fled in fear (Exo. 2: 11-15, Acts 7: 23-29). In spite of all of this God accepted him, and used him greatly.

Two interesting features arise from his life: first, in spite of all the influence of Pharaoh's Court the Hebrew training given to him by his mother in early years held him throughout his life. The psychological significance of early training is seen in many a man's later life for which he often gets the credit. Second, not all of us achieve life's ambitions. Sometimes our children enter into our heritage. Moses led the people out of the bondage of Egypt and through the wilderness but he never entered the promised land. Many of us spend our lives in searching and achieving and we get only as far as Mt. Nebo. It is left to others to enter the promised land. GORDON MOYES.

OPEN FORUM

THE TODDS OF RHODESIA

To the Editor,
The situation of Mr and Mrs Garfield Todd and Judith in Rhodesia has been reported in your columns on several occasions. These difficulties are by no means over.

Recently I met in New Zealand with Mrs. Stella Salisbury (sister of Garfield Todd) following her visit to Rhodesia. She reported that the Smith Government had indicated that Garfield and Judith Todd would not be released from their "protected area" (i.e. house arrest), even though the Pearce Commission had made its report. Mrs. Salisbury also stated how much Mrs. Todd had been helped by receiving almost 1,000 individual letters expressing Christian concern and support and assuring the family of prayer for them.

It is clear that the sending of similar letters now will continue to bring encouragement to the Todd family. Thus I renew the appeal for Christian people in Australia, whether or not they have ever met the Todds, to write and express their Christian solidarity with them. The address is Mrs. Grace Todd, Hakonui Ranch, P.O. Dadya, Rhodesia.

Let me stress that it is crucial that letters be addressed only to Mrs. Todd

(and NOT to Garfield and Judith, as the receipt of mail by them could be regarded as a contravention of the terms of their detention).

Naturally, it is impossible for Mrs. Todd to reply individually to such letters. However, I have undertaken to prepare circular letters from her to any person in Australia who desires to receive news of the Todd family. To receive this, write to me at the College of the Bible, 7 Elm Road, Glen Iris, Vic., 3146. Material received from Mrs. Todd on June 15 is now available.—Dr. Keith Bowes (Vic.).

OPEN DOOR

To the Editor,
I have worked with our Overseas Mission Board for nearly eight years now, and I am convinced that it is not true nor fair to suggest that the Board lacks faith and vision (Allan Webb, "A.C.," 27.5.72).

Indonesia is not the only place where the Board can see "the wide open doors of opportunity." In New Guinea, challenges come persistently and specifically to Churches of Christ. Some of these challenges are:

1. To teach young Christians for growth in the Christian life in churches which the Lord has used to establish.
2. To train leaders, pastors and evangelists in these churches.
3. To reach tribes people in the Schrader Ranges who have had hardly any contact with other New Guinea tribes,

white men and certainly not the Christian gospel. 4. To reach for Christ, people along the Keram and Ramu Rivers, the country west of the Keram, people in villages between Aiome and Madang and Aiome and Bogia, and swamp-dwellers in the area between the Keram and Sepik Rivers. Some of these people have been contacted by religious groups who have not preached the full gospel. They have asked us to go to them, as they have seen the results of our work in other places. 5. To give the scriptures in their own language to these groups. 6. To pastor our village folk who go to towns such as Madang and Angoram for trade, medical help, education, as they meet the undesirable influences of "civilised" man, such as alcohol, racism, hunger, prostitution, etc. We are challenged to set up Christian Friendship Centres in these places.

Men and women, the finance to send and keep them, the prayers of the Lord's people are all needed to exploit these opportunities in a field where the Lord has already put us. The New Guinea field cannot meet these challenges on its present budget. Is it right to start a new work when apparently our resources are inadequate to grasp opportunities on our present fields? True men of faith have only proceeded as the Lord has given the means to open up the way, that is, "as finances allow."

Let each of us pray earnestly for the Lord's will to be made known to the Overseas Mission Board, as they face challenges from so many different quarters.

—Diana Catts, Chungribu, P.N.G.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

C.Y.F.!

To the Editor,

I don't understand you at all! At our church we've spent time and money and energy trying to hold the ones we've got and to get some others. For what? Our C.Y.F. leaders work hard to have good entertainment for the kids every Friday. Every couple of weeks some of us are mobilised to provide transport to take them places. The church gave them money for psychedelic lights, wall posters, a radiogram and records. They didn't put in a thing themselves... just 10c a night and half don't pay anyway. And now the whole thing has dwindled to nearly nothing! Why?

We don't brainwash them. No one pressures them to go to church. Even at camps there are no studios or arranged programmes. Camp communion service is optional. The leaders take a three-minute devotion on C.Y.F. nights, but they keep it more moral than religious so that they don't put the kids off. So they weren't frightened off by religion. But they've nearly all gone.

Some of them have joined a revivalist group down the road and they've "got religion." A couple have joined a Friday night hunger strike for refugees on the town hall steps. Three of the fellows have joined the C.M.F. A few of the studious ones have been "turned on" by a curate at the C. of E. who runs a Friday ecumenical fellowship discussing of all things, "the theology of revolution." The rest spend Friday nights at a local discotheque where they have psychedelic lights, wall decorations, a radiogram and records, and two big "bouncers," for all of which they have the privilege of paying 50c, plus what they have to eat. And the management doesn't care a hang about them as long as they pay and behave themselves.

I asked the two kids next door who were part of my Friday night "pick-up" for C.Y.F. why they didn't want to go any more. "There's nothing to do at C.Y.F.," they said. When I recovered I said, "What do you mean, nothing to do?" One of them said politely, "You wouldn't understand, Mr. Tertius!"

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

STATE AID

To the Editor,

I support the Rev. W. J. Salter's claim that the Federal Government's proposals for support for denominational schools is ridiculously liberal. The R.C. school system will be the chief beneficiary.

State schools which serve 78% of school children will receive \$167 million, and church schools which serve 22% of the children will receive \$119 million. This means that church schools get \$40 per pupil and State schools \$12.50 per pupil. The Australian people should wake up to the trend of our legislators who yield to the pressure of denominational leaders making demands for financial support.

Good primary and secondary education is available and free for all children and higher education is available for those who desire it and R.C. children in the main would be happy to attend State schools, but are directed otherwise by their church.

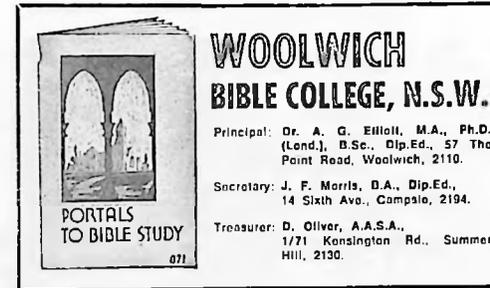
—Fred Norwood (Qld.).

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INTER-COLLEGE SEMINAR

DURING the recent term recess representatives of staff and students from the three Churches of Christ Bible Colleges gathered in seminar at Woolwich College (N.S.W.). The aim was to provide opportunity at student level for fellowship, conversation and worship together and, secondly, to share in depth, study and discussion between students and staff.

Although each lecturer chose individually the subject of his presentation, the results were a unified progression of thought starting with man as created of God, living in God's world and actively engaged in implementing God's plan of salvation in the world. The studies were given in turn by Rex Ellis (Kenmore), Ken Clinton (Glen Iris) and Dr. Allan Elliott (Principal, Woolwich).

The devotional sessions presented by the students of each College emphasised and supported the themes of discussion for each day. The value of this exercise was clearly seen in shared faith and the recognition of mutual problems and inter-dependence on Christ.

The final meal together closed with the Breaking of Bread and Sharing of the Cup of Remembrance and a time of prayer. Those who attended this year are confident that this will become an annual experience for our theological students, and an important event on the brotherhood calendar.

CHAPEL REOPENING

(S.A.). The Stirling East church in the Adelaide Hills commenced in 1867 and a chapel was opened in 1869. As the hills area developed residentially a number of our members had moved into the district. As the chapel was reasonably sound the church decided to make additions to it, and to carry out necessary renovations, costing in the vicinity of \$9,000. The finished result presents a most pleasing appearance and will be re-opened on July 23 at 3 p.m.

CHURCH HONOURS MEMBERS

(NORTHCOTE, Vic, G. Marsh). On June 20 the church honoured Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls and Lady Nicholls (former members) and W. T. Aikin, M.B.E. (elder). W. W. Saunders, a long-time friend of both men, spoke of their faithfulness. Both suitably responded. The 150 people included many former members from all parts of the metropolitan area. Recent speakers have been W. T. Aikin, K. Turtmann, R. MacGill and B. Ryall.

"SIGNPOSTS"

(INVERELL, N.S.W., R. Craig). "Signposts of '72", new Bible studies held in homes during winter months, have held first successful sessions. On June 16 the C.E. screened films of Aborigines' Inland Mission and Missions Publications. The C.W.F. have completed their latest project—the painting of the hall, kindergarten and kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Craig visited their former hometown, Albany, on June long week-end.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA

JULY
21 Social Service Women's Luncheon, Lower Melb. Town 11-11. 12.30 p.m.
30 D.C.E., FOYA.

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.

MINISTRY EXTENDED

(BENDIGO, Vic.). Members voted by absolute majority to extend M. D. Keatch's ministry for further three years. Explorer Club conducted sports at White Hills Tech. School oval. Victors included Mark Donnellan, senior sprint and long jump; Greg. Donnellan, senior shot put, and Trevor McGrath, junior sprint and shot put. Movie projector is to be purchased for general church use. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Gordon Andrews in the death of her sister, Mrs. A. Ward. Church members shared in Renewal Service.

FOR CARNARVON

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). Ian Tagg left with the Work Party for Carnarvon on July 1. Miss Barbara Allison was guest speaker at buffet tea for girls and women on Girls' Sunday, June 1. C.W.F. (Afternoon) birthday meeting had Mr. Berryman of "Lifeline" as speaker. Occupation of the manse is expected shortly as alterations are well under way.

BELMONT MINISTRY

(Vic.). D. A. V. Thomas will terminate a six-year ministry with the church in Jan., 1973. The church is saddened by the tragic death of 19-year-old Lynette McPayle in a road accident in Perth, W.A. Ten members enrolled in the Geelong Branch of the C.O.B. Winter School. Principal E. L. Williams was guest speaker at first of 5 p.m. Winter Gospel services. Many district church ladies shared our C.W.F. anniversary on June 14.

BACK TO THE MANSE

(NAIRSWORTH, S.A., P. DeWildt). Renovations have been completed at the manse and Mr. & Mrs. DeWildt and family have returned to their home. The Temple Day offering on June 4 went towards the church organ fund.

NTH. SYDNEY MISSION

(N.S.W., N. Flint). A mission with Eddy Gabbert was conducted May 26-28. On June 4 a film about the book of Acts was shown. When Adley and Eva Tanos were married on June 9 the service was conducted in English and Egyptian. The church took part in Austcare Door-knock appeal.

MINISTER RESIGNS

(CAMP HILL, Qld.). Because of his ill health the church has reluctantly accepted the resignation of P. Burnham from the ministry. Barry Cutchie will carry on the ministry for six months. The new chapel will be opened on July 1 by former minister K. J. Harvey. A week of special meetings will follow. Mr. Burnham has been conducting classes for presidents, readers, helpers. 23 young people shared in a city-to-country youth exchange to Dalby.

HELP FOR MISSION!

(DALBY, Qld., R. Molt). The last collection for the Brisbane City Mission realised 13 bags of clothes and blankets, the best result since we commenced the agency. There was a recent youth exchange with the Camp Hill young people. Greater use is made of the reconstructed tennis court. David Lunn was the C.Y.F. representative on the Dalby Youth Week committee and was publicity officer. Bethel Children's Home helps to swell evening service numbers.

OWEN CLARK TO LEAVE

(LIVERPOOL WEST, N.S.W.). Because of family responsibilities, Mr. & Mrs. Clark will regretfully conclude their ministry in Dec., 1972. Young people attended camp at Blackheath with Ron Kallmier as study leader. Several members shared in L.I.F.E. training classes. Darrell Martin, transferred from Earlwood, is Y.P.C.E. leader. One of the Y.P. is painting the hall. The Elders are inviting folk to their homes to promote friendship.

STATE PRESIDENT

(BELMORE, N.S.W., B. Armstrong). Mrs. Ruth Wakely is now serving as State C.W.F. President. The church held a week-end family camp at Stanwell Tops and discussed factors affecting church growth, methods to influence the area around the church, teaching in the church, the use of groups, worship and programmes. Local calling programme is continuing to reach out into the area. The church's 66th anniversary has been celebrated.

SPEAKER FROM ENGLAND

(TAREE, N.S.W., W. D. Howard). Walter Lister, of Derby, England, was guest speaker at the 109th church anniversary held June 3 and 4. Jeff. Morris, of Newcastle, was soloist. In addition to preaching at both services on Sunday, Mr. Lister gave a recital on the Saturday evening. The Saturday evening offering of \$220 was given to the new cause being commenced at Port Macquarie, 55 miles north of Taree.

ACCEPTED AS MISSIONARIES

(ENGADINE, N.S.W., G. Warne). Mr. and Mrs. Graham Warne have been accepted by the Overseas Missions Board and will serve as missionaries early in 1973. They will complete their service here in Dec. May was "Family Month" and June meetings featured "Favourite Hymns." Over 250 have signed a petition appealing to the local council against its refusal of our application to build a pre-school kindergarten on church property.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

T.V. DEBATE There are some excellent Sunday night programmes on A.B.C. national television on Sunday nights (after church!). The latest was a debate between Fr. Colin Goodwin and Niall Brennan. Fr. Goodwin, a teacher at the Methodist Ladies' College, Kew, affirmed that the "R.C. Church is an anachronism" and he was most impressive. One felt somewhat sorry for Mr. Brennan, who is a most able performer on all of the media. He has a good mind, is widely read, and is a dedicated Christian with a compassion for other faiths that is exceeded only by his deep passion for his own. He did very badly in the debate, and was especially dithery in seeking to defend the Pope's infallibility and his Church's consistency. The reason was the weakness of the argument, not the debater. An introductory announcement was made to the effect that Mr. Goodwin is no longer "Father," so it is assumed that the debate widened rather than healed the breach between him and the R.C. Church which continues to lose many of its leading scholars because they are denied the right of critical expression. Reforms will come too slow and too late. Incidentally, the chairman of the debate was a Church of Christ minister, Terry Lane, who is doing so well in A.B.C. religious programmes. His recent T.V. documentary on the "Action for World Development" programme was first class.

GOING WEST There was quite a crowd at Tullamarine to farewell the Work Party headed for Carnarvon, W.A., on July 1. Sir Douglas Nicholls, every inch a Knight, was there to send off seven Victorians. The S.A. contingent joined the plane at Adelaide and after a day with the churches in Perth it was off to work to build flats for elderly Aborigines.

Many volunteer workers have gone to Papua New Guinea and the New Hebrides, and this kind of missionary assistance will surely continue and increase. We are very proud of the Carnarvon party and know that they are building well for Christ.

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STREET STALL

(WARRACKNABEAL, Vic., Miss N. Hall). The C.W.F. raised \$40 at a street stall. Mrs. Chivell and J. Rogers have recovered from illness, also David Ashfield after hospitalisation in Melb. Winter evening services are held at 4.30 p.m. C.W.F. ladies visited Salvation Army Annual Rally at Horsham. Mrs. Harmer preached the sermon at recent Mothers' Service. Officers' meeting was held at the Newell's home at Minyip.

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FORESTVILLE LOSES SERVANT

(S.A., M. Munyard). The church mourns the loss of Fred Samels who gave 46 years of unbroken service as church treasurer. He was also a regular choir member, and had a talent for floral decoration. The chapel service gave thanks for Fred's devotion to his Lord. . . . Members have taken services at Barmera and Whyalla. . . . There have been three more decisions. . . . The church is planning a renewal programme.

30 COLLECT \$380

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). Thirty of our members collected \$380 for Auscare. . . . Nine men are training as group leaders for "Action for World Development" . . . Girls' Netball and Boys' Basketball Clubs raised \$60 for court lighting at recent picture evening. . . . Intermediate C.E. held a barbecue and social for parents and friends.

100 MILES TO CHURCH

(MURRAY BRIDGE, S.A., A. H. Coleman). Trevor Purdie, now residing at Lameroo, presided on June 18. He travels 100 miles each way to be with us once a quarter. At other times he is S.S. teacher and lay preacher in local Methodist church. . . . Evening services were almost doubled for "Services with a Difference" during May and June. Features included a play; a grandmother, her daughter and grand-daughter, who spoke on "From Generation to Generation"; a contemporary service led by the Evang. Union of Adelaide Univ., and a Netballers' Parade. There are five netball teams in the church. . . . Recent speakers have been Ted Heard (H.M. Director), Barry Heath (Kilburn) and Don. Hunt (Gideons). . . . The church mourns the death of two aged members, Mrs. M. Haupt and Les. Johnston.

FAREWELL AT MT. GAMBIER

(S.A.). 150 shared a social evening to farewell Mr. and Mrs. B. Duff who have transferred to Portland, Vic. Representatives from Bordertown, Naracoorte, Tarpeena, Ministers' Fraternal and local bodies expressed appreciation for 34 years' service. H. Greenwood will minister for next five weeks.

BUILDING DEBT REDUCED

(PROSPECT, S.A., S. Neighbour). The annual Thanksgiving Day offering to reduce the Building Fund mortgage amounted to \$632. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sharp have been baptized and received into membership. . . . A member of the church for 34 years, Mrs. Sessie has died at the age of 83.

JUNIOR S.S. CLOSED

(BROKEN HILL, S.A. CONF. T. Meares). The Junior section of the S.S. has been closed until adequate staff is available. The families affected are visited weekly by an audio-visual programme including the "Jungle Doctor" series. . . . Two more have been baptised after public confession of faith. . . . Most members are involved in Home Bible studies, including courses in preparation for the Lay Institute for Evangelism to be conducted later in the year.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. D. R. Manning presided at the June auxiliary meeting. 72 ladies represented 19 C.W.F.'s. The morning meditations were led by our Executive Life Member and past president (having served as president on four different occasions) Mrs. C. W. Digwood. Mrs. D. M. Hughes was soloist and the prayer of Intercession was led by Mrs. R. Ryall.

The guest speaker was Tom Banks, Conf. Pres. His message had an Overseas Missions flavour. He has been secretary of the State Overseas Committee for over 25 years. The annual W.A. quota has been voluntarily raised by \$2,000 and we are encouraged to meet this challenge.

Gordon Williams, a member of the West Aust. N.G. Work Party, is now a permanent missionary to that field.

At the Overseas Missions Rally arranged by Overseas Missions Supt., Mrs. Roger Ryall featured displays and sample foods

of New Guinea, New Hebrides and Indian origin. There was a workshop on Missions. Opportunity was taken to introduce and farewell Margaret Harris, a triple-certificate nurse, and Stephen Felton, a mechanic, who leave shortly for the New Hebrides as short-term workers. Miss Helen Maiden reminded us that we are all missionaries and all have a responsibility.

Prayer and Praise Points:

For the missionaries going to the fields and the experienced workers returning.

For the New Hebridean Christians, that they will remain steadfast during this time of challenge by the "Na Grial" indigenous movement.

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DISHOP, Mrs. Lily

Mrs. Bishop, known affectionately to all as "Nan", died at Cheltenham following a brief illness. For over 70 years she was a member of the Churches of Christ successively at Moreland, Coburg and Cheltenham (Vic.). With her husband, Bert, she moved to various suburbs with mixed businesses but always retained a very active working relationship with her church. She showed special interests in church choirs, women's groups, sales of work and catering committees. She was a generous woman whose gifts not only added to the Christian work of the local church but many to the Bible in particular. The church at Cheltenham was filled for a service conducted by the minister. She died after a brief illness at the age of 84. We praise God for her long life of constant good works.

WARMBRUNN, Gustav Francis

Gustav Warmbrunn was born in 1886 at Pahrhan (Vic.) where his parents were in membership. The Warmbrunn family moved to Berwick, and Gustav was baptized there by the late Dr. Saunders. His marriage to Grace Hillbrick joined together two names well known in the Victorian Churches of Christ. He was predeceased by his wife, and following a few years of living as a widower he married Lynda Foreman, one of our missionaries who had served in India. All of Mr. Warmbrunn's working life was spent with the P.M.G. Dept. He worked up to Postmaster. Having served the church at Carnegie as a loyal member, officer and elder, the church recognised his services by making him a life elder. Gustav Warmbrunn was in the 71st year of membership with the Vic. Churches of Christ at the time of his death on May 24. His other interest was the breeding and showing of poultry. His birds won many prizes in a number of Shows including the Royal Melbourne. In Feb., 1971, his health failed and he became a patient in the Will H. Clay Nursing Home.

At the service in the Carnegie church the writer was assisted by W. T. Aklin who had known the Warmbrunn's for many years. Tribute is paid to Lynda for the devotion which she showed to her husband, especially during the closing days of his life. The members of the churches at Pahrhan, Berwick, Dandenong and Carnegie, along with friends, express to his wife Lynda, his son Clive, his daughter Evelyn, his daughter-in-law Rene, his brother Len, and to all the other relatives their Christian sympathy.—M.S.G.

WAKELEY, Mrs. Ethel Amelia

Ethel Amelia Wakeley was born in England, on November 19, 1895, to an earnest Christian family named Franklin who were associated with the Methodist Church. She was baptized at Twynholm, London, by Daniel Wakeley, whom she married and with whom served faithfully as a partner in the Lord's work, for over 50 years. After months of illness and increasing weakness she died on May 24, 1972, in St. James' Nursing Home, Hornsby, N.S.W., leaving a sorrowing husband and a daughter, by (Mrs. Ray Groat, now in England) and many much loved fellow workers to mourn her loss. She was gracious and kindly and made many friends everywhere. She served for many years as a B.S. teacher and Girls' Club leader. She used her fine voice and musical ability in the weekly services conducted by her husband at Ashwood House. She visited the sick and elderly, and many enjoyed the gracious hospitality of her home. She was a great encourager of both young and old, her chief ministry was in music and singing. She had a great knowledge of gospel hymns and tunes. On special occasions she helped in choirs of other churches. In the local church she served as organist, soloist, choir member and as choir leader. She never sought prominence, but served for two years as President of the N.S.W. Women's Conference and also presided over a third conference. Their common interest in Christian work brought them together and led to a partnership that lasted for the rest of their lives. In accordance with her wishes her mortal remains were quietly cremated at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium in a family service conducted by her nephew, D. W. Smallbone

(Moaman), assisted by M. Conry (Acquith), and E. T. Hart (Brisbane), which was a fitting climax to a life of devoted service.—D.V. & D.V.S.

GORDON, James

James Gordon attended morning service at Hobart, Tas., on May 23, 1972, and in the afternoon passed away quietly. He was 85. Born at Owen, S.A., he married Ruby Finlayson, and later became part-time minister of the church. Full-time ministries followed at Cowandilla and Brooklyn Park in S.A., and Norham (two ministries), North Perth, Fremantle, Bassendoun (interim) in W.A. After retirement he and Mrs. Gordon placed their membership with North Perth church. While at Fremantle, Mr. Gordon ministered to the inmates of Fremantle Prison and to the seaman on the ships in port. During the war years he walked the streets of Perth talking to servicemen, and he took many a lonely man home for hospitality. He went to Perth Station to see the hospitality, he took many a lonely man home for hospitality. He was a champion of the Temperance cause and spoke and wrote in its support. He composed words to popular tunes which were sung for many years by Bands of Hope. Mr. Gordon served as State President of Churches of Christ and of the W.A. State C.E. Union. In the early days of the Churches of Christ Christian Centre project, when there was considerable opposition, he was a staunch supporter. He took part in the foundation stone ceremony. James Gordon was a man for Christ and the church, and for social righteousness. A preacher of oratorical proportions, a faithful and loving pastor and a man of wide sympathies, he fulfilled the measure of his stewardship. We thank God for his life and service, and lovingly commend Mrs. Gordon and the children, Jeff, Coralie and Lionel, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren to God of all comfort and help.—J.K.R.

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BOOK REVIEWS

PURSUIT OF PEACE

By Dorothy H. Pentecost. Moody Press, Chicago. A 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.

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THE CHRISTIAN IN A PERMISSIVE SOCIETY

By Dorothy M. Clack. (Clifford Press). 12 cents. People, especially young people, are increasingly questioning long-accepted moral standards. Many are now doing without compunction things that would have horrified their parents or grandparents.

This inexpensive 32-page booklet is intended to help Christians to understand the situation. It provides some ground rules for deciding what is right and what is wrong. It is helpful for personal reading, and admirably suited for group use, as it contains provocative questions to discuss.

ONE OF GOD'S SMALLEST

By Anutza Moira. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$1.30. One of Richard Wurmbrand's friends tells of her life in the war years and under communist domination in Rumania, how she escaped and now serves Christ through Missions to the Communist World.

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BIRTHS

BECK (Bell)—Rosemary and Brian are pleased to announce the birth of Christopher John at Victor Harbour, S.A., on June 19. A brother for Karen.

HARRISON (Brookes)—At Wewak, New Guinea, June 20, to Marie and Geoff, Churches of Christ Mission, Tung, via Wewak, a daughter—Cinda Elise. Sister to Narelle and Perry.

HOUSTON (McHagger)—Lois and Wayne announce with joy and thanksgiving God's gift of a daughter—Narelle Ruth. (Fairfield, N.S.W.).

DEATHS

BECKETT, Helen (Nell)—On June 11 at a private hospital, dearly loved wife of Bert, loved mother of Val, Ken, and Jo, loving Nana of David, Mark and Peter. "At rest."

BELL—On June 21, Henry Edward, late of 16 Howard St., Glen Iris, Vic., beloved husband of Mabel Ruth, loved father of Velma and Graham, fond father-in-law of Les and Choral, loving grandfather of fourteen grandchildren.

BURDEU, Clive Reginald—On June 23, in his sleep. Dearly loved husband of Olive, loving father of Ray and Marg, Burdeu, Beryl and Bill Wiltshire; grandfather of Barrie and Lorraine, David and Rosemary Burdeu, Ken, and Gail Wiltshire, and four great-grandchildren.

BURDEU, Clive—At Brisbane on June 23, dearly loved husband of Olive, son of Arthur and Annie Burdeu, brother and uncle of families of Arthur, Eva (Kemp), Perce, Rene (Hare) and Cyril (all dec.), and Vera (White) and Essie (Abrahams).

CHANDLER, Isabel—Suddenly, on June 14, at Box Hill Hospital, Vic., loved wife of the late Hugh, loving mother of Henry, Colin and Ellen (Mrs. McPherson); mother-in-law of Beryl, Dawn and Phillip; loving grandma of Paul Stuart and Beth; Michael, Deborah, Andrew and Cameron; Christopher, Timothy and Derek; fond pen-gran of Richard (Bethany, Tasmania).

FORDHAM, Walter Albert (Tich)—On July 2, 1972, of 184 Prospect Hill Rd., Canterbury, Vic., dearly loved husband of the late Ella Lillian, loved and loving father of Campbell and Wallace, father-in-law of Elaine and Beryl, grandpa of Helen, Chris, Joy, Annette, Gregory and Nichole, great-grandfather of Melissa and Richard. A lifetime of service to others.

DEATHS

STEVENS, Matilda Maiddle Spence (Dee)—late of 25 Reddie St., Henley Beach, S.A., on June 8 at Calvary Hospital, loving and dearly loved wife of Leo Vincent, loved mother of Rae (Mrs. Peter Oliphant) and Dare (C.O.B., Melb.), loved mother-in-law of Peter and Lyn, loving grandmother of Quentin, Hamish and Candice.

WHITTAKER, John P. A.—On June 5 at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Vic., dearly loved husband of Gladys, loved father of Russell, Howard and Max, daughters-in-law Norma, Joan and Amy, and ten grandchildren. "Behind all shadows standeth God."

IN MEMORIAM

MACDONALD, Charlotte, 17.7.68—Darling mother and grandma; Stewart, 10.8.44, dear dad and grandpa.—Daughters Flora, Frank and family; Margaret, Max and family. "Treasured memories."

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(CHELSEA, Vic., D. R. Oakes). Mr. and Mrs. Oakes will move into the new manse at 1 Blantyre Ave., as soon as renovations are finished. . . . A barbecue tea was held to commence S.S. second term. A film was screened to introduce the S.S. campaign for "Runaway Bibles for Latin America." . . . The annual S.S. family picnic took the form of car outing with a secret destination.

AUSTCARE AIDED

(IVANHOE, Vic., J. H. McCormick). Austcare collection by our teams totalled \$222. . . . Several auxiliaries are now involved in our Manse Debt Reduction Project. Club 13 had a lamington drive, Young Marrieds are selling honey and the Tennis Club held a car rally and barbecue.

PORTLAND GOINGS AND COMINGS

(Vic.). On May 28, the church farewell Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Perkins at a luncheon at the conclusion of a 24-year ministry. When Portland was unable to secure a minister at the end of 1969, a circuit ministry was arranged with Warrnambool, and their minister served one week a month at Portland. This arrangement also assisted Warrnambool who were finding difficulties in maintaining a full-time ministry. Mr. Perkins' major contribution at Portland was in the pastoral ministry of visitation and this helped to maintain the church over a difficult period. . . . On June 11, Mr. and Mrs. B. Duff were inducted into the ministry by E. C. Keating of the Dept. of H.M. and Evang. This will be an experimental ministry as Mr. Duff will be working at his trade (mechanic) to supplement his income which cannot fully be met by the church. A welcome luncheon followed the induction service when members met and talked with Mr. and Mrs. Duff informally.

TEN AT WINTER SCHOOL

(OAKLEIGH, Vic., T. V. Weir). Ten members are sharing the Winter School at the College of the Bible. . . . The church held a picnic at Kinglake on Queen's Birthday, travelling by bus. . . . Miss Ngaire Fraser has returned from Carnarvon Mission. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodges celebrated their ruby wedding on June 4. . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. Briggs and John are visiting Europe. . . . A parent dedication service was conducted by Mr. Weir. . . . Recent speakers have been M. J. Savage, Conf. Pres., and A. G. Mathieson.

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

(WEDDERBURN, Vic.). Norman Carter and his family spend every second weekend here. Mr. Carter preaches at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. services and makes pastoral visits. . . . Ian Hall is leader of the youth groups; Mrs. V. Hayes and Rosemary Owen lead the J.C.E. . . . Recent speakers have been Able Morgan, A.I.M., Gordon Summerson, South Seas Mission, and Mrs. Pam Maxwell on work done with Melb. "bikers." . . . Miss Janette Quayle from Portland, teaches at Charlton Primary School and meets with the church.

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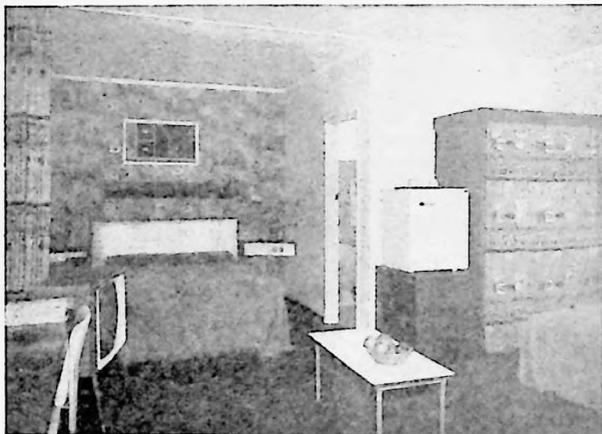
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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

LONDUA LETTER

Our annual Missionary Meeting has just concluded after a happy time of fellowship and a searching time of discussion. In these times of great change many policies and methods of approach need to be rethought according to the current needs and prospects of future development. Work on some of our long-established stations has to be drastically modified whereas others call for development along new lines and some of the newer areas call for bold planning. Manpower and resources must be used to the greatest advantage. We pray that the Overseas Mission Board members will be guided as they consider decisions reached by the various missionary committees and councils.

Scripture Translation

The translation programme, in Keith's words, is "plodding along steadily." Nothing dramatic, but a lot of checking and re-checking pushing towards completion of Matthew through to Acts. Increasing use is being made of cassettes and tapes by individuals and groups in Anglican, Apostolic and our own villages as part of the checking process. Tapes are also sent to different language areas on other islands after translation has been done here. A Presbyterian missionary who has for many years been involved in translation work in the islands 200 miles south of us, was interviewed the other day on Radio Vila. He commented that he had been told that each verse of the Bible takes about two hours to translate on the average by the time it is checked, rechecked, proof read, etc., but he hadn't believed it until he had been at it himself for some time!

On Film

Just a fortnight ago we were visited by David Cohen from the N.Z. Bible Society together with a professional T.V. movie photographer. This man had been commissioned by the N.Z. Leper Trust Board to film leprosy work in the Pacific so he offered to make a film at the same time for the Bible Society entitled, "Power in the Pacific." It was quite an impressive scene around the small translators' workshop for a while. Later at Duindui he filmed parts of a general thanksgiving service for translations in Duindui and Lom-baha languages and Bislama (Pidgin English).

Unscheduled Stop

Seeing Keith has been particularly busy

lately and unable to spare time to get away, I went in place of him to the British Education Advisory Council meetings in Vila. The flight home was fascinating though bumpy as the pilot flew low over every island that was reasonably in line with a direct flight. One small island in the central group was absolutely devastated by the most recent cyclone. Very little green was visible, houses were flattened with sheets of iron blown into the sea and coconut trees of the large plantation were no more than stalks. The Aoban coastline was the bumpiest of all and as we came in to attempt landing at the rather hazardous airfield which runs right to the rocky sea edge, we were caught in turbulent cross winds and the pilot had a difficult time controlling the plane. We roared up and far out to sea again to make a second attempt, but conditions were impossible and the manifold pressure instrument failed into the bargain. So I had a fleeting glimpse of home sweet home, and went flying off to Santo for an unscheduled visit! Naturally my welcome was all the greater when I finally reached home.

Yours in the confidence of a certainty far greater than all the uncertainties of this life.—Shirley Ludgater.

Visit to India

Bruce Coventry, Assistant Secretary, Federal Overseas Mission Board, is at present visiting our Indian field to enable the Board to become aware of developments taking place on the field, to assist in future planning. Mr. Coventry served for over 20 years as a missionary in India. He is personally contributing towards travel expenses, and the balance will be covered by income from an independent source specifically made available for this purpose.

Engineer appointed

Stephen Felton, of Shelton Park church, W.A., leaves for the New Hebrides on July 31. Mr. Felton is an electrical fitter and will serve as a voluntary worker for 15 months. He will replace Mr. Alex McKay, who leaves the New Hebrides in August.

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THE HIDDEN BABY (See last issue)

The people who came were a princess and her ladies-in-waiting. They saw the baby and one of them brought him to the princess. When he cried, the princess was sorry and decided to adopt him. The baby's sister came and said that a nurse would be needed and when the princess agreed, the clever sister brought the baby's own mother. The baby grew up to be a great leader. (See the whole story in the 2nd chapter of Exodus.)

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THE LAST WORD . . .

BE STRONG!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift. We have hard work to do, and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gift.

BE STRONG!

Say not, "The days are evil, who's to blame?" And fold the hands, and acquiesce, Oh shame! Stand up! Speak out! and bravely, in God's name.

BE STRONG!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong, How hard the battle goes, the day how long. Faint not, fight on! tomorrow comes the song."

—Malbice Babcock.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"The Lord stood with me and gave me opportunity to boldly preach a whole sermon for all the world to hear." (Paul).

When we have committed the Golden Rule to memory, let us commit it to life.



An error doesn't become a mistake Until you refuse to correct it.



Teachers are deliberately trying not to discourage parents these days. The ultimate in strained encouragement came when one teacher added this note to an otherwise poor report: "He contributes nicely to the singing group by helpful listening."



Good husbands may Be hard to find, But try to locate The wayward knd.

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Any time you get to thinking how hard it is to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.



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