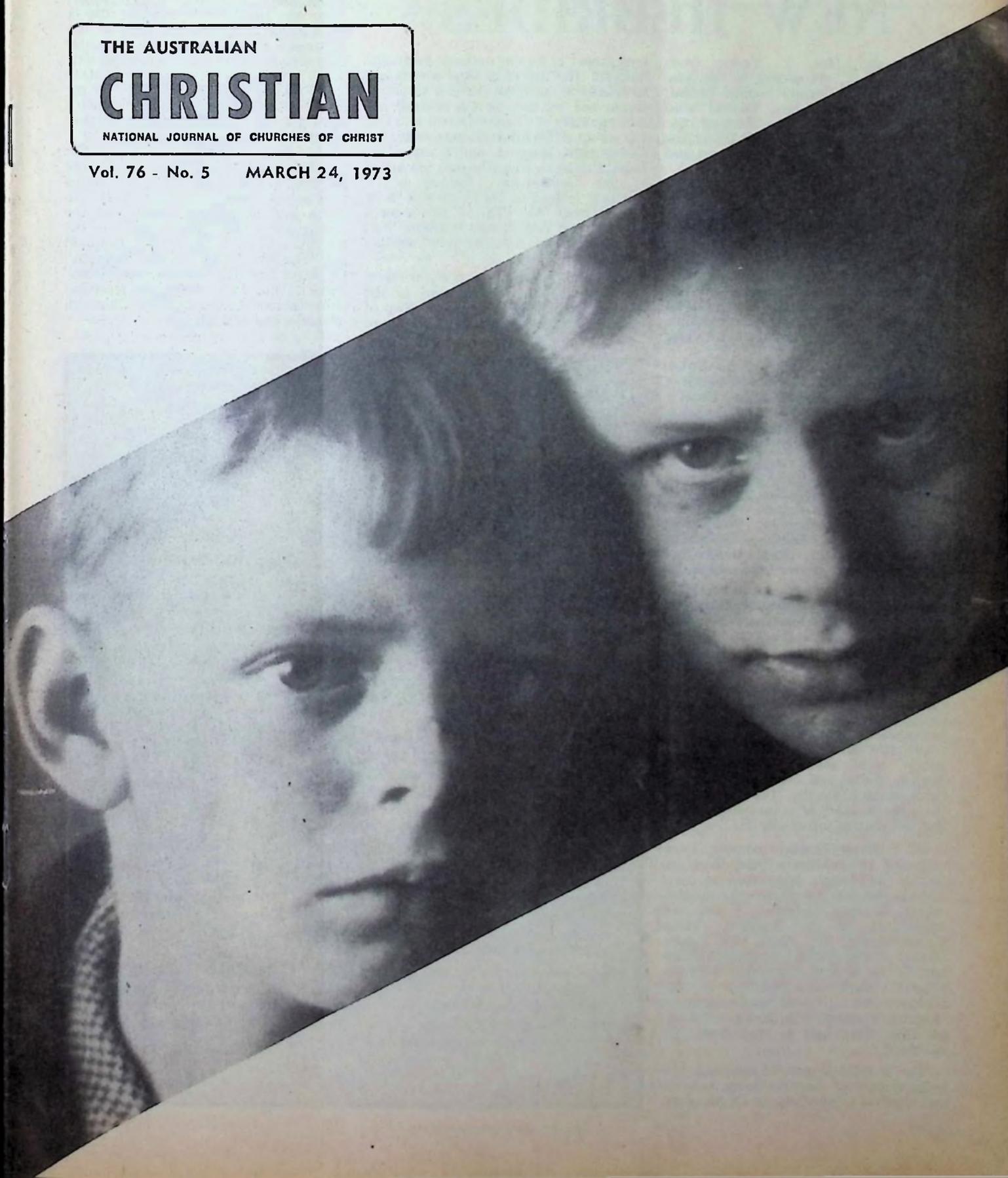


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DOCTOR IN NEW HEBRIDES

(Dr. and Mrs. T. Taylor from Elizabeth, S.A., are serving in the New Hebrides for a twelve month period, replacing Dr. and Mrs. Coulter who recently returned to New Zealand. See "A.C.", Feb. 10. In this article Dr. Taylor describes the warm welcome given and some first impressions).

From the moment we reached New Hebrides, we have been aware of a change in the tempo of things, and the open friendliness of all whom we've met, both nationals and Europeans alike. The British Customs Officer at Pt. Vila, seeing our passports, immediately recognized us as "Dr. Coulter's replacement" and greeted us accordingly. Our customs inspection consisted of one question, "Have you got any firearms or anything unusual?"

We were met at Vila by the Senior British Medical Officer for New Hebrides, Dr. Gooch, who drove us to our Hotel in a Govt. Landrover. The local Church of Christ pastor, Pastor Amos Waki, a fine Christian leader, was also there to greet us.

Port Vila is a fascinating town; — steamy, tropical vegetation, picturesque harbour, cosmopolitan population including New Hebrideans, Vietnamese, Chinese, French, English, Australians, other Islanders, and a marked predominance of brown faces over white.

The narrow roads are in shocking condition, left-hand drive, chaotic traffic, "clapped-out" vehicles. There are many Chinese stores, wide range of food and goods, small supermarkets, as in Australia but less variety.

On the evening of our arrival, we were guests at a welcome service by the local Church of Christ congregation of 30 warm-hearted New Hebrideans, just 24 hours after our farewell at Elizabeth. The people were able to understand my English quite well, although some of them spoke hesitantly. The whole 30 of them shook hands with the whole 5 of us and we chatted informally for one hour.

At 8.30 on Tuesday morning, I was collected by another official from the British Residency, and taken to meet various officials to discuss the medical set-up in New Hebrides. I was also introduced to the Resident British Commissioner, Mr. Allan, the highest official of the British Government in the Islands. He is well acquainted with the hospital work at Duindui. In the afternoon we all visited the Government Hospital, situated on an island in the bay of Port Vila, half a mile from the mainland.

The hospital is old and rambling, 150 beds, cement or wooden floors, patients and relatives everywhere, no fly-proofing,

reminiscent of an old outback Australian hospital. The five of us were entertained to afternoon tea in the Doctors' Common Room and we met all the medical and nursing staff. The Senior Doctor said that our set-up at Duindui was better than the Government Hospital, and I have since found this to be true. The only advantage at the Government Hospital is "4 Doctors" instead of one! I am able to fly urgent cases to Vila at Government expense, and also discuss problems with the other doctors there by radio each day if necessary.

At 6.30 Wednesday morning, we were taken to the Pt. Vila Airport in the Airlines Kombi-Van for the final step of our journey. The two-engine plane carried

ten passengers and an ex-Ansett A.N.A. pilot. It was a far different experience from the flight in the big jets, as we travelled low over numerous islands and thick low clouds. The pilot diverted to pass over an active volcano, a manoeuvre which didn't altogether please Glenys! After one landing at a desolate strip in thick jungle at Longana to off-load four passengers we eventually flew right over the hospital to land at the local air-strip which runs uphill from the top of steep cliffs, overlooking the sea. As I set my feet on solid ground again, I sighed a silent prayer of thanks for a safe journey and thanked our pilot accordingly.

Dr. David Coulter met us in the hospital truck and drove us to the hospital, a distance of 5 miles, which took us over half an hour. The "road" is a rough and steep bush track and the Land-rover could only travel in the bottom 3 of its 8 gears. The trip would put "The Mad Mouse" or the "Octopus" to shame any day! We reached "home" about 11 a.m. with a very warm reception from missionaries and nationals. Our term of service had at last begun.

INNER SPRINGS

A SONG TO REMEMBER



Suddenly, from the topmost branch of the old pear tree came notes of pure melody. Oblivious of grey skies, trees bent low beneath their burden of raindrops, and the chill wind that ruffled the soft feathers of her throat, the little thrush poured forth her song, brimfull of joy. It seemed as if all the loveliness of earth and sky had been gathered into one glad offering. Every swift flight over sun-dappled hill and valley and sparkling stream, echoed in each rippling note. Then the performance was over, and without waiting for applause she was gone. But she had left something of herself behind in the heart of her lone listener. The memory of her song would linger as part of my own rich gathering of earth's goodness.

To sing in adverse circumstances is no easy thing and to leave a song in the heart of another even more difficult. Very often it isn't a song we leave behind but a weary dirge of all our woes with a few anticipated ones thrown in for good measure! Do we forget the importance of a song and what a lovely thing it is, dispelling gloom and bringing hope even as the first daffodil is a promise of spring?

With His footsteps turned to Calvary and the pain of the Crucifixion already in His great heart, Jesus spoke of joy. Not pain, not suffering, nor loss, nor loneliness, but joy. Loving Him, believing Him, ought we not to do the same?

Why do I languish, drooping and dull,
As if I were all earth?

O, give me quickness, that I may with mirth
Praise Thee brim-full!

The garment of praise is much lighter to carry than the garment of heaviness.

I praise Thee Dear Lord for all the loveliness that blesses my life. For the gift of laughter, and the ministry of music and books. Above all, I give Thee thanks for those who make of life a lovely thing and for Thy presence which turns each day into a glad adventure. Amen.

Psalms 100:

FLORENCE ROSIER

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

By CORA CONNELL

At the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women (Sydney, Feb. 6-9), the Queensland Working Committee concluded its two-year term of office, the Working Committee being now located in South Australia.

Two quite important offices of the Committee in Queensland were filled by "Q.C.W.F.ers" (Mrs. Cora Connell, as Secretary, and Mrs. Ruby Haigh, as National Convener of the Fellowship of the Least Coin). Since its inception, women of Churches of Christ have been making a considerable contribution to A.C.W. at executive and administrative levels—Mrs Marjory Verco, of New South Wales, was a foundation member and her vision and tireless endeavour contributed greatly to the establishment of A.C.W. in its early years: she was one of four women honoured at the recent meeting when Life Membership in the National Committee was conferred on them in recognition of this "pioneer" service.

The Working Committee's second location was in Victoria where Mrs. Doreen Strack, well-known and loved throughout Australian C.W.F. as a Federal President and W.C.W.F. representative, filled the A.C.W. position of National Convener of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Queensland was only the third location of the Working Committee, although February, 1973, marked the accomplishment of A.C.W.'s first decade. Each successive National Committee Meeting has told a story of growing interest and participation by Australian Church women in the worship days, the projects and the concerns through which there can be expression of our desire and our response to be part of the answer to our Lord's prayer "that they all may be one . . . that the world may believe."

The coming together of Australian church women on at least three days in the year (World Day of Prayer, in March, Fellowship Day in July and World Community Day in October) is now providing a recognised 'meeting ground' for women of all Christian "persuasions", and also the means for sharing concerns and projects.

A.C.W. provides a year's scholarship in Australia for an overseas Christian woman (who has already received basic training in her own country) in an area of study and training not available to her in her homeland, e.g. Deaconess Terani Aisake from Fiji, studied as the 1972 scholarship-holder at the Methodist Training College in Brisbane: she has now returned to Fiji to supervise deaconess training there and is already giving evidence of the benefit of her year in Australia.

The 1973 scholarship-holder, Miss Kalpana Airan of Satara, India, will be a post-graduate student during this year at the Sydney University (Adult Education Dept.) under the Bernard Van Leer project: she hopes to have equipped herself during this year to set up, on her return to India, a Village Community Centre in an underprivileged area for pre-school children and their mothers.

An interesting development of the scholarship scheme has been the decision of some individual church groups in Australia to assist unsuccessful applicants for the scholarship who undoubtedly merit assistance in their chosen Christian service. Thus there has been created an awareness of new and practical ways in which to express fellowship across the barriers of distance, race and class. Offerings received on Fellowship Day are the basis of contribution to and maintenance of the scholarship scheme — a continuing project.

By contrast, the offerings from October's World Community Day are donated to various particular projects at the direction of the National Committee which considers projects submitted by affiliated members of A.C.W. as being worthy and needy. e.g. A\$900 from the 1972 World Community Day offering has already been sent to the Christian University "Satya Watjana" ('Faithful to the Word') at Salatiga, Central Java in Indonesia.

This gift will enable two Christian women students (now in their second year) to complete their four-year courses. Offerings this year will be donated to the Appeal for the Women of Bangladesh and to the Training of a Christian woman from Gilbert Islands at the Pacific Theological College.

An appeal to A.C.W. made on behalf of the women of Bangladesh during 1972 attracted a quite generous and spontaneous response and the donation of A\$474 was very much appreciated by the Jagaroni Women's Co-operative in Dacca. An Australian representative visiting the area recently, was able to bring back first-hand information on the excellent use to which this gift had been put — forty-five women had received training in skills which would enable them to earn a livelihood both for themselves and their children — victims of the rape of their country.

Through means of its membership in the world-wide women's prayer movement, "Fellowship of the Least Coin", A.C.W. was able to make a contribution for 1972 of A\$4000 to F.L.C. International, Geneva. This in turn will flow out to others in blessing as financial assistance to a world-wide range of projects to which grants will be made from total funds for the year in Geneva.

It has been both interesting and gratifying to trace back an awakened interest among church women in a particularly women's concern to the 1972 National Committee Meeting with its theme "For such a time as this", when Barbara Thiering (Lecturer at Sydney University in Hebrew and Bible Studies) delivered the series of Bible Study Lectures on "Biblical Attitudes to Women and the New Testament View of Them". Copies of the lectures were made available to national committee members.

"Able for All Things", theme of the 1973 National Meeting, was inspired by the reference to the nature of our God found in the account of Jesus' encounter with the woman of Samaria at the well. Development of the theme through the opening address by Mrs. Dorothy McMahon (Australian representative to the W.C.C. Conference of Women in Cyprus, 1972), the Bible studies by Deaconess Margaret Rogers on "The Nature of God" and the morning and evening prayer and meditation sessions, made impact which it is believed will similarly influence the thinking of groups represented in the national committee, as their members return and share something of the mental stimulus and inspiration of their coming together as Australian Church Women.

"LEST IT FALLS INTO UNDESIRABLE HANDS"



In the eighteen-nineties a stately mansion on thirteen acres of prime grazing land, seven miles from Melbourne, was bought by the late Robert Campbell Edwards, "to prevent it from falling into undesirable hands." In 1909 Mr. Edwards sold the building to become the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, for the sum of \$1,500. R. Campbell Edwards was an early member of the College Board and assisted some students financially. The Trust that bears his name still gives assistance to needy students. On Feb. 21 the new office and study for the Principal of the College, constructed and furnished in memory of the late R. C. Edwards, was opened by his son who bears the family name, Campbell Edwards. The opening of the R. Campbell Edwards Room, as it is called, was part of the College Opening Day celebrations. Rowland Morris, Chairman of the Campbell Edwards Trust, paid tribute to the late Mr. Edwards and announced that the Trust would pay for the new room.

twenty eight are married and twenty three are single.

INAUGURAL GARDEN PARTY

The College of the Bible Inaugural Garden Party was presided over by Mr. F. P. Chipperfield, Chairman of the Board, in the grounds of the College. Over four hundred and fifty people attended, including the families and friends of Principal and Mrs. E. L. Williams. It was an important occasion for them, for the College, and for the Australian Brotherhood as a new library wing was opened in memory of the parents of the Principal and his wife.

After a picnic tea the crowd assembled on the great lawn for the Inaugural Ceremony, which included the presentation of prizes to Russell Allison (L. C. McCallum Memorial), Peter Nelson (Morton S. Noble), George Warren (Old Boys'), Graham Chapman (F. G. Dunn Memorial), Rodney Lloyd (F. M. Ludbrook Memorial), Pamela Bowers (Emma C. Hovey and Eliza F. Winter), Paul and Judith Williams (Mrs. A. E. Skinner), Robin Haskell (Misses N. and P. Ellis), and Trevor Giles (William Grindrod Memorial). Proceeds from the Norman and Letitia Nobel Bequest will be applied to the Bursary Fund. As well as those successful in gaining prizes the following students were successful in completing M.C.D. Diplomas: L. Th. — B. Ryall, D. Sonsee, G. Warren & M. Humphries (a former exit); Dip. R. E.—A. A. G. Baker, G. Chapman, S. Hince.

Principal-Elect, Dr. K. R. Bowes, accepted the gift of the Library Wing. As the Randall T. Pittman Memorial Library is to be the Historical Archive for Federal and Victorian Brotherhood records, a response was made by K. J. Clinton on behalf of the Federal Historical Society.

The Library Wing was declared open by Mrs. E.L. Williams. The Randall Pittman Memorial Library was declared open by Roland Pittman, a nephew of the late R. T. Pittman, who came from Adelaide especially for the purpose. Roland Pittman represented Mrs. Clive Henshilwood (Dulcie) a niece of the late Randall Pittman who cared for him in his declining years, and who is in London.

We acknowledge with gratitude a gift by the Doncaster church to provide an oil heater in the new library wing, and gifts of some \$650.00 from friends of the late Randall T. Pittman to provide necessary furnishings for the Memorial Historical Library. More furnishings are yet needed.

SEVENTEEN NEW STUDENTS

Fifty one students commenced the 1973 academic year. This number does not include Miss Samai Tepinta, a member of the Faculty of the Chiang Mai Theological Seminary of the Church of Christ of Thailand, who is living and studying at the College for one term. The new students are Graham Agnew (Kedron, Q.), Noel Boyd (Bambra Rd., Vic.), John Caporn (South Perth, W.A.), Brendan Cartmel (Hawthorn, S.A.), Cheryl Chibnall (Dawson St., Ballarat, Vic.), Stephen Jones (Burwood, Vic.), Julie Rogers (Essendon, Vic.), Susan Sampson (Blackwood, S.A.), Philip Saunders (Beverley, S.A.), Brian Spencer (Croydon, Vic.), Philip Stevens (E. Ipswich, Q.), Peter Still (Kenmore, Q.), Robert Street (Collingwood., Vic.), Charles Wilson (Knoxfield, Vic.), and John Wiltshire (Rockhampton, Q.). Of the fifty one students, seven are women,

The new Library Wing is a gift to the College from Principal and Mrs. E. L. Williams in memory of their parents. It includes the Randall T. Pittman Memorial Library, K. A. Jones, on behalf of Principal and Mrs. Williams, paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Brown, and Randall T. Pittman. The Librarian and

THE BROOKLYN PARK CHURCH FLAT

During the Inaugural Ceremony reference was made to a new flat for married couples. Extensive plumbing, renovations and brick and glass work made it possible to make this new flat from what was previously the last two single students' rooms in the Principals' Memorial Wing. This was a \$1000.00 project of the Brooklyn Park Church, S.A. This brings the total of College Flats to twelve.

The new erections and the extensive renovations undertaken during the vacation cost \$3,200 and are the first stage of urgently needed attention to the whole College property.

LOOKING TOWARDS 1974.

The 1974 roll of the College is open and intending students or enquiries are invited to write to the Vice-Principal.

Footnote: At the risk of incurring the wrath of those concerned, the writer of this article wishes to make it clear that Principal and Mrs. Williams made their gift out of stewardship arising from commitment to Christ and His Kingdom. It should be known that Principal and Mrs Williams will cover the annual interest cost of the new library wing during their life time and provide a bequest to cover the capital cost of \$10,000.00.



In 1943: R. T. Pittman, T. H. Scambler, E. L. Williams, J. S. Taylor.

THE BIG WAVE

The death is announced of Pearl S. Buck, author and student of China. Her parents were missionaries in China and her best-known book is "The Good

Earth" which also became a successful film.

Miss Buck also wrote many children's stories. "The Big Wave" is a fine example of her craft.

"Father, are we not very unfortunate people to live on this island?" he asked.

"Why do you think so?" his father asked in reply.

"Because the volcano is behind our house and the ocean is in front, and when they make the earthquake and the big wave, we are helpless. Often many of us are lost."

"To live in the midst of danger is to know how good life is," his father replied.

"But if we are lost in the danger?" Kino asked anxiously.

"To live in the presence of death makes us brave and strong," Kino's father replied.

"What is death?" Kino asked.

"Death is the great gateway," Kino's father said. His face was not at all sad.

"The gateway—where?" Kino asked again.

Kino's father smiled. "Can you remember when you were born?" Kino shook his head. "I was too small."

Kino's father laughed. "I remember very well when you were born," he said. "And, how hard you thought it was to be born! You cried, and you screamed."

"Didn't I want to be born?" Kino asked.

"No," his father told him smiling. "You wanted to stay where you were, in the warm dark house of the unborn. But the time came to be born and the gate of life opened."

"Did I know it was the gate of life," Kino asked.

"You did not know anything about it, and so you were afraid," his father replied. "But we were waiting for you, your parents, already loving you and eager to welcome you. And you have been very happy, haven't you?"

"Until the big wave came," Kino replied. "Now I am afraid again because of the death the big wave brought."

"You are only afraid because you don't know anything about death," his father replied. "Some day you will wonder why you were afraid, as today you wonder why you feared to be born."

Staff needed for Aborigines missions

Due to development in recent months within the Aborigines work there is an urgent need for three married couples and single workers. Married couples are required to be home parents to a small group of aboriginal children at Norseman and Carnarvon. Single workers are needed as helpers in homes and hostels.

Enquiries can be made to State Secretaries listed below or to the Federal Secretary, Don P. Butler, 26 Marradong St., Mt. Lawley, W.A. 6050, Mr. J. Wehr, 4 Cleo St., Firlie, S.A. 5070, Mr. A. Moyle c/o 211 Swan St., Yokine, W.A. 6060, Mr. A. Jenkins, 55 Cumberland St., Pascoe Vale, Vic. 3044, Mr. C. T. Garrett, 24 Forest Glen Crescent, Belrose, N.S.W. 2085, Mr. W. Berlin, 4 Crawford St., Redcliffe Qld. 4020.

CANBERRA'S KAIROS

Months of preparation and a week of concentrated outreach, climaxed in KAIROS 73 held in Canberra over the weekend of March 2-4. Over 600 young people from Sydney, 450 from Melbourne, 60 from Brisbane, 4 from Tasmania and 3 from South Australia, were joined by 1000 from Canberra and nearby country areas, to demonstrate their love for Jesus Christ.

The demonstration took the form of rock concerts on Friday night and Sunday afternoon, a procession of witness to Parliament House Saturday morning, which was then surrounded by kneeling, praying young people. A worship service, known as a Jesus Celebration, was held on the lawn in front of Parliament House Sunday morning. The speakers included Bishop C. A. Warren of Canberra and John Smith of the God's Squad, Melbourne.

Co-ordinating chairman David Claydon was assisted by John Hirt of the House of the New World, Sydney, Mal Garvin of Teen Crusaders, and a team of local organisers including Jim McLennan and Brian Harris.

The word "KAIROS" comes from the Greek meaning a "time of special significance". In the wording of the manifesto, read before Parliament House, it was stated "the only way of dealing with the root cause of society's problems, is personal submission to the authority of God through the Person and work of His Son, Jesus Christ."

CHURCH PRESS CRISIS

CHICAGO. Church magazines may have to alter their format, diversify their appeal, and increase their credibility if they are to survive.

This was suggested by Alfred P. Klausler, Lutheran secretary of the Associated Church Press.

The economic problems caused by an increase in postal rates may force magazines to use cheaper paper and less expensive printing processes, he said.

"Readability does not necessarily suffer simply because the format is altered," he told a group of editors.

The issue of press freedom, currently popular in secular circles, is one of importance for the religious press, according to Dr. Klausler.

"The church papers, too, face problems of censorship and lack of freedom", he said "Magazines, even if they are sponsored by particular denominations, have a he said: "Magazines, even if they are sponsored by particular denominations, have a responsibility to be more than a "mouthpiece for the establishment".

"PUT YOUR SOULS WHERE YOUR EYES ARE!"

British look at television

There is a danger that the moral sensitivity of man will be blunted through constant exposure to television images of crisis and suffering across the world, which the viewer is virtually powerless to alleviate or overcome.

In "The British Weekly" this warning from Father Dominic Milroy is quoted by Gethin Abraham-Williams in drawing attention to the influence of television.

Christians must agree with Fr. Milroy that "the onslaught of images from the television set to us as we sit in our comfortable armchairs is hardly bearable. From everywhere we see news pictures of human suffering. Most people can only

bear the constant sense of crisis by lowering their sensitivity or by switching off altogether. . . . People develop a sense of indifference which becomes apathy, which is highly dangerous, for it can lead to a tolerance of human suffering."

Thomas Wiseman of the "Guardian" when commenting on a new code in Britain for documentary producers, made a similar point. "One man dying on television is much like another man on television, and in the end the viewer is much more likely to react to an acted performance (because it can play on his emotions with art) than to the real thing."

The news and current affairs programmes are particularly vulnerable in this respect.

Abraham-Williams went on to criticise the prize shows and general knowledge programmes which arouse our admiration for the capacity of the participants to recall useless facts, and lead us to confuse memory with the ability to think, to weigh up an argument, and to differentiate between the true and the false.

The only antidote to this threat to our emotional reactions is to develop our critical faculties consciously and informatively and to create viewing groups in our congregations which meet on a regular basis to pool and discuss reactions, and to do it in relation to a total Christian theology.

"In terms of television, therefore, what we need now is for more Christian people willing to put their souls where their eyes are!"

CHINA'S DOORS ARE OPENING

First, an overview of how China looks from here:

*Chairman Mao Tse-Tung has aged visibly during the past 18 months. He is now well into the last phase of his relentless, "correct" revolution. The Chairman was 79 years old on Dec. 24 last.

*When China was out of the United Nations, Peking could duck almost every single international issue. Now that China's representatives must sit through long sessions in the UN chambers, and stand for hours at those bourgeois cocktail parties, they are persuaded to make certain commitments. And China has certainly not taken a wrecking bar to the UN machinery, as some of her detractors had thought.

*The United States is no longer enemy No. 1. That dubious honor now goes to the Soviet Union.

*China is in desperate need of industrial technology, and it is widely believed in Peking that the United States is tops in this area. Watch for interchange here.

*China's influence in Africa continues to be up-tempo. Some 20,000 Chinese are helping to construct the Tan-Zam railway

in Tanzania. The Africans are mystified by these look-alike, seemingly penniless (the Chinese just window-shop) comrades who have come to build the multi-million dollar railway system. This project is not the only Chinese involvement in Africa, but it is undoubtedly one of the most significant.

*Recent visitors to China say that the ancestor worship is far from eliminated; even some students burn joss sticks. Dug-in traditions die a painfully slow death . . . if, in fact, they ever really die.

*A mid-October report from Religious News Service informed us that Peking has one, lone functioning Protestant church. It is known as the Rice Market Street church, and is operated by the Peking Protestant Society. The minister, the Rev. Yin Chi-chen, was reported as saying that there were "about 500" Protestants in Peking. Then the understatement of the week . . . "although not all of them come to the church". The pastor said there were frequent services—"four or five times a week, sometimes less."

CHINA AND THE CHRISTIAN MISSION

The old-guard leadership in China is in its last round. It appears that CHOU EN-LAI AND MAO TSE-TUNG are consolidating relationships as much as

World Vision International is known most widely for its significant child-care programme, but its interests and activities are much wider than that. One of the new services given by World Vision is a regular report from their Asia Information Office (AIO) called "China Briefing" which is edited by Robert Larson. Here are a few extracts from a recent edition.

possible before they leave the scene. We, as outside observers, need to be aware that the politics of the new men, not yet visible, may be radically different, one way or another. We are persuaded to accept the fact that China will be Communist for a long time to come. To what extent it will remain puritanical and Maoist remains uncertain. Policies of the yet-to-surface "new men" could open doors wider . . . or shut them tighter than ever before.

China is encouraging a wide range of new relationships. At the same time, it is soft-pedaling a few of its traditional friendships out of political expediency. In other words, China, too, is a flexible, political, economic empire—in spite of her hugeness and seeming immobility.

These shifts in China's relationships are of great importance to Christians who wish to participate in some form of modern Chinese life . . . and to share their faith in Jesus Christ in an intelligent, useful way . . . whether as a Christian African helping the Chinese build the railroad, or as a Christian from the East or West who goes to China to serve as educator or technician. These changes in relationships create new opportunities.

China is becoming increasingly visible. Peking has more trade missions traveling

FROM RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Dr. Ernest Campbell, principal minister of the Riverside Church, New York City, will be the guest preacher at the Collins Street Independent Church, Aug. 10-Sept. 15.

His visit is to coincide with the Symposium, "Australia for Tomorrow—Shaping Urban Society for the Future," which is being arranged by the Collins Street Independent Church, in association with The Cairnmillar Institute.

Dr. Campbell holds a master's degree from Princeton and also two doctorate degrees, one of divinity and one of letters. He is married with two children.

Riverside Church is one of the famous pulpits of the world. The church adjoins Harlem on the one hand and Columbia University on the other and has a programme and scope of activities unequalled anywhere.

WOMEN'S "REFORMATION"

(U.S.A.) A feminist "Reformation Proclamation" in the form of 9.5 theses, was nailed by a United Church of Christ women's task force to the entrances of their church's headquarters in California and in a dozen UCC churches in the State. Copies were mailed to all 157 UCC churches in the region, to the national headquarters in New York, and to women's groups in other denominations.

The theses deal with nine categories—God, church ministry, sin, curriculum, role of women, role of men, marriage and language and include the assertion that it is "heresy" to refer to God exclusively as male and "idolatry" for women to consider males superior.

Other accusations were that in the church marriage service women are regarded as chattel, that they are

exploited through "volunteerism", and that those denominations which refuse to ordain women will become "stagnant at nearly every level."

The statement declared that treating women as equal to men will not result in loss of femininity and asserted that "Christian women liberationists are brave women who are exploring the outer edge of human possibility with no history to guide them, and with a courage to make themselves vulnerable in faith."

The tenth category, numbered 9.5, is an incomplete sentence to be finished in accordance with one's conscience: "Anyone who considers only half the human race to fully human deserves . . ." The method of announcing the theses was designed to recall the posting of Martin Luther's theses in 1517.

CHINA'S DOORS ARE OPENING

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around the world than any other country.

But how many of us on the outside can speak to the Maoist man? Ideologically it will always be difficult. But here we are talking about something concrete . . . the Chinese language.

Western students don't have much trouble with "buenos dias" and "bon jour." But what about (how are you?) . . . a greeting used by almost one quarter of the human beings on this earth.

Christians in colleges and universities should be encouraged to get serious about a disciplined program in Chinese studies.

Pastors, counselors and parents could make a great contribution if they were to give encouragement in this area.

A PARTING SHOT . . .

The Christian message has entered China four times in Chinese history: 7th, 13th, 16th and 19th centuries.

The verdict in almost all cases: FOREIGN RELIGION!

Who can say when a favorable environment for Christian witness will again be an option on the good Chinese earth?

Such crystal balls are not readily available.

But, please, let not the hyperactive, zealous evangelical think he shall go

marching back to China, dragging his curriculum behind him.

Those days are long gone, and the less we have of such wishful musing, the clearer we will see our real task.

The Scriptures openly declare that God seeks to reconcile the world unto Himself . . . and we assume that includes the masses of China as much as it does the masses of New York, London and Tokyo.

But is God necessarily committed to endorse even the best laid plans of mice and men?

In his ministry on earth, Jesus emphasized and lived a life of love . . . not propaganda; prayer . . . not programs; concern . . . not alarm.

Good touchstones for us as we consider China.

SING ALONG WITH MAO

One thing you probably don't have among all the dog-eared music in your piano bench is a good, stirring sample of

modern Chinese revolutionary music. So here is your complimentary copy.

Your neighbours will probably ask you about that catchy tune you keep humming.

The Three Main Rules of Discipline and the Eight Points for Attention

Tempo di Marcia

1. Rev- o- lu- tion'ry ar- my men must know,
 2. Sec- ond, don't take a sin- gle needle or thread,
 3. Dis- pline's Three Rules we must carry through,
 4. Sec- ond, pay fairly for what we buy,
 5. Fourth- ly, if we dam- age any- thing,
 6. Sixth, take care, don't dam- age peo- ple's crops,
 7. Eighth, don't ill- treat pris- on- ers of war,
 8. Know rev' lu- tion'ry dia- pline's ev' ry point,

1. First, o- bey or- ders in all of our ac- tions,
 2. Third- ly, turn in ev' ry- thing we cap- ture,
 3. First, we must be po- lite when we're spe- k- ing to the mass- es
 4. Third- ly, don't for- get to par- son- ly re- turn, re- ward
 5. Fifth, don't hit peo- ple or swear at them,
 6. Sev- enth, do not take 'b- er- ties with wo- men,
 7. Ev' ry- bod- y must con- scious- ly ob- serve the dis- cipline,
 8. De- fend the moth- er- land and for- ev- er march a- head,

1. Dis- pline's Three Rules, Eight Points for At- ten- tion:
 2. Peo- ple will sup- port and wel- come us;
 3. Eight Points for At- ten- tion we must bear in mind.
 4. Buy fair, sell fair, and be reas- on- able;
 5. Pay the full price, not a half cent less;
 6. Eith- er on march or in bat- tle;
 7. Don't hit, swear at or search them.
 8. Peo- ple's fight- ers love the peo- ple e'er,

1. March in step, to win vic- to- ry;
 2. Strive to light- en peo- ple's bur- dens.
 3. Re- spect the peo- ple, don't be ar- ro- gant;
 4. Ev' ry sin- gle thing that we bor- row;
 5. To- t'ly o- ver- come war- lord- l- i- m;
 6. Get rid of all hab- its de- cadent;
 7. Mu- tually su- per- vise, and not vis- it it.
 8. Peo- ple o'er the land support and wel- come us.

COMMUNICATING IN THE FAMILY

I have a lot to say to my friends.
Sometimes I say it in words.
Sometimes I say it in other ways.
Sometimes I want to speak—
But I need help in getting it out.

"Communicating in the Family" is the theme of the 1973 National Marriage and Family Week, to be held May 7-13.

The theme highlights one of the greatest weaknesses of family life today—communication.

Marriage counsellor after marriage counsellor reports that the greatest cause of failing marriages is lack of communication. Sex problems, money, in-laws—often these are intensified because a couple cannot talk to each other adequately.

Because of the major importance of the topic, the National Marriage and Family Week Council has chosen this as its 1973 theme.

The National Marriage and Family Week Council includes representatives of a wide variety of community organisations, both secular and religious.

Each year many of these organisations focus on the theme with special meetings, programmes and services.

The National Marriage and Family Week will be launched at a morning coffee in Melbourne on May 1, 1973. The gathering will be chaired by the Council's President, Rev. Dr. C. J. Wright, and will be addressed by the Rev. Roland Giese, educator and author.

A brochure has been printed by the Council to suggest ideas for programmes. It gives ideas for role plays, visuals, structured exercises, listening groups, educational games, discussion and reading.

Copies of the brochure are available from the National Marriage and Family Week Council, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

WORD TALK NO. 69

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

The root meaning of the word "Elder" means "beard". An Elder was a man with sufficient beard to be venerable. In the O.T. the Elders were the leaders of families, tribes and clans who observed community laws and traditions. Jethro encouraged Moses to spread his responsibilities (Exo. 18) to a company of Elders, who probably became the forerunners of the Judges. Nu. 11 tells of the selection of 70 from among the Elders for religious duties. The Sanhedrin that judged Jesus was a Council of 71 Elders. Heb. 11:2 describes the men of faith as Elders.

The N.T. office of Elder grows out of the O.T. practice. We have no account of the first ordination of Elders or how they functioned. However, they functioned with James and the Apostles at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 11:30; 15:2-6; 22-23). Paul and Barnabas appointed Elders in the Churches of Asia Minor (Acts 14:23) and the Elders of Ephesus (20:17) cared for the Church after Paul's removal. Their pastoral duties were referred to by James (5:14) and Peter (1 Pet. 5:1-4).

Christian writings of the first three centuries indicate differing tradition on the role of the Elder and the Bishop. In some, roles are synonymous (as in Tit. 1:5-7) in others some Elders became Bishops who were the only ones to preside at the Communion.

The Elders' qualifications are set out in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Tit. 1:5-9.

DICTIONARY

Elders are Christians elected by the local congregation for the work of the ministry. The professional, trained, paid Minister is an Elder, but the untrained volunteer may be elected as an Elder.

ELDER

FOR TODAY

The primary responsibility of an Elder is to be an Elder. He is elected to work not to glory in an office. Some Jewish Elders became notorious because they accepted no responsibility or personal involvement in the local synagogue but held the seats of honour. That has been repeated in the 20th Century! The Elder must function to be an Elder. To give spiritual oversight is vague and limiting. Elders must practise regular, personal, pastoral care, have some teaching responsibilities and share in the planning, discipline and worship of the congregation. Wise ministers like Jethro delegate authority and care.

Some Churches of Christ conduct the ordination of Elders by laying on of hands, seeking to elevate the office and to recognize the man so chosen. Some Churches also conduct training classes for those elected to Eldership. Most Elders need training for their important tasks of understanding, caring and communicating. Copies of the "Report of the Commission on Eldership" from the Fed. Lit. Dept. are essential.

As the economic factors of the 20th Century cause more churches to work in regional areas and co-operative parishes and where small rural churches may not have sufficient men of quality, district Eldership could be encouraged. Two or three Elders could take the responsibility of oversight for a group of small Churches. Elders should not neglect their pastoral ministry to the Minister. The ministers do not have pastors and often need the encouragement and sharing of Elders at a level of helpfulness.

Some Churches of Christ have broadened the effectiveness of their Eldership by electing youthful Elders and lady Elders. Reports indicate effective ministry from both groups of people and although the O.T. requirement of beards may be probable with the former it is undesirable with the latter.

—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.

TWO LANGUAGES

To the Editor,

On Feb. 25 at the Northcote Baptist church there was a combined service with members of the Italian Protestant community from various suburbs. This service should be of interest to many who, like myself, believe that we have largely failed in our contacts with migrant peoples.

The hymns were sung in Italian and Australian. The prayers, scripture readings, and address were in Italian. An elderly married couple were baptised.

Afterwards there was a friendly get-together with refreshments. Future Italian services will be at 5 p.m. The minister, Mr Brice, has similar plans for the Greek Protestant community.

C. C. Arnold, Vic.

PASS THE WORD

To the Editor,

Would all secretaries who have knowledge of church families or associates moving in to the fast developing areas of Montrose, Kilsyth, Mooroolbark, or Lydale, please contact the Secretary of Montrose Church: J. M. Reidy, 50 Hewish Rd. Croydon, Vic. 3136. Phone 723.1719 (Melb.).

J. M. Reidy, Vic.

THE PATCH

To Editor,

The article by Harold E. Easton on The Patch church reminds me of my privilege to be associated with the beginnings of this church in 1934-35 as student preacher at Emerald. This involved a bike ride every Sunday afternoon to the home of my friends Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Davey.

It was not a long journey but much of the road was so bad that during winter it was impossible to walk on it. There was nothing to do but to carry the bike through the scrub. For much of the time the congregation consisted of the Daveys, another couple and myself.

We held a meeting to become affiliated as a Church of Christ but the other couple decided they could not become members of Churches of Christ. We were forced to form ourselves into a "Union of Christians" (surely the same thing!)

I can still remember the feeling of frustration it gave me in the fear that we would be absorbed into a vague union. But as H. Easton reminds us, in 1956 the little church voted to become a Church of Christ. When I returned and saw the lovely church and congregation my heart was warmed to remember again how God turns defeat into victory. May the Lord continue to bless them.
Frank Griffiths, W.A.

LAND FOR ABORIGINES

In the "Australian Christian", August 1972, we reported that after some months of negotiation the Commonwealth Government had purchased a cafe and bulk fuel agency business in Onslow to be known as the "Noualla Community Centre." This business was bought for a group of Onslow aboriginals who had formed a co-operative known as the "Noualla Group," and the Federal Aborigines Mission Board had agreed to help and guide and train these people to manage the business themselves.

On February 26, 1973, it was announced in Canberra by the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Mr. Bryant, that the Federal Government had spent \$35,000 to purchase a 286,000 acre sheep station in W.A. for the Noualla Group. This is the Mt. Minnie Station which was operated as a sheep station by the Kempton family since 1966 and because of low wool prices has now been sold.

It is planned to set up a village type system on the property and as there is ample water, vegetables will be grown as well as running the 5,000 sheep already on the property. This will provide employment and also help in over-coming the problems of malnutrition.

However, although material benefits are more forthcoming for the aboriginal than ever before, we praise God for his leading in this direction and must keep before us the ever-increasing need to provide missionaries with vision to carry the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to these tribal people.

Many contributions have come in to assist in our north west outreach work but as the work grows so the need grows. Please pray for our missionaries in these isolated areas who are working against tremendous odds to bring the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the aboriginal.

-B.G.W.

CHURCH WORKERS' COURSE COMPLETED

(Vic.) Certificates for the College of the Bible Correspondence Course have been awarded to Mrs. Janice Shaw of Berri (S.A.) and Allen Carr of Geelong (Vic.). Each completed the course in three years.

Subjects included Intro. to the New Test. I and II, Church History I and II, Intro. to the Old Test., Old Test History and Religion, Christian Doctrine I and II, Witness of Churches of Christ, Sermon Preparation and Delivery, Practical Church Work.

-G.R.S.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

KEEPING GOD AT BAY (1)

To the Editor,

From earliest times, it seems, people have been trying to keep God at bay. They want him around, especially if there's some trouble. But they don't want him interfering in their private lives. And they don't want the embarrassment of having an experience of God. So they work hard at dodging him.

Adam hid from God behind a fig leaf. Jonah went on a sea trip to dodge God. Paul went riding at high noon. The psalmist hid from God in hell, but it didn't work. Thomas Hardy took a time top and "fled him down the years", but God was always where he arrived.

The thing I can't understand is why people who want to keep God at bay make such hard work of it. I've thought up a lot of easy ways of keeping God at a fair distance. For instance you can set out to change the world, for God of course, and in his way.

If you're changing the world for God you'll get rid of any nagging guilt feelings you may have about taking God seriously in your own personal and private life. And that's what you want isn't it! And after all, when you tell your friends that you're trying to improve society they won't think you're nuts. But if you talk to them about God changing your life they might think you are.

There are probably many reasons why your readers might want to keep God in his place, so by your leave I'll write again on "Easy Ways to Keep God at Bay".

I can hardly wait until next issue to see what I'm going to write!

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

PRESIDENT-ELECT HAS WIDE EXPERIENCE

The Vic-Tas Conference Executive and Nominations Committee announce that G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible, has been appointed president-elect of Conference for 1973-74.

Gordon Robert Stirling is a son of the manse, being the eldest of the three children of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Stirling whose ministry with Australian Churches of Christ extended over five States for fifty years. Gordon Stirling was born and educated in Western Australia where he matriculated with Distinction in Maths and Physics. The onset of the depression closed employment doors, so he moved with his parents to Queensland where his education continued in relief work, the dole, driving a pig cart, sugar cane

Lessons in time for publication in 1949. He wrote a number of studies for the Board and contributed to the "Leaders' Kit." Towards the end of his period in S.A. the Youth Department purchased the Longwood camp site, and Mr. Stirling gave leadership to the development of the area and the erection of the first two buildings. In his final year in South Australia he was President of Conference.

In 1954 Mr. Stirling commenced a fifteen year ministry with the Canberra Church, then consisting of seventeen members meeting in the Buffinton home. When the ministry ended there were congregations and buildings in both Ainslie and Lyons, served by two ministers. During the Canberra ministry Mr. Stirling served for some time as President of the Interchurch Council. For thirteen years he directed the ministry of the Canberra churches in radio and television, initiating such programmes as "Faith for Life" (a half hour Sunday night radio feature), "Christian News Review," (a daily Christian comment on the news), and "Just a Minute" (a daily TV spot in prime time). During his Canberra ministry he was given three and a half months leave of absence to attend the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Edinburgh, and eight weeks leave of absence to conduct a "Mission to Men" in New Zealand.

In 1968 Mr. Stirling became Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible. He serves on the Executives of both the Federal and the Vic-Tas. Conferences, and on the "Strategy for the Seventies" Committee.

In 1936, at Lower Hutt in New Zealand Gordon Stirling married Lesley Carnaby in the presence of the whole congregation, all of whom attended the reception which the Church gave. Mr. and Mrs. Stirling met while both were students at the College of the Bible. They have three married daughters and six grandchildren. Recently Mr. Stirling journeyed to Canberra to baptise his oldest grandson. Mrs. Stirling is the incoming President of the Vic-Tas. Christian Women's Fellowship. She was the first Federal President of the Girls' Brigade in Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Stirling are members of the Gardiner Church.



GORDON STIRLING

cutting, dairy farming, droving, fencing and tree felling. It was from the Bundaberg Church that he went to the College of the Bible at Glen Iris.

In January 1936 Mr. Stirling commenced his first ministry at Lower Hutt, N.Z. From there he was called to Palmerston North. His third ministry was as Dominion Youth Director for four and a half years. He edited the youth monthly "The Quest" and the leadership journal "Religious Education Quarterly." The first major project of the newly formed National Council of Churches in 1942 was a "National Campaign for Christian Order." Mr. Stirling was on its committee and wrote youth material for Dominion-wide distribution.

In 1945 Mr. Stirling became Youth Director of S.A. Churches of Christ, serving for eight and a half years. During this time he conducted "Call to Youth" a weekly radio programme, for the Council of Christian Education. He was an original member of the Federal Board of Christian Education, set up at Federal Conference in Perth in 1948. During this Conference negotiations began for the Board to take over the publishing of Austral Graded Lessons. With the late V. C. Stafford he wrote the Junior and Intermediate

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

WHAT IS MY NAME?

1. When I was born there was a sentence of death for all male children of my race.

2. I was kept at home until it was no longer safe and I was put in a kind of boat on the river and watched by my sister.

3. A king's daughter found me and adopted me.

4. When I grew up I became a leader of my own people.
(Answer of page 18).

Policeman: "Lady, can't you read? That's not a parking place!"

Lady: "Don't be ridiculous—the sign says, "Fine for parking."

Bride: "I've just baked two kinds of biscuits. Would you like to take your pick?"

Husband: "No thanks, I'll use my hammer."

No Escape!

A missionary offended some natives and was sentenced to death. According to tribal custom he had to make a statement. If the statement was true, he would die by poisoned arrows. If false, he would be burnt to death. There seemed no escape, until he had a brilliant thought. He made his statement in such a way that the tribesmen, under their own rules, had to let him go free. What did he say? (see next issue).



"It doesn't make sense! When I'm wide awake, I have to go to bed and when I'm very sleepy, I have to wake up!"

REVIEWS

THE STORY OF THE JESUS PEOPLE

Ronald M. Enroth, Edward E. Ericson Jr., C. Breckinridge Peters. (Paternoster Press)

The Jesus Movement is not any longer a fringe activity of the established churches, but a fast growing, not necessarily organised, movement with a world-wide reach. It is in itself an indictment of the institutional churches which are losing numbers and significance, and it is an amazing phenomenon of young people, in a materialist and self-seeking age, making sacrifices and witnessing to Christ as the Way of Life.

Are the Jesus People a threat to society and the churches, and to be compared with other aggressive and disruptive cults? Or are they simply a collection of "long-haired layabouts who have climbed on to the Jesus bandwagon?"

The movement began in California and that is where the three authors are and where they began their survey. Christianity Today reviewed this book as "the best comprehensive description and assessment of the variegated Jesus Movement." The 'Christian Herald' said "it is refreshingly objective . . . basic material, as absorbing as fiction."

It is not simply a history but a serious attempt to analyse the motivation and expression of the Movement and to assess its present strength and its future. The Children of God, Campus Crusade for Christ, Jesus Freaks, and many others, with their leaders and newspapers are considered by competent observers.

We are too close to the fast-changing events to expect anything like a final word about the Jesus People, but this book will greatly assist us in knowing what is happening and at least equip us with the facts upon which we may soon have to make a judgment.

THROUGH THE YEAR WITH CARDINAL HEENAN (Hodder & Stoughton)

This collection of Cardinal Heenan's writings has much of interest. There is a reading for every day of the year and they have been taken from addresses, radio talks, lectures, letters, and sermons over a long period. The editor is Denis Duncan, a former editor of "The British Weekly".

One reading is a comment on a mission to the whole country "and why should the prisons be left out?" So he went to prison. . . . "I would be unlucky if I took up a collection, wouldn't I?" (Laughter and general relaxation) . . . "By next morning the whole prison would know whether the missionary was worth hearing and whether attending the mission was to be the done thing . . . I gave them one or two incidents in the life of Our Lord almost exactly in the words of the Gospel and found that, as outside (prison is 'inside'), hearers are fascinated by the actual words of Scripture."

Cardinal Heenan ranges through personal qualities, spiritual exercises, social indecency, hunger, pain, refugees, and he shows that the compassion of Christ is not inhibited by theological differences. He himself has a generous word for Methodists. "As a young priest I learned from the Rev. Alfred Binks. He was in charge of the Methodist Mission in East Ham and he was an almost perfect example of a man without guile. I doubt if he ever acted without charity. That, of course, can be said of many men who belong to no church. But this man radiated the charity of Christ. From him I learned that the true Methodist is one who has a deep personal love of Christ."

Of course, the theological differences sometimes obtrude themselves. Writing of the Virgin Mary he says "We may regret that (the Scriptures) do not give us—as they do of our Lord's Ascension-explicit testimony to the fact that she was received in glory. But . . . the full significance of all the words of Holy Scripture was not known to the faithful from the very beginning. Just as there was a gradual growth of knowledge about the Son of God, with the passage of time there was a growing understanding of the nature of the woman chosen to be His mother. The truths deposited in the infant Church, developed under the light of the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

do not alter. But their content becomes more clear. The Church does not receive new revelations. That is why no new doctrine can ever be proposed to the belief of Catholics." The teaching of the Catholic Church about the Virgin Mary may not be regarded as a new revelation, but it is certainly an addition to knowledge and unauthorised by Scripture.

Nevertheless, it is pointless to complain that Heenan is loyal to Catholic belief. He is a Roman Catholic! but he often gives the authentic Christian message.

"HERITAGE TO DESTINY"

A 16 mm (black and white) movie film. Screening time: 30 minutes.

The Conference Executive of the Victorian and Tasmanian Churches of Christ has in its possession the film: "Heritage To Destiny" which depicts the early history of the Restoration Movement in the United States of America.

This film is historical in its approach and presentation of its message is made both interesting and relevant for viewers by the story being presented against the background of a local church engaged in a rebuilding programme in the course of which opportunity is taken to look more closely at the Brotherhood of which that church is a part.

"Heritage To Destiny" has a variety of possible uses: for showing at church services or fellowship evenings the film has wide appeal, while for smaller groups such as Men's and Women's Fellowships, Bible Classes and Prayer Meetings as a "starter" for discussion and question times, its use could be invaluable.

In view of the Federal Department of Christian Union's co-operation with the Victorian and Tasmanian Committee with the "Strategy For the Seventies" kit-set on Churches of Christ and The Christian Union Scene, the film has a most important place in the lives of congregations who desire to update themselves on our position as a people and the challenges with which today presents us.

"Heritage To Destiny" may be obtained on application to: The Conference Secretary, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, 3000. Freight on the film is the only charge.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"That was quick thinking when the air conditioner broke down — reminding them what previous martyrs have endured!"

• SOUTH AUSTRALIA

UNITED IN MISSION & SERVICE

In South Australia, there exists a developing attitude of goodwill, trust and co-operation between all of the various Churches. This is evident at both the local level and amongst those who are in the position of leadership in the various communions. We rejoice to see united parishes being established by the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.

Recently, at the annual assemblies of these three bodies, it was resolved that Churches of Christ should be invited to become a constituent member of the Joint Advisory Council, which Council advises and supervises the United Parishes in their activities. I was invited to attend any or all of the sessions of the Methodist Annual Conference, and participate in any way I felt inclined, the only limitation being the right to vote. It was a delight to share in their fellowship.

We are participants in one United Parish. The move was made at the local level. The Dulwich Church having built up good relationships with the Rose Park Methodist and Congregational Churches, decided to join with them in a ministry of service and mission in the community. The ministers of the three Churches were set aside as ministers to each of the three churches. Each Church maintains its affiliation with its parent body and continues to fulfil its obligations in exactly the same way as previously. A Constitution has been prepared and accepted under which each congregation continues to worship according to the accepted practice of its parent body. In other words, all that is surrendered is the isolation and separation of the congregations, while there is added a wider fellowship, a better understanding of each other's faith and practice and an opportunity for a complementary ministry.

This United Parish has been operating for more than a year. Some minor difficulties have arisen, but because of what has been added to their Christian experience, the Churches are determined to stay together and grow together.

On Jan. 28, a new minister was inducted into this United Parish in the person of Rev. W. Stafford who had been appointed the minister of the Rose Park Methodist Church and, at the same time, a minister of the United Parish. The Secretary of the Congregational Union led the service, in which the three

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE CHURCH WITH THE CLOSED DOOR. We can all appreciate the frustrations of ministers who feel that their church is being used up. People get married there, are baptised there, and are buried from there, but they do not attend there and they give nothing but a token support for the church's witness and ministry.

Nevertheless, when an Anglican vicar in N.S.W. last week refused to conduct a funeral service in his church, he made the wrong response. A man was killed in an accident, but because he did not attend the church's services, the family were told that the vicar would not conduct the service in the church.

Fortunately, another minister did come to conduct the funeral service in the church concerned, but the family was embarrassed and humiliated, and the church itself was shown in an attitude which appeared to many to be intolerant and harsh.

The sincerity of the vicar is not questioned, and he doubtless suffered considerably in making his painful decision. It is accepted that his action was not designed to hurt the family, but rather was intended to defend the gospel and the church which is charged with guarding that gospel.

The question is: can the church justly withhold its ministry from those who need, especially from those who suffer bereavement in tragic circumstances? We feel that the church cannot.

Neither the minister nor the church he serves has the right to judge the fitness or otherwise of a person. Every assurance in the funeral service is qualified by faith. A Christian life may be evidence of the presence of faith, but the absence of a person from church is not sufficient evidence of lack of faith.

Since only God knows the heart of a man, the mere fact that a person attends church every Sunday is not in itself enough proof of a life of faith. Ministers may and often do agonise as much over those who attend church as over those who do not.

A man may attend church every Sunday and be as far from God as the man who never attends.

The church and its servants have no right to withhold its ministry of comfort from those who seek it.

It must also be said that the church has no right to withhold its message of the demands of the gospel upon people both inside and outside of the church. But it is too late to do this at a funeral service..

churches combined for their morning worship. The Secretary of the Methodist Connexion inducted the minister and as Secretary of our Conference I delivered the address. The Chairman of the Council of this United Parish is Ken Allison, a deacon of our Dulwich Church. He extended the right hand of fellowship to the new minister on behalf of the United Parish.

At our Annual Conference in April the delegates will be asked to vote on a recommendation from our Executive that we accept the invitation to become a constituent member of the Joint Advisory Council.

—I. J. Chivell.

TRAGIC DEATH IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mozambique pastor Zedequias Manganhela, president of the Presbyterian church in that Portuguese African colony, took his own life recently after being subjected to intense interrogation for six months while imprisoned by the Portuguese. A strong ecumenical-minded leader, Manganhela had been criticized by the authorities for helping to make his church autonomous. In the context of the guerrilla war in Mozambique, his death is seen as a serious blow to the entire Christian world.

CHRISTIANS AND ABSOUTISM. There has always been the seed of tension in Christianity's claim that Jesus alone is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The conviction that this is God's ultimate message has sent Christian missionaries all over the world and they have preached one gospel—to Jews, Moslems, Buddhists, Hindus—to people with one god, many gods, or no god.

Whenever there has been the slightest weakening of the absolute claims for Christ, conservative Christians have felt that the gospel has been in chains. They assert that no temple can effectively contain Jesus, Mohammed, the Buddha, and Confucius, as complementary prophets of an unnamed God. Jesus is more than a prophet, He alone has the word of eternal life.

Religious confrontation has led to a current war of words in the U.S.A., where the evangelism crusade Key 73 has been declared to be offensive to the Jews. "Christianity Today" reported that one rabbi saw Key 73 as the declaration of spiritual war upon the Jew. Christians supporting the crusade have charged Jewish critics with expecting Christians to negate their faith by calling on them not to fulfill their commission to preach to all the world. They maintain that Christians cannot be expected to "lay off" evangelism.

Other rabbis have argued that the best defence for Jews, especially those who are students in the universities, is to have a deeper understanding and knowledge of their unique Jewish identity.

The crusade Resource Book says, "Key 73 carries the vision of every un-churched family in North America being visited by someone who comes with loving concern to share his faith in Christ."

The unchurched families can reject the message. They can even repel those who call on them. But Christians who believe that God has spoken the word of life and love uniquely through Jesus Christ cannot escape their obligation to witness to their faith. Key 73 is one way that some Christians have chosen.

GIFFORD GORDON. We are indebted to R. Lee Pryor, minister in Claremont, California, for the obituary notice of Gifford Gordon on page 15 of this issue. Mr. Gordon is probably quite unknown to any but the veteran members of our Australian churches, but in his years with us he was one of our most sought after preachers. He was particularly active in the Temperance cause in a day when the church's temperance rallies were often the major public gatherings.

GOOD GRIEF!! It usually takes a lot of hard work and disciplined dedication to gain a Doctor of Divinity degree, but citizens of the U.S.A. may send \$20 to P.O. Box 1393, Dept. G-2, Evanston, Illinois, and receive from the Missionaries of the New Truth the rank of Doctor of Divinity, and ordination that will enable you to set up your own church, apply for exemption from taxes, perform marriages, and "exercise all other ecclesiastical powers."!!!

Israeli scientists are reported to have developed a process for extracting uranium nuclear fuel from phosphate rocks near Mount Sinai.

Long opposed to State Aid for church schools, the Seventh Day Adventists in the U.S.A. are changing, and recommendations have been drawn up suggesting how SDA schools can apply for such aid.

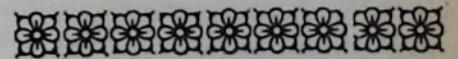
The Jesus movement among young people was strongly denounced by E. L. King, Anglican Dean of Capetown, Sth. Africa. He said that its converts were too sure about salvation and heaven and they lacked social concern.

A new worship centre in a Toronto suburb will be used by Roman Catholics and Presbyterians. The two churches will share the expenses and will share the physical facilities but each "will have the right to keep its congregational life and programme separate."

It is reported that there is an average of 3,500 baptisms a month in the revival taking place among Korean servicemen. White ministers and missionaries must have government permission to live or travel in non-white areas in new legislation to reinforce apartheid.

Unexpected strength was given to the Mexican government's birth control programme when the Catholic bishops there gave qualified support.

Asian Christian Service (EACC) has been asked to continue its assistance to the Vietnam's Government's National Venereal Disease Eradication Centre for two more years. ACS assistance began in 1969.



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TEACHER—RANWADI SECONDARY SCHOOL

A teacher is urgently required for the Ranwadi Secondary School in the New Hebrides. Mr and Mrs G. Elliott, who returned recently for health reasons, are at present being replaced by Mr and Mrs G. Warne. This however is only a temporary arrangement as the Warnes have been appointed to the Banmatmat Bible College. The Missionary Committee in the New Hebrides would like them to stay at Ranwadi for one school term only if possible.

The Overseas Mission Board therefore welcomes enquiries from qualified Secondary School teachers, or graduates without teaching qualifications, prepared to teach at Ranwadi on a short term or permanent basis.

John Liu is at present accepting responsibilities for lectures at Banmatmat. It was previously agreed that Mr Liu would take the greater load of lecturing for 1973 to enable Mr Warne to become acquainted with other areas of the work, and particularly problems experienced by the pastors.

While the work at Ranwadi will help Mr and Mrs Warne become acquainted with the work in an area apart from the Banmatmat Bible College, it is highly desirable that they locate at Banmatmat as soon as possible. We therefore request teachers interested in overseas service to give earnest and prayerful consideration to this need.

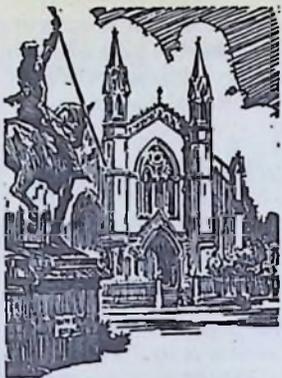
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A double-certificated nurse is urgently required for the Duindui Hospital. With the return of Sister M. Dillon, only one Australian sister is on the staff. It is expected that another will go forward in a few weeks, but three Sisters are required. This is an urgent need and enquiries are welcome from double-certificated nurses prepared to serve as permanent, short term or voluntary workers.

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QUEENSLAND

ELDERS ELECTED (Ipswich B. Rice) Church elected V. G. Boettcher and W. V. McKenzie as Elders. N. Fawdry is secretary, A. E. Boettcher is treasurer . . . Appreciation was placed on record of work done (especially as organist) by the late Mrs. Mavis Fraser . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Will Gibson following surgery. Mrs. V. G. Boettcher and Mrs. Allan Feldhahn are progressing slowly after surgery. Mr. M. Kruger has also been hospitalized . . . There have been three decisions for Christ recently.

ARANA HILLS Garry Staddan's three-year part-time ministry closed when Garry decided to concentrate on university studies to equip himself for future ministry. Garry and Judy endeared themselves to the church . . . Glen Stibbe, a final year Kenmore student has commenced a ministry. He and his wife, Betty, and two children have been made welcome . . . Mr Stibbe is to enter hospital for further treatment for his hand . . . At the church planning meeting a programme for the year was drawn up and \$150.00 set as a target for the work of missions . . . Our financial position has improved since the Northside churches I.C.A. scheme was implemented. At the last Board meeting it was decided that we can do without the Home Mission subsidy which has given great help over the past five years.

ALL DAY PLANNING (Kedron, R. Sansome) Members recently attended an all-day planning session to co-ordinate local auxiliaries calendar with that of the whole brotherhood. It was so successful it will become an annual event . . . Mrs. Win Brumby was one of the cooks at the Kenmore College Retreat at Mt. Tambourine to begin college year.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

JOINT FELLOWSHIP (Semaphore, P. R. Whitmore) Members meet in homes with Queenstown members, alternating each week between the two fellowships. The Group has undertaken to support an Aboriginal child . . . Following the Harvest Festival and Temple Day a liberal supply of groceries etc., was handed to the Christian Rest Home . . . Attendances and giving have surpassed aims recently set by the Board . . . A Ladies' Group has been formed to assist with visitation . . . Brian Brand is S.S. Supt.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NEW MANSE (Morawa, R. Sack) Builders are due to commence erection of the new manse on land opposite present manse . . . Mr and Mrs R. Carslake celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary . . . Laurellie McIlwaine, Elizabeth Deakin, and Ian Barr have been farewelled on leaving home for further education . . . Annette Tonkin now in fellowship. She studied at A.B.I. and is now teaching at Morawa . . . Betty Butler is nursing for three months at Geraldton . . . Mrs C. Carslake is C.W.F. president.

NEW CAUSE BAPTISMS (East Victoria Pk., W.A. W. Thornton) Mr. Thornton also ministers to the church at Thornlie. On March 18, three young disciples from Thornlie were baptised at our church . . . Miss Sandra Freedy was selected to go to Brisbane to play in the representative Soft Ball Championships . . . Recent speakers have been Dennis Hughes, of Kalamunda, and Don Butler, Secretary of the Federal Aborigines Board.

SEVEN DECISIONS (Bunbury, G. Carslake) There have been seven recent decisions for Christ, mainly young people . . . Ted and Meryl Watson have been transferred to Lae, New Guinea . . . Special thankoffering raised \$900 for church renovations . . . Another 11 flats will be built at Elanora Lodge, making a total of 42 flats for the aged . . . Mr. Carslake will conclude a six year ministry here at the end of 1973.

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HARVEST GIFTS (Kensington Park, W. Bartlett). The bountiful supply of goods displayed at our Harvest Thanksgiving service on March 5, were sent to St. Georges' Christian Rest Home . . . Mrs Valerie Frunk and her daughter, Debra, have been baptised . . . The church mourns the death of Mrs Pearl White (a foundation member) and Joseph Vaughan . . . Mr. Bartlett has been replaying tapes of the choir and Dr. Joyce's messages at Federal Conferences.

BLACKWOOD PICNIC (L. G. Cooke, B. V. Coventry) The B.S. picnic at Willows Oval, National Park, gave Mr. Cooke an opportunity to meet parents . . . Mr. & Mrs. V. Martin and family were farewelled to Gawler. They will be missed. Vern has served as "Aust. Christian" representative and Mardi as a B.S. teacher. . .

OBITUARY

GORDON, Gifford, Gifford Gordon died at 91 years of age at the McCabe Medical Facility at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California on Jan. 4, after a long confining illness of some six years.

Mr. Gordon was a native of Australia and a graduate of the College of the Bible at Lexington, Kentucky. He held pastorates at Geelong and Prahran. He also ministered at Doncaster. Fifteen years later he returned to the United States with his Australian bride, the former Alice Properjohn. In 1926 he began a 20 year ministry with the youth of America, speaking from coast to coast in school assemblies and youth rallies proclaiming the "Gospel of the Good Life." So well was his message received that he was supported by private contributions. His last pastorate was at San Dimas, Los Angeles, Calif.

The memorial services were conducted in Claremont, California by his pastor R. Lee Pryor, and Rev. Francis Ellis, of the United Church of Christ (Congregational) of Claremont, on January 8.

Mrs. Alice Gordon preceded him in 1955. He is survived by a brother, Athol, of Klamath, N.S.W., the last of a family of eleven children. He was laid to rest beside his wife in the Evergreen Cemetery of La Verne, California.

Mr. Gordon was a very committed Christian with a deep faith in the righteous purposes of God, and a dynamic speaker.

MORTON, Mrs. Myrtle Ruby

Myrtle Ruby Morton died on March 3 at the age of 78 years. A service of tribute was conducted in the Burwood chapel on March 6. Mrs. Morton's association with the Burwood church began some two years after her marriage to P. H. Morton when they moved to Strathfield from Hornsby. This was about six months after the church at Burwood was commenced in 1920. She served Christ faithfully and graciously as she made it possible for her beloved husband to engage in many areas of service in the local fellowship and brotherhood spheres. Her Christian hospitality will be remembered by many, who, over the years were invited to have a meal with the Mortons.

She is survived by her husband, P. H. Morton, daughter & son-in-law Dorothy & Alex Wilson, and daughter, Mrs Enid Reiher, as well as five grandchildren. "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away."

—M.H.A.P.

PURDIE, Charlotte Grace

Mrs. Purdie died at the age of 92 years. At 21 she was baptised at Queenstown, S.A. and afterwards was a foundation member at the Colonel Light Gardens Church. Later she had fellowship at Prospect and recently Mile End.

She really enjoyed life and loved people. She acted upon her faith in Christ and whenever she encountered difficulties she would read at least a chapter of the Bible and pray. The Holy Spirit provided spiritual life, truth and wisdom. This is illustrated in that her nine children, four girls and five boys, all love Christ and remain faithful to the church. Of the 34 grandchildren and 44 great grandchildren many have an ongoing faith and are greatly used in fulfilling the great commission.

Steven Thomas, grandson-in-law, assisted in the service emphasizing thanks to God for a wonderful gran, on behalf of all the relatives.

—N.H.

Matter of Fact and Faith

WORCESTER, WESTERN ENGLAND—The Worcester (Anglican) Diocesan newsletter reported here recently on a sermon by a local pastor on the relationship between fact and faith.

The rector said:

"That you are sitting in front of me in church is a fact.

"That I am speaking to you from the pulpit is a fact.

"But it is only faith that makes me believe that any of you are listening."



NEW SOUTH WALES

J.E.W. SERIES (Belmore, B. Armstrong) Ian Belcher, Secretary N.S.W. Jewish Evangelical Witness, is presenting a series on "Conditions at Christ's Coming" . . . C.W.F. (evening) held an "Australian Evening". C.W.F. (day) held a "Bible Objects on Sewing" morning . . . Morning services are at 10.30 a.m. for two months. B.S. commences at 9.15 a.m. . . . John Maloney has entered Sydney Missionary and Bible College.

NEW ON RADIO (Telopea, J. Bacik) "Rejoice" is a new programme on 2CH, Sundays at 7 a.m. hosted by Mr. Bacik . . . A building extension committee is working out ways to earn money e.g. collecting aluminium cans, using talents etc. . . . Graeme Chapman was speaker for first 1973 Guest Service. Guest singers were Mrs. Helen York and Mrs. Margaret Farmer . . . T. Kallmier was study leader for 43 at youth camp at Collaroy . . . B.B. No. 1 competed in swimming carnival at Granville . . . Miss Pam Ratten has succeeded Mrs. Helen Kallmier as Kindergarten Supt.

PAINT AND PAINTER (Bexley North, N. Merrick) A missionary project is seeking to raise \$1000 for paint and a painter for interior work at Duindui hospital, Aoaba, New Hebrides . . . Student minister, Nigel Merrick, was re-appointed for 1973. He returned from vacation in Perth with his new bride in time for the 42nd anniversary services . . . A family tea was held to celebrate the opening of our new kitchen and projection room . . . The annual meeting elected M. Alderman, W. Bagley, C. Baker, A. Laney, and A. Sheridan to the Officers' Board.

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VICTORIA

QUARTERLY EXCHANGE (Latrobe Tce. Geelong, R. V. Amos) In quarterly exchange of platform personnel of Geelong churches on March 4, J. Edwards of Norlane was speaker . . . Two B.S. scholars have been baptised . . . Church was well represented at welcome to L. F. Barker, newly appointed Chaplain to Geelong West Tech. . . . Wednesday evening prayer sessions are led by J. Small . . . Girls' Brigade attended camp at Anglesea, march 10-12 . . . Malcolm Humphries addressed the church and gave outline of the projected work he and his wife will be doing with our Mission at Santo, New Hebrides.

TO AND FROM ECHUCA The church farewelled the Brown family after three years of service. Mr. Brown is now ministering at Kaniva. D. H. Smith came to lead the induction service for Russell Ritchie. A house welcome at the manse was held during the week when members met Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie and their small son . . . There have been three decisions among our youth.

BOX HILL INDUCTION. The conference President, M. J. Savage, conducted the induction ceremony of K. R. Bond, after which a welcome social gathering and supper was extended to Mr. & Mrs. Bond and family . . . International evangelist, George Wood, spoke at a packed gospel meeting. One lad made the Good Confession . . . Church picnic held at

Upper Yarra Dam . . . Mark Robinson recovering after accident to his eye.

HORSHAM DECISIONS (R. Roberts) A young man made commitment to Christ on March 4. A family Camp was held on the long week-end and there were two further decisions. Mr. Roberts was leader. At home Mrs. N. Hovey presided and M. Carter was speaker . . . Special prayer meeting was held for Vicki Fraser who has a rare complaint . . . Goods at the Harvest Thanksgiving on March 4 realised \$55 for Bethany Children's Home . . . Lynette Fulton is in hospital following a road accident.

CANVAS CAMP (Chelsea, D. Oakes). The first ever "Canvas Family Camp" was held at Shoreham Feb. 22-24 with seven families plus some young people. Mr. Oakes led study groups on the "Holy Spirit" . . . Barry Tattersall will organise a Lay Witness Programme for April 6-8 . . . Evening services now commence at 7 p.m. . . . Junior and Senior Explorers camped at Buxton Mar. 10-12.

80th AT SOUTH YARRA (D. Cleaver) 80th Anniversary Homecoming Day had C. G. Taylor and A. W. Ladbrook as guest speakers. The P.S.A. featured "Highlights through the years with our Ministers". Nine past ministers spoke in response and 15 sent apologies. A Thank Offering of \$524 was received towards the painting of the school hall and kitchen.

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VIC.—TAS. C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. F. Morgan, welcomed 89 delegates representing 40 churches to the March Council meeting.

Win. Beale spoke on the need to guard ourselves from paternal attitudes and was able to show by way of examples the mature outlook of many New Guinea Christians.

The devotional segment consisted of a film produced and shown by Mr. L. Dunn entitled "With Him in the Garden." Intercessory Prayer was given by Mrs. June St. Aubyn.

Tea tickets are now available for Women's Day of Conference on May 2, \$1 each.

Next Council—April 6, 10.30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service.

Speaker—Mrs. Freda Morris.
—M.N.

MANSE REBUILDING (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) Plans are almost ready for the manse rebuilding project . . . 48 teachers met for orientation session prior to dedication service on Feb. 4. B.S. commenced on Feb. 11 . . . Among those interviewed by Mr. Moyes at evening services have been Alan Emmett, Ern Miles, and Mr. McNab . . . Joy McNab of the Sth. African Opera Co., was recent soloiste . . . "Christian Sentinel" contributor, Mrs. F. Rosier, is now writing "Inner Springs" for the "Australian Christian."

HOST TO CONFERENCE (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard) The circuit was host to the Northern and Central District Conference on March 3. Mrs. F. Morgan and B. J. Jenkins were guest speakers . . . J. Hunting (of J.E.W.) was a recent visiting speaker . . . C.M.F. has voted \$200 towards cost of Bond-Munyard mission . . . Gordon Owers (elder) and Garry Baxter (deacon) have been added to Board.

TWO NEW CLUBS (Portland, B. Duff) After eight months of Mr. Duff's ministry the work at Portland is being stabilized. Two new clubs are functioning well . . . R. Hope and R. Moody have been added to the officers' Board.

BUDGET INCREASE (Mildura, T. Lawrie) With increased offerings from Planned Giving, the budget for Outreach Projects has been increased \$624 for 1973 . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Gwen Caldwell (Nee Cameron) . . . Recent speakers have been W. Neville, D. Clark, and Chaplain Rex Sharrad . . . C.W.F. ladies assisted in bottling fruit for the C.O.B. . . . Church is preparing for a H.M. and Evang programme in July with Allan Avery . . .

A fellowship luncheon was held at the Rogerson home after morning service to enable old and new members to get to know each other . . . Minister is active in district Christian TV programmes . . . C.W.F. is participating in a district survey for care of the aged.

CAMPERS LEAD (Bayswater A. Fletcher) Camp experiences were shared at gospel service by our young people. Paul Muller occupied the pulpit . . . An excellent illustrated talk was given by Robert Coyle of the "Open Air Campaigners." . . . Our ladies attended a Morning Coffee sponsored by the Christian Women's Conference International at St. Pauls Church of England, Boronia. Guest speaker was Miss Phyl Davis, Matron of Perry House (Royal Women's Hospital).

DISTRICT CANVASS (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders) From March 11, members will conduct a house canvass to interest people in the church, with emphasis upon B.S. and clubs for youngsters . . . Parents of B.S. scholars were invited to share in a family service on Feb. 25 which included prize-giving. Coffee and biscuits were provided after the meeting . . . J. Burns, recently returned from India, addressed the church on Indian religions on March 4 . . . The Balwyn Teen Set conducted the evening meeting. B.T.S. held a Coffee Hour later . . . Frank and Win Beale were guests when C.W.F. (afternoon) gave a missionary emphasis to their March meeting. The C.W.F. (evening) took the devotional segment.

CAULFIELD TO C.O.B. (Bambra Rd. W. Berston) Noel Boyd, until recently Boys' Club leader and S.S. Supt., has entered the College of the Bible, Glen Iris . . . Mr. Berston was speaker at the B. & F.B.S. meeting at Kooyong Rd. Methodist church on Feb. 21. There was good support from our ladies . . . Miss Amy Davey is now residing at Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh . . . Elaine Verity has commenced nursing at Prince Henry's Hosp. and Ian Jones is a medical student at Monash Univ.

OPEN AIR WITNESS (Margaret St., L'ceston. M. D. Hamilton) On March 11 after a communion service, the congregation joined with others in an open-air service on the adjoining park. This was arranged by the Committee for World Action . . . After a recent morning service a luncheon was held at which the officers outlined the year's programme . . . Warwick Foot has been transferred to Melb., and Mr. & Mrs. G. J. Foot are holidaying in N.Z. . . . A Good Companions' Club now replaces the Girls' Brigade.

HARVEST FOR C.O.B. (Ormond, G. Mathieson) A Harvest Festival was held on March 11 and 18 for the College of the Bible . . . Tyrrell Turriff represented the Aborigines' Mission in addressing the church . . . A Calisthenics class has commenced led by Judith Croft . . . C.Y.F. interviewed Dan Nebauer of the permanent Air Force. He has been in Vietnam . . . C.M.F. visited "Ancient Times House" archaeological display.

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AUXILIARY INVOLVEMENT (Berri, S.A. K. Fechner) All auxiliaries met to plan involvement in evening services on a regular basis . . . Preliminary meetings held with E. W. Heard for a "Challenge in Stewardship" programme in June . . . New type of youth programme has emphasis upon "Encounter" rather than amusement . . . Bronwyn Fisher is now attending Flinders Univ. . . . Mrs. M. Fisher spoke at Women's World Day of Prayer meeting at Methodist church . . . Boys' Brigade numbers are increasing with two new leaders, Kath Fechner and Lyndon Rosenberg.

NEW PASTOR (Enfield Heights) N. Gavros, his wife, and two teenage children, Louise and Peter, were welcomed into fellowship as Mr. Gavros commenced his ministry. He previously served at Fullarton.

50 GIRLS (Barmera, K. Fechner) Girls' Brigade enrolment has reached 50 and two new leaders have also joined . . . Junior Highs meet weekly with Berri and Senior Youth meet fortnightly . . . B.S. children took part in the Harvest Thanksgiving service . . . Morrie Toull is recovering in Adelaide after major surgery for cancer . . . Patricia Brooke has been appointed Glossop High School Head Prefect and Kathy Brooke was elected house vice-captain.

LADIES TO PRESIDE (Col. Light Gardens. R. V. Holmes) Ladies are being included on Presidential Plan for the first time. They already share in reading and helping at communion service . . . The church year began with a "Planning Sunday." After communion at 9.30 a.m. congregation spent most of day reviewing past year and planning 1973 based on booklet: "What did we do in '72" and a questionnaire. The evening service included an act of dedication . . . A Planned Giving Programme Review will be held in March/April led by H. M. Director Ted. Heard.

BLIND CAR WASH (Hampstead Gdns. A. K. Jones) A car wash organised by young people for the Blind Institute raised \$51 . . . Three young people have been baptised . . . A. J. Ingham is leading the prayer meeting . . . Four ladies attended Women's Camp at Longwood; one made her decision for Christ.

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FAMILY BAPTISM. (Peel St. Ballarat. W. Mills). A February highlight was the baptism of the McAlpine Family . . . A Mini-Mission with Ron Barnes is planned for April . . . Youth Fellowship members attended S. W. Dist. Conf. barbecue at Norlane . . . Girls Club baked lamingtons and sold them to church members to raise money . . . A farewell and presentation was held for D. McLeod before he entered Woolwich.

TWO FAMILIES WELCOMED. (St. Arnaud). The church has received two new families who have come to St. Arnaud to their new appointments of work. Mr. and Mrs. More and family from Horsham (Mr. More is Inspector of Police) and Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Beasey and family from Portland. Mr. Beasey is Headmaster at St. Arnaud State School. Mrs. Beasey and son are accomplished

organists and their help is greatly appreciated . . . The midweek prayer meetings are proving encouraging . . . Recognition was made to our oldest member (Mrs. E. Baldwin), 86 years, for 50 years continued service and loyalty to the church.

MINISTERS' CHURCH (Tootgarook. D. Brown). The church has several retired ministers in the congregation and has now welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lloyd from Wattle Park into fellowship . . . John Machin and Miss Dorrie Combridge are still not well, after hospitalization . . . There was an exchange of minister and officers with Red Hill on Feb. 25 for the morning service.

RETREAT TO ADVANCE (Nth. Williamstown, K. H. Pitt) The Board of officers and their wives spent an evening and a day at Rita Roberts Lodge (Monbulk) for a time of spiritual preparation and planning for 1973 . . . C.W.A.F. commenced year with a basket lunch at Williamstown Gardens. A bus load of ladies visited guests in Churches of Christ Nursing Home and provided afternoon tea . . . M. J. Savage was morning speaker at 85th church anniversary on Feb. 18. After Fellowship Tea, Keith Kudgater (from New Hebrides) brought a missionary message to the night meeting.

MISSIONARIES GO SOUTH (Nubeena/Highcroft, W. Flett) Recent missionary speakers have been Frank Beale and Keith Ludgater . . . Over 60 are enrolled in the S.S. Their picnic was held at Stewarts Bay . . . Several C.W.F. members went to Hobart to hear Mrs. Jean Rees speak to women.

. . . K. H. Pitt will conclude his ministry in Jan. 1974 after six years of ministry . . . A presentation was made to Pat and Kath. Aherne and family on departing to New Tribes Mission in Sydney for missionary training. A "Missionary Gift Fund" will assist their support . . . Mr. Pitt is treasurer of the "Home Missions" "Reach Out" programme and D. Kellond is church representative for N. W. Suburbs Committee . . . The church's appreciation has been conveyed to A. R. Haskell, R. Haden, and L. Firth for their years of service to the church as deacons . . . The cricket Club has reached the finals.

NEW AT NTH. ESSENDON Jack Wiltshire was installed into the ministry by A. E. White on Feb. 25 and an informal welcome was given to Mr & Mrs Wiltshire and David at night. Visitors included Elton and Glenda Wiltshire from Canberra . . . Previous minister, Warren Jenkins, is now serving with the Good Neighbour Council . . . The Church is providing office space for "The Australian Christian" . . . Frank Mason is still ill and Mrs M. Bullen is in hospital with a fractured leg.

\$1750 FOR BOWL. (Doncaster. K. D. Horne). The Christmas Bowl appeal amounted to \$1750 . . . Three young people have made decisions . . . Church Camp held at Cowes, Philip Island, attended by 38 families . . . "Breakfast at the church" programme on March 11 attracted 40 young people with Rod Hodgson of the "Apostles" Motor Cycle Club as speaker . . . Guests interviewed in evening services have been Ian Cook (Thailand) Keith Ludgater (New Hebrides) Tom Broderick (Lepers) Peter Langford (Youth Convention) . . . "Series One" of Study Fellowship being led by Graham Lord . . .

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However, whether they do or not, ministers certainly have no right to tell anyone, even if he is a brother minister, information that is shared in confidence between a member and his minister. A person may speak quite frankly to his minister about his secret thoughts and private actions, if to do so will assist the minister in his pastoral care. Perhaps, in his concern, a minister may even probe a little—not to pry, but to help. This private information will not be recorded and will not be repeated to an elder or minister's wife, or anyone else.

Since a minister may leave a congregation when some crisis is

unresolved he may ask permission of the member to pass on information that may assist the new minister in giving pastoral help. Or better still, he may urge the member to talk as freely to the new man as to himself.

This kind of information is never written down. No record should be kept of private conversations. The only information that is written down in any kind of pastoral record is that relating to names, addresses, phone number, talents, skills, achievements and often events, such as weddings, deaths, births, and church membership details. This kind of information is general. It is not only desirable that it be passed on, it is essential.

But private information that affects a member's relationships, or that reflects upon his character, or anything at all that has been told in confidence is not to be recorded, or passed on verbally, or in any way shared with the new minister or any other person.

The only exception that could be made to this is when the member requests it or allows himself to be persuaded that it is to his advantage to do so.

There may be occasions when some such information could assist a new minister. But there is an equal chance that the information could hinder the new minister in his relationships with his congregation. Let the new man win his own confidences, as did the former pastor.

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