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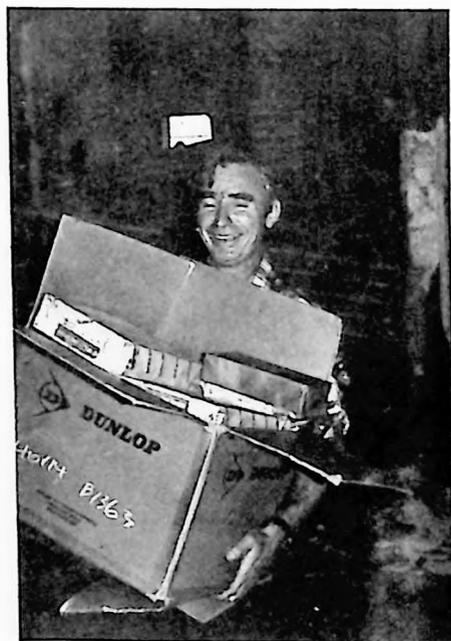
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A. C. Photos

ARE THE ABORIGINES BECOMING VIOLENT?

Recent reports in the newspapers of various states are beginning to cause some concern amongst serious thinking people. Dr. Patterson, Minister for the Northern Territory, whilst in Darwin, stated that he felt serious racial violence was likely soon in the Northern Territory. He said that in many outback areas he had seen open bitterness between the Aboriginal and the white communities. Numerous cases were mentioned to him where violence was threatened. He laid the blame for the tension on increasing consumption of alcohol by outback Aborigines who had not drunk previously and the pressure of "militant stirrers from the south who are inciting Aborigines to acts of aggression."

One of the problems was the availability of large sums of money which the outback Aborigines did not understand how to handle. The major beneficiaries of this money were the liquor sellers. Many nomadic aboriginal families were moving to the small towns and buying liquor which they could not handle. Stirrers were telling them that they need never work again for whites and that the land in the north would eventually belong to them. These statements by Dr. Patterson, if true, are of deep concern to everyone.

Another report comes from Brisbane that a group of militant Aborigines armed with machine guns, shotguns and grenades has been carrying out regular secret training exercises in the Brisbane Valley. Aboriginal leaders warned that racial tension in the city had reached a critical point and that Brisbane was on the brink of unprecedented racial violence.

The Aboriginal member of parliament, Mr. Bonner pointed out that he did not think the Queensland police were aware of the strength of the movement in Brisbane and that they were not taking the matter seriously enough. It was believed that funds from overseas extremist groups were helping finance this hard core of young aboriginals. Some of the Brisbane members had belonged to the Black Panther movement according to reports. The police minister, Mr. Hodges, has denied that any meeting of aboriginal

leaders to discuss this problem had taken place but he believed that if anything of this nature happened, responsible Aborigines would co-operate and try to suppress it.

True or not, these reports are disturbing. The Aborigines are not a warlike people and only fought when driven to extremities. The time has come when we can no longer sweep our racial problems under the carpet and ignore them. Time is running out and the aboriginal is becoming impatient of delays.

Time is running out for us too. We must do all we can within the next few months to spread out amongst these people who are in such desperate need of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must bring them love, understanding and restore their dignity in their fellow man. We must not only preach but we must be practical in our help too. First and foremost however we must teach these people the love of God and the fellowship of man and that there is only one way and that is Christ's way.

—B.G.W.

INNER SPRINGS PREPARATION AND A PROMISE



Some people see in the passing of Autumn only the death of something lovely. When the last tree has shed its garment of scarlet and gold and each leaf drifts to earth from whence it came, then a chill wind sweeps across their spirits and their hearts whisper "This is the end". But to see only this is to miss the meaning of life itself. They do not see —

"Outpushing hour by hour

New life pulsing in tree and flower"

For all of life is but a preparation and a promise of that which is yet to be. And it is this constant invisible flow of life which causes the shedding of leaves no longer useful to the tree. Then comes the pruning and shaping to ensure fresh strong-growth. There is a divine truth in all of this if we would see it. From the moment we come to Him our preparation begins, not for this life but for that which is to follow. Paul writes of it in Corinthians. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

So many times someone loved or something treasured is withdrawn from our lives and we cry out against it. His knife cuts deeply and the wounds are hard to bear, but He healeth and broken-hearted and bindeth up their wounds. So the pruning and His constant love are bound up together. Neither does He leave us comfortless. None knew better than He the chill wind of loneliness that swept through the hearts of the disciples as He prepared them for His departure, and so He leaves them the precious promise of His return. "And ye now therefore have sorrow, but I will see you again and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you". (John 16:22)

Whether in the realm of nature or the spirit, autumn is a preparation and a promise of joy to be.

PRAYER:

Dear God, we thank You for the breath-taking splendour of Autumn. In the wonder of each falling leaf, help us to see that life and death are part of Thy great purpose. And if we have walked with Thee, we need not fear what the end shall be.

Amen.

John 16:1-22

FLORENCE ROSIER

HUMAN RIGHTS

The Australian Council of Churches today released a study paper on the proposed Human Rights Bill, as a contribution towards an informed public discussion of the important issues involved. It is intended primarily for study within the member churches of the Council, but has also been sent to members of the Australian Parliament.

In releasing this well-documented study, produced by a working group of the Council's Executive, the A.C.C. has affirmed the importance of a Bill of Human Rights in order that freedom may be a fundamental and not a residual right of all Australians. In issuing the study paper for general circulation, the A.C.C. Executive Committee urges that "the discussion of this important issue be elevated above party political positions."

The working group which produced this paper was composed of lay men and women, including lawyers and academics. It will continue to investigate some significant related issues.

MY ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE

E. L. WILLIAMS



Even though Paul asked to be allowed to boast a little (II Cor. 11: 16) I wish not to boast but simply to give evidence of ecumenical involvement and speak out of that experience.

Ecumenical Involvement and Outlook

As I remember, in 1945 I became a representative of Churches of Christ on the Victorian Council of Churches before it was known by that name. During 28 years of membership I served as an Executive member, a vice-chairman, chairman of the Executive and chairman of the Council as well as a member of various sub-committees. For many years I was involved in the Australian Council of Churches as a representative of Churches of Christ. In 1951, as President of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ, I became the first Chairman of the Australian Commission for Inter-Church Aid, as it was then known. This position, according to the Constitution, was held by the "Federal Head" of a member Church during his term of office. When another "Federal Head" became chairman I became deputy chairman and chairman of Executive. When the Australian Commission for Inter-Church Aid transferred to Sydney as the Division for Inter-Church Aid the former Commission became the Victorian Committee for Inter-Church Aid (now World Christian Action). On this committee I have served as Chairman and remain a Deputy Chairman and am constantly involved in sub-committees.

In 1954 and 1961 I served as a representative of Churches of Christ at World Council of Churches Assemblies at Evanston and New Delhi. On both occasions I visited centres of World Christian Action activities.

I cannot help but register my gratitude for the experience and enlargement of this involvement.

In isolation we are very aware of our differences and divisions as Christians, even while we admit that there are agreements.

Through involvement we become very aware of our agreements as Christians in spite of differences.

Our Lord encouraged ecumenical outlook according to the record of Luke 9: 49-50. John said: "Master, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us. But Jesus said to him, 'Do not forbid him; for he that is not against you is for you'."

Conference

Under the guidance of the New Testament, Churches of Christ were born in protest against fragmentation of the body of Christ and in their concern for the gospel were constrained to pray, plead and work for the healing of divisions among Christians. So Thomas Campbell set our ecumenical sights when he said: "Till you associate, consult and advise together, and in a friendly and Christian manner explore the subject, nothing can be done." His son, Alexander Campbell, followed in this tradition thirty years later when he said: "I propose that a congress of all Protestant parties (and if any choose to add the Greek and Roman sects, I will vote for it) be convened in some central place, to be composed of delegates from each Protestant party, chosen in ratio to their entire population. . . . When convened according to appointment, the rule of union shall be, that, whatever in faith, piety, and morality is catholic, or universally admitted by all parties shall be adopted as the basis of union; and whatever is not by all parties admitted as a divine authority, shall be rejected as schismatical and human."

With the lead of our Lord and with three generations of the tradition of Churches of Christ ground into the texture of my being I have felt very much at home in an ecumenical pilgrimage.

Sharing Convictions

As we cannot be the light of the world or the salt of the earth by hiding our light under a bushel or keeping the salt safely in a kitchen cupboard so we cannot discharge our stewardship of truth entrusted to us by living in isolation and virtually talking to ourselves. Our mission as a people can be fulfilled only by involvement and relationship both with the world and other Christians.

If we have convictions concerning truth we must share them. Only those with convictions have a contribution to make. People who have no convictions have nothing to offer. The ecumenical movement is served only by people of conviction. It does not want those who have no convictions. This has been clearly stated within the ecumenical movement.

My ecumenical pilgrimage has drawn me into all kinds of encounters and has opened up a variety of opportunities in which I have been expected to share my convictions, not sacrifice them. This has been a privilege and responsibility which I have accepted gladly and gratefully. The sharing has meant giving and receiving, not compromise.

Humility

Barton Warren Stone, one of our great pioneers, in particular saw New Testament Christianity in terms of love and humility. In this spirit true ecumenism calls for a humble involvement as against a pride based either upon our purity and superiority as reformers or our age and size as established churches. It is in this spirit, together with our sense of conviction, that we recognize that we have something to receive as well as something to give. In humility, we search together within a corrective fellowship.

Acceptance

Within this fellowship we accept those from whom we differ even as we wish to be accepted by those who differ from us. We must recognize that our differences are as genuine as they are real. They can be handled only in relationship within a fellowship in which we accept one another even though we do not agree on all things. My ecumenical pilgrimage has shown me that involvement does not mean my acceptance of all that other persons and other churches think; there is no compromise at this point, but it does mean healthy encounter.

Encounter

New Testament Christianity means a ministry of reconciliation and the New Testament makes it clear that personal encounter is God's way of reconciliation. "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son." "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." Personal involvement is God's way of reconciliation. Reconciliation across any breach in relationship calls for personal encounter.

In the matter of divisions among Christians it is necessary that we recognise both our agreements and our differences. The encounter calls for frankness, but we must earn the right to be frank by being friendly. Frankness will serve in the context of fellowship; in isolation, out of relationship it can easily degenerate into rudeness. One of the deep impressions of my ecumenical experience has been the frankness within the fellowship of differing but mutually accepting Christians.

In situations of industrial strife issuing in a strike we are all anxious that there be conference between the involved parties. We are disturbed if people will not meet or if, having met, some walk out and doors are slammed. Our prayer is that they

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MY ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE (From Page 3)

will keep talking. The same is true in an inter-national crisis. Involvement in conference, encounter and dialogue is something for which we earnestly hope. I well remember how in the Evanston group which discussed international affairs back in 1954 a strong appeal came through to the nations to confer, to keep talking and not slam doors. How can we Christians urge the world to confer and not confer ourselves?

Co-operation

Ecumenical involvement does not mean fullness of unity but it is an experience of spiritual unity, a fellowship in worship, in witness, in study, dialogue, discussion and co-operation in service. By co-operation in all these ways we express the unity which is God's gift to us in Christ, we achieve things together which none could achieve in isolation, and we grow together in understanding as a necessary prelude

TASMANIA DISTRICT CONVENTION (ULVERSTONE)

This was the first time the Convention was hosted by Ulverstone Church members. They were assisted by their neighbour church at Devonport.

Eric Patterson, President of the Vic.-Tas. Conference, and Mrs June St. Aubyn, Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. President, shared in the Convention, having just visited most of the Tasmanian churches and also the camp at Bicheno.

Ten of the eleven Tasmanian churches were represented at the business session.

The Tasmanian District Conference conducts quarterly meetings and because of this the annual Convention business is reduced to essentials only.

APPOINTMENTS

Executive Officers appointed were Dean Hamilton, President; Clem Burt, President-Elect; Cec. Neville, Past President; Laurie Boxhall, Secretary; Paul Burnham, Treasurer; and Roy Edmunds and Les Moore.

One motion was intended to aid the work of the Christian Education Bicheno Camp Management Committee by increasing its numbers and by localising its Executive. Convention acknowledged the effects of rising costs by increasing church annual affiliation fees from ten to twenty cents per member.

CAR RALLY

After lunch, 25 young people left by car for an unknown destination. Guided by 30 clues each car amazingly found its way to Spellman's Bridge, 20 miles away. At the picnic ground a workshop was held on "Church life and worship and how young people can become more committed."

"I.I.C."

Those back at the chapel also had a workshop, "I.I.C." Involvement, Integration, Commitment, led by Eric Patterson. Blue-print questions assisted three groups of 20 to work on one or other of these key words.

to fullness of unity in Christ. I do not tire of quoting the words of an ecumenical leader, the late Dr. William Adams Brown, who, in a book entitled, "The Church-Catholic and Protestant" called us to "the discipline of mind that will make us ready to rethink questions we believed to have been settled, the harder discipline of will that will make us willing to undertake tasks which have hitherto been shunned . . . We must learn to distinguish great things from small. We must turn our eyes from the things that separate us to the more important things that we have in common. And when we have seen we must act. It is futile to argue about the things on which we differ while we refuse to act together in the things on which we agree".

I would that all God's people with convictions, humility, acceptance and in encounter and co-operation, could experience the riches of an ecumenical pilgrimage.

Sunday, with an overflow congregation of 140, the office of Conf. Pres. was relinquished by Cec. Neville, and taken up by Dean Hamilton. The latter thanked Cec. for a year of high endeavour and achievement and splendid witness. At the table our new President reminded us again of the love of God and of his works of love. There were 129 communicants. Eric Patterson gave the address.

DEVIL'S GATE

During the Convention there was a community outreach which had a practical thrust motivation behind it. While the ladies attended their annual Women's Conference on Sunday afternoon, the men took the children and 33 elderly folk from the Eliza Purton Home for the Aged at Ulverstone for a drive to the Hydro-electric works at Palooona Dam and Devil's Gate dam. Afternoon tea was provided in the bushland picnic ground and this and the outing was obviously appreciated by the elderly travellers.

EVALUATION

The 78th Tasmanian Convention on March 30-31 was another of those occasions when we fortunately experience our kinship in Christ and bask in the rays of mutual love, affection, and esteem, and nourish our lives from God-given recipes so as to enable us to go our separate ways with renewed hope, increasing joy and greater resolve.

—Laurie Boxhall.

GOSPEL RALLY

123 packed the chapel for a Gospel Rally with a youth emphasis in two hours of praise, joy, and Christian informality. Most of the young people were seated or lying on the centre floor while others occupied the perimeter. Good lighting effects were achieved and music was provided by Mrs Mary Taylor on the organ, Wayne Kerrison on drums and Paul Burnham on guitar. Mrs St. Aubyn made a special guest appearance, playing a variety of popular music on the piano.

Scripture choruses, items by Lee-anne Ashton, Sandra Williams, Wayne Kerrison and Paul Burnham, and singing ranging from "Count your Blessings" to "Put your hand in the hand of the Lord" were highlights. Young people from Girls' and Boys' Brigades shared in this meeting. Paul Burnham gave the message.

SUNDAY MORNING

At Communion and Worship on

APPEAL FOR CAMBODIA PEACE

The combined Boards of Directors of World Vision International, representing the Christian humanitarian agency in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, have appealed to all parties involved in Cambodia to let the Khmer people work out their problems without outside interference.

Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, president, emphasized that "this is not to be interpreted as a call for unilateral withdrawal by any single power, but rather a plea for all external forces to help the Khmer people find a peaceful solution to what is really an internal problem."

"So senseless is the slaughter of human

beings and so absurd is the ravaging of the land that all nations involved and interested should immediately exert every diplomatic effort to stop it in the name of God and humanity," said Mooneyham.

In a statement drafted recently during a meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, Mooneyham and the board members noted that Cambodians are a peaceful people with no long tradition of internal strife; they have fallen victim of contemporary, largely external, clashing political forces.

"The continuing destruction of life . . . increasingly troubles and offends the conscience of mankind and is particularly inconsistent with the Christian spirit of compassion," they declared.

FIRE DESTROYS VIC.-TAS. BROTHERHOOD CENTRE

The Brotherhood Centre of the Victoria-Tasmania Conference at 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne was practically destroyed by a fire which broke out before midnight on Friday, May 10. The Fire Brigade was alerted by someone from the Queen Victoria Hospital immediately opposite, but it was 2 a.m. before the fire was brought under control.

The inside of the building next morning was a ghastly mess of charred timber, cinders, sodden floors, molten plastic, and useless equipment. The stairs were completely burnt out. A significant estimate of the damage cannot be given, but an early guess puts the damage to the property at \$150,000 to \$200,000, and the value of the contents destroyed or damaged at between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

The cause of the fire is not known, but the possibility that someone broke into the building cannot be ruled out at this stage.

On Saturday morning, news of the fire was on the radio, and during the day, many came to help clear up some of the mess and to shift furniture, equipment, books, and papers—anything that could be salvaged. One passer-by in the street asked how we could get so many workers at such short notice, and was told, "That's the unpaid task force that just turns up everytime there is a crisis or a need." The fact that there were no overtime rates, or any rates at all being paid, seemed to baffle him.

The occupants of the building were getting ready to move to their new premises at 52 Latrobe St., on June 4. Until then temporary accommodation has been made available at 213-215 Lonsdale St., right alongside the old building. The Departments concerned are the Conference Executive, the Dept. of Christian Education, the Federal Board of Christian Education, the Department of Home Missions and Evang., the Properties' Corporation, the Dept. of Social Service.

Telephone numbers are 663 1611 and 663 2446.

109th VICTORIA-TASMANIA CONFERENCE

The 109th Conference commenced with the United Evangelistic Rally at the Melbourne Town Hall, with almost every seat filled. Young people set the theme for the evening with a parade of the world's ills and the transformation that comes with Jesus—The Light of the World.

Once that early gloom was dispelled by the young people the evening was bright with singing and the celebration of faith. The Rev. Alex. Kenworthy, one of the best-known voices in Melbourne, because of his regular radio feature "Nightline", was guest speaker.

Alex. Kenworthy spoke on "Being Children of the Light in the Dark".

He said that his ministry by day is in the counselling rooms and on one occasion a 19 year old youth told him the familiar story of sinfulness and waywardness, but there was also a sense of searching, a groping for the meaning of life. He said, "I'm telling you my story because I am looking to you for a glimmer of light."

We expect many young people to criticize us when we speak to them. They doubt if we can talk meaningfully of faith in the 20th century. Christian morals are old hat. They want to know where the church stands on this or that social issue. But there are, perhaps, many more than we think who are looking for a word of

meaning, an experience, a glimmer of light. People often seek meaning in change. They change their address, they move from house to house, from job to job, from wife to wife, hoping that the next choice, the next change will bring the answer, but they don't find it. It is then that they may come to the church. Mr Kenworthy asked about our own witness. Is it sharp enough in the community, in the family, with work-mates, to represent the light that Christ has to give. An old man in the Ozarks lived for over a hundred years and when questioned by reporters about his secret for long life, he said there were four reasons: "one, I've never drunk coffee. Two, I've never played golf. Three, I've never quarrelled with my wife. Four, I always

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Music was again a strong part of the well-balanced programme. Shirley Radford, organiste, and Ted Keating, compere, are expected to be in the places they have made their own. "The Maranatha Sounds" from Ballarat sound better with every hearing. Christine Stewart was soloiste and a Trombone Trio, Mark Radford, Wesley Hannah, and Kenneth McCliment brought the strong sound of brass.

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go to bed at 7 o'clock." Whereupon, a reporter responded, "Who'd want to live to be a 100 with a life like that!"

Have we been guilty of presenting the Christian life as negative and unattractive. If so, others have only seen a travesty of the gospel. Such lives are nothing like the gospel.

We may get the impression that young people are only interested in making love and smoking pot. But a lot of them have studied the game and they know the name of the game, and they know where the players are, and where the future of man is being ground out. They look hard at us to see if we really represent what we claim to represent. "Many have said to me that there must be something new, something worth searching for, something that lends a quality to life, that makes life different, I answer, there is, and it is Jesus, the Light of the world."

That light can be found, no matter how filled with gloom our life may appear. Victor Frankel, the famous psychiatrist, one day found himself as just a young Jew standing in line with other prisoners who were shuffling their way into Auschwitz, the dreaded extermination camp, where smoke that was literally the smoke of human life used to curl up from the smokestacks every day. Frankel had spent years working on the manuscript of a book. He had it with him, but as he came to a point in the line, a guard snatched it from him and threw it onto a fire. They took off his clothes, shaved off his hair, and gave him filthy rags to put on, rags that had belonged to generations of prisoners, all of them now dead.

Victor Frankel shivered in the cold, everything gone. If ever a man could have said that all the world was total darkness, he could have said it. He put his hand down in what was once a pocket in those rags of clothes and found a little ball of paper. He pulled it out, unravelled it, and found that it was a page from a Jewish prayer book with some words from Deuteronomy. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Frankel said he took those words to mean that real truth is an encounter with God, and even in that situation he began to discover light.

Whatever our situation, whatever, our need, whatever our own special darkness, the Light still shines, Jesus, the Light of the world.

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ABORIGINES

A HISTORY OF EVANGELISATION AND UPLIFT

Part 5

By A. M. Bell

A NEW GOVERNMENT APPROACH

About this time the McLarty Government, sensing a growing public conscience towards the Aborigines, created a new ministerial post appointing a Christian man, Ross McDonald (later Sir Ross) with solicitor experience and a deep sympathy towards the Aboriginal people as Minister for Native Affairs. Mr. McDonald promptly instituted a state-wide survey and after searching Australia for the right man, appointed S.G. Middleton as Commissioner for Native Affairs with extensive experience in New Guinea.

Mr. Middleton showed appreciation for what Christian groups were

attempting with very limited resources and in due course encouraged the Government to increase subsidies and institute grants-in-aid for building materials, electric plants, vehicles and equipment, to enable missionaries to more effectively do their work.

Believing in the dedicated value of missionary service, he handed over completely the two Government settlements, Mogumber to the Methodists and Marribank to the Baptists.

This assistance offering commenced what we may call "THE BUILDING-DRIVE ERA"

With constantly pressing needs of more children to be housed and cared for, the Federal Board was able to organise year after year, plans for buildings and work teams without which our stations would have been one quarter the size they are today. Great credit is due to the scores of volunteers and perhaps especially to Ted Chadbourne, a leader with great ability to get the best out of volunteer teams. Ted declared "I can't preach but I can build, and this is my contribution to the Lord."

Perhaps the highlight occasion was when 31 men went to Carnarvon and in 32 days erected one building the size of four houses, equipped with kitchen, built-in stove, water supply connected, large children's bathroom and missionaries' bathroom, fitted with hot water systems, and then reached the framework of another building the size of three houses. Unfortunately, immediately the men had left, a cyclone flattened the second building to the ground and the Reasons, father and son, were left to pick up the pieces and nobly completed the buildings.

Next issue: Sydney Reeson.

WORD TALK NO. 95

This little word has produced some big fights! In the O.T. there are seven or eight different words for image and most have the idea of a carved idol as in the second Commandment. In the N.T. it is used 21 times mostly concerning the image of Caesar on the coin (Matt.22:20) or of how the Law is a shadow of things to come (Heb.10:1) or of the image of the Beast of Revelation (Chs.13-20). But Paul uses it to refer to our being remade in the image of Christ (Rev.8:29; 1 Cor. 15:49) and twice he says that Jesus is the image of God (2 Cor.4:4; Col.1:15). This last usage is both a tremendous insight and the grounds for great controversy.

Image was used by the Greeks in this latter way with two senses: The image was a close portrait of someone, as in a detailed painting (i.e. photograph) or of the reflection of the sun on still water. In this sense Jesus is the perfect reflection of God, the invisible God made visible. He is the reflection of God. The second sense was that of an accurate description of a person as on a police "Wanted" poster or a hire purchase agreement. Jesus portrayed accurately what God is like.

How he did this is the centre of the Arian controversy of the 4th C. When God made man "in our image and likeness" (Gen. 1:26-27) is there any difference in meaning between the two words? The difference is essential to Paul (1 Cor.15:45-46), and was important to the early Church in an 80 year long debate that ripped apart the Church over the significance of the word. Christ was the image of God or his likeness. The Nicene Creed came into being over this distinction. Archbishop Trench has a great discussion of the word concluding that man is created in the image of God and recreated by faith in Christ in the likeness of God (Col.3:10). To call Jesus the image of God was a tremendous insight and the highest description of his divine character. Jesus himself saw himself in this fashion: "He who has seen me has seen the

Father" (Jn 14:9). Jesus has made the invisible God known (Jn 1:18). He has made flesh what is spiritual (Jn 1:14).

FOR TODAY.

Heron Books are publishing in Australia a series of Russian classics. To encourage purchases each is given a Russian Eikon. This is the Greek word for image and an Eikon was a religious image. Here is both the weakness and the strength of the word—it is weak because any image or representation has little worth when compared with the original, but its strength is that it is an accurate representation. The Church wants to claim Jesus as the image of God, being both an accurate representation of God and also being of tremendous worth in himself.

"How do you picture God?" I asked a child in Sunday School. Came the reply "I can't draw God, he won't stay still!" Any representation of God must be a living representation. Jesus is his only image.

At Easter, kneeling at a Methodist Communion Table, celebrating the Communion according to their rite, I repeated the Nicene Creed with the congregation. I wondered if those repeating it ever realised that those harmless words were the result of bloodshed, debate, intrigue and violence. Words cut deeper than swords. Our Churches' position on Creeds—that they are useful for teaching and for discussion on the formulae of the content of the faith but not as tests of orthodoxy or fellowship—stands justified. However, those who formulated the Creeds put us to shame by their accurate knowledge of scripture. We would do well to know the scripture as they, and those who repeat the Creeds would do well to know the living truths they affirm.

GORDON MOYES.

THE NAMES OF JESUS

IMAGE

• COCIAC

MOVE ON MIGRANTS

There's a new voice, a new face, and a new job in the churches of the inner suburbs of Melbourne.

The voice is Italian, the job is sharing the Christian faith with migrants and the face belongs to attractive Rose Filardo.

Rose was born in Cittanova, Reggio di Calabria, near the toe of Italy's boot.

When she was a few months old, her mother became a Protestant and Rose went off to Sunday School as soon as she could walk. When she was nine her family migrated to Australia where her interest in Christ and the church continued to grow.

Educated at North-West Brunswick primary school and the Brunswick Girls' School, she went on to do a secretarial course. After a short time in office work, the call to Christian service became too strong and she entered the Melbourne Bible Institute for training.

After graduating, she was still uncertain where her future would lie, but felt led to study to complete her Higher School Certificate while doing some part-time work.

It was then that Barry Jenkins, Field-Worker with the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evang., talked with her about serving part-time with COCIAC (Churches of Christ Inner Areas Churches).

Although she had some doubt as to whether she could do this and also cope with her studies (she still has some doubt), she prayed about it and was led to accept the position.

Her work has a clear purpose, but the actual day to day activities are far from clear. There is no established pattern for this kind of thing. Our churches have not had much success in building up fruitful relationships with migrants and the new venture is experimental. By trial and error, Rose and the Department hope to provide a caring community for the newcomers to our land.

Basically, the idea is for Rose to share with local church congregations in building bridges of understanding to the Italian migrants in the area served by the church.

She feels that her own contribution would be very limited if it were confined to paying irregular and brief visits to families scattered all over Melbourne's inner suburbs. Something worthwhile will be achieved only if the local church develops an interest in people and is prepared to spend time in demonstrating and developing that concern.

Rose says that where church members

already have a good relationship with an Italian speaking family she is able to experience a warmth and response that cannot be found in spasmodic visits and where church contacts do not exist.

Many migrants are very lonely. "They find it difficult to communicate with their neighbours and they are not sure that they are accepted by them. When they go to work they often find, especially the women, that they are surrounded by folk of other nationalities. They have few chances to speak their own language and have little English."

Although her major purpose is to bring folk to a knowledge of Christ, Rose is well aware that this is a slow job. "It takes quite a time to establish a relationship with them before one can even begin to talk about religious things."

Her interest is not confined to religious things. She is anxious to help her new countrymen with the language problems, to help the children get established at school, and to help the parents in setting up their homes. She thinks that much more could be done to help the children gain a basic training in the use of English before they are absorbed into our schools. It is easier when children come here in pre-school years than it is for those who have already had a few years of study in their homelands. Habits of speech and study



ROSE FILARDO

have to be unlearned before they can feel at home in their new schools.

One aspect of our churches growing interest in migrant families was COCIAC'S "Euro-Encounter", a programme of friendship visitation where members of the city's inner churches will visit 100 migrant families each week over the next few months. Bi-lingual Christians speaking Arabic, Greek, Italian and Yugoslavian shared with our members in a six weeks training programme to assist church members in understanding the cultural and religious backgrounds of their new neighbours, and to equip them for meaningful visitation. Rose Filardo was very much involved in this.

Rose does not know how all this will work out. "We are still feeling our way," she says, "But what we are doing is out of a genuine concern for people, and is surely in line with God's will through Christ. We cannot believe that God will fail to bless our efforts on behalf of our Lord."

SOLZHENITSYN'S PRAYER

How easy it is for me to live with You, O Lord!
How easy it is for me to believe in You!

When, in perplexity, my spirit bares itself or bends, when the most intelligent do not see farther than this evening and do not know what will have to be done tomorrow; You pour into me the serene certitude that You exist and that You are watching out to see that all the paths of the good not be closed.

On the crest of earthly glory, I consider with astonishment this path through despair. This path from which I myself have been able to send out to humanity a reflection of Your rays.

All that I shall still have to reflect of them,
You will grant me. And what I do not shall not succeed in reflecting, You have assigned to others.

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.

STAND UP!

To the Editor,

In Adelaide last year, Mrs Whitehouse said, "We had a minimal group who intended to take over media and make their voice heard. And so they have the right. And we suddenly realised if we stood up to be counted, they couldn't even be seen because we are so many and so powerful. Which is not in any way to belittle their right to say what they have to say; it is just showing that when we ALL speak out and we ALL use the voice and the personality that we've got, then the people who care about the quality of our society, about the type of world we are going to hand on to our children, are in the great majority."

It is time to look back and ascertain whether or not we are standing up and making our voices heard, for the preservation of high standards in our society.

Nobody likes to complain, and it does seem like complaining when we speak against something, but complain we must if we are to do anything about the rapidly declining standards in advertising, and T.V. programmes. After all, by whose standard should we live; whose standard should we be showing to our children, the advertising agents, our own, or God's?

When I returned to Australia for furlough, after four years in India, to say that I was shocked at the decline in moral standards in my country is putting it mildly.

Our town is on the main route to Nepal for people travelling by road. My heart aches to see young European men and women wandering

the streets, or sitting in the railway station, waiting for transport to . . . unhappily, for some it is to another supply of drugs. There are some who have taken up the begging bowl and are now begging for their very existence.

Is this the end product of our present permissive society?

Mr Editor, due to distance, and lack of news, just now I can do very little in the way of being heard for the right of the society to be a moral society, but I want you to know that my prayers are with you all in this tremendous task.

May God grant us such a love for humanity that we will say with the Apostle Paul, "Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel!". Because it is only by the standards of the gospel of Jesus Christ that we can hope to see the fulfilment of our desire.

(Miss) Jean Davis, N.Bihar, India.

KEEP OUR PLEA

To the Editor,

There has been much said and written of late on matters concerning our stand as people of Christ, and of our ministry in the community. We must be careful not to liberalize our beliefs or water them down to the level of the community, in order to attract people to join our churches on a wishy-washy belief instead of a sound, deep Biblical belief.

I appeal to members to let us rethink our stand as a church and renew our plea to teach Christ and God's love. Let us get on with the job and present the N.T. and not our personal thoughts on what the Bible is saying, for

sometimes our interpretation of what people want to hear is poor. We must reach out, but with the true Gospel of Christ — not the gospel by man or men.

Let us stop and look and learn and reaffirm our belief in N.T. teachings, then forget our conflicts with each other and present a united plea as the people of the N.T. church.

Let us speak where the Bible speaks, put Christ and his teachings foremost and always in our plea.

Colin H. Bryan, W.A.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS EXPELLED FROM S. AFRICA

The South African Government has banned the entry of all World Council of Churches staff and members of its Central Committee. This act which followed the recent expulsion of Dr. Lukas Vischer, director of the Faith and Order Secretariat, is understood to be the latest move in the government's effort to sever relations between the WCC and its member churches in South Africa.

Dr. Vischer said, "I have no reason to believe my visit to South Africa is the reason for this decision by the South African Government. At World Council headquarters, we have the impression that the refusal of any entry visa is an attempt . . . to make the dialogue between them and us more difficult." He termed the recent decision "a further escalation" of the government's critical attitude towards the WCC.

Dr. Vischer went to South Africa at the invitation of the South African Council of Churches to give a number of lectures on the work of the Faith and Order Commission at various academic institutions. He gave a press conference shortly before leaving the country.

"I tried to put the Programme to Combat Racism in the wider context of the total activities of the WCC", Dr. Vischer explained on his return to Geneva. "The press reported my statements faithfully, the South African radio broadcast a statement that bore no resemblance to what I said". Next day as he was about to leave Johannesburg, his temporary residence permit was withdrawn and he was told not to return.

The WCC executive said the great majority of South African Christians support the WCC. While some whites are critical, he heard little criticism from blacks, for whom the grants to liberation movements are not an issue. And many whites emphasized to him the importance of continued pressure from the outside.

—CCA NEWS

A.B.C. RELIGIOUS PLAY

The story of Alan Abbot, Florence Young and the Qld. Kanaka Mission which extended its work to the homelands of the Kanaka labourers who were repatriated in their thousands from Qld. following the Commonwealth Act of 1901. The radio play "WHO WILL COME?" dramatises this experience on May 19 at 8 a.m.

89th ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEW SOUTH WALES

The 89th Conference of Churches of Christ took place this year from April 20 to 28; all business sessions and rallies being held at Enmore with the exception of the final Witness Service in the Sydney Town Hall. Ron C. Hewitt made a very happy and good humoured Conference President.

Conference commenced Saturday, April 20, with "The Basement", a form of Youth Coffee Shop type meeting designed to be helpful and attractive to the many young folk involved in the work of our churches, while another departure was the "Open Day", an Anzac Day outing at Stanwell Tops Camp Site.

Ministers welcomed as having taken up pastorates in NSW during the Conference year, were R. J. Bassett (Gilgandra), B. Benz (Austral), R. Betts (Fairfield), J. K. Bond (Caringbah), B. Chesney (Lenhurst), R. Combridge (Wollongong) K. E. Rankin (Lane Cove) P. A. Pitts (Bexley Nth), and L. G. Thom (Georgetown).

Christian Women's Fellowship

The 80th Conference of the State Christian Women's Fellowship was held at Enmore on the Tuesday, April 23; conducted very graciously by the President, Mrs. Gladys Bent, who introduced the incoming President, Mrs. Shirley Mansell. The guest speaker, Mrs. Q. Lyttle, presented a very vital and impressive message to a large gathering of the women of the churches.

The Ministers' Fraternal Session was

held at Auburn Chapel on Friday, April 26. Conference Secretary, F. J. Stephenson, spoke at the first session on "Church Renewal" and the visiting speaker, Allan Avery, of Frankston, Victoria, brought messages on "Stewardship and Outreach."

Work of Departments

Conference Executive highlighted the fact that the \$47,000 budget set as a target for 1973 by the Finance Advisory Committee had been achieved.

The Department of Home Missions and Evangelism has had another effective year and announced, through its Director, K. E. Crawford, that from early 1975, R. G. Smith of Mt. Druitt, would join the Department as Field Officer.

The Social Service and Christian Fellowship Association Homes Department was able to indicate that they are seeking staff and equipment prior to opening the recently completed 40 bed Nursing Home at Pendle Hill.

The Department of Christian Education, during its report, introduced to Conference the New Assistant to the Director, Miss Judith Gordon.

Woolwich Bible College indicated through the report a tremendous uplift as a direct result of the "Prayer and Share Partner" Plan which is unfolding.

The Boys' Home and Youth Hostel Committee received Conference approval for additions planned to the Boys' Home to accommodate young men.

CONFERENCE DECISIONS

Among some of the more important Conference decisions were:

Elections: Amendments were effected requiring that those elected to committees secure at least 50% of the valid votes cast, except where the number of nominations is three or more above the number required to be elected.

Preachers' Provident Fund: This Federal Board is to be asked to consider that the contribution from churches under the new PPF Scheme be raised from 2% to 4% to equal the contribution suggested by preachers.

Amendments Re Marriage Celebration: Regulations were amended covering part-time and retired ministers being authorised to celebrate marriages.

Ministers Salaries: A new revised scale of recommended minimum rates of salaries and allowances for ministers, as from January, 1974, was endorsed by Conference.

Witness Service

The concluding session of Conference was the Sunday afternoon "Service of Witness", which took place in the Sydney Town Hall. The Musical programme was provided by the Castle Hill Baptist Choir and the Soloist was Mrs. Lorraine Hensby. The preacher was the guest speaker for Conference, Allan Avery, whose message was entitled "The Faith and Its Future."

CONFERENCE OFFICERS: 1974-75.

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J. V. ELLERBY.

TREASURER: I. J. TORODE

—A. G. Elliott

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

WILL OF GOD

To the Editor,

My most frequent question used to be, "How can I know the will of God?" Plenty of people gave me answers. One said, "Pray and you'll know for sure." I did; and I didn't. Another said, "Read the Bible and you'll know." But I hardly ever found a text that fitted my complex situation. What does the Bible say about such a decision as to whether we can afford a new washing machine? Some people said, "You'll know inside you!" But which of a dozen interior voices is the voice of God?

You see, I thought that God had some sort of detailed time table for everybody. If you miss out on it, misery. If you fulfil it, happiness. To make the game more interesting, God didn't only have a time table for us, but he left us to guess what it is. So you got good marks for guessing right, and a bonus for doing right after you'd guessed right. My problem wasn't with doing God's will, but in finding out what it was. I was never much good at guessing.

Then one day in the depths of anguish about the matter I decided to read the Bible and see what it had to say about God's will. I was delighted. There is no time table, no guessing game, no detailed plan to be discovered, no thing tantalisingly hidden. Among other things, God's will for me is that I should become a new creature in Christ; that I should be filled with his Spirit and thus become a more loving and gracious and disciplined person; that I should find my life by losing it for God and people; and that I should receive from God the wisdom to make my own choices using my brains in working out that action which is in harmony with his Word. It is God's will, that whatever happens for good or ill, I will be able to handle it by the power of the risen Christ.

"THY WILL BE DONE! AMEN"
TERTIUS

CHURCH LEADERS SPEAK ON PORTUGUESE COUP

Portuguese church leaders, in Geneva for a meeting on migrant workers, have welcomed the coup which overturned the government of Dr. Marcello Caetano last Thursday. Pastor Ireneu Cunha, the Methodist general secretary of the Portuguese Council of Churches, said "we have been waiting for liberation for a long time."

He predicted the coup would have an impact on the whole life of the country, including complete religious freedom. "I am hopeful we shall obtain official recognition for the Council," he stated. Another Pastor, Jose Leite, director of the Ecumenical Centre at Figueira da Foz, said that "last Sunday pastors could

preach freely for the first time in many years. The Church is not to be identified with the military but we can benefit from this historic situation and take up a prophetic witness."

No official statement has been issued by the Council of Churches because the heads of the major Protestant churches are away from the country. But ecumenical circles in Lisbon rejoice in the liberation of the political prisoners, including progressive Roman Catholics, and the new liberty of expression.

The Roman Catholic Church has been guarded in its comments. The Episcopal Conference, which was meeting as the coup took place, said the bishops hoped the military take-over would bring justice and reconciliation to the country.

—E.P.S.

TEACHER URGENTLY REQUIRED RANWADI SECONDARY SCHOOL NEW HEBRIDES

Enquiries are welcome from Secondary School Teachers OR Graduates without teaching qualifications.

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• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

NEWSLETTER

ALAN & NOLA BAKER
IN NEW HEBRIDES

Ranmawat is a beautiful place well planned and very neat. Our house is just 200 yards from the ocean; it is old but very comfortable and has been easily adapted to family life. We have many of the comforts of home, 32 volt electric light, septic sewerage, constant water supply, and a fairly reliable transport system, with a Landrover and an inboard boat.

Communication within the island is difficult as the island is 36 miles long and roads are inaccessible when it rains, and we have a very high average rainfall. This also affects the plane which comes on Tuesdays or Fridays, so road, sea and air transport are all very dependent upon weather conditions. Our supply ships are very unreliable, and one can wait for several months before receiving ordered goods. Then probably all the ships will come within a week or so, then we won't have another for maybe two months or more.

We have had two other European nursing sisters working here at Ranmawat. Jean Delaney comes from New Zealand and has worked here 11 years, but returned at the end of March. Helen Wheaton arrived in February to take Jean's place; she will be here for 12 months. Three miles north we have a high school at Ranwadi. There are two married couples and one single teacher serving there - all are from Australia. Approx. 12 miles south we have the Bible College at Banmatmat where one married couple and their family serve. They too are from Australia. We share regularly with the Ranwadi personnel, but transport is often difficult for the Banmatmat family.

The New Hebrideans here on Pentecost are friendly happy people, generally helpful with the mission work and very interested in developing local industry and national interests. It is a joy to serve with them and to learn of their ways and customs. Many of them speak English, but all of them speak Bislama which is the local pidgin English. We are taking care to learn this well so that we can communicate effectively with them.

Church life is rather stagnant at present with many of the members being 2nd and 3rd generation Christians without having any personal conviction of faith, thus yielding to many of the European bad habits and materialistic ideals. However there are many beautiful Christian people whose faith in Christ has brought a very real quality to life.

At present Nola is enjoying sharing the work of the hospital which includes patrol work to outlying dispensaries

manned by New Hebridean Dressers. Once Joy-anne, our daughter, commences school in April, of course she will be rather limited in this area. Nola is also very active in women's work. My work involves church work, maintenance of the property and administrative work of the station.

Joy-anne and Renee settled in quite well although they receive a lot of attention from the people. This at times makes them a little hard to handle. However, they love the people and enjoy the outdoors, particularly a swim with our house girls.

One of the many points of interest in our first few weeks was the Queen's visit to our Island, and the exhibition of land diving. Although now only practised commercially for the tourists, they performed this one especially in honour of their Queen. It was quite a sight to see the Britannia and her escort ship anchored in one of the small bays of South Pentecost.

Several of our local men took part in the land diving. They jumped from a tower erected from bush materials. It is 70' high and has platforms every eight feet or so from about 40' up. Thirty men jumped that day but only one from the highest platform. You probably read of one man's death, when the vines which were tied to his ankles broke, and he hit the ground head first. He died two days later in Vila hospital of internal haemorrhage.



A.C.T.

READJUSTMENT! (Ainsie, A.C.T., R. N. Gilmore) Following the transfer of many members to the new church at Belconnen, a one-day conference was held to plan the future. From this "A Church that Cares" programme is being put into effect . . . Family Camp at Sturt Island was shared with Lyons and Belconnen with Geo. Warren as leader . . . On April 21 old folk from Goodwin Homes were taken on a sight seeing tour of new Canberra developments, and entertained with tea and community hymn singing . . . A new organ has been purchased, mainly financed by donations and funds raised by individual members and auxiliaries. The old organ has been presented to the College of the Bible, Glen Iris . . . Six young women have made confessions of faith over past few months.

JAY'S
FOR
JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

A young man came one day to ask Jesus what he should do to get "eternal life". What did Jesus tell him? See page 18.

WORDS

Readers have asked why the word "fish" is used by many young people of the Jesus Revolution today. It is not a new symbol. The fish was used as a kind of password and rough drawings of fish can be seen in the catacombs of Rome. The Greek word for fish is "ichthus", and the letters were used to stand for Iesous Christos Theou Uios Soter meaning "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour." (There is no "J" in Greek alphabet).

Tim: What's worse than a giraffe with a sore throat? Tom: An elephant with a bleeding nose.

WATCH FOR
ANOTHER
COMPETITION
WITH PRIZES

Student: But I don't think I deserve "0" for this exam paper.

Teacher: Neither do I, but it's the lowest mark I can give.



"What were you saying about being promoted to chief fore-caster?"

BOOKS TO READ

TRADITION OLD AND NEW

By F. F. Bruce. (Paternoster Press.) \$3.95

The author is Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis at the University of Manchester, and the book contains the Norton lectures at the Southern Seminary (U.S.), in an expanded form, plus the Ryder Smith Lecture given at Richmond College, London (England) in October the same year. This book of 184 pages is well indexed, and is the work of a conservative scholar. As we read and study what Dr. Bruce has written there is much to be learned, for here we have a clear statement on the matter of tradition and its place in the Christian position. There is no doubt that this is a comprehensive study of a very important theme. Tradition is notoriously a bad master, but on the other hand it can be a very helpful servant. In this book Professor Bruce traces the development of Christian Tradition over the last two thousand years and examines its special relevance in Christian dialogue today.

-R.V.A.

TEENAGERS, by Philip Pledger

(Dove Communications \$2.95)

Is it true what they say about teenagers? It's hard to say. After all, they say many different things; we know only a few personally, and they are different from each other. We read about some of them bashing people up. Occasionally we hear of the tremendous good some of them do. On our rare visits to church on Sunday nights we find that as a whole they are more faithful than the adults. Most of what we read about teenagers comes from overseas. Not this book, however. Philip Pledger is principal of Latrobe Teachers College, Melbourne, and has had wide experience in teaching and counselling Australian teenagers. The book is simply written, well illustrated, and covers the basic areas of the teenager's world, physical growth, friendships, home and family, school, and conscience. It has a chapter on God and religion, a chapter on parents' worries, and another on the teenager becoming a person. There are handy summaries all the way through. The book should greatly help parents and teachers in their understanding of teenagers, and teenagers in understanding themselves. There is enough conflict between the generations to make the book vital for most of us. And, of course, there is plenty of scope for a similar volume on adults!

R.W.L.

(Available from Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Postage 30c.)

PEOPLE PARABLES

by James E. Carter (Baker Book House) \$1.95

According to the cover, "these modern parables supply fresh, vivid springboards for talks, sermons, and sermon introductions". They were first written for a church paper and this journal would happily print such material. We think, with source books like this, the best way to present it is give an example, and here it is:

THINK SMALL On the front of the tiny match folder, distributed by a Volkswagen dealer, is a picture of the "bug" and the words "think small."

Sometimes we need to think small. This seems strange to say in our day of grandiose schemes and super planning. But often the very enormity of what we see around us baffles us and freezes us into inaction.

For, you see, we can be so overwhelmed by what we see and hear that we walk right by our immediate opportunities. And often it is because we are thinking "big" instead of thinking "small."

We look at the overwhelming problems of our world—poverty, hunger, racism, pollution, war, revolution—and think, "What can one person do?" We look at big problems and think there must be big answers. To cure

these ills on a world-wide scale would take big solutions.

But not one of us is called upon to cure these ills on a world-wide scale. We can work on them right where we are. We can fight poverty, hunger, racism, hate, and pollution right where we are. But we have to think small to do it.

We can begin with some of our own attitudes. We can show interest and concern. We can find individuals who need our help and ministry, and begin to work in a very limited way with them. The big problem overwhelms us while the small solution is so close to us we often miss it.

What can I do to help the problems of people? I can begin by thinking small.

The sections of the book include Christian Salvation; Christian Stewardship; Christian Ministry; Christian Life; and Christian Prayer.

THE WORLD THAT PERISHED

By John C. Whitcomb Jr. (Baker Book House)

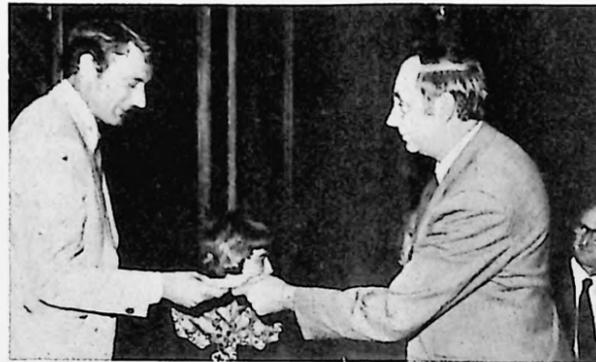
This book argues that the Flood was universal, and not a local immersion of the "then known world." The author claims that there is physical and biblical evidence that God destroyed the world supernaturally, that the whole world was covered, and that the effects of the flood are visible today. The basic issue in all of this is: Can the Bible stand today as God's word. Whitcomb says a loud yes. In addition the argument supported by an impressive bibliography, there are numerous comparisons and comments scattered through the book as an extra bonus: Noah's Ark at 450 feet long was the largest, sea-going vessel built until the Great Eastern was launched in 1858, 692 feet long. Kangaroos must have lived on the same continent as the Ark. They must have reached Australia by a great land bridge connecting Asia and Australia in the post-flood era.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Pompous male ego again! Adam was a custom-made job while Eve was just a leftover rib!"



TED KEATING LEAVES HOME MISSIONS

A farewell dinner on 18th April, 1974 gave Vic.-Tas. Department members and staff opportunity to express thanks to Ted for his five and a half years of service as field officer. Chairman Les Withers invited members to contribute personal comments and reflections on Mr. Keating's work. Dr. Cliff Warmbrunn as Deputy Chairman spoke of Mr. Keating's

leadership in evangelism and stewardship, his special skills and contribution over many areas of Brotherhood life. In response Mr. Keating thanked Department members and staff for their support and the real sense of team effort he had experienced. He said his years as field officer had made a significant contribution to his own understanding and appreciation of the Brotherhood.

ASIA INTER-CHURCH AID CONSULTATION

HONG KONG - Representatives from 18 National Christian Councils and development agencies in Asia will gather in Hong Kong from May 26-30 for an Asian Inter-Church Aid Consultation.

Appropriately themed "Rapid Social Changes", the Consultation will discuss the biblical basis of service today, world concern for population growth, pollution, human rights, power structures and the new roles of the churches in the field of inter-church aid. Regionalisation in terms of establishing a more autonomous policy making body on inter-church aid in Asia will also be a priority item on the agenda.

The Consultation is sponsored by the Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (CICARWS) of the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia. Local arrangements are being handled by Hong Kong Christian Service, a Division of the Hong Kong Christian Council.

FIRE DESTROYS VIC.-TAS BROTHERHOOD CENTRE (see p. 5)

NEW ORGAN (Ormond, C. P. Clayden). Three organs are being tried with a view to purchasing one . . . The board have planned a year's programme and passed in principle a planned evangelism programme . . . Church held passion week "workshops" programme. Average attendance over 4 nights was 13. Prayers were written and shared and there was meditation and contemplation on Good Friday and Easter, on what Christ means today. The Good Friday service, including the address was planned in the "workshop". Final night was spent in personal confession and commitment . . . Sunday school held picnic at Hanging Rock.

Teachers . . . 9 of our ladies attended South East Districts Women's Conference at Narracoorte on April 30 . . . A letter of appreciation has been received from the secretary of the Overseas Mission Board for a donation of \$360 for lighting plant batteries at the New Hebrides Mission.

EDUCATION CENTENARY (Red Hill, K. Denton). District churches combined in service in Red Hill School Hall to commemorate 100 years education in District. Ron Holmes, S.A. gave address on need of Christian education as well as secular education. As it was Church of Christ anniversary, communion service was held at night with R. Holmes again speaking . . . There has been 100% increase in attendance at Gospel Service since Christmas. Offerings also increased greatly.

CHILD "ADOPTED" (Maryborough, I. Adams) Auxiliaries of the church are sponsoring a child through "World Vision." . . . Y.W.L. have donated money to buy shoes for Aboriginal boy . . . Combined Good Friday service was held in our chapel . . . Church continues, in prayer for father of Athol Leach . . . A. Kennedy and R. Huggans conducted recent services . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. Batsbra and family have taken up residence in Ballarat. Mr. Batsbra was a deacon and B.S. Supt.

JOINT MINISTRY (Thomson, Vic.) On April 21, Don Smith of the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., inducted Neal Hodgekiss, minister at Latrobe Tc., in the joint ministry . . . Mrs Nola Freeman was baptized and Mr & Mrs Jones were received in after their recommitment at the Terrace church . . . B.S. is held at 10.30 a.m. . . . Some Thomson folk regularly attend the night service at the Terrace, the J.C.E., and Young Peoples on Friday night . . . Bruce and Susan Lawrence gave their testimony at recent Young People's night.

EASTER CAMP (Gilgandra, R. Bassett). Nine young people and Mr. Bassett attended Church of Christ camp at "Quirindi" . . . Miss Gail Naden made her decision on April 21 . . . Visiting deputationists have been R. Page, Bible Society; Miss Ruth McCoughtry, S.I.M.; and Miss Frances Woods, S.I.L., who returned to India on May 11 . . . The B.S. arranged a local camp, May 3-5. Study leaders were Mr. and Mrs. K. O'Neil from Dubbo Baptist Church.

WAMPOONY CELEBRATES (R. Combridge). Wampony church celebrated its 90th Anniversary at a combined S.S. and church anniversary on April 28. Guest speaker was N. DeBoar of Keith. In the afternoon the S.S. presented songs and recitations arranged by S.S.



CONVENTION COMMUNION CUPS

5,000 pottery Communion cups are being prepared by our Mexican Christians for use at the July 30-August 4, 1974 World Convention of Churches of Christ Communion Service in Mexico City. Pictured above is a native Mexican Artisan displaying one of the pottery trays and cups. Photo by Courtney Swender.

ALLAN PYNE HONOURED BY W.A. BROTHERHOOD



This was Allan Pyne's last Conference as Secretary. He has so long been "Mr. Western Australia" to the rest of Australia, that it will be hard to get used to his absence from Executive office.

In his own State on the opening night of the recent W.A. Conference, Keith Robinson and John Somerville spoke in appreciation of Allan's contribution during 35 years on the Executive. He was presented with a radiogram and an illuminated address. The following is the text of the address:

"Churches of Christ in Western Australia record with real appreciation and Christian love the outstanding contribution made by Mr. ALLAN D. PYNE to our Western Australian Brotherhood during the thirty five years he has been a member of the Conference Executive.

"During that time he has served the Brotherhood with distinction and efficiency as Conference Treasurer for ten years, President for two years and Secretary for twenty three years.

"This exceptional contribution of time and effort proclaims a genuine devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and a loyal dedication to the work of our Brotherhood.

"This address is given in grateful recognition of such outstanding and distinguished service over so many years."

● PRESBYTERIANS VOTE

UNION — AND DIVISION!!!

The Presbyterian Church of Australia, meeting in Melbourne, on May 1, agreed to enter into union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches from June 2, 1976 or on some date to be determined by a commission.

The historic union decision was made after hours of debate and argument, votes and divisions. It came following agreement to approve the Proposed Basis of Union on a vote that was carried by a majority of only six over the required 60 per cent of those present—230 to 143.

The union vote itself was carried by 236 to 133.

Late in the Assembly the long impending split came when, following a vote to adopt the deliverance of the Christian Unity Committee, those opposed to union rose and walked out. The number was not nearly so great as the total of those who voted against union.

One of the disturbing features of the day was the statement that a legal challenge was likely to come in New South Wales on the validity of the second vote taken in congregations last year on their attitude to union. It was claimed that this might prove highly expensive to the Church, with no certainty about the result until the court gave its ruling.

Generally the day was not one which could have lifted the hearts of those who took part or those who watched from the gallery or in an overflow gathering. It was marked by long and numerous speeches and arguments, the presentation of amendments—there were 28 on the notice paper, most of them dealing with union—divisions, with the counting of

votes, and a number of motions dissenting from the rulings of the Moderator (the Rt. Rev. G. A. Wood). Incidentally, none of these dissents was carried.

After nearly two hours of discussion and voting, the debate got on to the question of approving the Basis of Union. Urging its acceptance, Professor Gillman said it made no pretence to perfection. It challenged all to open themselves to the renewing power of God's word and to be ready to leave some of the familiar ways if by that they could be of some service.

Mr. C. Homer Fraser (Vic.) said the main reason for opposing the Basis was that it conflicted with deeply held standards on which those who opposed it placed great importance. The principal objection was that it contained no clear commitment to the Word of God as truth.

After several more speeches, the Assembly decided that the motion for adoption of the proposed Basis should be put immediately. When this was done a vote was taken, first on voices, then on a show of hands.

At this stage a division was called for and this showed that the figures were:

For the Basis 230
Against the Basis 143

The percentage required for the adoption of the motion was 60 per cent (224) so that the Basis received only six votes more than the necessary majority.

The next business was the vital one of voting on the deliverance of the Christian Unity Committee. The key clause of this was the first one, calling for entry into union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches on June 2, 1976, or on any earlier or later date determined by a commission to be appointed.

When the motion to adopt the clause on entering union was eventually called for it was clear that it had passed, but again a division was called for. This time the figures were:

For union 236
Against union 133

When the Moderator declared the motion carried, applause broke out from members in the body of the hall.

—Australian Presbyterian Life.

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Churches can perform a service to families and individuals by introducing to them books which will arouse concern across national, racial and cultural lines, which effectively show religion in action, which help persons to solve problems in daily living and to grow in understanding the responsibilities and opportunities of life.

For this reason the Federal Literature Department promotes Literature Week amongst our churches and carefully selects and recommends several books which will enrich the lives of those who take time to read them.

The books recommended to be featured in Literature Week 1974 are listed below. They will make a useful addition to church and home libraries, and also make excellent gifts. Reviews appeared in the issue for May 4.

ADULTS — "The Emerging Church" by Bruce Larson & Ralph Osborne — World Books Publisher \$1.40.

"The Founder of Christianity" by C.H. Dodd — Fontana — \$1.20.

"The Hiding Place" by Corrie ten Boom — Hodder & Stoughton — \$1.40.

YOUTH — "Marching Orders" by William Barclay — Fontana — \$1.00.

"Nobody Else Will Listen, God" by Marjorie Holmes, Hodder & Stoughton — \$1.30.

CHILDREN (6-12 years) "Bible Stories Retold" by David Kossoff — Fontana — \$1.00.

FILIPINO METHODIST ARRESTED

The Rev. Toribio C. Cajiua, a prominent Methodist minister in the Philippines was arrested by the military on March 14. His church and house were searched and the church duplicator and typewriter were confiscated.

The Rev. Cajiua has served in numerous Methodist and ecumenical youth programmes in the Philippines. The

Literature Week 1974

For all the Family

The suggested dates are May 19-26, although churches may prefer to make a date at a time more suited to their own church programme.

Possible ways of making special emphasis on the value of Christian literature include:

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- bookstall
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- provision of recommended books in church libraries

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Other material produced by the Federal Literature Department over recent years includes Discipleship material for children, youth and adults as follows:

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Limited copies of later issues of Renewal Leaflets are also still available.

TAKE TIME TO MAKE LITERATURE WEEK A MEANINGFUL PART OF YOUR CHURCH'S PROGRAMME.

National Council of Churches in the Philippines is formulating plans for the positive support of this minister as well as other political prisoners detained since the declaration of martial law 19 months ago. The Rev. La Verne D. Mercado, General Secretary of the NCCP, has appealed for the remembrance of the Rev. Cajiua and his family as well as the others still in prison, in our prayers.

—CCA News

OBITUARY

LANDER, Joseph Cyril

Cyril Lander died on April 8 after several months of indifferent health. In the early days he knew hard times in the depression. He served in the army in World War 11. He came to worship at Strathmore, Vic., about 18 years ago. He joined his wife, Lil, in active membership, being baptized by Horrie Hamond, the church elder. For the past ten years Cyril was on the door at Strathmore. His friendly handshake, polite enquiry after your health, and proffered hymn book became a part of our church life. He had many likeable qualities, had ready wit, courage, and fighting spirit in the face of pain and illness. He disliked humbug. A grandfather, Cyril nevertheless had good understanding of young people. He was always running some game with teenagers. Eight years ago he had a heart valve replacement operation, and he faced another to regain his health. His strength was insufficient and complications set in. We commend his mother, his wife, Lil, Judy, Peter, Denise and Jody to the comfort of our heavenly Father.

—S. K. Bannon.

RUSHTON, Walter Edward

Walter Edward Rushton died suddenly in Sydney while on holidays after attending the wedding of his daughter Gaylene. The funeral service in the Collins Street Church in Hobart was attended by a large crowd which was an indication of the great respect in which he was held. Walter had the rare gift of being able to bring a shaft of sunlight with him wherever he went. His work as a company representative took him to Bruni Island and the areas south of Hobart and to these people he was always much more than a company representative—he was a close friend. There are many people who have received encouragement and a helping hand from him. In earlier life he had, whilst at Dover, been a member of the council and since living at Margate he had been actively involved in the Parents and Friends committees for the Margate School and the Tarooma and Kingston High Schools. He was president of the Margate and Kingborough Boy Scout Groups since 1956. The Scouting movement had awarded him the highest award it may give to a non-scout. During the bush fires of 1967 he worked tirelessly in the worst hit areas to help those who had suffered so much. He had been involved within the church since his baptism in the sea at Dover in 1932. He served the Dover Church for a time as Secretary, and when he moved to Margate he joined the West Hobart Church where he was appointed a Deacon. When the West Hobart Church closed he joined the Collins Street Church and was later appointed an Elder. He also held the position of Chairman of the Board in 1972. He was a capable preacher, and had been on the preaching plan for a number of churches in the Channel area and had only recently spoken to the Church at Collins Street. Walter leaves behind his wife, Betty and children — Pam, Wendy, Tony, Gaylene, Gary and Phillip. The Church at Collins Street will be among the many who will miss him.

D.E.S.

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VICTORIA

CANS, CANS, CANS! (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) C.Y.F. collected 15,000 aluminium cans at Carlton football ground recently. Only 65,000 to go!

A "Care" group under Trevor Adcock has been started to undertake community Christian welfare. Combined services were held all Easter week, with Methodist church. Offering of \$122 was given for community aid . . . E. Henderson, treasurer, returned from New Hebrides after business and overseas missions trip . . . Mrs. Betty Barrow, Mrs. Ros. Crawford, and Mrs. Judith Steart are in hospital. Graham Hall is also ill . . . "Changing Moods" conducted evening service . . . Ian Hendry granted youth leader award for 1974 . . . Geo. Daff welcomed back after serious eye operation.

TO THE MANSE (Nth. Williamstown Rod. Brown) Church members were invited to the manse, after evening service, for a time of fellowship to get to know our new minister . . . Methodist folk helped to make up the 80 present at our Dawn Easter Service at Gem Pier . . . C.W.F. held a jumble sale and cake stall; C.W.E.F. had a speaker from the Leprosy Mission; C.W.A.F. had a speaker from Royal Melb. Hosp., and Betty Dorgan spoke on Hospital Visitation work.

BOX HILL IS 63 (K. R. BOND) John Tudor was speaker at the church's 63rd anniversary. Jenny McCrowan was soloist . . . W. Wigney was speaker during Mr.

Bond's indisposition . . . Dirk Bakker, Vic. Chairman of Festival of Light was interviewed . . . J.C.E. were joined by Box Hill and Mont Albert Meth. J.C.E. when Pastor Dyer was speaker . . . Good Companions held special Mothers' Day meeting . . . C.W.E.F. held working bee for our Church Homes and Hospitals . . . Ladies catered for Inter-Church tea . . . Football Club held progressive dinner and over 100 attended barbecue . . . Three net-ball teams won their matches . . . Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Arnold are improving after recent illness. Mrs. Edna Shaw was involved in a car accident.

BARN-A-THON (Preston/E. Preston, J. Manalack. R. Risson) The E.P. Senior and Junior Good Companions held a Wake-a-thon in a barn on the property of Mr & Mrs Doug Ayres. 23 girls and 4 leaders "waked" the night away for 12 hours on Anzac Day eve and for this they will raise about \$300 for COCOA . . . Members from both congregations attended a combined Good Friday service at the Baptist Church . . . Both ministers attended ministers' seminar at Monbulk . . . A presentation was made to Joy and Ken Pinches for their work and membership over 21 years. They are to live in Doncaster . . . On May both congregations shared in a tea at Preston, followed by films for the young people, while adults and young adults looked at issues which concern the family.

INTERIM (Caulfield). Kevin Christensen will commence an interim ministry on May 19 . . . Recent speakers have been Ted Hands of Borneo Evang. Mission, G. Williams, and L. Roberts. W.C.T.U. Caulfield Union led an evening service, with Mrs L. Ristrom, Vic. Secretary, as

speaker. The film "A Crutch for All Seasons" was screened afterwards and supper was served . . . We were well represented at Town Hall Rally and 14 women attended Women's Conference at Kew City Hall . . . Girls' Club had a paper flower making demonstration by Mrs J. Hill . . . A.W.F. visited Malvern C.W.F. and provided programme.

\$100 FOR NO SLEEP (Peel St. Ballarat, W. D. Mills) C.Y.F. raised \$100 in a Wake-a-Thon . . . Mr. and Mrs. B. Garnham have been baptised . . . Recent speakers have been C. Hocking, D. McLeod, P. Burnham, R. Ellis, E. Buckmaster, and J. Bosma from European Christian Mission . . . Combined Good Friday communion service was held at Peel St. . . Boys' and Girls' clubs combined for a camp at Adekate . . . Coffee Shop featured "Banana Folk" with I. Berry as speaker.

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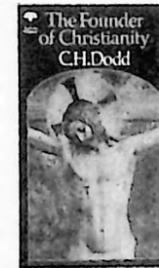
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- THE FOUNDER OF CHRISTIANITY** by C. H. Dodd . . . \$1.20
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VICTORIA

NUMURKAH'S TENTH (Shepparton, F. L. Van Laar) Bruce McIntosh was speaker at Numurkah's 10th church anniversary. 60 attended service and luncheon . . . All auxiliaries are supporting Aranci Ndun, from Timor, through World Vision. Money has been raised by fruit-picking and a cent drive . . . Goods from Harvest Thanksgiving went to needy families in Shepparton and Numurkah . . . 42 shared fellowship in a recent family camp at Bright . . . The N.E. and Riverina Conference was held at Wagga Wagga . . . Eric Patterson, Conf. Pres. was a recent speaker.

PENG-PONG-A-THON (Berwick, K. J. Clinton) The youth club held a marathon ping-pong-a-thon for 36 hours and raised \$85. Paper drive realised \$104 . . . An Accent on Youth programme was held with Wayne Clinton at the organ . . . C.W.F. conducted sewing bee for Social Services Dept. . . . Kristine Fletcher goes to N.Z. for 2nd term under the Rotary "Matched Twin" scheme. Sue Young from Upper Hutt, N.Z., has been staying with her for first term . . . Alan McCraw is home from hospital after surgery.

TENNIS WINNERS (Croydon, A. B. Clark) Section 7 & 9 teams won in summer tennis competition and were presented with pennants at Balwyn Baptist church on April 21. Five teams are entered for winter competition. A night service was held on April 11 and Good Friday service was combined with the Ringwood Church of England . . . Evening group ladies held a work night for "Opportunity Shop." Men's Group also helped with repairs in the Shop . . . Young people attended Easter Camp at Belgrave Heights . . . Mr Clark was one of the leaders . . . C. H. Grenness is back after illness. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs Elsie Phillips and family in the death of Norman Phillips.

TEMPEST WEEKEND (Kaniva, B. W. Brown) Tempest Weekend was held in conjunction with youth week, April 20-21. Coffee Shop on Sat. night had effective witness by the God Squad. Gospel-Pop groups "Salus", "Crossfire" and "Flock" were worth hearing (even by the deaf!). Shire Hall was packed for Sunday combined service. Visiting gospel pop groups took part, with God Squad led by John Smith, who also preached. More pop gospel during the afternoon. John Smith was preacher at Church of Christ at night . . . Tempest is reaching youth—both local and visiting, as decisions have been reported.

"THE CHALLENGE" (Sunshine, N. Carter) After a Fellowship Tea the film "The Challenge" was screened. "The Peacemakers" musical group gave items . . . Street Stall held by Ladies' Guild raised \$109 . . . Ladies attended Women's World Day of Prayer . . . Recent speakers were Mr Gowty from Aborigines' Mission Dept., and Mr McKenzie from the D.C.E.



QUEENSLAND

MORE CADETS (Ipswich, B. Rice) Girls' Brigade Cadets have had an influx of new girls . . . Weekly after-school Happy Hours have been commenced at Bundamba to build up contacts . . . No.2 section Boys' Brigade combined with Leichhardt for Easter Camp at Christensen's farm at Tarome . . . Local churches again combined for 7 a.m. Good Friday service. At Trinity church, Mr Rice was guest speaker . . . Lindelle Griffiths commences studies at Cincinnati Seminary, U.S.A., in August . . . 29 young people attended C.Y.F. camp at Neranwood (Gold Coast) with studies being given by Des McLucas.

ROSEBUD IS 90 (West Moreton Circuit, A. McK. Surtees) Rosewood celebrated its 90th anniversary, March 16-17. 320 attended the tea catered for by the ladies. The climax came when Mrs. Martha Bade, from Toowoomba, herself in a wheel-chair and in her own 90's, cut the birthday cake. Guest speaker was Vic Boettcher, who spoke on Saturday and Sunday. "Deeper Life" Crusade meetings followed at which many people showed their desire to follow Christ more fully. M. Feldhahn is president of the Circuit Conference, N. Smith is vice-pres., L. Lobeigeiger is sec., and T. Schoenfisch is treas. Mrs. E. Domrow is Women's Conference pres., J. Smith is sec., and M. Smith is treas. The Circuit C.W.F. have donated \$25 towards the Pastor's residence at Ramawat, New Hebrides. Allen Browne is student minister for the circuit. He is a 3rd year student at Kenmore. Rosevale Y.P. are raising fund for the D.C.E. Talent Drive. An Easter Bunny Drive by Lynne and Sandra Leitch raised \$32 from sale of 240 bunnies they made and delivered. The Mt. Walker Church held its annual Easter Monday Tea and Concert. The choir, S.S., and guest artists gave items. The film "Three Minutes to Midnight" was screened. A thankoffering went to the Living Link Fund. The church is presently supporting Rod. Feldhahn in New Guinea.



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NEW SOUTH WALES

NEW MINISTRY (Penhurst) The new ministry of Bryce Chesney began in February. Week-end officers' camp was held at Warragamba, to formulate 12 months programme. Committees have been formed to activate particular facets of work and social needs . . . In 1973 a Missionary Project was launched and several items purchased for Norseman Mission. Total raised was \$685.50. The balance of the gift was presented to Sonny Graham when he spoke here in April . . . Mr & Mrs Phillip Smith (nee Julie Beckingham) are now residing in the U.S.A. to further Phillip's career.

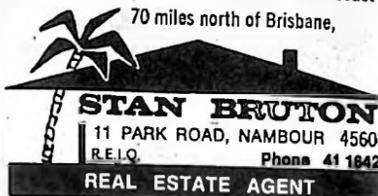
TAREE C.W.F. (W. D. Howard) The 50th anniversary of the Taree C.W.F. was celebrated in March. Mrs L. E. Wylie of Rockdale was guest speaker . . . Visitors included Mrs W. Oldfield from Victoria. Mrs Oldfield was Miss St. Clair Saunders whose father, the late A. G. Saunders, was minister from 1939 until his death in 1943 . . . Led by Mr Howard the church has embarked on a Scripture Distribution programme. 1000 copies of the scriptures were delivered to two sections of the town together with 1000 leaflets setting out the church's work and programme for the community in 1974.

"YOUR CHILD & YOU" (Dapto, E. S. Holt) The church is sponsoring a "Your Child & You" course in May for family education. The lecturers are specialists in their fields and the series has attracted interest in the community . . . Two women and one teenager have been baptised and welcomed into fellowship . . . A Youth Happening included a quiz between various auxiliary groups . . . A Coffee and Sweet morning, arranged by the women, contacted many women in the community. Mrs Wells is serving all the churches through visiting women in need.

EASTER CAMP (Georgetown L. G. Thom) 23 helped to swell numbers to 130 at Easter camp at Swansea with Max Hall as camp leader . . . 1,100 "He Lives" Easter scripture folders were used in district doorknock . . . Valuable contacts were made for school and church . . . Numbers have climbed to 20 at mid-week meetings and the chapel platform has been re-arranged to make room for four new pews . . . At C.W.F. evening a Christian Chiropractor gave a lecture on acupuncture . . . There have been three primary decisions and five reconsecrations recently and four have been received by transfer.

SERVING BROTHERHOOD (Hornsby, D.A. Oldfield) The following were re-elected to Conference Committees at the recent Conference: R. Bartholomew, J. Ellerby, R. Hickin, Ed. Newton, and D.A. Oldfield. Mrs R. Bartholomew was re-elected to the C.W.F. Ashwood House Committee . . . 21 of our young people attended the D.C.E. Easter camp at Stanwell Tops . . . A Sausage Sizzle evening was held at the home of Mr & Mrs H. Bishop on April 20.

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ENGAGEMENT

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DEATH

HORNE: Joy and Alan thank God for His wonderful gift, Rebecca Jane, for five beautiful months, and the assurance that she is with Him now. Died suddenly at her Montrose, Vic. home, 19.4.1974.

We have experienced much joy and love in our sadness as a result of the kindness and prayers of Christian friends. We would like to say "Thank You" to all who have supported us as little Rebecca left us to be with God.

We ask God to bless you with the love and strength we have received.

—Joy and Alan Horne.

IN MEMORIAM

HILL, Robert Hugh. Passed away, May 10, 1968. "Safe in the arms of Jesus", your memory is with us always. From your loving wife, Effie Hill and family.

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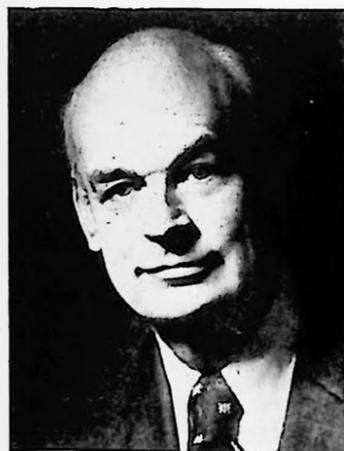
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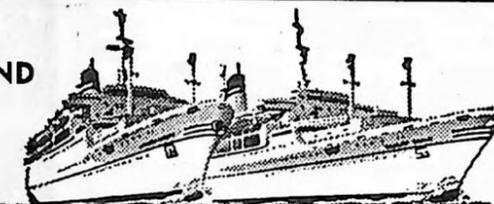
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In his report as Director of the Association and Dean of the South East Asian Graduate School of Theology for the past six years, Dr. Koyama highlighted questions related to "excellence in theological education", "an understanding of common needs and problems of theological education" and "financial viability of theological schools" in the region.

Dr. Koyama will take up his new appointment as Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, as from June 1, 1974.

"Excellence in theological education is more than just academic excellence, and achieving academic excellence is not the over-arching objective of theological education" said Dr. Koyama in his report. Citing the example of many successful theological students who have failed as ministers and unsuccessful students who have succeeded as ministers, he stressed

the need for theological schools to give as much importance to the life example of St. Francis of Assisi as that of Thomas Aquinas. "How do we combine, in all that we do, 'Thomas' and 'Francis', so that our theological education will become more integral?" he asked.

Aspects of and problems on accreditation, faculty development, teaching method, curriculum, field education, student enrolment and other related facets of theological education were also reviewed at length by Dr. Koyama.

"Most of our theological schools are 'too dependent on financial support from abroad', concluded his report. Since the majority of theological schools were founded by missionary professors, mission agencies responded to the needs of the schools. This was a blessing. But because of this the local Christian population began to have the impression that theological schools can run without their help and support. The result is disastrous. The more overseas support, the less local support. Financial support is a strong symbolism of theological participation. Less local support means less local theology. Less local support, then, is a danger-signal to financial viability as well as to theological viability.

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General Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, Dr. McMillan will be in Australia in June to deliver the first ANNUAL OLIVIER BEGUIN MEMORIAL LECTURE for The Bible Society in Australia.

Dr. McMillan will give the Inaugural Olivier Beguin Memorial Lecture at St. Mark's Institute of Theology, Canberra, on Monday, June 10. He will repeat it in Melbourne at the Isobel Younger Ross Memorial Hall, Keppel Street, Carlton, on June 11, and at the Stephen Roberts Lecture Theatre, University of Sydney, on June 12.

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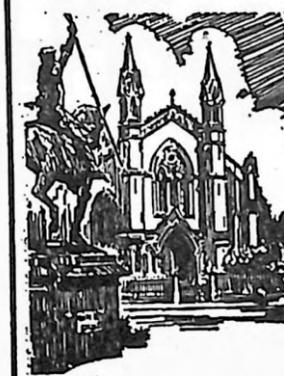
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

VANDALISM (Grote St., H. M. Long) increasing vandalism has been worrying the church. Windows have been broken, premises entered and damaged, and P.A. amplifier stolen . . . Ex-Servicemen conducted Sunday service nearest Anzac Day. All branches of forces represented, including Merchant Navy and National Service . . . E. R. Finck, H. E. Paddick, and S. E. Matthews have been recent speakers . . . Missionary VIP's to visit church have been Dr Ed. Kilbourne, O.M.S., and Andrew Gih, E.C.F. . . . 40 ladies attended C.W.F. luncheon at manse and \$80 was realised . . . Mrs Meg Cranney and Mrs L. Cox spoke to church on Women's Convention at Victor Harbour . . . A presentation was made to Miss R. R. Bennett in recognition of long and loyal service with the choir . . . Girls' Netball team was runners-up in final match after having not lost a match in non-church competition.

MURRAY BRIDGE VISITORS (Maylands, N.S. Moore) On March 31, Murray Bridge members joined us. An open air service was held. Mr Kuhl, minister from Murray Bridge, was speaker . . . A further visit was made to Native Valley to meet with blind isolated member, Lyle Roberts . . . Roy Arnold, minister at Clovelly Park, was speaker on Conference Sunday. Maylands members were prominent in many aspects of our Centenary Conference . . . There have been four decisions (see "Personal" page 19) . . . Church picnic was held at Loftia Park on Anzac Day . . . Peter Owen was guest speaker on April 28 representing the Norwood Community Welfare Centre.

ASCOT PARK ILLNESS (R.J. Clymer) Miss Lynne Clymer, daughter of our pastor, is recuperating after an ear operation in Ashford Community Hosp. W.J. Palmer is in R.A.H. after major surgery. He suffered a set-back but is now improving . . . The girls' Netball teams in "D" and "G" grades had wins . . . Robin Frost and Mrs K. Crowley sang a duet at gospel service.

BOARD CHANGES (Col. Light Gdns., R.V. Holmes) After many year service as Board Chairman, Jack Baker declined nomination. Ron Schintler retired from the Board due to ill-health . . . Average offering for last year was \$219, average



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

RENOVATED MANSE (Inglewood), Mr & Mrs Ron Cook and family have settled into the renovated manse . . . Expressing their work on the "Friendship" achievement, Girls' Brigade members sang to patients at Rosetta Lodge, visited Carinya Village and are raising funds for a typewriter for a blind young mother in a country town . . . Brigade members Cheryl and Allison Mathers, visiting with their parents in Ireland have been attending G. B. Company in Larne . . . Church and S.S. shared in special Palm Sunday service "The Silly Donkey". A dramatic presentation, "The Objects Around the Cross", was the evening feature . . . On April 10, C.W.F. entertained women from the Burmese community in Perth . . . Drama Club presented a Village Glee Club concert on April 26.

TO DARWIN (Bunbury, B. K. Ryall). Chairman of Board, W. Lucy, and Mrs. Lucy were farewelled on moving to Darwin . . . Special Cradle Roll service held on April 21 during morning service . . . Bible Society Film "And Then There Was Wun" was screened at B.S. and church . . . Young People's Group growing in numbers for after church fellowship Sunday nights in members homes . . . B.S. combined with church for special Mothers' Day service . . . A branch of "Task Force" was formed with A. Morris as chairman.

communicants 81 . . . A new Hammond organ has been purchased and cost covered by special gifts . . . E.W. Roffey, S.A. Conference Sec., and Mrs Roffey have been welcomed into membership . . . Young people held camp on a farm at Waitpinga under leadership of Ian Heard, with Barry and Christine Galliford as camp parents . . . Mrs Delma Wild is minute secretary to the Board . . . Mr Holmes was speaker at Centenary of State Education at Red Hill, Vic.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY (West Preston, A.J. Storay) Maundy Thursday service was again experienced as an "act of pure worship", with silence maintained before and after . . . The film "Heritage and Destiny" was screened . . . Lorraine Bertram is co-ordinating youth work . . . The young people presented an evening service at which one of their number made decision for Christ . . . The Chrislab programme is moving into Phase 3 . . . At combined B.S. session Libby Green led groups into portrayals of parables . . . Activities for not-so-young include singalongs, work for World Vision and Social Services, 40+ open house, and a Focus on Food demonstration.

IN ARABIC (Burwood, I. Allsop) Youth 2 Group studying "Christian Action" visited S.A. Gill Memorial Home, and Arabic speaking church service. They climaxed series by leading evening service. Highlight was commitment to Christ by Ross Patterson. A visiting musical group rendered varied items . . . Men's working bee cleared an area in preparation for church annexe . . . At annual meeting Ken Sturgess and Darrell Bismire were re-elected as Chairman and Secretary, respectively . . . Newly elected office bearers of C.W.F. are Norma Barnwell, president; and Lil. Smith, treasurer. Ladies attended to floral arrangements for Conference meetings.

EDUCATION EXPERIMENT (North Balwyn, A. R. Pigdon) Each Sunday morning in March a Christian Education experiment was tried. As follow up, a six week adult discussion and Bible Study is held on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. . . . Four Y.A.F. members, Ian Brooker, Trevor D'Ambrosio, David Hurford and Anne Russell led a morning service at Norlane. On the same morning an adult team led the service at Richmond . . . Young people are attending an eight week Youth Outreach training programme arranged by W. Tabbernee at Malvern church . . . Bernard Pigdon, youth leader and son of our minister, flew to Katmandu, India where he joins a bus tour to England . . . Miss Sue Sampson, C.O.B. student, is assisting church programme in B.S. teaching, deputy leader with Youth Group, and guiding in planning of youth services.

PLANNED GIVING (Morwell, Don Thomas) A Planned Giving campaign conducted by Ted Keating and Trevor Giles resulted in increased offerings from \$100 per week to \$130 per week. The membership is approximately 50 and the Board is pleased with this response.

TO WEDDERBURN (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard) Ross and Olive Hercott and their three boys have been farewelled on moving to Wedderburn where Ross is assisting the church as a part-time pastoral ministry . . . Richard Hartshorn and Ron Groat have been added to the Officers' Board . . . Several Y.P. attended Easter Camp at Eppalock.

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Winston S. Churchill.

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As the sun of our solar system
Is warmth, light and life
To this planet,
So is the Son of Righteousness
To the human soul

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Never stand begging for that which you
have the power to earn.

-Cervantes



EXCEPTIONS

Mistakes rank high upon the list
Of negatives that life will sell you;
I seem to tolerate them best
When they are yours and I get to tell
you.



"Blessed are they who have nothing to
say and cannot be persuaded to say it."

-James Russell Lowell



Minister: (filling out marriage certificate,
not sure of date) "Let's see, this is the
fifth, isn't it?" Bride: (indignantly) "No,
indeed! This is only my second!"



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