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(34 years at The College of the Bible
28 years as principal)



MIGRANTS ARE HUMAN TOO!!

The Executive Secretary of the Good Neighbour Council for Victoria, Niall Brennan, criticised the remarks yesterday of the State Minister for Immigration; Murray Byrne.

Mr. Byrne had asked the Federal Government to review the migration target for the current year because of the shortage of skilled workers.

"The current migration policy" said Mr. Brennan, "is based on treating the migrant, not as factory fodder, but as a full human being. It may be true that Victoria is a highly industrialised state, and that industry can use more workers but we are not going to encourage the tragic mistakes of the past when we imported migrants willy nilly to help industry increase its profits, without making sure that the migrant had decent living conditions of his own."

The present immigration policy, said Mr. Brennan, was based on the fact that we not only had to offer the newcomer a good and useful job. We also had to ensure that there were enough houses, schools, hospital facilities, medical care and ordinary social amenities to give him a proper standard of living.

"If we cannot do that," said Mr. Brennan, "I am unmoved by the plight of industries who want to raise their profits at his expense."

POSTAL RATES AND CHURCH PAPERS

CANBERRA — The Postmaster-General, Mr. Bowen, said this week the Federal Government was not able to make any special postal concessions for the religious press.

He said this when he received a deputation from the Australian Religious Press Association and the Catholic Press Association on Monday.

All religious publications in Australia face steep increases in their postal costs.

The new postal rates will be introduced in phases between now and March 1, 1975.

The increases will range from 100 to 200 p.c., depending on the weight of the publication.

In a joint statement after the meeting, ARPA president, Bruce Upton, and CPA president, Nicholas Kerr, said:

"We were disappointed we were not given an opportunity to discuss our submissions with Mr. Bowen before the amendments to the postal bills were debated in September.

"Our first approach to Mr. Bowen was made before the first set of proposed charges were announced in the Budget in August.

"Mr. Bowen was helpful and sympathetic, but made it clear he was unable to soften the harsh blow dealt to the religious press by the increases.

"Our two associations will make fresh submissions to the Federal Government soon."

INNER SPRINGS

As lovely as a tree



I had paused on my way through the city to watch the erection of a Christmas tree although there was nothing about it then to hold one's attention for long. Workmen manipulating ropes and pulleys obscured even its natural beauty.

It was a soft December night when I saw it again. After attending a performance of "The Messiah" with a friend, we had stopped part-way down the stairs to look through a window of the Town Hall overlooking the little square and there stood the tree transformed into a thing of fairytale splendor, enchanting the hearts of children and grown-ups alike. And each year the lovely tradition is repeated. In countless homes and public places the trees will go up and they will be decorated humbly or lavishly, each bringing their own measure of joy. But is this all they mean? A lovely tradition and nothing more? From cradle to cross, trees formed an essential part in the life of Jesus. He was the Son of a carpenter: certain it is that much of His childhood was spent in His father's shop, fresh with the scent of newly-cut timber, and where His small fingers delighted in the soft curls of wood shavings. As time went by He too learned to be a carpenter, fashioning the needs of men. Then at the height of His young manhood, others in their ignorance, took a tree and from its timbers carved a rough cross to lay upon His back and later He was left — suffering and alone, "Dying on the accursed tree".

But our God is a transforming God and that shameful cross became instead a symbol of hope and eternity, touching into new beauty the lives of all who dare to stand within its shadow.

Thus every tree and every life takes on a new significance when seen in relation to the Carpenter of Galilee.

If Thou can'st make so wonderful
This thrilling thing, a tree,

I wonder, Lord, what Thou could'st
make
if man should yield to Thee?

Thank You Dear God for Thy gift of trees, for all their blessings and benefits. Above all, we thank Thee for Thy Dear Son whose love and power can transform an unlovely life into something strong and beautiful when yielded to His will.

1st Peter 2:24

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER

E. LYALL WILLIAMS OUR MAN AT GLEN IRIS



While I was a student at university, it was compulsory for me to take one science subject. Botany was chosen because of the completely erroneous impression that it would benefit me in some future manse garden. One of the few things I still remember is sharing a microscope with a fellow student in the practical room. It was some weeks before he learned that I was a minister.

He was an agnostic, but he was friendly to me because of another minister he had known, one of our ministers, who had impressed him tremendously with the quality of his life and the integrity of his faith. That minister was Lyall Williams.

The agnostic had learned what so many of Lyall's Christian friends, neighbors and colleagues also learned quickly and treasured long: Principal Williams is a man of rare quality in life, faith and works.

Lyall Williams came to the Australian brotherhood from the Victorian town of Kaniva and his course was set for Christ in the strong fellowship of the church there.

He entered the College of the Bible from Ballarat in 1925. He had a distinguished college career in the classroom and on the sports field. After completing the course he went on to the University of Melbourne where he gained the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts.

No one who has been close to Lyall Williams as lecturer, preacher, teacher, friend and colleague, can have any doubt as to his firm adherence to the principles of the Restoration Movement. It was the call to unity at the core of our brotherhood that has motivated his sharing in the ecumenical movement, and he is still convinced that the future of our churches depends upon encounter with Christians who differ from us in some ways but who hold in common with us a true allegiance to the Christ who gave us the gospel. In isolation we could wither and become "the people who might have been".

Within our churches Mr Williams has held, among others, the following offices: Federal Conference President; Victorian Conference President; Chairman of the Federal Conference Executive and a member of that Executive since 1948; Chairman of the Department of Christian Union from 1944 to 1972, and now its

treasurer; member of the Advisory Board, and member of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.

In the wider church, Mr Williams was Chairman of the Victorian Council of Churches; Churches of Christ representative on the Australian Council of Churches; first Chairman of the Australian Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service; Deputy Chairman of the Victorian Inter-Church Aid (now World Christian Action). He also represented our churches at World Council Assemblies at Evanston and New Delhi.

In Lyall Williams' student days, A. R. Main, R. T. Pittman and T. H. Scambler, had all been part-time lecturers. Conscious of the limitations and the demands of such part-time educational ministries, when he became principal in his old college, he worked consistently and sacrificially towards the target of a full-time adequate faculty. He has achieved this aim, and although the college team still has to meet heavy demands, there are now four full-time faculty members.

The Principal has seen many changes, the most significant being in the shape of the ministry itself. This has moved from a limited pastoral and preaching concept to a ministry in which the pastor-preacher has to meet calls for experimentation, programming and specialisation. Through all the changes, Principal Williams has been flexible and ready to accept any new form that was designed to exalt Christ and the gospel.

Lyall Williams has always been a man of great mental and physical energy and it is inconceivable that he will exchange the arena of faith in action for a spectator's seat on the sidelines.

When a performance is over, then is the time for applause, but the performance is not yet over, and Mr Williams will yet have much to do for Christ. This word, therefore, is not one of applause and praise. As Lyall Williams closes his deeply significant ministry as Principal of the College of the Bible, it is time rather to give thanks for a man of faith in our time, and this we do with great enthusiasm as brothers in Christ.

In expressing appreciation for Lyall's ministry we also acknowledge the strong support always given by Lila Williams. There has been a rich partnership in faith, ministry, mission, home and family, and we know that their partnership in Christ will continue to enrich the church.

Alfred White

CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND ECUMENISM

THE "UNITY" STREAM

BY G. R. STIRLING

Those who could be loosely classified as belonging to the "Unity" stream of the Restoration Movement in Australia have a strong conviction that the Movement came into existence to plead for the organic unity of all Christians, and not a vague "spiritual" unity. They believe that such an organic unity is not an "optional extra" but is what Christ intended when he prayed that his followers would be one in the same way that he and the Father are one (John 17). Those of the "Unity" stream hear Paul's affirmation in Ephesians 4 that there is one church, echoed by Thomas Campbell's "Declaration and Address" statement that "the church on earth is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one." They are concerned to manifest this one-ness to the world, "that the world might believe."

UNITY AND RESTORATION

Most of those in the "Unity" stream also accept the "Restoration Principle." They do not claim that Churches of Christ are the restored church. Rather, they believe that the way to unity is for Christians to discover together from the Scriptures, the mind and will of Christ for his church, confident that the Holy Spirit will lead towards such unity. Their "restorationism" is not that which says, "Look, we are the restored New Testament Church, come and join us." It is rather represented in the thought, "Here is a way to organic union; let us seek together in the New Testament for the essential faith and practice of the church." Their "restorationism" is not a search for rules and "proof texts," using the New Testament as a "blue print" or a document of regulations. Rather it means for them a discovery from the New Testament of the great principles that characterized the faith and life of the first century church, and the application of those principles to the twentieth century church and its unity.

The Campbells, Barton Stone, and others sought to work for unity from within the churches. The churches denied them this opportunity.

A hundred years later a new "open-ness" of the churches, especially on the mission field, gave birth to the modern ecumenical movement. It now became possible for the Restoration Movement to make its witness from within the churches. Thus the "Unity" stream of the Brotherhood welcomed the advent of the World Council of Churches, national councils of churches and local inter-church councils, as opportunities to witness to our plea for Christian unity through the restoration of New Testament Christianity, and also as part of the answer to Christ's prayer for the unity of the Body of Christ on earth.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Those of the "Unity" stream do not think of the W.C.C. as ever becoming an authoritarian, monolithic, super-church. They know that its constitution, its publications and its goals deny this possibility. They know that it does not have and never will have any authority over any of its member churches. They know that the W.C.C. does not initiate union negotiations. They know that it is simply a fellowship of churches providing opportunity for them to share their faith and convictions with one another, to study together the faith

of the Scriptures, and to serve together in areas of the world's need. They are aware that the word "Council" is not used in the sense of a ruling body, but rather in its original sense of "taking counsel with one another."

Our people in the "Unity" stream believe that the modern ecumenical movement is of the Holy Spirit and that it is in harmony with the goals of the fathers of the Restoration Movement. Alexander Campbell wrote in the 1839 volume of the "Millennial Harbinger," "I propose that a congress of all Protestant parties (and if any choose to add the Greek and Roman sects, I will vote for it), be convened in some central place, to be composed of delegates from each party chosen in ratio to their entire population. . . . When convened according to appointment, the rule of union should be that whatever in faith, piety and morality is catholic or universally admitted by all parties shall be adopted as a basis for union, and whatever is not by all parties admitted as of divine authority, shall be rejected as schismatical and human." They realize that it is not quite as simple as Alexander Campbell proposed, but that the W.C.C. does provide a meeting ground for three important things to take place:

1. The opportunity for us to listen to the faith and convictions of others arising from their experiences of God and his Word. (We have always said that God has "new truths breaking out from his Word" in each succeeding generation).
2. The opportunity to witness to the whole church, concerning the "position" of Churches of Christ.
3. The opportunity to serve together with other Christians, in meeting human needs, even if we cannot agree with them on many matters of faith and life. (If one goes to the aid of a victim of an accident and another is already there, one does not seek to discover the theology of that other, before joining him in giving needed help).

WORLD COUNCIL ATTACKED.

Many attacks have been made upon the W.C.C. and upon some individuals associated with it. Some of these attacks have been without foundation. Attacks on individuals are really invalid as attacks on the Council, because it is a Council of Churches and not of individuals, and it cannot be held responsible for the utterances and behaviour of individuals who may belong to one or other of its member churches. But some attacks may very well be valid. And even if everything the detractors of the W.C.C. says is true, those of the "Unity" stream would still want to be involved in its fellowship. How else, they say, can they witness to the churches concerning Restoration Movement principles? How else can they sit down with other Christians, with the Scriptures, discovering together where the Holy Spirit is leading the church toward its unity of mission and purpose? And how else can they lend a hand with other Christians in practical service in trouble spots and disaster areas around the world?

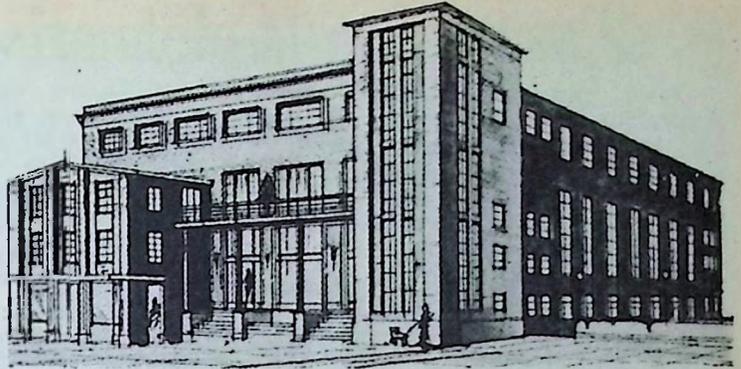
ROMAN CATHOLICS.

Those of the "Unity" stream do not believe that the Roman Catholic Church cannot be changed. They believe that they have witnessed dramatic changes in some of the basic positions of that church in the last ten years. They believe that

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A VISION REALISED

By J. K. Robinson



The Churches of Christ Christian Centre, 142-146 Beaufort Street, Perth, W.A. is now entirely free of debt. A Service of praise and thanksgiving was held on Oct. 7 to celebrate the completion of a project which had its beginnings in the hearts of a few forward-looking men in the year before 1941. The leader of the service was J. Somerville, W.A. Conference President, and the occasional address was given by Graham Gilmour, Federal Conference President.

In 1941 the W.A. Conference endorsed a proposal to establish a Brotherhood Centre, and in 1943 the present site was purchased for \$3,800 with \$2,600 in hand in cash and promises. In 1947 an official appeal was made to clear a debt of \$500 on the land purchase.

Members of the former Lake Street Church, as the City church of our brotherhood, were included on the Brotherhood Centre Committee. In 1949, Conference authorised the preparation of plans for a building and the following year a special appeal for \$30,000 was launched for a building fund. From 1951 to 1956 the land was let to a motor-car company.

Building plans were presented and approved in 1956 and arrangements were made with the Lake Street Church for the sale of its buildings when required. In 1957, in twenty-two weeks, a carefully organised appeal resulted in \$65,000 being given or promised. A Christian Centre Maintenance Fund was established under arrangements with an insurance company. The Lake Street property was sold for \$53,000, and a total of \$200,000 was in sight by September of that year. The lowest quote of \$250,000 for the erection of the building was pared to \$230,000, the third floor and lift well included.

The foundation stone was laid in March 1960. The last services were held in the Lake Street buildings on Oct. 5, and the 1960 Federal Conference was held in the new building, approval being given for this at 4 p.m. on the day before Conference was due to commence. The building was officially opened on Nov. 26 by His Excellency, the Governor of W.A., Sir Charles Gairdner.

There have been many additions and improvements, including the lift and the attractive and functional third floor offices for Brotherhood Departments.

A brief financial Statement informs as

follows: (figures are given in round thousands.)

Total Cost:	
Land	4,000
Buildings & furnishings	310,000
Interest	35,000
Miscellaneous	11,000
	360,000

Covered by:

Gifts from Church & Individuals plus int.	288,000
Sale of Lake St. property	53,000
Miscellaneous	19,000
	360,000

Although it would be impossible to mention the names of all those to whom

tribute should be paid for their part in bringing the Brotherhood Centre project to fruition, it would not be out of place to record the names of Brotherhood Centre Committee Secretaries. These were J. Wiltshire, J. Gordon, A.J. Fisher, G.A. Ewers, A.M. Bell J.S. Bridge and to further record the fact that J. Wiltshire was the source of the original proposal, A.M. Bell played a major part during the building operations, and K.J. Patterson has led the Brotherhood in the liquidation of the debt that was, a few years ago, causing so much concern.

The Centre has fulfilled the hopes entertained for it in the vision of the early years; not only in the life and work of our brotherhood, but also in the religious and cultural life of the city. It stands as an answer to prayer and faith combined with dedicated service. Erected to the glory of God may it be increasingly used for that purpose.

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the Holy Spirit is the agent of these changes. They know that Roman Catholics are reading their Bibles as never before, and they know that that must inevitably lead to the discovery of truth. But even if none of this were so, they would still be interested in dialogue with Catholics as they would be with atheists and agnostics. How else can they be aware of what others really think and believe, and how else can they witness to the truths we hold? Those of the "Unity" stream are also interested in service to the community alongside of other men of good will, irrespective of creed. In doing all of this they do not believe that they are compromising truth.

EXTREMISTS.
Inevitably there must be a few extremists in the "Unity" stream, as there are in the other two streams. If there are such extremists they may see no relevance in our plea, our history, or our witness. Some may be willing to accept unity at any price and would have us founding no more churches, soft pedalling on our witness to believers baptism, and refraining from winning new people to the Restoration Movement, and occupied merely with a "holding" operation until such times as we can be absorbed as quickly as possible into another Christian body. If there are such extremists they have a right to their convictions, but they do not represent a majority of those in the "Unity" stream.

Most of those in the "Unity" stream are not "one-eyed" about the W.C.C., seeing no wrong in it. But they prefer to criticize it from within the fellowship rather than from outside it.

(In the next and final article we discuss . . . "Can the Streams flow Together?")

Tasmanian Celebration

Dover, the most southern of Australian churches, was the venue for the 59th Southern District Convention which was held in conjunction with the centenary celebrations of the Dover church, November 3 and 4.

D. Tonks was president, and opening devotions were conducted by A. T. Orr, prior to the business session.

D. Stewart of Hobart, led the afternoon discussion. E. Nicholls of Nubeena, gave the address on "I Believe in God." At night W. Flett of Nubeena spoke on "I Believe in Jesus Christ." Victora included Mrs. Iris Robertson, C.W.F. Pres., and C. Neville, Tas. Dist. Conf. Pres.

Centenary celebrations commenced on Sunday morning. D. Tonks presided. L. Moore represented the regular readers from Hobart and W. Rushton represented past members in reading the scriptures. There were 120 in the chapel and 40 in the ante-room. C. R. Edmunds of Invermay spoke on "I Believe in the Holy Spirit." Greetings were read by Geoff Munday, church secretary, from past members, departments, and churches.

The few ladies of Dover church cooked four dozen chickens, and 22lbs. of silverside made numerous jellies, and prepared five boxes of salad, vegetables,

which were served by the Dover school Mothers' Club to 60 visitors twice on Saturday and to the 180 who sat down to lunch in the school assembly hall. The birthday cake was cut by Mrs. D. Owens, the oldest member still attending Dover church.

The final service in the afternoon was led by the Collins St. choir dressed in

period costumes. They sang "Hymns of Yesterday". B. J. Golder of Hobart gave the address "I Believe in the Church". Mrs. Elva Orr was organiste for the convention and E. Nicholls was song leader.

Thanks and appreciation was expressed to the Dover members who, though few in number, went the second mile in hospitality in the home and chapel.

The next Convention is planned for Copping in November, 1974.

—A. T. ORR,

H.M. CENTENARY CRUSADE AT SUNRAYSLA

The churches in Sunraysia combined for an outreach programme which featured four "Community Concern Meetings" in the Mildura Church of Christ Hall. The press, radio and television coverage was excellent. Response by the participating churches was most encouraging. Churches combined for early morning prayer during the mission week.

Steve Downie (Collingwood) and Barry Jenkins (H.M.) visited Red Cliffs, Dareton, Merbein, and Robinvale to conduct a series of house meetings and to visit interested families. The opening programme, with Allan Avery (Frankston) as preacher, was commenced with a tea for 220 including a bus load from Robinvale. Over 300 attended the youth programme on Saturday night and 350 the final combined meeting on Nov. 4.

At every meeting local identities were featured. The Mayor attended the opening dinner. Items were presented by local Methodist and Salvation Army groups. Arthur McWilliams and his Youth Singers really kept the programme moving. A local psychiatrist, president of the Jaycees, N.S.W. policeman, and a nurse all shared the relevance of Christian faith through interviews in the programmes.

Five made public confessions of faith; 75 indicated they wanted to be more involved in the life of the church in some way or another; many in Sunraysia will continue to be challenged for many weeks to come as a result of the "Way of Life" mission.

WORLD TALK No. 85

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

The Semitic background indicates that a virgin is a person — male or female — who has arrived at the age of being able to have sexual intercourse but has not had such experience. Referring to men it is often translated as "youth" (1 Sam. 17:42), where it has no overtones concerning actual sexual experience. Other times it is used to indicate sexual chastity in men (Rev. 14:4). In N.T. Greek it frequently meant simply "unmarried" (1 Cor. 7:24) and in the O.T. Hebrew it meant "of marriageable age" and usually this indicated chastity.

In girls proof of virginity was demanded before O.T. marriages (Deut. 22) and style of dress indicated the fact (2 Sam. 13:18). Severe penalties for rape, and pre-marital sex were given.

Isa. 7:14 is of special interest. The Hebrew term used meant "young women of marriageable age" but the LXX used the Greek word for a sexually chaste young woman which was the meaning used in Matt. 1:23 of Mary. In the early church old widows were also called virgins.

The Virgin Birth or more accurately the Virgin Conception has few direct scriptural references. There is no direct reference in the N.T. outside of Matt. 1 and Luke 1. The earliest N.T. passages, Mark and Paul, do not include any references to the Virgin Birth and neither do Peter or John. However, the other great N.T. passages on the advent and divinity of Christ (Gal. 4; 2 Cor. 8, Phil 2, John 1, 3, 6, 8) are quite consistent with the Virgin Birth.

Luke investigated all the facts (Lk. 1:1-4) and the details he gives could only have come from Mary herself (Lk. 2:19, 51). Textual criticism indicates the authenticity of these passages. The Virgin Birth was widely used in the early church to

VIRGIN

indicate the historicity and humanity of Jesus. It was not widely questioned until 18thC and under the impact of the American fundamentalist controversy of 1912-1930's it became a test of conservative orthodoxy.

DICTIONARY

A virgin is a person who has not shared in sexual intercourse. The Virgin Birth refers to the conception of Jesus within Mary by the Holy Spirit alone.

FOR TODAY

The scriptures do not give the Virgin Birth the same prominence as do many 20thC Christians. Belief in the Virgin Birth is not a requirement in scripture for salvation but some today make it a requirement for Christian fellowship and ministry.

We do not believe the church was misled when it affirmed the Virgin Birth in the early creeds. Joseph's reaction (Matt. 1:19) shows his belief in Mary's virginity.

Scripture does not present a belief in virgin birth in general but the birth of Jesus Christ "born of the virgin Mary." Hence investigation and claims of other cases of parthenogenesis are irrelevant.

"The Virgin Birth is a union of factual probability and theological propriety; a conjunction of excellent tradition and spiritual fittingness, which commends it to the credence of the Christian" J.K.S. Reid.

Every Christian in their spiritual re-birth (John 3:1-6) is born spiritually as Jesus was born physically — "Become children of God, born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12).

Gordon Moyes.

JAMES HOLLOWAY HONOURED

JIM HOLLOWAY
WITH FRIENDS,
ERIC PATTERSON
(LEFT) AND DR
RAY KILLMIER.



James Holloway is 90 years of age and the Malvern/Caulfield church was filled to capacity on Oct. 28 to honour the occasion.

F.A. Illingworth, Chairman of Elders, presided and paid tribute to the faithful service and dedicated leadership given by Mr Holloway to the church over 60 years.

C.K. Milne of Hawthorn spoke of early association with Mr Holloway as evening students of the Australian College of the Bible. Miss Alison Beveridge, a former member, recalled Mr Holloway's early working days as a butcher in her

grandfather's shop.

Doug. Adam (Dept. of H.M. & Evang.) recalled the adventurous times spent with the Home Mission committee in his many years of service there.

Eric Patterson, Conference President, paid tribute to the men who, like Jim Holloway, have become the stalwarts of our movement. He noted Mr Holloway's service in particular as conference president.

Musical items were brought by former members, including Alan Brown.

Mr Holloway responded and was

deeply moved by the gathering of so many friends who had come to give God thanks for his life and witness.

RONALD GRAHAM APPOINTMENT

Ronald W. Graham, Professor of New Testament at Lexington Theological Seminary since 1968, has been named dean-elect of the school. He will become assistant dean on Jan. 1, 1974, and dean on Aug. 1.

Dr. Graham succeeds Dwight E. Stevenson, who will retire as dean next July.

An Australian, Dr. Graham trained at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., and served in several churches here before going to the U.S.A. for further study and service.

JACK CHIVELL HONOURED



After nearly 20 years as Secretary of the Churches of Christ Conference in South Australia, John Chivell is soon to retire from that position.

To mark the occasion and to express appreciation, a brotherhood Recognition Service is being tendered to Mr and Mrs I. J. Chivell at Grote St., Church, Adelaide, on Sunday, December 16, at 2.45 p.m.

TEACHERS WANTED FOR AFRICA

The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Zambia has approved a scheme whereby the Africa Evangelical Fellowship is permitted to recruit teachers for its girls' secondary school at Mukinge Hill Mission.

Teachers approved under this scheme are known as Lay Mission Associate Teachers.

The secretary of the Australian Council of the A.E.F., Rev. R. Dowthwaite, said the teachers could be engaged by the school for a period of not less than 24 months and not more than 42 months from the time of arrival to the time of departure from the school.

Salaries would be paid on a scale set down by the Ministry of Education and

would depend on the qualifications and experience of the teacher.

Mukinge Hill is in north-west Zambia, about 2000 feet above sea level. The climate is warm to hot most of the time and has been described by missionaries as quite pleasant.

Mr. Dowthwaite said that although the school is 220 miles from a major city, excellent facilities are available for medical treatment at the mission hospital at Mukinge.

Information about the opportunities for Lay Mission Associate Teachers can be obtained from the office of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship, Box 135 P.O., Mittagong N.S.W. 2575.

Rejoicing & farewelling at Monbulk

Camp Waterman, Monbulk was invaded by 250 adults and young people on Nov. 18.

It was the climax of the Combined Service Appeal for the Explorers, Good Companions and C.Y.F. groups. The total amount raised was \$2689.00 and it is anticipated the target of \$3000 will be reached by the end of the year. Half the money will be spent on Adventure Camping Equipment and Sporting Equipment for our Camps and the balance will go towards maintenance costs of the Department.

We also rejoiced in welcoming Lance and Enid Fisher as the new "team" at the Camp. Richard Lawton (Federal Board of

Christian Education) and D.C.E. treasurer Ron Brooker extended the welcome to them.

Tributes were paid to Keith and June Humphries for their period of service at Monbulk Camp.

Also it was a time to say farewell to George Mathieson after 3 years as part-time Field Officer with the Department. K. J. Clinton (Strategy for the 70's Committee Chairman), J. Acqueroff D.C.E. and the Director Ray McKenzie all paid tribute to George's magnificent ministry with the D.C.E.

The Springvale Good Companions Choir and a group from Footscray Good Companions Club gave items.

OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 150 words.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

To The Editor,

I note John Wise's letter in "A.C." Nov. 3 was written prior to the Festival of Light. I wonder if he would write the same way after the impact of the Festival, or is he so blinded by the immensity of his own task he cannot see virtue in others.

He reminds me of the story of the people who said let us build a hospital at the foot of the precipice.

I am glad that 10,000 people at the march in Adelaide were prepared to say "let us build guard rails at the top."

This shows they were not putting up smoke screens and removing to the fringe.

I believe we need men like J. Wise to help those who break through the guard rails, but don't let us knock those who are prepared to stand up and be seen building guard rails. Give them our encouragement.

C.A. Jones, S.A.

HOW MANY STAY?

To the Editor.

Under the above caption, "AC" Nov. 3,—Frank W. Beale questions the results of evangelistic missions and assesses the effective result at 1%.

Possibly this could be a reasonable assessment of such methods in past years when many people were presented with a doctrinal issue, rather than a challenge of a primary committal to Christ.

Today, generally speaking, the emphasis is changed and classes for discipleship are the general rule.

He asks, "Why do Conferences report fewer numbers each year?" His first submission is possibly part of the answer, but there is another aspect which is often overlooked. The Churches of Christ are a relatively small group, not widely represented in the community. Consequently many of our members move and find themselves in areas where our group is not represented. Many of them are to found associating with and working with some other group or denomination. Whilst they may be rated as statistical losses to our group, they are still active members of the Church — contributing to the Kingdom of God.

Leslie E. Baker, Vic.

COLOUR TV AND SUNDRIES

To the Editor.

Referring to Shirley Grundy's letter in "A.C." Nov. 3:

1. World development is a mammoth problem involving industrialisation, education and politics. A simple door-knock

appeal will not even begin to answer the problems, nor will diverting the cost of colour TV (it wouldn't keep a war in the Middle East going for one day!). If we want action for world development, start at the top. Encourage the top business and political brains to give a lead. Ansett's provision of an airline in New Guinea has done much to develop that country.

2. Mrs. Mary Whitehouse is quoted as saying that television is the most powerful medium there has ever been. What then should be the churches' attitude to television?

3. Does Miss Grundy include among her "capitalistic whores" all the fine Christian businessmen, managers and workers in the capitalist system who are serving Christ and his world in their positions?

4. The Bible tells us to win all men for Christ. I interpret that as a clear cut command for the church to be a big success in the world.

Malcolm G. Gray, Vic.

MISSING MEMBERS

To the Editor:

Frank Beale's letter of Nov. 3 was an outspoken and accurate assessment of an obsession which has plagued churches of Christ for endless decades. Our emphasis has been simply on dragging people out to the front of a meeting and popping them in and out of a baptistry.

About all we've done for them after that is to see that they have been towelled down and got dressed again. Then we move on to the next unit on the assembly line. This is comparable to expecting a baby to prepare its own feed bottle and change its own nappies.

Our emphasis repeatedly has been on figures in conference handbooks. Little wonder that "converts" wander in and out of our churches like children playing games with revolving doors. Our teaching on growth in Christ, sanctification, meaningful acquaintance with the Word of God, and prayer as a vital aid in the life has been practically nil.

Sometimes, of course, converts fail to co-operate. People are often strangely stubborn about getting down to the demanding work of becoming the sort of Christian who delighted the heart of Paul in Berea. For instance, we had three young men come forward to confess Christ at recent meetings in our church. In my immediate follow-up I found that none has been fully prepared to commit his life to Christ. Jesus is not simply a name to be named. He is a person to be KNOWN.

Thank you, Frank Beale, for a letter written out of long experience and a meditative mind and heart.

W.D. Mills, Vic.

"ACCORDING TO JOHN"
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Melbourne, Dec. 2-14

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

GRIEVANCE TIME

To the Editor,

The lively music on the car radio gave way to the sedate tones of the announcer on duty in the Parliament House broadcasting control booth. He told Australia that the next business of the House was to be "Grievance Time." Then solemnly he said, "Before grievances we expect that the Speaker will lead the House in prayers." The Speaker did, and prayed something about "the advancement of God's glory and the welfare of Australia." It didn't seem to make much difference to the spirit of the Grievance debate. So I was feeling righteously cynical as I drove along.

I flicked the radio off and began to think. Why should I be cynical, I who had taken the lead in countless grievance times in another house, when I had felt hurt or sorry for myself? I think of myself as a praying man. But as I thought I couldn't remember once when my prayers had taken the sting out of my grievances when I really got worked up with the wife or the kids. Then it seemed to me that the parliamentary prayer reflects the prayers of many of us. We do it because it is right and proper . . . but we don't expect it to make much difference to the way we air our grievances and throw our weight round when other people don't please us.

I wonder how the next grievance time at our house will go if the "speaker" remembers to lead the house in prayer.

By the way, I have a grievance against the "Australian Christian" but I'd better leave it for another time!

TERTIUS

MELBOURNE CHURCHES OF CHRIST CENTRE TO RE-LOCATE

The brotherhood buildings at 217-223 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, occupied by the Conference Executive and brotherhood departments (and a retail electrical shop) were sold at auction on Sept. 12 for \$840,000. Vacant possession must be given to the purchaser on March 1, 1974.

A new property has been acquired at 52 Latrobe St. and possession is expected this month.

A Re-location Committee, appointed by the Centre Management Committee and the Properties' Corporation, has been working on space and equipment problems, obtaining quotations for telephone installation and lift service, negotiating for purchase of existing partitions and fixtures, budgeting for normal yearly income and expenditure, and suggesting a suitable basis for the best stewardship of monies available for use by the Brotherhood. An architect has been engaged to assist in planning, renovations and alterations to suit church requirements.

At a fully representative meeting of the Centre Management Committee and Properties' Corporation, recommendations were agreed to unanimously and will be put into practice as quickly as possible. The most important of these are set out here.

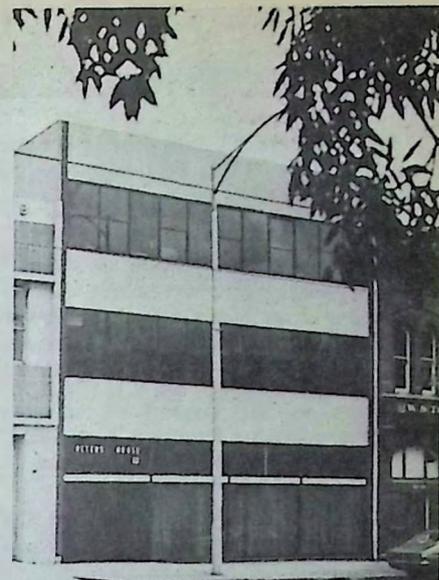
It is possible to re-locate all office space required, necessary meeting rooms to give at least as much accommodation as at present, together with improved catering facilities, adequate lift service, etc., and, in doing so, to occupy two floors only in the property at 52 Latrobe St. This will leave one complete floor of the three storey building available for

letting. As the ground floor will command much better rental, it has been decided to locate our own Departments on the first and second floors.

The Social Service Department will occupy the first floor, leaving sufficient area for a large auditorium, suitably divided by concertina doors into one major and two minor meeting rooms, and for a kitchen suitably equipped.

All other Departments, including the Conference Office, will occupy the second floor, with first-class separate offices for the Directors, and a large central inter-communicating area for the use of their staffs. A comfortable lounge room, reception areas, store-room and a staff room will also be provided.

It is hoped to provide all the needed requirements to house Departments in the new premises at no rental cost. By judicious use of surplus funds available for investment after payment of the full purchase price for the new building, together with income from ground floor rental, it is expected to have available further monies each year for added investment and possible distribution to brotherhood needs. This of course, is not the prerogative of the Re-Location



—Ralph Petty photo

Committee, but will be calculated by the Centre Management Committee and the Properties' Corporation after the new Centre becomes fully operative.

The property at 52 Latrobe Street is at present known as "Peters House" having been erected for a Mr Peters about eight years ago. It will be suitably renamed to indicate ownership by Churches of Christ. Great care will be exercised in the selection of a satisfactory tenant for the ground floor.

The Committees involved in this forward move are well aware of the trust imposed upon them and all members are devoted to the task of ensuring that we have dignified, economic and efficient Centre for the conduct of church affairs on behalf of our Conference of Churches of Christ.

—L. J. Butler,
Acting Chairman,
Centre Re-Location Committee

• CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RELIGION IN LIFE

Life-centred Christian education materials published under the title "Religion in Life" have been used in primary schools in many parts of Australia in 1973. Comments have come from some of those who have used the materials.

A minister in Queensland writes, "I want to express my appreciation of the Religion in Life material. The response of the children has been much more enthusiastic than with previous lessons I have used. It is in my estimation the best material I have used for religious education in schools."

A headmaster in W.A. writes, "I am

very impressed with the material."

A voluntary teacher in Victoria writes, "From the beginning children have been very interested. There is a marked change in noise (too interested)."

A child in grade 6 writes, "Thank you so much for sending us such lovely Religious Education papers."

In 1974 Religion in Life will be published at six levels, corresponding to six grades of primary school. There will be children's papers, which are designed to stimulate the children's thinking and feeling, to provide them with information and ideas, and to set them to work on assignments. These papers will help

children think about their own lives and introduce them to the teachings of Christianity.

Teachers' Notes will also be published at each level. These give guidance to teachers in how to involve the children in the session plans.

Here is a tremendous resource for ministers and voluntary helpers who are often hard-pressed to find an interesting and absorbing approach to the religious education of children in schools.

Sample copies of the materials may be viewed at many Departments of Christian Education and order forms are available from the same source. In Victoria interested people should contact the Council for Christian Education in Schools, 55 Exhibition St., Melbourne 3000. Alternatively, you may write to the publisher, The Joint Board of Christian Education, 147 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000.

SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTORS MEET

The Churches of Christ Social Service Directors met in Conference at the Doncaster church, Oct. 29-30. Eric Patterson, Conference President, Vic.-Tas., opened the Conference. Mr. Patterson and K. D. Horne, minister of Doncaster church, conducted devotional sessions.

As a part of the Conference, a visit was paid to the Victorian Homes for the Aged.

A comprehensive survey was made of the areas in which the Departments operate, including Aged Persons' Homes, Welfare Work, Social Action; Hostels, Boys' Homes, Opportunity Shops, Social Questions, Chaplaincies, Counselling, and Supportive Services.

Following the Conference, the Directors attended the 17th Annual Geriatric Conference at the Caulfield Town Hall. Several hundred persons represented Victoria and there was interstate participation.



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SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTORS (Left to right) Standing: F. M. Combridge, Vic.; Chas. Cole, N.S.W.; Geo. Smith, W.A. Sitting: A. R. Jones, S.A.; R. H. Davey, W.A.; Eric T. Hart, Qld.

• "IMMEDIATE"

CHRISTMAS SONGS

"Immediate" magazine lists in its November 1973 issue a selection of Christmas songs from 18 contemporary song books. This listing brings together a wide range of Christmas songs and should be of interest to all planning Christmas services and celebrations.

The films "The New Land", and "O Lucky Man" are reviewed, with questions for discussion also suggested. Advance reference is made to the film version of "Jesus Christ Superstar".

The line drawings of Annie Vallotton, from "Good News for Modern Man" (TEV), are now available in poster and postcard form. "Immediate" tells you about them.

Feature articles in the November issue

include "Look, Listen, Stop! and Think" (procedures, assessment form, and ideas for dealing with the topic of advertising) and three different pieces about the use of colour slides and ways of making your own slides with clear Contact and some magazines.

"Immediate" is available on subscription of \$2-00 p.a. (six issues). Write to The Joint Board of Christian Education, 147 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000, payment accompanying order.

MINISTER AS ALDERMAN (Qld) Merv. Gibson, minister at Roma, Queensland has been elected as Alderman on the Roma Town Council in a ballot comprising three candidates following the resignation of one alderman.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

BIBLE INSECTS

The following insects are mentioned in the Bible, but I have mixed them up a bit.

1. SEBE 2. SCLOUTS 3. SPHR-EGARPOSS 4. SLIFE 5. STAN

If you have trouble, the answers are on page 18.

REDUCING THE CROWD

The ancient Romans realised that their agricultural land could only accommodate so many persons and that you could not keep subdividing farms to cope with new generations. Unwilling to use such things as human sacrifices, the leaders thought up a solution, the ver sacrum. All children born in the spring were "dedicated" to a special purpose. The special purpose was that when they grew up, they were simply banished from the country, and had to find some other place to settle down.

We have population problems throughout the world today, but things are different. The ver sacrum won't work any more because there are not many places left where surplus people can go.

Football Coach (to Players): "And remember that football develops individuality, initiative, and leadership. Now, get in there and do exactly as I tell you."

Billy: "After my uncle shaved yesterday, he used flour instead of talcum powder."

Rick: "Why did he do that?"

Billy: "I don't know, but when he gets hot now, he breaks out in biscuits."



"Now WHO could be calling at THIS hour of the night!"

VICTORIA— TASMANIA

CHAPEL NEW LOOK (Caveside A.R. Harvey) Recently the chapel here has been covered with terra cotta bonded brick . . . We are presently combining with the Methodist and Undenominational people in a mission with W.E.C. students from Launceston College . . . Mr Harvey recently held a meeting at Ashley Boys' Home at Deloraine, arranged by the ministers' fraternal on a weekly basis.

FAMILY SERVICE (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall). Family service on Nov. 4 was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. G. Woodroffe and family. Afterwards there was coffee fellowship at their home . . . John Wheatley of Far East Broadcasting Co., showed slides and told of F.E.B.C. radio construction work in Seychelles Islands . . . 135 attended S.S. picnic at Mill Valley Ranch on Cup Day . . . On Nov. 11 a gentleman made his decision for Christ.

EIGHT-DAY MISSION (Nubeena-Highcroft, W. J. Flett). The church has just completed an eight-day mission with Pat Kavanagh. Nine decisions were made and contact made with many more . . . Members attended Southern Districts convention at Dover and shared in Dover's centenary celebrations.

RENOVATIONS (West Preston, A.J. Storay) The renovated chapel was opened on Nov. 4. There were five baptisms in the morning and two confessions of faith at night. The Doncaster Choir helped to provide a memorable day . . . The creativity of the young people with puppets and movement supported the singing for the B.S. anniversary . . . Lorraine Bertram was welcomed home from overseas. Joan Ross is studying at the London Bible Institute . . . The Daltons have returned from New Guinea . . . Andrew David is home after surgery . . . \$77 was contributed to Leprosy Mission.

TO CHAPLAINCY (Ivanhoe) The officers have released J.H. McCormick from commitments to complete his term as minister to enable him to accept the position of Chaplain at Heidelberg High School . . . R. Clinton, R. Darby, and N. Fisher have been appointed to consider a new minister . . . At the church meeting, Christians in Fellowship were accepted into church life . . . Morning services commence at 10 a.m. and include B.S. scholars for a brief period . . . Several members are involved daily in community welfare service . . . Morning coffee was arranged by C.W.F. in three homes, inviting patients from Mont Park Hospital.

AT MANIFOLD HEIGHTS (A. E. Stevens). Recent speakers have been Don Smith, H. M. Director; Vice-Principal G. R. Stirling, Mervyn Knight of Christian Mission to the Communist World, and a group of students from College of the Bible . . . I. Watson, Principal of Geelong College Prep. School, and Laurie Barker, Technical School Chaplain, were speakers at B.S. anniversary . . . \$40 was raised by Y.P.C.E. at a "slide night" for the

project at Vila . . . Barry Tattersall led a Lay Witness mission in Sydney . . .

\$870 FOR MISSIONS (Hurstbridge, G. Wake). Mission fund has reached \$870. Aim for year is \$1000 . . . Members saddened by death of Mrs. May Harris. Crowded church service showed esteem in which she was held . . . Ron Brooker was guest speaker at S.S. anniversary . . . During illness of minister, speakers were from Aborigines Inland Mission, Sudan Interior Mission, Open Air Campaigners, and British Medical Mission.

STOCKTAKING (Thomson) Church annual meeting showed membership of 41, decrease in B.S., and lack of youth leaders. C.W.E.F. had increase in numbers and giving. K. McGregor re-elected as secretary . . . Night meetings being held once a month. On Nov. 11, D. Tattersall of Norlane showed slides and spoke of his trip with New Hebrides work party which built house for Malcolm and Beth Humphries.

PROJECTS AIDED (Preston, E. Preston, J. Manallack, G. Warren) Temple Day at E. Preston realised \$1065. Five projects will be aided: New Guinea Mission \$250; Aborigines Mission \$250; World Christian Action \$190; Electric wheelchair for Sheltered Workshop \$200; Two children sponsored for Lord Mayor's Camp at Portsea \$110 . . . Buffet Tea and Film Night raised \$47 at Preston . . . C.W.A.F. (Preston) held annual outing at Ballarat . . . Two "Serendipity" nights were held at Preston with Geo. Mathieson, of D.C.E.

ON FURLOUGH (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Ted and Dora Gray, on furlough from New Guinea showed slides of their mission work . . . November was a month of special music with guitarists, trio, organ and piano items at gospel services . . . Mrs. E. McFarlane from Emmaus was a special guest on Sunday and at C.W.F. . . . B.S. picnic was at Mill Valley Ranch on Cup Day . . . Mrs. L. Muller is President of C.W.F. and Mrs. Peg Winkler is Sec.

RADIO VISITOR (Horsham, R. Roberts) On Oct. 31 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gray spoke on the work of Radio H.C.J.B. in Ecuador . . . Gospel Service was led by five Christian teachers on Nov. 4. Ian Martin, Hall's Gap, was speaker. Teachers from all Horsham schools were present . . . On Nov. 7 the film, "Israel, My Son", was screened at The Town Hall. An address was given by Joseph Hunting, Director, Jewish Evang. Witness . . . On Nov. 11 at men's tea, Dr. Howard Grey, who regularly fellowships with us, was speaker.

CWF RAISES \$1109 (Essendon Nth./E. Keilor, E.C.Ots) C.W.E.F. assisted by friends of all ages raised \$435 packing showbags making a total of \$1109 raised for 1973 . . . The church regrets that Mr & Mrs J. Wiltshire have returned to Qld. for personal reasons . . . Combined church picnic held at the Bullengarook property of Mr & Mrs Don Langley . . . Mr Ots conducted baptismal service on Nov. 11 . . . Young people have led evening worship . . . Explorers shared in weekend camp.



QUEENSLAND

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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CAMPS

Midgets - December, 16/21, 1973.

Last year we accommodated 208 in the Midgets (7-9 years camp). This year we have one Midgets Camp before Christmas and one after.

SENIORS 15 plus Dec. 25-Jan. 1, 1974.

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TWEENAGERS 13-15 years Jan. 7-12, 1974.

JUNIORS 10-12 years Jan. 13-18, 1974.

Registration forms are available from 428 Ann Street, Brisbane, Q. 4000. Phone 21-2166 (S.T.D. 072).

Interstate youth holidaying north of Brisbane, are especially invited to enrol and share in the Queensland Department's Youth and Christian Education activities at Dickey Beach, Caloundra.

Early registration will avoid disappointments as camps are closed when maximum applications are received.

YOUNG ADULTS/YOUNG MARRIEDS

Over 90 applications were received for the Y.A./Y.M. Seminar at "Camp Cal", Nov. 23-25. This is another "first" for "Your Department in Action."

Resource Guests were Lady Cilento, "Medical Mother" of press fame, Ray McKenzie, Director Victorian D.C.E., Beverley Grenfell, Mothercraft, an interior decorator, solicitor etc.

MINISTER MOVES (Harlaxton). Roger Foletta has asked to be released from ministry here so that he can serve at Springwood . . . Extensions to Chapel have been commenced . . . Harold and Mary Finger have been welcomed home from the New Hebrides . . . Speakers at recent Missionary Convention were Ray Elvery, Rex Ellis, Ron McLean and Harold Finger . . . Donations have been given to a number of Missionary Groups . . . B.S. has a number of new scholars following a week of Happy Hours with Allan Male . . . Col. McCosker was guest speaker at B.S. anniversary.

ANNERLEY MINISTRY Ralph Bennett from Nowra, N.S.W. will commence a ministry here in Dec. Rex Ellis, of Kenmore College and senior vice-president, will present the charge . . . The annual meeting decided to raise \$2000 for work in New Hebrides . . . Gary Staddan's interim ministry will conclude in Dec . . . W.W. McDowell conducted classes for readers and helpers . . . Peter Martin, medical student, left for Gisborne, N.S. N.Z., for further experience.

SOCIAL HELP (Dalby, R. Holt) Several bags of clothing have been despatched to Brisbane City Mission . . . The S.S. anniversary had Jim Cunningham from Toowoomba as guest speaker. After the school shared in morning service, there was fellowship lunch before afternoon meeting and prize-giving . . . Eric Wheeler is still in hospital in Brisbane.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

C.O.C.O.A. AID ETHIOPIA

Viewers were shocked by a recent 'Four Corners' programme which vividly portrayed severe famine conditions in Ethiopia. Northern Ethiopia is one of the worst hit areas, and in this situation, at Alamatta, Sister Lois Gibson of the Australian Churches of Christ has been working for several months with the Sudan Interior Mission. Lois has been serving as a voluntary worker, and will be returning to Australia at the end of this year.

The Overseas Mission Board has received a number of enquiries whether assistance could be sent to Ethiopia through C.O.C.O.A. (Churches of Christ Overseas Aid.) E.J. Neal, Australian

Director of the Sudan Interior Mission has suggested that any aid we send could be used at Alamatta where Sister Gibson has been working.

At the November meeting of the Board it was agreed to forward immediately \$2000 from C.O.C.O.A. particularly for the work at Alamatta where famine conditions are so severe. We appreciate generous giving to C.O.C.O.A. by the brotherhood which has made this gift possible.

Finance specifically given to C.O.C.O.A. for Ethiopia will be sent to S.I.M. which, working through the National Church, is capable of helping widely and effectively in drought stricken areas.

BIBLE READING PROMOTION -- INDONESIA.

In addition to sponsoring two Bible Reading Note Writer's Workshops in Indonesia during 1974, Churches of Christ will provide approx. \$800 to train Indonesians for Bible Reading Promotion in their churches.

Training Workshops are planned for six areas throughout Indonesia and it is

expected that 250 - 300 people will be trained to become skilled Bible Reading Promoters. The training workshops are being arranged by the Indonesian Scripture Union, and the aim is to have some hundreds of people doing Bible Reading promotion in their own areas and among their own churches.

NINE NEW MISSIONARIES

Nine new missionaries have been appointed to Papua New Guinea and the New Hebrides. They are:

Dr. and Mrs. Don Hemer S.A., appointed to Duindui, Aoba, New Hebrides, leaving Australia on Dec. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Warne N.S.W., appointed to Ranwadi Secondary School, New Hebrides, leaving Sydney Jan. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Baker, Vic., appointed to Ranmawat, Pentecost, New Hebrides,

leaving Australia, Jan. 21.

Miss Fay Christensen Qld., appointed to Chungribu, Papua New Guinea, leaving Australia, Jan. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams W.A., appointed to Papua New Guinea, leaving Australia, Feb. 19.

Further details available in December/January issue of 'Missionary News'. Please pray for these new workers as they go forward.

NEW MEMBERS (Southport, N. Newton)
26 new members have been welcomed into fellowship in the past six months. There were many visitors from the South during winter months . . . Recent missionary speakers have been Mr and Mrs B. Bulli, Frank Beale, Mr and Mrs T. Gray, and Mr and Mrs H. Finger . . . 35 singers from Queensland Bible Institute conducted a service and presented the new musical "Lightshine". 250 were present . . . For future expansion the church has purchased land next to the church for \$19,000. The aim is to be free of debt in 12 months . . . Young people hired a bus to attend Kenmore Graduation service in Brisbane. Our student minister and his wife, Ralph and Vonda Bradley, were among the graduates.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION (Cheltenham G. K. Moyes) In the second annual Missionary Convention in October, emphasis was made through early morning prayer meetings, evening rallies and displays. Douglas Hughes, organiser, is now on the Victorian

Committee of Overseas Missions. Society speakers each night presented special needs and focus was on Home Missions and Aborigines as well as Overseas. \$170 was given to other Societies and \$1004 was given to C.O.C.O.A. as our Self-Tax offering.

Two volunteer workers from the Church are now engaged in Mission activities, Sister Julie Acqueroff in New Guinea and Miss June Tassell is leaving for the New Hebrides on Dec. 10. Missionary films and speakers have been featured throughout the year.

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The church in Davis, California, contributed \$1035 for our "Milk for India" appeal. This is the home church of Dr. Q. Rogers and family who spent 12 months with us . . . Morning Tea and Trading Table at Beryl Frost's home realised \$150 for World Vision . . . Older church members were entertained at lunch and afternoon tea by Ladies' Guild . . . Famine Banquet, a 7-course musical feast, was "served" instead of food. Over \$800 was raised for famine relief in Ethiopia. (Blackwood, S.A.).

ALAN WEBB FOR S.E. ASIA (Swanston St.) The church is sending Mr. Webb on a six weeks' preaching ministry in South East Asia from Dec. 19. He will visit Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh and New Guinea. He will re-visit returned Asian students and all Swanston St. missionaries . . . There were 22 additions for the year reported to annual meeting. Total offerings exceeded \$25,000 of which a record \$11,000 was given to world missions. The giving to our own Swanston St. missionary family was \$5600 . . . One of our most beloved members, Pauline Lyster, died at the age of 21. The whole church joins in giving thanks to God for the radiance of her beautiful life. Pauline had just completed her third year of medicine and was training to be a missionary doctor.

ARE YOU SHIFTING IN THE NEW YEAR ?

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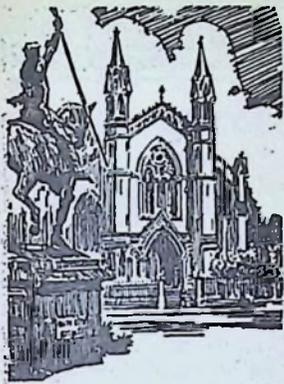
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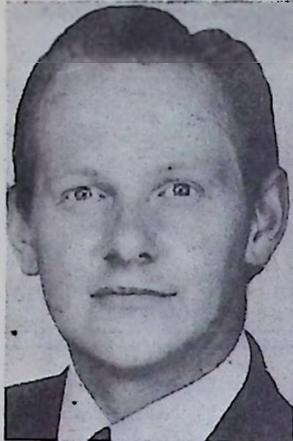
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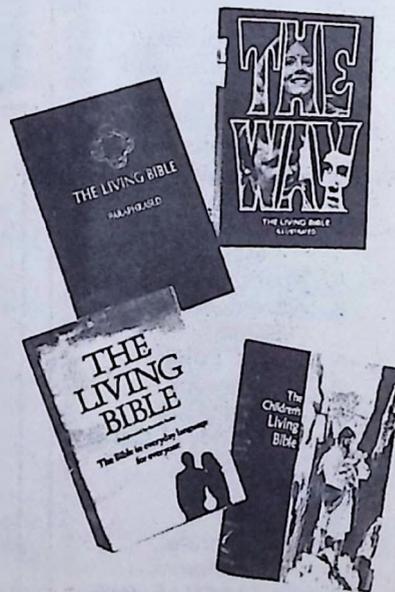
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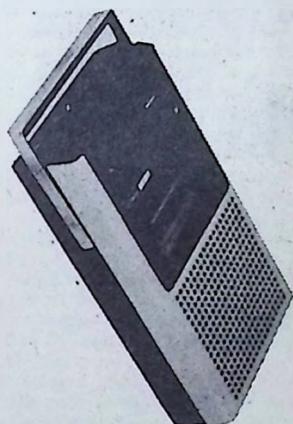
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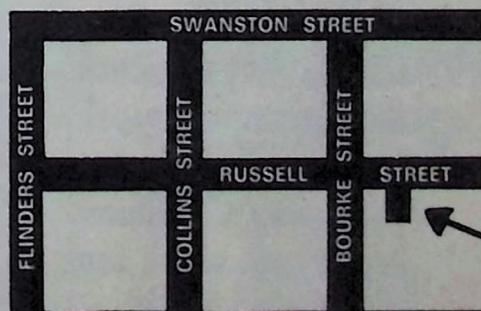
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OBITUARY

FRASER, Mrs. Elizabeth.

The church at Hamilton, N.S.W., lost its oldest member when Elizabeth Fraser died at the age of 102 years, 6 months. She was born in Scotland in 1871. As a young woman she found her church home amongst the people known as "Churches of Christ", and when she migrated to Australia in 1902 she served with the Newcastle churches, first in Merewether and later at Hamilton. Her husband, Thomas Fraser, predeceased her in 1927. The long and faithful life of Elizabeth Fraser was an inspiration not only to the members of her family, but to all who met her. She was a woman who sought to live in God's way by fulfilling his plan in her life and by possessing the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit which is so precious in the sight of God. For most of her life Mrs. Fraser was blessed with good health. However, during the last few years failing sight and defective hearing hindered her communication with others. In spite of this she remained mentally alert and her hands continued to render loving service as she knitted woollen rugs for missions. A large company of relatives and friends gathered to pay their last respects and to thank God for her life.

—F.D.C.

EDWARDS, Joyce Amelia.

Jim and Joyce Edwards were on a touring holiday. They had visited Queensland, calling on churches and friends. Homeward bound, they were spending some time in Sydney. On Oct. 30, they worshipped at Lane Cove in the morning, but late in the evening of the same day they suffered a serious motor accident. As a result of the injuries Joyce died the next day. Here Jim remembers gratefully the ministry of A.W. Stephenson.

Born 56 years ago, Joyce lived close to the Maylands (S.A.) church, where she later became a member. Her brother, Horrie Walpole, is active at Oakleigh, Vic. When she married and her husband also became a member, they were active at Maylands before transferring to Kilburn for about 10 years, but were back at Maylands for the past 17 years. Joyce had been active in C.W.F. and Women's Conference committees in S.A.

Maylands chapel was crowded for the funeral service with many friends and a large brotherhood representation. We esteemed her for her service, the support she gave to people in trouble, her strong personality and her cheerful smile. To the comfort of God and the hope of Christ we commend Jim and their children, Heather (Mrs. Crowder), Geoff and Russell.

—N.S.M.

PASSMORE, Henry James

Henry James (Harry) Passmore died on Oct. 16, 1973, at the Griffiths Private Hospital, Brighton, S.A. As a young man he was converted during a Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at Merbein, Vic. At once Christ became his priority in life as he became a loyal worker in the Merbein church. Born in England in 1900 he came to Australia with his parents and sister, now Mrs Lou Taylor. The Passmores centred their interest in fruit-growing and Harry was actively involved in the industry until he retired in 1959.

He married Margaret (Bertha) Chislett of Red Cliffs, Vic., in 1927. Harry served the Merbein church as secretary for 26 years, assisted the treasurer, and served as deacon and elder. Bertha was organist for the same long period. They shared a common love for music and were committed to youth leadership. They gave hospitality to ministers and young people. Twelve years ago Mr and Mrs Passmore moved to Adelaide and joined the church at Clovelly Park, where Harry served as elder. Bertha predeceased Harry three years ago. C.E. Curtis and Roy Arnold shared in the funeral services. A thanksgiving service was held at Clovelly Park

the following Sunday. We commend Mrs Taylor and family to God.

—D. & L. Kruger.

TREZISE L. A.

On Nov. 15, a large number of relatives and friends overflowed the church building at Tootgarook in love and sympathy to loved ones and to pay their tribute to Laurie A. Trezise who died on Nov. 12. The service was conducted by Principal E. L. Williams, and David Brown, the student minister at Tootgarook. An equally large number gathered for the committal service at the Springvale Crematorium.

Laurie gave his life to Christ at Ararat during a mission conducted by the late E. C. Hinrichsen in the early twenties. He transferred to East Kew and entered the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, in 1925. After graduation he served with the churches at Wangaratta, Taree, Toowoomba, and Ann Street, Brisbane. During the Second World War he served as a chaplain to the forces in New Guinea. He then ministered with the church at North Essendon. In 1946 he became a member of the Dept. of Christian Education in Vic., and in 1947 became Director of that Department in which ministry he served with distinction for seventeen years. During this time he also served for a period on the faculty of the College of the Bible, taking classes in Elocution as a branch of Homiletics.

His sense of humour was a reflection of his love of life and his enjoyment of it and at the same time enabled him to give much enjoyment to other people. All who knew Laurie enjoyed him. A warm affection characterised his life and made relationship easy and deep. This was marked within his own family. Even though he saw his mother frequently, come Wednesday night at College he would say, "I think I will write a letter to Mum." As a man of love he won his way into the hearts of a wide circle of people both young and old within and without the Church and within the family of Churches of Christ and with brethren of all Christian communions. His heart and vision took in the Kingdom of God. The limitation of life leaves us with a sense of loss but we thank God for a life enriched in itself and enriching for all by faith, hope and love centred in Christ, the Lord of life.

—E. L. Williams.

CHURCH NEWS

TWO DECISIONS (Bomia, D. R. Ojansen) Two young people made confession of faith and were baptized . . . Sunday evening services in November focused on People in Need . . . The Board has written to the Chief Secretary regarding extension of Sunday drinking facilities . . . E.W.F. fund raising activities have benefited the church . . . C.W.F. have elected for 1974: Pres. Mrs. Woolan; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Brooke; Sect. Mrs. N. Collyer; Treas. Mrs. Plymin . . . Proceeds from Good Companions' Talent Night are to help purchase camping equipment at C. of C. Youth Camp . . . A choir led by Mr. Jordan has been formed to present a Christmas Festival.

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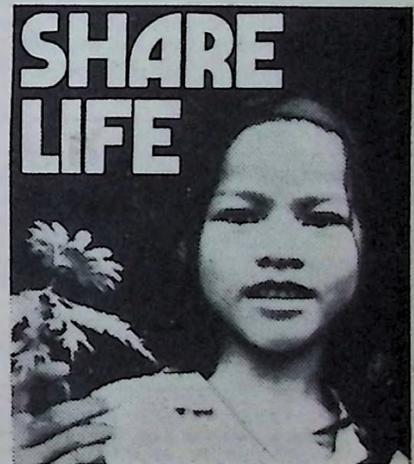


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ENGAGEMENT

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WEDDING

BROWN-KLEEHAMMER On Nov. 3rd Evelyn Ann, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs W. L. Kleehammer of Swan Hill, was married to Graeme Ritchie, eldest son of Mr & Mrs R. S. Brown of Shepparton, at the church in the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement. Officiating ministers were Mr R. Pritchard of Swan Hill and Mr B. Goldsteen of East Kew.

PEARL WEDDING

PARKER (Box) Tom and Joy, married at St. Kilda on Dec. 4, 1943, by Harold A. Hunt, are thankful for the blessings of the years, particularly for friends known and unknown.

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RUBY WEDDING

MAIN (Williams) R. Douglas to Lillian, 6th November, 1933, at Kaniva, Victoria. Officiating minister, A.R. Main. Beth, John, Helen, Rick, and their families share with family friends their gratitude for the love, faith, and encouragement which has characterised their years together.

"Thanks be to God."

DEATH

KILLMIER, Hilda: On 13th November, at Royal Adelaide Hospital, of Christian Rest Home, Everard Park, loved wife of the late Cliff, and loved mother of Dorothy (Mrs Linton Jacobs), and Beth (Mrs David Ackland). Dear Grandma of Sandra and Graeme Atwell, Timothy, Robina, Warren and Verity. Aged 76 years. "Someone very special".

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MARRIAGES

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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MISSION HELD (East Vic. Park, W. F. Thornton). W. Gaunson of Northam was guest speaker at a recent mission . . . C.W.F. visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ladbroke at Greenmount. Mr. Ladbroke was a minister here . . . Regular parcels of food are sent for Social Service Welfare from this church . . . Sandra Preedy has been selected by the Softball Assoc. as their representative for "Sportsman of the Year." . . . Mrs. Preedy Sr., is ill and confined to bed.

THE LIGHT SHINES (Scarborough, K. Duffy) For Oct. 8 evening service, the church was darkened, then one by one, candles were lit by the congregation, each person lighting his neighbour's candle until the church was ablaze with candle power . . . For Remembrance Sunday the congregation was seated at 10.55. At 11 a.m. the Last Post was sounded and a two minute silence followed.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT (Kensington Park, Walter Bartlett) Several of the ladies attended Festival Hall to hear Mrs. Mary Whitehouse . . . Adult Social Group enjoyed Miss Dawn Chivell who shared her recent tour to Darwin & Alice Springs in picture and story . . . At the final Elderly Citizens' Social for the year, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas from Cowandilla and St. George's Christian Rest Home, Mrs. Owens at Adelaide Hospital, Mrs. Crowhurst in Kensington Park Hospital and Mrs. Ira Raymond in Burnside Hospital.

HARBOR MISSION (Victor Harbor, J. Luff) Peter De Wildt conducted a series of meeting entitled "Come Alive in Christ." Many expressed desire to become Christian. Singing groups from Adelaide assisted . . . Mr and Mrs Leech showed slides of their overseas trip to the Women's Christian Fellowship . . . Mr and Mrs S. Anderson and daughter and Mr and Mrs F. Halleday were received into fellowship.

SERVICE EMPLOYMENT SEE P. 24 (QLD.), P. 17 (VIC.).



VICTORIA

CHURCH LIFE CONFERENCE (Nth. Balwyn, A. R. Pigdon). Members participated in a Church Life Conference led by Keith Horne. Discussion included the role of the church . . . Church collectors received \$567 in Freedom from Hunger Appeal local door-knock . . . R. F. Geyer has been ill and is recovering in Adelaide Hospital . . . Youth Group presented a gospel service through music and word . . . Miss J. Drayton and R. Brooker were S.S. anniversary speakers. **1974 PROGRAMME** (Dawson St. Ballarat, F. C. Hunting). Barry Jenkins helped seminar at Daylesford when church officers planned church programme for 1974 . . . John Henley was S.S. anniversary speaker. Max Birch trained the scholars. A casserole tea for teachers, scholars, and parents, preceded Family Service . . . Mt. Clear B.S. anniversary highlighted growing numbers . . . Counselling classes being held by Mrs. Burnham in preparation for "Logos" mission in Memorial Theatre, November 21-25.

STIRLINGS VISIT (Maryborough, I. Adams). Mrs. L. Stirling, shared with the ladies on October 13, and on the 14th G. R. Stirling addressed the church . . . A Country and Western Concert was organised by R. Kennedy for church funds . . . Ladies now hold a prayer meeting and Bible study each week . . . District Conference was held at Newbridge on October 21 . . . New blinds have been installed in the manse by the Ladies' Aid, and a gas hot water service by the E.W.F.

PORTLAND ADDITIONS (B. Duff) A young man made his decision and was baptized at morning service prior to "Come Alive with Christ" mission conducted by Jack Edwards of Norlane. Frank Gasson of Ararat was song leader. Coffee sessions and house parties were held. There were three decisions (and one subsequent decision) and 22 enquiries . . . Mr Duff was S.S. anniversary speaker . . . A married lady was baptized at Nun's Beach after morning service . . . Discipleship classes are held twice a week.

TOORA'S DAY (Stn. Gippsland) The 8th church anniversary on Nov. 11 had Stanton Wilson, Conf. Sec., as speaker. After lunch, Mr Wilson screened the audio-visual "Hands" . . . Visiting speakers have included M. Gray, M. Arnot, and D. Marr . . . Four members travelled to Traralgon on Nov. 4 for annual "Gippsland Gathering" . . . The church is expecting many visitors during coming Holiday period.

TOOTGAROOK LOSS (D. Brown) The church mourns the loss of Laurie Trezise who died last month . . . A lad from S.S. was baptised on Nov. 11 . . . A group meets each Wednesday for prayer and Bible study in members' homes . . . Miss Combridge is home after hospitalization . . . David and Jean Brown will go to New Zealand for three months during C.O.B. vacation.



QUEENSLAND

NEW MINISTRY (Nambour), Alan Leane will commence a full-time ministry here in Jan. 1974 . . . Four men from the Qld. Dept. of Men's Work conducted a weekend programme including Saturday evening social, morning and evening services and a Men's Fellowship Tea . . . Rev. O. Kadell was speaker at S.S. anniversary with the theme "Jesus and the Children". After Fellowship Tea the young people shared in the programme "The King of Kings".

POWER WITHOUT POWER (Ipswich, B. Rice) The power failed just before the gospel service for 51st church anniversary. Gas light was used for organist and speaker, favorite hymns were sung from memory, testimonies were given, and R. Foletta of Harlaxton gave the message . . . Recent special speakers were: Rev. Noel Jones (Temperance), Mr and Mrs John Wicks (Lebanon Evan. Mission); Mrs Haydn Sargent (for C.W.F. gospel service), and Miss Dianne Feeney for Kenmore College . . . For youth service the play "What will you do with your life?" was presented . . . Alex Fraser who has served the church faithfully in various capacities as Supt. of B.S., teacher, and deacon, has moved to Brisbane to reside.



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PLAN TO COMBINE (Warracknabeal, S. Hince) The church has decided to combine with Methodist and Presbyterian churches once a month for 1974 . . . Mr Brown of Kaniva was a recent speaker . . . The ladies' annual fete raised \$190 . . . Miss Mabel Parsons has collected \$20 for the B & F.B.S. . . . Ladies travelled to Dimboola to a Garden Party in aid of Golden Bag.

ST. ARNAUD WELCOME (I. Adams) Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clarke and their son John have been welcomed from Balmoral . . . Members attended the Conference held at Newbridge.

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD (Red Hill, P. Richter) The choir presented the sacred musical "Jesus Christ is Lord" at Frankston church on Oct. 21 . . . The C.W.A.F. birthday celebrated on Oct. 17 Ladies from "Jesus Christ is Lord" choir presented items. \$100 was raised at stall . . . Kevin Denton will commence a ministry here early 1974.

NEW PORCH (Noble Park, T. Giles) New porch has been completed and enhances front of chapel. Also back of chapel has been altered to make room for parents with children . . . Recent speakers have included E. Patterson, Conf. Pres., R. Pearce, S. H. Wilson, Conf. Sec., and A.J. Emmett of the Properties Corporation . . . A "Mad Market" on Oct. 27 realized \$400 and C.W.F. street stall raised \$100 . . . Four new members have been welcomed, also a married couple on teacher transfer from the U.S.A. . . . The Tennis club held a car trial on Cup Day.

IN NEW GUINEA (Briar Hill, R. Baxter) Howard Weedon, S.S. Supt., is in New Guinea for three months with the Overseas Missions Board . . . 18 families attended a Family Camp at Cowes . . . A.E. White was speaker at annual meeting . . . Trevor Jones is the new church secretary . . . Explorers shared in Boys' Sunday service. This was followed by kite flying afternoon . . . The S.S. displayed its work and shared in two morning services in Nov.

STH. MELB. RESPONSE (D. Stevens, I. Cartmel) Brian Saleh was baptised at a recent Sunday morning service . . . Guest speaker on Oct. 28 was Warren Jenj Jenkins of the Good Neighbor Council . . . Mr. Harrison is recovering from a recent illness.

BACK FROM TIMOR (Caulfield, K.W. Berston) Mr and Mrs Robert Story told the church of the warm welcome they received from Christians in Timor. They noted the appalling need for medical help and the urgent need for gospel translations . . . At Men's Night, Chief Supt. Kennedy spoke on "Police Activities" . . . Ted Terry showed slides of England and Scotland in Part 1 of "Round the World in Colour" . . . Annual Temple Day offering was \$602 which included \$150 from Afternoon Women's Fellowship.



NEW SOUTH WALES

TO EVERY HOME (Georgetown, N. Proellocks) Every home in Georgetown has been visited and given a Gospel of Mark or John. Plans are in hand to extend campaign to adjoining areas . . . A schoolteacher and a boy were recently baptized . . . During our student preacher's illness Woolwich students Robt. Slack and Daryl McLeod assisted . . . Lloyd Thom, graduating this year, will commence a ministry in Feb. 1974 . . . Ian Foot was home from Carnarvon because of the death of his father. He brought us up to date on Aboriginal mission activities in an informative evening.

BUSINESS DINNER (Epping, Keith Farmer) The annual church business meeting took the form of a Friday evening dinner for all. 170 attended. Membership increased by 12 during year. An innovation for next year is the opening of several officers meetings to members to observe and comment . . . A recent Floral Display by the ladies featured flower arrangements designed around scripture texts . . . The Kindergarten and Primary sections presented singing and recitations at B.S. anniversary on Nov. 4. At night the Senior School presented the Christian musical "The Boy Who Caught a Fish".

INDIA HIGHLIGHTED (Bowral, C.G.V. Thomas) On Nov. 7 Mr. & Mrs. Colin Saxby were guests at Combined Family Fellowship. Mr. Saxby, State Overseas Mission Sec., showed film of our work in India . . . The S.S. Anniversary on Nov. 11 had the theme "Jesus the Light of the World". A large sign prepared by Eri Fischer high-lighted the theme across the platform. Ross Rugendyke of Canberra was guest speaker. The scholars have

completed a project to raise \$35 for a sewing machine to give to a crippled girl in Dhond, India . . . Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rendell have been helping in the "Mustard Seed" Coffee House run by the Christian youth of our district.

TRANSLATION TRIALS (Enmore, R.C. Dixon) The trial translation of gospel service into Spanish following a Spanish film has not been continued because of poor response. Greek and Arabic translations continue. Wilson Ibrahim, our Arabic interpreter, presided in English for the first time . . . A few of the S.S. scholars have recently returned to Greece and Yugoslavia.

POOL BAPTISMS (Pt. Macquarie, J. Sedman) Three young ladies were baptized recently, the services being held around swimming pool in adjacent "Leisure Park" . . . S.S. picnic was held on Nov. 10. Special effort by pupils resulted in \$38 being presented to Mr Garrett for Aborigines' Missions . . . Monthly fellowship teas have been held at homes of Messrs Crowhurst, Lisk, Bell, and Sedger . . . Mrs J. Nicholls takes scripture class at Rollands Plains School. L. Riggall, has been elected elder and has helped at North Haven in absence of Mr Greenhalgh. . . . Brick walls for new building have been completed. The League of 1000 is especially thanked for gift.

ANNIVERSARY GUEST (Inverell, R. Craig) Colin Wheat of Lismore was guest speaker at church anniversary. Temple Day offering was \$294 . . . Mr & Mrs Garret, representing Aborigines Committee, showed slides of mission work . . . C.W.F. have had installed an electric stove in hall kitchen . . . Following November Teens' Tea J.C.E. conducted special youth service. Their leader, Peter Mackie, was speaker . . . Mrs Lucy Ellen Mackie who died at Southport on Oct. 21 was a faithful member at Inverell for 50 years.

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