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"THE TOUCH OF FELLOWSHIP"



A TEACHER IN THAILAND

By KEN WILTSHIRE.



If you were wondering where on earth Harold Gross is these days, the answer is that he is fit and well in Nakhom Pathom in Thailand. After his valuable period with the Federal Board of Christian Education, Harold spent a term in the beautiful Lake District of England as minister for a circuit of our churches there. A number of enquiring letters written at the end of that period pointed the way to the considerably more hot and humid regions of South-East Asia.

Harold met us in Bangkok recently

and lost no time in whisking us 30 kilometres to the United Church School of Bamrung Wittaya in Nakhom Pathom, the number two city of Thailand. Never a Goliath, Harold has lost 40 lb. since taking up duties, which he attributed to a change of diet and a hotter climate. However, his enthusiasm has not been affected and he is relishing this new experience. The ostensible task at hand is to teach English to Thai children, i.e. American English, but Harold seems to be just as busy delving deeply into the Thai

language, customs, and, of course, religion.

He lost no time in criticising the absurdity of Colombo Plan tests which aspiring students at the school have to undertake. Many of them have their sights set on study in Australia (like their Crown Prince) but are frustrated by examinations in English which require the students to have a complete mental glossary of idiomatic phrases, most of which are out of date, rather than a sound grasp of the fundamentals of the language itself. We dined in a Thai house, with no electricity, in the midst of the dense tropical undergrowth most of which was penetrated by Land Rover but the last quarter mile was on foot. Clearly Harold was much loved by this and other families and has established many friendships with the Thai teachers at the school. One of the main worries is still the lack of multiple copies of reasonably simple English books.

Jigging along in the local "taxis" which are three-wheeled bicycles, Harold explained how proud the Thais were that their country has never suffered colonial domination, a rare feat in that part of the world. The country is now under martial law but the way of life remains barely altered.

Harold has traversed large chunks of the country now and seems to attain a great deal of satisfaction from this new challenge which, he confesses, he would scarcely have contemplated as a possibility a few years ago. Speaking of his efforts to spread the word of Christ to the Buddhists, he made a very pointed observation. A Buddhist, he explained, has no difficulty in absorbing Jesus Christ into his realm of worship. After all, the faith allows for a broad scope in directions of worship on an individual basis. The difficulty which always arises is when supremacy is claimed for Jesus Christ above all other elements of the faith. Strange how similar the Thais are to some Australians, isn't it?

INNER SPRINGS

HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP



Do you sleep well? Some people don't. For them going to bed instead of being a gentle benediction of their day becomes a passing parade of all their insoluble problems. Precious hours are wasted wrestling in vain to find answers with a mind and body too tired for the task. Some time of complete withdrawal from the affairs of life is necessary, and surely it is pure presumption on our part to think that the universe will come to a halt unless we keep our eyes open twenty-four hours out of twenty-four.

The little wild creatures know better than we the value of rest. In the book "The Roadmender" Michael Fairless writes delightfully of one. "A bee with laden honey bag hummed and buzzed in the hedge as I prepared for work, importuning the flowers for that which he could not carry, and finally giving up the attempt in despair, fell asleep on a buttercup, the best place for his weary little velvet body. In five minutes—they may have been five hours to him—he awoke a new bee sensible and clear sighted and flew blithely away to the hive and his sufficiency, an example this weary world would be wise to follow."

This is the purpose of sleep. To enable us to do more efficiently those tasks that are ours, and it helps us to meet the day with laughter in our hearts, and no problem is insurmountable when we can do this.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding and when thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid: yea thou shalt lie down and thy sleep shall be sweet."

I thank Thee, O Father, for the sweet refreshment of sleep, that restores both mind and body. I pray for those who through physical distress or spiritual distrust, find no such rest. Comfort and enter into their hearts.

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER.

ABORIGINES' MISSIONS

SUBTLE PREJUDICE

—IT HURTS LIKE ANY OTHER

On the walls of Community Relations Offices set up across Britain to help coloured immigrants from the Commonwealth are signs saying "If anyone discriminates against you, report it." This could well be done in public places here.

But how do you report the scornful tilt of a waitress's head? How do you bring an action against a shop assistant who is slow to serve you? The law can be implemented where blatant signs appear such as "no coloureds need apply", but there are subtle shades of prejudice which the law can't touch—the way a person shows you to a chair or ignores you while you wait patiently for service.

How to overcome this "subtle prejudice"? There is only one way—through patience and education. The aboriginal (or any coloured) must be educated to (not at) the same standard as the white. He must be encouraged into a better standard of living so that he is perhaps even cleaner and neater than his white neighbour. The white population must be educated to

NEW HOMES FOR AGED ABORIGINES, CARNARVON, W.A.



realise that the coloured races are not inferior mentally. That given the right opportunity, coloured can hold their own in a white community.

All this will take time and more patience. Patience to realise that it is the young who will change, not the old in any race; that education will come with the youth of today not with old people. And how do we educate? By preaching the Gospel of love of the Lord Jesus Christ. In him there was no prejudice. He loved the sick and the poor, the diseased and the lowly. Cannot we see as he did: not different colours, but a race of little children to be led and taught in his loving ways?

B.G.W.

ANOTHER FIRST

Men and women connected with the Church tend to act and talk with a quiet determination and Ruth Nebro is just like that. She is the first aboriginal in Australia to become a deaconess in the Aboriginal Christian Fellowship.

Her work among aboriginal women prisoners, families and children in hospitals has received praise and encouragement.

Two thirds of prisoners in the Bandyup Training Centre are aboriginal women and although initially Miss Nebro had difficulty getting through to them she is now welcomed. During her visits she talks and advises the women, holds a service, often using recordings of gospel

songs and aboriginal speakers.

Miss Nebro was brought up at Roelands Mission south of Perth from the age of seven. At the end of her schooling she worked in Bunbury, a south west port, for six months and then studied at the Gnowangerup Bible Institute for two years.

In 1967 she began three years of practical work, spending time on the staff of Roelands and also doing outreach work among Narrogin Aborigines. Now she spends four mornings a week visiting homes in suburbs of the Perth area where there are groups of aboriginals.

Three of her evenings involve attending a sewing class at Cloverdale run

by Mrs Jacobs, a parent's Bible study group and a Murray Street Youth Club. She also visits Princess Margaret Hospital for children and also the Bandyup Training Centre once a week, Saturday provides a welcome rest.

Sometimes people are suspicious of her visits. Sometimes people are reluctant to show her into their homes as they think she is a social worker. One home, she recalls with a smile had a gambling session going on and there was a great deal of scuffling before the door was answered. But many families welcome her. They feel that they can tell her things that they would be unable to tell anyone else.

"LOOK

AT

KIDS!"

I heard of a child who played all day inseparably with a boy called Johnny, a West Indian boy. Johnny's mother went to work and Mandy's did not, so Johnny had his meals with Mandy and went home at night. When Mandy and Johnny were five they started school. Mandy came home—without Johnny.

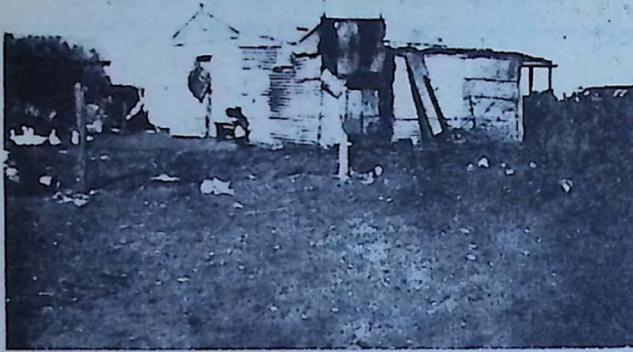
"Where's Johnny, then?" said her mother.

A haughty shrug. Silence.

"What's the matter? Where is Johnny? Have you had a quarrel? 'What's happened?'"

"Well," said Mandy, tossing her head with what Blake said was experience, "He never told me he was black!"

HAZARDS TO HEALTH



NATIVE CHILD DEATHS SOAR

The Aboriginal infant mortality rate rose by more than 26 per cent in 1971. The Federal Director for Health for the Northern Territory, Dr. W. Langsford, told the Senate Health Estimates Committee that the most common causes were gastro-enteritis and malnutrition.

He said the mortality rate rose from 115.05 per thousand in 1970 to 142.86 in 1971—an increase from 107 infants to 134. Current indications were that medical services in the North were arresting the problem.

Figures for the first six months of 1972 were available and pointed to a reduction in the death rate this year. Latest figures however are not to hand as mortality figures were recorded throughout the world on a calendar year.

LEARNING FROM STH. AFRICA

As Christians, we are not and never could be in favour of apartheid, yet in a limited way it may be true that Australian administrators in their dealings with Aborigines might have something to learn from South Africa. That this should be so is one of the most devastating criticisms ever made of Australian Governments.

What in fact can we learn from South Africa?

In the Abschol publication **THEMES FOR A CHANGE** Professor Colin Tatz has said:

"In my view there are several aspects of South African practice that Australia could well adopt or even emulate." He mentioned education and land rights for the indigenous populations, and added "A third is South Africa's recognition of what is called a code of native law and custom, a separate statement of law but one recognised and upheld in special courts."

Professor Tatz, who holds the chair of politics at the University of New England, N.S.W. is a former South African. He is no admirer of apartheid, and is strong in the advocacy of Aboriginal advancement. He has often insisted that welfare is not enough. We agree. Welfare is desperately needed by many Aborigines, as by many whites. But as a policy unto itself, it is appropriate only for animals in a zoo.

A concept that is a part of Western Australian Government policy is just becoming a law in South Africa. This is that no white person may enter tribal lands without a Government permit. This is of great importance in keeping out undesirables. Even Mission superintendents and workers on W.A. Missions must receive permits from the Aboriginal planning Authority and no one may enter Aboriginal tribal lands without a special permit.

Countries can learn from each other and implement the good parts of any policy that is for the betterment of mankind.

THREE BOOKS ON ABORIGINES

For years many Australians lived in the belief that our Aboriginal problem would just take care of itself. The Aborigines looked to be a dying race and in any event nearly all of them were tucked away neatly out of sight, living far from the affluent suburbs of the cities.

But it hasn't happened quite like that. Today says Dr. C. D. Rowley, one of Australia's leading experts on aboriginal society, the descendants of the past aborigines the mixed bloods "have by far the most rapid rate of natural increase of all components of the Australian population."

Dr. Rowley was director of an Aboriginal study project sponsored by the Australian Social Science Research Council from 1964 to 1967 and has summed up his findings in three books now available in Pelican paperbacks (each \$2.50).

"**THE DESTRUCTION OF ABORIGINAL SOCIETY**" digs back into history to trace the ways in which the coming of the white man brought catastrophe to the aboriginal tribes.

"**THE REMOTE ABORIGINES**" deals with the treatment of the full bloods in what Dr. Rowley calls "Colonial Australia"—the outback areas of the north and centre.

"**OUTCASTS IN WHITE AUSTRALIA**" looks at the population explosions among the part Aborigines and their struggles to build a life for themselves.

Each of the books warns of growing despair and bitterness among Australia's Aborigines, and urges more enlightened Government policies to open the way for justice, equality and human dignity.

"Like the American Negro, the aboriginal will obtain hitting power within the law or develop it outside the law" Dr. Rowley Warns.

Dr. Rowley has assembled all the scientific facts but hasn't neglected the human interest details. Above all he writes with compassion and precision and is never content to sit on the fence.

And his basic message is clear. Whether we like to admit it or not, we have a race problem in Australia and we cannot much longer go on sweeping it under the carpet.

"CHILD SUPPORT"

We are endeavouring to encourage our people in the Churches of Christ to take an active interest in the work we are seeking to do for and amongst our native children, teenagers and adults.

One avenue of service which has proved to be of real value is that of our programme of "Child Support". May we explain this to you and would you then prayerfully consider if there is a group within your church as a whole, the Bible school, Endeavour Group, your Prayer and Bible Study Group, Women's Fellowship.

Most children receive Government support but this in no way provides for those things with which we, acting as if these were "our" own children, would be satisfied. Extras cost money, such as having a birthday party, going swimming, even to the drive-in. School requirements, extras in the way of clothing, as we all know soon add up, especially in a large family.

One of the main advantages of the

IS WAITING FOR YOU

"Child Support" Scheme is that people can think in terms of one particular person rather than of Aborigines as a whole and if they do that and pray for people individually I am sure it is a tremendous help in all of the work as well as to those who pray.

We have fixed the maximum figure of child support for any one child at \$60 per year. Some of our folk provide the whole amount but quite a number just take a portion of this; \$10 or a multiple of \$10



is the usual arrangement. Then others in another State wishing to participate with partial support eventually make up the total amount for that child.

During the year a photograph and information is given by the State Committee Child Support Convener concerning each child and his interests, hobbies and progress can be noted, enabling those who so desire to correspond personally, send a gift or card on the birthday and so on.

NATIVE DRINKING

Drinking among Aborigines in some parts of W.A. is worrying State Government Native Welfare authorities. Their concern is expressed in the final report for the year of the Native Welfare Department.

The report says that divisional superintendents in northern and eastern areas had reported considerable impairment to Aboriginal advancement because of problems associated with too much drinking. Unfortunately, without considerable improvement in the living conditions faced by Aborigines, drinking will remain a concomitant factor in problems accentuated by lack of employment and a sense of purpose for the future.

The unfortunate combination of facilities for heavy drinking and the social norms which give it respectability in these areas is wreaking havoc among people newly exposed to the effects of alcohol. The increase in child delinquency and adult appearances in police courts for anti-social behaviour is an inevitable outcome of these parallel factors.

The report says that Aborigines were probably the first and most seriously affected by the general economic recession. It was the agricultural pastoral and related activities sector which was most affected by reduced wool prices, drought, changed operating techniques and the imposition of wheat quotas.

HONEY ANTS AND WITCHITY GRUBS!

A W.A. University survey has found that Aboriginal children who adopt the western way of life become susceptible to tooth decay. Bush diets—including kangaroo, wallaby, emu, honey ants and witchity grubs—caused the least amount of dental damage. Tooth decay increased as the aboriginal children adopted European customs, especially if there was no fluoride in the water supply and bush foods formed only a small part of their diet.

The affluence of the aboriginal family was also a factor. Some parents were indulgent towards their children and bought sugary foods at every opportunity. The Groote Eylandt area was an example of affluence. The children there seemed

to be almost compulsive sweet eaters. Only 5.6 per cent of the children had no tooth decay. The average family at Groote Eylandt consumed more than 200 lb. of sugar each year. This was well above the national average.

Ten centres in W.A. and the Northern Territory were surveyed and it was found that the bush diets of the Aborigines of the Warburton Ranges caused least damage to teeth. Lack of knowledge and understanding of basic oral hygiene procedures and an increased refined carbohydrate component in the diet had increased the incidence of tooth decay in aboriginal children.

Perhaps we had better all start on honey ants and witchity grubs!!

THE GOD-GIVEN MISSIONARY GIFT

BY DAVID G. HAMMER

God does not call everyone to be missionaries! That may seem an easy way out for some, and provide an excuse for sitting back and doing nothing. But that is not the way I mean it. God has called you to be a witness. Read Acts 1:8 again, and notice the programme of witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Obviously everyone is not going to be able to fulfil all of this programme himself, but each must play his part.

A missionary requires a special gift.

The Holy Spirit provides special spiritual gifts. One or more is given to each Christian. Some also have the missionary gift. The need for this is not so often recognised as applying to Aborigines Missions, hence the failure of much consecrated work.

Ralph D. Winter (and others after him in the "Church Growth" school of missions) has pointed out that special gifts are required to meet particular situations of Mission. He instances three types. An M1 missionary is one who crosses no cultural or linguistic boundaries. He goes to people of his own culture and language, whether in his own country or to expatriate groups overseas. An M2 missionary, however requires something more of a gift, as he crosses language barriers, even though those to whom he goes may have a very similar culture to his own. An example would be an Australian going to Europeans, whether in their own country or amongst "New Australians" in this land. An M3 missionary goes even further, crossing cultural as well as linguistic barriers. He goes to a people who have a different background and way of thinking. As Winter says "very simply, it is not that M3 mission is holier. It is harder. The culture shock is greater." Which means that not everyone has a gift for this type of work.

This is generally recognised in our Overseas Missions, but with our Australian emphasis on integration, it is seldom recognised that our Aborigines form a distinct sub-culture. They have a different background. They tend to have different cultural values, which are not necessarily better or worse than ours.

Even though many are now attending normal Australian schools, and proving their high intellectual ability, even speaking English better than some of us do, this cultural difference must be recognised. It is ignored at the peril of both missionary and aboriginal.

Besides the gifts and skills that God shares amongst all people, the missionary who crosses cultural boundaries needs a special gift of empathy, being able to enter into the lives and feelings of those to whom he goes. Do you have it? The modern idea of short-term missionary service gives an opportunity of testing oneself out. Perhaps you could volunteer to help out in Aborigines Missions during your next long vacation!

A missionary requires a call

You may not be given to hearing "voices". Not many are! But God can give you a conviction in your heart. This can be tested by circumstances to see if it is really a call from God. If it is, it should

be further tested by being recognised and encouraged by the Church, through the Minister and elders, and those who know you best. Acts 13 indicates that when God calls missionaries, He tells the Church. Sometimes the Church just isn't listening!

A missionary requires training

God's gifts need to be developed. One must learn to use them to best advantage. They must also be fitted into the context of "community"—for a missionary is part of the Church, and works in a team. Many gifted missionaries fail to last the distance, not because of lack of knowledge, but because they depend on their own natural resources to get by.

The importance of Bible College training is threefold, providing

- (a) a broad background in Bible Theology and Mission strategy
- (b) an opportunity to develop particular gifts, and
- (c) a means of learning to live with others in a team in which the various gifts each possesses complement each other.

I would suggest that both the prospective missionary and minister should evaluate their training for service along these lines. First the gift, then the call, and then the training. God has given to each of us some gifts. Most of us feel that we have very few. The important thing is contained in 1 Timothy 4:14: "Do not neglect the gift you have."

God is calling all Christians into service of some kind. He has no other way to evangelise the world!

"PEOPLE OF THE SPINIFEX"

With the abolition of the Junior Certificate and any external examinations for third year High School Students in W.A. a unique opportunity has been afforded for a wider and deeper study in all subjects during these vital three years of learning to face life. Of importance to those of us who have the interests of aboriginal welfare at heart is the publication of "People of the Spinifex" by the W.A. Education Department for use by first year high school students in their social studies. This booklet provides an insight into where the Aborigines came from and why, the type of people they are, the way the desert tribes live and how their knowledge of the country is passed on to the younger members of the tribes. It explains the reason for their mode of life, adapted to meet the environment, their skills in hunting, both for meat and vegetable foods, and the knowledge of waterholes, both

permanent and transitory. Their weapons and implements are pictured and their use described. Another section of the book covers their customs and social life, rituals, sacred stories and sacred places are mentioned and the tabus that exist. Their totem system to avoid inbreeding is also mentioned. Later chapters are devoted to what changes have been brought with the advent of the white man, the loss of lands, of dignity, and tradition, and what is now being attempted in the way of rehabilitation.

The students are required to read extensively (a bibliography is appended to the booklet) and to carry out a great deal of research into the past, present and future of the aboriginal people. This booklet may not be the final answer to the many problems involved in racial troubles today but it is bringing to school students a better understanding of our Aborigines and of why they are as they are, and how we can help in the future. It is certainly a step in the right direction.

B.G.W.

March 10

"TO SIT WHERE THEY SIT"

The difference between our culture and that of the aboriginal is vast and presents a great many difficulties that can only be overcome with time, patience, education and the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must at all times be able to put ourselves in the place of those we have come to help.

Imagine yourself as a young teenage aboriginal girl from the far north west. What is there to look forward to for her—?

A marriage has been arranged with an elder of the tribe, old enough to be your father and really you love Yawi, his grandson. You have spent most of your life in the Mission because your parents have lived and worked away on a station.

Then because you were good at school you spent a year in a lovely hostel in Perth while attending business college. Here you shared a room with another girl like yourself and had the nearest you have ever had to a home and place of your own. Set amidst beautiful surroundings, a swimming pool, T.V.,

piano, how your mind reached out to what you were to have when you left the hostel.

Now the moment has come. A marriage is planned and waiting, a humpy on a station is to be your home. You know your future husband drinks and having been brought up and become a professed Christian this repels you from him more. How different your future looks from that of the hostel manager's daughter soon to be married.

She will have a church wedding dressed in white with a long veil and attendants. A small home has been purchased with money saved by the couple and lovingly furnished with bits and pieces given by friends and relatives or purchased secondhand. Curtains and

drapes have been carefully made by the girl herself and garden planted.

This is her future. A home where she can bring up her children with love and care, not far from school and church with parents and a husband to lend a helping hand. Not the cast iron humpy amongst groups of others on a dusty stretch of sandy plain, with flies and dirt abounding and water scarce and hard to carry.

Can we as Christians put ourselves in this girl's place? Face problems she has to face? These things still happen. Until we can in our comfortable homes, amidst pleasant surroundings "sit where they sit" how can we ever truly share the problems and heartaches of the aboriginal people and teach them that Christ the Saviour of the World is their Saviour too?

—B.G.W.



The Senate Standing Committee on social environment was told by the director of the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, B. C. Dexter, that some aboriginal parents discouraged their children from going to school because they feared that their children would lose interest in Aboriginal culture.

The obvious disadvantage for aboriginal deprivation in schools was that many came from a deprived social environment. When they returned home from school there was no light and there

was no facilities for study. This meant they could not do homework.

There was also a gulf between school and homelife to the extent that some Aborigines spoke their own language at home and English—a foreign language to them—at school. Moreover they began to notice their different social level by the time they reached the age of 12.

Children who had played happily together drifted apart. Mr Dexter said that there was also lack of development

ABORIGINES ARE EDUCATIONALLY DEPRIVED

of the structure of the minds of children who came from a deprived background. They had not read books or magazines or heard gramophone records. By the age of five it was too late to make up the difference.

In Central Australia malnutrition in Aborigines led to subnormal bone development in chest and head size—a continuing handicap to mental development.

In Western Australia, where Aborigines comprised two per cent of the population, 40 per cent of the males and 60 per cent of the females in prison were Aborigines.

EMPLOYMENT FOR ABORIGINALS

A leading W.A. educationist has suggested that Government should insist on absorbing a percentage of Aborigines into the work force every year equivalent to their proportion of the whole population.

E. P. Miller, superintendent of Manual Arts in W.A. Education Dept., made this suggestion in a recent article in "New Era" published by the New Era Aboriginal Fellowship. He maintains that Parliament, the public, trade unions, private employers, religious bodies and secular organisations share the responsibility of ensuring that relative percentage of all employees were of aboriginal descent.

The short term profits may suffer but the long term results would be of great worth from a social and an economic point of view. "Aboriginal youths about to enter the labour market find things weighted against them. Their virtual exclusion from employment in favour of a less able white is a fore-gone conclusion. Consequently, a big body of adolescent discontent is generated among these school leavers and this may develop into delinquency and later even into adult crime."

Mr Miller sees the absorption of young aboriginals into the work force as a community responsibility.



GIRLS IN TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT.

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PLEASE REACH OUT TO THEM BY PRAYING AND GIVING
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WORD TALK NO. 68.

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

Seeing the word most people think of twelve bearded men in robes. They are surprised when they see how wide is the use of this word.

In the O.T. the true followers of God were called disciples. Isaiah (Isa. 8:16) saw a faithful band of learners was needed for God's work.

In the N.T. the word disciple is used 260 times but only in the Gospels and occasionally in Acts. It had three specific references:

1. A disciple was one of the twelve followers of Jesus yet on only 24 of the 260 times the word is used did it refer to the Twelve. (John 6:8, 12:4 etc.). Most of the references to the 12 disciples of Jesus are found in Matthew who alone speaks of "The twelve disciples". (Matt. 10:1, 11:1).
2. Most frequently a disciple means any follower of Jesus. On 230 occasions in the Gospels and Acts it simply means a Christian or one who was learning about Jesus. In twenty-two references in Acts (Acts 6:1-2, 9:10, 26 etc.) the word simply meant "Christian". In the Gospels disciple was used of all the followers of Jesus (Luke 6:17; John 1:35-50, 8:30-31; 9:27-28). Included among these disciples were several leaders of the Jewish faith (John 12:42; 19:38-39).
3. Any follower of any teacher was called a disciple. There were disciples of Moses (John 9:28), of the Pharisees (Matt. 22:16), and of Paul (Acts 9:25). Some of the disciples of John the Baptist became disciples of Jesus (1:35-51) while others continued to follow John even to the time of his death. (Mark 2:18; Luke 11:1).

DICTIONARY.

A disciple is one who learns and a Christian disciple is a pupil of the greatest teacher of all. The Christian disciple only stops learning and growing when he becomes like his Master.

DISCIPLE

FOR TODAY.

Acts 9:36 can teach us a lot. It speaks of a woman disciple who was a doer as well as a learner. Today's Church must provide learning groups for all Christians. We particularly need day-time study groups to cater for women disciples. Home groups, family camps and action groups, are needed to develop discipleship. Jesus used modern techniques in training his disciples—he took them on field trips, used dialogue, discussions, interviews and buzz groups.

Even in the N.T. some tried to be disciples of Jesus without it affecting their ordinary lives and without letting other people know. "Joseph was disciplined by Jesus". (Matt. 27:57 lit.). But his discipleship was secret. Jesus taught open discipleship whatever the cost (Luke 14:26-33) for this cost will be repaid bountifully (Luke 9:51-62). Discipleship does not imply salvation, for learning need not be put into practice. Some disciples turn away from Jesus (John 6:67-71) and another was devilish (Matt. 10:4). Some disciples were saved while others were not. We must not only learn about Jesus but put our faith in Him and live like Him.

Making disciples is a primary task of the church (Matt. 28:19). This is not restricted to Sundays at 11 a.m. Paul and Barnabus "disciplined many" (Acts 16:21). The Church must continue to make disciples on the mission field overseas, on the mission field among migrants, (How many Sunday Schools teach classes in Italian or Greek?). Our discipleship must not be limited to Sundays—why not Sunday School on Tuesday afternoons for those who are away at weekends? Our discipleship concern should flow through our chaplains in industry, gaols, institutions, universities and schools. Adult discipleship must be a primary concern of the Church.

GORDON MOYES

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 250 words.

WORD TALK 66.

To the Editor,

Referring to the article on baptism ("A.C." Feb. 10, page 27), would it be possible for Gordon Moyes to give further explanation of the last three lines of section (b) "and the church from Pentecost used baptism as the initiation into membership."

Only recently have I ever heard that the Churches of Christ considered baptism as an initiation rite. Previously Churches of Christ members believed that baptism is, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

When I was baptised some 40 years ago, I certainly did not consider that I was being initiated into the membership of the church, but that I was putting on Christ in the matter of obedience to his desire.

Certainly my name was entered on the Church Roll—the right hand of fellowship was extended, but the moment I was baptised I became a member of Christ's body, the church. No human or organisation was going through any form to have my name entered on a membership roll as the article seems to lay emphasis.

It would be good to have someone to write again "What the Churches of Christ believe and why"—for we seem in so many instances to have lost sight of the horizon that some of our forefathers saw in church unity as the N.T. teaches and practised.

Hoping you can assist me in this matter of interpretation of what is meant by "initiation" for in the last paragraph of the article baptism portrays not a rite but the giving of one self.

L.L. Lovell, S.A.

TO COLLEGE

To the Editor,

Your readers will be interested to read that a member of your fellowship in the person of Daryl McLeod is leaving the work of the Bible Society and entering Woolwich College for theological studies.

Daryl McLeod has served the Bible Society in a remarkable way throughout the Ballarat and North-western area, and he leaves us with a real sense of loss.

We would value the prayers of your readers for Daryl in his studies and for us that a suitable successor may be found to carry on the task.

Frederic R. Levett
General Secretary for Victoria.

MARTIN ZELIUS

To the Editor,

I was horrified by the underlying theme throughout the article on "The Accidental Immigrants" ("A.C." 24.2.73): if we keep our hands and mouths clean God will prosper us financially as he did with Zelius.

It seems that Christianity and capitalism work in a kind of symbiotic relationship yet, in theory, capitalism with its stress on accumulating wealth for oneself is the antithesis of Christ's teaching to share with each other.

If we are to be true Christians we must be more concerned with our fellow man and be prepared to ensure that everyone in Australia, and ultimately the world, has a decent standard of living.

I have drifted from the church because I found in it so many individuals so entrenched in conservatism and seeing and supporting today's social system as a just one. They fail to comprehend the extent of poverty within Australia or the many causes of it or, if they do, they are not prepared to alleviate these injustices.

Zelius may have given the poor a full stomach once but he did nothing to lift them from their situation. Christianity is not accumulating wealth but sharing, as equally as possible, the country's resources in order that every man can live in dignity. The church must realise this and actively pursue Christ's socialistic philosophy.

Margaret Folie (Vic.)

(Ed. I couldn't agree more with the underlying theme throughout your letter, that of caring in Christ for all people, and that we strive for them to attain and maintain a high standard of living. But you are probably not quite fair to the writer of the "Immigrant" and, maybe, to Zelius himself. Nowhere was there an attempt to equate the word "prosper" with financial prosperity (although the rich as well as the poor have Biblical precedent for thanking God for all that is received.) However, in the Christian sense it is not what we get but what we do with what we get that prospers us. Also, we have to be careful not to read back into history judgments that are based on the Christian social consciousness of our own day.

I am sorry that you found it necessary to drift from the church. No doubt there are many in the churches who are not active in trying to change the social system where it is unjust. But there are those who are very active and they see

the Christian gospel as touching the whole of life. Such Christians cannot eat well and sleep easily because their brothers are hungry and homeless. If they are few in number they can ill afford to lose the insights you have and the support you could give. We should hope that the Holy Spirit will help the church to change where it should, but we make it harder for change to take place when we write off the church as having no concern and no future.

MRS MARTIN ZELIUS

To the Editor,

The story of Martin Zelius ("A.C." 24.2.73) was particularly interesting for I remember well Mrs Zelius who for many years collected money from our women to provide biblewomen to work with our Indian missionaries—a little white-haired slip of a woman who always sat near the front at Lygon St. conferences!

When she died, her daughter, Mrs Oliver, took over this devoted task. For many years I had happy fellowship with Mrs Oliver (and earlier with her sister, Mrs Gill) so long as I usefully helped with Social Service work. Both sisters were Conference Presidents in their day as well as being active in their home congregations.

In these days of short memories it is delightful to have resurrected something of past practical Christianity which is not an exclusively modern idea.

Eva C. McCann, Vic.

MORAL ISSUE ELECTION

To the Editor,

I refer to Chas. Rumbold's letter ("A.C." 24/2/73) and commend him for raising these important issues.

When it was first reported in the Press that "Victoria's 300 licensed Clubs will officially ask the State Government to introduce poker machines", I wrote on behalf of the Vic/Tas, Dept. of Social Service on 10/2/73, to the Premier of Victoria, Mr. Hamer, and to the

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

CHARLEY AND PERCE

To the Editor,

I was going past St. Chad's on the way home from church last Sunday, and who do you think was coming out from the front door, all in his Sunday best and a big smile on his face? It was Charley! I said, "I didn't expect to see you coming out of church! Something special on?"

"I come every Sunday," he said.

"But you used to be so hostile!"

"It was like this," he said. "I'd been having a bit of worry with the Missus sick and all that. I suppose I was looking like a lost weekend. Then old Perce who's a sort of vestryman here came and wanted to know what the trouble was. He listened to me for two hours straight. I needed that. When I ran out of talk old Perce said, 'I'm not religious, and plenty of times I get down in the mouth myself. But I want to tell you, God is dinkum. I make a lot of mistakes, but as long as I remember to go his way and to trust him to help me along, somehow I find that I can manage. It'll work for you too. Just believe in him, he's for real!'"

"I'd always thought that you Christians were a bit corney. . . too good to be true. But here was old Perce, not very religious, but very close to me and very close to God. I needed some one like that!"

Fancy old Perce being a soul winner!

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS

Open Forum (Cont.)

Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Holding, seeking the policy of each party on the question.

A prompt reply came from the Premier indicating that the present Government "is completely opposed to the introduction of these machines into the State." To date there has been no reply to my letter to Mr. Holding. A second letter has been sent to him pressing for a reply.

I also wrote to the Chief Secretary, Mr. Meagher, commending him and his Government on the stand taken regarding poker machines and indicated to him our support for recent action on pornographic literature.

It would indeed be a worthwhile exercise for each church member, as an elector, to write to the same gentlemen and also to their local candidates for the forthcoming State Elections.

F.M. COMBRIDGE

Director Vic/Tas Dept. Social Service

Church News

GEORGE GRAINGER (Box Hill) The close of a faithful ministry was climaxed at a Packed P.S.A. attended by members and friends, the Mayor and Mayoress of Box Hill, and M. J. Savage, Conf. Pres. A Buffet tea for 250 followed. Arthur Haskell was soloist. Mr and Mrs Grainger will resume fellowship here after a short vacation . . . The cricket season closed with a progressive dinner . . . 100 attended a house party at Henley's . . . H. Smedley and M. Farmer arranged services at Emmaus during Jan . . . Appreciation recorded to Mr and Mrs A. Wilson for years of service on moving to Mitcham . . . Mr and Mrs Ron Muller have left for overseas trip . . . C.W.F. well represented at Belgrave Heights Convention.

GRADUATION SERVICE (Nth. Balwyn, A. R. Pidgon) R. W. Lawton was speaker when 52 children graduated to new departments in the S.S. . . . A church picnic was held at Wattle Park after recent Sunday morning service. Ron Brooker is now S.S. Supt. . . . Dorothy Geyer is home on furlough from India and spoke recently . . . Graeme Agnew has commenced studies at the College of the Bible. . . . C.W.E.F. ladies visit Oakleigh Guest Home . . . Visitors have included Miss M. Wells and Miss M. Mathieson of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

MEN'S SOCIETY PLANNED (Noble Park, T. Giles) Plans are in hand for formation of Men's Society . . . Mr Peacock and Mr Armour represented Gideons International at morning service, speaking and reading, respectively . . . Mrs Boggs and Mrs Copes were welcomed on transfer from Bentleigh.

COMMISSIONED TO SCHOOL (Dawson St. Ballarat, F. C. Hunting) Peter Burnham was commissioned on Feb. 27 as Chaplain to Ballarat High School . . . Ten ladies attended Christian Women's Camp at Halls Gap. Mrs Hunting led the communion service, Mrs Burnham took studies and devotions . . . The S.S. change to morning school takes place on March 18 . . . S.S. picnic was held at Burrumbeet . . . Cheryl Chibnall has

THE YOUNG CROWD AT TRARALGON

The enthusiastic "elders" of Traralgon Church of Christ are tops with local youth . . . because they look young, they think young and, for that matter, they ARE young.

With a church policy of introducing new ideas all the time, these leaders have a varied 1973 program for the young people.

This group is now led by newly-arrived Warren D. Hamilton. His wife Marjorie is also a graduate of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College. Like the other leaders they have a young family—Robbie 2, and Heidi 10 months.

Secretary, Malcolm Gray, a TV announcer, and school supt., David Preston, an APM executive, provide some of the few clubs for teenagers and "tweenagers" in the area.

Those children, aged from five to 15, who are interested in stamps are catered for with the junior stamp club run by chairman, Peter Humphries, Shire Engineer.

Mr. Humphries is assisted by kindergarten superintendent, Mrs. Margaret Burrage, who was associated with the club last year.

The CWF, led by president, Mrs. Lyn. Cavanagh, supplies a library shelf for family reading with many books for children's enjoyment.

—Express.



Pictured: From left, Chairman, Mr. Peter Humphries and school superintendent, Mr. David Preston, welcome new minister, Warren Hamilton; Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Gray, looks on.

entered the College of the Bible for training . . . W.E.F. paid a visit to the Jewish synagogue . . . Young people served in beach missions . . . There were three recent decisions.

OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTED. (Pendle Hill—R. Aldred)—Coffee Mornings to involve neighbours and contacts have been commenced in two homes. A Young Marrieds' Group held an inaugural dinner at the manse . . . An Intermediate C.E. Society has commenced led by Stephen Wright and Arthur McCulloch . . . "Let's Talk It Out" series of discussions are under way at the request of young teenagers anxious to know what they can do in the church. There were three baptisms and one decision during February . . . Arthur McCulloch has won a Commonwealth Scholarship and will take up Social Work at Sydney University.

HELP FOR OTHERS (Manifold Heights, A. E. Stevens) The congregation brought goods to display on Harvest Festival Sunday. These were later sent to the Glastonbury Children's Home . . . \$80 was received for Indian Famine Relief . . . A parcel of groceries and monetary gifts have been sent to Miss Thelma Roberts, on furlough from Mount Margaret, W.A. . . . Mrs Enid Fisher from "Outreach Onslow" used slides to tell of the work of Aborigines Missions.

FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE (Nambour, R. McLean) At a morning service, Jeanette Eggmolesse announced that she had been accepted by the Overseas Missions Board for missionary service in New Hebrides . . . Our C.W.F. is doing a three month project on our mission fields. A special stall is planned and proceeds will go to mission work

REVIEWS

UNEMPLOYMENT

A Social Action Study by the Brotherhood of St. Laurence researched by David Griffiths. \$1.50

How serious is the unemployment problem in Australia? Who is responsible for the situation? What is the link between poverty and unemployment? Are the existing resources for the unemployed being used as effectively as they could be?

These are some of the questions which the Brotherhood had in mind when it commissioned David Griffiths to look at the problem of unemployment.

This book, the result of his research, gives an overview of the unemployment situation as it was in September 1972 and the picture is frightening.

There are chapters on The Present Situation; What is the Cause of Unemployment? Who are the unemployed? Welfare Issue or Rights Issue? And What Should be Done? There are statistics and figures, case histories and illustrations.

The study considers what should be done in the light of the deteriorating situation and the experience of other countries and governments. It puts forward firm recommendations for future action in the belief that prevention is better than intervention.

This is a detailed and well documented study which will be invaluable to anyone concerned with social issues.

THE JUNGLE DOCTOR (in paper back)

by Dr Paul White (Pasternoster Press)

The Jungle Doctor stories have been tremendously popular. The first children who read them are now parents who give them and read them to their own youngsters.

A Christian doctor with a sense of humour and the ability to make his characters real, Paul White wrote of his own experiences in Tanganyika. He needed that sense of humour and he needed his faith as he fought the sickness of men's bodies and minds, and helped their troubled spirits.

Essentially, these are stories and White is a great story-teller. His books have been translated into more than 60 languages, and well over a million copies have been sold in English.

Now, Paternoster have republished them in paperback form and given them a new appeal to new audiences. They are attractively presented and cleverly illustrated.

Some of the Titles: Jungle Doctor; Jungle Doctor Operates; Jungle Doctor's Enemies; Jungle Doctor Meets a Lion; Jungle Doctor to the Rescue; Jungle Doctor and the Whirlwind; Eyes on Jungle Doctor; Jungle Doctor Goes West; Jungle Doctor Stings a Scorpion; Jungle Doctor on the Hop; Jungle Doctor Spots a Leopard. (Price: \$1/05 each).

There are also four new paperback editions of Paul White's Fables: Jungle Doctor's Fables; Jungle Doctor's Monkey Tales; Jungle Doctor's Tug-of-War; and Jungle Doctor's Hippo Happenings. (Price: 85c. each).

NO PAT ANSWERS

by Eugenia Price (Zondervan) \$4.70

Suffering is real and there are no easy answers to its meaning and no easy escape from its threat. God may not take away our suffering but he does share with us in it.

Eugenia Price is a most popular writer and enjoys a well-deserved reputation particularly among women readers. This book will add to her reputation and to her circle of readers. It deals realistically with Disappointment; Disillusionment; Failure; Grief; Watching our Loved Ones Suffer; Too Young to Die; Too Old to Live; The Handicapped; Doubt; and The One Answer to all of these needs.

Miss Price quickly disposes of those religious cranks who talk as though suffering comes from disobedience and freedom

from suffering comes from obedience to God's will. There are no pat answers like that available.

Faith is the one answer. "Faith . . . is the unavoidable result of knowing God in Jesus Christ." Not even faith will remove our pain or the suffering of those we love. But faith in Christ will enrich our lives in spite of (or through) pain and suffering.

This is a book to lift the soul.

LAND AFLAME

Flo Dobbie (Hodder & Stoughton Pty. Ltd.) \$1.30

The Festival of Light has become quite a feature of the life of England. In 1588 during the life of Queen Elizabeth 1, England was threatened by the Spanish Armada. In order to alert England the moment the enemy came in sight, a chain of beacons was prepared on strategic hills between Plymouth and London. In less than 20 minutes after the fleet was sighted off the Devon coast, the citizens of London were alerted.

In 1971 when many Christians felt that the moral dangers were greater than any posed by the Spanish, another beacon night was planned. A chain of warning fires lit to remind people that Christ is the Light of the World.

This book, illustrated with scores of photographs, tells the story of the idea, its fulfillment and its hoped for results. There is a foreword by Malcolm Muggeridge.

AN ASTRONAUT MEETS GOD

(Clifford Press 5 cents)

When Astronaut, Colonel James Irwin, lunar module pilot for Apollo 15 Moon Mission, was in Australia recently, he told his story to an overflow congregation in Scots Church, Melbourne.

A transcription of his address has been published in a 12-page booklet. It describes in the astronaut's own words his personal excitement on the journey, his experience of God's presence on the moon, the spiritual awakening that followed and his resolve to become an evangelist on his return to earth. An extremely readable and telling testimony from a space-man going places.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Never mind, Operator — you can cancel my call to Dial-a-Prayer!"

Appreciation from Bangladesh

(Miss B. Salisbury of the Baptist Mission in Bangladesh has written expressing appreciation to the Australian Churches of Christ for a gift of \$2,000 recently forwarded through the Overseas Mission Board).

"Thank you for the generous donation of \$2,000 from your Mission Board for special support of medical work at our Broadbanks Dispensary in the Garo area of Bangladesh. We appreciate very much the fellowship in Christ represented by this gift.

"Twelve months ago the Dispensary was being used as a cow-shed to keep the meat supply of Pakistan Army soliders who had made the Mission Station at Birisiri their Headquarters. After liberation, through the gift of another group we were able to have the building cleaned and furniture restored. Another group has provided the money for re-equipping the Dispensary. In June we appointed an Australian nurse, Miss Val Beverley, to the Broadbanks Dispensary to work with the national staff. In just over four months they had seen 20,000 patients! This is about twice the number they normally see in a year.

"Because of the situation in the area it was agreed that only a nominal charge would be made till December when new crops should help to relieve the situation. To supply free medicines to this number of patients, as you can imagine, has been a tremendous undertaking in a country where medicines have been in such short supply. Some medicines have been obtained free of cost from other Relief Agencies, but a large number have been brought on the local market at increased costs. This is where your gift is being used. We trust that it has been and will be, used to save the lives of some, and to relieve the distress of many thousands, especially women and children.

"Once again, thank you, and those who have given the amounts that make up the \$2,000. May God Bless you in your Service for him.

MISSIONARIES EXPELLED

(Addis Ababa). Sudan Interior Mission missionaries have been expelled from Somalia.

An official report says that "this is apparently due to their inability to comply with requirements of the Democratic Republic of Somalia."

The government recently closed mission hospitals and schools, and placed military guards over them.

The missionaries have crossed the border into Ethiopia, and are now being relocated at various mission stations.

The government has taken over all the property of the mission in Somalia.

SECRETARY & TREASURER LEAVE (Portland, B. Duff) The church sadly farewelled Mr and Mrs Doug. Beasy and Mr and Mrs Don Langley and their families who have left Portland on transfer . . . Recent guest speakers have

been T. Turriff for the Aboriginal Mission Board and M. J. Savage, Conf. Pres. . . . Church clubs are working well.

OFF TO BRAZIL (Chatswood, C. G. Taylor) At youth camp a presentation was made to Miss Heather Wilson on departing to Brazil on a student exchange scheme. David Fax is Y.P. president . . . Geo. Elliott spoke to Adult Bible Class on New Hebrides and showed slides . . . Mr Taylor inducted former student minister, Garry Towle, as minister at Coffs Harbour. Mr Taylor has recently spoken at Wagga, Albury, and South Yarra.

TAMWORTH INDUCTION Russell Craig was the speaker when Colin Crago was inducted on Feb. 3. . . . The church has undertaken a month's trial outreach programme at Armidale. Bob Ferguson, student minister here for the past seven months, has been released by Woolwich College for week-end ministry there . . . It is hoped that financial support will come from other quarters . . . A lunch

hour Bible study has been commenced for city workers.

AT HOPPERS CROSSING (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn) Meetings have been held at Hoppers Crossing in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Blight to investigate the possibilities of establishing a church of Christ fellowship . . . C.W.F. organised an afternoon outing for older members . . . Mr. & Mrs. Lance Fisher visited and spoke to the church. Mr. Fisher also addressed the C.M.F. monthly tea . . . On Feb. 25 a church conference followed lunch. The theme was "Stewardship" which was discussed in groups.

COMBINED ANNIVERSARY (Dareton, J. Rankin) The S.S. anniversary of the Church of Christ-Methodist Church was held with Mr Sharrad, Mildura Technical School Chaplain, as speaker. Rev. Ian Williamson, Methodist minister, and T. Lawrie, Church of Christ minister, both from Mildura, were present. The first anniversary of the two churches working together had D. H. Smith from Melbourne as guest speaker. A picnic lunch near the river followed, The S.S. held a picnic at Merbein baths to commence new year. There is a good complement of teachers with Peter Waters as Supt. . . . The grape harvesting has affected church attendances and some church activities are in recess during this period.

GIFTS FOR KOREA (Mosman, D. Smallbone) Last year C.W.F. sent 7 rugs for Dr. Chae's Children's Home in Korea . . . Mrs Dallas has returned from overseas and Mrs E. Anderson is in a Rest Home.

NEW PROGRAMME: (Tarée, W. D. Howard) After three months extensive preparations the Functional Church Programme was launched in February . . . The Sunday morning SMYT meeting will commence at 9-10 with a revised programme for Young People. Worship service will follow at 10.30 . . . A Wednesday evening Centrepoint Programme is planned for the whole church to get together for one evening in each week. There will be six groups meeting under various leaders and be conducted on C. E. lines. Seventy-six attended the first of the Wednesday dinners.

• VIC.-TAS. HOME MISSIONS

NEW FIELD OFFICER

Trevor Giles will succeed Ted Keating as the department's field officer in 1974. Prior to training at the College of the Bible Mr Giles was a qualified plumber. He was active in youth leadership roles in his home church at Springvale and with state Explorer and Christian Endeavour programming.

He has served with the Noble Park church during the last three years. Under

his leadership the church has engaged in successful evangelism and planned giving programmes in conjunction with the Department.

Mr. Giles will undergo an initial period of training with E. C. Keating during the early part of 1974 and assume responsibility for the work when E. C. Keating commences his ministry at Blackburn at the end of April, 1974.



WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

JERUSALEM AND THREE FAITHS. Sydney Bailey, a British Quaker, has called for a new approach to the problem of Jerusalem.

Although Christians make pilgrimages there in growing numbers, it is also a holy city for Jews and Moslems. And, of course, it is of great importance historically, socially, and economically, if not religiously, for the modern Israeli rulers and people.

There would be guaranteed access to the holy places for the three faiths in Jerusalem which Mr Bailey wants to be an undivided, unarmed, and undefended city controlled by both Jews and Arabs, perhaps under the auspices of the United Nations, for which Mr Bailey is an honoured historian. It is pointed out that none of three great religious communities has exclusive claims upon Jerusalem's holy places. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all have roots there.

Nobody gives the Quaker's laudable proposal much chance of success in the tension troubled Middle East, but it is worth serious thought.

The possibility of Israeli-Arab accord is dim, but if the Israelis gave a lead in such an imaginative and co-operative venture and proved that the conflicting peoples could live together in reasonable harmony, peace in the City of Peace might lead to a new hope for the whole region.

LEGAL POT? There is increasing pressure in many countries for the legalisation of marijuana — growing, processing, and sales. Until fairly recently, such pressure came from what we shall call "radical" groups, provided no-one asks us what "radical" means.

Now there are indications that more conservative organisations are supporting a softer line on the "soft" drug. The Consumers Union of the U.S.A. has urged repeal of all of the U.S. laws against possessing and using marijuana. The C.U. has published a survey of the whole drug field, including nicotine and alcohol. We are not experts on drugs and our position has consistently been that we oppose the legalising of marijuana until such time as the real experts have

pronounced it safe. The case for marijuana is not helped, in our view, by such statements as this by Richard Cowan in the "National Review" (U.S.A.) . . . "pot is comparatively harmless and serves the counterculture as a 'social lubricant' in much the same way as alcohol does for establishment types." Every time the friends of "pot" argue that marijuana is as harmless as nicotine and alcohol, they throw their case away. Nicotine and alcohol are not harmless. They are both highly dangerous drugs and our nation pays dearly in lives, injuries, property, and social disruption because of them. A nation that did happen to be free from these two scourges would, if it had any brains at all, keep them out with all the strength it could muster.

But nicotine and alcohol are with us and we have to learn to die with them. This very fact should make us slow down any move to legalise marijuana. The way to measure marijuana is not to set it against nicotine and alcohol, but to measure it in its own right as aid or a hindrance to the quality of life.

GOOD GRIEF!! Following "Time" magazine's cover story with exaggerated praise for the sex film "Last Tango in Paris," one disgusted "Time" reader wrote to the Editor to say that he threw the offending issue in the rubbish tin "and the rest of the garbage got up and walked away."!!!

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Toowoomba (Crown St): R.V. Holt, 12 Catto St., Toowoomba, Qld.

Enfield Heights: N. Gravos, 27 Tindall Rd., Enfield, S.A., 5085.

Tamworth: C. D. Crago, 93 Robert St., Tamworth, N.S.W., 2340. Phone 65-9463 (Tamworth).

Happenings

The Sudan Interior Mission reports "one of the greatest conversion movements in Africa's history," in southwest Ethiopia. "Thousands are coming to Christ. New churches are appearing everywhere."

Dr. Don Mansell has been appointed Professor of Civil Engineering, Papua-New Guinea Institute of Technology at Lae and will move from Melbourne University to New Guinea about Easter. As Churches of Christ representative he was Secretary of the Church Committee for Tertiary Institutions, and a member of the College of the Bible Board of management.

Miss Alice George, a member at Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, W.A. celebrated her 100th birthday on Feb. 21.

A. Dale Fiers, general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), U.S.A., will be succeeded by Kenneth L. Teegarden.

Fr. C. Desmond, a R.C. priest, is resigning from the Franciscan order because he feels his church tacitly approves apartheid. He has been under house arrest because of his book "The Discarded People" which criticised South Africa's racial policies.

Billy Graham will conduct 1973 Crusades in South Africa, Korea, London, and four in the U.S.A.

The number of Jews in the world is estimated to be 14.2 million.



WESTSIDE PLAYERS present the GOSPEL THROUGH DRAMA

Mr. Minister: Have you considered using Drama as part of your worship service, morning or evening?

Mr. Youth Leader: Do you know there are excellent plays for use as discussion topics in workshops, etc.?

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D. C. E. NEWS

WOMEN OF THE WEST

- * Water for Monbulk: Twenty-five volunteers (aged between 20 and 73 years!) did a magnificent day's work recently when they laid 3000 ft. of galvanised pipe for the trunk service water supply to Camp Waterman. This will be a great asset to the Camp.
- * "Developmental drama" was the theme of a 2-hour workshop for 90 Good Companion leaders at their recent Annual meeting. Miss Nancy Cato expertly led this session.
- * Boys and leaders are checking their equipment for the big "Camp out" at the Old Sawmill, Little River, Cathedral Range on Labour Day weekend. It is expected that 150 will be attending (Junior and Senior).
- * The "Tassie Trek" (Cradle Mountain—Lake St. Clair National Park) in January was an outstanding success. 31 boys, 9 leaders and 1 dad successfully completed the Trek (41 left Melbourne to attempt it!).
- * Christmas Camps at Banksia and Hall's Gap and 2 January Camps for girls at Monbulk and Hall's Gap were all well attended. Easter Camp application forms are coming in much earlier than usual.
- * An Engaged Couples "Encourter" is planned for SUNDAY, May 6 at Camberwell Church. Those "going steady" but not actually engaged are also invited. Starts 2.00 p.m.

—Ray McKenzie.

Council for Christian Education in Schools

(VIC.) After 4 years as Director of the Council for Christian Education in Schools, the Rev. H. J. Neil, M.A. (Lond.), B.Ed., Th.L., M.A.C.E. has resigned to become a lecturer in Philosophy of Education at the Burwood Teachers' College. He will continue his interest in our work as a member of the Committee on Religious Education which has been set up by the Minister of Education at the request of the C.C.E.S. to examine the whole subject of religious education.

The Chairman and members are pleased to announce that the Rev. J. C. Howells, B.Sc., B.A., B.Ed., Th.L. has now been appointed as Director/Curriculum Officer of the

Council. Over the past two and a half years Mr. Howells has been the Curriculum Officer of the Council and has played a major part in the inquiry into the Council's policies on Religious Education in Schools and the preparation and launching of the Council's new primary programme "Religion in Life." Mr. Howells is also a member of the Government Committee on Religious Education.

In addition, the Council is seeking the services of an Assistant Director (Secondary) who will have a special concern for School Chaplaincy and work at the secondary level such as the training of voluntary instructors, the promotion of Seminars and some literary work.

(PERTH) Mrs. D. R. Manning, Pres. and her husband left Perth on Jan. 31 for India to visit their daughter Judy who was involved in a serious car accident prior to Christmas. It will be necessary for Judy to undergo physiotherapy over a period of some months.

Pres.-Elect, Mrs. D. M. Hughes, presided over the Feb. Auxiliary. Mrs. J. L. Pallot, Pres. in Spirit, "Temperance" which is love in training. Mrs. McIlwraith and Mrs. Smyth sang a duet and Mrs. O'Meara led in prayer of intercession. Home Mission Supt., Mrs. Wells, introduced Mr. & Mrs. Paul Williams, who have commenced a ministry in the very new Northern Districts of the metropolitan area. "House Churches" are expected to be established in the six districts involved.

Prayer and Praise Points.

- * That Judy Manning will continue to respond to medical treatment.
- * For Mr. & Mrs. Ray Veal, Hazel Skuce, and all missionaries as they return after vacation and furlough.
- * For Jan Hunting on deputation in W.A. Feb. 17—March 18.
- * Dates to Remember.
- * Tuesday, March 13 Aborigine Missions Rally in the Christian Centre.
- * Tuesday, March 20, Day of Intercession.

An interesting television discussion entitled "Does Science Deny God?" is planned for A.B.C. television on April 1.

It will be between Sir Mark Oliphant, distinguished scientist and Governor of South Australia, and the Right Rev. Stanley Bruce Rosier, Bishop of Willochra, S.A.

Sydney and Melbourne will screen it at 9.30 p.m., April 1.

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COFFEE HOUSE 9:00 p.m.

"Nambawan Baibel Skul Bilong Meri, Tsumba, Desemba 1972"

So read a sign, proudly held by a group of women as they stood to have their photo taken. The first Bible School for women at Tsumba, Dec. 1972, was a great occasion. Over sixty women and teenage girls from villages up and down

By Joyce Bolton

the Ramu and along the Keram, came together to study God's Word.

There was an air of excitement and happiness as the women sorted themselves out, found space for sleeping mats, met old friends and were introduced to new ones. There were several languages heard but all could communicate in Pidgin so no one had that 'left out' feeling.

During the next seven days we heard and discussed such subjects as prayer, visions and dreams, the Christian walk—a study through Galatians, The Christian way for single girls, and Christian marriage. The times of singing were a real joy—the favourite for the week was "Tell it to Jesus", and if you could have heard those sixty women sing it from their hearts you would have been thrilled beyond measure to see that they had really found that they could tell all to Jesus, their true Friend and Saviour.

During the last two days, one question was asked several times, "When is the next Bible School? We must come again, we have learnt much but we want to learn more, when do we come again?"

So the leaders got together and decided that Easter weekend would be a good time, especially with Anzac Day in the same week. This meant we could have several days together. When we told the women to mark April 19 as the day to travel back to Tsumba, they really rejoiced and said they were sure it was God who had shown us clearly when we could meet again. We have one worry—sixty women are going back to their villages determined to bring other women to the next school—where are we going to put them all?

Also in the next school we want to be able to give each lady some materials that

will help them in daily witness. This brings up the old problem of finance. These New Guinea sisters are hard put to find 25c. the fee for the school.

We really do rejoice for the wonderful things that happened at the first Women's Bible School, and we are looking forward to the next one.

Leaders were Mrs. Wenap Bai, Mrs. Maeline Ben, Miss Aileen Draney, Miss Judy Simpson, and Mrs. Joyce Bolton.

HONOUR FOR JOHN LIU

Congratulations are extended to John Liu of the Banmatmat Bible College New Hebrides, on being invited to present a paper at the Waigani Seminar which will be held at the University of Papua New Guinea, April 28-May 4. This Seminar is held annually and is attended by people from all parts of the Pacific.

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OBITUARY

DANIEL, Mrs. Ida

Mrs. Daniel died on January 12, having suffered a stroke just two days earlier. With her passing, the Church at Long Plains, S. Aust., has lost one of its oldest and devoted members.

Formerly Ida Young she was born in 1898, and was baptised in 1913, exactly 60 years from the day of her passing. She married D. J. Daniel in 1921 and has always resided at Long Plains. She has been active in the Church over her 60 years of membership, assisting with the S.S., active in the Ladies' Guild and serving as a Deaconess. She will be remembered for her interest too, in C.W.A. and Red Cross. Mrs. Daniel was always interested in people and showed a willingness to be a friend to all. She was a good wife and mother and had a real living faith in Jesus Christ. Our sympathies are with her husband and family who will have cherished memories of her. — L. W. Marshman.

LACY, Ethel Emma.

Mrs. Ethel Emma Lacy (Jermyn) was the oldest resident of the Castlemaine Church. She was born in the district in 1886. In 1910, when the College of the Bible was located at Glen Iris, she became its housekeeper and continued in this position for thirty-four years. The quality of her life and service at the College won the complete trust and esteem of the Board of Managements and Faculty. In her years at the College more than five hundred students looked upon her as their unfailing friend, and many could testify how, in times of real need, her thoughtfulness and generosity sustained and encouraged them. She had a deep interest in their well-being and when they left College for service she followed their movements and activities with prayer and growing interest to the end of her long life.

When she retired from the College she returned to Castlemaine and in 1950 married Sam Lacy, who died two years later. Since then, Mrs. Lacy has been very active in the Castlemaine Church. Actually her life revolved around the Church. She was ever concerned about people, particularly the unfortunate, lonely and needy and was busy in visitation. She never went empty-handed, but always with a practical gift to bring cheer and help. We thank God for the influence her life had on the Church and brotherhood over the long years.

SONSIE, Mary Catherine.

The funeral service was conducted in the Church of Christ, Dawson St., Ballarat by Mr. F. C. Hunting. He spoke of Mrs. Sonsie's strong belief in the faithfulness of God of answer prayer, her love for Christ, her love for people in need, and her loyalty to her church. Two of her sons are undertaking theological studies. Gordon enters Kenmore Christian College, Brisbane after completing three years at the Melbourne Bible Institute, and Graeme begins his second year of study at Kenmore. Graeme served with the Foreign Missionary Dept. of the Churches of Christ in New Guinea for eight years before ill health forced his return South two years ago.

NEW TIMES FOR RADIO PROGRAMMES

FRONTIER, the weekly review of religious events round the world, will move from Sunday afternoon to Wednesday evening at 7.15 p.m., immediately after the national and state news bulletins.

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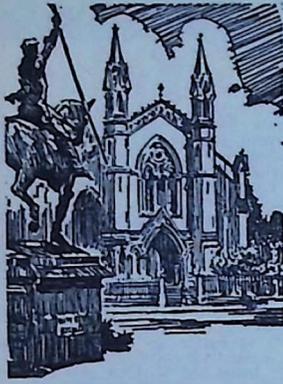
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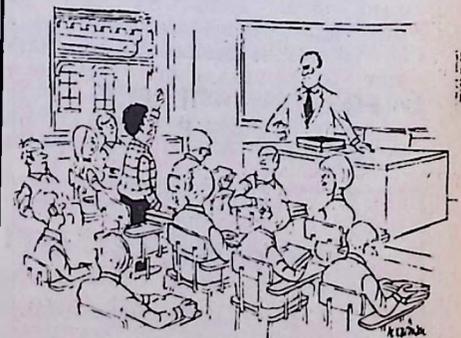
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GOLDEN WEDDING

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DEATH

KNIGHT. — Passed away Jan. 24, 1973. Aged 88 - Mrs. Lilly Knight of Dover Tas., loving wife of the late Harper Knight; loving mother of Graham and John; dear sister of Will (dec.), Stephen (dec.), Harry (dec.), May (Mrs. Purves), Violet (dec.), and James (dec.). "God is our refuge and strength."

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DEATHS

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farewelled recently after appreciated and untiring service.

In 1972 the congregation, aware of the need for a full-time minister for the now well-populated area, called R. V. Holt and on Feb. 4, 1973, Mr Holt was inducted by Mr Hart. An open-air fellowship tea was followed by a special service when representatives of churches and civic organisations expressed a welcome. Following Mr Holt's sermon Jennifer Yesberg and Susan Trudgian affirmed their discipleship decisions at Youth Camp.

The annual meeting on Feb. 21 accepted the recommendation of the officers' board that a 45 feet extension be added to the front of the present 20 feet building as soon as practicable this year. The cost of \$10,000 is to be met by money on deposit with the Church Extension Fund, plus interest free loans from members and friends, and there is a large expectation of voluntary labour.

Among those serving in leadership positions are: Elder, R. J. Hill; Secretary, G. P. Allen; Treasurer, K. G. Trudgian; Deaconesses, Mrs G. M. Pedler and Mrs K. Yesberg; B.S. Supt., Miss Shirley Pedler; Kindergarten leader, R. Varidel; Young People's leaders, Athol Rosenberg and Eric King; J. C. E. Leaders, Mrs K. Yesberg and R. Holt.

THREE BAPTISMS (Dalby, R. Holt) Three of our S.S. scholars have been baptized . . . The new year opened sadly with the death of W. Rogers . . . The church met in a seminar to evaluate the past and discuss the future . . . The C.W.F. held an "Hawaii" tea followed by a "Temptation" evening . . . The children from the boys' section of the Bethel Homes now attend the S.S. and church services with the house parents.

SOUTHPORT'S 15th (E. Watson) The Fifteenth Anniversary commenced with a Family Promotion Dinner on Feb. 10. Special Speaker at Rally and Sunday services was L. G. Armstrong. Conf. Pres. . . . The property next door to the church has been purchased for future needs . . . A Boy's Explorer Club for Boys (7 to 12) Junior and Intermediate groups has been commenced. Jack Gray is leader, assisted by Alf Davey, Garth Green and Steve Davey . . . E. Watson concluded his ministry here on Feb. 27 to take up a special work . . . Mr and Mrs Noel Newton commenced their ministry on March 1.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

STUDY FOR MANSE (Victor Harbour, J. Luff) The half-yearly meeting decided to add a study to the manse and the 1973 thank offering will be used for this purpose . . . The three evening services held on the foreshore were a great success, and an outdoor morning service was held on Mar. 4 . . . Doug Schultz and a team repaired the church hall at Dubbo. They were well rewarded in the love and gratitude of the Christian Aborigines . . . Four young people have been baptized.

YOUTH SERVICE (Long Plains, L. W. Marshman) The minister presided at recent youth services with young people taking all other parts . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. D. J. Daniel . . . The church meets with Pinery Methodist church for quarterly communion . . . With the small membership, pastoral work has become the major part of the minister's activity.

TEACHER DEDICATION (Owen, L. W. Marshman) At combined S.S. teacher dedication service with the Methodist church the charge was given by the Rev. Brian Young. Incorporated also was a communion service and graduation for S.S. classes . . . Training classes for church membership are to be conducted.

NEW AT UNLEY On Feb. 4, Mr. Philp commenced his ministry here. Mr. & Mrs. Philp, Meredith, Leighton and Joy were received into fellowship. An impressive induction service was conducted by the Conf. Pres. W. Bartlett. Evening supper on Feb. 11 gave an opportunity to all to meet Mr. & Mrs. Philp and family.

BOWL APEAL (Mayland, N. S. Moore) The Christmas Bowl Appeal amounted to \$200 . . . The church picnic was held at Brighton Beach . . . The first C.W.F. meeting for 1973 was a social gathering at the Botanic Gardens . . . The Intermediate C.E. heard of a case of need in the district and held a car wash for church members' cars and raised \$29 . . . A B.S. film night to assist in Indian famine relief raised \$30

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FAREWELLED TO COLLEGE (Blackwood, L. G. Cooke, B. V. Coventry) Sue Sampson was farewelled at an after-church fellowship on leaving for the College of the Bible. She has been active in youth activities . . . The church also farewelled the Barreaux family which has moved to Vic. Bob has been active in the B.S. and Janet served in the women's work and Cradle Roll . . . The Youth Choir presented an evening service at Yatala Methodist Church . . . David Coventry is now at home and latest reports are encouraging.

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STUDENTS LEAVE (South Perth, D. G. Nelson) Four new Bible College students have departed: John Caporn to Glen Iris, Geoff Rowcroft to Woolwich, Sue Charles and Graham Hyman to Kenmore. The church now has seven students in theological colleges . . . Sister Irene Munsie has completed midwifery training and is now in W.E.C. College . . . Decisions were recorded when David Bailey from Woolwich preached during holidays . . . Evangelist Geo. Wood will lead a Crusade at South Perth Civic Centre in late March. Geo. and Betty Wood will be on leave from their church in Wichita, U.S.A. . . . Church treasurer, John McIntyre, has been appointed Chief Electoral Officer for W.A. . . . Mr Nelson will conduct a mission at Swanston St., Melb. March 14-18.

ALL-AGE PROGRAMME (City Church, Perth, R. A. Ryall) The all-age Programme opened on Feb. 28 with tea and business meeting . . . Recent speakers have been Ross Burton (Woolwich) and Alan Cant . . . Interest is growing in Question Box Sermons . . . W. Smith reported on Binningup Camp and S. and Y. Wallis on the National C.Y.F. Convention at evening service. B. Grundy and M. Ewers sang a duet . . . Women's fellowships combine on 2nd Wednesday (day) and 4th Wednesday (evening) . . . Girls' Brigade began year with swimming evening at Mrs Beck's pool . . . Saturday family tennis is growing in interest . . . Gavin Povey has left to work in Wyndham.

ROBINSONS AT INGLEWOOD Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Robinson commenced a year's ministry with the church . . . "From Treachery to Triumph" is a programme designed to involve every member until Easter . . . The chapel appearance has been greatly improved by new carpet given in memory of Les. Peacock . . . Mrs. Elsie Cranwell will assist Miss Merle Peacock as Girls' Brigade leader . . . Stirling Players presented the revue "Pollute or Perish" . . . Inglewood young people shared with Dianella and City Church in camp at Rockingham, Feb. 16-18. Ron Hancock was Camp Director. Mrs. Dunstan and Mrs. Lowden were cooks. A. Leung and D. Gilchrist were study leaders . . . R. Cook, now at Mandurah, has accepted a call as from February 1974.

JOINT MINISTRY (Fremantle-Hamilton Hill) W. R. Newton, a Glen Iris graduate, commenced a joint ministry with H. R. Fitch by preaching on Feb. 4 at Fremantle. A young man made his confession of faith. Gospel services commenced at Hamilton Hill on Feb. 18. A B.S. girl made her decision. . . . Auxiliaries which have recommenced include sewing classes for Aboriginal women at Hamilton Hill.

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FAMILY CAMP (Bendigo M. D. Keatch) 12 families of the Bendigo Church combined for a family camp at "Tandara", Hall's Gap, at A.N.A. weekend . . . The 51 participants were involved in recreation, study, hiking, swimming, and sightseeing. A similar camp is planned for next year.

ASSISTING AT DANDENONG C. E. Watson is giving valued assistance to the Church. Russell Allison is youth minister . . . C.Y.F. campers gave a report on Feb. 4 of their camp attended by 30 and with Jack Edwards as study leader, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Allison and Reg. Edwards as camp leaders . . . The S.S. teacher dedication service on Feb. 11 was followed on the 18th by presentation of graduation prizes and honour certificates . . . Mr. Watson was speaker when C.W.F. met for morning coffee. A large amount of goods was brought for parcels for India.

KYNETON FAREWELL The Church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. P. Williams after two and a half years' ministry. A presentation was made by C. Beer, chairman of the church board. The new student minister, D. Ryle, commenced on Feb. 18 . . . Recent speakers from our Ballarat Churches were N. Mitaxa, R. Veal, Mr. Jones, Maranatha Sounds (A gospel singing group), D. McLeod, B & F.B.S.

FOR COLLEGE (Croydon, A. B. Clark) One of our young men, Brian Spencer, has entered the College of the Bible. Brian was speaker at the Feb. youth service. Guest soloist was Glenys Taylor from Chelsea . . . Feb. was "Stewardship" month . . . Don Lyon gained his Higher School Certificate . . . "So Long Joey" and "The Sound of the Trumpet" were films screened at C.Y.F. . . . Mrs. Morrall has been confined to her house with a broken foot . . . The S.S. year commenced with a teacher dedication service . . . John Wilson is the new Church Treasurer.

BACK AGAIN (Harcourt) Jim Spiker is back with us for another year of service as minister. We are also glad to welcome his wife, Anthea . . . C. Rice is B.S. Supt. H. Rice is church secretary. The B.S. reported to the annual meeting on Feb. 17 that numbers had decreased.

LAUNCHING DAY (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes) A launching day was held at a recent morning service. Various leaders presented their activities and aims for 1973 . . . The B.S. began the year with a promotion day and a dedication service for B.S. teachers . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Ethel Lacy. For many years, as Miss Ethel Jermyn, Mrs. Lacy was associated with the College of the Bible . . . The young people have held a barbecue.

RETIRED TO LAUNCESTON (Margaret St. M. D. Hamilton) Mr. and Mrs. Harold Street, now retired from the full-time ministry, have settled in Launceston . . . Mr. Hamilton has commenced his second year of ministry . . . Mr. and Mrs. Norris, parents of Mrs. Hamilton, were recent visitors . . . Peter Nelson, home from the College of the Bible, conducted a service . . . Jennifer Younger has left to take an Occupational Therapy course in Melb. . . . Mrs. Byard, Mrs. Piper, Mrs. R. Byard, Lyn Allen, and Mr. Gibson are recovering from illnesses.

NEW HELPER (Caulfield, K. W. Berston) Roger, Anne and Simon Risson have been welcomed. Mr. Risson, continuing his studies at the College of the Bible, will assist Mr. Berston . . . David White, Minister of Maidstone Church, gave a "Summary of Sunbury." He led a team of workers at the recent Pop Festival . . . David Tidd, home from recent overseas trip showed film and told of experiences. Donations were for Missionaries' Home in New Hebrides . . . Former member John Machin is seriously ill.

MISSIONARY ON LEAVE (Blackburn, E. W. Roffey) Karen Humphries, home on vacation from Duindui, told the church of her life and work in the New Hebrides . . . Debbie Parker, a secondary student on exchange from Fair Oaks, Calif., U.S.A., has been made welcome. Her Australian "parents" are Mr and Mrs Bob Woodward . . . Three young people attended Portland Beach Mission led by Ted Keating . . . Sister Ondria Parker is leaving for a second term of hospital service with Australian Volunteers Abroad . . . Mr Roffey attended the residential ecumenical conference at Monash University . . . A dedication service was held for B.S. teachers and C.Y.F. leaders . . . Cricket teams held barbecue tea and attended morning service.

NEW AT FRANKSTON Dr. K. R. Bowes inducted Allan Avery into the church in an impressive service. 180 attended house fellowships to "get to know" the minister and his family . . . Church properties in Dandenong Rd. have been sold and are soon to be vacated. Plans for a new complex in Cranbourne Rd., are being finalised. Temporary accommodation will be required in the interim . . . Y.F.C. meets in homes after evening service. They recently held a barn dance and hay ride at the home of Mr and Mrs Keith Taylor . . . The church is planning special "closing down" services in April. Former ministers will be guest speakers on "40 Years of Witness and History". (See advt.)

SINGING IN INDIA (West Preston, Vic.) Lorraine Bertram and Joan Ross have written from India where they have been singing and working with a Youth for Christ team . . . Ron White whose student ministry was valued last year has moved to Footscray . . . Ian Holtham, will leave shortly to continue his music studies in London. Recently he was principal pianist with the Melb. Grammar School orchestra which toured South-East Asia.

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In the last few weeks I heard three sermons in which the preacher said I should seek "a purpose in life." None of the preachers said what the purpose of life is. Why are preachers so vague, and what is the purpose of life anyway?

I do not agree that preachers are vague—certainly not all of them. But they do seem to stop short of answering our own special questions. This is probably because they deal with principles rather than with problems, with life's resources rather with the application of those resources to particular issues.

For example, preachers often talk about the basic requirements of a happy and fulfilling marriage, but they don't spell out in their sermons the way to mend the particular marriage of Mr and Mrs Nearly-Had-it. How could they? Mr and Mrs N. Had-it are persons. Their problems may be like those of other couples but they cannot possibly be exactly alike, for there is no other couple exactly like them and—they are the persons who are married to each other! Their problems, whatever they are, can only be solved from within their own marriage.

What Mr and Mrs N. Had-it can do is to apply what their minister has said to

their own experience. They can also go to their minister and ask his help in making their particular application. That is one reason why he is there. The minister can share with them and maybe help them to rebuild their partnership. "Help them" is the key phrase for the couple must find their meaning and purpose.

You did not mention marriage in your question but if I did not talk about a specific relationship I would probably sound vague also. To spell it out, it is the Christian faith which gives value to every person and to every personal relationship because it starts with a Person.

It is in encounter with this Person, Jesus the Christ, that life begins to have real meaning. This does not mean only that you accept the religious and moral teachings of Christianity, or that you accept the philosophy of Christianity in preference to other philosophies. It means that you meet a real Person who becomes your Lord.

The quest for meaning and purpose is the most important of all searches. I read about a "Jig-Saw Puzzle to give to Someone You don't Like." Many of the pieces do not fit together and there are some pieces missing. It is frustrating and irritating and those without a sense of humour may get very angry.

For many people the world and life itself are like that puzzle. They never will fit together because there is no meaning behind them. Christianity denies this. Life has meaning and purpose but we will not find it unless we acknowledge the Person who is at the Centre of it all.

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