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FORWARD IN FAITH

Born at Kalgoorlie, Vi Pallot (nee Farmer) was baptized as a young girl at Kalgoorlie Tent Mission conducted by E. C. Marjoram. Later she was a B.S. teacher and Klondike, Youth and Christian Endeavour leader.

Married John L. Pallot at Sabieco after he returned from war service. Both are foundation members of South Perth church and served in B.S., youth and C.E. leadership, tennis club, etc. She was South Perth's first local C.W.A. President and has served three different terms. Her husband is an elder.

On the State Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Pallot has been H.M. Supt., Assistant Sec., State President twice, and currently State Aboriginal Missions Supt.

Her two daughters, Mrs. J. Fabry and Mrs. D. Bond, and their husbands are actively engaged in Christian service at Rivervale and South Perth churches respectively. Her son-in-law, John Fabry, is Federal Conference Arrangements Committee Treasurer. The Pallots have two grandchildren.

It has been said, "Faith and works must never be divorced, for indolence will reap no harvest in the spiritual world."

God gives us ground, but the harvest is worked out in co-operation with him — similar to the farmer of our day, who, after acquiring his property, has to work hard and diligently . . . to spend and be spent . . . If he is really to possess his possessions. His attitude and strategy determines his prosperity.

This truth was wonderfully illustrated in the experiences of the children of Israel. God had given them the Land of Canaan — a fruitful land, described as flowing with milk and honey. The gift was theirs for the taking! The overcoming of seeming impossibilities was a good start, but the miraculous crossing of the River Jordan, and the conquest of Jericho were accomplished because God's directions were obeyed. They believed God, and faith went into action; the act of possessing was begun.

I wonder how we react when confronted with a situation a little like Jericho's walls—unconquerable—impassable? We do well to follow Joshua's strategy . . . of patiently waiting daily on God, believing that he has infinite resources available to meet our situation . . . of going forward when the command comes to advance. This can be a disciplined and demanding procedure, but it's worth it!

God intended his people to take possession of Canaan, not simply to settle down in part of the land, so he reminded

Joshua, "There remaineth yet MORE land to be possessed" (Joshua 13: 1).

Now, Joshua was "old and stricken in years" but this was no reason for fear or slothfulness. His attitude sometimes creeps in with the passing of time . . . as does prayerlessness . . . and materialism. Consequently, progress is retarded, but God's word is "trust and obey" What the land was to Israel, Christ is to the Christian. Age does not limit God, and today, the testimony and example of older Christians can be a source of encouragement to the young in years.

There's always more to be possessed — how many pages of the Bible are unpossessed? We can all explore the unexplored field of God's Word. There are promises to be claimed . . . and what a harvest of experience this will produce!

Consider also the challenge in the area of corporate prayer — or personal prayer . . . how much more land there could be possessed?

"Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring,
For his grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much."

We read "Be strong in the Lord — be empowered through your union with him; draw your strength from him—that strength which his boundless might provides."

So let us . . . go forward in faith . . . proving God . . . knowing God, and making him known, for "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

THE SPIRIT BREAKS . . .

AROUND us and within ourselves we Christians see little faith. Therefore we pray for the Holy Spirit.

God's Kingdom is greater than man's prospect of his future. Already the Spirit breaks open our immobility and timid planning. He gives us power no longer to exploit and pollute this earth, but to use all our wisdom and resources so that future generations may live responsibly.

God's Kingdom is greater than man's politics. Already the Spirit breaks open our half-hearted attempts to limit war. He gives us power to suffer for peace: a peace where the diversity and tension between races, generations, sexes, cultures, social classes and nations help all to grow into a fuller unity and maturity.

God's Kingdom is greater than our common life as Christians. Already the Spirit breaks open the isolation of Christians from one another and from their fellow human beings. He gives us power to repent of our self-complacency and he moulds us into better instruments of God's love for this world.

The United Nations Organisation has this year called on all men to fight against the self-destructive pollution of our planet. In this same year the World Council of Churches will gather Christians from all continents to rediscover what is "salvation today." On Pentecost 1972 we must therefore understand anew

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

what Paul wrote about the Spirit as the first fruit of the Kingdom, and spread the news of this hope:

"Always there was hope, because the universe itself is to be freed from the shackles of mortality and enter upon the liberty and splendour of the children of God. Up to the present, we know, the whole created universe groans in all its parts as if in the pangs of childbirth. Not only so, but even we, to whom the Spirit is given as first fruits of the harvest to come, are groaning inwardly while we wait for God to make us his sons and set our whole body free. For we have been saved, though only in hope."

(Romans 8: 21-24 NEB).

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CHILDREN —VICTIMS OF AN ADULT WORLD

THE world has more sick, underfed, and uneducated children than it had ten years ago. Without genuine concern and concerted action by the international community, the number of neglected children will increase by millions before the end of this decade.

Several United Nations' agencies co-operated in surveying the needs of children including UNICEF and UNESCO.

In the developing countries, 200 children are born every minute, but 40 of them will die within a year. Of the 160 who survive, 120 will have no access to medical care during their childhood.

Many will suffer from malnutrition during the crucial weaning and early childhood stages, when they are vulnerable to irreversible physical and mental damage. Their chance of dying during this period will be 20 to 40 times higher than if they lived in Europe, Nth. America, Australia or New Zealand.

Of those who reach school age, only half will ever attend school, and of those who make it to school, less than four out of ten will complete elementary education.

Three-quarters of the world's children under 15 years of age—nearly 1,000 million—live in developing countries.

Serious problems of childhood ill-health and mortality per-

sist. In some developed countries, the infant mortality rate has now fallen below 20 per 1,000, but in developing countries the rate varies between 150 to 250 per 1,000.

The death rate for the age group, one to five years, is 10 to 50 times higher than in developed countries, and in some developing countries 30 to 40% of the children die before reaching the age of five. The most frequent diseases for children in developed countries are respiratory infection, congenital defects, accidents, and cancer. In the developing countries the report says that the chief immediate hazards to child health are malnutrition and the communicable diseases that so often stem from poverty, ignorance, and a grossly insanitary environment. Most children in developing countries, and many even in some developed countries, are under-nourished.

The report went on to consider other aspects of child victimisation. It described as a "violation of the rights of children" the discrimination still practised in most countries against children born out of wedlock, to a degree that greatly reduces the possibility for a happy and meaningful life.

Governments should use "imagination and sympathy" to alleviate the social ills affecting those children who are the victims of adults in a selfish world.

RHODESIAN DEMOCRACY . . .

By W. S. LOWE

Your readers may be interested to learn of two reports I have received from Rhodesia — especially in the light of the defenders of the Smith regime who claim that people detained under government edict have an appeal to a Tribunal. The "appeal" by the way is not a "right," but an attempt by the government to give a legal front to a political action; the tribunal reviews the position of detainees at least every twelve months.

The first report is from a report by a tribunal judge and two of his assessors on Feb. 8, 1971. The judge said: "Detention is not to be regarded as a punishment for what a detainee has done in the past, but as an administrative expedient designed to prevent him doing anything in the future which would imperil the safety and order of the State."

This is democracy? Or even defensible?

The second report concerns the nature of the tribunal: ". . . held in camera. If a detainee appears before it and later reports what has been said, even what he himself has said, he is liable to a fine of up to \$1,000, or two years' imprisonment or both. Laws of evidence or procedure applicable to legal proceedings do not apply. Privileged information from informers may be given to the Judge but withheld from the detainee on the grounds that security might be imperilled if the detainee were to know who made the accusations or the content of them. No decision is announced by the Judge; he provides a

report to the government 'concerning the expediency of continuing the detention.'

It is rather difficult to distinguish this procedure from that of a police state — which is what Sir Robert Tredgold, former Chief Justice, has called it. No wonder some detainees have been under arrest for more than eight years, without trial or even formal accusation—held for what they might do.

Incidentally, the authorities seized documents from the Todd home dating back to 1953, no doubt in the hope of incriminating the Todds in something. The documents yielded nothing and have now all been returned.

In one respect the Todds are lucky—at least their detention has caught the attention of the world press and created a real picture of what the Smith government does and is. Equally significant is the less publicised detention without trial of many African leaders and the recent report of a Rhodesian weekly that ten chiefs and headmen have been suspended from their jobs by the Smith regime because they dared to say NO to the Pearce Commission investigating African reaction to the proposals for settlement between the British government and the Smith regime.

Australian M.P.'s and the Government itself are guilty of supporting this regime — some M.P.'s openly and vigorously, the government by default since it refuses to apply fully the U.N. sanctions, as it publicly claims it does. Items: grant-

ing of visas to visit Australia to Smith officials; supply of wheat to Rhodesia "on humanitarian grounds" when everyone knows the Africans don't eat wheat; refusing to prosecute or expel persons who have flouted the Customs regulations and diplomatic privilege by importing Rhodesian publicity films illegally; permitting a Rhodesian publicity office devoted to promoting the Smith cause. The American and other governments are equally at fault with half-hearted acceptance of their own sanctions undertaking. It is hardly surprising that black Africa regards our promises of any kind with cynicism.

BIBLES BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

Despite communist influences in Eastern Europe, Bible production in Hungary has continued to the point where Hungarians are now exporting Bibles to neighbouring countries.

The United Bible Societies in London sent paper to Hungary for the printing of Bibles and New Testaments, many of which have been printed on government-owned presses.

Over a quarter of a million New Testaments and Bibles have been produced in Hungary since 1949. On three occasions 5,000 Bibles were exported to Slovakia. At the moment, 1,500 Hungarian Bibles are on their way from Budapest to the Reformed Church in Yugoslavia.



K. J. CLINTON,
Conference Guest Speaker

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINI-CONFERENCE

A brief meeting of the South Australian churches in a "mini-Conference" proved very popular, with greatly improved attendances at business sessions.

K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Dip. R.E., Lecturer at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, was guest speaker with the subjects: "Has the World a Future?" and "Has the Church a Future?" All meetings were held at the Glenelg church and the initial topic was stimulated by questions asked to a previous Conference by a young people's group. Dr. Keith Crowley congratulated the Conference on discussing this topic, commenting that we were caught unprepared on the abortion question, but we can be sure that the other topics are coming on too quickly: homosexuality, euthanasia and genetic engineering. The President of Conference, W. N. Bartlett, recognised that at this point Conference had heard an important word.

The Conference unanimously endorsed the Executive recommendation of E. W. Roffey's appointment as Conference Secretary from Feb. 1, 1974. It also made significant changes to its constitution. In fact, it turned the Executive upside down, accepting the recommendation that the whole of the Executive now be elected by Conference. This means that the twelve Departmental representatives will no longer be members, but the four full-time Directors will be associate members, without voting powers.

It is hoped the Executive will gain the effectiveness of a small Committee, with 13 independent members and four directors. Mrs. E. Simpson regretted the lack of representation of Women's Conference, but a male supporter of Women's Lib. quickly told her that it was time the majority members of our churches—women—got on the ball and got themselves elected to Conference and Officers' Boards.

Social Service Director re-appointed. A. R. Jones was congratulated on his appointment for the remaining years until his retirement in December, 1976.

Christian Rest Home: On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Conference approved the \$390,000 scheme to demolish the old house at St. Georges and erect a new three-storey building with unit accommodation for 48 people.

Response to the Uniting Church of Australia: The Dulwich church made a presentation of its progress towards integrated

programming within the United Parish with a Methodist and Congregational church. Rev. L. Hunt in a sharp, significant and satisfying statement captured the Conference when he talked of the reality of co-operation today.

"There is only one reason why we have come together—it is because God has been in this. We are no longer interested in Methodism or Congregationalism — our interest is in Jesus Christ."

From Maylands, Neville Moore spoke of the work of their joint parish, saying "the rot has spread! We are not yet 'engaged', we are just beginning to 'walk out together.'" Dr. Thornley Thomas wanted to know if united parish ministers charged common fees for weddings, while C. L. Smith commented that when we in our isolation talk of other Christians we feel they are different, but when they have their shower they also exhibit all the usual human characteristics.

Kevin Harvey said that within our churches there is a need for conflict of wills as we discuss the issue in small groups so that God can speak to us. Jim Dow said that his church (Balaklava) would welcome the action of this Conference in suggesting to the Methodist connexion that a suitable successor be placed at Balaklava to replace the present co-operation oriented Methodist minister there. I. J. Chivell briefly outlined the development of the Westlakes area where land at half-price has been made available for use by the churches in co-operation, for a Neighbourhood Centre and a Service Centre, which all churches will use. The Conference recommended that in principle we become a participating denomination, sharing with a group ranging from Roman Catholics to Baptists.

The morning devotions were conducted by M. Munyard, of the Forestville church, and P. deWildt, of the Nailsworth church, conducted the afternoon devotions.

The President introduced to Conference E. W. Heard, incoming Home Mission Director.

Indication of the way last year's Conference Resolution had stimulated their churches to action was presented by four speakers: W. N. Heath (Maylands), J. Gibson (Edwardstown), E. Ratcliff (Blackwood) and B. Pittman (Glenelg).

Maylands has gone for involvement — involvement of the congregation in the work of the church, involvement with other

churches in joint study and co-operation, and involvement in community activities.

Edwardstown has been involved in a year's planning which culminated in a Planned Giving Programme with a record 80% of the membership pledging adequate support for brotherhood departments.

In the midst of the youth population explosion, Blackwood has been involved in church restructuring and evangelism through pastoral care.

Glenelg has made a detailed study of the involvements of its members to bring a focus on the latent potential of those persons who are under-involved and those who are over-involved.

Conference then broke into interest groups to spend time in questions and discussion with the men who made these presentations to the great benefit of all.

During the afternoon the Conference President indicated that there had been some improvement in tiny Nicolle Sander from Whyalla, who had been admitted to the Children's Hospital on Thursday, critically ill with virus meningitis.

During the Open Forum session questions were asked about Aboriginal affairs and the ensuing debate caused much interest and excitement. So many people wished to speak to these questions that the Conference President allowed further questions to be asked during the "Director's Panel" and young people pursued their questioning with vigour and insight. Conference was invited to get as concerned about the plight of the Aboriginal people as it had about the "Oh Calcutta" programme. The work of the Aborigines Committee was vigorously defended against expressions of paternalism and regimentation. The Conference was unable to answer what its attitude was to the white problem of the present treatment to the Aboriginal community by government and society, because it had never discussed the matter. The high infant mortality rate of the Aboriginal people was contrasted to the extremely low rate in the white Australian population.

Conference Departments presented their work through a short selection of slides with commentary.

More satisfaction has been expressed in this one-and-a-half day format of Conference than ever before. The churches gained more from this than from the usual four-day Conference.

DR. J. DANIEL JOYCE

and 3rd National Ministers' Seminar

DR. JOYCE has now sent us his outline of general theme and lecture titles for Perth, October 16 and 17, 1972. They give great promise of a needy word from a dedicated man of God.

General theme: **WHITHER OUR MIN'ISTRY? 1. Some Deeper Needs of Ministers. 2. New Demands on Ministry. 3. The True Glory Amidst Fading Glory. 4. Creation's Cry for Redemption.**

The Ministerial Sub-Committee of Federal Conference Executive is now shaping these into a two-day programme. Des. Croot of Perth has domestic arrangements in hand for residence at the Salvation Army "Lakeside" Youth Camp at White Lake, East Rockingham.

Enrolments are made direct to D. K. Croot, 8 Jarrad St., Cottesloe, W.A., 6011. Total cost is \$8.50 including bed linen, towels, accommodation and lecture notes.

CHURCH SECRETARIES: Has your Board of Officers discussed sending or assisting your minister to attend the 34th Federal Conference, Oct. 10-15, and the Third National Ministers' Seminar in Perth, Oct. 16-17? Registration for Conference is \$7.50 sent to A. D. Pyne, 43 Floreat Towers, 370 Cambridge St., Wembley, W.A., 6014 and for the Seminar to Mr. Croot as indicated.

If your minister is not attending we urge you to register him as a non-attending member at \$2 each to Mr. Pyne and Mr. Croot. He will then receive the Federal Conference Report Book and Seminar lecture notes. Or he may enrol himself.

Dr. Joyce will address rallies each night of the Conference on the theme "A NEW ORDER" based on 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21 (NEB). J. Daniel Joyce is World Convention President of Churches of Christ and Dean of the Graduate Seminary, Philips University, Enid, Oklahoma, U.S.A.

See you in Perth? — **E. W. Roffey**, Federal Conference Secretary.

SCHOLARSHIPS URGED

(New York). John Francis, Principal of Overdale College at Birmingham, England, and the fraternal delegate of the British Churches of Christ to The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) visited the World Convention of Churches of Christ office in New York City.

Meeting with Dr. Allan W. Lee, General Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Francis urged the World Convention to begin a programme whereby they might promote attendance and scholarships for young people from around the world to Overdale College, particularly studying in the field of Christian Education and Christian Mission. At the present time students from Thailand and Malawi are studying in these areas at Overdale.

Overdale College, established in 1920 as a part of the Selly Oak Colleges and the ministerial training centre for the British Churches of Christ, has close affiliation with the University of Birmingham.

NO TO ARMY SERVICE

Thirty-two priests and pastors of Christian churches in the French-speaking section of Switzerland have informed the Swiss Military Department that they would in future refuse to do military service as required by law or pay the defence tax. Their action has provoked considerable public discussion.

In explanation they said: "We have come to believe that our armed forces, with their duty to be ready at any time to meet external attack or disorders within our territory, make less and less sense in the international context and in practice serve only the interests of the economically and financially powerful." An additional 43 clerics support this position but have not refused military service.—E.P.S.

WORD TALK No. 51

Isaiah is the most quoted prophet in the New Testament (21 times). John the Baptist quoted him in his ministry (John 1: 23). Jesus commenced his ministry quoting him (Luke 4: 18-19) and at the end of his life Isaiah was quoted (Luke 22: 37). Isaiah was present at the Transfiguration (Matt. 17: 1-8). Philip used his writing to convert the Ethiopian (Acts 8: 26-39). Paul's last words in prison were quoting Isaiah (Acts 28: 26-7) and Peter quoted him (1 Peter 2: 24-25).

Some of the greatest Old Testament passages are found in Isaiah: Isa. 1: 18; 6: 1-8; 9: 6; 26: 3; 40: 1, 29-31; 53; 55: 6 and 7. Isaiah would be the most sung prophet. Everyone from Handel to Bach, Stainer to Caleb Simper to "Godspell", has composed around Isaiah's words.

Isaiah was born in Jerusalem 760 B.C. He was an aristocrat and priest and possibly a second nephew to the king. (2 Kg.: 18-20). He commenced his ministry upon the death of Uzziah, 742 B.C. Isaiah's political advice was for Judah to have no alliance with Egypt, Assyria or Babylon, to maintain independence without revolting but by trusting in God. Theologically Isaiah stressed the sovereignty and holiness of God, the cost of human sin, and the Messiah who would come from the faithful remnant. He is the first of the major prophets and his forty-year ministry covered four kings. Early Hebrew and Christian tradition says he died a martyr by being sawn in two (cf. Hebrews 11: 37). Prof. R. G. Moulton comments: "Nowhere else in the literature of the world have so many colossal great ideas been brought together in a single work." Scholars differ that it is a single work, some claiming Isaiah's disciples have preserved for us his teachings in chaps. 40 to 55, and 56 to 66.

ISAIAH

FOR TODAY

Isaiah was strong against sin and injustice but unparalleled in his tenderness and sympathy for people. He maintained a broad vision, missionary spirit, and a world outlook that was always sane and never bizarre as some other prophets. He showed the greatest insight into the sufferings of the Messiah for sin's atonement. He predicted all the personal qualities of Christ with the possible exception of Christ's humour. But his humility, strength, love, optimism, sorrow, affliction, obedience and victory are all there.

Many great men achieve greatness by action in war, politics, economics or religion. Isaiah was a writer and poet and his influence has outlived the influence of the sword. The influence of his pen has lasted.

His vision in the temple (chap. 6) so justly famous is great because he not only saw the magnificence and authority of God but saw in comparison the worthlessness of himself which led to his desire for cleansing and the acceptance of the challenge to future service. Each Christian needs this vision. Great acts of service for God usually flow from a consciousness of God's glory and of man's worthlessness. So Paul saw himself as "the chief of sinners." Luther, Wesley and Booth all served man following an awareness of their own cleansing. Cleansing must be followed by commitment.

GORDON MOYES.

MINISTER TO RETIRE

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). To the regret of the church Mr. Grainger has announced that he will retire from the ministry in Jan., 1973 . . . The New Guinea Dormitory Appeal passed its target by \$82 to reach \$1,682 . . . Over 100 attended Conference Rally in Melb. Town Hall . . . At "Newly-Weds" gospel service four young people (three from one family) confessed Christ . . . Mrs. Doris Clark welcomed back from W.A. Aborigine Mission relief work . . . Robt. McFarlane still very ill, Mrs. Turner improving in hospital, Mrs. George welcomed back . . . C.E. distributed fruit and flowers to Elgar Hospital patients.

FOOTBALL COACH SPEAKER

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). Gary Ireland, Croydon Football Club coach, was guest speaker at a youth service during which a young married woman was baptized . . . Young Marrieds met at home of Jenny and David Lardner . . . North Balwyn church choir presented the cantata, "Easter Song" on April 16 . . . Doug. McCubbin made his decision . . . Mr. Grenness and Roy Clarke are back after illness but Mrs. Mirrall is absent through poor health . . . Tennis Club held a church parade and trophies were presented . . . A forum on the "Inflation Spiral" was chaired by Max Moody with A. B. Clark, A. J. Gairns, and Mr. Kent as speakers.

MISSIONARY VISIT

(PEEL ST., BALLARAT, Vic., W. Mills). Hazel Skuce from India was speaker on May 7 . . . C.W.F. smorgasbord raised \$40 . . . Mr. McIntyre (from J.E.W.) spoke recently . . . C.M.F. and Explorers combined for Lads' and Dads' Night . . . Youth service featured "Maranatha Sounds" and an after-church service . . . Work of Life-Line was outlined by R. Fry to marrieds' group . . . Church offering for Aboriginal work was \$40.

VISITORS TO CAULFIELD

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). During Mr. Berston's convalescence, visiting speakers have been Don. Phillips (Bible Translators), David White (Maidstone), V. Ford (Africa Evang. Fellowship), Clem Clack (Box Hill) and Paul Payne (Black Rock) . . . "Inasmuch" singers were guest artists at A.W.F. birthday. Kevin Arnett of the A.B.C. spoke on "Flying Saucers" to E.W.F. . . . Norm. Lynch and Jim Tidd spent hours altering and painting the kitchen. The new lino is the gift of an anonymous donor . . . A tram was hired to carry B.S. scholars and friends to a picnic at Wattle Park . . . Our B.S. gained high marks in group singing, Bible reading and Bible Quiz at recent Bible Society Talent Quest.

WEST AFRICANS WANT TECHNOLOGY ON THEIR TERMS

SCIENCE and technology are needed by the nations of West Africa to raise the living standards of all the people. But their use must be determined by the needs and priorities of the Africans themselves and not by the profit motives of foreign-owned multi-national corporations.

This was a major conclusion reached by 40 African physical and social scientists, theologians and church leaders plus a group of students who attended the West African Church Conference on Science, Technology and the Future of Man and Society at the University of Ghana. Strong delegations came from Nigeria and Ghana and smaller groups from Liberia, Sierra Leone, Dahomey and Cameroon.

The conference was concerned about how the African could maintain spiritual, ethical and cultural values cherished by his society while developing his country by adopting or adapting methods of modern science and technology, management and economics. Traditional values worth retaining are (1) communal life giving the individual a sense of belonging and a moral duty to help others, (2) the family as a "healthy milieu" in which a child can develop and (3) traditional healing arts,

psychiatric practices and knowledge of animals.

Several important roles were seen for the Church in "modernising Africa." But first, participants said, it must educate itself on the issues of social change and economic development. In addition to being aware of the implications of the advances of science and technology, the Church should see that these are used to benefit the oppressed and poor people.

"Technology can be a monster capable of destroying the fabric of social and moral life," a conference report concluded. "It can create a technocratic super-elite. Therefore great care must be taken that its application is consistent with social goals. The goals of equality, participation and the absence of exploitation must be placed high in the economic policies of governments and societies as technology is being applied."—E.P.S.

ASSOCIATE MISSIONARIES

Mr. and Mrs. N. Wescombe of the Swanston St. church, Melb., have been accepted by the Overseas Mission Board as Associate Missionaries.

The Wescombes serve with the Far East Broadcasting Association in the Seychelle Islands in the Indian Ocean.

Christian radio programmes in Marathi prepared by Richard Powell and his team at Dhond, India, are sent to the F.E.B.A. in the Seychelles, and from this location they are broadcast back to India. Previously the programmes were sent to Manila in the Philippines, but reception from Manila was not clear enough in India.

The new radio transmitting station of the F.E.B.A. in the Seychelles is centrally situated with salt water on all sides which is ideal for the transmission of long range broadcasting. The radio waves reach not only India, but beam into Ceylon, Pakistan, the Middle East and Africa.

During the past twelve months, Neil and Ruth Wescombe have been actively involved assisting in the establishment of this new station. In accepting our invitation to become associate missionaries, Mrs. Wescombe wrote:

"We were thrilled to receive your letter recently, telling us of the Associate Mis-

sionaries, and we are very pleased to be associated with you in this way.

"In a recent 'Sky Waves' (Missionary periodical F.E.B.A.) a portion of a letter from Dick Powell was printed, which seemed to associate us still further. Having worked in India we long for far more vernacular programmes so that India will hear the gospel. We believe there are those in Australia who have recently been interested in sponsoring programmes, and we praise the Lord for this. Neil has come out especially to be engaged on the Reef Aerial Project, but has had a lot of building supervision on shore up till now."

Robert Starky, General Secretary of the Far East Broadcasting Company, has advised that it has been an encouragement to the F.E.B.C. to know of the offer to accept Neil and Ruth Wescombe as Associate Missionaries with Churches of Christ.

ASSOCIATE MISSIONARIES

Associate missionaries are members of Churches of Christ who serve overseas with other missions or churches that have invited us to second workers to them.

They are included in our missionary team, and this enables the home churches to keep contact with them.

A letter from your fellowship would encourage our Associate Missionaries. The following is a list of Associate Missionaries already appointed. Please remember them in prayer.

Nepal: Mr. and Mrs. B. Richards, P.O. Box 354, Katmandu, Nepal.

Thailand: H. Gross, Bamrung Wittaya School, Mokara Road, Nakhon Pathon, Thailand.

Seychelles: Mr. and Mrs. N. Wescombe, P.O. Box 234, Mahe, Seychelles.

3,478 ARMY MEN BAPTISED

(SEOUL). A group of 3,478 South Korean army soldiers, including 88 officers, were baptized in a mass ceremony in a Western sector of the Korean truce front.

The Army said 140 Army Chaplains and civilian priests officiated at the baptismal ceremony as part of a one-man-one-religion campaign under way among military personnel.—"The Australian."

TASMANIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

THE church at Margaret Street, Launceston, was host to the Convention on April 22-23. Carl Clayden (Ulverstone) was elected President for the coming year, with Cec. Neville (Hobart) President-elect for the following year.

Notices of motion were passed streamlining the structure and functions in the areas of Social Service and D.C.E. Tribute was paid to the work of retiring President, Laurie Boxhall (Hobart), Secretary Bill Fleit (Nubeena) and Lloyd Cooke (Hobart) who has given invaluable service on the Bethany Committee during the years of his ministry at Collins St. A devotional period preceded lunch, and in his opening address Dean Hamilton (Launceston) presented a personal challenge in introducing the Convention theme, "Serving Christ in These Days."

Over 70 members attended the afternoon session in which an open forum on the Convention theme was chaired by Geoff. Foot, M.L.C. Four speakers (George Shaw, M.L.C.; George Ormrod, City Missioner; Graeme Wade, Welfare Officer; and Nigel Scott, businessman) each presented a differ-

ent view on what is involved in "Serving Christ in These Days" and a stimulating period of question and discussion followed.

A youth programme compered by Alvin Cooke (Hobart) attracted over 100 on Saturday evening. The film "Son Worshipers" focused on the Jesus Revolution in the U.S.A., and had a dramatic visual impact.

The chapel was filled to capacity on Sunday morning when 230 attended the worship and communion service. "The task of the church in these days," said Mr. Hamilton, "is to make Christianity visible—in-telligible—and desirable."

The women's meeting on Sunday afternoon was chaired by Mrs. Joyce Boxhall (Hobart). Guest speaker was Mrs. F. Morgan (Pres.-elect of Vic.-Tas. C.W.F.). Mrs. Iris Robertson (Launceston) is the incoming Tas. Women's President.

"GODSPELL"

Theatre critics are so often criticised that we feel compelled to lend a word of support for R.W.L. in his review of the Rock Opera "Godspell" ("A.C.," Feb. 5, 1972). This simple, beautifully presented production is the talk of London at the

By Ken. and Gail Wiltshire
(currently worshipping Avery Hills church,
Kent, England)

moment. Not even the Queen herself could obtain a seat for the next six months. The overwhelming success of a religious musical in the West End (currently featuring about 22 pornographic shows out of 40 live theatres) seems to have the show business world baffled.

What is even more baffling to the British public is the fact that such a professional cast of big names is throwing so much into every performance. "Godspell" is just the beginning of what should be a new trend at expressing New Testament truths in the 20th century vernacular. It is a must for every church youth group each of whom should be proud to take an uncommitted friend. The whole show would be worthy of an investment by combined faiths to bring the show to each centre in Australia. Definitely worth a dozen sermons, and the script is the original text of Matthew's gospel, not even adapted for the stage.

But just to differ with your critic, the Resurrection portrayal was missing in the London production (pressures of show biz or maybe the philosophy is "You've seen the play, now read the book"). This is truly Christian Education in live action.

NEW FOR PT. PIRIE

(S.A., M. T. Lawrie). Five new members have been welcomed by transfer . . . E. W. Heard was guest speaker at Nthn. Dist. Conf. and stayed on to address Sunday services and meet Board . . . Campfire service on April 23 was accompanied by deafening rain . . . Tennis picnic was held at Bangor on Anzac Day . . . Mr. and Mrs. Purdie now reside at Morphett Vale. They were active workers here for 26 years. Mr. Purdie served as Board Chairman . . . Miss Jean Delaney told us of mission work in New Hebrides . . . Christine Edwards assists Mrs. Robinson with church music.

INDIAN VISITOR

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). Miss Hazel Skuce visited church on April 16 . . . District youth camp held at Lake Eppalock . . . Sympathy is expressed to the Herdman family in the death of Mrs. H. Herdman . . . Good Companions and Explorers held a church parade . . . G. Watt gained a scholarship for B.I.T. . . . C.W.E.F. raised \$40 at progressive dinner. . . . C.Y.F. conducted evening meeting on May 30 featuring a debate and open forum.

BOOMING YOUTH WORK

(BERRI, S.A., K. Fechner). 59 young people attended a recent social, and youth predominate at night services . . . Hermansberg Mission Choir sang well-loved hymns. . . . Programme features include Winter B.S., discipleship classes, adult Saturday night discussion groups, and visiting soloists.

ANZAC SERVICE

(GROTE ST., ADELAIDE, S.A., H. M. Long). Fifteen ex-servicemen from World Wars I and II participated in Anzac Remembrance Service. Navy, Army, Air Force and National Servicemen took part. . . . Using own soloists, the choir presented the Easter cantata, "Hallelujah! What a Saviour!" by Pederson . . . Palaeontologist Murray Lindsay addressed C.Y.F. and C.W.F. . . . Monthly missionary rally speaker was Russell Grigg who has served 12 years in Indonesia . . . The manse has been painted throughout and a new gas stove installed.

MISSION HOUSE PROJECT

(VICTOR HARBOUR, S.A., J. Luff). Miss S Alderman was guest soloiste at the church anniversary. The Thanksgiving offering was for August and Maeline Ben's House Project and New Hebridean Bible Translators . . . C.W.F. members attended Sthn. Dist. Women's Conf. at Murray Bridge. The S.D.C. family picnic was held on Anzac Day . . . T. F. Christie was speaker at Men's Fellowship . . . The church was saddened by the sudden death of S. M. Mason.

70 NETBALLERS

(HENLEY BEACH, S.A., G. Setsman). 70 girls are enrolled for church netball teams . . . Elected elders are G. Pridham, J. Shrubsole and C. Thomas. R. Strudwick is secretary and Mrs. J. Cerchez is treas.

BUILDING FUND LIFT

(HENLEY BEACH, S.A., G. Setsman). The ladies raised \$78 for the Building Fund at a Mix-n-Match Fashion Parade. . . . 160 were at annual Girls' Brigade dinner . . . Youth Service discussed "Why I am a Christian Today." Bruce W. Green made good confession . . . Mrs. D. Stevens is in hospital . . . Average weekly offering is \$170.

B.S. CAMP

(MAIDSTONE, Vic., D. White). Over 50 pupils and teachers were in camp at Belerave, led by David White . . . Church was saddened by the death of the oldest member, Clara Bradley. She was born in 1885. Church was packed for memorial service. . . . Film Club, Music Club, and Coffee Pot are popular social features . . . C.W.F. held a successful street stall.

MORNING DECISIONS

(BALAKLAVA, S.A., J. Dow). Three teenagers made decisions on April 30 . . . Mr. Fox, Temperance Alliance, was recent guest speaker . . . G. Veitch was elected to fill board vacancy. . . . Some members are in hospital in Adelaide.

L.I.F.E.

(EDWARDSTOWN, S.A., R. H. Brown). Don. Grant and Roger Blackett led a L.I.F.E. programme here. Bible and prayer groups are being formed as part of Way of Life plan . . . \$600 has been allocated by the Government to the church as Coffee House/Youth Lounge grant . . . Floodlighting of church courts is being arranged. Over 120 young people are involved in sport.

OPEN FORUM

ABORIGINES

To the Editor,

Many delegates to the S.A. Conference were disturbed when provocative questions were asked and statements made concerning injustices suffered by Aborigines. Conference made no decisions but, as was suggested, individuals could be "committees of one" and act in a positive way.

It was stated that in dealing with the question of the Aborigine, we have a "white" problem. I prefer to call it not a "white" or a "black" problem, but a human spiritual need problem, which calls for both black and white to have a right relationship with Christ. Dr. D. T. Niles wrote, "It is not cant (insincere pious talk)—this talk of Christ as the need of the world. It is desperately true."

I suggest that we take the following action:

1. Encourage our churches, if they are not already doing so, to pray earnestly for the Aborigine. It is easy to say "Let's

pray" when confronted with a problem and we are not sure what to do, or we do not want to become involved in some other way, but we must begin here. This can be a time for self-examination when before our Lord we consider our attitudes and concern for the Aboriginal people.

2. Commend Jesus Christ to the Aboriginal as well as the white community. South Australian churches have a unique opportunity to do this by supporting the ministry of Pastor Bob Brown who is an Aborigine and has been appointed by the Aborigines' Evangelical Fellowship to witness amongst 4,000 Aboriginal people in the Adelaide metropolitan area.

3. Arrange conferences to inform and alert people to the needs of the Aborigines, and make positive suggestions for action. There is loud criticism of the government and missions but silence when the question is asked, "What can we do?"

There is no value in saying that the Aborigines are an oppressed minority, or singled out by the police, or living in appalling conditions, or that not one Aborigine is employed at Alice Springs, etc., unless we can make suggestions and be prepared to take positive action.

4. Become informed concerning the work our brotherhood is doing among Aborigines. If you want to know about policy or have suggestions to make, write to the Federal Aborigines Mission Board or your State Aborigine Committee.

Finally, to quote again from Dr. D. T. Niles, "The world needs every form of Christian activity but no Christian activity can take the place of Christ himself."

—R. S. A. McLean (S.A.).

TIME FOR CONFERENCE

To the Editor,

In 1969 there was a motion before the S.A. Conference seeking to change the time of Conference from the September school holidays to March or April. Churches representing farming and fruit-growing areas pointed out the hardship that an autumn Conference would bring to a particular section of the churches, at least 12 churches would not be able to send representatives. The 1969 Conference voted by a large majority to retain the status quo. This was the most recent expression of the churches on this subject.

However, our State Executive ignored these objections and conducted their own public opinion poll, amongst people giving the right answers. Our Executive also ignored opportunities to correspond with churches to obtain a State-wide opinion. The result was an Annual Conference on April 14-15, 18, 1972, authorised by our Executive, their only authority being an application of their powers to arrange special conferences which enabled them to rearrange the time of this annual conference.

Future conferences held at this period may well serve a majority of members and churches in this State, but they will not be representative of the whole church, for they will exclude a large section of rural churches.—Ross D. Pollard (S.A.).

I. J. Chivell, S.A. Conf. Executive Secretary, comments:

"It is true that the S.A. Executive changed the date of Conference from September to April. With the longer school holiday period in September extending over three weekends, it became evident to us that many more people were taking advantage of this period to take their annual holidays, and this affected the attendance of delegates at Conference.

"The only direction the Constitution gives is that Annual Conferences should be held, and, 'The President and Secretary of the Union shall convene all Conference business sessions . . .'

"This year was an experiment. It was a conference extending over Friday night and all day Saturday. On every hand we have received words of commendation for the benefit received from this Conference. Last year the average attendance at business sessions was 128, and this year 201. The highest attendance at any one session last year was 200, and this year it was 220. The higher average attendance indicates the sustained interest throughout Conference. Opportunity was given to the delegates to move a motion regarding the time to hold future Conferences, but no motion was forthcoming.

"We do not wish to be dictatorial, but we have a responsibility to do the best we can do for the total brotherhood, and we think the experiment proved the wisdom of the change we made."

WOMEN'S LIB. v. BIBLE

To the Editor,

If we are to take the N.T. as doctrine, then there is no room for disagreement with any part thereof. Naturally, we must follow the Bible.

Definite, strong arguments against "Women's Lib." are found in Ephesians 5: 22-24, also Colossians 3: 18. No matter what the circumstances are, no woman should even wish to liberate herself from the conditions which are laid down for her as a Christian.

It is true that many men in the world

don't live as Christ would have them live and don't treat their wives as given in, say, 1 Corinthians 7: 3-5, and Ephesians 5: 25-33. Nevertheless, unfair though it may seem, this still gives a woman no right to follow suit and belong to the "in group." Liberation in today's society is the process of substituting something seemingly better for what you already have. Unfortunately most people are guided by others in this matter rather than their own conscience.

Live as Christ would have you live, not necessarily as someone else would like to see you live.—David Hughes (S.A.).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"THE WILD ONES"

To the Editor,

Our C.Y.F. caters for a large, nolsy group of "wld ones." The minister would like more young people from the church families to be in it, to steady it down a bit and to help some of the wld ones to become Christians. But the church families don't want their klds in the C.Y.F. lest they be contaminated. I can't say I really blame them!

I remember years ago, back in the old home church we had the same problem. The wld ones were in the clubs and the less wld in the C.E. Our minister put a challenge to the C.E. that they should join the clubs as a sort of leaven. The C.E. would help them to stick to their Christian standards and train them to lead the others to Christ.

For years it worked. But gradually there were a new lot in the C.E. They never joined the clubs. They tended to shun the club members and the club programmes as "worldly." So we ended up again with the "wld ones" who never came to Christ and the "holy ones" who never won anyone to Christ because they were afraid of contamination with the wld ones.

Our minister is really set on winning his wld ones to Christ. I don't know what he's going to do with them when he does, unless he can convert their dress and hair styles and get them to wear shoes. After all you can't have people trooping into the Lord's House looking like the twelve apostles!

Perhaps he can tame them while he's converting them. My only worry is that I'm not sure if Christ wants the wld ones tamed, or if he simply wants them to follow him.

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THE Federal Secretary of Churches of Christ in Australia, Ed. Roffey, is now on a visit to the Northern Territory, with a special interest in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Darwin.

The trip has no other purpose than to make contact with our members of Churches of Christ in the Territory, and to assure them of our interest in them.

We have no church in the Territory and our members are being encouraged to give their support to churches which are already established there. Many of our folk are already involved in the United Church, which has offered our people associate membership. Other churches, including the Baptist church, have warmly welcomed our members.

From our national journal, we also send our Christian greetings to those who are short or long-term members of the Territory communities, and we welcome this opportunity by the visit of our Federal Secretary, to express in person the goodwill of our whole Australian brotherhood to our brethren in the Central North.

GIFTS FOR COLLEGE

(HARCOURT, Vic., J. Spiker). After Harvest Thanksgiving service a large arrangement of goods was presented to married students at the College . . . Miss Anthea Nancarrow and Jim Spiker presented the evening service in message and song on April 2 . . . C.E. led an evening service . . . Family Church Day Picnic at Lake Eppalock camp site began with a service at 11 a.m. . . Mrs. Nancy Dunn of Melb. showed slides of Russia when guest speaker at C.W.F. 20th birthday.

DALBY MISSION

(Qld., R. Holt). After Combined Easter service with Baptists a Mini-Mission was held with Gerald Parriott of the H.M. Dept. . . . C.Y.F. conducted barbecue and mock wedding . . . H. Risson, past Conf. Pres., was speaker on April 30 . . . State C.Y.F. Pres., Miss L. Kirkbush, met C.Y.F. on Sat. trip to Bunya Mts. . . Five bags of clothing were sent to Brisbane City Mission after last collection day.

LIFE ELDERSHIP

(WEST PRESTON, Vic., A. J. Storay). The annual meeting created the office of life elder and offered it to A. E. Wood . . . Church family features have been a family picnic, a family camp (with discussion on the experience and outworking of faith) and a family service . . . Ian Cook, on furlough with his family from missionary work in Thailand, spoke on April 30 . . . Ian Sinclair has left for overseas trip . . . A special youth service, "The Message through Music" was held in the Youth Centre.

THINGS TO COME

- MAY: VICTORIA**
 8-20 Three Camps for Grade 6 Girls at Monbulk
 14-21 "WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY."
 16-20 Intermediate C.F. Camp, Hall's Gap.
 21 PENTECOST SUNDAY.
- MAY: QUEENSLAND**
 26-28 Youth Group Exchange—City to Country.
- MAY: NEW SOUTH WALES**
 20 "Dunmore House" Boys' Home Committee Farewell Dinner honouring Mr. Arthur Dilton at Burwood.
 27 Men's Work Dept. Dinner — Chatswood

END OF AN ERA

(Vic.) Randall T. Pittman, minister, college lecturer, author, editor, scholar, hymn-writer, church elder—and the last surviving member of a distinguished Christian family—died suddenly on April 4, aged 90. An obituary notice will appear shortly.

ARANA HILLS ANNIVERSARY

(Qld., Gary Staddan). Barry Thygesen was guest speaker at church anniversary which enjoyed good attendances . . . The church played host to a community "Salmagundi" night . . . Games and a barbecue were features of a trip to Mt. Glorious on the Monday May holiday.

"AMAZING GRACE" AT HARVEY

(W.A., H. A. L. Clark). Bill Gaunson of Northam has concluded an "Amazing Grace" Crusade. Average attendance was 95 with 216 present for the film "Man of Steel." 34 commitments were made, 22 being initial decisions. Some were by visitors from Bunbury, Mandurah, Waroona, and Roelands Mission . . . Illness kept Mr. and Mrs. Len. Roesner from the annual meeting for the first time in 45 years, but Mr. Roesner's health had improved sufficiently for him to attend Crusade meetings. . . . Ladies joined in picnics at Wellington Dam and Logue Brook Dam.

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TEEN TIME

(NUBEENA-HIGHCROFT, Tas., W. F. Flett). "Teen Time at the Centre" proved a popular social occasion for games, choruses and modern Christian songs, and attracted many from non-church homes. Ray Meredith, of Hobart Baptist Church, was speaker . . . The first S.S. picnic in years was well attended . . . Mrs. Morgan, Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Pres.-Elect., met with the ladies . . . Working bees are being held to prepare for coming church opening . . . Visiting apple pickers have been asked to share in Highcroft cottage meetings.

MT. GAMBIER MINISTRY

(S.A., B. Duff). H. Greenwood will commence a five-week ministry on June 11, then Horace Cave will serve for ten weeks. Stan. Neighbor will give full-time service from October, 1972 . . . Three girls were baptized recently . . . Our women were hosts to the S.E. Dist. Women's Conf. on April 26. Dr. T. Clezy, National Pres., Gideon's International, was guest speaker. . . . The C.Y.F. presented a multi-media worship service on April 30.

PLEDGE FOR MISSIONS

(MT. EVELYN, Vic., D. Kernick). During missionary week-end a faith-promise offering for missions was inaugurated and \$2,000 was pledged for next 12 months. A young lady made her decision . . . Church family picnic at Patanga Park was shared with members from Doncaster and the "Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship" . . . Denzil Humphries and Jim Haydn spoke and sang at church on April 23 . . . C.W.F. birthday featured slides of Oberammergau Passion Play.

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WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

UNION SETBACK The General Synod of the Church of England in England voted in favour of union with the Methodist Church, but the 65.81% majority was far short of the 75% required and it counts as a defeat. This rejection came as a severe blow to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsay, who ended his speech for endorsement with "I pray for yes." The Bishops were 85% in favour, but the clergy's majority was only 65.52%. It was also a setback for the Methodist Church which has voted twice in favour of uniting.

Although we are not considering joining with anyone at present, we could urge the Methodists not to give up hope and they may sustain themselves with a quotation from our own heritage of unity: "This you cannot do, while you run every man to his own house, and consult only the interest of your own party. Till you associate, consult, and advise together; and in a friendly and christian manner explore the subject, nothing can be done. We would therefore, with all due deference and submission, call the attention of our brethren to the obvious and important duty of association. Unite with us in the common cause of simple evangelical christianity — In this glorious cause we are ready to unite with you — United we shall prevail.

"It is the cause of Christ, and of our brethren throughout all the churches, of catholic unity, peace, and purity — a cause that must finally prosper in spite of all opposition. Let us unite to promote it. Come forward, dear brethren, and help with us." —Thomas Campbell in "Declaration and Address."

OUTSIDE THE LAW It was a bad day for us all when Sydney University students abducted and assaulted Commonwealth Police and released Michael Matteson, a draft resister, who had been taken into custody. It is unfortunate that Senator Greenwood, the Attorney-General, is being portrayed as the heavy-footed Sheriff of Nottingham being outwitted by gayhearted and clever young outlaws defending the oppressed. It is unfortunate and unfair, for it is the task of the Attorney-General to uphold the law and the National Service Act is a part of the law of the land. Many of us think that the Act is bad, because it discriminates against voteless citizens, and because there are better ways of achieving what it is designed to achieve. But it is the law and, while conscience may lead individuals to defy the Act, both they and the public should conduct themselves responsibly. What happened at Sydney University was not just a frolic in the greenwood, it was an intentional, though spontaneous, bullying attack on two men who were doing their duty. This is not the way to have a bad law changed. Many of us do want it changed, but we certainly do not wish to be counted with those who use violence against law officers.

MUCH TOO LITTLE While some anti-cancer men have applauded the Federal Government's decision to compel radio and television cigarette advertisements to carry a health warning, some of us feel that the gesture is weak, hypocritical, and a surrender to the tobacco industry, and advertising media.

It is weak because it places no restrictions upon the commercials themselves, despite the Government's belated admission that cigarette smoking is a major health hazard. The warning notice at the end of a skilful and dramatic presentation of the pleasures of smoking will have very little impact. It is hypocritical because Governments are still subsidising the tobacco industry and profiting from it, despite strong evidence of medical organisations, scientific researchers, and even Government appointed committees, that cigarettes are conclusively established as the cause of or aggravation of many forms of disease. It is a surrender to radio, television and tobacco interests in that the sectional financial interests are being placed above the interests of the people. If the Government thinks that its educational programme for the young (to cost up to \$1.5 million over three years) will even keep pace with, let alone overtake, the media advertising promotion, costing many millions of dollars a year, then any other opinions it has must also be suspect.

A complete ban on radio and television advertising of cigarettes is the least that is required, and even that is little enough. Since this is obviously beyond the intention of our Governments, then equal time and equal finance on radio and television should be provided at the tobacco industry's expense to put the record straight.

GOOD GRIEF!! Do people really think like this? Well, it was written—and printed: "If the central Christian doctrine — renewed life comes only by death — makes any sense, then this country and its states ought to reactivate the death sentence . . . If the country were sternly governed . . . the economic use of rope and gallows — or an inexpensive hypodermic needle — would recommend themselves. The smartening up brought about by the use of the death penalty would spread far and do much for our down-drifting American society . . . A nation with the nerve to kill off the criminal and comatose would not long tolerate unionised laziness." Holmes Alexander in a U.S. syndicated column.!

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Friday, May 26, 7.45 p.m. — Barry Jenkins (Speaker) and "Outreach Singers."

Saturday, May 27, 7.45 p.m. — John Smith (Youth Speaker) and "Exodus."

Sunday, May 28, 7 p.m. — Norman Pell (Speaker) and "Immanuel Quartette."

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PASSION PLAY

(KEDRON, Qld., R. Sansome). 237 saw the staging of the Easter Passion Play by our youth group, after which the church farewelled Graham Agnew who has rejoined his family in Melbourne, prior to entering the College of the Bible in 1973. He has been a capable youth leader, board member and lay preacher . . . The ladies' Lamington Drive of 500 dozen cakes realised \$145 . . . Rex Ellis led the young people in a C.Y.F. study weekend . . . By unanimous vote the minister's term has been extended by three years.

STUDENT APPOINTMENT

(ALBION, Qld., Barry Benz). Robt. Hammer has been appointed student minister . . . A C.S.S.M. children's mission, led by John Runham, has attracted new B.S. scholars . . . A Good Companions' club has been commenced . . . 16 young people visited and invited contacts to attend evening service on April 16. At the well-attended meeting there was one decision after three sermonettes which replaced the usual sermon.

NEW CHAPEL IN JUNE

(ACACIA RIDGE, Qld., N. Newton). Already this year there have been eight adult baptisms and twelve new members added to the church. On June 18 our new "A" frame chapel will be opened, built by voluntary labour except for one bricklayer, Kelvin Purdeu, a member of the church and the man behind the construction. The new chapel has 35,000 bricks and is 45' high, with seating for 200. At present there are not enough seats for people at morning services.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL

(MERREDIN-BRUCE ROCK, W.A., D. A. Good). Bruce Rock United S.S. (Anglican, Methodist and C. of C.) has officially come into being. Every home in the town was visited for prospective scholars with good results . . . Combined Easter services with the Methodists were held . . . A B. & F.B.S. representative visited Bruce Rock . . . Cliff Arnold recovered well from an operation.

TASMANIAN VISITOR

(COTTESLOE, W.A., D. Croot). Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Robinson, retired from Launceston ministry, are visiting their son, Ken, here, and has spoken to the church on several occasions . . . The annual meeting elected A. Blundell chairman of the Board; V. Cousins secretary, and R. Ellemont, treasurer . . . Mrs. L. Croot is C.W.F. president and Mrs. K. Banks is secretary.

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When the 59th Qld. C.W.F. Annual Conference was held in Ann St. church on April 13, 173 women attended, including inter-church delegates, interstate and country visitors. Mrs. Noel Risson presided. Soloiste was Miss Bernice Risson, niece of the president, and Mrs. Watson, from Southport, daughter of the president, did the scripture reading. As H. Risson, General Conference President, was unable to attend, Col. Smith, Acting Vice-President, brought greetings and offered a dedicatory prayer for the in-coming officers.

Highlight was the recognition of the following new Life Presidents: Mrs. G. Geizendanner, Mrs. J. Chalmers, Mrs. D. Potter, Mrs. N. Machin and Mrs. O. Burdeu. Each has rendered 20 years of service at a State level. Deaconess Terani Aisake of Fiji was morning guest speaker—a delightful person who chose as her theme "A Call to a Task."

Offerings were: Milk Fund \$39.30; Orphan Fund \$39.30; and \$25.30 towards the support of Mrs. June Wilson, our new Living Link in the New Hebrides.

Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong was welcomed into office as the new Qld. C.W.F. President and gave the afternoon address. Mrs. Armstrong brings with her an air of confidence, and strong leadership, and we look forward to a year of rich fellowship with her.—Laurel Henderson, Sec.

PARTICIPATION DEMOCRACY

(LOXTON - MOOROOK - WAIKERIE, S.A., D. R. Smith). When 35 attended Barmera Easter Camp from Loxton, Moorook, Barmera, Berri, Mildura and Red Cliffs churches, campers were given responsibility of determining their own rules and discipline. This proved an excellent basis for leader-camper relationship . . . Ladies at Loxton are on the service plan now and ladies at Moorook will also serve in this way . . . There is an exchange of presidents once a month within union churches to encourage fellowship . . . House church at Loxton will again replace evening services in winter.

WILLIAM GALE —

Born in England in 1887, William Gale came as a boy to Sydney where he was apprenticed to the printing trade. Through conversations during the journey he came to be attached to Churches of Christ, and was closely associated with George T. Walden, Thomas Bagley and Thomas Hagger.

He came to Melbourne to study at the College of the Bible in its beginnings in Carlton and then at Glen Iris. Here he became the close friend of R. T. Pittman.

He was preacher at Castlemaine, Vic., and then Enmore, N.S.W. Upon the early death of his wife he had thoughts of America, but instead accepted the invitation of the church at Moreland and ministered there from 1922. He also gave oversight to the then Youth Committee upon the departure of W. B. Blakemore to America, and in 1927 became H.M. Organizer. Mr. Gale's Home Mission work continued into 1950. The Secretary of Home Missions was also Conference Secretary, and when the executive of Conference became a separate committee Mr. Gale was its first Secretary with the invaluable assistance of Miss F. Haines. B. J. Cambridge refers to Mr. Gale's work in Home Missions as "a very courageous ministry."

In 1954 his friend and associate in Home Missions, Dr. Hinrichsen, begged him to come to the help of the Northcote church for a short time. He remained there preaching for two years and three months. His membership at Northcote continued until his death.

William Gale's Home Mission ministry is written in the records of the churches, and in the life of people he visited, advising and encouraging in hard days. His youth leadership is witnessed to in the Hall's Gap Camp which he pioneered in camps at Dimboola.

Part of his pastoral work was in camping with boys from his church. But he would also sit at the bedside or in the

home of the sick and the aged and pray affectionately for them, or in visitation gently talk to bring some troubled person back into the church.

At Moreland people crowded to his evening services, and the building had to be enlarged. He preached memorably, mainly in conversational style. Both in kindness and severity he exhorted the church, sometimes in a vivid series of addresses. One who was baptised through his ministry at Moreland is Theo Fisher now a minister in New Mexico.

Mr. Gale read eagerly, mainly from the books of the great preachers of the time, and shared his interest with other ministers, so recommending one book on preaching that it became a college text book.

He was greatly loved and honored at Northcote, where he served following his interim ministry in whatever capacity he had opportunity, not least in listening to people with difficulties and in encouraging the members.

He was a forthright man, and refused what he did not approve, but preachers sought his wisdom, and people of all kinds listened to his counsel. He sometimes talked wistfully of things he felt he could not do.

He loved the church, to him the brotherhood. He honored the plea of the churches for unity and recovery of truth.

William Gale lived zealously, hopefully, and in spite of sadness, joyously and bravely.

The services at Northcote and Fawkner were led by A. B. Withers, preaching, and representatives of the College and the Conference, Graham Marsh, minister at Northcote, and the Secretary of Conference, S. R. Wilson, and D. H. Smith, Secretary of H.M. and Evang.

Sympathy in their loss is extended to Mr. Gale's few remaining relatives, and the Johnston family. — A.B.W.

BUSINESS DINNER

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). An excellent dinner served by the ladies preceded the annual business meeting. Elders A. Fax and F. J. Stephenson were re-elected. L. K. Wilson is board chairman. . . . Mrs. F. J. Stephenson chaired her final C.W.F. meeting as president before leaving on an overseas trip with Mr. Stephenson. The latter spoke at church on April 16 . . . C.Y.F. members fill all service plan places once every four months. Wally Dobson, of North Sydney, spoke at their last monthly tea . . . The April meeting of the Willoughby Ministers' Fraternal was held at the Taylor home . . . Dr. John Graham has qualified as a Fellow of the Royal Aust. College of Physicians . . . Mrs. Graeme Chapman of the College addressed the C.W.F. Day group.

DIAMOND WEDDING

(RICHMOND, Vic., D. Smith, P. Burnham). The Winstone family invited the whole church to a buffet dinner to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of their parents . . . The church extended sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Featherston in the accidental death of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarrie Davies . . . Mr. Roper with his Hammond organ and local talent made a great contribution to March Friendship Rally . . . Young Adults' Fellowship held a 16-hour Biblethon . . . April features have been Harvest Thanksgivng, the first Auxiliary service conducted by the Official Board, and a campers' service with testimonies and singing.

NEW C.Y.F.

(MORWELL, Vic., D. Stewart/M. Gray). A new Saturday C.Y.F. meets fortnightly led by Gordon Skerry from Morwell and Malcolm Gray from Traralgon . . . Warragul and Traralgon churches sent representatives to E.W.F. birthday social . . . Young Marrieds held a barbecue . . . A Junior Stamp Club has been commenced for boys and girls.

YARRAWONGA FAREWELLS

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Street were farewelled as they retired from the ministry to Melbourne. The C.W.F. and E.W.F. made gifts to Mrs. Street through the Presidents, Mrs. Nothrop and Mrs. Jones. The church secretary, W. Nothrop, made a gift of notes from the church . . . The Main family have also been farewelled on leaving the district.



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(N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). The following Hornsby members were elected at Conference to serve the brotherhood: C.W.F. Ashwood House Committee, Mrs. R. Bartholomew and Mrs. A. E. Bell; Assoc.-Sec. of Conf., J. V. Ellerby; Boys' Home and Young Men's Hostel Committee: R. F. Bartholomew, E. R. Newton and D. A. Oldfield; Property Trust, R. F. Bartholomew; Social Service, J. V. Ellerby . . . The church congratulates Mr. Bartholomew for his leadership as Conf. Pres. during the past year and for the excellent way he presided at Conference . . . On April 30 a B.S. boy made his decision.

NEW GUINEA VISITOR

(RESERVOIR, Vic., A. Baker). David Price, on furlough from New Guinea, was recent speaker . . . An after-church family luncheon was held at Edwards Park . . . C.W.F. held social evening to raise money for mission work . . . Artists at bi-monthly "Coffee Den" included Phillip Davey and "Believers Incorporated." . . . Endeavour leaders are C. Fletcher, J. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wimpey . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. Peeler and Mrs. M. Knox are back at services after long illnesses.

TWO SPECIAL FEATURES

(WARRAGUL, Vic., I. Mullen). Two outstanding features reviewed at annual meeting were the planned giving campaign of six months ago and the carrying of a motion that will enable women to be nominated for any church office . . . Guest speaker at church anniversary on April 16 was A. A. Avery of Dandenong. Guest organist was Reuben Fox of Sale who played an electronic organ made available by his brother, Albert, of our church. Mrs. Gloria Guarali was soloiste, accompanied by Miss M. Henderson, both of Melb. The Pakenham Church of England Choir conducted by Brian Wagstaff, with Mrs. Wagstaff as accompaniste, provided the P.S.A. programme.

OBITUARY

ARNOLD, William Maxwell

The church at Bruce Rock, W.A., was saddened by the sudden death of Max Arnold on April 2, 1972, at the age of 64. He was born at Narrandera in N.S.W. and was the eldest in the family of the late William and Janet Arnold. At an early age his family moved to S.A. Members of the family then moved to W.A. to become early settlers in the Bruce Rock district in 1927. In 1940 he married Ruth Ebbs in Adelaide, A. R. Jones officiating. He was baptized at Bunbury in 1933 and when the church commenced at Bruce Rock was a foundation member and deacon, a position he held until his passing. He served the Eastern Wheatbelt Churches Circuit as secretary. Max was respected in the church and also in the district as a fine Christian man, whose friendship and generosity were expressed in his life. To his wife, Ruth, and family, Harvey, Trevor, Bothwyn (Mrs. Veitch) and Leonie (Mrs. Whitton) we extend Christian love and sympathy.—D.A.G.

COLLINGS, Mrs. Mavis

The churches at North Balwyn and Northcote (Vic.) and the many friends of the Collings family were saddened by the death of Mrs. Collings at Mornington on April 6, aged 67 years. Several weeks earlier she suffered two heart attacks and her condition gradually worsened until she fell asleep in Christ. She was a daughter of the late John and Frances Ferguson and made her decision at the Northcote church at the age of 13 years. She married Ted Collings in 1926 thus linking two well-known Church of Christ families. They

GUEST NIGHT

(HAMILTON, N.S.W., D. Craig). The first of special guest nights, when each member is expected to invite a guest, featured the screening of "His Land" on April 16 . . . Walter Lister, of Derby, England, was guest speaker on April 23 . . . A number of women members attended the Women's Conf. at Stanwell Tops, April 26.

U.S. SPEAKER AT CAMP

(INVERELL, N.S.W., R. Craig). Eddie Gabbert, American evangelist, was a leader at Quirindi Easter Camp attended by 30 of our young people . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Paradise Creek . . . The C.W.F. night meeting featured a family slide evening. Alan Mackie told of recent trip by him and Robt. Mepham to New Guinea . . . Chas. Cole of Social Service Dept., spoke at three services on April 16 and was guest speaker at monthly Delundra service.

"YOUR CHILD AND YOU"

(THOMSON, Vic., K. Caulton). An average of 46 from all over Geelong attended Wednesday evening lectures in April on "Your Child and You" . . . A mini-fete was held for ground improvements and a car wash for the building fund . . . Mr. Caulton leads a youth Bible Study after evening service . . . Gifts were made to Foster Parents' Group after a representative spoke to C.W.F.

MINISTER FOR SURGERY

(MANIFOLD HGTS., Vic., A. E. Stevens). Mr. Stevens is in hospital following major surgery . . . Some members were leaders at Lay Witness mission at Albert Pk. Baptist Church . . . Campers told the church on April 7 what Easter camp had meant to them . . . Boys' Club has recommenced with N. Clark, R. Barnes and K. Alsop as leaders . . . Recent speakers have been John Birt, Joe Smail, Ron. Ellis and Barry Tattersall . . . Anzac Day picnic was at Anakie Gorge.

were blessed with four children, Keith, Marjorie (Mrs. Martin), Neil (deceased) and Gwenneth (Mrs. Bradshaw). Their married life was a very happy one and they were privileged to have 46 years together. They became foundation members of the North Balwyn church where Mrs. Collings played the organ and taught in the S.S. She had a bright, pleasant and gracious personality and was appreciated and loved by her family and friends. All spoke well of her and she is greatly missed by her husband, children and grandchildren. The service at the North Balwyn church was conducted by the minister, A. R. Pigdon, assisted by the former minister, M. Gelzendanner.—A.R.P.

NEIGHBOUR, Arthur

Arthur Neighbour died suddenly on March 27 at the age of 81. A large crowd filled the Goolwa (S.A.) chapel to pay tribute to a real Christian gentleman. His life, his love for people, his obvious understanding and concern for young people, can only be explained by his deep and dynamic commitment to Christ and his church. He was baptized and joined the church at Goolwa in 1914 and from that day, involved himself unceasingly in working for the cause of Christ. As B.S. Supt., deacon and elder, his leadership within the church was invaluable. His involvement with people was, however, not limited to the four walls of a church. His influence was felt in almost every area of the community life of Goolwa, including a period as a District Councillor. He married Ivy Doddridge in 1918 and in the years which followed he became a well loved husband, father and grandfather. With Mrs. Neighbour and her family we share their sorrow. To God we give thanks for the opportunity to have known and to have been influenced by Arthur Neighbour.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

ENGAGEMENTS

CRAIG-JEFFRESS—Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Craig, Waratah, N.S.W., join with Mr. and Mrs. R. Jeffress, Casino, N.S.W., in announcing the engagement of Lorna and Bryan.

NANCARROW-SPIKER—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nancarrow, 37 Tobruk Tce., Port Lincoln, S.A., announce with pleasure the engagement of their only daughter, Anthea, to Jim, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spiker, Tweeddale St., Dunolly, Vic.

SNIBSON-SCHUBERT—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Snibson, 21 Longstaff St., East Ivanhoe, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Glenda Joan, to John Andrew, third son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Schubert, 118 Anderson St., Warracknabeal, Vic.

TURRIFF-TURNHAM—Mr. and Mrs. Ian Turriff, 6 Nareen Court, Frankston, take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Marilyn Fay, to Noel Leonard, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turnham, 85 Bondi Road, Bonbeach, Vic.

STEELE-WHITESIDE—Ede and Cyril, 38 Clyde St., Box Hill, Vic., together with Lorna and Doug., 52 Mirams St., Ascot Vale, are happy to announce the engagement of Dianne and Neil, 5-5-72.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

JONES-DOBBYN—The marriage of Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones, 5a Stroud St., Carnarvon, W.A., to Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dobbyn, 30 Spring Gully Rd., Bendigo, Vic., will take place at the City Church of Christ, Perth, W.A., on Saturday, May 20, at 4 p.m., R. A. Ryall and H. R. Fitch to officiate.

DEATHS

MILLER—On April 4, 1972, George Charles Miller (suddenly), 1 Myrtle Cres., Ferntree Gully, Vic., husband of the late Hilda, son of the late George and May Miller, brother of late Gilbert, loving husband of Gwen, loved stepfather of Jan, Glen, Sandra, Arthur, Clem, Robin, loving Pop of Darren, Dianne, Craig, Janine, Rodney. Stephen, Jennie, Geoffrey, dearly loved brother, uncle, great uncle of the families of Bess and Wilfred Viebrock, Helen and Thomas Flanders, Arthur and Vera Miller, Mary and Jack Dickson, Amy and Paul Kettner. "Sunshine passes, shadows fall, Loving memories outlast all." — Ever remembered (Little Sis. Amy).

PITTMAN, Randa'll Thomas—Suddenly at his home, 36 Willis St., Hampton, Vic., on May 4. Loved youngest son of the late Eliza and Joseph Pittman, loved brother of Ernest, Percy, Sidney, Ferdinand, Ettie, Douglas and Archie (all dec.). Aged 90. "In God's care."

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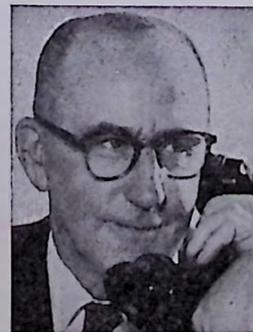
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YOUTH'S "ONE WAY"

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). Young people conducted services on April 9 with the theme "One Way." A group discussion at a.m. service on April 16 considered "The Church and her Gospel." . . . The C.W.F. visited Channel "O" T.V. studios. . . . Jeff. May and Barry Ryall of the C.O.B. preached on April 23 . . . Mr. Giles has been ill . . . Good Companions held a car rally on Anzac Day . . . \$55 was raised by the C.W.F. at a street stall.

H.M. VISIT

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). E. W. Heard was guest speaker at men's tea on April 30, and preached at night. The Misses Clymer sang two items. A coffee hour followed with Roger Duffy and Robin Frost leading the song service and further singing by the Misses Clymer. Daryl James and Philip Wylde provided items with drum and bagpipes . . . Young people took part in the a.m. service on Youth Sunday.

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REVIEWS

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE EARLY CHURCH

By William Neil. (Hodder & Stoughton).

Dr. William Neil, of Nottingham University, gave these lectures at New College in the University of Edinburgh, on the Book of Acts, in which there is greatly increased interest among New Testament scholars today.

Dr. Neil writes with bouyant faith and imperturbable good humour. He seeks to help the ordinary layman, to prevent his faith from being shattered by the "latest trumpeting of the theological rogue elephants"—Bultmann and his followers, Tillich and his disciples, John Allegro, and the "Death of God Brigade."

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Ed. R. Paul Firnhaber. (Concordia, 88 pp.). \$1.25 approx.

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ALONE AT HIGH NOON

By Emile Cailliet. (Zondervan). \$3.65 (postage 24c).

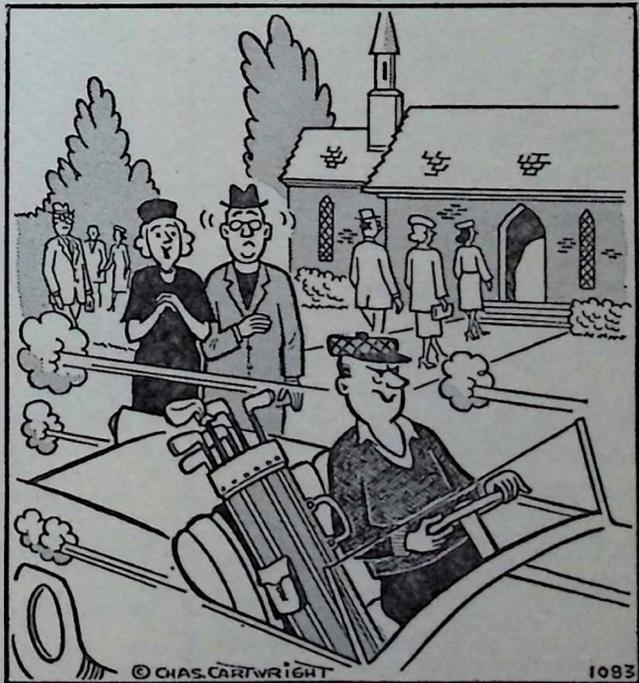
The sub-title is "Reflections of the Solitary Life" and is a fascinating study of various forms of loneliness. Some hermit souls seek solitude and thrive on it, for others it is the ultimate misery. Dr. Cailliet uses the pessimism of many solitary persons as a background to his own optimism. Some forms of loneliness are incurable: the rejected child, the bored teenager, the active worker forced into too early retirement, the deserted or widowed marriage partner, the prisoner of pain. Incurable, that is, if one is denied the healing of God. "He who consciously or unconsciously, has chosen to ignore God is an orphan in the universe." Cailliet recognises that there are many remedies and many agencies and activities which can heal or alleviate loneliness but "solitude is a state of soul and only a soul at peace with God . . . can find release from a painful solitude."

CHRISTIANITY: A HISTORICAL RELIGION?

By William Wand. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$4.70.

Bishop Wand, of London (and formerly Archbishop of Brisbane), wrote this study of Christian history to emphasise the significance of history to the church. He says that the main battle of the church in the 19th century was against science, in the 20th century it is in the field of history. Christianity is an historical religion, not only because it is based on historical facts, but because it is grounded in history. This is not the book of the preacher declaring the kerygma with enthusiasm, but the book of the scholar in his study questioning the facts behind the kerygma, examining the book of faith and probing for the sources behind the book and the facts the book announces. Wand says that the historical questions dealt with by the theologian are of importance for eternity.

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Victoria

FORMER MINISTER REMEMBERED

(NORTHCOTE, Vic., G. Marsh). Brotherhood representatives joined with local members and friends for the funeral of William Gale, a former minister and member of this church . . . Miss M. Amery, who has been organist for 60 years, was honoured with a presentation by the church on April 23 . . . Mr. Marsh will conclude his ministry in Feb., 1973. . . . G. Cann (Mission to Lepers) was a recent speaker.

ECHUCA DECISIONS

(Vic., B. W. Brown). On April 16 two of our young men were baptized and a Bible Class lad made his decision. Also a young married woman . . . B.S. scholars share in family services by singing items. . . . A recent speaker was a support worker with Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . 12 to 15 meet in weekly Tweens' Group. . . . The ladies are using their talent fund to help build a new toilet block.

INTERVIEWED AT CONVENTION

(CHADSTONE, Vic., B. Jenkins). After attending Wattle Park Sunrise Easter service a group attended Belgrave Heights Convention where Mr. Jenkins interviewed three people in the youth service . . . Recent speakers have been Denzil Humphries and Peter Jamieson, Aboriginal pastors from W.A.; Ian Cook, missionary from Thailand; Miss Hazel Skuce, from India, and Don. Phillips (S.I.L.) . . . Ten young people went on an overnight camping trip to Wilson's Promontory.

MISSIONARY GUEST

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). Missionary from India, Miss Hazel Skuce, was recent guest speaker, with A. V. Page, Vic-Tas. secretary of Overseas Missions Dept. . . . Service for specific healing was attended by many and there was also a Thanksgiving Service for answered prayer. . . . Three young people retold experiences at a Camp Reminiscence service of Easter Camp at Hall's Gap . . . Maldon Missionary Convention was visited by senior C.E. . . . There have been five recent decisions.

FOOTBALL CASUALTY

(HURSTBRIDGE, Vic., G. Wake). H. Pietzsch and members of Doncaster and Box Hill churches have taken services in absence of G. Wake owing to football injury . . . Three new teachers have been appointed. Bible Class has been reformed under leadership of G. Wake . . . Church and S.S. picnic was held at Seaford . . . Mark Mynott has been appointed to care for church grounds and Janet Chouffot is caretaker of building . . . Len. Roberts is in St. Vincent's Hospital and recently underwent major surgery.

PENTRIDGE SERVICE

(BAYSWATER, Vic., D. Cleaver, Dr. Bowes). At a youth service, Rod. Hodgson spoke of his work among the prisoners at Pentridge, and his Christian experience as a "Bikie." . . . Prayer and Bible Study was held at the home of Mrs. Ross . . . Harvest Thanksgiving service was followed by distribution of fruit, food and toys to Social Service Home, Hospital and College of the Bible . . . Valuable contacts have been made through a visitation campaign. . . . Rev. Ugalde and Dr. Bowes led Good Friday communion at Methodist church.

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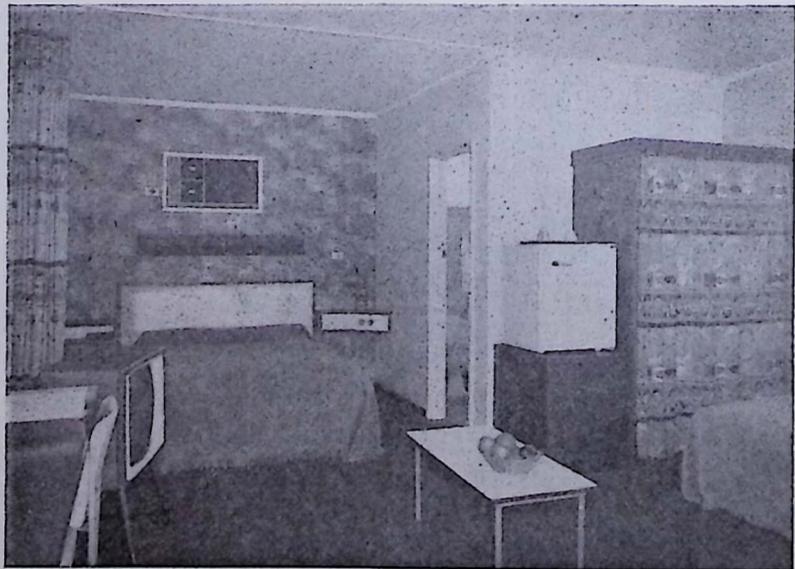
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INDONESIA

The Annual Meeting gave further consideration to the possibility of commencing work in Indonesia. As a result of a study in depth of missionary opportunities in Indonesia and how we could witness as a brotherhood it was agreed that if we began work in Indonesia the missionary strategy we should adopt would be to help Indonesian churches in their own evangelistic outreach.

The Board, however, in view of its present commitments and opportunities for expansion on our existing fields, gave earnest consideration to the question of when this strategy should be implemented.

The important question facing the Board was whether we are convinced at this time that the Lord is commissioning us to become involved in Indonesia, and if so, the extent of the involvement. The Board was asked to examine all circumstances which should be a guide to us.

Prior to the annual meeting, the Secretary was asked to prepare a paper concerning further investigations in Indonesia related to ways we could assist the Indonesian churches in evangelism, and specific proposals for Federal Conference and State Executives.

The following resolution moved by C. L. Fitzgerald and seconded by T. Banks, was passed, 14 for, 1 against: "That the Secretary's report on Indonesia be presented to Federal Conference as a summary of the Board's investigations into the missionary situation in that country. This report presents four choices which the Board has considered in framing a Notice of Motion relating to that investigation. They are:

1. That we do not involve the brotherhood in any missionary enterprise in Indonesia;
2. That we commit ourselves wholeheartedly to the establishment of a new mission field;
3. That we send the Secretary to Indonesia to decide on the best type of pilot scheme to institute.
4. That we give some financial assistance to ministries which we believe would be approved by the brotherhood if such support does not detract from our present work.

The Notice of Motion is: "Believing that its expanding responsibilities in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides will make full demands on its resources in the foreseeable future, the Board recommends to

Conference that we as a brotherhood accept these new challenges in our existing fields and do not fragment our efforts by undertaking in Indonesia any but minor operations from time to time as finances allow."

The Board has reached this decision after considering the whole matter in depth, and feels quite strongly that we cannot consider Indonesia in isolation from plans being made for the advancement of the work on our existing fields.

The Board feels however that we should not close the door entirely on some involvement in Indonesia, and if finances permit, we could give assistance from time to time to Indonesian churches in evangelistic outreach.

This could include assistance for Bible Correspondence Courses, Radio Ministry, Student Team Ministries, Scholarships for Pastor Training, etc.

Assistance in this way would not commit us to payment of regular grants of fixed amounts, or the acceptance of full financial responsibility for any one project. In considering the extension of the work into Indonesia, the Board has considered Indonesia and its needs, ways we could work in Indonesia, present commitments and future possibilities on our existing fields, and giving potential of the brotherhood to meet not only an expanding work, but a new field of service. Priority must be given to areas such as the Schrader Ranges in New Guinea where there is no one but ourselves at this moment able to reach people with the gospel.

The Board is concerned about the needs in Indonesia, and many other areas of the world where there is need for Christian witness, but considering all circumstances, the Board felt it could do no other at this stage, than submit its decision to Federal Conference for consideration.

The following quote from F. B. Meyer is good advice not only as we consider an important question such as extending our overseas work into a new area, but for all Christian service at home and abroad. "Let Jesus Christ stand between you and everything . . . between you and your projects of Christian usefulness. Follow him, i.e., let him go first. If he does not go forward, wait for him. Every step taken apart from him, or in front of him, will have to be retracted with bitter tears."

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THE SEVENTH SON

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THE RUNAWAY (see last issue)

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A HARRIED father was listening to his seven-year-old son scratch away on his violin, while the family dog howled an accompaniment.

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For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds
three:
Himself, his hungering neighbour, and Me.
—James Russell Lowell.



Who builds a church within his heart,
And takes it with him everywhere,
Is holier far than he whose church
Is but a one-day house of prayer.
—Geo. Herbert.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"Meditate upon all the laws I have given you today, and pass them on to your children. These laws are not mere words—they are your life!" (Moses).

When two people loved each other they worked together always, two against the world, a little company. Joy was shared, trouble was split. You had an ally, somewhere, who was helping.
—Paul Gallico.



All men are equal — but it's what they're equal to that counts.



Some people make the impress of a great soul; others make the mark of a great heel.



To be seventy years young is often far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.

Modern marriage is sometimes like a cafeteria — a man takes what looks nice and pays for it afterwards.



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