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FAITH IS FOR REAL

BUT WE SHOULD BE WARNED: IF OUR RELIGIOUS BELIEF ITSELF IS SUPERFICIAL, IT WILL BE SWEEPED AWAY BY THE FLOWING TIDES OF SECULAR THINKING.

A HALF-BELIEF OR A SECOND HAND BELIEF WILL NOT DO IN THE HARD CLIMATE OF TODAY. NOR WILL SOME VAGUE IDEAS OF AN "OLD MAN" IN THE SKY OR SOME SENTIMENTAL DEBRIS OF RELIGIOUS CONVENTIONS.

THIS IS THE KIND OF "RELIGION" THAT CANNOT BUT DECLINE UNDER THE PRESSURE OF MODERN TIMES.

WHAT WE NEED IS A GENUINE BELIEF IN THE LIVING GOD OF THE BIBLE, NOT THE SHADOWY GOD OF PHILOSOPHERS OR THE UNEMPLOYED GOD OF SCIENTISTS.

WHAT WE NEED IS THE AUTHENTIC FAITH, ROOTED IN AN EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE WITH A GOD DEMANDING OUR TOTAL LIFE—NOT ONLY SECTIONS OF IT.

WHAT WE NEED IS THE ADULT FAITH, THAT GIVES US INTELLECTUAL COURAGE TO FACE THE MODERN THOUGHT WITHOUT HAVING TO CAPITULATE TO IT.

Age Haltor, Prof. of Religion, Norway.

LISTEN TO CAMARA!!

IN the recent Action for World Development studies, concerned people kept asking, "What do we do next?" One thing we can do is to listen to Camara.

Dom Helder Camara is R.C. Archbishop of Olinda and Recife in Brazil, a small figure with a wizened face and strong personal magnetism. He is waging a remarkable campaign on behalf of his underprivileged people and to many throughout the world, not only Roman Catholics, he is a hero, a saint or a prophet.

He has just been to Britain where his simple, uncompromising, and uncomfortable message claimed that the peoples of the Third World are being plundered by the Dives nations of North America and Europe, whose vast international corporations use investment, trade patterns, and inter-governmental economic relations to maintain profiteering and restrict local self-development.

He denounces capitalism as "fundamentally anti-Christian, having profit as its main concern and highest law," yet in rich countries it is not easy to accept that poor countries find the main cause of their misery in their exploitation by the super powers. It is easier to assume that the cause lies in the supposed inferiority of coloured peoples, their lack of hard work and honesty, and an explosive and irresponsible birth-rate. In fact, "the growing wealth of industrialised powers feeds itself on the injustices of international trade policies between rich powers and poor countries."

He names major international corporations as being the supreme exploiters of poor countries like his own and shows in detail how specific companies, especially in the U.S., draw back annual profits ten times greater than the entire gross national product of the country in which they are operating.

He says that underdeveloped countries are encouraged to adopt neo-capitalistic models of development which have nothing of authentic development in them, since they only promote

the economic growth of privileged groups. The collaboration of banks, insurance companies and investment banks. The mystique of development is maintained, an effective barrier to the spread of liberal education and truly human values.

Although influenced by Marxism, he has no illusions about the defects of Communist systems in practice and scathingly denounces Russia and China who "impose their materialism by force and adopt a militant atheism. They have created a climate of suspicion, fear, denunciation, periodic self-criticism, and periodical purges." He fears that the Communist and capitalist super-powers are dividing the world into spheres of influence with little regard for the Third World. Economic colonialism has taken over from political colonialism, but it is just as shackling.

Dom Helder states that the Church's commission is to take seriously "A religion committed to the liberation of man, not only after death throughout a long and mysterious eternity, but also during this life here on earth. It is quite possible to care about eternal life and also to give counsel about what happens on earth. Christ came to free us from sin and the consequences of sin, from selfishness and the results of selfishness."

In Brazil, Camara is unpopular with the government. Last year his personal secretary was assassinated and there has been at least one attempt on his own life. But he is a man of courage and refuses to be silenced.

Brian Cooper who wrote about Camara in the "British Weekly" says that both Vatican II and Uppsala aligned the Church with the poor. "Dom Helder Camara is certainly doing so with a degree of conviction, compassion, and courage at great risk to himself, but with great hope for his people and great challenge to the Church and the rich nations. For in the diminutive figure of the Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, the poor of the world have found a new, prophetic Christian voice."

"UNCLE" GOES HOME

H. G. Olney has returned to Victoria after serving on the Norseman Aboriginal Mission field for 15 years. "Uncle" as he is affectionately called by the children, adult Aboriginal people and missionaries originally went to Norseman from East Preston at the age of 67 years to give three months' long service leave as a help to the work. That three months never came to an end until recently when, because of the pressure of age he felt unable to continue and is now residing at the Churches of Christ Aged Persons' Homes, Atherton Rd., Oakleigh.

Being an electrician and handy man he was always in great demand and was used to help rewire "Fairhaven" Girls' Training Hostel at Esperance when the work there commenced. "Uncle" was very popular with the adult Aboriginal population who loved to talk and joke with him. The children also loved "Uncle" and he was always the centre of their attention, particularly upon returning from a time away.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS

H. G. Olney's retirement after 15 years of voluntary service at Norseman Mission is a reminder of many others who over the years have given similar service. Some

for only short periods of a few weeks or a few months and others for a year or more and our church's mission work is indebted to these folk who have caught a wider view and have offered themselves in this way. Many are older people, widows, widowers, single people and married people who are either at the age of retiring or else close to it. Instead of sitting back these people have come in large numbers over the years to offer themselves in a voluntary way to be a help in the mission work. And what a help they have been! Helping missionaries in the mundane tasks of children's work and being an encouragement in times of pressure and real need.

These older folk, too, have brought with them a Christian maturity and serenity which has been a stimulus to young missionary couples as well as a stabilising influence on the children and adult Aboriginal people.

We have several voluntary helpers at Norseman and Carnarvon at the moment and there is always the opportunity for people to be used in this way. Contact can be made to your State Aborigines' Committee Secretary or alternatively to the Federal Secretary, D. P. Butler, 26 Murradong St., Mt. Lawley, W.A., 6050.

50 YEARS AGO

N.S.W. Conference. Statistics showed a membership of 3,587, an increase of 143. The B.S. had 3,327 scholars with 454 teachers.

For Truth "The tent mission of the so-called Church of Christ circulated a pamphlet on baptism. They put Lightfoot under Presbyterians. Every theological student knows that Lightfoot was no Presbyterian but the great Bishop of Durham. A Scotch minister told me there is no Presbyterian named Lightfoot." — Anglican minister at Maryborough, Vic. (The "A.C." editor pointed out that there was a Presbyterian named Lightfoot. Dr. John Lightfoot was a great Presbyterian Hebraist who lived from 1602 to 1675 and was one of the most famous and influential members of the Westminster Assembly of Divines. "So there were two Lightfoots — both great and famous men — despite the remarkable ignorance of Mr. Leslie and his Scottish minister friend."

New Gospel The Gospel of Mark has been translated into the language of Manus Island in the Admiralty group, north-east of New Guinea. This translation by the Bible Society makes 74 issued in Oceanic languages.

"THE STORY OF AN EARNEST LIFE"

RONALD GRAHAM

rediscovers a fascinating history

SHE was born Eliza Arbuckle in Paisley, Scotland, spent years in Adelaide, Kiama, and Sydney, and died in Kentucky. She made two voyages around the world by sailing ship, although she thought "travelling [was] one of the saddest pleasures of life." Most of those who knew her in later life thought that she was poor, she lived so frugally; but her estate, which consisted of Australian investments, amounted to better than \$15,000 and in her will the following bequests were made: \$5,000 to the Kentucky Female Orphan School; \$360 to the Women's Board of Missions, Indianapolis; \$100 each to the Women's Board of Missions and the Ladies' Aid Society, Broadway Christian Church, Lexington; \$1,800 to friends in Australia and America; \$5,000 plus the balance of the estate to the College of the Bible (renamed Lexington Theological Seminary in 1965).

Professor Mark Collis, an Australian on the faculty of the College of the Bible, was the executor of her estate. The pallbearers at the funeral were C.O.B. students from Australia. In the obituary notice in *The Apostolic Guide*, editor J. W. McGarvey said: "a more conscientious woman, or a more truthful one, has never lived . . . O that our God would raise a greater number of such women in his holy church!"

Eliza died in 1888 but her autobiography, *The Story of an Earnest Life*, was published in 1881. It runs to 570 pages of smallish print. Dates are not easy to come by in her story but the chronological outline of her life is something close to the following:

1838. August: left Glasgow as an 18-year(?) old. Her family was nominally Presbyterian and the religion of the kirks they stayed away from had not appealed to her. She was eventually baptized into a Scotch Baptist church and soon thereafter was invited by one of the church families to go with them to the "far-off country of New South Wales," where they had purchased land. December: landed in Sydney after sailing by way of the Cape of Good Hope.

1839. March: left Sydney for Adelaide in the employment of Captain Charles Sturt, the explorer, newly-appointed as Surveyor-General of the three-year-old colony of South Australia. She carried a church-letter from Scotland and began attending a Scotch Baptist church. November to January: travelled with Sturt in a party of 30 persons to Goolwa and thence up the Murray to "the great Northwest Bend of the river toward the Gulf of St. Vincent." If ladies could traverse such virgin country in safety, so it was reasoned, capitalists could sell the land more readily in England.

1840. Married a Mr. Davles. The marriage did not work out. Divorce him she could not, on biblical grounds. Leave him she could, on the basis of I Corinthians 7: 10-11, and did.

1843. Took a job as a nursery governess at "Granthamville Castle (Sydney), the residence of Mr. P., one of the merchant princes of New South Wales." Returned to London with Mr. P.'s family via Cape Horn and then went on to Paisley.

1847. August 28: heard "the great Mr. Campbell" preach in the Baptist church, Paisley. The sermon, she wrote, was "a pivot on which my destiny turned. I made a sudden resolution. . . . 'Whither thou goest, I will go; . . . They people shall be my people, and thy God my God.'" October 12: left Liverpool for Bethany (West) Virginia and lived with the Alexander Campbells for three years.

(Dr. Graham is Professor of New Testament at Lexington Theological Seminary, Kentucky, U.S.A.)

1850. Travelled by river boat to Midway (13 miles west of Lexington) to serve as teacher and assistant matron at the Kentucky Female Orphan School. The school was established in 1849 and had been visited by Campbell early in 1850.

1853-57. Employed as an instructress in the homes of James Parrish, founder of the Orphan School; General Wallace Keeno, New Orleans (two winters); and John A. Gano, a central Kentucky preacher for 59 years, and friend of Barton W. Stone.

1857. Decided to return to Sydney to visit her sister, share her "Campbellian" faith, and introduce to Australia the American Bible Union's new version of the New Testament. Revisited Bethany on her way to New York. Embarked October 24 with one case of the New Testaments, "another case of all of Mr. Campbell's works," and this time, a church-letter from Campbell as "an Elder of the Christian Church, Bethany (West) Virginia." Landed at Melbourne and landed at Sydney, February, 1858.

1858. She heard of a few disciples at Newtown and found her way out there one Lord's Day. She writes: "I found ten or twelve persons who partook of the Lord's Supper. I introduced myself to them by showing Mr. Campbell's letter. All were curious to see his chirography. . . . They called themselves 'Campbellites,' and gloried in the name. They called themselves 'Primitive Christians' also, and they were primitive enough; they were forty years behind the times." Some "did not believe in paying a preacher, nor in building a house to worship God in, nor in having family worship." "They made no converts from the world. They agreed to disagree on many points, but they were one in abusing the sects." She had "hoped to [teach] in the Sunday school, but they had none." She liked the members individually, but as a church could not join them.

1858. August 2: moved to the Ilawarra district and opened up a school for 25 children of poor Irish immigrants at Mount Pleasant, six miles from Kiama; spent her holidays in the interests of the American Bible Union; distributed Campbell's works. "Non-sectarian" instruction in Bible was part of the curriculum, in contrast to the secular "national schools" that were just beginning. Starting with three immersed believers, a church of fourteen was organised in Kiama. It took a "backward step" when some Calvinist Baptists joined, and when she secured a church-letter to take to Adelaide some members claimed that it was not a Christian but a "particular Baptist" church.

1861. April 11: landed at Melbourne, sold some new translations, especially among the Baptists; visited "a small church of Disciples at one of the suburbs" to whom she introduced Mr. Campbell's works and who ordered sixty copies of the *Christian System*. April: visited Hon. G. F. Angas in Adelaide, who began a subscription of fifty pounds a year to the American Bible Union and paid her fare from Sydney (usually she received no remuneration and paid her own travel expenses). Her approach in Sydney and Adelaide was to leading citizens, Government House, and the heads of some of the churches. She linked herself with the 7-year-old Church of Christ at Hindmarsh and found a ready friend in Thomas Magarey.

1861? Returned to Sydney and joined the Scotch Baptist church she had belonged to before; made a Campbellite out of the minister and some members subsequently left to join a new Disciples group in Sydney.

1862. June 16: opened a school "in the bush" for poor children in North Sydney; later began a night school for a gang of young people who had to "sign a teetotal pledge" in order to enrol, a Sunday-school, and a prayer meeting. A school house was built on a donated 2-acre lot and was opened July 30, 1863, in the presence of the Secretary of the National Board of Education and the Inspector of National Schools; on the invitation of the Board she became a national (government) school teacher, while still teaching the Bible from a broad Christian—not sectarian—viewpoint.

1866. July: Eliza heard of the death of "the greatest man of the age," Alexander Campbell. She writes that "the Christian Church was planted at this time in Victoria and South Australia." It is the "Campbellite" church she has in mind, relating its planting to the arrival from England of H. S. Earl, a graduate of Bethany College.

1869. December 31: closed her work at Bethany School; farewelled by the Colonial Secretary, Sir Henry Parkes.

1870. February: took a steamship to Adelaide; spent two weeks in Melbourne, visiting the American evangelists, G. L. Surber and O. A. Carr; stayed again with the Magareys in Adelaide; with the backing of G. F. Angas, in Hindmarsh opened the Bowden Public School "for poor children of all denominations." Enrolment grew rapidly from seventy to one-hundred-and-fifty.

BALLARAT TALK-BACK!

By STANTON H. WILSON, Vic.-Tas. Conference Secretary

THE pew had its "say" at Ballarat (Vic.) when the Conference Executive conducted the Half-Yearly Convention, August 12-13, 1972.

Three-hundred "Conventioners" were engaged in discussion by the Adult Education Committee of the Dept. of Christian Educ. Even the theme: "Renewal—Getting Alongside People" was suspected of subtle patronage. "This won't do," said the Convention speaker, Chaplain Glen Brown, "Acceptance" is the word; people should be accepted for what they are—not for what we would like them to be. There is a crisis of world relationship. The world is not a sphere on which people live but it is a community of inter-related persons.

"If we are going to live alongside other people we have to accept them and all their faults. Acceptance of other people's faults is not easy but it should be attempted in an honest and diligent way. Once a relationship is destroyed there is no longer communication on a real level. It may continue in a ritual way but that is all. We build fences and barriers of pity and pride round ourselves and this prevents us from accepting others. These barriers must be destroyed. To accept people's faults, belief in God is most important."

After a stimulating introduction, the vast complex of buildings of the host church at Dawson Street was occupied to capacity with groups sharing their views and convictions on current subjects which members had previously elected to consider from the following: "Migrants," "The Lonely," "The Physically and Emotionally Retarded," "Families — Husband and Wife Relationships," "The Non-Church Parents of Children of Auxiliaries" and "Young People 'on the fringe.'"

Concise reports of the findings of groups were screened by an overhead projector in

the evening inspirational session. Chaplain Brown spoke on "The Mountain of Pity." Homiletically it was an ingeniously constructed sermon but, as should be the case, the congregation was simply not aware of its structure but it was aware that the Word of God was coming to them, confronting them and motivating them to action.

On Sunday, the Conference President-elect, Eric F. Patterson, presided at the Lord's Table and the Conference President, Murray J. Savage, spoke on "The Lady I Love." We were given some uncomfortable truths for home consumption. We were built up in our faith. We were inspired in our love for "the Bride of Christ."

CALL
TO
ACCEPT
UGANDAN
REFUGEES

THE President of the A.C.C., Bishop David Garnsey, has called on the Federal Government to offer to admit into Australia a substantial number of Asian refugees expelled from Uganda.

Bishop Garnsey appealed to the Government to adopt a humanitarian and compassionate response to the plight of the Ugandan refugees.

"We have no idea how many, if any, of the refugees would want to settle in this country, but it is an opportunity which should be given by Australia," he said. "Many of the refugees have had an English-medium education and are accustomed to a Western style of living, either professionally or in commerce."

"The Australian Council of Churches has offered to the Government the services of its refugee resettlement department, which will co-operate in any way necessary with the Department of Immigration to enable the resettlement of the refugees," said Bishop Garnsey.

Bishop Garnsey has sent telegrams to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration urging the admission of the Ugandan refugees.

1874. Resigned because of ill-health and left for America in company with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gore and Mr. Mark Collins; visited the Council of Education, Bethany School, and the Christian church in Sydney; departed May 9 for Fiji; while waiting for a New Zealand vessel to take them to San Francisco they met J. J. Haley, the American evangelist the Sydney church had sent for. They crossed America by train, the Gores leaving it at Chicago and the others at Lexington; Mark Collins to enrol in the College of the Bible, Kentucky University, and Eliza Davies to call at Midway before going on to Bethany to visit the Campbells who still remained. And there the story ends.

It is a fantastic story in most of the dictionary senses of that adjective: bizarre, fanciful, extravagant, remarkable, superb. The incredulity and wonder that the book aroused in one present-day reader apparently was felt by many who listened to and read her story a century ago. In the obituary, McGarvey wrote that he had often been asked "whether he believe[d] her marvellous story to be true," and had always answered that "because of his knowledge of the woman . . . he implicitly believe[d] the whole of it" . . . "apart from some unintentional exaggerations, the result of deep feeling, and of the lapse of time between the events and the writing."

There was fellowship—more time for it understandably than at an Annual Conference. The group discussions set people talking, sharing and remembering. The meals were competently catered for by Mrs. Frank Hunting (convener) and a band of efficient ladies — and a few "sidesmen."

Vic. Berry, with the admirable combination of competence and humility, led the song service as an act of joyous worship. The congregational singing throughout the whole Convention was inspiring.

In expressing our gratitude to God for his leading and blessing; we also acknowledge a great deal of hard work done and responsibility borne by many who in unobtrusive ways had a part in helping to make the Convention the memorable occasion which it undoubtedly was. It will remain simply a happy memory. The Adult Education Committee is resolved that people shall hear more of it and hopefully do more about it. With this in mind the Adult Education Committee intends to report on "the findings" in its next issue of its magazine "Sharing."

Obtain a copy. It will make good preparatory reading for the next Half-yearly Convention of which our Morwell church will be hosts on August 18-19, 1973.

QLD. SOCIAL SERVICE

New Venture— "GLEN EAGLES"

The Churches of Christ in Queensland have taken a giant step forward in their care for Aged People by the acquisition of "Glen Eagles", twin towers comprising 97 self-contained Units in one block of 15 stories and the second of 11, placed in an ideal situation on the banks of the Brisbane River and within easy access of the City of Brisbane itself.

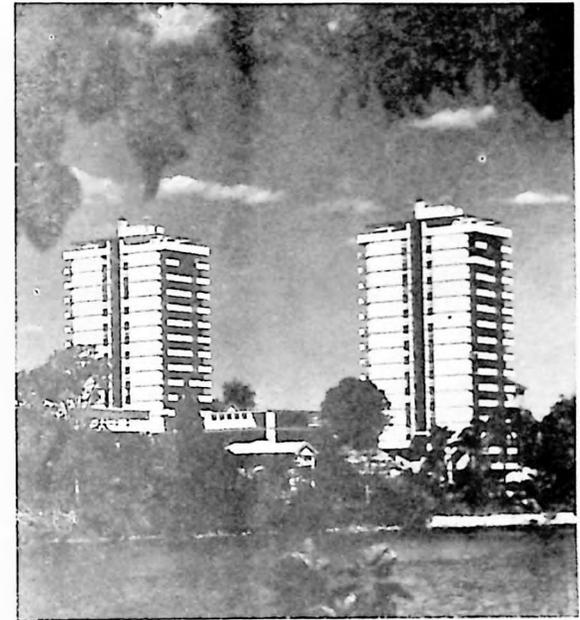
These Units were previously under the control of the Buffalo Memorial Homes Trust, but they found the responsibility too great for them to handle and after negotiations in which the Commonwealth Department of Social Services have given their full support we now hold full responsibility for this particular venture.

Built in 1964 the Units won the Architectural Award of the year for buildings for aged people.

The provision of these Units fits admirably into the pattern of our work and will give a basis of approach for the rebuilding of both our Nursing Home at Annerley and eventually of Burdeu House at 363 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane.

One hundred and fifty people are housed within this new complex, taking our care for people through all our homes to 500.

E. T. H.



QUESTING

WITH
A. E. WHITE



CHILDREN'S FILMS

Why is it that there are so few films for children? Even the TV has largely given up wholesome children's programmes. "Giveaway commercials" interrupt cartoons and other so-called children's films which all have more than a fair share of violence. Who is responsible?

To some extent theatre and TV exhibitors create the market which they also supply, but the ultimate responsibility lies with the people who encourage violence by their acceptance of it.

The distributors and exhibitors would very soon change the content of their films if the theatres were empty or the TV ratings dropped. Unfortunately, it is when family films are screened that the theatres are empty and the ratings come down. Once, come holidays, nearly every cinema screened family films and were rewarded with long queues. Now, most cinemas carry on with their adult films.

In the latest list supplied by the Minister for Customs and Excise, 50 films are approved for screening. Only seven are for general exhibition, 15 are not recommended for children, 16 are for mature audiences, and 12 are restricted (R certificate). Of course, the seven general exhibition films are not necessarily for child viewing. One of them is "Chariots of the Gods!"

Who is responsible for the absence of good family films? The people are. They support what they want, and they get what they deserve. The children, sadly, get what they don't deserve; a too early introduction to violence and a too ready acceptance of it as a part of normal living.

Some claim that violence does not damage a child. Other experts disagree. Dr. Elisabeth Gerin, in "Children, Television, and You" writes, "Everything a child sees and hears has an effect on his feelings and the formation of his character. Some sights and emotions which he could experience without harm when he is older,

trouble and upset him when he is still impressionable and his judgment unformed. Small children have nightmares. Some adolescents become irritable and restless when they have witnessed scenes which they should not have watched. The innocence of the young can be sullied, their view of life distorted, because they have become interested in dubious situations on TV . . . Television exerts on the child who 'watches everything' an influence which can prove disastrous."

History condemns the ancient church for introducing violence. From the 4th century on, physical punishment, torture, or death, became the accepted way of dealing with those who opposed her. The church even made violence a public spectacle. Future generations may argue that our generation is just as culpable in apathetically accepting the current violence in entertainment. Perhaps we shall be judged even more guilty. At least, earlier generations did not know any better. We do.

NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Sixty-five delegates (principals and staffs of theological colleges throughout Aust. and N.Z.) met in August in a four-day Consultation at Queen's College, Melb.

Special speakers were Dr. Davis McCaughey, Master of Ormond College, who spoke on "Patterns of Theological Education" and Dr. Patrick Murphy, President of the Melanesian Assoc. of Theological Schools, who drew attention to the need for closer links between Associations of theological schools in Melanesia and S.E. Asia.

PEACE IN SUDAN

Leopoldo Nilus, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs; Kudwe Ankrab, Africa refugee secretary in C.I.C.A.R.W.S., and Canon Burgess Carr, general secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, were honoured by President Numeiry of the Sudan at a special tea party in Khartoum. All three were presented with the Order of the Two Niles, First Class, in recognition of the contribution they had made to bringing peace to the Sudan. The President described them as "the unknown warriors" in the conflict.—E.P.S.

ALCOHOL AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY

However much we might deplore it, we must accept that in our society most adults, and many younger persons, drink alcohol, some of them to excess. However, the costs in economic loss and personal suffering which follow from this drinking are so serious that responsible citizens must be seriously concerned.

It is the duty of the Alliance to be chiefly responsible for making representations to our legislators and to be the chief watch-dog with respect to the implementation of the Liquor Control Act and other relevant Acts.

I feel the Alliance is moving upwards—keen, united and eager to get things done. Never before have so many responsible persons in the community been concerned with the alcohol problem but, on the other hand, never before was the per capita consumption of alcohol so high—increasing at a rate of almost 3 per cent annually.

The relationship between alcohol consumption and the carnage on our roads is very well documented. There is now almost universal agreement that alcohol is involved as a major factor in at least 50 per cent of serious road accidents.

Of 10,000 persons breathalized by the Victorian Police during 1971, 70 per cent had blood alcohol levels exceeding 0.150 per cent. This represents abnormal drinking. It is logical to conclude that the increased per capita consumption of alcohol leads to an increasing proportion of drinkers becoming problem drinkers. A grave outlook indeed!

Recent investigations by Dr. Alan Bartholomew reveal a striking connection between alcohol and crime. In a sample

comprising 252 offenders convicted of aggression against the person, 21% were chronic alcoholics, 47% acutely alcoholic and 15% more had been drinking—a total of 83%. In two groups, comprising 1,134 offenders against property and 242 sexual offenders, the total figure was 53% in each case.

The relationship between alcohol consumption and industrial accidents, absenteeism, family breakdown are other areas being researched, the consistent result being a complete indictment of alcohol.

Christians are concerned people. Can there be any greater cause for concern? —H. C. Pratt, M.Sc., B.A., B.Ed., A.A.I.P., M.A.C.E., Pres., Vic. Temperance Alliance.

■ VIC.-TAS. D.C.E.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

★ Good Companions' Festivals. Zone functions were held at Box Hill, Cheltenham, Essendon, Oakleigh, Ringwood, South Yarra and West Preston. At each zone, the standard was very good, and pennants were won in various sections: Choral, Craft, Cooking, Poems, Posters and Mobiles. Over 1,000 Good Companions competed in all sections. Many of the choral groups have already been used in their respective churches. Morwell was the only country club represented.

★ The Ballarat Churches Youth Camp Fund recently donated \$1,000 towards the cost of the new ablutions block at Hall's Gap camp. They also paid \$175 for materials for the new gateway entrance

SECRETARY RESIGNS

(GROTE ST., S.A., H. M. Long). R. L. Packer, elder, has served as church secretary for 21 years through six ministries. The church honours him for his thorough and conscientious service. Mr. Packer resigned his offices as he and Mrs. Packer left for a visit to the Orient . . . C. W. Macdonald, in his 84th year, has intimated that he will renounce as elder. He has been church treasurer and was usually acting-secretary in the absence of Mr. Packer . . . Ian Hughes has been transferred to Melb. He was a pianist and held executive positions in auxiliaries and sporting clubs . . . The recent oil strike caused suspension of mid-week activities. This church's congregation is spread over 93 suburbs . . . Ladies from suburban churches supported combined meeting to hear Jean Raddon of Aust. Christian Women's Conventions.

to the camp. The Campbell Edwards Trust has given a further \$500 towards the cost of the ablutions block.

★ The recently conducted Zone Indoor Sports Programme of six meetings organised by the Boys' Explorer Executive was attended by 909 (624 boys, 115 leaders and 170 visitors).

★ The Department "Focus" presented at State Conference is now available for use by churches — at no cost!

★ The Explorer Boys' Camping Programme during August-September holidays has achieved record numbers—including the new Co-Ed. Camp for Forms I and II. 400 (including leaders) will be in camp.

—Ray McKenzie.

South Aust.

YOUTH CHOIR AT MAGILL

(S.A., R. Clymer). The Youth Choir took the service on July 23, with songs, slides, and sermon. The church was packed with 50 in the choir and 240 in congregation . . . Magill provided six leaders and 30 members for the district's 27 Action for World Development groups . . . Gordon Stirling was guest speaker at the 20th anniversary service on Aug. 27 . . . Brian Phelps has been elected to the Board of Officers . . . John Mather gave the address when the Girls' Brigade conducted evening service.

BIBLE DISPLAY

(COWANDILLA, S.A., S. Thomas). A Bible display was arranged by the B. & F.B.S. on Bible Sunday and the film "Under the Red Pagoda" was screened. . . C.W.F. spent an evening sewing for Prisoners' Aid . . . I. J. Chivell spoke on brotherhood activities at recent service.

CLOTHING FOR GIRL

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). Clothing for Norseman Aboriginal girl, Lois Pennington, was displayed . . . Members held dinner to discuss church's future programme . . . Eight people collected \$65 for Salvation Army Red Shield. . . Mr. and Mrs. W. Crowhurst are both in Monreith Hospital . . . To aid St. Georges' Christian Rest Home, Social Group held Mannequin Parade with frocks from Madame Collette's Shop.

RESTRICTED ENTERTAINMENT

(CROYDON, S.A., F. B. Burt). A social evening to entertain visitors from Upper Murray churches was held despite cancellation of visit owing to petrol restrictions. A mannequin parade and a football ballet by Ladies' and Men's fellowships were highlights.

A.C.E. IS 5

(CLOVELLY PK., S.A., A. W. Morris). The church this month commences its 5th year of All-Age Christian Education. A hot 2-course meal at nominal charge is prepared by church ladies for 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Afterwards, adults, I.C.E., I.C.E. and pre-school children have separate sessions. At 8 p.m. all meet for brief family devotions led by the minister . . . Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Kozned, Russian born, with three children, who are to serve in Manila with the Far East Broadcasting Co., broadcasting the gospel to Russia.

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Brooklyn Park. Worshipping in their new chapel the congregation found that the programme of pledging improved the fellowship. There was a 50% increase in offerings in the quarter following the programme. A significant increase to brotherhood departments is planned.

Whyalla. The minister, Dean Sander, says that the whole situation in this industrially dominated city is exciting. A mission with W. Philp commenced on Aug. 13. During July, following the Stewardship Programme conducted by E. W. Heard, offerings averaged \$125 per week, an increase of 50% over last year's average. The challenge touched many

other areas and the spiritual flow-on resulted in an increase in the number of S.S. teachers, in weekly communicants and in church membership.

Hawthorn. The Stewardship Programme led by the Director in July brought a new sense of outreach. The church was already covering all of its local needs and the Board plans to use the additional offering for outreach and brotherhood support. The goal of \$260 a week is in sight.

Flinders Park. This church also plans a big lift in brotherhood giving. With 191 members, giving has increased to \$277 a week, an increase of 61%.

The Home Missions Department continues to serve the churches in renewal through the spiritual impact of Planned Giving programmes.

SEWING BY THE 1,000

(BLACKWOOD, S.A., H. G. Norris, B. V. Coventry). The Ladies' Guild displayed over 1,000 items of sewing for Duindui. . . 40 members took part in Action for World Development . . . A revised budget was adopted at special business meeting and future development discussed.

MOYES MISSION AT ASCOT PARK

(S.A., S. R. Baker). Gordon Moyes of Vic., conducted a six-day mission here. There were four primary decisions and a married couple have indicated their intention to follow Christ. Despite petrol shortage there were representative visitors from other churches including ministers and brotherhood leaders. A feature of the evening meetings was the question and answer

time. On the Sports Evening, Keith Chessell, Sturt footballer, gave a splendid testimony. Mission preparations were guided by S. Russell Baker, who is retiring from the ministry at the end of the year . . . There have been four baptisms . . . We are indebted to Allans Ltd. for the loan of a Hammond electric organ.

LEAGUE 2,000

(S.A.). The second call to members was for the Brotherhood Centre. This proved popular and \$1,184 was received.

The April, 1972 call was for Clovelly Park church to help pay for the fine suite of buildings it has on South Road.

League members are invited to contribute to two calls a year to aid churches in their building programmes and property repayments.

WORD TALK No. 58

There are 56 significant references to Peter in the Gospels and Acts. He is always first in the lists of the disciples, the acknowledged leader of the band, a member of the "Inner Three," and the one present at the significant events in the life of Jesus. He is called by four names: Symeon (Heb.), Simon (Greek), Simon Peter (Greek) and Cephas (Aram.). We read of his father (Matt. 16: 17), mother-in-law (Matt. 8: 14), brother (Matt. 1: 29) and his wife who travelled round the churches with him (1 Cor. 9: 5).

Everyone knows his impulsiveness that Josephus said was the mark of Galileans. He leaves his nets immediately to follow Christ (Mark 1: 16-20); he tries to imitate Christ walking on the water (Matt. 14: 28); he asks the most questions and makes the greatest admission (Matt. 16: 16); he draws his sword to defend Jesus (John 18: 10); he first enters the tomb (John 20: 8); he leaps out of the boat to greet the risen Lord (John 21: 7); he is first to preach at Pentecost (Acts 2: 14); he is first to welcome the Gentiles into the faith (Acts 10: 1—11: 18). Very strong early tradition suggests he gave Mark his Gospel including the record of his personal mistakes, that he wrote 1 Peter, and that he went to Rome and died there.

One key action in the life of Peter was to follow Jesus into the High Priest's courtyard. Why did he go to this dangerous place during the examination of Jesus? Many have suggested that courageously he went to find out information in order to further protect Jesus and that his denial of having known Jesus was in fact to give him

PETER

more time to find out further information. Jesus accepted Peter and after the resurrection a special message was sent to him (Mark 16: 7). Jesus further gave him a fresh command (John 21: 15-19) and for the next 15 years Peter was the dominant leader of the church (Acts 1-12).

FOR TODAY:

The Big Fisherman must laugh today at the thought of every thirteenth Australian boy being named after him, of having a church in every second village of the world bearing his name, and at the funny array of those who have called themselves his successors.

Peter was no 007! His accent betrayed him (Matt. 26: 69-75). Before condemning Peter's failure, ask: Have I ever followed Jesus into danger? Have I ever been recognised by strangers as having been with Jesus? Does my accent on life give evidence that I belong to the company of Jesus? Does my speech indicate that I am a Christian?

Peter was a faithful missionary to the Jews in Palestine, Syria and unknown Western countries round the Mediterranean. Nothing is recorded of these activities. The world does not have to know the faithful work of followers of Christ, God alone knows and that is all that matters.

Peter, being too confident, failed Christ but Jesus understood, accepted him and challenged him afresh. Failure is no excuse for not trying afresh. Failure in any aspect of life should be followed by fresh commitment and devotion to the work. — GORDON MOYES.

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MEN AND MISSIONS

To the Editor,

In the discussion on missions and new fields, perhaps Frank Beale has come close to the real issue, "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves . . ."

There are presently four ex-missionaries, with a total of 45 years' service covering our three major fields. Surely their combined experience and insight must be an invaluable contribution to important decision making! The Federal Board, like any other human body, may make mistakes from time to time, and I can recall sharp difference with occasional Board decisions during my Medical Superintendency at Dhond Hospital, India. I am not trying to whitewash them, but they must be given credit for acting with Christian responsibility.

An area of concern, not so far mentioned, might be the various interdenominational missions which, indirectly, I believe, siphon off material resources and manpower from specifically Churches of Christ work. I hasten to add that this comment is not made as a parochial criticism of such missions, but rather to indicate another possible facet of the problem of available means to meet expanding opportunities.

I also found the report of the NSW. Conference disturbing. An extract reads, ". . . in the event of the Board believing

it ought not to proceed (in Indonesia), this Conference considers the establishment of such a witness in Indonesia." ("A.C.", 27.5.72). This implied threat could fragment and weaken our missionary endeavour.

I trust that delegates to Federal Conference will act responsibly on Frank Beale's challenge to "the brotherhood to face reality" on the question of mission strategy. — Dr. K. S. Crowley (S.A.).

R. C. Hewitt, N.S.W. Conference Secretary, comments:

For sometime there has been real concern by many members for the people of Indonesia and how best we, as Churches of Christ, could participate in the spreading of the gospel. With regard to the resolution which was passed at State Conference in May, 1972, it should be quickly established that in no way is this meant as an implied threat but rather was moved as a resolution of concern allowing for further discussions of this subject on a State level after Federal Conference and before State Conference 1973.

Since this Resolution was moved there has been some new ideas and suggestions forthcoming from the Board, which even now throws some new light on the situation. This State has always worked in close co-operation with the Federal Overseas Missions Board and its Representative Committee in N.S.W., and there is no reason why this pattern will not continue. Let us all seek the will of God in prayer for this and all matters that will arise at our Federal Conference in Perth.

THE EMBASSY

To the Editor,
Your White Paper's conclusion on "The Embassy is Closed" ("A.C." 5.8.72) was especially pertinent.

On July 30, I shared with many hundreds of others as the "Aboriginal Embassy" was re-erected on the lawns outside Parliament House in Canberra. I stood with my Aboriginal friends and other European-Australians to demonstrate against obvious injustice to Aboriginal people.

Many of us feared that there would be violence. Indeed, the rows of policemen on the other side of the road brought back memories of the other days in the last couple of weeks when there had been fierce tangles between the police and demonstrators.

More significant than the speeches, however, was the disturbing account given to a few of us privately by one of the Aboriginal leaders of the meeting which he and other leaders had with government officers: "They spoke of our breaking the Trespass on Government Lands Ordinance and we spoke of our children dying. There was no communication."

You wrote of the need for urgent, strong and resolute action by the Government towards justice for the Aboriginal people. With this I wholeheartedly agree but there also needs to be urgent, strong and resolute pressure by the voters upon their representatives in Parliament to ultimately achieve such action.

Dare we, as Christians, ignore so great an issue?—C. G. Dredge (A.C.T.).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

SERMON TASTING

To the Editor,

I always come back from holidays appreciating our minister's preaching. That's what holiday sermon-tasting does for me.

One sermon we heard was nothing more than a very ill-informed socio-political commentary with some amateur economics thrown in. It was made ridiculous by the mention of God and Christ every so often. This probably was meant to give it some authority as well.

The affluent society got quite a hammering and I wondered what the pensioners in the front seats thought of it all! A little devotion to the church and its ministers has probably conditioned them to thinking that anything must be alright if it is said by a man of God!

We were urged to take our Christianity into the world, and especially to write to our Member of Parliament. We took our Christianity into the world just after noon, but I didn't have a clue what I could have written to the Honorable Member.

I'm not against Christian comment on politics from the pulpit. The Bible is political and the gospel is good news about man's exterior as well as his interior. But I'm all for persons being experts in any field that they introduce in the pulpit. Let them talk on Communism, on the problems of alcohol, abortion and war, on unemployment and labour-management, on science, or on any other subject, provided they have taken the trouble to become expert in it. Otherwise their comments sound like the opinions picked up from unsuspecting shoppers by interviewers with wandering mikes.

Above all I want to hear persons who are experts in their own field . . . God. I want to know from them what he is doing and what he will do. I don't only want it from the Bible. I want to know how the preacher experienced God last week, and how he thinks I can experience God this week. I've got access through books and the media to experts on any subject in the world, so I don't need my minister to have the last word on everything. But I do expect him to give me a sure word about God.

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TERTIUS.

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5 p.m.: FELLOWSHIP TEA.

7 p.m.: K. CHRISTENSEN, Musical Items Baptist Youth Choir.

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AUGUST 20—"Prophecy and the Middle East Crisis."

AUGUST 27—"Dry Bones and Jewish Destiny."

WORLD VISION GIVES TO SUDAN

World Vision of Australia has launched an appeal for refugee aid in Southern Sudan. The appeal opened in Melbourne when World Vision Director, Graeme Irvine, presented a cheque for \$3,000 on behalf of Australian Christians to Dr. Ken Tracey who heads the newly-formed Committee for the Rehabilitation of Southern Sudan — C.R.O.S.S. The Australian gift follows a presentation of \$5,000 made to Dr. Tracey by the International President of World Vision, Dr. Stanley Mooneyham.

The refugee appeal coincides with the news that missionaries can return to Southern Sudan after their expulsion eight years ago. However, Sudan leaders insist that traditional missionary work is still not permitted. Missionaries are welcome to share in emergency aid and rehabilitation programmes.

Your man on the spot

Dr. Ken Tracey, also medical secretary for Sudan Interior Mission, was recently

sent to Khartoum on behalf of a number of missions to assess government interest in a missionary aid programme.

Dr. Tracey, who is a New Zealander, went to the northern capital with considerable experience in relief work. He had set up a relief and rehabilitation programme in Nigeria after the Biafra crisis. This received high commendation from the Nigerian authorities.

World Vision of Australia shared in the Nigerian project by sending over \$12,000 to Dr. Tracey with a request that it be put to work on behalf of Australian Christians.

With this background, Dr. Tracey was able to speak in Khartoum with all government ministers. These leaders were impressed with his proposals. Mr. Sayed Peter Gatkouth, Director General of Relief, said Dr. Tracey's programme for aid and rehabilitation was the most practical he had received. He was told to begin operations.

TEACHERS' DEDICATION

(ALD GATE VALLEY, S.A., H. E. Padwick). Gerald Rose conducted teachers' service and spoke to children on S.S. anniversary day . . . Mrs. E. Oinn is C.W.E.F. Pres., Mrs. R. Knight, Vice-Pres. and pianiste, and Mrs. D. Porteous is Sec-Treas. . . . Recent speakers have been Brian Matthews of Maylands, for Overseas Missions; Mr. Lucas of Bible Society, and Jim Stanley of Prisoners' Aid . . . Mission to Lepers boxholders raised \$30 . . . Lynette Hoyle is B.S. Sec.-Treas.

MISSIONS NIGHT

(WILLIAMSTOWN - GAWLER - KERSBROOK, S.A., R. V. Chamberlain). Gawler J.C.E. presented items when R. S. A. McLean, Federal Overseas Missions secretary, presented an audio-visual on New Guinea and the New Hebrides . . . Teen Meet held "Revolution Special" in Gawler Institute with visiting Gospel Singing groups . . . A family luncheon preceded Williamstown annual meeting. C. Smith was elected secretary, Mrs. F. Coleman is C.W.F. Pres. A lady was recently baptized at Williamstown . . . C.W.F. groups have sent parcels of clothing to Norseman and Carnarvon.

KEITH PRICE DIES

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). The sudden death of Keith Price, our beloved elder and church treasurer, was a shock to church members . . . The church were hosts to Half-yearly Convention, the best attended for many years. Jim Bridson, church secretary, was Convention organiser. Mrs. Hunting planned the catering . . . At camp reunion, a presentation was made to Mrs. Birch who was cook at the Easter Camps at Hall's Gap . . . Black Hole Coffee Shop is meeting the needs of outside young people and faithful witnessing is carried out . . . At C.E., Jack Price spoke on requirements of an elder and Mrs. Burnham on the work of a deaconess.

2nd MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). Visiting missionaries were Miss Ngaire Fraser (Carnarvon); Colin Lewis (of Overseas Missions Committee); Frank Richards (Work Team leader, New Guinea); Jim Sterry (Asian Pacific Christian Mission); Maurice Maynard (of Oriental Missionary Society) . . . Proceeds from missionary pledges were divided between Churches of Christ Overseas Missions, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and Sudan Interior Mission . . . Our Y.P. attended camp reunion at Ballarat . . . There have been three decisions.

TWENTY CHESTS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Twenty tea chests from Vic. C.W.F.'s for Aborigine Clothing Appeal were packed at Box Hill . . . The captain, Ross Barker, was judged best and fairest junior footballer. Most consistent player was Daryl Marchant . . . Senior Good Companions gained four firsts and three thirds in Eastern Zone Arts & Crafts Festival . . . Senior Explorers held bike-hike to Yellingbo . . . Explorers and Good Companions held camps at Monbulk and Hall's Gap . . . B Grade footballers were premiers . . . Mrs. Merle Marchant is recovering after surgery.

APPOINTMENT TO CHADSTONE

(Vic.). The Chadstone church and the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. announce that K. A. Caulton has accepted an invitation to minister at Chadstone from February, 1973.

WORLD PRESIDENT IN S.A.

On his way to attend the Federal Conference in Perth as guest speaker, Dr. J. Daniel Joyce will speak at a combined Sunday evening meeting in Grote St. church. All suburban churches will be asked to share in this service on Oct. 8.

N.S.W. HOUSE & HOSTEL

In the Social Service Issue of "The Australian Christian" for July 22, it was incorrectly stated that the Social Service Department "maintains Dunmore House at Pendle Hill, and a Young Men's Hostel at Marrickville." These ministries for boys and young men are in fact operated by the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Boys' Home and Young Men's Hostel Committee.

NEW SCHOLARS

(SUNSHINE, Vic., G. Bradley). A special visitation campaign in the Housing Commission area of West Sunshine resulted in over 100 new scholars in the S.S. and caused us to hire a bus for transport. . . . There was a baptismal service on July 23 . . . The audio-visual, "Genesis Today" was screened recently, and the work of W.E.C. in Central India was featured . . . Two boxes of cot blankets, manchester, etc., have been sent in response to the appeal by the Aborigines Mission for clothing.

LAY WITNESS MISSION

(ECHUCA, Vic., B. Brown). Following the Lay Witness Mission in July "Share and Prayer" groups are now meeting in several homes. There were several re-dedications . . . Four teenage girls were baptized recently . . . The church is in prayer for a new pastor for 1973.

CLOTHING SERVICE

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., I. Adams). A carton of baby singlets has been sent to Dorcas Society by the Mission Band, also clothing has been sent to Norseman . . . Ian Street and Jeff Holland are helping in youth leadership . . . A Young Mariners' Group has been formed . . . B.S. seniors conducted evening service on Aug. 6 . . . Ladies' Aid conducted a jumble sale . . . Elderly and shut-in folk have monthly meeting at home of Mrs. Burkinshaw at Carisbrook . . . Mrs. Bryant is in hospital.

BALWYN (Vic.) CHURCH OF CHRIST

50th

Anniversary Services

Sunday, October 1, 1972

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ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE FOURTH CONGRESS The people with the money — State and Federal Governments, and industry — have not given much support to the 4th International Congress on Human Relations in Melbourne. Public interest is not very evident either. Yet, there are experts gathered together from many nations and from many fields of science and administration, and we would do well to hear what they have to say about our world.

The first day speakers were not wholly pessimistic. The note of instant doom was not there, but there was no great optimism, either. No one suggested that the threats of over-population, environmental pollution, and the Third World's poverty had been imagined, had been overcome, or would go away without some massive and concerted response by mankind. It was suggested, however, that man's march to self-destruction could be reversed, "if man has the will." And that is enough to arouse pessimism. Man does not appear to have even enough interest in the destiny of his small planet, let alone the will to make the sacrifices necessary to stop it.

Coming so soon after the Stockholm conference, there was nothing new in the opening sessions. There doesn't have to be something new. The things that were said so well about the dangers to the quality of life and the threats of man's survival need to be heard. After all, there is nothing new in the gospel, but we preach it every week. Most of what we hear today about the earth is bad news, but if man has ears to hear and the will to seek, there could even be good news about man's future.

If some of us were dispirited after hearing the gifted and concerned speakers, it was not so much because of the state of the world, which is bad enough, but because of the state of man, which is worse. His problems are not only physical, they are spiritual as well, and we won't mend man's world, or man himself, without the help of the God who made both.

GOOD GRIEF! A rabbit drive sponsored by the U.S.A. Montevue Latter Day Saints Church (Mormon) was attended by 300 participants who were asked to furnish their own clubs. Snowmobiles helped to drive the furry little creatures into a circle. Then came the clubs. After the slaughter, it was killing time. "I got 30, how many did you get?" The Christian Century commented, "A good drive nets \$600. Dead and dying rabbits are left in the snow to freeze; later the carcasses are sold for mink food for 12c each. We hope the Mormons made their budget. At any rate, they did their part in helping to transmit to yet another generation something of the killer spirit at its worst."!!

MURAL COMPLETED

(BLACKBURN, Vic., E. W. Raffey). Betty and Ray Drayton have completed a ceramic mural to build into Ulverstone's new chapel . . . 32 held C.Y.F. study camp at Monbulk . . . Mrs. Wilkie Thomson held Exhibition of China Painting at Australfora Nursery, Montrose, with collection for Aborigines' Mission . . . Recent speakers have been F. R. Levitt and M. D. Brewer, B. & F.B.S.; Terry Lane on Action for World Development; Mrs. Strack (at C.W.F.); T. Broderick, Leprosy Mission; A. W. Morris, of S.A.; Mr. Preston of Lifeline (at C.M.F.) and W. Tabbernee . . . Babirra Players presented Gilbert & Sullivan's "Patience."

with proceeds shared by C.W.F. projects and B. & F.B.S. . . . C.W.A.F. entertained Deaf and Dumb folk to drive and afternoon tea.

TO CLOSE MINISTRY

(THOMSON, Vic., K. Caulton). The church has received the resignation of Mr. Caulton as at the end of a two-year term as part-time minister . . . Lindsay Chapman of Hampton was speaker at S.S. anniversary. Music was conducted by Ron Grazules, Geelong's Y.F.C. choirmaster, D. Simper was pianist and L. Small, trumpeter . . . Led by Dawn Watts, the Good Companions held a stall for their project to help furnish a 3-bed hospital ward.

DEATH OF DAVID VERCO

(N.S.W.) D. J. A. Verco died suddenly at his home on July 18, at the age of 58.

Until early this year he was Director General of Education in N.S.W., but after a series of heart attacks he was forced to an early retirement. He still served on a number of important educational committees.

A former President of the N.S.W. State Conference, he was active in many brotherhood departments and at the North Turramurra church he was elder and chairman of the board of officers. He was also church organist and leader of the Adult Bible Class. He had served in similar capacities at the Chatswood church.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and his children, Jim, Geoff, Margaret and Libby.

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99TH

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1-3 Youth Group Exchange (Country to City)
2 Annual Sports Day.
8-10 Men's Work Camp at "Camp Gal."
29 Harlaxton Missionary Convention.

WEST AUSTRALIA

SEPTEMBER:
19 Women's Day of Intercession.

11th Day 11th Month 7

Vic. & Tas.

BERWICK'S FINAL SERVICE

(Vic.) The final services in the historic old chapel in High St. will be held on Oct. 22. The new chapel in Lyall Road is nearing completion. Past members and friends are invited. See advertisement this issue. . . . The building fund continues to grow—first \$1,000 has almost been reached.

NURSING HOME BENEFIT

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). The Churches of Christ Nursing Home will benefit from the proceeds of the Mannequin Parade sponsored by the Good Companions who are sharing with others in furnishing a 3-bed ward. The Good Companions gained second place in the choral section of the Blackburn Youth Festival. Conductor was Mrs. Doreen West.

MINISTER IN HOSPITAL

(LATROBE TCE., Geelong, Vic., R. V. Amos). Mr. Amos has been in hospital but is making a speedy recovery. Speakers in his absence have been R. A. Banks, J. Small, Dr. R. Williams, J. Kennedy and D. A. V. Thomas who spoke at morning broadcast service over 3GL. . . . Church members are giving commendable community service in providing transport for blind folk who attend the Craft Centre conducted by the Vic. Institute for the Blind in our hall. . . . Over 50 girls attend the Girls' Brigade, led by Mrs. D. Drayton. . . . Over \$100 has been raised by Mission Band for Indian radio project.

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FIVE FEATURES

(GLEN WAVERLEY, Vic., R. B. Elbourne). Visiting speakers at "Features at Five" series have been R. W. Lawton, G. R. Stirling, J. Henley, K. D. Horne, A. Rowe and D. W. G. Holmes. . . . M. J. Savage, Conf. Pres., was recent speaker.

On the initiative of the church, the council has agreed to sponsor community education and dialogue on environmental protection. Representatives of East Burwood, Chadstone, and Glen Waverley churches met to discuss possible co-operative work. . . . The "Midgets" (Boys' Explorers) were successful at Southern Region indoor sports.

PATIENTS ENTERTAINED

(WARRACKNABEAL, Vic., Miss N. Hall). Mrs. Nevell held devotions when the ladies entertained elderly patients from the hospital. Mrs. Pollard was pianist and Miss Hall showed films. One of the patients sang a solo. . . . At a club parade, led by J. Harmer, Miss Hall screened slides. . . . J. Merriweather and young people from Horsham shared in a family worship tea. . . . Ladies attended an afternoon at the Lutheran church. . . . A car load went to Horsham for C.W.F. Conference where Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Morgan were speakers. . . . J. Rogers has recovered and doing secretarial work again.

QUEEN'S BADGES

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). When 350 boys attended Boys' Brigade meeting in our hall, conducted by Max Gray and Mr. McArthur, Vince Staggard and Robert Deans were presented with Queen's Badges. Others received Penta-Pac awards. A New Guinea film was screened. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Porter and three children were farewelled on returning to England. . . . At G.B. church parade Mrs. Batchelor outlined G.B. activities. Mrs. Eagles of W.E.C. gave the address.

DON THOMAS FOR MORWELL

(Vic., D. Stewart). Don Thomas has accepted an invitation to minister here in 1973 and recently shared in a planning session to programme the year. . . . There were two decisions when the C.Y.F. led the service on Aug. 6. . . . The theme for the S.S. anniversary was "Update to Christ." There were two morning baptisms on Aug. 20.

PATCH FAREWELL

(Vic., E. L. Williams). On Aug. 13, the congregation farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Tabberne and family who left for the U.S.A. There was a barbecue and afterwards a cheque was presented. Principal Williams will conduct a ministry until the end of the year. . . . The S.S. has increased in numbers and a youth club has been commenced. . . . The C.W.F. continues to assist in the Belgrave Opportunity Shop.

BIG RED AIDS MISSION

(KNOXFIELD, Vic., D. W. Nancarrow). Explorers screened "Big Red" at a film night and raised \$36 for their mission dormitory project. . . . 13 attended Action for World Development groups. . . . Robert Kennedy (Intermediate Dept.) and Mrs. Helen Tribe (Kinder Dept.) have been added to church school team. . . . Mrs. Barbara Hanley has returned to the Junior Dept. . . . Youth 1 group held a dog show.

FOOTBALL ACCIDENT

(RED HILL, Vic., P. Richter). Graeme Holmes is in hospital following a football accident. . . . W. L. Johnson did not seek re-election at annual meeting. All retiring deacons re-elected. Mrs. F. Littlejohn is deaconess, T. Smith sec., B. Prossor, treas., and S. Prossor is Board Chairman. . . . Stewart Clark of Gideons International, was a recent speaker.

OBITUARY

DEMPSSTER, Mrs. May

With the death of Mrs. May Dempster on July 3, aged 92, the church at Croydon, S.A., suffered the loss of one of the few remaining foundation members. Mrs. Dempster spent her early Christian life at Glenelg where she was baptized but soon transferred to Croydon where she became a member 61 years ago. For many years she represented Croydon at the monthly meetings of the S.A. Women's Conference and assisted on the Conference Catering Committee. Until sickness compelled her to relinquish her home she regularly attended services and meetings of the church at Croydon. Often in need of medical attention in her declining years she moved from one hospital to another but her faith never wavered. To her great joy she was able to spend the last months of her life in the lovely surroundings and Christian environment of our Rest Home at St. George's. Sympathy is expressed to her only son, Reg, her daughter-in-law and grandchildren; her only remaining sister and other relatives and friends. Services were conducted at the funeral parlour and at the graveside by the writer.—W.N.B.

GARRETT, Mrs. Juno Elizabeth

The church at Belrose-Nth. Balgowlah, N.S.W., was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Juno Elizabeth Garrett on July 10. Although she had suffered serious illness for over twelve months, the call came unexpectedly. The chapel was filled with friends and sympathisers when the service was conducted by D. O. Noring after which her body was laid to rest at the French's Forest Cemetery. Prior to her marriage to David Robert Garrett, Juno, together with her brothers (Reg and Hilton Moses) and sister (Mrs. Joyce Hall) was a member of the Burwood church and the B.S. there. Juno and her husband were active members of the City Temple Y.P.C.E. (now defunct) which was one of the finest of our young people's gatherings. After her marriage they settled at Forestville and have been very loyal to the church at Belrose. Her going has saddened all hearts very much. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her loving husband and their children, Jennifer, Robert, Susan and Pamela as well as her father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. J. Moses) of Concord and their family, all of whom we commend to our loving heavenly Father.—C.T.G.

GORLER, Ruby Adelaide

Mrs. Gorler, a quiet unassuming type of person whose "right hand seldom knew what the left was doing," died peacefully at her home in Clonard Avenue, Elsternwick, Vic., on July 16, 1972. As a young girl, she was baptized at the Gardenvale Church of Christ on July 31, 1932, and since then had devoted her life in Christian service and has been very loyal to the church at Belrose. Her going has saddened all hearts very much. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her loving husband and their children, Jennifer, Robert, Susan and Pamela as well as her father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. J. Moses) of Concord and their family, all of whom we commend to our loving heavenly Father.—C.T.G.

MERCER, Vera Silvester

Vera Silvester Mercer died at St. Anna's Hospital, Mount Lawley, W.A., on July 2, 1972, after a long illness. Throughout her life she was closely associated with church work, carrying on the pioneering tradition of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Burt, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Silvester, who were pioneers of our churches in Bendigo, Broken Hill and Coolgardie. Born in Coolgardie in 1905, Vera, aged six years, with her two younger sisters, was orphaned and

FORDHAM, W. A., M.B.E., J.P.

In his 81st year, Albert Fordham died on July 2. For some weeks he had been in the W. H. Clay Nursing Home receiving intensive care; he had not been in good health since the passing of his wife some eighteen months earlier. The packed service at the Camberwell (Vic.) church was a fitting tribute to the high esteem in which he was held in the community. In the brotherhood, and in the Camberwell church itself, his long life was generously given to the service of his fellow men and to his Master. For 38 years he served as a Councillor of the City of Camberwell; he retired as recently as 1963. On three occasions he was elected Mayor—1944-45, 1956-57, and 1968-69. For 24 years he represented the Council as a Commissioner of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works; he was sometime Chairman of the council's Parks and Gardens Committee. A park in Camberwell is named in honour of Albert and his son, Wallace (a present member of the Council). He also gave considerable support and leadership to local sporting bodies; he was chiefly responsible for the founding of the Willison Bowling Club; he gave much practical support to the Camberwell V.F.A. Football Club and to the Camberwell Cricket Club. On his retirement from the Council he was presented with an Address under Council seal; one sentence read, "You carried out your public duties with dignity and purpose which has rightly earned the respect and admiration of us all." In 1963, he

was awarded the decoration, Member of the British Empire, as recognition for his service to the public.

He was associated with many brotherhood projects, especially in the sporting and building spheres. For many years he led in the Churches of Christ Cricket Association. The "Fordham-Hyde" Trophy presented to the winning team of the Vic.-S.A. matches is tangible evidence of his invaluable work. He also helped to inaugurate the Churches of Christ Tennis Association. Many will remember the zealous way in which he gave practical assistance to the building of new churches.

The Camberwell church is deeply conscious of the loss it has sustained. He served most faithfully as a youth leader, church secretary, deacon, and for many years as elder. He loved his church as he loved his Lord; he was a most regular attender at the Lord's Table. He moved to Camberwell from North Melbourne soon after his marriage and his service with Camberwell lasted for more than 50 years. He was one of its first members. Physically he was not a big man but in terms of service, integrity and care for people he was a giant. We offer our warmest Christian sympathies to his two sons, Wallace and Campbell, and their families. Albert Fordham was the eldest brother of Mrs. Williams (Coburg), Mrs. Glencle (Tootgarack), Mrs. Mason (Tootgarack), Mrs. Bruce (Sunshine), Stan, Ferdinand (Caulfield) and William Ferdinand (Tootgarack).—R.V.L.

shortly afterwards the Silvester family moved to Perth where the family attended the Lake Street church. She was baptized in her early teens during the ministry of Will Evers. When a S.S. was commenced in 1920 in the new district of Inglewood in the home of Mrs. A. Sharp, Vera assisted and was present at the first Communion service of the Inglewood church. Prior to her marriage to Les, Mercer in 1932, she worked in our Home Missions Department and Bookshop and sometimes used to recall the days of the depression when there was no money available to pay her meagre salary. For many years she served as church and S.S. organist, club leader and teacher. She was the last foundation member who had been in continuous membership since the inception. She leaves a widow, Les, son and daughter-in-law, John and Claire, two grandchildren and two sisters, Jean (Mrs. Geary) and Eva Burt.—E.B.

fully open. Mr. Smith had a great love for the Word of God and a conviction in the power of prayer. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, his daughter, Kathleen, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The funeral service was conducted by D. Kemick and A. A. Avery.—D.K.

TROTTER, Harold Lesly

The death of Harold Trotter, as the result of an accident, has saddened the church at North Fitzroy, Vic. He was a beloved and respected elder of the church and his association with our fellowship extended over 70 years, beginning as a scholar in the B.S. As a young man he accepted Christ and came into membership. He was a leader and instructor in gymnastics in the church and community. In 1922 he married Grace Hildebrand and established a Christian home that was open to all. He sang in the choir and he and his wife were members of Churches of Christ Choral Society. For 25 years he was on the church board, 15 years as deacon, and 20 years as elder. He was also church treasurer. He also served the B.S. To all these positions he brought a sense of humility, loyalty and faithfulness. He loved to serve his Lord and to take his part in the worship services, as he had done on the day of the accident. His life was a witness and a challenge to all. A large congregation from church and community gathered to pay tribute at the service conducted by J. Seaton and P. Foster. Our sympathy is extended to his two sons, Leo and Graham, and their families.—V.J.F.

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NELSEN-TAYLOR—To Nancy and Alan, on August 17, 1972, at Box Hill, Vic., a daughter—Joanne Carol. A little sister for Karen.

ENGAGEMENTS

CAUDWELL-ANDERSEN—Mr. and Mrs. L. Caudwell, 9 George St., Highett, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Robyn, their elder daughter, to Roy, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Andersen, Mount Waverley, Vic.

HIGGINS-GIDDINGS—Raynour Higgins, formerly of Loxton, now 19 Maple Avenue, Klemzig, S.A., and Bruce Giddings, of Greenacres, S.A., have announced their engagement.

MARRIAGE

LACY-BURGUN—The marriage of Judith Dawn, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Burgun, Mt. Waverley, Vic., to Trevor Keith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lacy, Bendigo, was celebrated in Ashburton Church of Christ on August 19, 1972. Mr. C. Watson and Mr. M. Keatch officiating.

DEATHS

BOAKE, Florence—On July 30, passed away peacefully at Colac Hospital, Vic. A tribute to the loving memory of our dear Sister in Christ from members of Colac Christian Women's Fellowship. — Flo, Joyce, Betty, Norma. "In God's care."

RICHARDSON—At Rosehill Private Hospital on Aug. 13, Ernest Henry, of 12 Beths St., Benteleigh, Vic. Aged 87 years. Loving husband of Edith Elizabeth for 64 years. "With his Lord which is far better." Late of Shepparton, Hampton and Brighton.

RICHARDSON, Ernest Henry—On Aug. 13, loving father of Vera (Mrs. Stan. Crilly, 12 Beths St., Benteleigh, Vic.), Eileen (Mrs. Bob Carrie, Brisbane), Clifford (Rick.) and Tony (Rockhampton); loved father-in-law of Stan, Bob, Tuppy and Dec. Beloved Pop of Brian, Dawn (Mrs. G. Wright), Daryle (dec.), Bruce and Sue, John and Grant. Treasured Pa of great-grandchildren, Darren, Warren and Trina Wright. "At home with the Lord he so dearly loved."

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MARRIAGES

• Helen Condo to James Graham, Chatswood, N.S.W. • Margaret Clarke to Clynth Robinson, Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, W.A. • Barbara Lear to Paul Maddern, Grate St., S.A. • Jan Purdie to Craig Middleton, Wallsworth, S.A. • Annetto Bruce to Robert Dwyer, Sunshine, Vic. • Helen Walker to Colin Wallace, Maryborough, Vic. • Lesley Young to Robert Lindsay, Magill, S.A.

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PETITION TO M.P.'s

(PERTH CITY, W.A., R. A. Ryall). Following sharing in Action for World Development studies, members have signed a petition for increased overseas aid and forwarded it to Federal Members of Parliament . . . The Overseas Christian Fellowship conducted a service on July 23, with T. Lui as speaker. Riverton Baptist Trio sang . . . Returning from a working holiday at Carnarvon, B. Wyatt pointed out the ease with which Christianity can be built upon Aboriginal culture . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Geary and Miss Burt in the passing of their sister . . . Dr. D. Bridge serves the tertiary students for I.V.F. . . . Miss A. Watts has left for Aboriginal work at Yvendune, S.A. . . . In S.S. Quiz, H. Ryall and D. Lamont tied with two Maylands boys.

B.S. BRUSHES & COMBS

(TEMPE, N.S.W., R. Drown, G. Deuble). So far \$20 has been given by scholars for the B.S. target of 100 brush and comb sets for Aborigines Missions. . . . Kevin Crawford, H.M. Director, showed slides and spoke of church growth in the State . . . Mrs. Mackenzie of Beverley Hills was speaker at second evening meeting of C.W.F.

YOUTH CRUSADE

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). Mike and Sandee Sampson conducted a Christ in Youth Crusade, Aug. 16 to 20. Four responded to the appeal. There have been two baptisms. Mike and Sandee Sampson are associated with Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and made a tremendous contribution to the life of the Hornsby church.

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EASTERN WHEATBELT

(W.A.). The Eastern Wheatbelt Conference comprises the churches at Corrigin, Bruce Rock, Merredin, Mukinbudin and Narembeen. Their August Conference was presided over by D. A. Goad, of Bruce Rock-Merredin. T. Banks, State Conf. Pres., gave the sermon. Geo. Smith spoke of his overseas drug study and also preached. The Departmental feature was presented by Dr. G. Hall on Overseas Missions. The Conference Living Link is serving in New Guinea. A Johnston, minister at Mukinbudin, is new Pres.; B. Sprigg is sec., and T. Seaby, treas.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

The President, Mrs. D. R. Manning presided over 71 ladies at the August Auxiliary meeting. Mrs. W. Cooper, who was Conference President, 1956, led the morning meditation. Her selected Fruit of the Spirit was "Patience." The message in song was brought by Mrs. R. Johnston. Mrs. G. A. Ewers led in prayer of intercession.

The guest speaker was George Smith, Director, Christian Welfare Centre. During the 12 years that the Christian Welfare Centre has been functioning in W.A. over 50,000 people have been assisted through

counselling and practical help. They have all been introduced to a new way of life through Christ and accepted as potential children of God.

The Mother and Daughter evening was well supported by over 100. The messages in song and personal testimonies by mothers and daughters were most stimulating, and the presentation of the Fruit of the Spirit — Is this your Pattern? reminded us of the daily challenge of making the Fruit of the Spirit known to all with whom we have contact.

—Dora Gordon, Secretary.

CAMP REBUILDING

(TOWNSVILLE, Qld., A. Weedon). Architects' plans for rebuilding Magnetic Island camp are in hand and rebuilding will soon commence . . . C.W.F. held meeting with other churches and used the programme "Patterns for Living" from handbook . . . Recent speakers have been Pam Weston, W.B.T.; Harry Walmsley, Leprosy Mission; Alan King, W.E.C., Venezuela; Lynton Lewis, B.M.M.F., Afghanistan; and Don. Stretton, O.A.C. . . . Beris Gwynne has gone to the Philippines to study. Arthur and Roslyn Sellers have transferred to Pine Islet . . . A young married woman has been baptized and three others welcomed into fellowship.

THANKSGIVING

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). The church joins with the brotherhood in giving thanks for the life of D. J. A. Verco, a member here before transferring to the new cause at Nih. Turramurra . . . Peter Todd was baptized on Aug. 20 . . . Our duettists, Judy Pross and Diane Hicks, sang recently at Paddington church . . . Dr. Des. Crowley is in England on six months' sabbatical leave doing research work in Adult Education . . . At the last "Meet the Mayor" session, young people heard a Fire Brigade representative.

BORROWED CHURCH

(SCARBOROUGH, W.A., K. J. Duffy). Working bees continue on the church building additions. We are grateful to the Wembley Downs church for the use of their building for a.m. and p.m. Sunday services, whilst our own is unusable. The nansie and church homes have been opened for S.S., all young people's activities, prayer meetings, C.W.F., etc. . . . D. Davey, A. Walkington and G. Smith preached recently during illness of minister . . . There have been three further decisions.

TEAM FROM WOOLWICH

(WAGGA WAGGA, N.S.W., P. French). Woolwich College team visited church on Aug. 13 and assisted with C.Y.F. on Saturday . . . H. Renison has been appointed Director of Christian Educ. All-Age Christian Education will commence in October. A representative committee will effect arrangements . . . Mr. French is conducting a training course for leaders.

ADDITIONS IN THE WEST

(FREMANTLE-HAMILTON HILL, H. R. Fitch). A lady was baptized on Aug. 6 and a young man confessed Christ on 20th. . . . Gloria Ross was farewelled on leaving to work in Canberra.

REPAIRS COMPLETED

(INVERELL, N.S.W., R. Craig). While extensive repairs to the chapel were being completed, services were held in the S.S. hall . . . August evening services were at 5 p.m. . . . Mrs. R. Wakely, C.W.F. State President, met with the women on Aug. 16, including visitors from other churches. . . . C.W.F. have decided to employ a cleaner for the chapel with church members subscribing 20c weekly for expenses. . . . Mrs. Bulmer is recovering after major surgery.

BUNBURY IS 70

(W.A., G. B. Carslake). H. R. Fitch was guest speaker at four days of special meetings to celebrate the church's 70 years of witness. The thank offering of \$766 was the highest in the church's history. The new renovations are much appreciated. Folk singers, Jim and Kaye Malcolm, were featured guests and screened a film of their visit to Vietnam . . . Half-day Christian education seminars have been successful in both high schools. These are held each term instead of the weekly session . . . Recent speakers were Reg. Sack and A. L. Walkington.

REVIEWS

THE BLACK AND WHITE BOOK

By Sydney Cook & Garth Lean. (Blandford Press).

The book is sub-titled a Handbook of Revolution and is dedicated to changing society by changing individuals. It makes no apology for presenting the strategies of Moral Rearmament and in fact gives a list of the names of persons who can be contacted at a London address for follow-up guidance.

The book's 72 small pages do not permit a very long look at any of the many topics, drugs, porn, sex, money, power, student power, etc., and it doesn't pretend to analyse their significance in society. But it does make the point again and again that it is the individual who is important. He is the problem and he is the solution. He can be changed, with God's help (The few occasions where Christ is mentioned, it is respect to the quality of life, rather than from the standpoint of evangelism). Absolute honesty, love, purity and unselfishness are the moral and spiritual standards that need to be applied on a national and international scale, but first, the individual.

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK '72

By Facius, Noer and Stage. (White Book Publications). 60c.

The book was first published in 1970 in Denmark by three men who had been fighting pornography ever since it was unleashed in their country in 1969. It was announced as the Christian answer to The Little Red School Book. Its purpose needs to be seen as a reaction against growing permissiveness in almost every social area. In Denmark, censorship laws covering literature were abolished in 1967. Labor politicians who advocate the abandonment of censorship in Australia, would do well to note what followed. The precedent established with printed matter, opened the way to pornographic pictures. The Little White Book shows the fallacy of the theory that pornography will die out in a completely free society. From books and pictures the people wanted to see porn in action on films—all censorship on films was removed. The next step was to "live shows" with "the real thing done in front of them by living human beings on a stage." The authors also claim that figures indicating that sex crimes have decreased in Denmark since the unleashing of pornography are valueless and misleading. Some kinds of freedom are very costly. Venereal disease is increasing frighteningly. In 1970 France had 150,000 V.D. cases, and Japan had 2.5 million.

Although a large section of the small book deals with sex, the first part is a plea to young people to ensure that they are not being exploited by the many forces operating today. The tone of the book is conservative and evangelical.

THOMAS MAGAREY, 1825-1902

By H. R. Taylor, E.D., B.A. (in duplicated form).

After his mother died in 1831, and his father in 1835, Thomas Magarey and an elder brother, James, suffered grave injustice from their uncle, George Ashley, their mother's brother, an executor of the estate. His father had wanted Thomas to prepare for the ministry, but his uncle allowed him neither time nor opportunity for education. When Thomas was sixteen years old the brothers immigrated to N.Z.

James was accompanied by his wife and children, Elizabeth and William. Mrs. Magarey had long suffered from tuberculosis, and almost immediately after landing passed away.

A start was made to build a house, with a store attached. Thomas Magarey was baptized by Thomas Jackson on March 19, 1845. Adversity struck. House and store were burned down. Setting up as a carrier led Thomas into a serious accident. The fractious horse turned the cart over and a wheel passed over young Magarey's head. As a result, for the rest of his life he suffered from severe headaches which became worse as he grew older.

The untimely and tragic death of his brother James was a sad experience for Thomas. Although the younger, Thomas was recognised as the leader. He helped his brother in many ways, especially in financing his various undertakings. One of these was breeding horses. James left Adelaide on a sailing ship with three horses for sale in Victoria. In a heavy storm the little vessel was flung on a reef and 85 passengers and crew perished.

Magarey's interest in public questions led him into a partnership of two newspapers and election to the Legislative Council. Once these issues had been resolved he severed his connections with politics.

Magarey's religious views changed as he advanced in years. In his memoirs the names of Plymouth Brethren occur and they influenced him greatly. "Baptismal Regeneration" seems to have been the main point of issue between the "Disciples" and the "Brethren" but the real cause was misunderstanding, for this doctrine was never held by Churches of Christ.

While we must be saddened by the rift which increasingly widened between the groups, we must equally thank God for this man's faith, generosity, endurance and strong Christian character.—J.E.B.

HEADING FOR THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE

By Chuck Sauer, (Perspective Series No. 1).

If worship means anything, it must make a difference to the way we live — every day. This book makes the point by way of a well-written story of 12 hours in the life of Jim. The episodes interspersed with mini-sermons. Jim has trouble getting out of bed to go to church, the morning after a heavy date with Karen. Karen gives him the brush-off. Church is a snack in the eye. There's a long session with the pastor and, finally, Karen again. The story would stand alone well. The mini-sermon says some good stuff, but it's preachy and uses all the jargon.

The point about taking our faith seriously needs to be sounded.—R.W.L.

THE "JESUS FAMILY" IN COMMUNIST CHINA

By Dr. D. Vaughan Rees. (Paternoster Press). \$1.20.

Dr. Rees was at a China Inland Mission Hospital in 1948 when it was forced to close. He was invited to visit the Ye-Su Chia-ting, the Home or Family of Jesus, at MaChuang in Shan-tung province. The doors of China closed and he had to spend two years there. This is his record of the faith and bravery of the Jesus Family, and the way an indigenous church is surviving the cruelty and oppression of the Chinese communists.

ACTIVE SERVICE

By Godfrey Robinson and Stephen Winward. (Lakeland). \$1.25.

This is a revision of an earlier book and gives practical suggestions for church work. There are some basic statements about discipleship and then ways in which the disciple gets busy in working and witnessing. Among the topics discussed are: planning meetings, general and special reading, teaching, visiting, and there are several chapters on public speaking. This is a useful beginner's book.

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FAMILY FAREWELLED

(HURSTBRIDGE, Vic., G. Wake). Gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. N. Webb and children as church and S.S. farewelled them on leaving for Yednia, Qld. . . . Miss Eileen McAfee is new S.S. Supt. . . . Mission Project Target this year is \$500. . . . Church has been saddened by the death of Leonard Wallace Roberts and sympathy is extended to his family. . . . Every home to be visited in Hurstbridge district in plan almost complete. . . . 5.30 p.m. evening services will continue for August.

QUADRIPLEGIC AT BIRTHDAY

(THORNBURY, Vic., G. J. Crossman). At C.W.A.F. birthday function, Geoff. Bell, a quadriplegic, gave insights into needs of paraplegics and quadriplegics. . . . C.W.E.F. is sponsoring a 9-year-old Vietnamese boy through World Vision and will correspond with him. . . . 50 men attended monthly combined C.M.F. with Croxton Methodists, to hear Miss Dawn Martin speak of Christian Service Centre at Box Hill. . . . Church weekly news has a circulation of 420, contacting many homes on the fringe of church life. . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Elsie Brown.

SWAN HILL BAPTISMS

(Vic., R. E. Pritchard). Four girls were baptized on Aug. 6. . . . Youth Fellowship is redecorating interior of Kindergarten Hall as winter project. . . . C.W.F. accepted the challenge of C.M.F. to debate Women's Liberation. . . . A mini-mission with Barry McMurtrie (York St., Ballarat) will be held in September.

WAVERLEY HOUSE CHURCH

(CHADSTONE, Vic., B. J. Jenkins). Churches of Christ in the city of Waverley will join in a House Church series of meetings in Spring, to conclude with a united service. . . . "Space Race Spectacular" was title for S.S. Space Race break-up. Programme included packing 50 Viet Kits for World Vision. . . . Echuca church were hosts to some of our young people, Aug. 25-27. . . . Mrs. McArdle is making good progress after surgery.

ORGAN FOR BRIAR HILL

(Vic., R. Baxter). The church has purchased an electronic organ from Nth. Balwyn church and are grateful for the latter's generosity. . . . Following Girls' Sunday display of choral and art and craft work by Good Companions, Junior and Senior clubs gained first places in these sections of the Nthn. Zone Festival competitions. . . . Two tennis teams and the girls' basketball team won their first premierships. . . . Six leaders and 35 members shared in Action for World Development. . . . Malcolm Symonds has been elected elder.

B.S. TABLEAU

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Intermediates, led by Helbe Saarelahti and Peter Cuss, presented a church tableau on "God's Promise to Abraham" on July 23. . . . Outreach Singers were guests at August youth service. . . . Mrs. F. Morgan, C.W.F. Pres., was speaker at C.W.A.F. birthday. The Harmonies gave items. . . . C.W.F. provided programme and afternoon tea for guests at Enimaus Rest Home. . . . C.Y.F. had day trip to Mt. Baw Baw. . . . H.M. Chain of Prayer was observed, Aug. 6-13.

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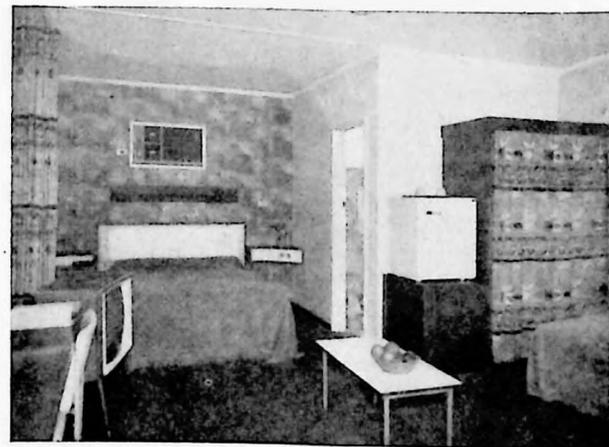
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NEW GUINEA CHECK-UP

By DR. A. JESSUP

I would like to write briefly about a tremendous experience which I have just been privileged to have in New Guinea. It came about by the almost coincidental offer on my part to give some short term, practical medical help, as opportunity may present, and an independent appeal from Sister Jan Hunting, for advice on family planning problems with the natives.

Here at once was a specific job to do, one which a general practitioner, and I am ideally equipped to perform. It is work which could be carried on by our nursing sisters, if adequate training was given. The whole exercise was a delight in my life.

To summarise the medical side of the project, I can say fairly confidently, that it was quite a success and I was able to train three sisters fully (and three others partly) in the techniques of family planning, as applicable to a developing nation. Certainly Sisters Jan Hunting, Noela Mobbs and Margaret Horne, were excellent students, and I was able to forward certificates of competence to the District Medical Officers at Wewak and Madang. Sister Hunting had done a lot of tedious ground work in preparing women from various villages for this programme and thanks to her and many other helpers, everything went smoothly.

I would like to emphasise certain aspects of the mission work which impressed me vividly — and if I have been so struck with these things, then I am sure the average church member also hasn't got any real conception as to the extent and magnificence of the work done by our missionaries.

First, the wonderful co-operation between numerous agencies involved in mission work in general. There are the reliable and intrepid M.A.F. personnel — delightful folk, and keenly interested in all that goes on in a personal and prayerful way. There are the cheery folk on radio communications on mission stations, and in the P.M.G. and D.C.A. There are the Public Health authorities, with big base hospitals, and Government doctors, keen to help, who seem to be worthy dedicated Christians, anyway. Patrol officers also contribute in various ways and they themselves benefit from the organising and educational roles of the missions. Finally, I must mention the ecumenical spirit on the field. There are many different denominational interests in New Guinea, but barriers are lowered and there is a good spirit of co-operation. Thank God for this — there is only one Jesus Christ anyway.

One cannot mention everything, but I would like to pinpoint some of the achievements which excited me. Foremost is the freshness of the work in a "frontier" land. Smiling faces on the natives are evident everywhere, whereas before many were in the bondage of fear and ignorance.

(Dr. Allan Jessup of the Glenelg Church of Christ, S.A., has for many years been examining doctor for missionary candidates and missionaries on furlough).

Enthusiasm of the new converts to Christianity is a "tonic" to anyone. Classes of children and young men show interest and definite progress combined with an orderliness which is pleasing to see. Buildings are constructed nicely from native materials, and with a little guidance from our resourceful leaders, there is development in evidence. Health, of course, is a very big challenge and much more could be done with more money and help. However, so successful has been the work of our Sisters in the field of infant and maternal welfare that the mortality rate has fallen about 50% to 20 or 25% or even less.

This, then of course presents some problems on the other end of the line, with population increase and food supply limits. Therefore, family planning has come into the picture, with the aim of making every child loved and wanted and healthy — a privilege which is much more easily available in advanced countries, like Australia.

Yes, New Guinea is indeed a frontier land, with an excitement of its own when a newcomer sees with pleasant surprise, the results of years of hard work. I feel that possibly the missionaries themselves may not always realise the progress and impact that they have made. Some of the novelty and freshness of the task, as compared with that in civilised suburbia is very evident to a short term visitor, and I hope I can communicate something of the thrill I felt at seeing what real Christianity can do for a developing nation.

I would like to make an urgent appeal to all genuine Christians to get behind our missionary effort by putting in more dollars as well as prayers to boost and maintain the advances already achieved. Maybe there are specific technical short or long term tasks waiting to be done. If this is to be your contribution, then let me add my personal recommendation to go ahead. Any expenses one incurs are trivial compared with the enormous benefit one gains in one's own Christian experience, as well as having the privilege of sharing personal skills with less fortunate neighbours.

Finally, let us complete and continue the work already magnificently begun. It would be very sad to let this work suffer an unnecessary setback or be only half done because of a premature step into another field.

When enough faith and money is demonstrated in the running of our present fields, maybe then a further step is indicated.

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- My father was a beloved ruler, yet I rebelled against him and nearly took his throne.
- He gave orders that I was not to be harmed, yet his commander-in-chief killed me when I was defenceless.
- My father's grief for me has become well known as an example of a parent's sorrow for a wayward child. (Who am I? See page 14).

"OKAY, men!" the sergeant bellowed to the paratroop recruits. "Prepare for practice jumps." One by one, they jumped from the plane, until the last man readied himself. "Hold it, Buster!" roared the sergeant. "You're not wearing a parachute." "That's all right, sir," replied the recruit cheerfully. "It's just a practice jump."

I THINK that I shall never see a driver half as dumb as me Who waits at intersections shy Till all the other cars go by Who timidly moves on, and then That dog-gone light is red, again. But still I've never killed a guy Or crippled any passerby I move along with slow advance And never take just one more chance. So if I seem slow to arrive At least I turn up still alive.

"NOW, class," said the teacher, "I want you to be very still—so still that you can hear a pin drop." For a minute all was still, then a little boy replied, "O.K. Let her drop!"



"Brushing after every meal isn't as easy as it sounds."

THE LAST WORD . . .

EASY ENCOURAGEMENT

Pastor, pastor, row your boat,
Struggle, sweat and scheme;
I know you'll keep the ship afloat
While I sit back and dream.

Preacher, preacher, make the boat
Strong from seam to stem;
A sizeable cheque I recently wrote—
This saves my self esteem.

Parson, parson, keep our boat
First upon the stream;
You man the oars, while I, remote,
Cheer on the winning team!
—H. Victor Kane.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"The trash cans in the Temple of the Lord will be as sacred as the bowls beside the altar." Zechariah.

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To preach more than half an hour, a man should be an angel himself or have angels for hearers.—Whitefield.



Anybody with teen-age boys finds it difficult to understand how farmers can possibly grow a surplus of food.
—Olin Miller.



The Kumirovs would celebrate their silver wedding anniversary next week were it not for their divorce twenty years ago.

SKY WATCHER

I used to find with greatest ease
The dippers and the Pleiades,
I used to know the rain and bull
And Pices, when the moon was full,
But now on clear and cloudless nights
I can't tell what those satellites
John M. Webster.

Woman's ambition is to be weighed and found wanting.
—Robert Blevins.

The husband, in a fit of rage at breakfast as usual, took a cup of coffee and says angrily:
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"Yes, darling, I do. But I simply had to hear your voice."

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