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### A NEW ORDER

"THE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL IS THAT GOD IS NOT SATISFIED BY THE WAY WE LIVE OR WITH THE WAY WE HAVE ORDERED SOCIETY, AND THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT POVERTY, WAR, GREED AND CORRUPTION WHEREVER IT IS FOUND; THAT GOD CHANGES MEN AND WOMEN INTO A NEW CREATION WITHIN A NEW WORLD OF EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE RECONCILING POWER OF CHRIST, AND THAT IN CHRIST A NEW ORDER HAS ALREADY BEGUN."

—Albert H. Walkington.

# THE LIGHT IN THE WORLD HAD GONE OUT

Each morning as I arrive at work and enter my office, the first thing I do is flick the light switch illuminating all the rooms. My next task is to switch on a world globe that sits on our reception table.

The other day as I twisted the small brown knob to turn on this global sphere, there was a sudden flash, then darkness. The light bulb inside had burned out. The globe was no longer illuminated. Colorful countries and oceanic regions faded into opacity. The many hemispheric lines became obscure. City names and island identifications could not be easily detected. The darkened globe appeared dismal and depressing in our foyer. The light in the world had gone out.

Looking at this spherical darkness, I thought how often the light has been extinguished in our earthly domain today. Countries and leaders have sought to darken the lives of people. Disasters have

come crashing down upon humanity bringing calamities and catastrophes. In many areas of this terrestrial planet, people are destitute of moral light; evil and wickedness have overcome goodness and righteousness and the light and the light in the world has gone out!

That unlighted globe revealed areas of darkness so prevalent in this hour. I could see North and South Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia and Bangladesh whose cities and countryside have been made bare by the tragic smoke of war and man's inhumanity to man.

Gloom hung over South Africa, Rhodesia, Angola and Mozambique as millions of blacks are being forced into second, third and fourth class citizenship.

Sadness overshadowed the islands of The Philippines where countless lives have been lost and property into the billions destroyed by recent flooding.

I could see a pall on the Soviet Union now restricting emigration of professional Jews to Israel by assessing exorbitant and unreasonable departure fees.

Like the blackened sky hovering over a California forest fire, so also the grey clouds of despair and dismay hung over devastated valleys of Pennsylvania still ravaged by the worst floods in history.

Distrust and suspicion covered Uganda where thousands of British-passport-hold-

ers are soon to be uprooted from their homes and business of many years.

Over the Middle East the obscure atmosphere is still permeated by the continual fighting and rumors of wars.

Guatemala is threatened by the activities of revolutionaries. Cuba is dampened by economic depression. Argentina isolates itself as persecutions of the poor result of poverty and the loss of jobs.

Now my own country is being controlled by political forces in a bare room electioneering for the next presidential campaign.

The world had gone dark. The light had burned out. I replaced the dimmed bulb with one that functioned brightly. Now the globe was ablaze with light and the world looked radiant.

I know the problems of our universe are not that simple to solve or to which we can bring enlightenment so easy. I am also aware that there are those who love darkness rather than light. But if all of us worked a little harder at some humanitarian cause, gave a little more of this world's goods, sacrificed and prayed with greater enthusiasm, this darkened world of ours might become illuminated with positive and spiritual power.

Perhaps if more of us had contact with the One who came as The Light of the World, then we would have the divine energy to radiate hope over despair, goodness over evil, love over hate and peace over war.

"God is not far from us." On one side is the text of Acts 17: 22-31 in Today's English Version and on the other a colour photograph of the new World Trade Centre in New York—the tallest building in the world. It is designed for distribution through the World Trade Centre ministries, and 250,000 copies have been printed. An additional quantity of 250,000 carries the imprint of the Churches of Christ.

### "Godspell" Scripture

About thirty passages from the Gospels are quoted or acted on stage in the musical "Godspell" which has been running for months in Australia, has been screened in part on television, and is about to be filmed. The B. & F.B.S. has put all of these passages together in the order in which they occur in the musical, with an index matching them to the songs to make a new kind of scripture selection, and published them in the Today's English Version at a selling price of 25 cents.

This is being sold in theatres where the musical is running and with the records in the shops.

## QUEENSLAND

# YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Fifth Drama Festival

This year's Drama Festival was won by Camp Hill church with the play "Kerygma" (based on the trial of Jesus). Best actor, awarded by judges and audience, was Malcolm Chandler of Camp Hill. Best actress was Karen Newmann of Kedron.

Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coats of the Ann St. church. Mr. Coats is a member of the Department of Youth and Christian Education and is Assistant Trade Commissioner for New Zealand.

### Old. Brotherhood Centre Sell-out

The building housing the offices of the Youth and the Home Missions Departments has been bought by the Y.W.C.A. The Departments will continue to operate from the same address, 426 Ann Street, but in the upstairs section.

A re-structuring of office personnel is to take place with the Conference Executive employing the Office Secretary for the brotherhood who is responsible to the Director of Youth and Christian Education.

An advertisement appeared in the issue for August 19.

### "Brooklyn" Cabin at "Camp Cal"

The Youth Department has a self-contained cabin for six at the Dickey Beach campsite, "Camp Cal," at Caloundra.

Interstate visitors are invited to spend their holidays at this delightful Sunshine Coast resort.

Pictorial brochures and further information available from the Director, 426 Ann St., Brisbane.

### Christmas Camp Dates

Midgets (7-9 years): Dec. 17-22; Seniors (15 yrs. +): Dec. 25-Jan. 1, 1973; N.Y.C. (Canberra): Jan. 5-11, 1973; Juniors (10-12 yrs.): Jan. 13-18, 1973; Tweenagers (13-15 yrs.): Jan. 20-26, 1973.

Midgets' Camp theme is "Christmas is . . ." Juniors' theme: "Disney on Parade!"

Special camp forms are available and contain a section called F.O.D. (Friend of the Director).

**DIRECTOR AT SOUTHPORT** (Qld., E. Watson). Allan Male, Director of Youth and Christian Educ. Dept., was recent guest speaker . . . C.W.F. visited Tweed Heads fellowship on Sept. 7, shared devotions and were entertained at smorgasbord lunch . . . Jill and Warren Taber leave with the N.S.W. work party for the New Hebrides. Warren will work on the hospital for six weeks . . . A fishing competition and barbecue gained funds for Gokto project. \$1,400 now in hand towards cost of air-strip for missionaries at Gokto, New Guinea . . . The Men's Fellowship recently painted the hall at the village chapel.

the Department) whereby campers can reduce their camp fees 50c for every person they bring to camp who has never been to camp or not attended for two years.

Interstate visitors are invited to book their children into camps if they are holidaying in Queensland.

### Planning for Progress

Under the guidance of the Conf. Pres., L. G. Armstrong (Ann St.), the brotherhood met recently to look at its life and witness.

The President's theme for the year is "People with a Purpose" and some of the findings revealed that whilst there are areas where we need to re-discover our



### QLD. PROFILE

## LES. ARMSTRONG CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

at Cunnamulla; Pam works for the A.N.Z. Banking Group and has served with the bank in New Guinea; Lloyd and David—both school boys.

Les. has many interests within the framework of the Christian church. He was State President of the C.E. Union of Victoria and whilst in Victoria completed the Cairn-millar Counselling Course. He is in his third year in the Clinical Pastoral Education conducted in Queensland and has completed six years as a Chaplain in I.T.I.M. of this State. He gives lectures regularly at Kenmore College on Practical Church Work. Ann Street have graciously entered into Les's larger ministry by allowing him to visit another church within the State each fortnight. Add to this inter-departmental concerns, Conference Executive, community functions and deputations, and you have a heavy schedule for "the first among equals" in this vast State. It is in this atmosphere that Les relies heavily upon the slogan, "Let go and let God."

He has applied himself with a great degree of dedication and determination in spreading his theme—"People with a Purpose." It is significant that Les has chosen a phrase from the Apostle Peter's writings. These of us who have worked closely with him can charitably claim that our Conference President projects a likeness to Peter, the great toiler for Christ. Peter's determination to preach Christ at any cost is reflected in Les. The "Big Fisherman" learned to curb impatience and use that latent energy for positive gain; so too has Les learned to serve his Master by allowing Christ to use him and his personality.

You'll meet the Armstrongs at Federal Conference in Perth and you, too, along with Queensland, will be pleased to know that they share a leadership role in Churches of Christ.

(Dr. Lee is General Secretary, World Convention of Churches of Christ).

# CALL FOR ASIA SCRIPTURES

A special appeal for \$125,000 for scriptures to meet emergency needs in Asia is being made by the Bible Societies. It is planned to produce special editions of the selection "The Man You Cannot Ignore" in thirteen countries and twenty-eight languages. In the present student situation in Asia the communication of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ should have high priority in the programmes of the Bible Society.

National Bible Societies involved in the scheme are being encouraged to make their own choice of title and cover design, bearing in mind particularly the kind of thing which will be likely to appeal to college students.

### Bible in China

The broadcasting of scriptures to China goes on steadily. The United Bible Societies are paying \$17,000 a year for producing programmes and supplying tapes for five different radio stations: one in Okinawa, two in the Philippines, one in Korea and one in Ethiopia. Programmes are broadcast in Mandarin and Cantonese for 21 hours a day.

The Bible Societies' popular language Chinese translation, "Today's Chinese Version" is making excellent progress; some selections from it are already being published.

### Bible reaches new heights!

The American Bible Society have published a new single-sheet selection entitled

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## RUTH

The very name "Ruth" means a friend or companion. She was a young woman who lived in Moab, the Eastern country round the Dead Sea, who married a Hebrew who had travelled with his brother and parents from Bethlehem due to a famine there. Her husband died as did his brother and father, leaving the three women alone. The mother-in-law, Naomi, encouraged the two Moabite daughters-in-law to remain in their own country and re-marry. Orpah did but Ruth, in a remarkable act of friendship, declared her love to her mother-in-law and returned with her to the foreign land of Bethlehem. Her next of kin renounced his right to care for her but another relative, Boaz, with whom Ruth had fallen in love, marries her. Their son was the grandfather of King David and an ancestor of Jesus.

The story in the Book of Ruth goes back to the date of the Judges and tradition holds that Samuel recorded it. Samuel's account was later re-written and placed among the last books to be accepted into the Old Testament. Its theme is human kindness transcending both family duty and national privilege.

During the period after the Exile the basic issue concerned the exclusiveness of the Jewish race (Ezra 9: 10; Neh. 13) and the universalism of their task for God (Jonah; Isa. 66). This true story ends with the great climax — their son was "the father of Jesse, the father of David" (Ruth 4: 17). This scroll was read by the Jews during the festival of the harvest. This great story in four chapters concerns four scenes of family honour and lamenting women, of harvest ritual and romance, of duty and opportunity, of re-marriage and the birth of a son whose descendants are famous. It is a story without villains, crime, sin or bitterness. It ranks as one of the most exquisite stories in Hebrew literature.

## FOR TODAY:

In an age that batters the mother-in-law perhaps the Book of Ruth should be given to young couples at their marriage. Both girls were good daughters-in-law and their faithfulness and love are an example for all. Even the other relatives (4: 1-12) were considerate and helpful. Family tradition is very important in modern films ("The Godfather," "Fiddler on the Roof") and the story of Ruth indicates how ordinary family life can be used in God's plan.

The story of Ruth also reminds us of the need for accepting migrants in our midst. The Hebrew migrants were accepted in Moab and the time came when the Moab girl was accepted by the Hebrews in their land. Nine times Ruth is described as a foreigner yet she was accepted and became the grandmother of the greatest king. He himself fled for safety to the land of Moab and in return received shelter for his family (1 Sam. 22: 3-4).

Boaz showed kindness (2: 8-16) and he refused to take advantage of Ruth even when he had the time, the place, the opportunity and the girl's willingness (3: 6-13), but over-riding both his kindness and honour was his faith. Faith is required both to commit us in positive acts of kindness (Eph. 4: 32), and to withhold us from acts of foolishness.

Jesus urged his followers to demonstrate kindness to others (Matt. 5: 7; 25: 31-46). The mark of the Christian should be the consideration and kindness in acts of helpfulness to others. "The best portion of a good man's life is little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love." But Wordsworth was wrong — they are remembered.—GORDON MOYES.

## QUESTING

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used as the best of traditional church music, and when there are youth emphasis programmes, the music should be by youth for youth.

8. Prepare a budget in one of two ways. Decide how much money you can afford to spend, and then how you will spend it. Or, first list what you would do if you had no money restrictions and then work out priorities. Your financial resources will include what can be allocated from normal church funds, plus the amount which will be received from the mission thankoffering. Sometimes, the latter covers all the expenses.

9. Visitation plans. Consult with the evangelist and your State Department of Evangelism as to the best way to use the congregation in visitation. The guest services and feature programmes will be more effective if backed up with friendship visitation.

Visitation is important and people can be helped to make their visits friendly and relaxing. Certainly not in the early visits, and maybe not in the later visits either, will the visitors make direct attempts to "convert" folk. Nor will the visitors be over-anxious to discover what obstacles there are, if any, in the way of church membership.

The ultimate purpose of visiting will be to develop Christian awareness and to encourage Christian commitment, but the friendship visits must not be regarded only as means to an end. Friendship is an end in itself.

The minister will be an additional visitor to each home during the year and he will be alert to any special needs or opportunities. But the visitors should not hesi-

tate to consult with the minister if desirable. When the time approaches for the preaching programme, the mission committee will determine the appropriate action to be taken in each case.

There is still a place for "visiting for commitment" by church members, but it is not just a matter of knowing the best verbal responses to a set of regular objections. Again, your church should be guided by the evangelists or State organisers, but it can be stated that few folk can be talked into becoming Christians by visitors who have memorised a few smart answers. Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, President of World Vision International, said recently, "If I had my way, I would throw out all the books on the techniques of evangelism . . . Because somehow we think that to be involved in evangelism you must master a system. Evangelism is simply sharing Christ with another person, and for this you do not need a theological degree."

10. Publicity. I think the best publicity is by person to person and person to person, but use should be made of the printed and spoken word. In country areas radio and T.V. advertising may be practicable. In the big cities such media are too costly, and too impersonal for a local church programme. In big cities, the "local" radio and T.V. stations are not local in the sense the church is local.

The community newspapers today are usually free and are often available for news items and even feature articles on the visiting evangelist and song leader, especially if the church also places a few small paid advertisements.

In most cases it is a waste of time and

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## South Aust. N.S.W.

**DEDICATION CEREMONY** (Kensington Pk., W. Bartlett). There was a parent dedication service for Valerie and Robert Munson and their daughter, Pamela . . . The Coronet Concert Party entertained the Elderly Citizens at their social afternoon.

In the College of the Bible programme "Flashpoint '72", Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling met the Eastern Dist. ladies at our C.W.F. on Aug. 24 . . . J.C.E. Eastern Dist. Rally was held in our hall.

**FINE SUM RAISED BY LADIES** (Henley Beach, G. Setsman). The final sum raised by the ladies was \$1,166 . . . Recent speakers were I. J. Chivell and A. R. Jones . . . The youth group conducted evening services at home and elsewhere. . . . The men's bowling team is to play in the finals.

**DEDICATION FOR LEADERS** (Bordertown, R. Combridge). Annual business meeting followed dedication service for officers, and executive of Ladies' Fellowship. . . . Len. Payne was guest speaker at B.S. anniversary . . . Men attended special men's meeting at Naracoorte to hear Peter Daniels, Public Relations Officer for S.A. . . . Vicki Tymmons is at Queen Elizabeth Hosp., Jenny Chislett in N.Z., and Robyn and Cheryl Milne are in Japan . . . The sympathy of the church is extended to the Sullivan family in the loss of Mrs. Sullivan at the age of 38 years.

**NEW SECRETARY** (Grote St., H. M. Long). Alf. Field has accepted nomination as church secretary, and Roger Beard as Asst. Sec. . . . The choir was made up of fathers for the Fathers' Day service. They sang the introit and two anthems . . . Over 50 attended buffet-style youth tea which preceded youth service with specially formed youth choir . . . Two parcels, total weight 38lbs., have been sent as Christmas gifts for children in the New Hebrides . . . Guest at Monthly Missionary Rally was Lester Williams, who served 8 years in Eritrea.

**LENGTHENED MINISTRY** (Balaklava). James Dow has accepted an invitation to serve for a further two years, to carry his ministry through to the end of 1975 . . . B.S. and Kindergarten scholars take part in church services each month . . . The girls' B Grade basketball team won the premiership . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bert Roberts were farewelled as they left to reside at Victor Harbour . . . A parent dedication service was held on Fathers' Day.

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## Victoria

**RECOVERY** (Briar Hill, R. Baxter). Mr. Baxter and his family are recovering from an accident sustained while returning from a recent holiday in Newcastle. It is anticipated that none of the injuries will be of a permanent nature. Speakers in Mr. Baxter's absence were R. Pfeifer, K. Turtmann and J. McCormick . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Jess Jerome who was an active foundation member . . . \$175 was raised by the C.W.F. at a street stall.

**"HOSEA" IS COMING** (Oakleigh, T. Weir). Young people sang from forthcoming production of "Hosea" at youth service at which Barry Jenkins and Ngaire Fraser were speakers . . . When Good Companions conducted evening service on Sept. 10, girls formed the choir and gave an illustrated explanation of their badge. Margaret Goddard told of her experience as a member of the Carnarvon Work Party . . . Mr. Weir is to conclude his ministry on Dec. 10.

**J.E.W. VISIT** (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard). A. Macnaughtan, Jewish Evangelical Witness, conducted five circuit meetings. The Swan Hill chapel was crowded for final meeting on Sept. 10 . . . C.M.F. held outing for elderly citizens on Sept. 18 . . . J. K. Bond will conduct a two-week evangelistic effort in March, 1973.

**LADY PRESIDENT** (Belmont, D. A. V. Thomas). Mrs. Margaret Drayton was recently elected President of South Barwon Shire Council. The church joined in a united civic service arranged by Ministers' Fraternal on Sept. 10 at St. Bernard's R.C. Church . . . All auxiliaries helped in the fete on Sept. 16. From the \$340 raised a Patient Lifting Bed will be purchased for Will H. Clay Nursing Home. . . . Enough boys are interested to field an under 16 and an under 13 cricket team this season . . . 25 entries were received in the B.S. poster competition in conjunction with the annual fete.

**"SAXON GAP"** (Reservoir, A. Baker). Youth service speaker was Barry Jenkins. Soloists were Miss Adele Maddler and Philip Davey. After-church "Coffee Den" entertainment was given by "The Saxon Gap" . . . Gwen and Neville Thomas will enter Adelaide Bible Institute in 1973 . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Hennie Eysgelair. Funeral service was at Dawson St. Ballarat . . . C.W.F. visited Oakleigh Guest Home. Young people assisted with piano and accordion items . . . The church recently held a day of prayer.

**MAKING RECOVERY** (Geelong, R. V. Ames). Mr. Ames is making a good recovery after illness and is taking more active part in the ministry . . . Fathers' Day service was conducted by Mrs. Ames. R. Banks spoke at night . . . B.S. Supt. Alan Carr, returned from serving with Work Party at Carnarvon, addressed the church on Sept. 10, and also spoke to Mission Band ladies . . . D. Drayton has been filling in as B.S. Supt. . . . At evening service songs and testimonies were given by the youth group. "The Carpenter's Disciples" . . . Dr. Ian Lyall spoke on Sept. 17 and prior to evening meeting Lindsay Small showed slides on World Vision.

## OPEN FORUM

### STORY OF AN EARNEST LIFE

To the Editor,

When I was at Bethany College, U.S.A., in 1955, I looked over Alexander Campbell's library. Among the books, I came on a copy of Eliza Davies' "The Story of an Earnest Life." After a glance at its contents I could see that it had some importance for those interested in Australian history. I took a note of the title and the name of the author. When I returned to Sydney, the late Ethelbert Davis brought a book to me and asked me to take charge of it. I was amazed to find it was a copy of this book by Eliza Davies. It seems that the book belonged to Isabella Bishop, Queen St., Jubilee Estate, Upper Paddington. The cover was torn. I had the book rebound. It is now in good order. I understand that the Mitchell Library, Sydney, has a copy. From a vague conversation I had some years ago, I understand that a lady in South Australia had a book which seemed to answer to a description of this story of Eliza Davies.

I have lent the book to a few interested friends. The last to have the book was G. Chapman, of the Woolwich College, who made use of it for information for a thesis he is presenting to the Macquarie University.

The book has many interesting comments on early Australian life. It tells of a jour-

ney Eliza Davies took with Capt. Sturt and party into the wilds of S.A.

I shall keep this book by me for the time being, but plan to place it in the N.S.W. Bible College Library. If others have a copy, I should be interested to hear from them. We need to make sure they are not lost.—A. W. Stephenson (N.S.W.).

### UNFULFILLED

To the Editor,

Your reference under the title of "Journal's Mission Fulfilled," "A.C.," page 9 (281), July 22, 1972, to self-government having been achieved in Papua New Guinea, is premature.

It is true that recent talks have been held by the Minister for External Territories with representatives of the Papua New Guinea House of Assembly on the handing over of further powers of decision making from Canberra but self-government is not expected to be proclaimed before the end of this year, possibly later.

Whilst the journal referred to was indeed a good publication, I do not believe it was very widely read by Australians because until very recent days little was generally known or understood by them of the developments taking place in Papua New Guinea, nor of the problems being faced. The same could be said of the missions and Frank Beale's comments on the same page are topical.

It seems that more interest has arisen since Australia began unloading its respon-

sibilities, not because the journal made much impact.

Self-government or not, Australia and Australians generally will be wisely counselled to continue to participate actively wherever possible in the welfare of their nearest neighbour.

—W. Neil McCann (P.N.G.)

### TIME IS SHORT

To the Editor,

Following the concern expressed in "White Papers" (Sept. 2, 1972) on pollution of the earth and state of man himself, the one solution to all problems is God.

The Lord Jesus, 2000 years ago, told us all about our day. "Distress of nations with perplexity . . . Men's hearts failing them for fear . . . Then, look up, and lift up your hearts for your redemption draweth nigh." Jesus tells of great future tribulation, "and except those days should be shortened there should be no flesh saved; but for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened." Surely Science should humbly bow before the foreknowledge of Jesus!

To the Lord's people, there is no fear, but a glorious hope. The time is short, the need is most urgent. His people must continue in these difficult times, to watch, pray and labour to bring the Good News of the Saviour, Lord Jesus, to those who know not.  
—Mrs. Jessie D. Cooke (Vic.)

### CRISIS IN MINISTRY

To the Editor,

It is becoming increasingly obvious to anyone who cares to open his eyes and ears that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction and confusion within the ranks of the full-time, ordained, paid ministry regarding the basic concept of role.

Many in the ministry are experiencing extreme difficulty in accepting the form and style of ministry expected by the local congregation and the brotherhood.

It is no longer sufficient or reasonable to place the blame and responsibility with the minister. For it is becoming painfully clear that the basic problem rests with the brotherhood and local church. They expect the minister to accept a role that is neither meaningful to the minister nor relevant to the mission of the church.

Changes must be made. However, it may well be that the Institutional church is incapable of making the necessary re-adjustment.

—John R. C. Wise (S.A.)

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### OUR SIMPLE SUNDAY NIGHT GOSPEL SERVICE

To the Editor,

Merv. was just back from holidays and greeted the wife and me as we arrived for the gospel service. He shared his experience of C. of E. worship in the holiday town where they stayed. He lost his place in the book and didn't know when to kneel, and to make matters worse, the rest of the congregation was behind him, and he needed a rear-visibility mirror to know what to do. He said, "It will be good to be back in a simple Church of Christ gospel service where any visitor can feel at ease."

I agreed with him and went into church determined to think and feel as an "outsider" . . . as "secular man" as my mate from St. Chad's calls him. I got a bit of a shock. Any outsider at that particular service would have had to know the meaning of having "an interest in the Saviour's blood", of the "first born seraph trying to sound the depths of love divine", of "the Son of God yielding his life an atonement for sin", of "heir of salvation the purchase of God". Those and a whole lot of others, and no attempt was made to explain any of them. Who needs to explain anything in a simple service! The "outsider" would have had to understand the difference between "God justifying the circumcision by faith and justifying the uncircumcision through faith". The minister spoke on "Reconciliation and Redemption, Not by Law but by Grace". He told one or two good stories that the outsider might have understood.

I couldn't sleep that night wondering if our simple gospel services are as simple as we think. I'm sure gospel services are still good for returning-backsliders and young people brought up in the church.

But what are we going to do about the great mass of "secular men" who have no Biblical, doctrinal or Christian background at all? They just wouldn't get the point of a simple gospel service. It looks as though we'll just have to go back to the old fashioned New Testament method of going to people instead of trying to get them to simple gospel services.

TERTIUS.

# MOVE TO ONSLOW



Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Broad have been transferred from Norseman Mission to Onslow to assist Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher. Mrs. Broad was a schoolteacher and Mr. Broad a farming contractor before entering M.B.I. from which Institute they graduated last year. Mr. Broad also holds a pilot's licence which could prove helpful in the developing outreach work of the North-West of W.A. The move of Mr. and Mrs. Broad to Onslow was brought about by the shortage of staff to replace Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Morris at Eidsvold who were appointed to the Onslow work earlier. Mr. and Mrs. Morris consider that they could not leave Eidsvold until suitable replacement is made so that the work would continue to develop.

We seek support and prayers for Mr. and Mrs. Broad as they move to Onslow and for Mr. and Mrs. Morris as they continue at Eidsvold awaiting replacement.

## • OVERSEAS MISSIONS

### NEW HEBRIDES WORK TEAM

The following constitute the Overseas Missions Work Team sponsored by the N.S.W. Department of Men's Work:

D. W. McElvenny (team leader); E. B. Chandler, B. F. Dewhurst, C. J. Dickson, A. F. Freckleton, R. L. Hibbart, P. A. Kinsile, W. A. Taber, T. W. Bagley, Mrs. J. Taber and Mrs. G. Forrest.

Their task will be to erect a handcraft block, chapel, ablution block, at the Ranwadi School, and if time permits attend to other building requirements on other stations.

The team left Sydney on September 25. We pray for God's abundant blessing on

### New workers for Norseman

Mr. and Mrs. Bell-Booth, of Gatton, Qld., have been accepted for missionary service at Norseman, W.A. Their appointment to the field is immediate. Please pray for Mr. and Mrs. Bell-Booth as they commence service and the time of adjustments to a new way of life. Mr. and Mrs. Bell-Booth will take over the home for boys now being run by Mr. and Mrs. Broad.

### Small Bus for Eidsvold

The churches at Chinchilla and Hope-lands, Qld., have purchased a Kombi bus for the work at Eidsvold. The vehicle has also been painted and outfitted with new tyres. This will be a wonderful asset and will be of great assistance to our workers in reaching the people with the gospel and in providing material help. This is "working together" for the gospel.

### RON. HEWITT RESIGNS

(N.S.W.). The Conference Executive of Churches of Christ, N.S.W., announces with regret the resignation of Ronald C. Hewitt as full-time Conference Secretary. Mr. Hewitt has served in this capacity for 15 months, and has won wide appreciation for his vigorous devotion to duty in many areas of inter-church, brotherhood and local church activity. As the State's first full-time Conference Secretary he has done a splendid piece of pioneering work.

For important personal reasons he has decided to return to his former full-time employment as from the first week in October. However, while a replacement as full-time Conference Secretary is being sought by Conference Executive officers, Mr. Hewitt will continue to carry out essential secretarial duties for the Conference. He may still be contacted in this capacity, but his time for other engagements will naturally be severely limited.

### OPEN LINE FOR TEENAGERS

Radio station 2CH has commenced Sydney's first Christian radio open line for young people.

Heard at 9.30 p.m. every Sunday night, the programme "Hirt-Line" is sponsored by the N.S.W. Council of Churches and the N.S.W. Baptist Union, and features the Rev. John Hirt, 30-year-old Baptist minister.

Young people will be invited to phone Mr. Hirt and discuss with him their questions or problems.

John Hirt has made many appearances on television and radio current affairs programmes. He also has his own regular morning T.V. show. His special interest in surfing gained much press interest and through his surfing he has influenced many young people towards Christianity.

### BIRTHDAY

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## WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**THE TWO UNIONS** Max Hamer is assistant secretary of the Vehicle Builders' Employees' Union. He has just been elected President of another union, the Baptist Union of N.S.W. He is the first trade unionist to be elected to that office. Mr. Hamer believes that he is probably the first in the world—which is very sad!

Is the church so divorced from the ordinary working man that only business executives and professional men can expect to be elected to high office in the church? There was a time when much of the motivation for the forming of trade unions came from Christian men. They were unionists because they were Christian. Men like Kier Hardie, for instance.

We congratulate Mr. Hamer on his appointment. We are sorry only that he may not find many fellow unionists with him in the church or many fellow churchmen in the union.

**JOURNALS STAMPED OUT!** We have received a brochure from the Union of Postal Clerks and Telegraphists outlining the shortcomings of the postal services in Australia. It reports the closing down of hundreds of "non-official" post offices; the reduction of official post offices to non-official status; and planned further reduction of postal services in city, urban, and rural areas.

It charges the P.M.G.'s Department with a deliberate policy of driving the small press and journals out of the postal system by increased and structurally varied tariffs "thus reducing the voice of the churches, unions, clubs, cultural and social organisations whose small press has been so important in national development. At the same time, we have had to note that the pulp journals, much of them originating overseas, have had their usage of the postal system made easier and sometimes even cheaper."

We feel that there is substance in the charges against the P.M.G.'s Dept. We find that in order to obtain the speedy and reliable service which should be the normal response of the Department, we are expected to pay "priority and special fees." Journals such as ours have to be presorted into area postcode order in order to qualify for bulk postage rates, but this did not enable us to escape a 50% increase in bulk postage rates this year.

### CANBERRA MINISTRY

(A.C.T.). The elders of the Ainslie Church of Christ announce the appointment of R. Neil Gilmore to minister there from the beginning of 1974. Mr. Gilmore is at present at Brighton, Vic., and is a member of the World Council of Churches Central Executive.

**CHURCH OCTOGENARIANS** (Bet Bet, Vic., G. Strack). Sympathy of the church is offered to the family of Joseph Alderson who died on Sept. 16, aged 87 years. Of the 14 members who attend services regularly, five are over 80.

### WATTLE PARK (Vic.)

## 24th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, October 1, 1972

11 a.m.: Eric Patterson, Conf. Pres.-Elector. Soloist: Mrs. P. Walsford.  
12.30: Fellowship Luncheon.  
7 p.m.: A. R. Lloyd.  
Musical Items "The Reflections."  
8.15: Daniel's Don Collo Club.

**\$10,000 TARGET EXCEEDED** (Sth. Perth, W.A., D. G. Nelson). The Faith-Promise offering for 1971-72 reached \$10,000, well in excess of pledged amount. Pledges for missionary faith-promise this year is about \$8,000. . . . Both Sunday services maintain congregations over 200. There were three confessions in August. . . . Mid-week prayer and Bible study meetings attended by over 80. Young people led a recent mid-week meeting. . . . Miss Joan Harris has returned to her work with Wycliff in New Guinea.

### TOOTGAROOK (Vic.)

Church of Christ

21st

## Anniversary Services

Sunday, October 29

11 a.m.: Guest Speaker, Mr. Gordon Stirling  
3 p.m.: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Special Speaker — Ambassadora Quartet.  
5 p.m.: Fellowship Tea.  
7 p.m.: Gospel Service. Mr. Gordon Stirling.  
For enquiries or greeting — Secretary, Mr. H. D. Farmer, 5 Keats Rd., Dromana 3933.

### DONCASTER (Vic.)

Church of Christ

109TH

## Church Anniversary

Sunday, October 1

9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.:  
"Don't Cut Down Your Fruit Trees."  
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October 22, 1972

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7 p.m.—Mr. W. NEWTON.  
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## THINGS TO COME

### VICTORIA-TASMANIA

#### OCTOBER:

- 1 ANNUAL OFFERING — THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.
- WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.
- D.C.E. Young Marrieds' Seminar.
- 3 C.W.F. Missionary Rally.
- 4 D.C.E. Engaged Couples' Meeting.
- 6 D.C.E. "Impact."
- 7 Good Companions' Outdoor Sports.
- 11 D.C.E. Engaged Couples' Meeting.
- 28 D.C.E. F.O.Y.A. Programme.
- 28-29 Tas. Sth. Dist. Convention, Nubeena.
- 30 Boys' Explorers' Annual Dinner and Meeting.

### A MAGAREY AT BETHANY

Miss Constance Magarey of Netherby, S.A., who is the great grand-daughter of Alexander Campbell, was invited to attend the opening ceremonies of the new Leadership Centre at the Bethany Bible College. As a direct descendant of Alexander Campbell the College Board of Directors were anxious to have Miss Magarey present, and invited her to be their guest for the occasion, all expenses being met by the College.

Miss Magarey spent nine days with her cousin, Robert Campbell, and his family, in Los Angeles. The opening of the new Centre took place Sept. 21-22.

## West. Aust.

### WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. D. R. Manning, President, welcomed 70 ladies to the September meeting. Mrs. Edna Collins led the morning meditation on the Fruit of the Spirit; "Kindness and Gentleness." Mrs. Collins was president in 1960. Prayer of intercession was led by Mrs. N. B. Wells. Mrs. Des. Nelson brought the message in song.

The President, Aust. C.W.F. Federal Conference, gave an outline of the programme for the 34th Federal Conference, Perth, Oct. 10-15, and in particular Woman's Day, Oct. 11.

### Points for Prayer and Praise:

- Journeying mercies upon all who are travelling to Federal Conference.
- For all aspects of Conference.
- For A. H. Walkington, President, as he leads Conference and Mrs. J. L. Pallot, as she leads the Women's Conference.
- For God's manifold goodness to the "Banbarra" Hostel for aboriginal girls.
- For the effectual ministry of all Hospital visitors.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

### CONFERENCE PREPARATION (Perth City, R. A. Ryall).

Many "busy bees" are at work cleaning and polishing for Fed. Conf. . . . Young people held Rehabilitation patients at O'Connor on Thursdays. A picnic was arranged for Sept. 19 . . . Recent speakers were G. Jenkins (W.A. Temperance Alliance), D. Beavis, and Rev. K. Sinclair (Chaplain R.P.H.) at A.C.E. discussion group . . . Miss Crichton, Battalion C.D., presented badges when the Girls' Brigade held its first anniversary at a tea . . . Welcomed back after illness: Rhonda Rowley, Philippa Lamont, Derek Lamont, Philip Wise, Ray Harrison and Mr. Ryall.

**MISSION VISITOR** (Harvey, H. A. L. Clark). Don. Butler of Aborigines Missions, was guest speaker at recent church anniversary. Christian Friendship group held a concert on Sept. 14 . . . G. Tonkin and R. Dunleavy were speakers whilst Mr. Clark was at Manjimup . . . Women shared in the fete at Elnora Lodge (Bunbury) and in the S.W. Women's Conf.

**ELDERS ELECTED** (Morawa, R. Sack). At the annual meeting, R. H. Carslake, G. D. Carslake, G. Barr and K. Wornes were elected elders. Deaconesses are Mrs. N. Carslake and Mrs. R. Thygesen . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sanders of Andes Mission were recent visitors. Mrs. Sanders assisted in Friendship meeting . . . Nena Barr commenced nursing training at Sir Chas. Gairdner Hosp. . . R. Carslake was re-elected B.S. Supt., W. Carslake is Sec. Treas. . . Grampa Carslake is busy preparing a display of plastic work and coat hangers for Federal Conference.

**WORLD ACTION AT SHOW** (Merredin/Bruce Rock, W.A., D. A. Good). Merredin Action for World Development Group held a display at recent Show. Bruce Rock Group arranged meeting with local Federal M.P. The Minister for Primary Production also attended. Both groups, which include members of our church, plan further meetings . . . Merredin S.S. Youth I held a three-day farm camp during school vacation . . . Mr. Brighton, of J.E.W., was recent speaker.

## Victoria

### ACCEPTED FOR COLLEGE

(Burwood, I. E. Allsop). Stephen Jones has been accepted for training at the College of the Bible . . . The Conf. Pres., M. J. Savage, spoke on Aug. 27 and at night the Boys' Explorers' church parade was preceded by a tea at which David Parkin, captain of Hawthorn football team, was speaker . . . Mrs. Jackel has celebrated her 90th birthday . . . Young people from Wattle Park attended service when Cheryl Henn was baptized . . . Table tennis teams B1 and B2 were premiers in their grades.

**MISSION MACHINE** (Box Hill, G. A. Grainger). Y.P. donated \$90 for mission adding machine . . . 43 attended Y.P.E.S. camp . . . Y.P. shared in gospel service and also entertained Emmaus guests . . . Recent speakers have been R. Coyle, J. Friebl, and at C.W.F. Thanksgiving, Stanton Wilson . . . Thanksgiving offering was \$225 . . . Church saddened by the death of W. Reed, a member for 50 years, and the sudden loss of Mrs. Marge Mullen. . . Mrs. Dagnell, from London, a sister of Mrs. Cotton, is worshipping with us.

**CHIEF AT BAYSWATER** (Dr. K. R. Bowes). On Boys' Sunday, Explorers (Midgets, Seniors and Juniors) and their leaders shared at tea and evening service. Special guest was Chief Explorer, Lyndsay Smith, who was interviewed by Dr. Bowes . . . Rev. Ugalde (Methodist) and Dr. Bowes exchanged pulpits for morning service.

**VISIT BY "MOODS"** (Ararat, Stawell, St. Arnaud, Vic., R. L. Baxter). The singing group "The Changing Moods" spent a whole weekend delighting us with their refreshing presentation of gospel songs. They were billeted in the homes of Ararat members . . . E. C. Keating has conducted a "Friendship and Outreach" programme. . . J. Bryant has been appointed circuit secretary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have completed the honorary probationer officer's course at Ballarat.

**\$160 WALKATHON** (Malvern, Vic., K. Verge, Miss R. Haskell). The Youth Group raised \$160 in a walkathon for the Malvern Community Association's Citizens' Advice Bureau. They also visited Bambra Rd. youth group and attended "Godspell" . . . Mrs. Verge and the Good Companions led Girls' Sunday service and Mr. May led the B.S. in Fathers' Day service . . . Mr. Verge and Mr. May shared in an eumenical youth worship service at St. Joseph's R.C. church . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. Robinson were farewelled on moving to Red Hill . . . Recent speakers have been M. J. Savage (Conf. Pres.), Mrs. Holloway (Social Services Dept.), and A. E. White (College of the Bible).

**WARRNAMBOOL'S 79TH** (Vic., Miss N. Hall). S. H. Wilson, Vic. Conf. Sec., was guest speaker at the church's 79th anniversary. Luncheon was held in the hall. Ladies entertained the children from the Woodbine Centre to a park picnic . . . Ladies attended Horsham birthday where John Friebl was speaker . . . For a week of stewardship emphasis, the special speaker is John Chivell, S.A. Conf. Sec., who came from this district . . . Mrs. Baum is recovering after hospital treatment.

## Queensland

### BIBLE BATTLE

(Camp Hill, B. Cutchie). A quiz competition, "Battle of the Book," is being held between auxiliaries. . . . Gay Spencer was home on vacation from Adelaide Bible Inst. . . . Gwen Spencer spent 12 days in hospital with asthma and pneumonia . . . Graham Large and Lyndelle Rawlings took their B.S. classes to M. Smith's farm (Chinchilla) for a weekend. The classes are making a film of "The Prodigal Son" as a project . . . Both squash teams reached the semi-finals.

**ORGANISTE MOURNED** (Ipswich, E. Stevens). Mrs. Mavis Doreen Fraser, church organist for almost 15 years, died suddenly on Sept. 16. The church offers sympathy to her husband, Alex, and relatives . . . Members took advantage of "Inspection Day" to look over "Glen Eagles," recently-acquired Aged People's Home . . . Members conducted service at Burdeu House on Sept. 10 . . . Peter Burnham was speaker on Sept. 17. He will take up chaplaincy work at Ballarat High School shortly.

## 50 YEARS AGO

**Newns of the Churches.** The church debt at Enmore, N.S.W., which stood at £700, has been wiped out entirely, and the property is now free and unencumbered . . . There have been 80 additions at the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at Hampton, Vic.

**Ruth Resigns.** The sudden resignation of T. E. Ruth as minister of the Collins St. Baptist church, Melbourne, has caused much surprise and regret in Victorian Baptist circles.

**Armenia.** Dr. L. L. Wirt of the American Relief Expedition in Armenia, told Australian audiences that two million Armenian Christians had suffered martyrdom because of their faith.

**Churches of Christ Support Mr. Greenwood.** E. W. Greenwood, M.L.A., whose work with the Anti-Liquor League has won approval and esteem, is rallying the Protestant forces of the State. He declares that we are facing one of the great crises in our history. "The first danger signal is the threatened introduction of the Totalisator, the second is the disguised attack on the Licensing Act, and the third is the opposition to the Bible in Schools. We have no doubt that members of Churches of Christ will, in general, support Mr. Greenwood."

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### o S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

## WELCOMES AND WISHES

At the September meeting of the S.A. Women's Conference, Gerald Rose, State Director of the Dept. of Christian Educ., was speaker. He was welcomed by Mrs. Searle, the leader of the Women's Christian Educ. Committee, as the main part of the meeting was a rally arranged by this committee. Although Mr. Rose had been in S.A. for two years, this was the first Christian Education Committee Rally held since his coming. Heather Burford is the recently-appointed secretary of the Dept. Mr. Rose said that he had four wishes for young people: that they would 1. Grow up in a world in which real Christ-like brotherliness and concern would be found. 2. Discover through Christ, a meaningful life, and offer themselves to God and men, in real concern. 3. Discover in the Bible, the means through which God speaks to them and know its relevance to their lives. 4. Discover the church as a real Christian community in which they can be themselves, and experience real relationships with God and others.

He thanked the ladies for their practical help to the Dept. and described some of the improvements that have been made to the camp site at Longwood. The Dept. is planning for its emphasis to be on Commitment in 1973 with the aim of involving young people in a desire to share their faith with others.

The morning devotions were led by Mrs. Gwyneth Baker. She was assisted by her daughter, Helen, and Lyn Docking who sang two duets.

Mrs. Rita Gallash from the Lutheran Publishing House, gave a series of reviews of devotional and other books, emphasising the need for women to read good books themselves, and to seek to guide their children to better reading. There was a display of books in the hall.

A study day will be held at Longwood on Oct. 19, when speakers will be Aboriginal women telling of some of the problems of trying to adjust to suburban living, and a representative of the Department of Health speaking on the subject—"Abuse of Drugs in Common Usage."

—A. M. Saunders.

**16 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN** (Murray Bridge, S.A., A. G. Coleman). Tribute was paid to G. Bywaters who retired after 16 years as chairman of the officers' board. . . . The church offers sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mathews who died on Aug. 16 . . . C.W.F. afternoon and evening groups have merged. Pres. is N. Coleman and Sec. P. Harper. Ladies are helping with hospital sewing . . . Senior netball girls won premiership. C.W.F. catered for victory dinner, making \$208 net profit. Trophy winners were M. Helgeson, D. Allen and A. Roberts . . . J.C.E., led by M. Harper and H. G. Howell, celebrated first birthday . . . S.S. held display of Bibles . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have returned from overseas.

## QUESTING

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a waste of money to print brochures for delivery through letter boxes.

The weekly church news sheet can be used as a major tool, as it can be regularly delivered to every person on the contact list as well as to church members. The news sheet could be modified over the year of preparation to make clear the church's doctrinal and social position—what it stands for and what it will not stand for! It will reinforce the visits by church members, and highlight the programmes which are designed to involve the prospects during the preparatory year. If used to the full it can be the most direct as well as the cheapest form of continuing publicity.

11. Evaluation. As soon as possible after the mission there should be an evaluation. Did the committees, visitation, finance, publicity, and programme function effectively? Was enough money allocated for expenses? Were the results worth the effort? Did the evangelist make any suggestions that would improve future campaigns?

12. Because churches vary in size and evangelistic potential, planning will differ in every church. These points may be helpful, but no list can take the place of local planning, praying, and preparation. And don't be too proud to make use of brotherhood departments dedicated to evangelism. They can help you avoid costly mistakes.

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**LARDNER (Wadsley)**—To Jenny and David on Sept. 6, at Lilydale, a son—Scott Duncan. Little brother for Andrew.

**THOMAS (Smith)**—Betty and Eric (Burwood, Vic.) are thrilled to welcome Matthew Richard (six months) to their family. Brother for Linda and Rohan. "Every perfect gift is from above."

**STRACK (Mott)**—Greg and Andrea announce the arrival of their first child—Simon Daryl—on Sept. 16. With his loud voice and expressive arm movements, it looks like Dad has gained a choir-master.

**WYLIE (Marley)**—David and Jan, 65 Wentworth Ave., East Killara, N.S.W., announce the arrival of their daughter, Alexandra Kathryn, on August 6. Great grand-daughter for Mr. J. R. Marley, Point Clare, great great grand-daughter for Mrs. E. Fraser, Newcastle. Lovingly welcomed.

### APPROACHING MARRIAGE

**BURTT-GALLIFORD**—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Burt, Croydon, S.A., are pleased to announce that the marriage of their second daughter, Christine Anne, to Barry John, third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Galliford, Woodville North, S.A., will be solemnised at the Church of Christ, Croydon, at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 1972.

### DEATHS

**REED**—On Sept. 10, at 12 Graham Place, Box Hill, Vic., William Thomas, beloved husband of the late Mary (Mollie), father of Douglas and Betty (Mrs. Mitchell); father-in-law of Norma and Kevin; grand-father of eight grandchildren.

**SMILLIE (Murlie)**—On September 5, loving mother of Joy (Mrs. Leach, 20 Hugh Ave., Dulwich Hill, N.S.W.), Bet (Mrs. McIlwraith, 18 Exford Way, Karinyup, W.A.), Mae (Mrs. Smyth, 3 Niribi Rd., City Beach, W.A.) and mother-in-law of Edgar (dec.), Jim and Allen; dearest grandma of nine grandchildren. "At home with the Lord she so dearly loved."

### IN MEMORIAM

**BROAD, Ernest Edward**—Pyramid Hill, Vic., called home Oct. 8, 1968. "Resting beyond the sunset, till we meet again."—Loving wife, Nance, and family.

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### SKILL QUIZ

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Sunday, October 8

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7.20 p.m.: GOSPEL SERVICE. D. Nelsen.

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90th

## Church Anniversary

Sunday, October 29

11 a.m.: Murray J. Savage, Conf. President.  
3 p.m.: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon with the Oakover Rd. Methodist Choir.

Afternoon Tea to follow.

Past members and visitors welcome.

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Note: There will be only one issue of the "Australian Christian" in October. The Editor will be in Perth for Federal Conference. See dates above.

## Victoria . . .

**GUIDES & BROWNIES** (Bayswater, Dr. K. R. Bowes). Guides and Brownies with their leaders participated in church parade service . . . After ladies attended the World C.W.F. 17th Birthday at the Brotherhood Centre, the service was repeated at our church with Miss Robyn Haskell (C.O.B.) as speaker . . . 20 young people and leaders attended a Monbulk camp and gave impressions at evening service.

**WEST PRESTON FEATURES** (A. J. Stora). Recent four-week evangelistic emphasis featured "Adelphos Coffee Shop," Adventure Week for children, Home Happenings for adults. The climax was Family Week. Betty Quaipe was soloiste. 140 different children were contacted. Follow-up procedures now in action . . . Ian Sinclair has returned from overseas.

**TAPES FOR SHUT-INS** (Kaniva, G. M. Mathieson). Tape recordings of evening services are used for shut-in and sick members . . . The Methodists joined our evening service on Aug. 27 for music and singing . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Friebl showed slides and spoke of mission work in New Guinea . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. E. M. Goldsworthy and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rowe and family, Mr. and Mrs. Les. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crouch and Mrs. Brookes, who have suffered bereavements . . . John Smith and his Bikies gave testimonies at the Salvation Army and Methodist church.

**YOUNG ADULTS** (Collingwood, S. Downie). Twenty young adults led a service and gave testimonies. Robt. Street gave the message . . . Julie Boyd has been invited to join a Brisbane Youth for Christ team to visit India next Jan. . . . Annette McCasker has returned after visiting the Holy Land and Europe . . . Mrs. M. Kingdom spoke to our ladies at a special tea. The same evening a presentation was made from the fellowship to nurses who graduated from the Royal Women's Hospital.

**PEEL ST. SPECIAL** (Ballarat, W. Mills). Youth service followed youth tea and featured John Birt and Joy and Claud. Films were screened in August and other visitors were Ansett pilot Rob. Hopkins and Gospel Singer Joy Bales . . . Motion singing group sang at coffee shop . . . Frank Clark spoke to boys' club on teaching at school for deaf children . . . Youth groups visited Tullamarine airport . . . Ladies' morning coffee hours have begun . . . Temperance Sunday was observed.

**TWO DECISIONS** (Manifold Hgts., A. E. Stevens). Two young men recently confessed Christ . . . Ron. Elbourne, Glen Waverley, was guest speaker at the church's 47th anniversary. Items were given by Mrs. Edith Larcombe, soloiste, and the International Harvester Male Choir . . . John and Pat Wilson, with Sharon and Mark, were farewelled on leaving for Wonga Park . . . Ladies shared in a combined meeting to hear Mrs. Dorothy Smith tell of her recent visit to the New Hebrides.

**"DEADLY ERNEST"** (Chelsea, D. Oakes). The T.V. personality, "Deadly Ernest" attended Boys' Sunday tea on Sept. 24 and later shared in the evening service . . . The Good Companions organised a successful church concert.

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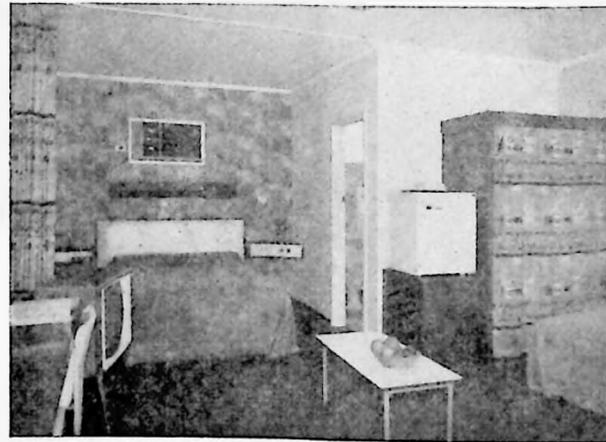
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## REVIEWS

### MANUAL FOR SMALL CHURCHES

(Joint Board). \$1.00.

Sub-title: a practical guide for small churches and Sunday schools using the Christian Life Curriculum.

Most of us are well aware of the disadvantages of small churches, but this manual lists at least seven advantages. It takes a positive, upbuilding approach to effective Christian Education in small churches. It helps a small church to select a plan which best suits its situation, and then to put that plan into operation. It includes some fresh approaches. For people in small churches who are concerned to have effective Christian Education the Manual is a must.—R.W.L.

### A SOCIOLOGICAL YEARBOOK OF RELIGION IN BRITAIN—3

Edited David Martin and Michael Hill (S.C.M. Press). London. \$4.30.

For a movement (at least in Australia) that has had a strong anti-intellectual bias and a related intense conservative interpretation of its scriptural heritage the "new sciences" of sociology and psychology have rarely found a place.

Sociology is one of those disciplines that is distinctly uncomfortable for religious people. It has a debunking motif and frequently the disclosure of social determinants for what religious people have "ascribed to unmediated Divine action" has been too threatening for many of them.

The book is a significant contribution to the church's understanding of itself and is the third yearbook that has appeared and should be in every minister's library.

It has a collection of documents relating to the Rome Conference on the "Culture of Unbelief"; two studies on religion and migration; a case study on religious activity in a suburban congregation; a survey of rural religion; an analysis of the relationship between Sunday observance and social class (fas-

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cinating); together with two lengthy articles on secularisation and superstition.

For those planning strategies for the inner city the two articles on religion and migration will provoke thinking and one hopes realistic action. The suggestion that many migrants reject the church as a "symbol of their disillusionment with and disassociation from the society and its culture which has rejected them," surely has relevance to the Australian situation.

Appended to the collection is a valuable bibliography of work in sociology of religion in Britain which will be updated in future yearbooks.—Alan Matheson.

### WAIT A MINUTE, MOSES

By Norman C. Habel (Concordia). Perspective Series No. 2.

Normal Habel, an Australian-born Lutheran from St. Louis, with his racy style attempts to make vivid the relevance of the Moses story to modern youth. He likens the slave pits of Egypt to the slavery of the lives of youth today. He likens the Exodus to the quest for freedom from this bondage of youth. He likens the covenant which God made with Israel with the covenant which needs to be made between God and young people today. The sins of Israel around the golden calf become the sins of sex. The wilderness experience becomes the experience of life in today's cities with today's young people.

The book is easy to read. It succeeds in making the Moses stories much more alive than they otherwise would be. It's amazing, however, how much life has changed since 1965 when this book was first written. The late teenager in 1972 is a vastly different person from his seven years older brother. So, the book is not as pertinent as it then might have been. Yet this is another penetrating attempt in a penetrating series to bring the Bible home to us.—R.W.L.

### THIS MORNING WITH GOD (Vol. 1)

Edited by Carol Adeny (Hodder & Stoughton), \$1.30

This is a Bible Reading study guide, designed to take you through the Bible in five years. (However, the chart suggests that the course will be four years. At least, there are four volumes planned like the first). It contains questions and directions to enable you to study for yourself without giving opinions, outlines, notes, commentary or devotional thoughts. It works through each book in sections. The theology is conservative and the studies first appeared in the magazine HIS, published by the Inter-Varsity Fellowship.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"My Board says 'deficit financing' sounds more dignified,  
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## CENTENARY AT HOBART

The church at Collins St., Hobart, Tas., celebrated its first hundred years of witness with a series of special programmes.

The week-end began with a buffet tea on the Friday evening when a short history of the church was followed by greetings including a taped message from Mrs. Katharine F. McCallum whose husband was minister 1914-15.

Elder Emeritus A. E. Heard represented the older folk in the cutting of the Birth-day Cake ceremony.

The Lord Mayor, R. Soundy, brought greetings from the citizens of Hobart, and the Rev. K. Blackwell represented the Tas. Council of Churches.

A musical programme was also featured.

On Saturday, the church was open for a display of photographs and items of historical interest.

J. K. Martin and H. W. Street, both former ministers of the church, shared in the Sunday morning service.

A basket lunch was enjoyed by a large crowd prior to the special afternoon programme where the highlight was the choir dressed in period costume, singing around a small folding organ used for open-air services.

### • AUSTRALIAN TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

## C. P. HUGHES HONOURED

At the annual meeting of the Australian Temperance Council special reference was made to the influence of Cliff. P. Hughes, Church of Christ, S.A., who, for 23 years has been Secretary of the Council. In 1971 he had given notice that he would conclude his service this year, for health reasons. Opportunity was taken to present a wallet of notes from the affiliated bodies, expressing the regard in which he is held.

Officers of the Council are: President, W. W. Saunders, Vic.; Vice-President, Rev. B. J. Moxon, Vic.; Sec.-Treas., Rev. Geo. Jenkins, B.A., W.A. The conference gave consideration to literature, education, parental responsibilities, drugs, films, social drinking among church members, etc.

The Council is a growing organisation which is spreading its influence beyond Australia. New Zealand is affiliated with the Australian body. Papua New Guinea and Fiji are also coming under its influence and it is hoped that they also will affiliate. In the light of widening contacts, the name of the Council had been changed to

The Australian and South Pacific Temperance Council.

During the past year a strong stand was taken with the Federal Government over the establishment of a licensed hotel at Yirrkala in the Northern Territory, against the wishes of the tribal elders. Correspondence with the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers brought replies that a special committee will be established to consider the whole question of the Aborigines' life.

The conference was held at Mt. Martha, Vic., and a good spirit of co-operation and fellowship prevailed.

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## Drop in a Bucket

"Anything that we can do for the masses of India is only a drop in the bucket," was the comment of a non-Christian friend recently. Then I outlined the story of what was, and largely still is, only a drop in the bucket.

1949 was another of those famine years in India. Thousands of village people had no grain, no work, and no way of feeding or clothing their children. Bank accounts and reserves of any kind just do not exist in the village peasant. What he has in

By B. V. COVENTRY

his house is all he has, and if there is nothing on hand by way of food for today, he cannot eat until he has somehow managed to obtain food either by begging or doing some odd job for which he is compensated grudgingly.

In February, 1959, we admitted 13 lads into the small village Boys' Home at Dhorja, and so ushered in a record of assistance to the under-privileged, under-nourished, and lethargic lads of the Shrigonda area. The enrolments have never been high, ranging mostly from 20 to 28 boys in the home each year. In almost 23 years since the home began, over 150 lads have passed through the Home. Of these, five are double graduates, two passed their Arts with honours, four of them have also passed their B.Ed., while one has his B.D. One is the headmaster of our Bori High School, and the other three who have their B.Ed. are High School teachers. The one who has his B.D. is in charge of the Boys' Home today. A sixth lad has his Dip.Ed., and is also a High School teacher.

Nine others are trained Primary School teachers, six are in the Police Force, five are clerks, and 22 are industrial workers.

These 48 have considerable security in their work positions, and in turn many of them are making a fine contribution to the work of the church in the village or city where they are located. A further 40 have various forms of casual work. Some are masons or tailors, while others are labourers or farmers. Even for these forty their conditions of life are much better because of the years at Dhorja. Of all those who have been in the Home, only ten are considered to be really jobless and finding things difficult.

There are 28 in the small Home this year, a further 16 who have passed through the Home are in High School, and four others are undergoing other forms of preparation for a life vocation. Two are at University.

When this Boys' Home first began, it received only what finance could be made available from Famine Relief money, and with so many calls, it operated on a very small sum indeed. Even today it is a very economically run Home. A number of these lads are still available for support.

Not only has the Home a splendid record of assistance to these lads in gaining an education, but it has also a splendid record of lads growing up with a sound Bible knowledge. This has always been a feature of the Home and frequently the lads from this Home have won the Scripture prizes within our Conference. They are very proud of the Bible Correspondence course that they have completed. Some have completed as many as eight courses.

When we realise that some of these lads would not have been here today (they would, like other members of their family, become victims of T.B. and died prematurely) and many of them would have remained illiterate or semi-literate, we raise our voices and say, "Thank you, God, for the drop in the bucket!"

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2. I took this to be a call from God and followed him.
3. I had great influence with kings and captains and the sons of the prophets.
4. My service covered about 50 years, 855-798 B.C. (Who am I?) See p. 14.

THE will of a wealthy man was being read and relatives all listened expectantly, especially his playboy nephew. Finally, the lawyer read: "And to my nephew, John, whom I promised not to forget in my will—Hi there, John."

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# THE LAST WORD . . .

## MY LORD IS WITH ME

My Lord is with me.  
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The words that calmed the raging sea  
Soothe now my troubled will—  
My soul is still.  
I feel His touch—  
His hand amid the ravellings of my mind  
Sorting my thoughts  
Pointing the way to truth.  
I know His presence—  
His spirit filling me each day anew  
Giving me the strength to do  
My myriad tasks.  
My Lord is with me.  
— Laurance C. Smith



Whatever may be the surprises of the future, Jesus will never be surpassed.  
—Ernest Renan.

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

Nothing is a sermon which is out of the range of the religious necessities of the people.—Austin Phelps.



Of his son who left the mission field for the government service, "My son Felix has shrivelled from a missionary to an ambassador."—William Carey.



## DIET—TRY IT

The best technique for losing weight is not acquired with ease.  
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A fellow said he hadn't spoken to his wife in months — but he's sure his turn is coming any day now.

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