



## BEACH MISSIONS



# L. A. TREZISE: A TRIBUTE

In the Christmas letter which he wrote us, Keith Jones began a paragraph with this: "It was sad to lose an old friend—yours, mine and many others—in Laurie Trezise. As room-mates in College we shared a rich fellowship, deepened with the years."

I was a Timothy to this Paul, our mutual friend. Had we not moved from Leeton back to the Manning River in 1932, I would no doubt have joined the Methodist Church there, but as it was my family returned to the Church of Christ and the Free Presbyterian Church at Taree. I grew to appreciate V. C. Stafford's Bible Class 1933-34, particularly his studious approach to Scripture, in spite of the inadequate classroom setting of the front vestry. (From those years I date my conviction that it is no compliment to our Maker to set faith against reason).

Laurie and Elsie came to Taree in 1935. Getting to church from the island farm on which we lived was no easy matter in those days. Sometimes we rowed the miles each way, the wind and tide seldom allies of sabbath-keepers, or so it seemed. I remember deciding along the way that the "next time" I went to the evening service I would make my confession of faith.

Reg Bolduan (one of Elsie's brothers) spent weeks with them on furlough from India in 1936 and preached more than once. After one evening service, I said to Laurie on my way out: "I would like to be a medical missionary. May I talk to you about how to go about it." That led me to think about the College of the Bible and to visits with Keith Jones and T. H. Scambler on vacations in Melbourne in 1936 and 1937.

Laurie had a sense of things that come first. The church was fixing for a fight once-over how to arrange the pews. I was one of those picking one side against the other. What he said to a divided Board he said to me, and no doubt to other hotheads: "There are things that are more important than the church seating; it would be better that we sat on the roof than that the church should fight over an issue like this."

In many ways his was a simple faith, but his was also an open and questing mind. It opened up a whole new world for me, when he put this question (oversimplified though I would judge it now to be) to a group of us teenagers on the manse lawn one summer's eve: "Is it true because it is in the Bible, or is it in the Bible because it is true?"

He was a wise counsellor and knew when to speak and when to be silent. The hope of education for ministry waxed and waned over the years, but in mid-1941 he wrote a brief note that included this one-line paragraph: "Let it be Glen Iris, and let it be 1942." And it was so.

For more than three decades we sought each other out, half way round the world and back again: in Toowoomba and Ann Street, Brisbane; at the Federal Conference and World Convention in Melbourne in 1952; at the Federal Conference in Brisbane in September 1954, snatching a few precious hours together, days before my leaving for America; in Toronto, Canada, at the World Convention in August 1955, when I was astonished at his Australian accent (!); in Des Moines in July 1960, when the

sermon he preached that Sunday morning was as down-to-earth and as deceptively simple as many another I had heard years before; and, last of all, in Melbourne in July and August 1971.

We walked together both in deep shadows and when the hillsides of our lives were bathed in sunshine. We wrestled over issues like the Christian's participation in war, the challenge of Marxism to Christianity, and the marks of a Christian Australia. It was he who challenged me to give serious consideration to Ann Street's invitation to become their minister in 1949. And so on.

In the winter of 1971 we returned to Australia for a visit. We—my wife, our son and I—made our way around the bay to Blairgowrie to have tea and spend the evening with Laurie and Maisie. 'Ere we parted, we gathered in a friendship circle of prayer, raising our Te Deum for that faith and those people that had brought, kept, and brought us again, together, and committing ourselves; no matter what, to "him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

- Ronald Graham  
Lexington Theological Seminary  
Lexington, Kentucky.

## INNER SPRINGS FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD



For most of us small babies are a source of great fascination. One thing intrigues me more than any other. While still very small and very helpless they have an inborn capacity to recognise laughter and respond to it in their own delightful way. Surely it is reasonable to suppose that if God has implanted this lovely gift in the hearts of His earthly children, then He did no less for His own Son. Why then is He depicted so often as the Man of Sorrows and so seldom as the Man of Joy? We are told by those who kept company with Him that "the common people heard Him gladly."

Think of that. Whom do you listen to gladly? One whose attitude suggests that life is one long burden, or one whose lovely smile is like a shaft of bright sunlight leaving you warmed and cheered long after? Jesus never dealt in mere platitudes. When He spoke of Joy it was because He knew what it meant. His reference to the camel squeezing its lumps and bumps through the eye of a needle, the blind leading the blind until both fall into the ditch together, stemmed from a heart that delighted in a sense of the ridiculous.

Above all things He intended our friendship with Him to be a joyous experience. If it isn't, perhaps we have failed in our understanding of Him. A certain minister enquired of a woman whom he met. "Do the church members around here enjoy their religion?" "Them that has it does", she replied, "that's how you know they got it."

If it exists it will run like a golden thread through all our days keeping us faithful to what we believe in every season, and we shall know also the truth of the words:-

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Prayer:

Dear Lord of Life, touch us anew each day with Thy Spirit, that we may be a source of joy to all with whom we have to do.

John 15: 1-11

Amen.  
Florence Rosier

o ALL BUT THE SMELL OF KEROSENE

## A NIGHT IN ETHIOPIA

(W.A.) The Sunday evening service hinged on the concept of exchanging places with the starving in Ethiopia. Specifically we exchanged the cost of our usual Sunday evening meal with that of the Ethiopian. But we not only shared his meal. We also shared a few hours of his life.

To create a realistic atmosphere, the whole five senses need to be used. Because kerosene lanterns, which would have given the authentic smell, were unavailable, we used four.

For visual impact, a current film from the ABC was shown. It was so powerful that many did not even want the small amount of rice we offered them.

The sound was produced by a half-hour tape of African Tribal Music (also borrowed from the ABC), and the singing of appropriate songs, such as "Kum Ba Ya" and "Blowing in the Wind."

The sense of touch was used in the eating of rice with fingers, and the taste was in the rice and tea.

It was a gospel service and Ken Duffy preached that the feeding of the hungry is

the feeding of Christ. Thus we preached, as a group, that the wholeness of life is not just the saving of souls.

The opening prayer was "Hunger" by Michael Quoist from "Prayers of Life" and this was preceded by a stark, factual account of the culture and conditions prevailing in Ethiopia. Information was obtained from encyclopaedias and Freedom From Hunger booklets.

The service was conceived for a purpose that gave impetus and direction to our planning. It was not "let's hold a youth service" approach.

Next, the resources used were readily available and the only cost was in buying the rice and tea.

Thirdly, it involved everyone in the church and, finally, publicity was vital, because we changed the time of the service and we needed the cooperation of everyone to forgo the usual meal.

Some families really entered into the spirit of the service by going on a voluntary 24 hour fast. Thus they really knew what it was like to wake up with an empty belly.



"BRITISH WEEKLY"

Desperately hungry people wait for a small square of bread from the hands of missionaries in Ethiopia. Many thousands have died of hunger.

The service was a success because all experienced the plight of the Ethiopians and also because 100 people (including children) gave \$250 for practical help.

But it was disappointing that many regulars did not show up. Perhaps they did not think it was a gospel service!

—Trevor Walkington,  
Scarborough Youth Group.

## 7th N.Y.C. FILLED 12 MONTHS AHEAD

200 places were allocated to Australians for the 7th National Youth Convention, to be held in New Zealand from January 4-14, 1975. These have already been filled, and at the time of going to print the waiting list has reached 70.

100 New Zealand young people are expected to make up the 300 places available at the 7th NYC.

"The response is incredible", according to Richard Lawton, Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education, which is organizing the convention. "We had expected a lower enrolment than usual because of the cost involved, but already we have passed the 250 registrations which we had at the 6th NYC in Canberra last year—and there are still twelve months to go."

"There may be some cancellations, and there could be extra places available if the New Zealanders do not fill their

quota, but otherwise people registering now who would reasonably have expected a place will be just unlucky."

### Alternative

The Board is investigating the possibility of an alternative tour of the South Island for those who do not make the final NYC contingent.

Such a tour could be held at the same time as the 7th NYC. The Board would provide chaperones for the tour.

Participants would miss out on the 7th NYC itself, but would still have something of the New Zealand experience in company with other Christian young people. They would be eligible to join the official post-convention tours.

People on the waiting list have been asked their reactions to the alternative proposal.

Mr. Lawton said that it would help the Board greatly if people who had intended to register for the NYC but had not yet done so could indicate immediately whether they would be interested in a special South Island tour.

The Board's address is 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

## INDUCTION AT CANBERRA

Neil Gilmore, B.A., B.D., was installed into the ministry of the Canberra Churches of Christ on Dec. 16, 1973.

Graham Gilmour, Federal Conference President, and Chairman of the Board of Elders, presided, and the installation service was led by Colin Dredge, minister at Lyons.

The service was followed by a Church Family Luncheon where members met Mr Gilmour and also welcomed Mrs Joy Gilmour, John, Kathryn, David, Elizabeth and Andrew.

Mr Gilmore is also President of the Australian Council of Churches.

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND ECUMENISM (5)

# Can the streams flow together?

By G. R. Stirling

History has given the Restoration Movement in Australia these three main streams of conviction. They are not mutually exclusive. There is much that is common to each. Each witnesses to necessary aspects of truth. Each is composed of those whose one desire is to do the will of the Lord and to spread his truth. Each claims to be truly representative of the real position of the Restoration Movement. Some from each stream would think of their stream as being a little superior to the others in Christian insight, scholarship, intelligence, integrity and in understanding of the witness of Churches of Christ. And some may think of their stream as having a monopoly of the Holy Spirit and thus of truth.

### CAN THE STREAMS FLOW TOGETHER?

Because we are all human as well as committed Christians, we do not find it easy to shake ourselves loose from history and tradition in order to discover the will of God for Churches of Christ in Australia today. But if we are to be relevant in this age to both the church and the world, we must find ways of enabling the streams to flow together more, as we come to understand more clearly our goals and ways of reaching them. The following are some suggestions towards this end.

#### SOME SUGGESTIONS:

1. I believe that we should recognize that in each of the streams we are determined very largely by history, tradition, upbringing, temperament, and our peer groups, as well as by conviction. To concede this will be to free ourselves from "superiority complexes" concerning those who differ from us, and from imputing to them inferior motives, intelligence, zeal and spirituality.
2. I believe that we must accept fully the genuineness of each other's Christianity. And this involves of course, the acceptance of one another as responsible persons. It is easy to tell ourselves that we are already doing this, and yet at the same time, unconsciously to feel that those who differ from us are somehow second-class Christians. If we do this, it may well be that we feel threatened by those who differ from us.

3. I believe that as many of us as possible from the three streams and from those who have no stream at all, should come together for dialogue. Dialogue means being willing to listen even more than being willing to talk. It means being genuinely interested to hear the other person's point of view and why he thinks that way and to ask him questions that enable us to "get right inside his mind and his feelings". It does not mean trying to convert each other. It does mean trying to understand each other and each other's position. It does not mean winning an argument, but rather winning each other's respect and love. Such dialogue in the spirit of complete acceptance of one another would enable us all to grow in spirit, to get new insights into truth and to find new ways of making our witness. It would also help many of us to discover what intelligent and delightful and interesting people are in the other streams.

I have no confidence in Conference debates on such issues, nor in forums or public argument. These only harden the differences. I have a great deal of faith in ministers of the different streams hearing one another in complete openness. I have faith in small groups in local churches consisting of those from the different streams listening to one another. I believe in meetings of the minds of those who differ in the unhurried atmosphere of the camp or the house group or the seminar. Instead of ministers and members getting together around their polarizations to confirm one another in their agreements, why could they not be stimulated and enriched by the exercise of listening to those whose ideas are different.

#### A FINAL WORD.

Above everything else it is important for us to accept one another, and above all to listen to one another—not once in a while—but continuously. We can be expert in talking one another down, in scoring points off one another, or in avoiding one another or the subject altogether. So come let us jump into one another's streams and see what the water is like—and more importantly really to get to know the other swimmers.

### THE PRESENT POSITION CONCERNING CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND THE W.C.C.

Many of the "Restorationist" and "Separatist" streams of the Brotherhood are not happy about the affiliation of Australian Churches of Christ with the World Council of Churches. Most of those of the "Unity" stream endorse the affiliation enthusiastically. So if the Australian Brotherhood is in the W.C.C. some people are going to be unhappy, and if we are out, some people are going to be unhappy.

The problem is really in the structure of the W.C.C. If individuals or local congregations could join the W.C.C., there would be no problem. Those opposed would not join. But the W.C.C. is a Council of Churches at national level. So either Australian Churches are affiliated as a whole or they are not affiliated.

### THE PROBLEM IS BEING SOLVED IN PART.

However it must be said that the problem of Australian Churches of Christ supporting or not supporting the W.C.C. is being solved for all practical purposes. Those who are unhappy about the W.C.C. simply do not pay towards it, support it or pray for it. In effect they disaffiliate themselves. Those who believe that it is part of the witness of Churches of Christ to support the W.C.C., pay towards it, support and pray for it. In effect, they are the ones who are affiliated.

Should those opposed to the W.C.C. muster enough support to have Federal Conference withdraw from the W.C.C., there would be an interesting consequence. For them the situation would be unchanged, for they have already disaffiliated themselves from support of the W.C.C., but for the "Unity" stream there would be a profound change. They would be denied their present right of fellowship with and support of the W.C.C. Naturally they hope that their brothers who oppose the W.C.C. and have effectively withdrawn from it, will continue in Christian generosity to give the right of affiliation to those who wish to support it, and can only support it through the continued affiliation of Australian Churches of Christ.

# A DOCTOR LOOKS AT HEALING IN THE CHURCH

DR. UNA KROLL

I have been an orthodox medical practitioner for 20 years. Healing is my business. I have met the Church's ministry of healing through press and radio articles about faith healers, their work and cures, and through my contacts with other Christians.

Prayer has always been a regular feature of my work for my patients but in an effort to understand more of the work of the Church I have been to many talks about faith healing, spiritual healing, spirit healing. Certain themes have recurred: healing is part of the Church's work; some people have the charismatic gift of healing; if you have faith you will be healed. If you are not healed then it is because God doesn't mean you to be healed in the way you think or because you are not ready for healing or faithful enough.

I have simplified and conflated many experiences of course, but in essence that is what I experienced at these meetings. I was left in no doubt about the sincerity of healers who spoke of their experiences nor about the reality of their cures. As a Christian I have been well aware of the close relation between faith, mind and body and the necessity of faith in any healing process.

All the same I remained perplexed by the hostility of some of the healers to orthodox medicine and worried by their insistence that some of my patients should throw away their pills and "cast their care upon the Lord". I was worried too by any implication that physical cure was guaranteed by faith. As a young doctor I remember very well the child, who died of a brain tumour, whose parents' suffering was increased when their faith healer told them in my presence that their faith had been insufficient.

These cases exist; happily they are rare. I have, however, met many relatives who felt that their inadequacy had contributed to the death of their loved ones because death had been wrongly represented to them as the enemy which had to be overcome by prayer. Latterly I have heard many healers speak of death as a friend and healing beyond the grave as victory.

The emphasis on the charismatic gifts of healing being bestowed upon 'chosen' people deterred me from openly praying for my patients and with them. I could not be convinced that I had such a gift. Worse than that was the knowledge that if I did

have such a gift my ordinary work would be complicated by all sorts of overtones in my patients' minds.

On at least five occasions within the past two years patients have openly rejected my ordinary Christian ministry and found greater help from faith healers with more dramatic gifts. I accept that others can be as effective as any doctor and am glad if healing comes, whatever the means.

My problem was the one which confronts any sincere Christian who meets any manifestation of the 'charismatic' movement. He welcomes the gifts of others but feels remarkably inadequate as a Christian if he hasn't been given these gifts—yet longs to be part of the healing work of the Church.

In search of further enlightenment I have read the literature of nearly all the organisations affiliated to the Church's Council of Healing some of whom incorporate healing within the ordinary ministry of the local community. The emphasis is mainly on ill individuals, seldom concerned with sick situations like industrial disputes, slum housing, racial disharmony, corporate community situations.

After 20 years of trying to understand the Church's ministry of healing, and to sort out in my mind its many facets (as displayed by numerous organisations concerned with spiritual healing) and the complex inter-relations of different societies devoted to the same end, I determined to share my hesitations and longings with other ordinary people in whom there were no obvious gifts or manifestations of the Spirit.

The result has been the faithful gathering of a local group of people drawn from five churches to pray together and to share experience. We know we ourselves are sick and sinful. We are willing to ask for healing for ourselves and for others. We are ready to accept the responsibilities of being healed.

We pray for any situation brought to us in which sinful distortion has destroyed wholeness as well as for the sick. We know that God's ways are not always our ways and we do not seek to know the results of our work. None of us feels special and each of us feels that this sort of healing is the work of the whole Church open to every baptised Christian, to the doctor as well as to the sick mother who wants to pray for her own healing and for other people, and to the social worker

who wants to pray for the healing of society.

We could do this in isolation from each other but we have found that in coming together we have become more aware of each other's problems, more caring about other people, more aware of the strength of corporate silence, more ready to dwell on the mysteries of life and death. Our experience has helped us to become more whole.—"British Weekly"

## KAUNDAS CHALLENGE

### ACCEPTED

The chairman of the Christian Council of Zambia, Hosea Soko, has termed the problem of drink "this cancer which is eating the body and soul of the nation". He proposed calling a national convention to analyze and find a solution to the problem. He pledged the Christian Council support for the convention.

Mr. Soko was responding to President Kenneth Kaunda's recent announcement that if drinking habits did not improve he would resign. "I refuse to lead a nation of drunkards," he warned, and called on every sector of society, including the church, to use its influence for reform.

**TRAGIC LOSS** (Boronia, E.L. Williams) The church was shocked and saddened at the tragic death, through accident, of Greg. Smith, 13 years, son of Mr & Mrs Kevin Smith. . . Deane and Julia Olafsen and family were farewelled on Dec. 23. Representatives of the brotherhood, local churches, the Council for Christian Education in Schools, and the home church, spoke in appreciation. The chairman of the board, Max Collyer, presented Deane with a cheque. Deane will continue his ministry as a High School chaplain, at Sale. E.L. Williams, M.A., and D. Stevens, will conduct an interim ministry in 1974. . . Mr & Mrs C. Page celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in Dec. . . A parent dedication service was conducted for 11 couples and their recently born children. . . Gavin and Lee Baulch have accepted appointment as C.Y.F. Counsellors. . . The church responded generously to appeal for assistance for a needy family . . . Church sponsored a child at Lord Mayor's Camp and several young people assisted as camp leaders. . . Concern and prayers are for members who are ill, particularly Lee Sercombe and Grant Woodward.

**WARRAGUL MINISTRY** Reg, Hillbrich has been appointed full time minister and will take up his duties in February. . . In Dec. we farewelled our church secretary, Russell Williams and his wife, Faye, as they move to Upper Beaconsfield. Mr Williams has been appointed as Principal at Pakenham High School. . . Ed. Pearce has accepted appointment as church secretary.

# COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE 1973 RESULTS

The results of students sitting for exams from the Melbourne College of Divinity were most pleasing. The pass-rate was 85%, which is above the average for the many colleges throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands whose students do these exams. Peter Still gained five subjects for the B.D., a graduate degree. Fourteen completed a total of 20 diplomas.

**Diploma in Theology**—Peter Nelson.

**L. Th. and Dip. R.E.**—Pam Bowers, Trevor Giles, Robin Haskell, Jim Spiker, Ian Tippett, Gary Wake.

**L. Th.**—Alan Horne, Rod Lloyd, Dennis Ryle, Doug Smith.

**Dip. R.E.** (the L. Th. having been gained in 1972)—Barry Ryall, George Warren. A former student, Alan Baker also completed his L. Th. and Dip. R.E.

The honours list for subjects assessed by C.O.B. is:—

**O.T. Seminar:** P. Bowers, D. Cleaver, T. Giles, R. Haskell, B. Ryall, G. Wake, G. Warren—9 others passed.

**N.T. Seminar:** P. Burnham, D. Cleaver, T. Giles,

R. Haskell, B. Ryall, G. Wake, G. Warren—9 others passed.

**Elementary Greek:** J. Caporn, Jeanette May, J. Rogers, S. Sampson, B. Spencer, R. Street—6 others passed.

**Churches of Christ:** P. Bowers, T. Giles, R. Haskell, A. Horne, G. Nelson, P. Richter, B. Ryall, D. Smith, D. Sonsee, J. Spiker, G. Strack, I. Tippett, G. Warren—1 other passed.

**Philosophy of Religion:** D. Cleaver, R. Haskell, B. Ryall, D. Smith, G. Wake, G. Warren—10 others passed.

**Christian Education 2:** 15 passed.

**Homiletics 1:** N. Maddox, S. Sampson, R. Street—11 others passed.

**Hom 2:** R. Allison, P. Still—5 others passed.

**Hom 3:** R. Risson, D. Ryle, R. Haskell—5 others passed.

**Hom 4:** D. Cleaver, R. Haskell, A. Horne, G. Wake, G. Warren—8 others passed.

**Practical Church Work 1:** G. Agnew, R. Haskell, N. Maddox, Jeanette May—9 others passed.

**PCW 2:** R. Allison, D. Brown, Jeff May—4 others passed.

**PCW 3:** R. Risson, D. Ryle—3 others passed.

**PCW 4:** P. Burnham, D. Cleaver, A. Fletcher, T. Giles, G. Nelson, B. Ryall, G. Wake, G. Warren—5 others passed.

K. R. Bowes—Principal.

## ◦ EVANGELIZATION CONGRESS COSTS FORCE REDUCTION

Increasing costs have forced a 10% reduction in the number of participants in the International Congress on World Evangelization scheduled for Lusanne, Switzerland, July 16—25, 1974.

The number participating has been reduced from 3000 to 2700.

Not only were prices rising generally, there was specifically a 10% increase in airline fares. Since initial budgets were approved in 1972, several currencies involved have declined seriously.

Bishop Jack Dain of Sydney, executive chairman, said that the reduction decision was made reluctantly, but the Congress will still be more than twice the size of the 1966 World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin in 1966, which had 1200 enrolled.

## APPEAL FOR ABOLITION OF TORTURE

YMCA's in different parts of the world have actively engaged in a campaign to collect signatures calling for the abolition of the use of torture. The petitions, based on Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, will support an appeal addressed to the President of the UN General Assembly, Amnesty International, a non-governmental organisation, initiated the drive to collect one million signatures.

—E.P.S.

## WORLD TALK NO. 87

During 1974 Word Talk will centre on "The Names of Jesus"—a series of studies on the titles given to Jesus in the New Testament.

An apostle was a messenger sent from God. Jesus gave the twelve disciples the name apostle when he sent them out (Matt. 10: 1-15) to preach, teach and heal. Other apostles were also chosen: Matthias, (Acts 1: 15-26); Paul, (Gal. 1:1, 15-16); and possibly others (Rom. 16:17) who had the requirements of Christian belief, character, ability and who had been witnesses of the resurrection.

In classical Greek, apostle was used of an ambassador sent out on behalf of his country or king, of colonists sent to take civilisation into barbarian areas and even of ships sent on foreign service.

In Hebrew it was used of a messenger from the Sanhedrin to the faithful bearing instructions concerning their faith. Paul was sent as an apostle of the Sanhedrin to persecute the Christians at Damascus (Acts 9:1-2). When the Sanhedrin sent out an apostle their authority rested in him.

Moses, Elijah, Elisha and Ezekiel were called apostles of God because God had delegated them with a special message, task and power. The Jewish High Priest was also called an apostle because he brought the mercy of God to the people as Moses brought the deliverance of God.

In the N.T. Jesus is called an apostle (Heb. 3:1).

Like the High Priest (which term is also used in the same sentence) Jesus brought God's mercy to his people. Like Moses (who is mentioned in the next verse) Jesus brought God's deliverance to his people. Like the O.T. prophets he had a special message, task and power. Like bearers of the news of

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the faith from the Sanhedrin Jesus came from God with the gospel.

Frequently Jesus speaks of himself as being sent under authority using the very word for "apostle" (Matt. 10:40; Mark 9:37). John frequently uses the same term.

Jesus was unique in that while he brought God's message he was the message. His unique apostleship was recognised by the Church in their use of this term.

FOR TODAY.

As Jesus was sent by God so he sends his friends to do his work. (John 20:21). We become God's ambassadors, living and proclaiming for him (2 Cor. 5:20). Our task is that of an apostle under the guidance of "the apostle and High Priest of our confession." We too share this heavenly call (Heb. 3:1).

A representative sent on divine service is never off duty. We are called to represent our King with confidence. And when an apostle is sent to foreign shores bearing a message it is expected that he will return home. Heaven becomes our home where our citizenship is based (Phil. 3:20). Jesus has gone ahead to prepare our place for us. (John 14:3).

An apostle stands only for the authority of the one who sent him. Jesus represented the power and the authority of God. This point would be debated with him (Mk. 11:27-33); but their questioning of his credentials did not lessen his right. We, too, are sent on His Majesty's Service and in his authority each Christian witness must live.

Jesus both proclaimed with the authority of God's power and the kindness of God's mercy. In every congregation there is the need both for strength in personal authority and loving consideration for personal weakness and need.

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 150 words.

## ABORIGINES OFFERING

To the Editor,

Concern has been expressed by the Federal Aborigines Mission Board and by the State Committees at the inclusion of a 'Leprosy Sunday' in the month of March, a time traditionally set aside for the promotion of our Aborigine Work.

In these days of great change and development in the field of Aboriginal Welfare it is vital that we as a Brotherhood keep our involvement in this field to the fore. The work of our Church amongst the Aborigines is held in high esteem by both State and Federal Governments and we must be prepared to lift the standard of work in line with current forward Government moves in order to maintain our position and stand with the aboriginal people.

Accordingly we bring the real need for full Brotherhood support on March 17th, before the membership seeking the prayerful laying aside for this work in which we are engaged in such a large way.

We are sympathetic to "The Leprosy Mission" but point out that it is essential for us as a Brotherhood to give priority to our own Mission outreach first.

DON P. BUTLER,

Secretary,  
Aborigines' Mission Board.

(With the approval of the Leprosy Mission, all our churches throughout Australia are invited to observe Leprosy Sunday on March 31, 1974).

—A. E. White, Federal Secretary.

## INNER AREAS

To the Editor,

Having been a passenger on the recent COCIAC bus tour of Melbourne's inner suburbs, I would like to congratulate the foresight in arranging such a tour.

We were made fully aware that each inner area has problems peculiar to itself. All are being looked at realistically and each church is working out its most pressing need.

It was good to feel the spirit of togetherness between the young vicar from St. Luke's, North Fitzroy; the minister-teacher from the Church of All Nations; the vicar from St. Jude's Carlton, and our own two young men of our COCIAC ministry. It was evident that they are working as a team to help the people of the inner areas, the majority of whom are migrants.

More of these tours should be arranged at a time suitable for the men and young people of our churches so that they can also be well-informed about this most vital and challenging area of service.

Jean Preston, Vic.

## CHRISTIANS IN FELLOWSHIP

To the Editor,

From time to time one hears of another of our churches welcoming "Christians in Fellowship". Does this mean that these churches believe in "open membership", and how do they present baptism?

Seems to me we have wandered far away from the Lord's teaching. Incidentally, why don't we speak with authority from the N.T., especially when it concerns our relationship with our Lord, instead of quoting Barton Stone and/or Alexander and Thomas Campbell? If there is a "thus saith the Lord" or his Word is explicit regarding teaching, surely no one would argue that we need further enlightenment.

No wonder we don't want to take steps to commence a witness in Darwin with its 40,890. How we can give our assent to less deserving centres that Darwin leaves me speechless. These people deserve a chance to hear the Gospel. We passed motions to do so, when do we go into action?

Malcolm McArthur, N.S.W.

(In those churches with "Christians in Fellowship" of which I have direct knowledge baptism is presented in the same way as in our other churches, as the Lord's command, and it is witnessed in an

open baptistry. "Christians in Fellowship" are not members. However, with the warmth of welcome and acceptance offered and the witness and service given in response, it would be hard for observers to note any difference. The principle of "Christians in Fellowship" has enabled us to show to others the Christian courtesy of acceptance that has so often been extended to our people when they move to places where we have no church.

The relevance of this to Darwin escapes me, but we are closely watching the position there. We have a representative who reports to the Federal Executive. It is extremely difficult to see how we can commence a cause in Darwin unless there is a willingness by members living there to take the initiative in commencing worship services. Our members who are in Darwin prefer, at present, to worship and work with the United Church or the Baptist Church. We do not see how we can impose a church on Darwin from Sydney or Melbourne. To erect a building there and to sustain a minister would be costly beyond the present resources of Federal Home Evangelism.)—A. E. White, Federal Secretary.

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### WHY DID HE QUIT?

To the Editor,

Our church is still reeling from the shock. We've just heard that our previous minister, whom we all loved, has quit the full-time ministry. We have conjectured a thousand reasons why, all of which seem to centre round, "What happened to him that he quit?" I wonder why it never occurred to us that his church might have "quit its minister!"

Could it have been that two or three board members unwittingly blocked nearly every one of his plans because they personally didn't want to get involved? Or was there a family that made it difficult at every point . . . always of course for "good Christian reasons?" Was there a saccharine critic who sweetly slapped him down under the guise of "speaking the truth in love?" Or was he worn down by discouraging church attendances? And I began to wonder if some of us who have discouraged our ministers, or failed to encourage them, or damned them with faint praise or no praise at all, are in for a "walloping" on Judgement Day.

God who knows the secrets of all hearts must know why people quit his ministry after he has called them to it, and God is not mocked, and maybe some of us had better do a bit of trembling!

My old dad was for ever talking about the mutual ministry. I never found out what he meant by it, and he never said, except that he was for it! Perhaps one of its meanings is that the people of the church ought to minister to the minister as well as having him minister to them.

You will realise that I am all steamed up.

Hoping you are the same.

TERTIUS

# NEW HOME OPENED



The new Home at St. Georges, S.A., was opened by the Lieut.-Governor of S.A., W.R. Crocker.

The building is of three storeys and has 48 rooms, each with own shower and toilet.

The cost was \$382,000, of which the Commonwealth Government gave \$249,000 and the State Government

\$8,600. Total guest accommodation at St. Georges is now 91.

Sister Clarke is the Matron.

The Dept. of Social Service Director, A.R. Jones, said that the Board is anxious to secure another property for further development to help meet requirements of 200 still waiting for accommodation.

**ON ITS OWN (Fremantle).** It was an historic occasion on Dec. 12, when Hamilton Hill was unanimously declared a church in its own right with W. R. Newton as minister. H. R. Fitch will conclude his ministry with Fremantle on Feb. 17 . . . Many members attended farewell for F. Rees. Mr Rees was thanked for his efforts that led to the expansion of the work at Hamilton Hill during his Fremantle ministry, 1964-1970.

**NEW CHURCH TO OPEN (Chadstone, K. A. Caulton).** After seven months of temporary accommodation in the local school library, private homes, and a month of combined services with Chadstone Presbyterian Church, arrangements are now made for the opening of our new church on Feb. 17 (see advertising pages). Shortly after moving into the building a Church Library will be established. Many books have been donated by members.

**TO U.S.A. (Oakleigh, Dr. C. J. McKenzie).** B.S. Supt. L. Miller, his wife, and small son, Wayne, will attend Institute for Achievement of Human Potential, Philadelphia, for assessment of brain damaged children. Church and friends have contributed \$2,225 towards expenses . . . Student preacher, Don Sonsee, and wife, Jill, were farewelled . . . Combined C.W.F. contributed \$315 to manse fund. C.W.A.F. and friends were

entertained by Oakleigh Elderly Citizens' Concert Party at 54th Birthday meeting. C.W.E.F. collected groceries for Social Service Dept. Christmas Cheer . . . Sportsmen's Service on Dec. 2 had members of new cricket club taking part . . . Russell Woodward received the Queen's Scout Award. He is the fourth son of Mr and Mrs V. Woodward to be so honoured.

**LOAN SCHEME (Hobart, D. E. Stewart)** The Interest-Free Loan Scheme successfully reached the \$11,000 mark in early December . . . The A.B.C. radio programme "Hymns from All Churches" was presented by our church on Jan. 13 . . . The A.C.W.F. concluded last year's programme by entertaining elderly members at luncheon.

**MINI-BUS (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman).** The 1972 "Mini-Bus" project has become a reality. It was dedicated on Dec. 9 and is being put to good use in Youth Outreach . . . Christmas features included a youth presentation of "The Other Wise Man" and the film, "Glory in the Highest". Croxton Methodist Church combined for Christmas Day Service . . . The 1973 Christmas project of \$450 to provide three ripple mattresses for the Church Nursing Service has been realised . . . Mark Lee and partner, Ian Waters, came second in their section of the Red Cross Murray River canoe marathon. Six of our young people are sharing in the Snowy Trek.

## JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

### ABOUT THE BIBLE

The Bible is still a "best seller". How much do you know about questions . . . 1. Was any part of the Bible first written in English? 2. Is the Bible one book or many books bound together? If many, how many? 3. The Bible contains many words of Jesus, but did he write any of them himself? (Answers on Page 18)

"We have a magic record player at our school," exclaimed the small boy to his mother. "You don't have to use electricity—you just wind it up with a little crank."

The Taipan is a deadly snake. The poison glands from one snake have been known to have enough poison to kill 200 people. Some are saved by the quick application of a tourniquet, but more than half those bitten by the Taipan have died.

A travel agent was trying to soothe a little, old lady before her first flight. "If it weren't safe, Ma'am, would we be using the 'fly now—pay later' plan?"

A customer complained about the dry pastry which he was served for dessert.

When the waiter brought out the cook, the latter said indignantly, "I was making pastry before you were born!"

"That may well be," came the sarcastic reply of the man at the table, "but why do you have to sell it now?"



"Has Mother Goose written any new books lately?"

BOOKS IN Review

THE LION HANDBOOK TO THE BIBLE

(Anzea Publishers, Sydney) \$9.95

Once upon a time, books about the Bible were dull-looking wordy screeds in small print required a strong motivation of duty for the average reader to make the effort to tackle them. Not any more! Aids to the Bible are often today as attractive and colourful as books in any other field.

This handbook is in full colour and splendidly produced. Its scholarship, conservative in tone, is excellent, and it is in clear print in large type. Wide use is made of charts and it is so far up-to-date that Bible coins, weights and measures are given their metric equivalents.

The pictures range from those of Bible times to modern archeological discoveries. There are introductions to each book in the Bible and a section by section outline. Difficult passages are highlighted. There are 68 maps.

A most helpful feature are the special articles on historical theological, and general interest subjects. There are 24 pages in the index.

The book is recommended for home use, for teachers in the B.S., for the B.S. and church libraries, and as a gift.

AVAILABLE FROM BAPTIST BOOK STORES

ABORIGINES IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

By Philip Vincent (Pamphlet Club)

A short but stimulating survey of the shame and hope of the Aborigines. It makes depressing reading but the facts and prospects are depressing. The attempt to make "Black Europeans" out of the Aborigines has had the result of destroying the traditional Aboriginal economy, culture and religious traditions, but has not succeeded in replacing these with anything constructive or effective. We are robbing them of their past without offering them any hope for the future.

Vincent reminds us that if one is born an Aboriginal in Western Australia he will have a ten times greater chance of going to prison than the rest of the population. But most of their crimes are a result of their poverty, and many of the "crimes" under Australian law are not considered as such by tribal law.

The Aborigine is very much disadvantaged in education, housing, and employment opportunities, but the problems will not be solved easily or simply by paying out large sums of conscience money. Vincent says that the future will be determined by the Aborigines themselves. There is much that can be done, he says, in areas of housing, education, law, medicine, and employment. But our role will be less directive than in the past and we must be ready to allow the Aborigine to experiment with community and social forms.

This pamphlet is well worth using as a youth and adult study elective in your church.

"IN TIME OF DEATH"

by Gordon Moyes (Distributed by T. H. Frazer, Melbourne). Posted 25 cents or 8 copies for \$1.00.

This latest booklet from the pen of Gordon Moyes has been subtitled "a practical guide to grief". It is in fact, just that. A great deal of our lives goes into developing relationships that are precious to us and give life richness and meaning. The price of being part of a family, acquiring friends, husband (wife), and children, is that one day we could in fact, lose them. When this happens, quite naturally, we grieve.

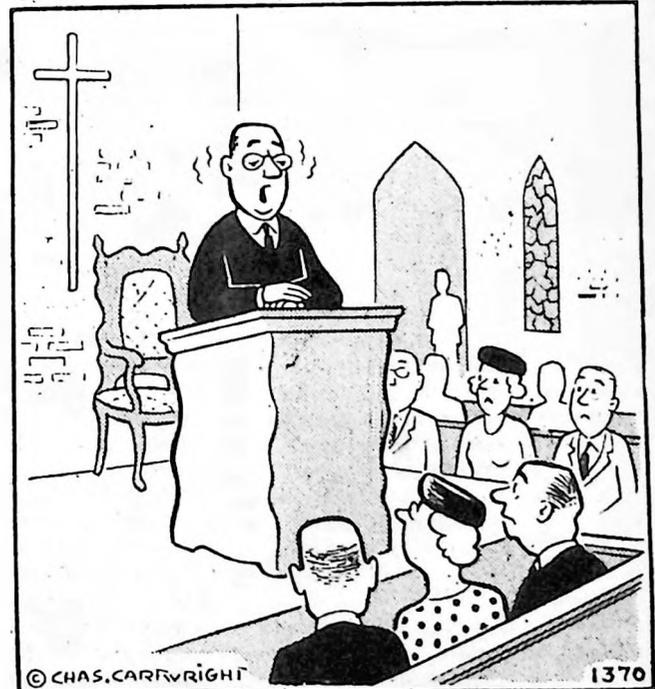
Ministers and counsellors are deeply aware of the tragedy of the person who, after losing a loved one is unable to cope. Or, more important still, the person for whom post bereavement is a time of serious complication. People who cope, are very often people of mature faith. However, they did not suddenly get that way. Like athletes who stay in training for the event, mature religious people are always preparing themselves for crises that could come at anytime.

This booklet deserves the widest possible distribution. Not only for personal reading or giving to friends, it is the kind of booklet any minister seeking to prepare his people to face crisis could well use in his programme. The booklet is easy to read and at the same time it is a positive statement based upon sound psychological, theological and Biblical premise. It will strike a note of hope and assurance and at the same time remind people of the fact that no matter how tragic the loss, everything in fact has not been taken from them. It has a price to make wide distribution a relatively simple matter.

Included in the booklet is one week of devotional thought and prayers under the title of "spirit lifters to help you overcome grief".

—Keith Horne.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I took all week deciding which of a thousand topics was most urgent — sorry I didn't have time to write the sermon!"

## BRITAIN & ALCOHOL

Alcoholism is recognised, literally by the whole world, as the biggest evil which confronts it in its historic struggle towards "maturity".

There is, of course, the endeavour, and right it may be, to separate between alcoholism and "heavy drinking"; the one a recognisable disease, the other a "bad habit". But it is officially recognised that there is no cure for alcoholism but total abstinence, and that alcoholism, as a disease, cannot be detected until one has become a "heavy drinker". It is also admitted that "heavy drinking" must always start as "moderate drinking". It was recently estimated that there are as many as 80,000 women alcoholics in Britain. West Germany estimates that there are 600,000 alcoholics there. Sweden estimates that one man in every ten "has a drink problem".

Arnold Toynbee, the historian, when he was asked recently if he would change the statement he made some time ago that, "out of the 21 civilisations preceding this one, 19 have been destroyed by a mixture of atheism, materialism, socialism and alcoholism," said that, "It looks now as if the number one enemy of the American way of life is drunkenness".

It is estimated that British industry last year lost through non-production due to alcoholism, 100,000,000.

Sam Mason in  
"Christian Advocate"

## FORMER CHATSWOOD PASTOR RECEIVES DOCTORATE

Leslie Green, Senior Minister of the Boulevard Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A., received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Texas Christian University.

This degree is the new earned doctorate which most American graduate Theological Schools are offering for additional work beyond the Master of Divinity degree. Dr. Green received the Master of Theology degree from T.C.U. in 1965. He served as Pastor of the

Chatswood Church in Sydney from 1957 until 1962.

His doctoral work was in Preaching, Pastoral Counselling and Theology. He has also recently become a Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counsellors.

### RENEWAL LEADER TO VISIT

Dr Eric Hutchings, Bible teacher and evangelist, is visiting Australia this year to conduct Christian Renewal missions.

Beginning, with his team, an evangelistic ministry in the 1950s, the spiritual and moral decline in Britain caused him to seek to meet this challenge also.

He was involved in the "Festival of Light" and its follow up, "Festival for Jesus." He has an extensive radio ministry and has conducted campaigns throughout Britain, in U.S.A., and in South Africa.

He will preach in many churches in Melbourne in February and will conduct campaigns in N.S.W. in March. One of them will be in Parramatta, March 5-10, in which the Church of Christ will be involved. The minister, Ron Aldred, is on the planning committee.

### U.S. CHURCHES AND GIVING

Although membership in many Protestant churches is declining, contributions continue to increase, according to a U.S. National Council of Churches survey. The 39 churches sharing the survey reported an increase of 5.2% over the previous year. The rise in the cost of living for the same period was 3.3%.

The Disciples of Christ, with a per capita total giving of \$140.77, was second only to the Presbyterian Church U.S. with \$165.42. The average giving per member of the Disciples churches for outreach was \$20.79, which placed them fourth in outreach response.

## o VIC. - TAS. D.C.E.

# FIELD OFFICER APPOINTMENT

★Howard Weedon has been appointed part-time Field Officer with the Department as from Jan. 10. His term will be subject to mutual consideration later this year. Mr Weedon has been on two work parties to New Guinea, and is Superintendent of the Bible School and Deacon at the Briar Hill Church of Christ. He is a member of Vic./Tas. Overseas Mission Committee. He has been associated with youth work and Explorer Boys' Club work, and has special talents for the work he will undertake for the Department. He will be seeking other part-time work.

★The Director visited Tasmania and had a planning session with the Tasmania Committee. Plans were made for four camps at Bicheno in 1974 and one early in 1975. The first will be a long weekend camp for 2nd year Matric students, young adults and young workers for March 1st-4th.

Howard  
Weedon



★The Summer Camping Programme included four camps, one Alpine Trek and a ground party and teams in the Murray Marathon. Altogether almost 300 young people and leaders were involved. One leader came from Launceston (Tas.) for the Monbulk Girls' Camp.

★Some working bees at Camp Waterman, Monbulk, have already been arranged for 1974. Perhaps your church could arrange for a group—even three or four to go and spend a few hours on Camp property maintenance. There's a job for everyone—young and old. Ring Lance Fisher (756-6120 Melb.)

Ray McKenzie (Director)

### FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

The Family Life Education section of the Marriage Guidance Council of Vic. has arranged a number of courses for 1974. The first, "How do we get through to our Teenagers?" will be on Wed. Feb 6, Feb. 13, and Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. at the Council premises 46 Princess St., Kew.

Other courses are "Marriage Enrichment", "On Being Parents", "Enjoy Your Middle Years", "Couples in Relationship: Preparing for Marriage", and "On Being a Mother". For further details phone the Education Secretary, 86-8512 (Melb.).

### 4TH WOMEN'S CONVENTION

The Fourth Annual Women's Convention, (Christian Women's Conventions International) will be held at Belgrave Heights, March 15-17, 1974, 28 miles east of Melbourne. About 300 women are expected to register to live-in for the weekend at a minimum cost of \$13.00.

The theme is "A New Look for 1974", and the guest speakers will be Miss Lucy Tan, B.A., Dip. Th., of Malaysia; Miss Jean Raddon, N.S.W., and Mrs. Joan Francis, Qld.

Brochures are available from the Secretary, 56 Finlayson St., Doncaster, Vic. 3108.

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**BEACH MISSIONS** While most church members and workers go off for their summer holidays, and many churches reduce their services and cease most of their activities, for others the summer means a time of great activity—and they have fun.

The Children's Special Service Mission has recently given an emphasis to family missions rather than thinking only of the children packing our beaches. A total of 3600 team members were involved in 110 family missions throughout Australia. Forty-seven of these conducted a full youth programme.

Twenty "Theos" teams, with coffee shops, films, discussion, and counselling programmes, were at popular beach resorts. 500 team members were involved in this outreach.

All teams include married couples which concentrate on parents. Four family inland family missions were held at Deniliquin, Hume Weir, Echuca, and Mt. Druitt.

Another 800 team members were involved in 70 school vacation camps. A work camp was held in the N.S.W. Southern Highlands where campers built a roof for a church conference centre. Christian books are on sale at all camps and missions.

In South Australia there was a camp for Aboriginal children from Alice Springs. The Government paid the fares to this camp.

All members of the teams involved in C.S.S.M. and Scripture Union programmes pay their own at all camps and missions, and they attend team training programmes in puppetry, story telling and drama, etc. Many team members take part in preparatory working bees.

Some of our church members are very involved in all aspects of these programmes and the work that is being done is well worth our interest and support. If you missed them during the holidays, make a point next summer of finding out what is happening in what used to be the off-season for church witness.

(The cover photos were taken at Anglesea, Vic.)

**GOOD GRIEF!!!** Carl H. Giles, a 37 year-old journalism professor at the University of Tennessee, has come up with a novel scheme intended to deter would-be burglars — and the locks he uses are no stronger than most ordinary ones (they sell for only \$2.50 each). The new gimmick: the locks feature pictures of Jesus or the Bible or quotations from Scripture.

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(Melb.) As vacant possession of 52 Latrobe Street, as the location of the Victoria-Tasmania Brotherhood Centre, cannot be given on the original contract date, churches and members are advised that Conference Departments will continue to be located at 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, until May 31, 1974, unless advised otherwise.

## VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

Next Council meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 8, at 10.30 am. Speaker: Mrs H. Joyce. Subject: "Life Line."

## LOCAL FAREWELL

(Unley, W.J.Philp) The young people presented a Christmas audio-visual on Dec. 16. After the service Mr & Mrs I.J.Chivell, Dawn and Graham, were farewelled. A former minister of the church, Mr Chivell has been an elder whilst serving as State Conference Secretary. Mrs Chivell has been very active in the women's work of the churches. Dawn has delighted us with her voice, and served loyally in the S.S. as teacher and Supt. Graham has been loved for his work and witness, especially with young people. The Chivells are to serve with the Blackwood Church. On Dec. 23, led by the S.S. we went forward to place our gifts in the Christmas Bowl.

**Y.P. AT HOSPITALS** (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Y.P. distributed 300 gifts and posies of flowers to Box Hill hospitals at Christmas . . . Mr Bond spoke at combined Christmas Day service at Baptist church . . . Box Hill was top Explorer club for 1973 and Norm Broussard "Top Explorer" . . . Recent soloistes were Mrs Plumridge and Mrs Judy Steele . . . Mrs Vi Gray and Mr Arnold improving after hospitalisation and Ray Thomas after illness . . . Sympathy expressed in the death of Mr Muller Sr.

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# OBITUARY

## BANKS Frederic George

Fred was a member of the Baptist Church in England and came to Australia at 16 years of age. When 18 he served in the First World War, in some of the great campaigns that are now history. The war left him with a lung complaint which required continuous treatment. He married Daisy Olive Coulls at Hindmarsh. He joined his wife in membership at Croydon church when A. E. Forbes was minister, and studied at the Adelaide Bible College under H. R. Taylor and J. Wiltshire. Churches he served as minister included Torrensville, Fullarton, Narracoorte, Moonta-Wallaroo, Croydon, Whyalla, Hindmarsh, and Col. Light Gardens. His ministry was noted for his knowledge of the scriptures and his firm resolve to remain true to their clear directions. When retired he still visited the sick and those in need, until confined to home through ill-health. He died at the age of 76. At a service in the Croydon S.S. hall (the old building where he served a very happy ministry), Wally Bartlett spoke on behalf of the S.A. brotherhood and G.T. Lawrie conducted the service. Sympathy is extended to his wife, children (Ken and Phyllis) and grandchildren.

—G. T. Lawrie.

## BARBER, Albert Ernest

Music was the outstanding contribution that Albert Barber gave to the church. He was born 82 years ago at Cudgewa, Vic., and died Dec. 9, 1973, at Rosebud. A large number gathered at church of Christ, Tootgarook, at a service conducted by R. C. Bolduan and A. R. Lloyd, to pay their tribute and to express Christian sympathy and hope to his widow Florence and his children Alma (Mrs Stewart) of Tongala, Hazel (Mrs. Blain) of Coburg, Albert of Doncaster, and Rex of Fiji, with their partners the 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, and his two brothers Vernon and Irwin. Baptised at Northcote he was also later in membership at Coburg, Thornbury, Moreland, and for the last 10 years at Tootgarook where he was one of the church organists which responsibility he exercised sacredly and conscientiously. When the B.S. anniversaries were a major function of the church year. Albert Barber conducted and trained the school choirs at Coburg for many years and at West Preston, Northcote, Thornbury, Moreland, Essendon and other places. He also served at times as mission song leader with Dan Stewart and others. Mr. Barber's first marriage was with Caroline Daisy, a marriage of 46 years. Ten years ago at Balwyn he married Florence. We may pay tribute to the loving care so efficiently rendered at home by Florence. The Christian hope was further presented at Fawkner Crematorium.

—A. R. Lloyd.

## BOAK, Thelma C. J.

In her early years, Thelma Boak attended B.S. at Carnegie and in 1916 her parents became foundation members of the church at Oakleigh and she was a member there for 38 years. She was a teacher in the kindergarten for 25 years. Transferring to Hartwell in 1954 she taught in the B.S. until ill-health forced her to relinquish the work she loved. She retained a practical interest in Social Service, particularly with the Ern Tilley Home at Camberwell, the Berry St. Babies' Home, and the Children's Hospital. It was a great sorrow to her when her failing sight limited her capacity to help these institutions. Over the past seven years she lived quietly with her brother Russell at their home in East Doncaster. After a brief illness, Miss Boak died on Nov. 28, 1973. A simple service was conducted at her home by A.W.C. Candy and A. E. White in the presence of many friends, and later at the family grave at Springvale Cemetery.

—A.W.C.C.

## BURDEN Frank

Frank came with his family from England when he was aged 10. They lived in Boronia, Croydon, and Ringwood, Vic., except for a time at Leongatha and Yallourn. He joined the churches of Christ at Boronia, where he also married Winifred Goodwin. At the three churches he carried out a devoted and highly esteemed witness, being at Ringwood at the one time board member, secretary, and treasurer. Frank loved his God and Saviour. He had a kindly and gentle nature and was patient, always ready to listen and to help. He was a good friend and encourager of College of the Bible students, and was tireless in the care and maintenance of church buildings and grounds. In spite of some years of indifferent health he was always cheerful, bright, and forgetful of himself. His spirit of love and affection was seen in his love for his wife and family and his absolute delight in his grandchildren. We shall always remember him with great affection and thanksgiving and extend love and sympathy to his wife, Win., and sons Ian (and family) and David.

D.F. Smith

## BUTLER, Mrs I.M.

Mrs Butler was born at South Lillimur in 1901. She married Joseph Allan Butler of Wolsley, where they lived until poor health compelled them to relinquish farming. The Butlers were both active in the Kaniva church of Christ, and they took an interest in church life at Wolsley. Mr Butler died in 1947. When health problems made it impossible for her to live alone she became a resident of "Avonlea" at Nhill until admitted to Nhill Hospital where she died. There were no children of the marriage.

## CAMPBELL, Miss C.

Miss Chrissie Campbell moved into Kaniva from Bill's Gully early in life and lived in the house now occupied by the Kaniva Museum. She was a member of the Kaniva Church of Christ and supplied the flowers for the church for many years. Miss Campbell spent the last eight years prior to her death at the Alexander's Old People Home.

## GOLDSWORTHY, Mrs E.M.

Mrs Goldsworthy was the oldest of the family of ten children of the late Mr and Mrs A.J. Williams of Kaniva, Vic. She married Laurence John Goldsworthy in 1914. The Goldsworthys had a family of four boys and four girls. She attended the Methodist church at Diapur, then the church of Christ at Sandsmere, but after her marriage she was in fellowship with the Kaniva church for 69 years, being active in its auxiliaries. She was a life member of the Red Cross and an active member of C.W.A. and Senior Citizens.

She leaves a family of Dorothy (Mrs Wills), Reg., Jack, Max, Lois (Mrs Kelly), Cecil, Betty (Mrs Buckland, dec.), and Wilma (Mrs Bowring). Surviving brothers are Arthur Williams and E. Lyall Williams.

## HALL, Elsie Alice

Elsie Hall was born in 1900, and died Dec. 27, 1973. Her family was one of the earliest associated with the church at Albion, Qld, and she made a fine contribution to the ongoing work of the church. Elsie was a young teenager when she joined the church. Throughout her life she gave loyal, active support to the church and the kingdom of God. She taught in the S.S., sang in the church choir, and for many years acted as communion steward. She recognised the importance of prayer and only towards the end of her life ill-health prevented her from attending the mid-week meeting. She was in the Senior ladies' class of the All-Age Bible School. The church can ill afford to lose such a steadfast member. The funeral service was held in the Albion chapel and the Albany Creek Crematorium.

—B.B.

## WALLIS, Mrs Ellen

Ellen Welsh grew up at the Welsh homestead at Leor. Because of the distance from school and the often impossible nature of the tracks, she was educated at home by her older sister. She was married to Clifford Charles Wallis at the Leor homestead by Mr Methven, Church of Christ minister. After her marriage Mrs Wallis resided at Serviceton until just prior to her death on Nov. 18. Mrs Wallis made her confession of faith at a mission conducted by A.B. Withers at Lillimur and she was a loyal member of the church, attending regularly until health failed.

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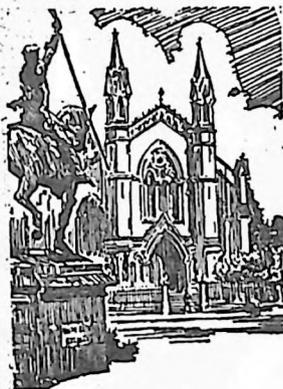
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**CHADWICK** (Cole) Fran and Jim happily announce God's gift of a son, Nathan Cole, on Dec. 17th at Corinda Maternity Hospital. Both well.

**CLUTTERBUCK** (Marshall) To Carol and Rod, a daughter, Karen Lee, on November 12, 1973.

**LEACH** (Alcorn) Lynette and Athol happily announce the safe arrival of their son, Andrew Bryce, at Maryborough, Vic., on Christmas Eve.

**RATTEN** Graeme and Jean announce the arrival of a sister for Jeanett, Pamela, Barbara, David, Paul, and Andrea. Born at Wahroonga, N.S.W., January 7th.—Elizabeth Emma.

## ENGAGEMENT

**DARLING-McCANN** It is with pleasure that the engagement is announced of Victoria, daughter of Mr & Mrs R. Darling of Hobart, Tas., to John, son of Mr & Mrs Mac, McCann of Blackburn, Vic.

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**COLEMAN** On December 6, Millicent Harriet, of 259 Como Pde., Parkdale, Vic. Dearly loved wife of the late Alfred, loving mother of Lena (Mrs Bryce), and Bernard (deceased), loved mother-in-law of Geoff. and Eileen.

**FLOOD** Ethel May, on January 7th, 1974 at 14 Bloomfield Crescent, Elizabeth Downs S.A., loved wife of the late Grosvenor Flood, and loving mother of Cyril, Rene Harward (deceased) and Reg. Aged 89 years.

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## GREETINGS

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## CHURCH NEWS

**"LORD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT"** (Hornsby Dist., D. A. Oldfield) The Christmas Day service at 8.30 a.m. featured "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering. This year it is being shared to assist preachers in Korea to purchase bicycles and to help Christian Broadcasting in New Guinea. The offering stands at \$500. . . There was a decision on Dec. 16. . . After service on Dec. 23 the congregation sang carols by candlelight on the lawn in front of the church. . . The C.W.F. held a Hamburger Barbecue at the home of Mr and Mrs H. Bishop to raise funds for their special project.

**NEW MANSE** (Morawa, R. Sack) The new manse is now occupied. . . Cottage evening meetings proving popular. . . There have been three recent decisions. . . John and Joyce Bolton paid an enlightening and challenging visit. . . I. Johnson (N.D.C. President) addressed morning service. . . Combined carols service conducted by Anglicans. . . Annette Tomkins, High School teacher, has left for training at Linguistic College. . . Bill and Ruth de Bruyn were farewelled on leaving district.

**FOR OTHERS** (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn) Auxiliaries and members last year gave \$300 for Ethiopia, \$160 for World Vision, and \$310 for church funds. . . A presentation was made to associate minister Ron White on leaving for Springvale. . . Mr and Mrs A. W. Bell, formerly of N. Z., now of Rhodesia, were visitors and Mr Bell addressed the church on Dec. 30.

**TAPED MESSAGE** (Epping, K. Farmer) At a special Christmas service there was a taped message from Sister Marie Henderson who went in mid 1973 to New Hebrides on voluntary hospital service. She is partly supported by her home church at Epping. Choir anthems from the canata "Bethlehem" were also featured. . . A tape recording from Dr Chae in Korea is also circulating among churches supporting children at Geon Children's Home, Seoul.

## GOOD YEAR FOR WANGARATTA

(Vic.) 1973 was a good year for the church at Wangaratta. In July, it entered upon a mission of witness with seven members of the Springvale church and its minister, Trevor Holmes.

This mission to the church was marvellously effective and hindrances among members were done away. People were happier, love was more evident. Eleven came forward in rededication.

A mission was also planned through the Dept. of Home Missions and Evang. with Gordon Stirling as leader, in November. Mrs. Stirling met with the women of the church.

An informal meeting of women had sixty present, there was a barbecue for young people, and 27 attended the Men's Breakfast, including the Mayor of Wangaratta who expressed his pleasure at the ecumenical nature of the occasion.

On the final day of the mission five young people confessed Jesus as Lord. Three have been baptized and received into the church. Music was supplied by our young people and others.

This has been a most encouraging year for the church and the Department of H.M. and Evang. is to be thanked for its interest in Wangaratta and the inclusion of the church in its Centenary Programme. A. B. Withers is minister.

## VANDALS ATTACK CHURCH

Prior to Christmas, vandals attacked the church at Prospect, S. A., and wreaked great destruction.

It reflects great credit on the members who worked hard to have the church looking normal again for Sunday services. The pulpit bible was damaged beyond repair. Mr and Mrs Blskett donated a new bible for the pulpit in memory of Mrs Searle.

The Prospect Senior Citizens Choir donated \$5 and Mrs Holland gave \$5 to replace broken communion glasses. The Bonney family replaced damaged pot plants and restored others and the two pianos are being repaired by men of the church under supervision of Mr J. Withall. The church amplifier is also being repaired.

From teenagers to pensioners, all who could gave their time to restore God's house to its former beauty. R. H. Sercombe is minister.

**MISSION PLANNED** (Tamworth, C. Crago) A mission is planned with Jack Bond for March 10 to April 7. Prayer cell groups commence in February. . . Officers and auxiliary leaders evaluated past year and planned for 1974. Twenty were baptised in 1973. Mr Crago has developed person to person work. . . Merrill Skewes in undertaking three months Bible study course at Capenwray Bible College, Moss Vale.

**START AT GILGANDRA** On Jan. 6, Mr and Mrs R. Bassett, formerly of Bundaberg, Qld., commenced a ministry here. . . Mrs Finch shared fellowship on Jan. 6. She was one of the very early members of Gilgandra church. . . Mr and Mrs L. Morris of Eidsvold church, Qld., shared Christmas holiday fellowship with us.

**NEW ORGAN** (Dandenong) A recital on the new electronic organ preceded the choir's presentation of the cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold," on Dec. 9. Alan Page will commence an interim ministry with us in February. Mr and Mrs C. E. Watson have been leading the work here. . . On Dec. 16 the S. S. combined with the church for morning service, followed by a barbecue at Churchill National Park. A carol service at night featured the choir led by Leigh Drew. Russell Allison, youth minister, was speaker.

**MINISTER FAREWELLED** (Bexley North) Mr. and Mrs. N. Merrick were farewelled on leaving the ministry here for Maryborough, Qld. . . Twenty young people shared in a week-end study camp at Shelley Beach.

**FOR BANMATMAT** (Engadine, D. Drause) A further \$227 was raised by the church for Banmatmat Bible College. . . Capt. Phil Dudman led Boys' Brigade on two-day hike into Royal National park. . . Christmas activities included communion on Christmas morning, B. S. concert, barbecue social, choir programme arranged by Graeme and Olive Bagley, and B. S. carol singing on Christmas Eve.

**AGED ENTERTAINED** (Harcourt) The C.W.F. entertained about twenty ladies from the Home and Hospital for the Aged at Castlemaine-luncheon, a social afternoon, and afternoon tea. A lady of 90 years thanked the C.W.F. for the enjoyable day. . . Student minister for 1972-73, Jim Spiker has moved to Whyalla, S.A. A new student minister, Brian Spencer, commenced a ministry on Dec. 9.

**HOLIDAY SPEAKERS** (East Vic. Park, W. Thornton) Mr and Mrs Ian Allsop of Burwood, Vic., were visitors, and Mr Allsop was guest speaker on Jan. 13. Other holiday speakers were Brice Wells (Rivervale), and R. H. Davey (Secretary, Aged Persons' Homes). . . Our Youth Club attended a Christmas and New Year Camp at Waterman's Bay.



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## NEW SOUTH WALES

**CHAPEL MEMORIAL** (Tweed Heads-Coolangatta) A beautiful lectern and Bible have been placed in the chapel as a memorial to the late Bob Dorning . . . Dan Quinn from Kenmore College, will be student minister this year. We regret the retirement of R. Acland due to ill health . . . Recent speakers were E.T. Hart, Dr. Jackson, and Mike Pelling . . . C.W.Y. and C.Y.F. took part in recent services . . . Youth met at home of leaders, Pam and Robin Whitaker, for year's final get together . . . C.W.F. Christmas Party was at home of Phyl Larcombe and men's fellowship put on a smorgasbord tea.

**1974 PLANNING** (Pendle Hill, R. Aldred). On Nov. 24, a seminar analysed the 1973 programme, considered aims for 1974 and formulated a 1974 programme. Guest speaker was Conf. Sec., F. J. Stephenson, who outlined the brotherhood three-year programme. An area analysis of census figures and vision of the future church showed that 21 new members joined in 1973 and there was increased attendance, but there were still many areas of outreach to be pursued. Ron Hewitt preached at the gospel service climax.

**50 AT CAMP** (Inverell, R. Craig) 50 attended a Junior Camp at Keera Station, Bingara, including some from Inverell . . . Many visited Armidale for production of "Godspell" . . . Special gospel meetings with Norm Harris were arranged with High School I.S.C.F. and Presbyterian church. Climax was a Family Gospel Tea in church hall attended by 80 . . . Kindergarten break-up was a picnic at Green's property. Miss Janet Mackie is Kinder Supt. . . Mr Craig was speaker at combined Christmas Day service with Baptists . . . 40 attended C.W.F. Christmas party.

**MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY** (Chatswood, C.G. Taylor) On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the coming to Chatswood of Mr and Mrs C.G. Taylor, a coffee-table was presented to them at an after-church fellowship. It was also their wedding anniversary. The same evening the Ron Todd family were farewelled on returning to South Australia . . . The Girls' Brigade held a weekend camp at Narabeen Fitness Camp. Also, at a fete in church grounds they raised \$60 for St. Joseph's Girls' Home . . . Dorcas/C.W.F. raised \$94 for Social Service and Aborigines. Mrs Main spoke to ladies on her return from India. At the home of Mrs Stephenson, Rosalie Rofe spoke to evening group of her work in New Guinea . . . Heather Bothwell and Janet Crick have returned from overseas . . . Money from "Christmas Post" will be placed in Christmas Bowl appeal.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**S.W. PRESIDENT** (Harvey, H.A.L. Clark) Mr Clark has been elected S.W. Conf. Pres. Mrs E. Clark is S.W. C.W.F. President . . . C.W.F. met with Inglewood ladies and also joined South West ladies in giving a Christmas Party at Elanora Lodge . . . Bob Dunleavy was S.S. anniversary guest speaker. Laurie Tassel (S.S. Supt.) and family have transferred to Perth. Don Marshall has filled the position of Supt. . . Mr and Mrs Len Roesner are among the first to take up residence in homes for the "Frail and Aged."

**CHRISTMAS FOOD** (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. A. Good) Both churches sent food and gifts to our Christian Welfare Centre, Perth, for Christmas . . . Bruce Rock church joined with Anglicans for a Lessons and Carol Service . . . Merredin S. S. combined with church for Family Service . . . Recent speakers have been Keith Dowding from W. A. Council of Churches, and John Sara from Bible Society.

**ACE FUN AND GAMES** (Perth City, R. Ryall) About 90 Joondanna Aged Homes Villagers shared a fun, games, and devotions evening with ACE group . . . The S.S. anniversary and teachers' dedication Sunday preceded the church's 83rd anniversary. The following week-end a family camp was held at Rockingham . . . New CYF spent a Hobbies Night at the manse . . . C.W.F. took shut-ins for drives and then shared afternoon tea and devotions at home of Mrs. Povey. C.W.F. also visited Mrs. Conigrave's home and had an "Aborigines" evening with Mrs. Pallot.

**DOORNOCK APPEAL** (Bunbury) Over 140 took part in a house to house door-knock to raise funds for the 44 self-contained hostel rooms to be built at Elanora Lodge. Over \$1500 was received . . . Busselton campsite is nearing completion, ready for holiday campers and caravans . . . Mr. Carslake concluded his ministry on Dec. 9. Barry Ryall commenced Jan. 20.

**BUNBURY FAREWELL** The church was packed for final Sunday with Mr and Mrs G. Carslake. They were presented with a wall clock and a canteen of cutlery by W. Lucy, chairman of officers' board. Mr Carslake is moving to Warwick . . . The manse was painted and new carpets, gas stove, and oil heating, have been installed. The new minister, B. Ryall, commenced Jan. 20 . . . Des. and June Kuhl from Kenmore have been sharing with the church prior to commencing a ministry at Murray Bridge, S.A.



## QUEENSLAND

**BACK TO U.S.A.** (Avenell Heights) Ron and Evelyn Wilson and family have returned to the U.S.A. after ministering for past year. Guest speakers have included E.T. Hart and Miss V. Callanan. Most services are led by local members . . . It is anticipated that present building will be resited as first stage of new building programme . . . Christmas morning service was conducted by Warren Murray . . . John Wilson has returned from working in Florida . . . The Junior Club presented a sacred concert for parents and friends . . . The ladies sent a good supply of groceries to Eidsvold before Christmas.

**OUTREACH FROM IPSWICH** (B. Rice) Preparations are made for outreach programme at Bundamba in 1974. Bill Phillips, fourth year student at Kenmore will assist. Activities will include S.S., weekly gospel service, and Girls Brigade . . . C.Y.F. had bus trip to Kondalilla Falls and Sunshine Coast. East Ipswich and Bundamba C.W.F.'s combined for Christmas programme . . . The enrolment service of No. 1 section of Boys' Brigade was conducted by State President, D. Adams, with West Moreton Battalion well represented . . . Mrs Cresswell, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Byron, and Mrs Neumann, have been ill . . . Greta O'Neill has graduated from Qld. Bible Institute.

**CHRISTMAS MONEY TREE** (Southport, N. Newton). On Christmas Family Night thank offerings amounting to \$1150 were placed beneath the Christmas Tree. This will reduce the amount owing on recently acquired property next to present buildings . . . The church joined in a Christmas party at Golden Age Retirement Village. 30 C.Y.F. members entertained with items and carols. C.W.F. also entertained the guests at afternoon tea and each guest was presented with a specially prepared gift . . . The offering of \$1237 received at 8 a.m. service on Christmas Day has been forwarded for famine relief in Ethiopia . . . At a function in the home of a member, an appeal was made for monetary assistance for a Mission to Lepers in Korea. \$330 was given .



## TASMANIA

**"H and W" DINNER** (Margaret St. Launceston, M.D. Hamilton) C.W.E.F. concluded last year with a Husband and Wife Dinner. It was prepared by the ladies and served by daughters. Santa made a call and entertained all with hilarity. Carols and games were included in the programme . . . Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pitts and family, from Lidcombe, N.S.W., returned for a brief visit, before Mr. Pitts commences a ministry at Bexley North.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**TIDYING UP** (Kensington Pk. W. Bartlett) A group of men tidied up the church grounds and painted the church, and in a social evening cleaned the hall and foyer. Scholars took part in a family service. . . The Cornish Carollers presented a programme. . . C.W.F. netted \$171 at a trading table by Woolworth's Supermarket. . . Mrs. Skurray is Pres. of C.W.F.; Mrs. Braddock is Sec.; and Mrs. Paterson is Treas.

**FAREWELL LUNCH** (Blackwood. L. G. Cooke) Church lunch after service enabled us to farewell Dr. and Mrs. D. Hemer and Timothy. Mrs. Hemer will be our Living Link. . . An auction for Ethiopian famine relief increased giving to \$1300 for this cause.

**TALENT SCHEME** (Clovelly Park R. L. Arnold) Talent Scheme concluded with Arts, Crafts, & Hobbies Exhibition. \$850 was raised in the four months. This will be distributed to four different causes, including surgery equipment for Duinduin hospital. . . A thanksgiving service ended the stewardship campaign conducted by E. W. Heard. . . Mr. and Mrs. Grigg and children from O.M.F. and their "bamboo orchestra" delighted combined C.E. meeting. . . The church gives thanks for the life of H. J. Passmore who died recently.

**SIX BAPTISMS** (Hampstead Gdns. G. Lawrie) There were six baptisms recently. . . S.S. teachers attended training session at Stirling with D.C.E. . . Kadina young people paid return visit. . . Coffee Room taken over by youth group called "The Happy Hut". . . C.W.F. thank offering of \$250 sent to Ethiopian appeal. There were also voluntary church offerings of \$159. . . Girls from Church of Christ hostel led gospel service. . . Gifts for Social Service were presented at fellowship Christmas Tea. A. R. Jones was speaker.

**MEN COMBINE** (Victor Harbor, J. Luff) The men of the church met at the Church of England for a combined Men's Fellowship Tea. . . Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have been received into fellowship. . . Mrs. W. Francis was again elected President of the C.W.F. . . Gifts were received from members for the patients of the Southern Nursing Home.

**SERVICE ON THE SHORE** (Victor Harbor, J. Luff). The church has commenced annual services for three Sunday evenings on the foreshore. Films and special items will be featured. . . Doug Schultz and a work team have returned after spending several weeks doing repairs at Aborigines Inland Mission station at Condobolin. . . Mrs. W. Francis is again C.W.F. President.

**MINISTRY CONCLUDES** (Murray Bridge) An after-church fellowship was held at conclusion of A.H. Coleman's ministry. Presentations were made by the various departments. Mr Coleman is retiring from the ministry and will reside at Murray Bridge and will add to the strength of the church. . . The church shares in sorrow with Kevin Long and his boys in the sudden death of Mrs Jill Long on Dec. 27 after birth of baby Andrew. Andrew is well. Also to Beryl Long in the loss of her mother, Mrs C. Harper; Mrs E. Long, in the death of a brother, and to R. March in the loss of his father. E. Long (elder) continues to progress after accident. Mrs Lind is in hospital. . . Presbyterian church joined us for Christmas Day meeting and Christmas Bowl offering was \$149. . . Mrs E. Hutchinson was 80 on Christmas Day.

**FIGHTING SPIRIT** (Prospect, R.H. Sercombe) Ian Burton has been in hospital again, this time with a hand injury. He has needed his wonderful fighting spirit to cope with so much sickness. . . Mrs K. Dix is recovering from an operation.

**MINISTER EXPECTED** (Ascot Park) The manse is being re-painted in preparation for the coming of R.J. Clymer as minister. Colin Smith concluded his interim ministry on Dec. 30. A farewell after-church meeting was held on Dec. 23, when D.G. Fenn expressed appreciation and presented a gift of several books. . . Jeff May preached throughout January while home on holidays from C.O.B. This is his home church. . . Young adult fellowship held break-up at home of Mr and Mrs M. Fuller. . . John Crowley has been granted a Commonwealth Scholarship.

### MR & MRS BARTLETT FAREWELLED

(Kensington Park). A meeting was chaired by Graham Smith to honour Mr and Mrs Wally Bartlett who retired at the end of 1973 and will reside at Everard Park Christian Rest Home.

Mr. Bartlett was a past-President of Conference and with strong links in many churches the Bartletts have many friends who came to wish them peace and happiness in their new home.

Dr. A. J. Thomas, Conference President, spoke on behalf of the brotherhood. A dinner set and a wrist watch were presented in recognition of valuable service.

At a special service on Sunday, I. J. Chivell presided and delivered a valedictory message. Mr. Green was soloist.

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## CROYDON DECISIONS (A. B. Clark)

There have been five decisions recently. . . . Mrs. Ruth Skillicorn has been farewelled on returning to India. . . . The sum of \$125 and boxes of food were given to assist her work there. . . . Kim Wood has been accepted for the College of the Bible in 1974. . . . Brian Spencer goes as preacher at Harcourt in 1974. . . . C.Y.F. concert raised \$52 for building fund. \$12 for Girls' Club. . . . Mr. Parker is home after three weeks in Ringwood Hospital. Mrs. Morrison progressing after illness. . . . Mrs. I. Rackeman is C.W.F. President, J. Sterling is Sec., and R. Lawson is treas.

**OFF TO GERMANY** (Preston/E. Preston, J. Manallack) Mrs. Edith Turtmann is spending six weeks in Germany visiting her family. . . . A presentation was made to George & Lesley Warren, and Timothy, on leaving for ministry at Belconnen, A.C.T. . . . Roger Risson will serve as assistant minister for 1974. . . . A Social Activities group has been formed to organise social functions each month. The first was an after-church barbecue lunch.

**GIVING OUT** (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch) C.W.A.F. has forwarded deonations to the Red Cross, Churches of Christ missions, Social Service, Mirridong Home for the Blind, Bendigo Home and Hospital for the Aged, and the Crib Scene. . . . S. Preston Walker, B. and F. B. S., was speaker recently. Mrs. Lacy collected \$186 for the Society in 1973.

**BLACKBURN MINISTRY** A service of recognition was held at the conclusion of the ministry of E.W. Roffey. Peter Nelson, student minister, was also farewelled. R.W. Lawton will conduct an interim ministry until Ted Keating comes on May 5. Noel Mitaxa will commence student ministry on Feb. 10. . . . C.Y.F. held a film night and the C.W.E.F. a theatre luncheon at Balwyn theatre. . . . Officers spent two days in planning

conference at Ocean Grove. . . . C.W.A.F. social afternoon, with stall, raised funds for Community Aid projects. . . . Tennis and cricket clubs held combined church parade. . . . Calisthenics display attracted full house. . . . Music from the new gospel musical "According to John" was presented at evening service. . . . Good Companions visited Inala Village with Christmas Carols. . . . Over \$800 was raised by C.W.E.F. for year's project. . . . C.W.F.'s and C.M.F. Christmas social and break-up featured C.M.F. mannequin parade.

**OUTREACH** (Warrnambool) A successful "Outreach" programme was conducted by Ted Keating in early December. . . . The church annual meeting elected L. Mogg as secretary; G. Mason is treas., and E. C. Houston is elder. . . . The church is looking forward to its first full-time ministry for some years with Ian Tippett.

**NIGHT WITH FLORA** (Red Hill, P. Richter) The C.W.A.F. arranged an evening with Roger Elliott, expert on Australian flora. He showed many beautiful slides and answered questions on his work. . . . Sir Douglas Nicholls was recent speaker at meeting arranged by C.W.E.F.

**EDUCATION DAY** (Tootgarook) Mrs Lorraine Clencie, Vice-Principal Waldan School, she was also speaker at 11 a.m. service. . . . Claude Gadge showed evening service slides of Ethiopia, taken while he was there. Mrs. Gadge gave a trumpet solo. . . . Seven deaconesses and six deacons were elected at half-yearly meeting.

**SCHOOL OF PRAYER** (Hamilton, A.J. Frazen) Five attended prayer learning camp at Merricks with Roland Brown, U.S.A., following School of Prayer led by John Byrnes of Castlemaine. . . . D.H. Smith, Home Missions, was recent speaker. . . . C.W.F. conducted service after annual meeting. Mrs Franzen is Pres., Mrs McPherson, Sec. . . . Fortnightly fellowship at Casterton-Coleraine continues with support from Senior Youth. . . . R. Hoffman is Board chairman, G. Beard is Sec., Mrs O. Marchant is Treas.

**MANSE GARAGE** (Carnegie, R.E. Hillbrich) Mr Hillbrich has been conducting a most appreciated part-time ministry. A new minister will commence in March, 1974. . . . Ladies have catered for some big functions, held a successful fete and street stall, and the best Jumble Sale to date. . . . A new garage at the manse is being supplied by the ladies. . . . Elderly Citizens choir entertained at Annual Carol Night. . . . A presentation was made to Mrs Olive Ferguson, a member for 50 years, and to Rosalie Strother (now of Surrey Hills) for her years of service at organ and piano.

**MINISTER HONOURED** (Manifold Hghts., A.E. Stevens) A plaque to commemorate the 17 years of ministry of Russell A. Banks, was placed in the chapel at a service attended by members of his family. . . . Six young people have been baptised and two more decisions were made. . . . Y.P.C.E. attended College of the Bible graduation service and four members travelled to Sydney Woolwich Bible College graduation of former member, Kevin Rankine. . . . Members of I.C.E. joined Belmont church C.E. at camp at Hall's Gap led by Dr Trevor Banks and Harward Mountjoy.

**PLANNED GIVING** (Peel St. Ballarat, W. Mills) Planned Giving has increased offering by \$100. . . . Church shared in "Logos" mission with Gordon Moyes. C.M.F. assisted by Col. Hocking, arranged men's breakfast at Mid-City Motel. . . . Mr and Mrs Mills have been unwell. . . . Recent speakers have included Harley Kitchen, W. Sutcliffe, and Trevor Giles. . . . The church badminton team won premiership.

**FOR ETHIOPIA** (Collingwood, S. Downie) The S.S. raised \$80 for Ethiopia Hunger Appeal. . . . Five of our girls attended camp at Hall's Gap, subsidised by the Christian Education Department. . . . Mr Downie preached at a combined service in our chapel. He also distributed Christmas parcels in the area. They were donated by the Social Service Dept. . . . R. Street of the College of the Bible will be student minister for 1974.

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