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# CALL TO MINISTRY



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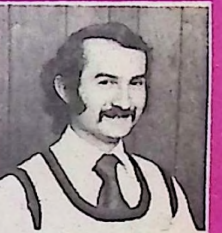
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**NEW STUDENTS  
1975**

## 1975 EXITS



R. ALLISON, L.TH. (VIC.)  
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D. BROWN, L.TH. (N.Z.)  
To Palmerston North, N.Z.



I. CARTMEL, DIP.  
THEOL. (VIC.)  
To Morwell, Vic.



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## COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

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### GOD CALLS YOU TO MINISTRY!

by K. J. CLINTON, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Dip R.E.  
Senior Lecturer.

#### Called to venture and risk

Life ever beckons you to adventure into outer space, up snow-capped mountains, into caves and even under the sea. Only some have courage enough to venture and risk. Only a limited few have the opportunities and resources to achieve.

Events of recent days show that the economy, the government and life itself all hang on a fine thread of confidence. Security, law and order are very relative things. The Pioneer of our Faith, the Lord Jesus Christ, beckons you to an adventure of faith and risk. Are you ready to heed His call to discipleship and servanthood?

#### Called to live the gospel

You are called to live the Gospel as Christ lived the Gospel and in fact was the Gospel. Our Lord identified Himself with mankind in our predicament. He took our flesh and gave Himself wholly for us even to the extent of dying on the cross.

#### The nature of ministry

Christ came to reconcile man to God through His death on the cross. When a man gets right with God, He acknowledges the Lordship of Christ over His life and is committed to obey his Lord and so identify Himself with his Lord's concerns and will.

- Every Christian is called to be a witness to his Faith.
- Every Christian is called to make disciples and needs training to fulfil this commission.
- Every Christian must be open to God's prompting to serve in the local church's ministry of worship, witness, teaching, nurture, pastoral care and service, as opportunity and capacity permit.
- Every Christian must be open to the call of God to train for specialized ministry — **even if you are in the midst of a successful career now!**

#### The way God calls

But how do you know you are called? It is valid to say that a call must be heard and understood before it can be heeded. You may not see a vision or hear a voice, but through an inner urge, through circumstances and through Scripture and prayer, God will get your attention and lay His claim upon you and so get His message to you, until you will feel compelled to act.

God may speak to you through this article! Will you venture in faith and risk in radical obedience?

Our Lord called His disciples to Himself to teach and prepare them and then sent them out to serve.

The College exists to prepare men who are called of God to fulfil their ministry.

## THE WAY IT WAS — AND IS!!

by RON WHITE L. Th.

(Mr White is a Victorian and will serve the church at Hamilton, Vic., in 1976).

It was the zenith of their power. His reign had been the most magnificent and prosperous since that of Solomon. For fiftytwo years Judah had enjoyed almost unbroken peace but now, Uzziah's death triggered a crisis. At this time, Isaiah was meditating in the Temple court when a sudden comprehension of the majesty and holiness of God became indelibly impressed on his mind. Dwelling in the midst of uncertainty and growing arrogance, hardly grasping God's majesty, Isaiah spoke, — "Hera am I! Send me." Ten kilometers south of Bethlehem



lay the small village of Tekoa. Here Amos worked with fig trees and sheep during Uzziah's reign. On his business trips to Israel he had seen the growing arrogance and pride of prosperity. With conviction it became clear to him that the rampant immorality, inhumanity, fraud and injustice could only lead to destruction. The need was drastic and Amos had the answer — "The Lord God has spoken!"  
By birth, Jeremiah was a priest.

Battles of world-changing portent were being fought which ultimately gave Babylon the ascendancy. New religions and political vitalities asserted themselves but there was nostalgia for the past. Inheriting the faith, the traditions, and law from his fathers, Jeremiah grew into deeper understanding of God's word to a troubled nation. When a crystal-clear call came it seems as if deeply he already knew what had to be done.

An open willingness before God in His majesty and dynamic, the conviction of tremendous need for the Word of truth, a growing awareness of new steps to be taken, and the sudden circumstances of radical reassessment. So down through the ages, God calls men and women like you and me to minister with enthusiasm and with conviction.

— Ron White.



K. DENTON, (W.A.)  
To Applecross, W.A.



K. HAYTHORPE, L.TH. (S.A.)  
To New Guinea

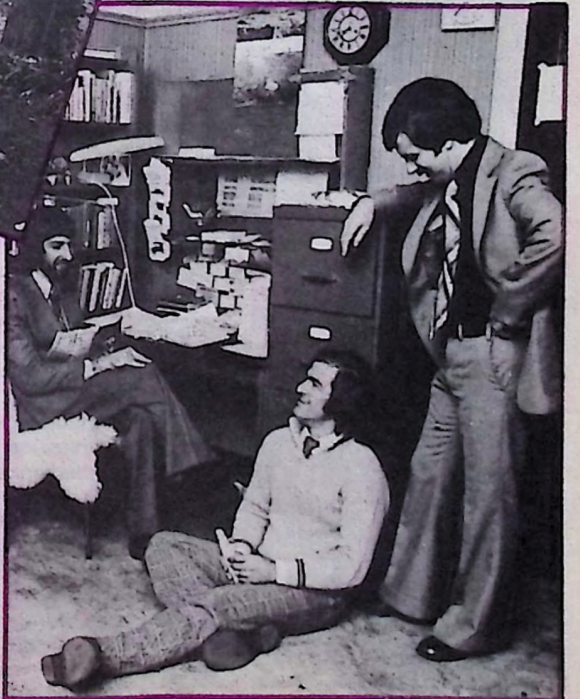
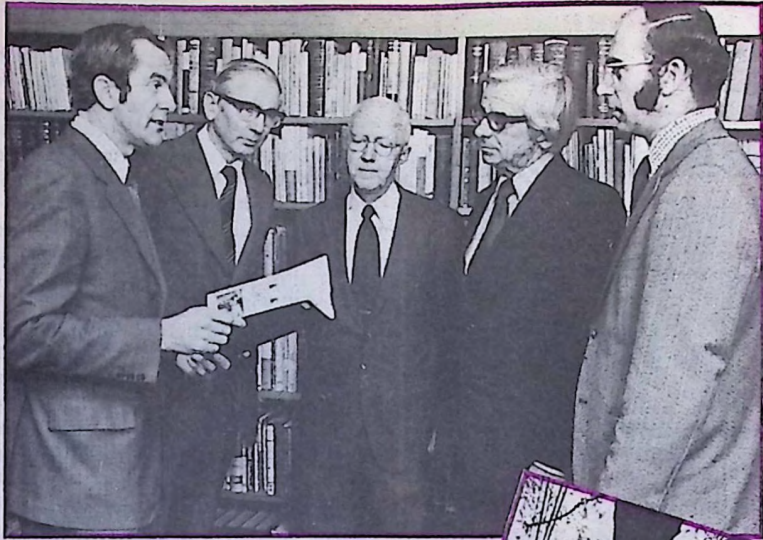


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To Balaklava, S.A.

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## CHURCH GROWTH GOOD PREACHING

by David Hammer  
Lecturer at Kenmore.

In the past few years Church Growth has grown from a missionary strategy for assessing results and possibilities in responsive and resistant communities to become a major emphasis in homeland churches. While some churches continue to dwindle in numbers, some fast-growing evangelical groups are growing faster than ever. The Southern Baptists have a department whose sole responsibility is planting 500 new churches in the U.S.A. each year, a proportion of which must be among ethnic groups. They already have churches in twenty-one such groups, each with their own language, in California alone. Paul Benjamin, representing Christian Churches - Churches of Christ has set up a bureau

in the national capital, emphasising what Peter Wagner calls "hard core Church growth."

### Good Preaching is a Factor

There are a number of important factors which cannot be discussed here. Primarily, of course, Church Growth is the work of the Spirit of God. When allied with the enthusiasm of the early Christians, the Lord added daily to the Church. But good preaching is not unimportant. Lyle Schaller, in a recent book, points out that the demand for poor and mediocre preaching has dropped off sharply in recent years, while good preaching has been a key factor in churches growing in numbers, life, vigour and spirit. |

### Factors in Good Preaching.

1. Of first importance, it is preaching the Word of God. Opinions on current affairs and comments on interesting topics fail to satisfy the people

who want a sure word in today's uncertain times.

2. It is also preaching warmed by the Spirit of God. Dr Edwin Orr, noted for his scholarly books on revival, paused at the table where I was working a few days ago, and reminded me that I had told him that Australia had never had a revival. He pointed out extracts from a new book he is preparing, in which Australia did have revivals at various times in the 19th century, bringing in groups of Aborigines also.

3. It is preaching that heals people where they hurt. The word "relevant" has become a cliché, but good preaching must provide a meeting-place for God's Word and human need.

4. It is preaching that aims at decision. Jesus sent His disciples out to "make disciples." (Matthew 28:19,20). The right goal is the first point in any plan of strategy.

### A Great Future

There are tremendous possibilities ahead, while the Lord allows the time, for Spirit-filled young people, educated in the Word of God, aware of the needs of today's world, guided to the strategies that are successful in building New Testament Churches, and trained to present God's message in a way that will attract and win. And through these young people, trained in our colleges, I see great possibilities for our Australian Churches of Christ.

## 1975 EXITS



**PAMELA  
CLAPSHAW**

Pam is completing the Diploma in Missions Course and is not yet committed to any area of service.



**MARY ANN  
DEMPSEY**

Mary Ann is also completing the Diploma in Missions this year and is not yet committed to an area of service.



**JEANETTE  
SOENPIET**

Jeanette completed her studies with Kenmore receiving the Diploma in Missions, and has returned to Indonesia for service.



**HOSEA BULI**

Hosea has studied with Kenmore Christian College only for one semester, and is now serving as Pastor in the New Hebrides.

## NEED FOR THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

by Hiroshi Inada

What marks off the Christian Church as a distinctive community from all other human communities is its unique theological character. Its character is theological because in the very center of its belief and practice stands God Himself. Without this theological orientation the Church becomes merely another this-worldly club or exclusive society.

Moreover, this theological character of the Church is unique in that it has a decisive contact with a concrete historical situation. The Church, in a unique theological way, interprets the life of a historical person as one of perfect obedience to the will of God culminating in death and resurrection, whereby the old relation of the world to God has been fundamentally altered. The validity of the Church's conviction of its present life in the Spirit and the justification for its hope of future glory both decisively depend upon this interpretation of a historical life, which marks it off from all other communities with theological orientation.

**HIROSHI INADA**

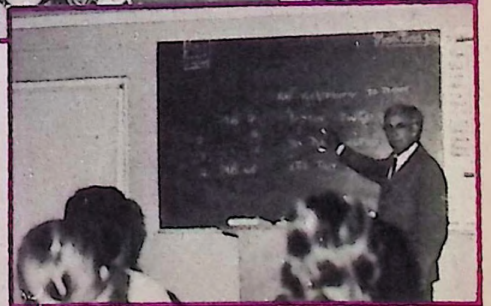
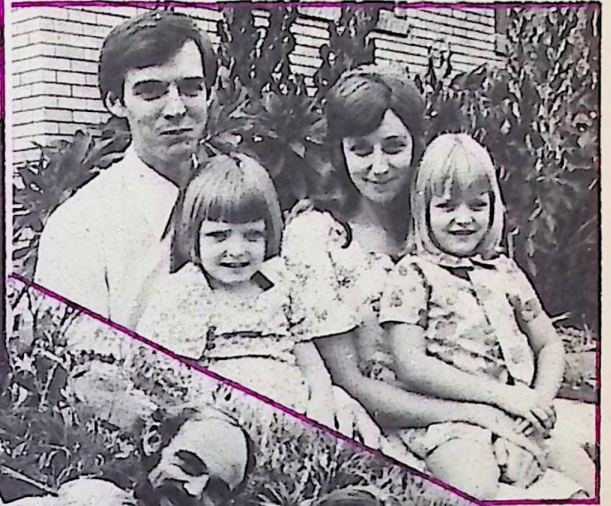
Hiroshi is completing his full Diploma Course this year, and is expecting to serve in the Brisbane area whilst completing his B.A./B.D. at the Queensland University.



There is, then, a sense in which every member of the Church is a theologian. But the Church cannot do without people who are specially trained in theological thinking to direct its thought and practice in the ever-changing world, to preserve its essential identity, and yet to make its presence in this world relevant. One pressing need for Churches of Christ is for thorough and constant theological (as against financial, statistical, etc.) examinations as to whether the Restoration Movement has degenerated (or is degenerating) into another post-Reformation sectarian movement, and, if not, as to how best we can preserve our identity as a movement within the Body of Christ, contributing to its growth and edification.

It is high time that Churches of Christ in Australia produced theologians of first rank, especially in view of the threatening situation caused by the widening gap between pro- and anti-ecumenists found in them.

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# NEW SOUTH WALES BIBLE COLLEGE WOOLWICH, N.S.W.



**M. H. A. PIEPER**  
(Lecturer, Woolwich, NSW)

## ANSWERING THE CALL TO MINISTRY

by Maurie Pieper

I am about to celebrate my twenty first birthday — in local church ministry! This is a good time to reassess my reasons for still being where I am. As I reflect on these, I find they have not changed one iota from when I first answered God's call and committed my life to Him for this purpose. Such a commitment to Him, in local church ministry, involves at least two essential ingredients.

There must first of all be a **complete abandonment of life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ**. Involved in this is the recognition of His lordship over personal relationships. Jesus said, in that seemingly repulsive verse of Luke 14:26, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters . . . **he cannot be my disciple.**" Jesus is clearly and categorically saying, "I demand an unchallenged first place in your affections."

A further demand that Jesus makes in this area is recognition of His lordship over possessions. He said, "whosoever he be of you that forsaketh **not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple**" (Luke 14:33).

All of this, of course, runs contrary to human inclination and reason.

However, this is what Jesus was talking about when He said, "If any man will come

after me, let him **deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:24, 25). It's not easy, **but it's necessary!**

When this ingredient is present, then the other ingredient must be added. This is a **complete dedication to making known the salvation of Jesus Christ**. This can only be accomplished positively through an utter dependence upon the Lord Himself. Jesus said, "**without me you can do nothing**" (John 15:5). This does not excuse us from our responsibilities, but it does allow the Lord to do the work when we have moved out of the way.

Linked with this utter dependence on the Lord must be the conviction that all people without Christ are eternally lost. If this conviction is present then there will be a compulsion to be ardent ambassadors for Christ.

There is a cost, but I believe that what Jim Elliott said is true: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose."

I appeal to every College student headed for the local church ministry and every man already there, go forward with abandonment and dedication. **God will not fail you. See that you do not fail Him!**



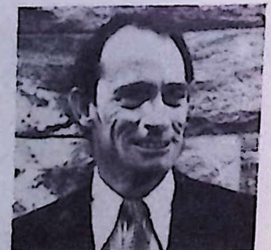
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(To Israel)



**BRIAN FRANCIS**  
(To Bundaberg, Qld.)



**DARYL McLEOD**  
(Negotiating)



**Ross Burton, who will minister at Bundaberg, Qld., next year.**

## THE MINISTRY

by Ross Burton

Many people believe in the historical Jesus, but few have taken this mental assent and applied it in their lives. Both the Old and New Testament words for "hear" mean to "hear and obey". Hence obedience is the direct response to hearing of Jesus' love.

The ministry involves a message and the message demands a ministry!

3. The Ministry involves Men.

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" God does not demand better methods, He requires better Men. We are ambassadors for Christ. (2 Cor. 5:20) The ambassador must be a Heavenly statesman, who with diplomacy calls men to be reconciled to God. He is to be a man well qualified, a man of many capabilities and a man of life-long service. Does this mean Superman? No. He is any Christian worker — everyone who is a member of the body of Christ, who is performing his function in the power of the Holy Spirit.

God gives a Mission,  
Christ is our Message, and the  
Holy Spirit empowers Men.

What is involved in our concept of the ministry? What privileges and responsibilities do Christians have that make us unique?

1. The Ministry involves a Mission.

Solomon has aptly said, "Without a vision the people perish." The ministry demands vision and this vision must be gained under the shadow of the Cross of Christ. Catching a vision requires an assessment of the dimensions of the mission. Reaching people for Christ is the vision and the World is the dimension.

2. The Ministry involves a Message.

The news about Jesus has had a remarkable effect on the world. What a message we have! Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Jesus' life, death, burial and resurrection are the most attested facts of history.

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# 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.

## ASIAN RAINBOW?

To the Editor

"Asia Is a Rainbow" in the "A.C." 23.8.75 certainly cast some shadows over my thinking.

1. If anything was to develop out of this conference on Religion and Peace how will Christian Missions be affected?

2. What "... deep religious convictions and the centuries-long heritage of the continent" should be protected? Whilst I marvel at some of the architectural and artistic achievements in Asia I cannot accept the moral and spiritual bondage that has been placed upon the people. In many cases this bondage is a direct result of their religious heritage and only the invasion of the Gospel has brought Liberty and Salvation.

3. Is this conference a subtle admission that certain church groups and leaders believe that the Church has no distinctive, eternal message and morality?

4. Did the A.C.C. go to this conference with any directions from affiliated church conferences or synods? Such a venture which appears to many to bear the approval of such member churches, and with such wide implications to the work of the church must surely have been debated. But if so, how come my church fellowship missed studying it?

Is Asia a Rainbow? Or is it a land of various shades of darkness waiting for the Light of Asia (as Elsewhere) even Jesus.

— R. N. Hawkins, Qld.

## ROMAN CATHOLICS

To the Editor

So different from M. Johnson's letter "A.C." Sept. 6 is the Christian privilege, and courage exercised by the decision of several Churches of Christ which publicly protested against the Vic-Tas. Conference to favour entry of R.C.C. into the Vic. Council of Churches, should it apply for same.

1. with many others, extend these our congratulations and praise God for them.

Please study and heed the Holy Spirit through the word:- Rom. 12: 1-2, 16:17; 2 Cor. 6:17-18; Eph. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3: 6, 14; Tit. 1: 13, 3:10; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 10:11.

Note that not one of these instructs us to 'go in and stop in, and be a testimony'. Rather it plainly says 'come out and be separate'. It is impossible to spell dialogue and collaboration out of the above scriptures. If language means anything, instruction is clear.

When Rome replaces its 30 erroneous teachings etc. with Bible truth then opposing churches will be with her 100 per cent. The present few changes of opinions and attitudes of Rome do not constitute a change of heart or teaching.

— C. W. Jackel, Vic.

## IMMORTALITY

To the Editor,

It is interesting to read that some Christians wish to believe that the soul is a fallacy, and try to prove this by scripture. ("A.C." 9.8.75 and 6.9.75).

Are great thinkers and theologians like Leslie Weatherhead and Norman Vincent Peale a little bit nutty then to believe this thing? Was Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor and scientist, a little bit loco when he believed the soul is an actual entity which leaves the body at death? Were the disciples just having a bad attack of imagination when they saw Moses & Elias talking to Jesus on the mountain top? Was Jesus a liar when He said "In my Father's House are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you", and to the dying thief on the cross "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Those of us who have known God for a long time are aware of two things: 1. The fact of a living soul within us which is far more real than the body, and 2. The fact that God's love, kindness, justice and mercy is greater than we can possibly comprehend, and when our loved ones die we can safely trust them in His most wonderful, tender and capable hands.

Let us take the Bible as a whole with its message of hope, love and life, and not take certain isolated texts to try to prove our own pet theories.

Merle Watson, Vic.

**"CRISIS" IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATION**  
The problems facing church newspapers in Australia today threaten the Church with a major communication crisis, the Religious Booksellers' Convention was told in Sydney on Sept 1.

"The Church needs a strong religious press", communications agency principal Tom Glynn told the 240 delegates at the Convention. "Christians need to know what's going on in the Church. Yet today, virtually all church newspapers are in desperate straits, and that carries serious implications for the free flow of information within the Church."

Mr. Glynn, whose agency works for several church organisations, said the papers' plight was caused by a combination of factors:

Skyrocketing paper and printing costs, rapidly rising wages bills and falling circulations were major worries — and now the postal increases, described by Mr. Glynn as "savage and unjustified", looked like being the last straw for many church papers.

"We must find ways around these problems," emphasised Mr. Glynn, and made some specific suggestions:

● better marketing on the part of church papers to increase circulation and advertising revenue;

● greater subsidies for church papers from denominations and churches.

**CHEAP TEA?** (Goolwa, D. R. Smith)  
Action for World Development highlighted poor conditions of tea-workers in Ceylon, in sharp contrast to huge profits made by tea merchants . . . W. Burgar and R. Spencer have been appointed elders . . . Five attended Church Growth seminar . . . Church took record collection for Austcare Appeal . . . Youth Group operated "Drop-In Centre" at the Round House during school holidays . . . Inter-Church council for Goolwa being considered . . . Church is using new hymn books.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### A CONVERT TO CHURCH GROWTH!

To the Editor,

I think our minister is beginning to wear down my resistance to this church growth thing. I wouldn't admit it to him, but you should have heard me arguing for it against that dogmatic Don Jenkins the other night. He was saying, "We don't need a church growth programme in this church. We support evangelism through Home and Overseas Missions and the D.C.E. and the College and all that. And after all the mission of the church is out in the community, not getting people to come to church!"

Surprised at my own temerity, I said to him, "But if our churches don't grow there won't be enough people left to help the Home Mission Department to help the churches that aren't growing. And if our churches diminish much more we'll all be struggling so hard to pay our debts and support our ministers and keep our buildings in repair that we won't have any money left for overseas evangelism. And unless we get a lot more members, soon there won't be enough Christian educators left to go round which probably won't matter because there won't be many Christians left to educate any way let alone to keep the D.C.E. going. And if churches don't grow there will be fewer and fewer students going to College which will turn out fewer and fewer ministers to lead fewer and fewer churches, and so on to diminishing point. And as for serving out in the community, there won't be enough of us left even to do that (as if we'd be missed!)"

The final burst of eloquence and the fine point of irony was lost on him. He had walked away. I think he knows when he's beaten.

Hoping you are the same,  
TERTIUS

OUT SOON!

IN BOOK FORM

"LETTERS FROM TERTIUS"

# AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE PLAN

## DO YOU KNOW HOW A.A.P. CAN ASSIST YOUR CHURCH?

During the past 18 months a number of church members have been concerned that Churches of Christ avail themselves of the exciting possibilities afforded for strategic community service through the financial assistance of the Australian Assistance Plan.

### Basic Principles of the A.A.P.

The A.A.P. is a three-fold, nationally, regionally and locally implemented programme of community based action.

Through the establishment of Regional Councils for Social Development, local initiative and project of social welfare and innovation are financially supported with funds provided by the Australian Government.

Basically the Regional Councils have a two-fold purpose.

1. To initiate, develop and clarify the areas of community need within a region.
2. To allocate grants to fund experimental and existing projects of community action and welfare.

### Why we should be interested in these Regional developments

1. The churches already have "grass roots" organizational structures at the

local and regional level.

2. Much of the current regional planning relates to welfare issues, with which our churches have traditionally been concerned and in many instances very active.

3. The church stands for values which should be incorporated in regional developments.

### Specific Notes for our Churches

1. **Planning** — Our churches have contact with the needs of many residents and workers and are in a position to channel information about these needs to regional planning authorities, as well as to communicate planning developments and issues to its members.

2. **Advocacy Role** — The principles a church stands for should be incorporated in welfare planning and service provision but often are not in practice. The church as an independent body can assert its values and attempt to have them permeate the operation of welfare services so that desirable standards are met.

### Developing Community Groups

The church has traditionally made leadership and physical resources

available for developing a wide range of community groups. Such groups are often attempting to meet needs and have effective programmes which can be shared at the regional level.

### Financial Assistance for worthwhile projects

While our interest in the A.A.P. must not degenerate to the level of "seeing it as an opportunity for funds", because if this is the prime motive, disappointment will result, yet it is accurate to say that if a local church is creative in its presentation of a project which fulfils a regional need, and if this project gains the support of the Regional Council, then financial assistance is forthcoming through A.A.P.

Albert Park Church of Christ in S.A. made an extensive and professional submission regarding a drop-in centre. They have received from A.A.P. a \$6,400 grant. (Copies of their submission can be obtained from I. Allsop, Federal Board of Christian Education, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne).

### CONCLUSION

Churches of Christ ought to be involved, and in a number of instances already have been, in the active support of their Regional Council. The contribution we can make, and the corresponding sense of worthwhile community involvement, is essential for the relevant sharing of our Christian Faith.

Further specific information can be obtained from — Australian Assistance Plan, Department of Social Security, Community Liaison Section, Box 1797Q, G.P.O. Melbourne, 3001; phone 669 3321.

## WORD TALK NO. 124 THEMES IN JOHN

### IN THE STUDY

The resurrection of Jesus is the centre point of the Gospel, and our resurrection to life eternal through Him is the point of our faith. The Old Testament background to resurrection with its many surprising insights and equally surprising omissions was discussed fully in Word Talk No. 105.

In John 11:24-25 Jesus speaks of resurrection at the time when Lazarus had died. The word for resurrection is not used of Lazarus but of the general resurrection from the dead. Lazarus was resuscitated not resurrected. He was resuscitated to life only to die again. His resurrection would occur at a different level after his death. Jesus on the other hand was resurrected. He was not brought back to life only to die again. Resurrection is to be re-created into a new order of life.

Jesus teaches concerning the resurrection through Him to life eternal. Recently in these pages the old question of the relationship between resurrection and immortality of the Soul was raised. I have discussed this at length in my booklet "What happens to me when I die?".

The Bible stresses that God alone is immortal. Humans do not have a continued existence after death. There is a re-creation to a new order of life which is abundant and eternal through faith in Christ. Potentially all men of faith are included in Christ's resurrection (1 Cor. 15:22). Yet the resurrection hope preceded Christ's own resurrection. It was this fact that enabled Christ to be raised, the first born of many (1 Cor. 15:13).

Christians are those who have a new creation in Christ and this includes the promise of resurrection to life eternal.

### FROM THE PULPIT

The resurrection of Jesus is the key-stone to N.T. faith. Karl Barth when questioned by 'Time' magazine April 20th, 1962 said "We may believe in Christ only if we believe in His bodily resurrection. This is the content of the N.T. We are always free to reject it but not to modify it nor to pretend that the N.T. tells something else. We may accept or refuse the message, but we may not change it."

# RESURRECTION

The unchanging resurrection message means (1) Jesus the Messiah has come. His resurrection was a proof of his Messiahship. (2) The power of God and his plan for man's salvation has been vindicated. God's plan through Jesus was rejected through the crucifixion of Jesus. But His resurrection now becomes the corner stone of a new Kingdom (Acts 2:23-4; Acts 4:11). Jesus is both God and Saviour. Lord and Christ. (3) The promise of a new and living way (Heb. 10:20). If, like the seed, Jesus dies and is raised He will bear much fruit. (John 12:24). We who believe in Him are His living fruit. (4) The release of life abundant (John 10:10). of His abiding presence (Matt.28:20; John 14:1-6; 18-20); and of the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7. Acts 2:32-33; Eph 4:8-10). (5) The dawning of God's new day, when we have the assurance of the resurrection through our faith and union with Christ (Luke 20:34-36; John 11:24-25. 2 Cor 5:17. Col. 1:18).

### AMONG THE PEOPLE

I have buried close to one thousand people. At Crematoria and graveside I have often been associated with a brief service added to the Christian Service by Chaplains from the Masonic Lodge or from the R.S.L. Both organisations speak of the hope of immortality of their departed brother. In the Masonic order of service a sprig of evergreen is placed on the coffin with the white apron as a symbol of the hope of immortality of a just Soul made perfect.

According to the N.T. only those who have faith in Christ Jesus as Saviour are justified and made perfect. There is no Christian understanding of an automatic resumption of life after death. No matter how we may wish that all men might have immortal Souls, this is Greek philosophy not Christian religion. The Christian faith emphasizes that only those people who have faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord have the promise of resurrection to life eternal. As Christian people we have an obligation to proclaim the hope that is in Christ rather than to spread the wish of Greek philosophers.

GORDON MOYES.

## ● HOME MISSIONS

— DIRECTORS REVIEW

# CHURCH GROWTH SEMINARS

The five directors of State Home Missions Departments met in Melbourne, August 18-19, to review the Church Growth Seminars conducted by Dr Win Arn. Approximately 2000 local church leaders and ministers participated in the seminars. The response in each state was one of outstanding interest and enthusiasm. Evaluation forms returned by many participants showed a positive response to the experience and a desire for follow up assistance.

### Achievements

Achievements of the seminars may be listed as follows:

1. Strengthened national unity by giving Departments a common purpose.
2. Significantly influenced the climate of opinion about growth — evangelism — numbers.
3. Caused many churches to re-evaluate i. ministry area, ii. overall policies, iii. use of leadership.
4. Challenged ministers to re-evaluate the direction of ministry particularly in regard to maintenance/growth roles.

The seminars represented the largest gathering together of Brotherhood and local church leaders in our history. The subject matter and the fellowship appeared to have had a profound effect upon many people. It may not be too much to say that the seminars represent the greatest challenge to our Brotherhood since its earliest times.

### Decisions

Important decisions arose from the conference. A follow up visit by Dr Arn is

to be investigated. This would introduce advanced seminar training and allow for others to join in the basic seminar. The Vic.-Tas. Department's publication "Bridgebuilder" is to be incorporated in a new national church growth publication. The possibility of one staff member participating in American Church Growth conferences is being considered.

Negotiations with Dr Donald McGavran are taking place to investigate research programmes, personnel training and the development of the church growth concept in the Australian scene.

### Follow Up

Each state reports detailed follow up with many mini-seminars and conferences being conducted by local churches. State Departments are planning special follow up programming for participant churches. The first edition of "How To Grow An Australian Church" by Gordon Moyes has been sold out. A second edition will be available in September. The book can be used as a helpful resource in planning local strategies.

### Goals

Each participant church was challenged to evaluate its past achievement and set one year and five year growth goals. The overall picture emerging is that many churches set targets of 25% increase in the first year with plans for growth of over 100% in the five year period. The directors believe that these projections and their outworking can significantly influence the whole future of Churches of Christ in Australia.

## WORLD CONVENTION

The death of Australian born World Convention President earlier this year saddened those who knew him.

Dr W. B. Blakemore died in his sleep while visiting Dallas, Texas for an Administrative Committee meeting. As a lad about 12 years of age Barney Blakemore left for the U.S.A. when his father took a ministry overseas after ministering at Lake St., Perth and Swanston St., Melbourne.

Australians who knew Dr Blakemore during his visits to this country or through his writings or who have shared hospitality with him at the University of Chicago could welcome the opportunity now of contributing to a Memorial Fund.

This Fund in his name is to be a part of the Permanent Endowment Fund of the World Convention. Our Australian Committee has set aside \$250 for this purpose. We shall be glad to receive contributions



The late Dr W. B. Blakemore, World Convention President, Dean of Disciples house, University of Chicago.

at Churches of Christ Centre, 104 Grote St., Adelaide, S.A., 5000, to add to this amount to forward to Dr Allan Lee later this year.

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S JUMBLES (Persons & Places).

Paul wrote a letter to this place: SEE NIP ASH (one word). Answer on page 18).

### TO THE TOP

A soldier at the age of 45 had been in the army for nearly twenty years and was a captain and it looked as though that was as far as he would go.

He did not even want to be in the army, but he couldn't afford to go to university. He entered for an examination and passed by one mark, and that got him into West Point, the U.S.A. Army college.

Later, he fought Indians, taught at West Point, served in the Spanish American War, was sent to the Philippines, and became a military observer with the Japanese Army. This all took twenty years and he was still a captain.

Then, suddenly, President Teddy Roosevelt jumped the captain over almost a thousand officers of a higher rank and made him a general! His name was John J. Pershing and he commanded the U.S. Army in the First World War. Your grandfather will know of him!

Anyway, when you have a job to do, do it as well as you can. The reward may take some time, but it will come.

"Lookout!"

Two business competitors were discussing their trade when one blurted out, "There are many ways of making money, but there's only one honest way."

"What's that?" asked the other.

"I knew it," the first replied, "you don't know!"

In many a case if you'll give a driver an inch, he will take a lane.

Parking meters illustrate the truth that you lose money by standing still.



"Now be brave, Mom, this isn't going to hurt much!"

# SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

PART 5

## STANTON WILSON CONCLUDES OVERSEAS STORY

In this concluding article we write of "the tops" in train travel; of interesting people and places — here to ring a bell and there to eat a pork pie, so to speak.

### SOME TRAIN

Australians are the most air-minded people in the world. However, these two deliberately planned fifteen consecutive days of travel by train.

Having Australian passports, (we have British passports too!) we bought a 15 day Eurail Pass — our "magic wand" we came to call it. This enabled us to travel First Class during any 15 successive days of our choice on any train in any one of 13 non-Communist countries in Europe from the Arctic Circle to the azure Mediterranean. Moreover, this travel privilege covered the regular service of any bus, ferry or pleasure-boat operated by the Government of any such country. We did not

try to extract every possible mile from our pass. For instance we spent a week-end at Bregenz in Austria on Bodensee (Lake Constance) discovering by pleasure-cruiser the delights of Europe's largest inland sea. Another weekend we stayed in Geneva enjoying this historic city and cruising for a whole day on its lovely lake making calls at Celigny, Luchy, Pully, Lutry, Cully and Vevey and seeing at the last-named the home of the famous Charlie Chaplin.

Eurail train travel is really "the tops" in travel. For instance, we travelled by day-light train direct from Geneva to Dusseldorf on "The Rheingold" Trans-European Express (T.E.E.). The train is fast, comfortable, immaculately clean, smooth and silent being air-conditioned. The train crew is multi-lingual and courteous. Observation, Restaurant and Sleeping Cars are included in the sixteen-carriage entourage. On an inter-house system, passengers are fore-advised in three languages of the pending arrival at stations. A traveller may engage the services of a competent multi-lingual secretary-stenographer and reserve an office appropriately equipped. Postal services, including telephones by which outward calls may be made while in transit are available. Now that is some train! Let those who like magic carpets have them; the Eurail "magic wand" affords me all I need — and more.

Of course, not all trains in Europe are so equipped, but where it's a Trans European Express this is the standard you can expect and even then have your expectation excelled unless someone had told you of reversible seats, access during travel to the luggage room, the mobile refreshment unit, and the accurate illustrated printed programme of the entire journey.

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## SAINTS & SOULWINNERS

BY GORDON R. STIRLING

### 3. THE LOCAL CHURCH AND ITS MINISTER MAKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SAINTS TO MEET NEW PEOPLE WITH A VIEW TO FRIENDSHIP MAKING.

#### (1) THE PASTORAL CARE LIST

Every church should have a list of every member of every church family, every family associated with Sunday schools, clubs, sports groups, auxiliaries, every family on the supplementary roll, old church and Sunday School and club rolls, every family for whom weddings, funerals, counselling and other services have been undertaken, every family with the slightest contact with the church.

#### THIS IS THE FRIENDSHIP MAKING WORK LIST.

On this list are the names of people who can be involved in some parts of the church's programme. As they are involved the saints can become involved with them.

#### (2) SMALL GROUPS

Strangely enough, many "outsiders" or people on the pastoral care list who are not interested in church services are willing to be in small groups in people's homes, such as: growth groups, share groups, prayer groups, Bible study groups, coffee groups, lunch clubs, interest groups, couples groups.

Small groups, only lasting for a few weeks, and including neighbours and acquaintances of the host and hostess, and the neighbours and acquaintances of the saints who come, are evangelistically fruitful.

#### (3) VISITATION FOR SPECIALS

Every church has at least a "Back to", or an Anniversary. Most have other specials. Each of these should be preceded by visits to all on the pastoral care list inviting them to attend. Every able bodied saint should be able to be in this. A printed card is posted giving details and indicating that a visitor will call to make the invitation personal. On a given night visitors are briefed and off they go. The saints are told not to put pressure on to attend the event, but to go for friendship making that may be able to be followed up later.

Many will attend the specials and should be "made at home" by the saints (who somehow need to be organized into doing even this!) Even if some don't attend, friendship bridges are being built.

#### (4) CHURCH SOCIALISING THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE ON THE CARE LIST, NEIGHBOURS, ACQUAINTANCES

House groups, Coffee hours, C.W.F. Birthday Meetings, Picnics and outings, Club demonstrations, Sunday School Open Days, Church family nights.

The pattern has often been for the saints dutifully to turn up to "support" these things, to sit with and talk to the other saints, and generally to neglect the courageous "parents and friends" who have bravely turned up in these strange surroundings.

The Christmas family luncheon, the anniversary dinner, and other festive events give opportunity for a family of the saints to invite as their guests a family whose name is given to them by the minister. The invitation is given in each case by a personal call in the name of the church. The saints follow right through as gracious hosts and hostesses, caring for their guests, introducing them round, and generally making them feel at home. They take the opportunity for a further invitation in their own homes.

#### (5) SERVICE PROJECTS

Valuable friendships can be made by saints involved in care groups, emergency help groups, hospital and institutional visiting, taking institutionalised people on outings, and in visiting shut-ins and the sick. Many of our people are involved in "Meals on Wheels". They will know that for some of these people, the only persons they ever see are the "Meals on Wheels" people. There is no law against going back to these lonely ones for friendship making.

#### (6) WHAT IF THE PASTORAL CARE LIST IS SLENDER?

One of the best ways of getting names of new families is to run for the sake of recruiting for Sunday School and clubs. Adventure Times or Happy Hours or Vacation Schools. Happy Hours break all the rules of conventional Christian Education, but the kids love them and you get the results. Another way to get new families on the care list is to consider Weekday Church School (but not by that name), a day a week after school, and go for the "latch-key" kids. You may have to relieve your minister from non-productive work to run it.



DR FORREST D. HAGGARD

Forrest D. Haggard, pastor of the 1700 member Overland Park Christian Church of Overland Park, Kansas (a part of the greater metropolitan Kansas City area) has been elected president of the World Convention of Churches of Christ by the Executive Committee to succeed the late Dr W. B. Blakemore who died on May 1. Dr Haggard will complete Dr Blakemore's unexpired term and serve as chief executive officer of the World Convention through the 1980 Honolulu 50th Anniversary Assembly.

Following the Haggards' migration from Kentucky and born in Trumbull, Nebraska, Dr Haggard has family ties with Rice Haggard, co-founder of the Christian Church (Church of Christ — Disciples) and H. Rider Haggard, the author. Educated at and with degrees from Phillips University, the Graduate Seminary at Phillips and the University of Missouri, the new World Convention president has served the Overland Park congregation for the past 22 years. Under his pastoral care and guidance, the church has grown from its original 30 members

**WINTER COLLEGE** (Penrith, Don Norling) Winter College for Christians included talks on The Bible, The Christian and Mental Health, and the Restoration Movement ... Three Growth Groups meet Wednesday nights for Prayer and Bible Study. At the group in the Lower Blue Mountains seven families are represented.

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

The Vic./Tas. D.C.E. invites married couples to join this experience.

**Dates:** November 1 and 2, 1975

**Venue:** Motel-type accommodation at Launching Place (Vic.)

**Cost:** \$38 per couple

**Purpose:** to help couples make their meaningful marriage more meaningful. If you missed the first weekend, you will want to take advantage of this opportunity!

**Contact:** D.C.E., 52 LaTrobe Street, Melbourne (phone 662 2377) for further details.

## NEW WORLD CONVENTION PRESIDENT

and today conducts three morning worship services with a staff of 21 people. For the past 20 years a drive-in worship service has been led by this dynamic pastor.

An active participant in the World Convention of Churches of Christ, Dr Haggard has served on the Central Study Committee, chaired the Tours and Travel Committee and attended five of the nine conventions held. Dr Haggard and his wife, Eleanor, are the parents of three children. They often lead overseas religious and fraternal tours.

The World Convention is a fellowship agency (such as Baptist World Alliance, Lutheran World Federation, Methodist World Council, World Alliance of Reform Churches, etc.), which meets in convention every five years to share Christian faith, witness to each other through preaching, participate in a study program, celebrate the Lord's Supper and help its members rethink the ideas by which they express their Christianity. The Convention also sponsors an annual lectureship on Contemporary Evangelism in a Christian Church or union seminary. Holding its first assembly at Washington, D.C. in 1930 under the guidance of Dr Jesse M. Bader, the World Convention of Churches of Christ includes individuals and churches in 34 countries who have a common historical background in the religious movement begun by Thomas and Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone. Other assemblies have been held in Leicester, England; Buffalo, Melbourne, Toronto, Edinburgh, Scotland; San Juan, and Adelaide.

The last meeting of the World Convention in 1974 witnessed 4,500 in attendance at Mexico City. Offices for this global agency are located in Dallas, Texas where Dr Allan W. Lee has served as General Secretary since 1971.

## OAKLEIGH CHURCH OF CHRIST (VIC.)

59th Anniversary Celebrations.

Sunday, October 5th, 1975.

11 a.m. B. E. McMurtrie

1 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon

2.45 p.m. Pleasant Sunday Afternoon "The Avenue"

Blackburn Methodist Choir.

5 p.m. Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m. Rev. N. P. Andersen

Principle of

Melbourne Bible Institute.

For hospitality contact

A. A. Brown, 35 Andrew Street, Oakleigh, 3186. Ph. 67 3215.

## OBITUARY

**BUFFINTON, Irene Annie**

Rene Buffinton went to be with the Lord, so real to her, on Aug. 8, 1975. Rene was born at Fitzroy, Vic. in 1902. She was baptised in 1917 at the age of 15 years by Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen at the Malvern church. In 1965 she was married to Benjamin Buffinton at Malvern, where she was organiste, by A. E. Illingworth. The Buffintons moved to Canberra some 35 years ago and attended the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist Churches. In Rene's own words, referring to the regular weekly Lord's Table "none of these seemed to have all we desired" and so she placed an advertisement in the "Canberra Times" asking anyone interested in the Church of Christ to contact her home. Rene was aware that the work commenced in Canberra some years previously had failed, but she was encouraged by the response to her advertisement including support from Charles Adermann. Eventually it was decided that the Church of Christ would be re-commenced in Canberra. The first communion service held in the Buffinton home on July 8, 1951. Such services were held for the next two and a half years. Support of the Federal Brotherhood culminated in the building of the Ainslie Church Hall and the arrival of G. R. Stirling as first minister. The Buffintons moved to Traralgon, Vic. about 14 years ago and there Ben died, but not before having once again been involved with Rene in the commencement of yet another work. Rene returned to Canberra to be near her children Joan Faulkner, Irene Willgoose and Don Buffinton and their families. Quiet and unassuming Rene Buffinton worked steadfastly at the Ainslie Church and for the extension of the work in Canberra. She held a special place in the affections of the Ainslie congregation for her own qualities and possessed artistic talents of musicianship and painting. Words do not seem adequate to portray what Rene meant in the life of the Ainslie Church where her funeral service, conducted by Nell Gilmore, was on Aug. 11, 1975. In response to family wishes a Memorial Fund has been commenced to be dedicated in the name of Rene and Ben Buffinton to the continuance of an aspect of the work at Ainslie.

— R.F.S.

**DONCASTER CHURCH**  
is 112  
**OCTOBER 5,**  
9.30 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"My wife made me promise to tell you I thought that was a good sermon."

## SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY (from p.11)

In such ease we travelled throughout Germany, France, Switzerland and Austria covering the latter two countries quite extensively. This year's Northern Summer was far too hot to go down to Italy and so we confined the rest of our European tour to car travel in Belgium, Holland, England and Scotland.

### SOME PEOPLE

As always, we found people more interesting than places. Our Sentimental Journey was designed to visit relatives and friends. Among those whose company we enjoyed were two very remarkable people:

Fred T. Carmichael of Evington Road Church, Leicester was in frail health when I visited him and news of his death reached me the day I returned to Germany.

He will be greatly missed, for to know him was to love him. He was a devout Christian and an English gentleman of great charm. He was a very close and life-long friend of Leslie Weatherhead whom he resembled in appearance to a remarkable degree. "Mr. Fred" was a millionaire but his wealth was distributed with great humility and a high sense of responsible Christian stewardship. Many years ago he and his brother, A. D. Carmichael, established the Carmichael Trust with five hundred thousand pounds sterling. Many widows, aged maiden ladies, handicapped people and persons in adversity were the recipients of his generosity. Many of his gifts to the local church, the Brotherhood and the community were given in absolute anonymity. He was convinced of the value of Christian literature and must have given away thousands of pounds worth of books to friends and acquaintances around the world. He frequently gave Christian books (often quite costly) to patients in hospitals and accompanied his gifts with flowers or bottles of Eau de Cologne.

Himself an heroic sufferer for years, he kept his suffering a secret even from his friends. His concern was always for others as was most appropriately expressed in an anonymous quotation on the Order of Service printed for his funeral on Aug. 14 last:

### TURN AGAIN TO LIFE

"If I should die and leave you here awhile,  
Be not like others, sore undone, who keep  
long vigil by the silent dust and weep  
For my sake turn again to life and smile  
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do  
That which will comfort other souls than mine  
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine  
And I, perchance, may therein comfort too."

This Sentimental Journey afforded me the opportunity while in Germany to renew association with Dr. Martin Niemoller and to learn that on the eve of his 85th birthday he is both alert and well. He was to travel across Germany the day after I spoke with him to fulfil a speaking appointment. We talked of our former meetings in San Juan, Melbourne, Launceston and Leicester when he was a guest in our home. We spoke of the Bible Society and various members including Russell Baker; of the World Convention and a mutual friend George Beasley Junior. Finally Dr. Niemoller asked me to convey his "warm and heartfelt Christian greetings" to the people of Churches of Christ in Australia. On this happy note we concluded our conversation and I took leave of the man who was for years the personal prisoner of Adolph Hitler and the man who goes down in history as having told Hitler to his face: "I have no Fuhrer but God". As I said "Good-bye" to Dr. Niemoller I saluted, in my spirit, a man of rare commitment and singular humility. I thanked God and took courage.

### SOME PLACES

Leicestershire is very lovely and its towns are of great interest.

Melton Mowbray, like its namesake town in Tasmania, is in a rural setting. We went there to see a former Brighton friend, Canon G. H. Codrington, once assistant to Canon Bryan Green at St. Martin's in the Bull Ring, Birmingham. Canon Codrington is now vicar of St. Mary's Melton Mowbray, a parish known for various forms of hedonism including fox-hunting, stilton cheese and pork pies. I myself nearly succumbed to the world, the flesh and the diet when in a shop next to the Church I saw a notice which read: "Pork pies packed and posted".

On reflection, I'm sure it was the alliteration and not the pork which enticed me.

From this town (or is it a hamlet?) I turned my thoughts to higher things as I recalled that St. Mary's is an early English Church which was greatly enlarged in Elizabethan times and that the town has a Bede house, that is a refuge for the sick and the poor where the inmates were expected to pray daily for their benefactors. This Bede house formed part of the dower of Anne of Cleves, one of the six wives of Henry the Eighth.

Thus we headed (!) for home veering our course towards Loughborough.

Loughborough has a beautiful memorial tower built in 1923, housing a carillon from which bell-music was broadcast for the first time ever.

It is of interest that an uncle of L. J. Butler (Chairman, Federal Conference Executive) was the accomplished carillonist of Loughborough for many years. It is also told (!) that bells have been part of Loughborough since the arrival of John Taylor in the last century. He came to re-cast the bells of the parish church and stayed, setting up a bell-foundry that has become world-famous.

Loughborough is linked with London since the biggest bell in England, "Great Paul" of St. Paul's Cathedral was cast there. "Great Paul" is 9 feet tall and weighs over 16 tons. Loughborough is also linked with Melbourne. When the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral had to be re-tuned, they were shipped to Loughborough. There are 5,435 church towers in the British Isles which have peals of bells ranging from 4 to 12. It is not generally known that the bells of St. Paul's (Melbourne) is the only peal of 12 bells outside the British Isles, nor that Jock Roper of our Benteigh church has the honour of being the longest serving bell-ringer with a record of almost 45 years. We congratulate him, not only on his appropriate name but especially on this splendid record of Christian service. St. Paul's bell-ringers occasionally ring a "quarter peal" of 1250 changes which takes three quarters of an hour. The shortest peal known uses 4 bells and 24 changes and takes one minute. The longest uses 12 bells and 479,001,600 changes and it would take about 38 years to complete. We could perhaps be congratulating Mr. Roper on being in his second peal!

### FINALLY

If this series from overseas seems to finish abruptly its form is at least consistent with our Sentimental Journey itself. One day one is boarding a Jumbo jet at Frankfurt and within a matter of hours one is alighting in Melbourne. Hurlled from Monday night into Wednesday morning — from Autumn into Spring — from holidays back to the desk and so: "To the work, brother knights".

## MY NEIGHBOUR'S PEN

### Priest attacks Soviet authority.

Fr. Gleb Yakunin, a Russian Orthodox priest, banned from office and silenced in 1966 for criticising the Soviet State for interfering in church affairs, has written a letter to the Politbureau of the Soviet Communist Party

The text of this has reached Keston College (Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism). It condemns the recent government measure which made Orthodox Easter Sunday a working day.

The letter reads (in part) — "Your newspapers have made much noise about the fuel crisis in the West but you yourselves have been struck by the very worst of all crises — the spiritual energy crisis

"Your ideologists repeat that it is forbidden to insult the religious feelings of believers, but in this question, as often in others also, your theory conflicts with your practice. Having designated the Easter holiday a working day you have insulted the religious feelings of millions of believers. It would have been better had you made May 1 and November 7 working days — fewer people would have been insulted.

"In this year when we celebrate the 30th anniversary of victory, it would have been more honourable to thank the Russian Orthodox Church for its patriotic role during the last war, a role which you yourself acknowledge. But in a blind, feverish pursuit after economic prosperity, you are offending the feelings of many besides believers."

— "British Weekly"

### Bibles for the world

The United Bible Societies supported 617 translation and revision projects around the world in 1974, 58 per cent of them making some part of the Scriptures available to people for the first time.

By the end of 1974 at least one book of the Bible had been translated and published by the Bible Societies or other Christian organisations in 1546 languages.

Scripture distribution by the UBS throughout the world during 1974 is estimated to have surpassed 250 million copies.

—"The Sower"

● VIC.-TAS.

## THE CAMPERS ARE COMING

Throughout its history, the Christian Education Dept. of our Vic.-Tas. churches has been vitally concerned with camping experiences. In earlier days this involvement was chiefly with the young people of Brotherhood churches, but over more recent years development has occurred which involves people of all ages.

The word "camping" no longer means what it used to. "Camping" is now a word applied to cover any residential period away from home, regardless of type of accommodation. Some camps are held in motel-type settings, whilst others may be "roughing it" in the bush, sleeping in hike tents.

The Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. caters for the many types of camping programmes through the development of the sites which it administers.

Camping has really "caught on", with State schools and community interest groups creating pressure on site availability. The D.C.E. would like to have our churches creating pressure on site availability. The D.C.E. would like to have our churches making good use of all



Lance & Enid Fisher

our properties, so the suggestion is made that bookings be attended to as early as possible. Reservations so far ahead as October 1976 have been received!

In order to provide for the rapid increase in camping activity, the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. is involved in considerable expansion work.

Monbulk: A second residence is under construction for the housing of Mr. and Mrs. Les Marks who are to join Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher in the task of ministry at our Fellowship Centre. Those familiar with the 'old Monbulk' would hardly believe their eyes! The occasional weekend and holiday use of the property has expanded to an almost 52-weeks-of-the-year activity.

Hall's Gap: More improvements are under way. The tourist trade in the Grampians area is thriving and this is reflected in demands made on our camp site. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Burtt will be taking up the role of resident supervisors at Hall's Gap. A cottage for their accommodation is a part of the works programme planned for this property.

Lin Mason has been giving valuable part-time supervision at Hall's Gap over the past five years.



Mr. and Mrs. Bart Burtt

Banksia: This property is ideal for "adventure" camping. It has been decided not to develop this site further, but rather to retain its present attractive natural environment which ideally suits camping under canvas with permanent facilities for dining, cooking and ablution. The D.C.E. is extremely appreciative of the services of Mr. and Mrs. Russ Pearce a honorary resident supervisors at this property.

Eppalock: Our churches of Central and Northern District are administering this property and have recently completed a dormitory block there. Bookings are increasing.

Bicheno: This camp property on Tasmania's east coast (and administered by the Tasmanian D.C.E. Committee) is one of the show pieces of Tasmanian (or even mainland!) camp sites. Mainlanders are always welcome to the camp. Don't miss seeing it — or staying there when in Tasmania.

Other Sites: There are also camping properties at Mildura's Sunraysia site (administered by Sunraysia churches), and at Cheshunt, near Wangaratta.

Why not make a point of including a visit to any of these sites whenever you are touring in the areas? — you will be impressed with developments. The visions of our Brotherhood's camping pioneers are now realities.

The Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. would be glad to discuss any aspect of camping with churches or groups wishing to take advantage of the significant opportunities in Christian education provided by this experience.



Mr & Mrs. Les Marks & Shelley

# 50 YEARS AGO

### New Church.

The new church home at Mile End, S.A., has become a realised possession. 500 met for breaking of bread. E. A. Riches presided; B. W. Manning led the prayer, and Jas. E. Thomas gave the address.

### New Doctor.

A. C. Garnett, M.A., has been granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the Univ. of Melbourne. He was a brilliant student at the College of the Bible.

### Missionary Farewell.

The brotherhood farewelled outgoing missionaries. Nurse D. Ludbrook, and H. A. G. Clark, M.A., Dip. Ed., for Huelichow, West China; and Dr G. H. Oldfield, for Dhond, India, at Lygon St. church, Carlton, Vic.

### Here and There.

J. E. Webb has been appointed to arrange hospitality for visitors to the annual conference of Churches of Christ in S.A., Sept. 16-19 . . . A. W. Connor's exposition of the Acts of the Apostles, which appeared in 35 issues of the "Christian," concluded with this issue . . . W. Townsend of Tas., wrote suggesting a way to obtain a chapel in the Federal Capital quickly. "Sell the bricks!" He said that people would gladly pay 1/- a brick and finance the building speedily . . . 1925 joke: Wife (out motoring) — "Horace, darling, drive carefully, won't you? Remember we have Fido with us."

## DONCASTER CHURCH OF CHRIST

### 112th ANNIVERSARY

October 5

Morning Services:  
9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Subject  
"The gift of fellowship"

Evening service: 7 p.m.

Subject  
"Marching off the map"

At both services: Keith D. Horne

VISITORS WELCOME

For hospitality phone John Berry  
850 2902

## THE SEQUEL

Jay Bacik plans to write

### "HOW TO KILL AN AUSTRALIAN CHURCH!"

I am planning to put together a new book for publication called 'How to Kill an Australian Church'.

Modesty forbids me to write such a book on my own, although some would feel I am eminently qualified. I am, therefore, seeking contributions from a variety of people who could make significant comments or even write a whole chapter.

Some of the contributions I am looking for would be from ministers who have lost faith in the value of the local church as a means of bringing people into a relationship with Christ in a caring community, but are sticking with the 'System' because there's nowhere else to go.

Others from Church elders who see their main function as keeping the minister in his place and ensuring that all the helpers on 'The Table' on Sunday morning are clean shaven and suitably dressed, would make a tremendous contribution to my book.

Contributions will be most gratefully

received from Church Deacons who have as their philosophy — 'we never tried it this way before', especially if they could add a few spicy illustrations of some of the crazy ideas and programmes they have killed in the name of keeping 'The World' out of the Church.

Some Church families could write and explain how by keeping the leadership and decision making to their own group, they effectively preserved their own status and froze out any enthusiastic newcomer.

I would be happy to print ideas from the 'average Church Member' who could provide chapters like

'I witnessed once, but it didn't work';

'I thought it was the minister's job;

'How I killed the Evening Service by not attending (with 50 others);

'How we got rid of our minister without actually sacking him';

'I was so busy trying to get justice for my neighbour, I forgot he was going to Hell'.

I am also anxious to hear from the people who could contribute to a chapter entitled 'If they change one thing in our Church, I'm leaving' — most of whom would still be in active membership in the Church.

A complete section of the book will be designed to attack the Church Growth strategy and strategists, so I will be happy to hear from the Cynics, the Knockers, and the Negative Thinking Pundits who will provide chapters on

'Go home Yank';

'It won't work here';

'Leave it to the Holy Spirit';

'Let us die with integrity';

'God is not dead — but temporarily out of order';

'The Church won't last — let alone grow'.

Finally, no contribution could be complete without the assistance of the Scholars, who after nearly 2000 years of Christianity are still working out a Biblically based theology for evangelism and Church growth.

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I expect 'How to Kill an Australian Church' will be finished about 1984. It will have a black leather cover with a close-up zip and should cost about \$233.68, which may sound a little expensive, but we guarantee it will work and the pages won't fall out!



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The story with variant details can be told and re-told — often enough our first encounter with the couple, or the single, is in hospital rounds and often the gap has grown to years but nary a word had ever passed to the Canberra churches of their presence in the city.

True, sadly, enough, this is not a phenomenon of church life that is confined to Canberra — it happens everywhere across the country. However in the midst of all our stir about church growth it is sad that, whilst we are so keen about those who never come near the church, we pay so little attention to the interested ones who move from one place to another. If Canberra could activate all those in this city who have been lost to the church at the time of transfer to the capital, our active church membership would double over-night.

The Canberra Churches appeal to all church secretaries, ministers — and church 'busy-bodies' — to keep us informed about transfers, removals, etc. as they come this way. This appeal applies equally to those removing to places other than Canberra — the appropriate minister or secretary ought to be notified in every case. For our part, the Canberra churches undertake to do our best to meet our own challenge.

Let us repeat, it is hard to get excited about church growth when there's so much carelessness about those already won.

Neil Gilmore,  
President, A.C.T. Conference.

**FOR MISSIONS** (Maylands, S.A., N. S. Moore) In addition to budget giving the O/seas missions offering was \$637 ... Annual meeting elected W. Heath as elder ... \$10,000, now in hand, to be allocated to Christian Rest Home ... Ross Atwell is appointed Principal Technical Officer, Aust. Telecommunications ... Ralph Potter is chairman Girls' Hostel Comm. for Social Service Dept. ... Nine attended Win Arn seminar ... Boys won division D in basketball premiership ... 8 visited Riverland churches on Aug. 24, at Berri, Moorook, Loxton ... G. Marley spoke for

Gideons on Aug. 31 ... Church saddened by sudden death of A. Buddle.

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**ENGAGEMENT**

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**DEATH**

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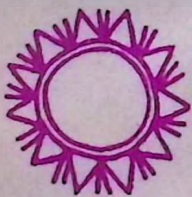
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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**GLENELG IS 83** (C.H.J. Wright) At the 83rd anniversary celebrated on July 20, George Mathieson and Jim Wright were speakers. 200 sat down to an anniversary tea previous night ... Mr. and Mrs. Wright made trip to Chicago to attend son's wedding and will return via Europe and the Far East ... Mr. and Mrs. Sugars and Alan Wilson are also overseas.

**SPECIAL YOUTH PROGRAMME** (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe) The youth programme, "DO — TELL", will culminate in a festival at Longwood, Oct. 3-5. Our youth singing group will present items ... The annual meeting elected R. Groves as president, and G. Bonney as elder. The secretary is K. Dix and the treasurer Miss D. Wood. A larger budget was adopted to meet inflation ... Leonie Burton and Lynette Spry are in Perth to represent S.A. Churches of Christ in the netball carnival ... P. Brittain and A. McKenzie are recovering from sickness ... Mrs. Edginton celebrated her 85th birthday with open house at the Middletons.

**REACHING OUT** (Cheltenham) A mission, "Reaching out for Jesus", was led by Doug Willis, Aug. 17-30. Publicity was spread over a wide area and contacts were visited by the ministers, Ron Saunders and Harold Greenwood. Attendances averaged 65. Five primary decisions were made and five made commitment for further service. The song leader was Bill Bowden of the Hawthorn church. Visiting artists included "Maranatha" (Hawthorn Youth Choir), Petrea Johnson, Julie Leggett, Robin Frost, Tasma Trio, Country Gospel group, Mr. and Mrs. Noble. Ron Deguet, spending his holidays painting buildings at Norseman, made his car available to the missionary. Expenses were covered by the offerings which amounted to \$600.

**SEMAPHORE'S 65th** (P. R. Whitmore) Miss Norma Hall was guest speaker for church's 65th anniversary. Sue Chamberlain made her confession of faith ... V. Taylor and H. Stewart are in hospital.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**GROWTH THEME** (Scarborough, K. J. Duffy). Growth and vitality has been a consistent theme at Scarborough in recent months. 21 were involved in seminar led by Dr. Win Arn. A week of evangelistic meetings with Bill Gaunson followed. Four young people attended "Youth Action" weekend, sponsored by United Dept. of Christian Educ. led by David Merritt ... The church shared in celebration of Golden Wedding of Vi and Harold Seaby.

**LARGER EVENING ATTENDANCES** (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson) Average attendance figures for past month have been a.m. 148, p.m. 186 ... Visiting

speakers have been R. Kenda, E. Maxwell, J. Brighton, G. Agnew (C.O.B.) and R. Raymond (who is over 80 years) ... Basketballers finished season with a tea and presentation of trophies ... Fathers invited to S.S., Primary and Kinder Depts. sessions, Aug. 17 ... At C.W.F. "At Home" lights were fused for most of evening. By lamplight 80 ladies heard items by Christmas Islanders, testimonies by Mun Seet and Anne Thrussell, and a talk by Bette Nelson ... 50 met on Aug. 24 to consider further steps in Church growth ... Deidre Illingworth farewelled to W.E.C. in Sydney.



## TASMANIA

**"INFERNO"** (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham) A christian drama "Inferno" was presented by Teen Crusaders and Ulverstone Inter-Church Youth Council ... A family tea was held, followed by service with Norm Carter of "Bethany" as speaker ... Teen Crusaders and C.W.F. have led services ... Other churches have been invited to attend evening services to see how Churches of Christ worship. One of our young men made his decision ... A piano has been purchased for S.S. and youth work ... Co-Ed Teens and minister held retreat at Boat Harbour. Mr. Burnham preached at Savage River Community Church.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**OUTREACH CAMPAIGN.** (Hamilton, W. Philipps). "Outreach Campaign" planned to visit every home in the area was launched on Aug. 31. 1000 Homes were given a letter entitled "Are You Satisfied?" Further visitation and counselling will be done. Mr. and Mrs. David Brown were welcomed home after touring England and Scotland ... Members extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shaw in their sad bereavement.

**FAMILY CAMP** (Dapto, E. S. Holt) 82 attended Family Camp with Bob Smith as study leader ... A husband and wife, living next door to church, were recently baptized ... Over 120 attended Education Service, when teachers and choir from Kanahooka High School participated. Fifty from our Brigades were in uniform ... Four of young people have formed a musical group under guidance of Alf Dorin and gave their first performance at recent evening service ... As result of Growth Seminar, Church Growth principles will be shared and discussed in home meetings.

## INNER SPRINGS

### "HAVING EYES YE SEE ME NOT"



I have heard it said by the cynical and too busy that there is not much in this harsh world to remind us of God. And if we are deceived by the daily papers and much of the literature of our day we might be led into believing it. But from my observation and understanding it seems to me there is no place where we are not being constantly reminded of God's presence.

As the Son of God proclaiming His Father's love, Jesus did not separate the earthly and the spiritual things of life into categories marked sacred and secular. Instead by parable and sermon He wove both into one harmonious whole, so that at any time we have only to reach out in thought to find Him near.

"Where did Jesus get the stuff of His parables? Not from some never, never land, but from the real world all around Him", writes one, A. M. Hunter. Consider then, some of the things from this "real world." Wheat, harvest, grass, lilies, reeds, mustard seeds, figs, thorns, brambles, trees, sycamore, grapes.

Foxes, serpents, vipers, birds of the air, ravens, lambs, sparrows, nests, wolves, eagles, moths, hens, chickens. Lightning, storms, clouds, winds, showers, streams, sand, rocks, Weddings, feasts, dinners, meals, loaves, fishes, eggs, leaven, salt, yeast, Axes, lamps, purses, millstones, houses, barns, saw-dust, beams, housetops, money, ovens, sandals, coats, wallets, cups and platters, children and gifts to children.

He spoke of grass and wind and rain,  
And fig trees and fine weather;  
And made it His delight to bring  
Heaven and earth together.

He spoke of lilies, corn and vines,  
The sparrow and the raven;  
And words so natural yet so wise  
Were on men's hearts engraven.

#### PRAYER:

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## VICTORIA

**PAPER DRIVE** (Berwick, B. E. McMurtrie) Paper Drive realised \$102 profit... C.W.F. cake stall raised \$100... 25 attended B.S. Fun Night... Over 40 attended seminar (combined with Dandenong church) for those taking part in morning service... Recent 5 p.m. Family Service featured "Blackie" the Talking Crow from Ballarat.

**YOUTH TEA** (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron). Judy Katajor, who joined the S.S. staff this year was baptized on Aug. 31. Guest speaker was David Althorpe... Mr Lacey, C.O.B. spoke on Aug. 24... Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryant anxious about their son's health... Hugh Miller recovering after a fall... C.W.F. members went to Warragul on Sept. 10 to meet country representative for Gippsland Peninsula.

**GROWTH, LOVE** (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). Mini church Growth Seminar held. House groups will also be used... Gospel Musical "Love" presented to Capacity Audience by Glenairs... Julie Acquiroff back from N. G... Fifteen girls attended Good Companions' Camp... Film night helped pay off loan on Bus... Ron Elbourne was guest speaker at St. Paul's C. of E., Glen Waverley... Flora Glastonbury has been hospitalised... C. W. F. have sent parcel to nine-year-old Jamie Dingo at Carnarvon.

**WELCOME HOME** (Dawson St., F. C. Hunting) Janet Hunting was welcomed home from New Guinea. Janet spent 16 years in New Guinea. A presentation was made by John Morris, Board Chairman... The Conf. Pres. spoke on Aug. 31... Trevor Giles led Planned Giving Review. Members met for church dinner... Ladies meet for Bible Study led by Mrs Lylia Hocking... Ten attended Church Growth Seminar. Church held Mini-Seminar... Elder Jack Price was hospitalised for period... Church

saddened by tragic accident in which Mrs Dunstan and daughter, Barbara, lost their lives.

**SPEAKERS** (Box Hill, K. Bond). While Mr Bond and family were in N.S.W. Larry Gibb, Student minister, G. Grainger and Jim Gibbons, of J.E.W., have been speakers. Guest soloist was Mr. Franklin... Decision for Christ made by Ian Farmer... Graeme Smith of Campaigners for Christ spoke at Y.P.C.E.

**NEW MEN'S SOCIETY** (Warragul, R. Pritchard) On Men's Sunday, four C.M.F. Executive members conducted a programme for the newly established Men's Society... including men from the Salvation Army. Mr Pritchard interviewed Dave Watt and Ian Alves on C.M.F. Dave Watt and Ian Alves gave solos on Sunday and Warragul church quartette also sang. A member of the quartette gave testimony... Mrs Boote is home after major operation... "A" grade badminton team won grand final.

**BELMONT'S "ROCK"** The Belmont Church of Christ (with friends) has arranged several performances of the musical "Rock". After performances in Belmont on Oct. 25 and Nov. 2, the cast will probably present the musical at East Kew church on Nov. 16.

**VISIT FROM CITY CHURCH** (Warracknabeal/Brim, Stan Hince). On Aug. 24, four young people from Thornbury conducted services in circuit. Thornbury has adopted our circuit for prayer emphasis in 1975... Mrs Heather McKenzie was baptized same day... Ministers' Fraternal conducts Friday morning services at W'beal Hosp., each minister in turn... Ladies attended C.W.F. Nth.-West Dist. Conf. at Horsham on Sept. 9. Mrs Loris Joyce was speaker.

**DIAMOND WEDDING** (Preston, J. Manallack). Mark and May Tregurtha celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4. They have been members at Preston for 37 years.

They met on the Ballarat goldfields in 1907 at the age of 13 and 8 years later were married. Mark served his country in Egypt, France and Belgium and on his

return to Australia the couple lived in Geelong for 11 years. They later moved to Ballarat and were baptized at Dawson St. Church of Christ. They have been loyal and active members ever since.

Telegrams from the Queen, the Prime Minister, the Governor-General, the State Governor and many friends, and cards, flowers, and visitors added joy to their celebration.

**SINGER** (Blackburn, E. C. Keating). John Marshall, was a guest soloist recently... Prayer and Evangelism are emphasised by church groups in Outreach Effort... Lorraine and Lindsay Jacobs from Christchurch, N.Z., visitors... The Y.A.F. have organised a series of Prayer Breakfasts on Sunday mornings.

**PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM** (Shepparton, F. L. Van Laar). Pastoral Care Program preparation climaxed with Lay Witness Mission, July 11-13. Many commitments were made... Five attended Church Growth Seminar at Blackburn... The missionary film "Peace Child" was screened. Speaker was Francis Gordeson from Bangladesh... Five members of Youth 11 raised \$150 in 40-hour famine... Twelve girls rolled 1000 bandages and raised \$100 for Good Companions and The Leprosy Mission... A return visit was made to West Preston... 500 gifts made for hospital distribution at Sewing Day... Elderly citizens of Tarcoola entertained by Good Companions... Janine Gates appointed Deputy Town Clerk on Shepparton Junior City Council.

**QUIZ CHAMPION** (Berwick, Barry McMurtrie). Jill Crowden is Church Bible Quiz Champion after winning contest held over last two months... 90 were at all-day Church Growth Seminar the Board reported on the Dr Win Arn seminar at Blackburn... Bessemer Party held to raise funds for Church... Prayer Time is held each week prior to Gospel service... Basketball team is in the finals... Church's two Bible Study groups joined in prayer for Church Growth Seminar... Recent gospel service feature was "Gospel Road". Paul Fletcher was baptised.

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# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

## How should a church go about calling a minister? and who should do the calling? (Part 2)

In the last issue it was argued that the call of a new minister for a church should be in the hands of a specially appointed ministry committee which should make its recommendation to the board.

Some steps could be:

1. Appoint a ministry committee as early as possible. Some churches have nearly two years' notice. They could need it!
2. The ministry committee should meet early with the Board of Officers to determine methods and suggest timetable.
3. Without pressing the church for names, the way should be open for church members to suggest names to the Board which could pass them on to the ministry committee.
4. The ministry committee should consult with the Advisory Board secretary who may advise one name. This could be placed on a list which could be quite long, because of names from other sources. The names will be reduced as some ministers declare themselves unavailable, and others are thought to be unsuitable.
5. The ministry committee should consider any special needs of the church and should keep in mind long range requirements.
6. The aim should be for a long ministry. I have long felt convinced that ministers and churches should stay together for a long time. This conviction was strengthened

ed when Dr Win Arn wrote in the "A.C." May 3, 1975, "Of 58 churches, over three fourths of them had a pastoral change within the last three years . . . Generally, these churches were plateaued or declining churches . . . I believe that a long term commitment of church and pastor . . . is essential for significant church growth."

7. There should be no trial sermons and no plan should be made to invite the prospective minister to preach in your church. However, there is no reason in the world why one or two of the ministry committee should not visit the minister's present church, not just to hear him preach, but to see him in his present ministry.

8. Remember that decisions should not be made only in the area of preaching. Preaching is important, but it is only one aspect. That is why we have been talking of a "ministry committee" rather than a "pulpit committee." You have to take a long hard look at your church's needs and the prospective minister's capacities to meet those needs.

10. When you are ready to make a call, if the new man is responsive, invite him to meet with the ministry committee. If he is far away, bring him and his wife to your town, invite the board members to meet him, show him over the church buildings and the manse, and discuss conditions and finance.

11. Then, if everyone is happy (or nearly everyone!) recommend him to the Board and, if they endorse the call, your job is done. The board will issue a formal invitation to the new man. If the call is accepted, the church is informed at the earliest opportunity compatible with the time of the new minister's announcement to his present church.

13. Prayer and dedication in the ministry committee are taken for granted, but prayer and dedication are not enough — you still need to use the common sense and the capacity for good judgment which God has given you, in order to find the best man possible for his church.

# THE LAST WORD . . .

I'm crying and shouting inside tonight, Lord, and I'm feeling completely alone. All the roots I thought I had are gone. Everything in my life is in an upheaval. I am amazed that I can maintain any composure when I'm feeling like this . . .

But you call me tonight to love and responsibility. You have a job for me to do. You make me look at other persons whose needs make my self pity a mockery and a disgrace.

— Malcolm Boyd.

## GROWING OLD

Let me grow lovely growing old,  
So many fine things do!  
Laces, ivory and gold alike need not be new;  
And there is healing in old trees.  
Old streets a glamour hold  
Why may not I as well as these  
Grow lovely growing old.



Guests who always  
Say "We must go,"  
Are very slow  
In doing so.



In spring a young man's fancy  
turns—and turns—and turns.



A good listener is popular everywhere.  
Not only that, after a while he knows  
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