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## CONVENTION IN KIWI LAND



Waiting for food at the Ilam Hall of Residence,  
Christchurch.



Relaxing on the Rochester Lawns.

# CHRISTIANS UNDER COMMUNISM

By Dr. Philip Potter

What is the situation of Christians in countries under Communist rule? This was the question asked by the Federal Department of Christian Union of Philip Potter, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

In his reply, Philip Potter said he appreciated "the desire of your church to obtain more accurate information on the situation. The media—both in the east and the west—are continually distorting or omitting facts one way or the other and it is not easy to assess correctly what is going on in one's own surroundings—let alone other parts of the world."

His letter is five pages long, and as well he sent several duplicated statements giving a wealth of detail. Some of the main points are:

Relationships between the W.C.C. and its member churches in socialist countries are maintained through having at least one staff member from these churches and through representation on the various committees. There is also extensive visitation by the staff. During 1974 three consultations have been held in countries under communist rule.

"We learn, of course, a great deal through our own personal contacts and try to be of assistance to them. They themselves publish newsletters on their activities. For instance at regular intervals, we receive newsletters from the Evangelical Baptist Brotherhood in the Soviet Union." (Note: this church is a union of Baptists and 'Christians', that is, it includes people with a restoration movement background.) Six publications from churches in Eastern Europe are listed. He continues: "I abstain here from

a personal value judgment about the contents of these publications, but their growing existence shows that channels of christian expression are permitted and tolerated. A perusal of these publications will also show, I believe, that all their contents can by no means be written off as 'imposed government propaganda'.

"Whenever problems arise in the socialist countries, we first seek to consult our member churches as to the best way of tackling them. There are times, however, when the W.C.C. finds it necessary to address the public opinion directly. Thus, we published a statement when Solshenitsyn was banished from the U.S.S.R.

"On reflection, you will realize that the same pattern appears in the case of quite a number of other national situations, mostly in Asia, Africa and Latin America, but quite a few times also in the case of Western countries.

Examples: Korea, Portugal, U.K., France, Uruguay, Greece, etc.

In making pronouncements on controversial issues, it is of course important that we do not lose sight of the wider context in which we live today. Human rights are being violated in all continents."

Philip Potter referred to a consultation on Human Rights held in Austria in October 1974: "It is an extremely encouraging sign that church groups in some Eastern European countries have not only promised to co-operate in the consultations, but are already carrying out special studies with the full knowledge of the secular authorities."

## WOMEN'S YEAR SERVICE

A combined Women's Day Service for International Women's Year will be held at Wesley Church, Melbourne, on March 9, at 11 a.m. The service will be broadcast by the ABC.

## U.S.S.R. BAPTIST ON TRIAL

Officers of the World Council of Churches have urged the Soviet Government to permit an observer to attend the trial in Kiev of the Baptist minister Georgij Vins, which they believe will get under way shortly.

The officers' statement regretted that an earlier appeal from WCC General Secretary Dr. Philip A. Potter had not been answered. He had asked in addition for the text of the indictment against Mr. Vins and the appointment of legal defence counsel in accordance with the accused minister's wish.

Mr. Vins is the leader of a Baptist group which separated from the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians—Baptists of USSR. The Union is a member church of the World Council of Churches. While Mr. Vins is charged with violating the Ukrainian Criminal Code of Soviet law, the WCC officers stated they believe that charges against the minister are primarily based on his religious convictions and activities.

## INNER SPRINGS

### A pattern of life



"I couldn't do that, you are very gifted", said one friend to another. "No I am not", was the reply. "I simply purchase a pattern and follow it step by step."

Of course there is no denying that some patterns are more difficult than others, thus requiring a more concentrated application of oneself. I can recall my daughter's first experience at making a dress unaided. Deterred by the many pieces of pattern and seemingly involved instructions, she enquired hopefully, "Is there some easier way I could do it?" "No", I said, "not if you want it to look like the original!"

All too often we long for "an easier way" and particularly in our Christian life. We settle for something midway between His way and ours, watering down His standards, making little alterations here and there to suit our convenience and comfort, and wonder why our lives are ineffectual and our strength inadequate.

But Christ looks at us, and seeing beyond the surface to what He would have us be says, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect". But—you and I perfect? Writes Frank E. Gaeblein, "Though every day each one of us must answer negatively, still the divine words remain unchanged: 'Be perfect'. To model our behaviour on anything less than the highest is to offer Him second best. His way is perfect. "A Pattern of Life for Life".

Teach me, O Lord Thy holy way  
And give me an obedient mind

That in Thy service I may find  
My soul's delight from day to day.

#### PRAYER:

Our Father, grant us the strength to turn away from our own little low desires and follow after you. Sustain us in weakness and in Thy mercy lift us when we fall.

Amen  
FLORENCE HOSIER

# MOVE OUT '75

## 7TH NATIONAL C.Y.F. CONVENTION

"To commit my whole life to God"

"To not consider my reputation and need for acceptance. Be bolder in my approach to others, both in friendship and witnessing."

"I want to share more and more the love I've found through Jesus Christ, and will go out to my family and ask God to help me show them what a joy it is to know Jesus in one's life. Ask God to show me his will for me more each day. I love Jesus."

"New understanding of people, their loves, fears, joys. To take people as they are and not make them the way I want them to be."

These were just four of the many new decisions, commitments or understandings that were written down and presented during the closing worship service at the 7th National Youth Convention held in the South Island of New Zealand in January.

It was ten days of inspiration, reflection, sightseeing, relating, and sharing for about 400 young people. The young people came from S.A. 149, Vic. 69, Qld. 43, W.A. 34, N.S.W. 28, Tas. 7, A.C.T. 1, New Zealand 63, New Hebrides 2, and a staff of 14 full-timers and many other part-timers.

The New Zealand organization was superb, and headed by Mrs. Avril Chapman of the New Zealand Dept. of Christian Educ. The movement of 340 Australians on international flights was extraordinarily complex, most arriving in Christchurch in the early hours of the morning, yet everyone made it.

Judith and Samuel Vusi were there as guests of the New Zealand churches. Samuel is pastor at Vila, New Hebrides. The W.A. churches sponsored the attendance of Patricia Harris, a young aboriginal girl.

### CHRISTCHURCH BEGINNINGS

A joyous welcome party was the first function. Lyndsay Jacobs (New Zealand D.C.E. Chairman) led the first of many

inspiring singing sessions. Staff were introduced. Mrs. Chick, Maori Woman of the Year, led a Maori group, who were in town for the New Zealand games, in singing and poi dancing. Eight hundred pois were made in Avril and Ron Chapman's lounge a few days before the Convention, and the Conventioneers were taught a Maori song and shown how to use the pois. In the last hours, bus groups came together and worked in small sharing groups which would be the focus of the following week.

The Convention worship service on the first Sunday was held in the beautiful Opawa Baptist Church (chosen to accommodate 900 conventioneers and members of Churches of Christ in Christchurch). Geoff Benjamin, Dominion Conf. Pres., presided; Dr. Bill Curwood of the Moorhouse Avenue Church and recently returned from U.S.A., preached; the S.A. Churches of Christ Youth Choir sang; the congregation of 900 left the building at the conclusion of the service as they sang the convention theme song, "One More Step".

Orientation seminars on Maori culture (led by Mrs. Chick and party in full tribal regalia), New Zealand, New Zealand Churches of Christ, New Zealand church union, and the New Hebrides, were conducted on the Sunday afternoon.

At night, Christchurch people joined conventioneers in the James Hay Theatre at the exciting new Town Hall for a performance of the gospel musical "Lightshine", produced by the S.A. Youth Choir. Councillor Newton Dodge welcomed the conventioneers to the city of Christchurch.

### CONVENTION GOES MOBILE

Until now the Convention had been resident in the Ilam Halls of residence at the University of Christchurch. On Monday the 400 conventioneers moved off in ten buses for a six-day mobile tour of the South Island. Travelling in two groups they took in the beautiful and spectacular

New Zealand scenery en route and at places such as Queenstown, Milford Sound, Haast Pass, Fox Glacier, Franz Josef Glacier, Hokitika, Greymouth and Arthur's Pass.

Small sharing groups met daily after a half hour's personal meditation, and enabled depth sharing between the conventioneers.

Two hundred conventioneers led the morning service on the second Sunday at the Greymouth Union Parish, in which Churches of Christ members are participants. Kelvin Parry (W.A. Director) preached. At Queenstown on the same morning the other 200 shared in communion in their small sharing groups prior to returning to Christchurch.

### CHRISTCHURCH CLIMAX

The Convention returned to Christchurch on the Sunday evening for a moving re-union.

Workshops took up the next day. Conventioneers gained new insights into The Church in a Mobile Population, Building a Christian Community, New Styles of Family Living, The Future Church and Contemporary Worship.

On the last night the S.A. Youth Choir presented a concert, prior to the closing worship service in the Ngaio Marsh Theatre. Sharing groups presented banners which they had created to symbolize their insights and growth. Rick Keller, an American minister working in the Nelson district as Youth Director, spoke on the Unfinished Journey. Written decisions were made and presented as the 400 came down to the stage, gathered around the cross, prayed and sang. Led by the banners they departed, again singing "One More Step", to "Let God's Love Explode into the World".

### WHAT NEXT?

The 8th N.Y.C. will be held in Hobart, Tasmania, in January 1977.

Meanwhile, 400 young people came back to their churches enthused and challenged to move out to people in the name and in the power of God.

—Richard Lawton

### MOVING OUT FROM TULLAMARINE



# CANBERRA, 1975, RESOLUTIONS

## Racial Discrimination in Southern Africa

**RESOLVED:** This Conference

- (a) Condemns the apartheid policies of the South African Government and the Smith regime in Rhodesia because they are racist, and, in that respect, deny the will of God that all men be treated as equal and, in this respect, frustrate the will of God that all men might be free;
- (b) Urges the South African and Rhodesian authorities:
  - (i) to abandon their policies of racial discrimination,
  - (ii) to rescind all racist legislation;
- (c) Commends to the South African and Rhodesian authorities the need to establish the necessary political structure to enable all significant ethnic and political groups, including liberation movements, to arrive at a mutually acceptable multi-racial, democratic and egalitarian solution.

## Investment in Southern Africa:

**RESOLVED:** That this Conference

1. (a) Urges church members and Conference bodies to withdraw money they may have invested in Australian and/or foreign companies operating in South Africa and/or Rhodesia.
- (b) Conference calls upon members and Conference bodies, when investing money, to be sure not to invest it with any company operating in Southern Africa.
2. Urges the Australian Government to
  - (a) Strictly police the trade boycott of Southern Africa;
  - (b) Cease all economic co-operation between Australian Government Departments or public corporations and Southern Africa;
  - (c) Use its constitutional powers to encourage companies in Australia to abandon any economic or trade links with Southern Africa except for humanitarian purposes.

## Political Prisoners:

**RESOLVED:** That this Conference of Churches of Christ, believing that all men have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; that no person should be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile; and that no person should be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

- (a) requests the Federal Government
  - (i) to pursue with vigour all avenues to induce governments of all countries to uphold the rights of all individuals according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
  - (ii) to continue to press President Suharto to bring to trial immediately, or to release from prisons in Indonesia all untried political prisoners; and

- (b) urges all churches to support the efforts of Amnesty International to obtain justice for all prisoners of conscience.

## Pattern of Conference

**RESOLVED** that Federal Conference Executive, in consultation with State Conferences, consider whether the traditional pattern of Federal Conference is the most effective method of achieving the objectives of Conference and whether those objectives are the relevant ones; and that Federal Conference Executive appoint a representative Commission to consider same and report to next Conference.

## Ongoing Commitments

**RESOLVED** that the 36th Federal Conference Local Arrangements Committee in Queensland be charged with the responsibility of raising \$1000 for the ongoing expenses of the Federal Conference Executive.

## Sir Philip Messent

**RESOLVED** that the 35th Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia pays tribute and expresses its indebtedness to Sir Philip Messent for his 34 years of dedicated service as a member of the Overseas Mission Board, acknowledging particularly the inspiring leadership he gave as chairman for 32 years; and to his wife, Lady May, for the way she faithfully supported him in this important ministry.

## Cairns-Mareeba

**RESOLVED** that following further investigation of the developing church in the Cairns—Mareeba area, North Queensland, this Conference authorizes Federal Home Evangelism to act appropriately in this area in conjunction with the Queensland Home Mission Department.

## E. L. Williams

**RESOLVED** that this 35th Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia place on record its deep appreciation of the outstanding and consecrated leadership of E. Lyall Williams as Principal of the College of the Bible for 29 years.

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## MOTION ON WITHDRAWAL DEFEATED

The Resolution on withdrawal from the World Council of Churches, submitted by the State Conference Executive of Churches of Christ in Western Australia, to the 35th Federal Conference at Canberra, was defeated.

Because printed material representing pro and con viewpoints had been circulated to all delegates, the debate, by agreement with the parties concerned, was limited to one hour.

Voting was by secret ballot, and when the Returning Officer announced that the motion had been lost, the President of Conference ruled that voting figures would not be revealed. This ruling was not challenged.

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**Richard Lawton**

RESOLVED that this 35th Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia places on record its sincere appreciation of the sacrificial ministry of R. W. Lawton as director/editor of the Federal Board of Christian Education for a period of five years. His dedicated and innovative leadership has been an inspiration and challenge to both the Australian and New Zealand brotherhoods.

**National Secretariat of Social Welfare**

RESOLVED that, with the permission of Federal Conference, State Departments of Social Service and the Australian Capital Territory Conference of Churches of Christ, a National Secretariat of Social Welfare be set up in Canberra for an experimental period of two years to act on behalf of the States and the Federal Social Questions and Services Board.

**Bob Williams**

RESOLVED that this 35th Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia recognize the years of Christian work and witness of Bob Williams to the Aboriginal people of Australia and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to him from this Conference.

**A. Maston Bell**

RESOLVED that this 35th Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia place on record its deep appreciation of the work of A. Maston Bell in the

service of the brotherhood as Aborigines Mission Board chairman and secretary for a period of 23 years.

**Government Support**

RESOLVED that this 35th Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia express deep appreciation for the support of the Australian and Western Australian Governments in our Aborigines work.

**New Aborigines' Work**

RESOLVED that in view of invitations by Government and other mission bodies to expand our work, this assembled Conference pledges itself to support the Aborigines Mission Board in investigating and taking up, when resources are adequate, new and urgent opportunities for the evangelisation and social betterment of the Australian Aborigines.

**"The Australian Christian"**

RESOLVED that this Conference feels it is a matter of urgency that every effort be made to promote sales of "The Australian Christian" throughout the Australian brotherhood.

**Location of Future Conferences**

RESOLVED that in view of the inability of the Tasmanian churches to host the 36th Conference, this Conference accept the invitation of the Queensland Conference Executive to hold the 36th Conference in Queensland.

## SOME OF THE CONFERENCE TEAM AT CANBERRA



**Graham Gilmour**  
President



**Don Burdett**  
Secretary



**Gwan Faulkner**  
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**Ray Stephens**  
Vice-Pres. A.C.T.



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**Bill Hobart**  
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**Bill Leng**  
Treasurer



**Val Murray**  
Minute Secretary



**Ross Rugendyke**  
Tours & Transport



**George Warren**  
Minister, Belconnen

## RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

RESOLVED that in the event of an invitation being received from the Victoria-Tasmania State Conference Executive to host the 37th Conference in Melbourne, the Federal Conference Executive be authorized to accept such an invitation.

### The Earth Is The Lord's

RESOLVED: Meeting in the midst of world-wide crises and uncertainty, we, members of the 35th Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia, in Canberra A.C.T. (January 1975) dare to affirm that "The Earth is the Lord's."

To affirm that "The earth is the Lord's" is to recognise immediately our own position of responsibility and stewardship within the earth. That same earth contains large but finite resources upon which the human race has fed for a long time. Now we are confronted by the threat of exhaustion of those resources. There is simply not enough for all if we, especially we of the affluent consumer societies, continue our plunder of the earth's resources at the present rate.

Therefore we commit ourselves to seek a simpler style of life—less consumptive, more concerned; less greedy, more sharing and caring—a life of Christian simplicity.

To affirm that "the earth is the Lord's" is to affirm the rights of all 'that dwell therein' as made in the image of God. Freedom is denied to many; hunger, poverty and indignity are their constant companions. Yet all people, regardless of race, colour, class, sex, or creed have the right to live and to live with dignity in peace and sufficiency.

Therefore we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and human rights for all—the hungry must have bread and we who have bread must hunger for justice for all.

To affirm that "the earth is the Lord's" is to affirm the interdependence of all the peoples of the earth. No race, people or nation can live to itself; all are bound together in one human family. Yet we confess that within the family are the powerful and the powerless, the rich and the poor, the over-fed and the under-fed and we, further, confess that, insofar as we are powerful, rich and over-fed, others are powerless, poor and under-fed.

Therefore we commit ourselves to seek to change the present order and its disparities. We commend the United Nations upon its vision of a 'new international economic order' and call upon the Australian Government, churches and people to work with urgency towards the establishment of such an order based on equity, sovereign equality, interdependence and co-operation.

To affirm that "the earth is the Lord's" is to affirm that we are captive to the hope that finds basis in God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though beset by crisis and uncertainty, this is yet God's world, in which He is at work, working out His will to the fulfilment of all things.

Therefore we commit ourselves anew to the task of the gospel—to live and to preach, in both word and deed, in season, out of season, that Jesus Christ is both Lord and Saviour, the source of all life and the ground of hope for all people.

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

### 36th FEDERAL CONFERENCE

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## WOMEN'S WEEKEND CONVENTION

(VIC.) 1975 is International Women's Year! For the fifth successive year the Women's Weekend Convention at Belgrave Heights is expected to attract hundreds of women from metropolitan and country centres, in support of our witness.

Organised by the Christian Women's Conventions International State Committee, the Convention runs from March 14-16 with some 300 women attending fulltime and many day visitors expected to raise attendances to more than the 1000 on the Saturday.

Comfortable accommodation is still available at \$16 inclusive for the weekend.

This year's theme is—"Living in

'Today's World' with three outstanding speakers—Mrs. Effie Begbie (NSW), Mrs. Joan Francis (Qld), Mrs. Frieda Brown (NSW).

Women are warmly invited to attend as day visitors and picnic in the Convention Grounds. Hot water is available. Sorry, mothers, no children please!

Meetings will be held in the Convention Auditorium at Belgrave Heights. Sessions: Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 9.30 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. (Missionary) and 4 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m., 2 p.m.

Enquiries may be made to the Secretary, Miss E. M. Roberts, 56 Finlayson St., Doncaster. 3108. Telephone 848 1310 evening.

## • ABORIGINAL FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION

# THE CHURCH AFLAME

Just where does one start to describe the doings of a camp where Aborigines outnumber the whites by 9 to 1? Not that this is really important for in Christ skin colours do not matter—or do they? One thing is for sure, at the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Convention at Port Augusta in January 1975 there was no colour distinction among the 360 or so campers.

Campers arrived by car, 'plane, bus and train (some with the aid of a hitch hiker's thumb) from all parts of Australia. There were folk from the Kimberleys, Carnarvon, Perth, South-west Australia, the Warburtons, Ernabella and the Alice, from Darwin, from North Queensland, through NSW to Eden, from Gippsland, Mooropna, Geelong, and Melbourne, and from a variety of places in South Australia. They came for the purpose of fellowship and evangelism—and their needs were well supplied.

### ARMY CHIPS IN

The camp site was the Umeewarra mission (a Brethren children's home)

located on the edge of the Davenport Aboriginal Reserve about 2 miles from Pt. Augusta at the tip of Spencer Gulf, Sth. Australia. Camping gear worth \$60,000 was on loan from the Army, and the cost for the Sunday to Sunday camp was a mere \$10 for a single person or \$16 for a family, inclusive of all meals and free transport to and from the morning and evening meetings in Pt. Augusta.

A marquee provided the venue for the 6 a.m. prayer meetings and the 10 p.m. sing-a-long, and all other meetings were held in the Pt. Augusta town hall. At 10 a.m. there were devotional meetings conducted by Graham Paulson and Denzil Humphries around the theme of the Church Aflame, whilst a variety of chairmen and speakers took the evening meetings. All participants—chairmen, speakers, testimonies, solists, group items—were Aboriginal people, and the standard was very high. Without knowing the exact figure, it is estimated that some 60 people both native and white, sought

counselling. Attendances ranged from 500 to 800 per night.

### DON'T KNOCK THEM!

In our ignorance, we often tend to play down the capabilities of our native people. Do not be misled. All of the 40 or more Pastors there, had been through one Bible Institute or another. Some had been through denominational theological colleges and had thriving mixed pastorates. One husband and wife team had given up a \$200 per week job to lead an Aboriginal group for a doubtful and indefinite \$600 per year, and when the husband was criticised by a white person for the good looking suit he had bought for a special wedding, he gave it away without wearing it. Two came back with glowing reports of their experiences at the evangelistic conference at Lausanne, Switzerland to which they had been sponsored. One was the leader of a group whose meetings in Perth had numbered up to 800. Others were engaged in evangelistic and pastoral works throughout the continent.

Of the white folk who attended, a number were missionaries, others were expert in native language or were engaged in Bible translation work, whilst others were involved in Christian social and evangelistic work throughout our land.

## WORLD TALK No. 111

### IN THE STUDY.

John differs from the other three Gospel writers in his placement of the story of the Cleansing of the Temple. They place this event in the life of Jesus during the last week of His life, but John places it at the beginning of His ministry (John 2:12-22). Some postulate two such incidents to harmonize the two accounts. But there is no evidence for this. It would seem more fitting for this event to be part of the tumultuous last week. John is not concerned with the chronology, but with placing this significant clash with the authorities in such a position that the reader can understand the growing storm about the life of our Lord.

The actual market with the animals and birds for sacrifice and the money-changers' tables was outside the Temple proper, and along the colonades. Sacrifices without blemish were required, and this led to exploitation, with blemishes being found in personally provided sacrifices and substitute sacrifices having to be purchased at 15 times the normal price. The annual Temple tax had to be paid and this was the equivalent of two days wages in Jewish currency. Pilgrims for the Passover came from every land (Acts 2:9-11) and money was changed into the local currency with the Talmud allowing interest charges. But in the day of Jesus 50% bank charge for currency conversion was charged. Jesus saw both these procedures as exploiting the worship of God. And with 2¼ million pilgrims at passover, it was a lucrative business.

### FROM THE PULPIT.

Jesus was never more manly than when he strode through the Temple fore-court, releasing the animals and birds, driving out the traders, and over-turning the money-changers' tables. To have remained silent in the face of exploitation and injustice would have demonstrated weakness. Jesus objected to the rumpus, rites and rackets. Worship demands reverence, and the approach to the Temple was not conducive to finding God's presence. The rumpus had to be cleared out. Furthermore, Jesus was

## THEMES OF JOHN

# “CLEANSING THE TEMPLE”

giving sentence to the end of the sacrificial system and the principle of acceptable offerings. From the time of his death, the blood of bulls would no longer atone for sin. His was the blood of the Lamb of God shed for the remission of sin. No longer was a priesthood required to transmit prayers to God. He was the living way through which we had access to God. No longer did we need to give our offerings in approved currency. Our motive in giving our gifts cleansed our offering. All these religious rituals and rites were to be ended. He also served notice that the people of God could no longer use inferior means of raising money for God's work. Exploitation and economic injustice, high interest rates and shady practices were not consistent with the worship of God. There were to be no rackets connected with worship.

### AMONG THE PEOPLE

Many churches could look afresh at their rumpus, rites and rackets. A cleansing of our temples may be overdue. Reverence is still required for worship, and worshippers still need to be still to know God. The approaches to many churches are too violent with noisy distractions, bookstalls, noticeboards, hawkers and canvassers! Protestants are traditionally big on the priesthood of all believers but the time has come for us to emphasise that this really means that all believers are priests before God, and not just that all ministers are really only laymen! It needs hardly be said that Christians should have no dealings with inferior methods of raising money for God's work. But at a time when many churches are investigating raising funds by Bingo nights, our churches must once again protest against inferior means in God's work.

An annual cleansing of our temples should be placed on the church calendar!

GORDON MOYES

# OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 150 words.

## ROAD UNWORTHY

To the Editor,

As my contribution to road safety I vowed at the beginning of this year to abstain from reading the profusion of bumper stickers, both religious and secular that adorn an incredible percentage of registered motor vehicles travelling our highways.

To allow fabulously wealthy cigarette companies free advertising is one thing, but to cover our cars with pseudo christian cliches borders on the blasphemous. Not only does such a practice cheapen our faith, it also declares aloud just how insecure our faith must be. (And let's not kid ourselves that it is preaching the Gospel).

Anyhow . . . I made my resolution of total abstinence and then at a set of traffic lights my idle eyes had the misfortune to read a sticker that declared "My God is alive - sorry about yours".

Now I am reading every sticker I can locate, in an attempt to find one that is more sanctimonious, more flippant and more unchristian - I doubt that I will!

John Wise, Vic.

## FOR REMISSION

To the Editor,

My first reaction to the letters of Gordon Stirling and a subsequent support letter was one of concern; but perhaps prudence compelled me to hold back for a couple of reasons.

First, I believed Arnold C. Caldicott was able to reply adequately to the direction of criticism in the matter of the "baptism for the remission of sins".

Secondly, I do not believe that either of the two writers of their objections would themselves repudiate the recorded message in Acts 2:38 as mentioned; nor accuse the Holy Spirit of communicating for the record other than what God required.

I believe ignorance is too often not lack of knowledge, but a desire and capacity to ignore, and that neither of the letter writers would infer that A. C. Caldicott would support a denominational doctrine of baptismal regeneration, or that baptism alone would of itself save anyone.

If the three parties were to examine the Acts 2:38 passage in context in the paraphrase and comment on this verse, I doubt that any would dispute the purpose of the "repent" and the conjunctive "and" joining the "be baptized" instruction for "everyone of you" in the name of Jesus Christ for or unto "the remission of sins and you will receive the gift of the holy spirit".

If "repent" and "everyone of you" is ignored what purpose of professing to be restorationist? If God's word does not mean what it requires what purpose in pretending it is God-breathed or inspired? What purpose in accepting the promise

"and you will receive the gift of the holy spirit"?

God's word has lavish promises; but always conditional on God's requirements. "God has given His Holy Spirit to all who obey Him" is a fundamental truth and does not lend itself to disobedience any more than the conjunctives lend any the authority of divorcement of God's purposes.

-H. Large  
Qld.

## FIRE BAN WARNINGS

"Migrants were being placed at a serious disadvantage because Melbourne's commercial radio stations were refusing to broadcast total fire ban warnings in other languages", said the Associate Director of the Ecumenical Migration Centre, Alan Matheson.

"A survey of all Melbourne stations,

showed that while the A.B.C. stations broadcast warnings, no commercial station was broadcasting warnings in other languages.

"This was surprising, given that Melbourne is the fourth largest Greek speaking city in the world and that nearly 10% of Victoria's population are proud of being Italian.

"By denying non-English speaking Australians such information", he said, "was to deny them their rights and as a consequence could lead to serious miscarriages of justice".

Mormon membership reached a record 3.32 million last year, an increase of nearly 84,000. President Spencer W. Kimball said 17,500 full-time missionaries now serve the church.

From "Christianity Today" 30/8/74

A survey by the Institute of Life Insurance shows that 80 per cent of Americans over 18 choose "a happy family life" as their Number One goal. Only 3 per cent chose "making a lot of money" and 4 per cent voted for "a fulfilling career."

From "Christianity Today" 30/8/74

## LETTERS FROM TERTUS

### BACK TO NATURE

To the Editor,

Our recent holidays saw our family back to nature, camped under willows on a river bank (river slightly polluted). It was good to be away from the technological, inflated, affluent "rat race", and to be able to live as our healthy ancestors did in the good old days. We lived off the land (two fish and three rabbits), supplementing as necessary from daily treks to the local store. We heard birds again, when they were not being drowned out by transistors and TV in the surrounding camps. We tanned our bodies in God's health giving sunshine, per medium of "Glowtone", and kept the insects at bay with "Flypel". We cooked our meals out in the open, with "L.P." gas. Our eyes scanned the glorious stars, between features at the local drive-in. We followed ancient forest tracks once only disturbed by the colourful cries of the "bullockies", by car. We lived again as a family should live, when the kids weren't at the local swimming pool or up the street buying lollies.

Meditating on it all on one hot sleepless night after too generous a Chinese meal at Sick Tum's, I wondered if as a family we really could survive if the "back to nature" bit was for real. I concluded that we couldn't! And that led me to thinking of another "back to" that is in my bones from several generations. That is "back to the New Testament." So our churches plead "back to the New Testament" in comfortable, air conditioned buildings, with tiled baptistries. We talk in hushed awe of the day of Pentecost, and wonder how much power is going to cost if the Arabs try any more funny business. We talk about the simple New Testament gospel and are hard put to it to get into simple words what that gospel is doing for us in this complex world, let alone make it understandable to others. And nobody has been able to tell me yet what we really mean by "back to the New Testament."

We didn't really get back to nature on our holiday. We couldn't. Maybe we can't get back to the New Testament either. Perhaps what we have to do is to take the New Testament message and spirit and work them out in this world of noise and speed and inflation and affluence and broken human lives!

Yours for the good old days,  
today,  
TERTIUS

# WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

## 16th FEDERAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

With a sense of great anticipation our people gathered on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra for the Communion Service which ushered in the 35th Federal Conference of Churches of Christ, the first ever to be held in the Australian Capital Territory on Jan. 26, 1975.

On the following day the 16th Australian Christian Women's Fellowship, Federal Conference of Churches of Christ which was held in conjunction with General Conference began with the Pre-Conference meeting held in the Ainslie Church. Every State in Australia (apart from the Northern Territory) participated and was represented by 55 delegates, our past and present W.C.W.F. Australian Representatives and the Federal Executive. Discussion included the continuation of this page in the Australian Christian, financial considerations concerning future publications of the C.W.F. Handbook and our participation where desired in International Women's Year 1975 to mention but three. After a morning of fruitful discussion a delightful lunch was served to the delegates and other guests, by the women of the Canberra Churches.

Then Tuesday dawned, a most historic day, for it was on this day, 491 women were to meet together to share in the first Federal Conference of Christian Women's Fellowship ever to be held in the Australian Capital Territory.

After Conference had been declared officially open the morning devotional which had been prepared anonymously by a C.W.F. member from another state was led by two Canberra women — the beautiful devotion was based on the theme of Women's Day which was "Christ at the Centre" and showed how our lives if "Christ centred" would radiate love to all people.

Following the Roll Call of leaders, delegates and women from each State, Mrs. Shirley Mansell of N.S.W. responded on behalf of the visitors. Many women had travelled long distances to share in Conference and one of these was Mrs. Helen Jones of Tasmania who delighted everyone present with her beautiful singing.

During the presentation of the Federal Executive Report all members of the Federal Executive were thanked for their share in the work and each one who had had a particular responsibility spoke to her part of the Report. During this segment Mrs. Bubb, Editress, thanked all who had contributed to the handbook and urged all women to take an intelligent and critical interest in the world as Christian women. Mrs. Faulkner told Conference she had attended both National Committee Meetings of Australian Church Women during her term in office and also said unfortunately Miss Rae Song of Korea had still not arrived to take up her 1974 Winifred Keik Scholarship. The 1975 holder of the scholarship was Mrs. Mary Weme of Kenya. Mrs. N. Newham ex-W.C.W.F. Australian Representative gave details of her recent visit to America during which she attended on behalf of all Australian women the Quadrennial Assembly in Indianapolis where 4200 women met to celebrate 100 years of organised church work among women in U.S.A. and Canada and also the Retreat which preceded World Convention in Mexico City. The new World President is Mrs. Marjorie Black of the U.S.A., and the new World Secretary is Mrs. Fran Craddock.

Mrs. Faulkner expressed a warm welcome to Sir Charles Adermann, Queensland, and told Conference of the contribution he had made to the growth of the church in Canberra. Sir Charles then brought a greeting, expressing his great joy at what God had done in the A.C.T. Mrs. Buffinton's part in the development of the early Church was mentioned and greeted with acclamation.

The women were able to meet Miss Edna Lincoln our own "Living Link", Miss Maureen Rule from Esperance, and Mrs. Fisher who had contributed so much to our work at Carnarvon. Miss Lincoln told of her work in caring for eleven little boys at Carnarvon and asked all women to constantly pray for the work. Maureen Rule then delighted all present with a solo.

Mrs. Norma Armitage, Vice President, next introduced a representative from

each State to Conference. The State highlights took the form of a question and answer session and each representative spoke about a particular aspect of C.W.F. work in her State.

After a recess for lunch at Burton/Garran Halls of Residence the afternoon session of Conference began with Mrs. L. Stirling, Vic., leading the afternoon devotional, again based on the theme "Christ at the Centre". Visiting representatives of other Churches in Canberra were welcomed, also Graham Gilmour, Federal President and Mrs. W. Moore who was the American fraternal delegate to Conference.

Mrs. Faulkner extended a very warm welcome to all missionaries and ex-missionaries who were at Conference. Everyone was delighted to meet Mrs Isoble Toka who had only been in Australia for a week from the New Hebrides — in her quiet voice Mrs. Toka conveyed to all the loving greeting of the New Hebridean women, Miss K. Williams also brought news of the New Hebrides and Mrs. R. Whan told of the work in Papua-New Guinea. All urged women to pray constantly for the work on our mission fields.

Mrs. C. J. Mackenzie, the new W.C.W.F. Australian representative was introduced and told how honoured yet humble she felt to have been asked to represent Australia at a world level. The W.C.W.F. Feature was then presented by Mrs. N. Newham and took the form of slides and tapes of both the Quadrennial Assembly and World Convention.

Women's Day was almost over. All that remained was to thank those who had so willingly helped and to introduce the new Federal Executive members who were present. These were:—

Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong, Federal President, Mrs. Naomi Hoens, Vice President, Mrs. Laurel Henderson, Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Chapman and Mrs. Gladys Geizendanned, Committee members.

After Mrs. Armstrong had spoken, Mrs. M. Wright, S.A., led in a prayer of dedication for the incoming Executive.

In conclusion, a personal word, as your past Federal President may I express my thanks to all women throughout Australia who have so lovingly upheld in prayer the Federal Executive throughout these last two years and during Federal Conference. Your love and prayers have been a great encouragement to us all. May God bless you.

— Gwen Faulkner

### VIC—TAS C.W.F.

The next meeting of the Vic.—Tas. C.W.F. will be held in the Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, March 7 at 10.30 a.m. Incorporated in the program will be the Women's World Day of Prayer service, "Become Perfectly One", and an offering will be received.

Soloist: Mrs. V. Stewart.

—M. Bismire,  
Asst. Secretary

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# Assembly for New Hebrides

## RESULTS OF TALKS

New measures for the Political, Economic and Social development of the New Hebrides were announced after the two day Ministerial talks in London between the British and French Governments. Possibly the most important reform to emerge from the talks is the decision to create a Representative Assembly, with new powers and responsibilities, which will replace the present Advisory Council before the end of 1975.

At the end of the meeting the following communique was issued:

"The French and British Governments, conscious of the legitimate aspirations of the inhabitants of the New Hebrides to play a greater part in the management of their affairs, have agreed to adopt new measures to encourage the further political and economic development of the Condominium, enabling its inhabitants to advance along the path of democracy and social and economic well-being. To this end the two Governments will without delay, put in hand the following reforms:

"A Representative Assembly with new powers and responsibilities will, before the end of 1975, replace the present Advisory Council. This Assembly will be elected by universal suffrage and will ensure fair representation of all sectors of the population.

"Early in 1975 the first local authorities elected by universal suffrage will be set up in both urban and rural areas. To ensure proper consultation with local opinion in the interim period before elections can be held, both Governments have agreed on certain measures to improve the Advisory Council until it is replaced by the new Representative Assembly.

"These include the addition of two further nominated New Hebridean members, the abolition of the right of official members to vote and the establishment of specialised standing committees to keep matters under review between sessions.

"Both Governments are agreed on the principle of the unification of the Criminal Law and court system in the New Hebrides with the aim of setting up a single system of providing equality for all before the law and have instructed officials to embark immediately on the necessary preparatory work. The system would be based on British criminal procedures and the French penal code.

"The two Governments agreed to study the possibility of conferring upon New Hebrideans a status of 'double ressortissant', this idea will be applied as soon as possible in particular in the wordings of passports.

"A new system of land tenure will be established applicable to all inhabitants of the Condominium without distinction of origin. To promote the economic development of the Condominium the two Governments agreed that an economic and social development plan should be drawn up jointly with particular emphasis on the rural areas. Within the framework of this plan joint studies should be made in the fields of currency, airports, investment code and the rationalisation of the administration."

The Ministers agreed to meet periodically to review progress.  
From New Hebrides Newsletter

## NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Dr. Frederick Donald Coggan, 65, was enthroned as the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England (Anglican), on Jan. 24 in the presence of Free Church, Church of Scotland, Orthodox and Anglican dignitaries.

Dr. Philip A. Potter represented the World Council of Churches. Three Roman Catholic cardinals were also present. Before the close of the solemn and colourful ceremony in Canterbury Cathedral, the spiritual leader of 65 million Anglicans was formally blessed by the Archbishop of Kenya, the Most Rev. Festo Olang'.

In his address the new archbishop quoted General Booth of the Salvation Army as saying: "We must grow until our arms get right round the world". Such an act of sacrificial love will be costly, the Archbishop noted.

"Our divisions will have to go—and this week of Christian unity reminds us to ask ourselves how we can preach reconciliation if we ourselves are not wholly reconciled?" he said. Selfishness will also have to go, Archbishop Coggan stated, "For much of the global village in which we live is deprived of those necessities without which no human being can fully live—food, literacy, education, freedom, knowledge of the Christian way".

Before becoming Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Coggan was Archbishop of York for 13 years. As chairman of the United Bible Societies he addressed the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1968.

—EPS.

WHEN REPLYING TO ADVERTISERS . . . SAY, "I SAW IT IN THE CHRISTIAN!"

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S QUIZ

We are going to have a series on occupations of men in the Bible, two at a time. Some of them are not easy, but you can always ask for help. To make it a bit easier we give the Bible Books.

1 What were the occupations of Jabal and Jubal. (Genesis) (Answer on page 18)

### The Drip

Remember the days down on the farm  
When it rained just lots and lots,  
And the slow drip, drip from the ceiling

Into all Mother's cooking pots?

Minnie B. Clark

Prof. Tilt: "Mr. Gray, what three words are used most among college students?"

Gray: "I don't know."

Prof. Tilt: "Correct."

Bill: How do you keep fish from smelling?

Jill: You tell me.

Bill: Cut off their noses!

Lawyer: "When I was a boy, my highest ambition was to be a pirate."

Client: "Congratulations."

The lady gave Tommy an orange. "What do you say to the lady, Tommy?" asked his mother.

"Peel it," said Tommy.



"I see you got ahold of a pencil again!"

# BOOKS TO READ

## ABORTION AND THE MEANING OF PERSONHOOD.

by Clifford E. Bajema (Baker).

In 1857 the U.S.A. Supreme Court declared that a negro slave was "property" rather than a "person". In 1973 the U.S.A. Supreme Court decided by a 7 to 2 vote, that the term "person" in the U.S.A. Constitution "has application only postnatally." In this book on Abortion, Bajema argues that this second judgement about a person outranks in infamy even the first. His book is a careful analysis of the controversy over abortion and he questions even the acceptability of therapeutic abortion. He also makes out a case for abortion as murder. In defining murder he says (1) a person is killed, (2) he is killed intentionally, (3) the person killed is innocent, (4) there is unlawful or sinful motive involved in the killing. He puts these four tests to abortion and comes up with the conclusion that abortion is murder. Whether one agrees with all his arguments or not, in a day when one side of the case is being pressed strongly it is fair play to give a good hearing to someone stating the other side. This Bajema does with strength and clarity.

## PLEASE GIVE A DEVOTION FOR CHURCH GROUPS

by Amy Bolding, (Baker).

This book of 23 suggested devotional talks has many thought starters. Mrs. Bolding is the wife of a retired minister and her devotions are about yesterday rather than 2001. They are gentle, non-controversial and applicable for women's groups rather than for youth or church devotional services. But some of the illustrations could quite profitably find their way into sermons.

## LET'S QUIT FIGHTING ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT.

by Peter E. Gillquist (S. John Bacon) \$1.95.

This book is a look at one of the church's devastating modern battlefields. It seems incredible to the author that the church should be fighting over the Spirit of peace and unity. He talks about the gift of the Holy Spirit and how to live by the Spirit and then discusses the gifts of the Spirit and when he comes to the gifts of tongues and interpretations he says "Buckle up, friends, because here we go on the two gifts that qualify as the biggest Christian friendship and oneness busters of the century." Despite his demonstration of the way that we have failed the Spirit and made Him the very basis of division, the author is still optimistic that a proper understanding of the work of the Spirit and the meaning of his gifts will bind us in oneness.

## FUNERAL SOURCE BOOK

by R. Earl Allen, (Baker).

Earl Allen supplies a series of funeral addresses he delivered over the years as he ministered in Baptist churches in the U.S. They are actual addresses delivered at funerals of suicides, elderly people, children and ordinary people, for want of a better word. (We would agree that there are no ordinary persons, if ordinary means insignificant.) His style will not suit everyone. For example, in the introduction to an address following the death of a minister, Allen said "Quietly, while Brother Davis worked at his desk, the Great Physician cured the illness which no earthly doctor could heal. At long last, he gave to Brother Davis the heavenly heartease. For some time our beloved friend had suffered from heart trouble, although he possessed all the while an untroubled heart." This passage is not quoted cynically but some of us would find it difficult to speak like that at a funeral service. Throughout the book, Christ is exalted for those who come to the end of their earthly life.

## WHEN, WHY, HOW BIBLE QUIZZES.

by Max Stilson (Baker).

Quizzes are not so popular as they were a few years ago and maybe there is not much point in having quizzes for sake of having quizzes. To ask a series of questions that require a lot of learning with little real gain in the answers is not the best way, to bring the Bible to life. The book is divided into three sections, in the first all the questions start with "When", in the second they all start with "Why", and in the third they all start with "How". The author claims that the quizzes cover the entire scope of the Bible and he argues that a study of them will enable folk to gain a better working knowledge of God's word.

## SECOND THOUGHTS ON THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

by F.F. Bruce (Paternoster).

When a goatherd followed a goat in 1947 he started something. He discovered a cave near the Dead Sea. It contained a number of large jars. It was disappointing for the goatherd when the jars contained no treasure but a number of leather rolls in ancient writing. Since then there have been other discoveries and scholars are still excitedly expectant of finding more and greater relics from the past that will throw light on the New Testament and also on ancient history. A big team of scholars has been at work restoring, translating and interpreting the ancient documents, which were kept in remarkably good order by the dry climate. Professor Bruce summarises some of the results of the work that has been done and evaluates the significance of the scrolls. This paperback brings up to date Dr. Bruce's earlier work.

## THANKSGIVING MESSAGES

By Leslie B. Flynn (Baker)

A paperback collection of messages related to "gratitude in Christian living." Biblically based, conservative sermons on the need for and value of saying "Thanks".

Unless otherwise stated, books reviewed on this page may be obtained from: The Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St. Melb. 3000; N.S.W. Churches of Christ Book Shop, 69 Campbell St., Surry Hills, 2010.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"Better cancel the June wedding date since he still hasn't proposed yet!"

• BUSINESS INFORMATION

# VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE

## APRIL 30 - MAY 4, 1975

The Conference Secretary draws attention to the following extracts from the Constitution:

### ADMISSION OF CHURCHES:

"Churches desiring to affiliate with Conference shall make application in writing to the Conference Secretary at least six weeks before annual Conference." (i.e. not later than March 18, 1975).

### NOMINATIONS:

"The report of the Nominations Committee shall be forwarded to the churches four weeks before annual Conference," (i.e. not later than April 1, 1975) "such report indicating that additional nominations, except for the office of president-elect, may be made by affiliated churches only, in writing, with consent of nominee, such nominations to be forwarded through the church board to the Conference Secretary, no later than one week prior to the opening day of Conference." (i.e. not later than April 22, 1975).

### NOTICE OF BUSINESS

"Six weeks' notice in writing shall be given to the Conference Executive setting forth all proposed motions to be brought before the annual Conference, such to be signed by the proposer." (i.e. such written notice should be received by the

Conference Executive not later than March 18, 1975. "(Four weeks' notice of such proposed motions shall be circulated by the Conference to all church secretaries)"—i.e. by April 1, 1975. "No other motions shall be submitted to Conference except those for the reception and adoption of reports, votes of thanks, and such other motions as eighty per cent of the delegates present and voting without discussion permit to be introduced, save that such permission shall not be given for the introduction of motions involving financial appeals."

### ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

"Amendments of and additions to this Constitution shall be considered only at the annual Conference, and at least six weeks' notice of the intention to move such amendment or addition shall be given in writing to the Conference Executive." (i.e. such written notice should be received by the Conference Executive not later than March 18, 1975).

—Stanton H. Wilson  
Conference Secretary.

### F.O.L. AND FAMILY LAW BILL

Festival of Light strategy and programmes for 1975 have been developed by recent national co-ordinating meetings in Canberra and Adelaide with State Representatives.

Through 1974, the Festival of Light has developed impetus across Australia with public demonstrations attracting many thousands of concerned citizens. It has emphasised the family unit as its main concern. The democratic process of representing a point of view to Parliament has been successful at State and Federal levels. In 1975 it was agreed the first major effort will be directed to the Family Law Bill, to come once again before Parliament in February. Recognising the need for reform, the F.O.L. nonetheless believes the implications of the present Bill are uncertain and potentially damaging to marriage. Many important questions have yet to be answered.

The National A.F.O.L. Chairman said, "We believe most people are still unaware of the far-reaching consequences of the law in its present form. Public meetings will be held throughout Australia to explain the Bill and to put amendments forward. We express major reservations about clause 48 dealing with the irretrievable breakdown of marriage."

## SECOND MINISTER, DONCASTER, VIC.

Over three hundred people attended the Induction Service of Owen Clark on Feb. 2. The service was led by Russell Tully (Elder) and two other elders (John Berry and Murray McNicol) shared in the Service. The minister of the church (Keith Horne) preached the occasional address.

The induction charge to the minister and the church was given by the Chairman of the Board (Clive Ward). Two previous Secretaries of the church took a part in the Service (Ross Miller and Keith Cousin).

After the service the congregation had an opportunity to meet Owen and Marion Clark and their family in the informal setting of the Box Hill Gardens where they gathered for a picnic lunch.

Over recent years a number of ministers have given some part time assistance in ministry and this has been appreciated by the church. In this capacity A.W.C. Candy, Graham Lord and Geoff Wilcott have served. The appointment of the second minister will enable the Church to intensify its pastoral care programme, develop its contact with homes associated with the Church auxiliaries and strengthen the support of leaders of youth Auxiliaries.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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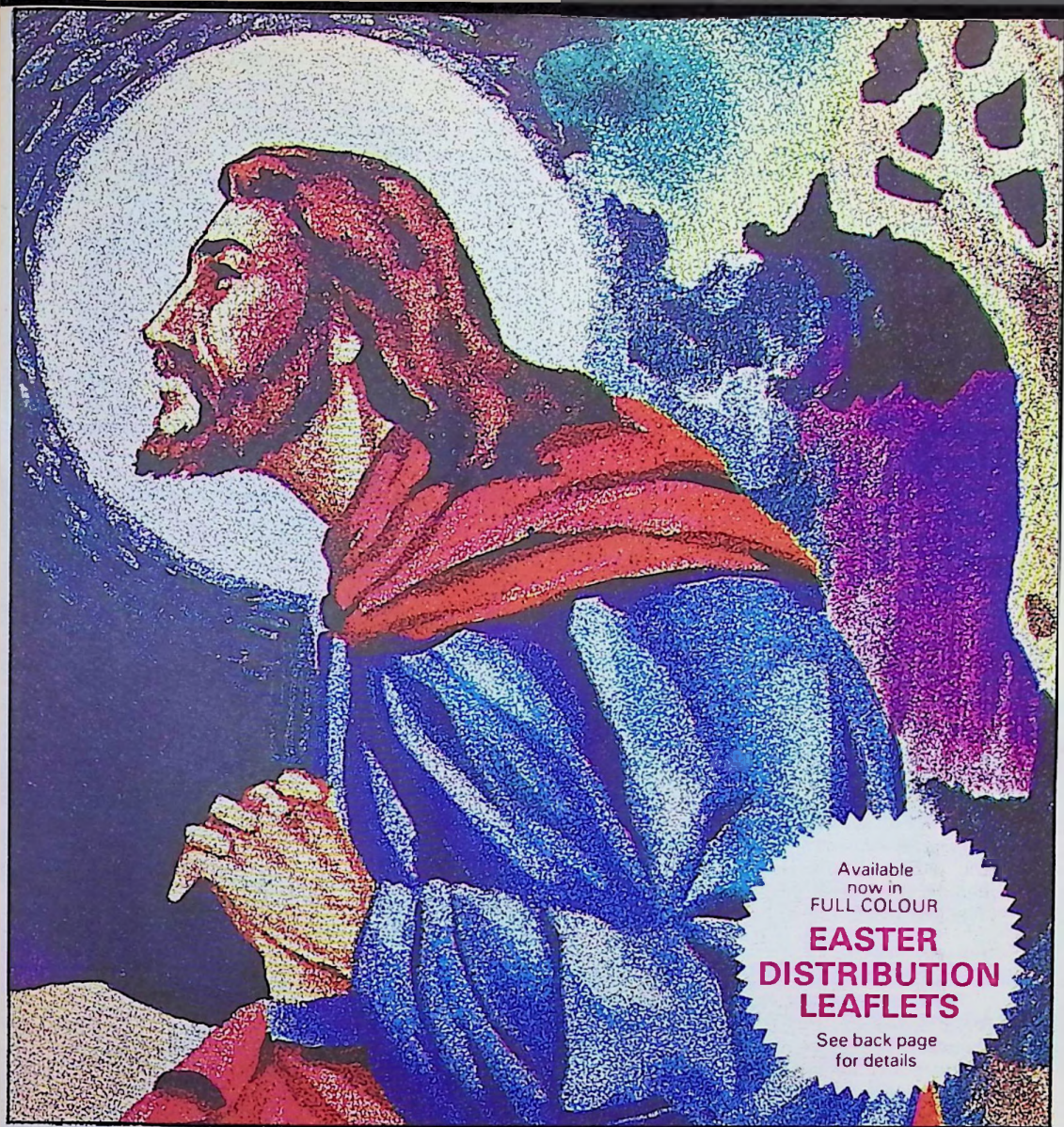
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From Left: John Bailey (Deputy Chairman), Marion Clark, Keith Horne (Minister), Clive Ward (Chairman), Owen Clark (Associate Minister), Bob Nelson (S.S. Supt.), Frank Richards (Board Member).



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# Encounter 75

# Why was Jesus Christ Crucified?

by Richard W. Innes

I believe it was Karl Barth, the famous Swiss theologian, who was asked the question, "What do you think is the greatest truth in the world?" We may not agree with Karl Barth's theology, but we will agree that this man did have a brilliant mind. He had been a professor at the universities of Göttingen, Münster and Bonn. In reply to this question asked of him he could have presented a profound intellectual dissertation. He could have given a scientific description of the wonders of nature, or on the magnitude of the universe, or about the greatness of the human mind, or even a great theological explanation of the omnipotence of God. But he didn't. He simply replied, "The greatest truth in all the world is this — 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'"

## Understanding the Love of God

There is no greater explanation or reason for the cross and why Christ died almost two thousand years ago than is found in God's supreme love for man. The story of Easter is the greatest love story ever told. It is impossible for us to comprehend fully Christ's total suffering for mankind. Physically, His endurance on the cross was agonising. Emotionally, His anguish caused by being forsaken, not only by the people in general, but also by His dearest companions, must have been devastating. And spiritually, His feeling

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forsaken even by God (Mark 15:34) while He bore the penalty of the world's sin is beyond human understanding. But so great was His love and compassion that even in the midst of this excruciating suffering at the hands of His captors He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34). Describing this prayer Thomas Carlyle so eloquently said: "the sublimest words that ever fell from human lips."

"There is no greater love than this," declared Christ Himself, "that one lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13). But Christ's own love went further than this. He laid down His life for His enemies. The Apostle Paul put it this way, "For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:7, 8).

Christ's death and resurrection are indisputable facts of history, but are vastly more than that. The celebration of Easter is a constant reminder to the whole world of the fact that God loves absolutely every individual who ever lived and that every one of these individuals is of infinite importance and value to Him. To God we are not just a number or just a member of the human race — we are each an individual and a very important person. Jesus was communicating this truth to us when He explained that God even knew when a sparrow fell to the ground and pointed out that each one of us was of much more value than many sparrows. And to emphasise even further the importance of the individual person to God, Christ said, "even the hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:29, 30).

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me" is unquestionably one of the great hymns of the faith, but it can be misunderstood. Sometimes I wonder if perhaps we haven't carried this concept of being a wretch a little too far in much of our thinking and feelings. So many of our public prayers, for example, constantly emphasise this negative aspect of man. Would God give His only Son and would Jesus Christ die for something that was worthless? I don't believe so. No person is worthless nor is he a wretch in the eyes of God.

God always makes a clear cut distinction

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between a man and his sin, and while He does hate a man's sin which is self-destructive, He always loves the sinner. God's love and approval is not based on our performance — good or bad. This is a difficult concept to grasp at the feeling level because most of our human love is to some degree or another conditional and we automatically feel God's love is the same as ours. It is not always easy for us to differentiate between a person and his actions and see the reasons behind his behaviour. So when people behave in a manner acceptable to my personal standards, I love and accept them, but when they don't, I tend to reject them. This is conditional love. Fortunately God's love is never conditional.

It is very important to realise that a person's worth is never dependent on his performance. I may be a terrible driver or a poor speaker, but that doesn't mean I am a terrible person. Or I may not even be able to get along too well with other people, but that has nothing to do with my worth as a person. Unfortunately, this is not the way we always see it. Many have grown up with the deep down feeling that they were loved and made to feel worthwhile only when they were "good," and we project this same feeling onto God. Although we may know better intellectually, we tend to feel worthwhile to God and loved by Him only when we meet certain standards of performance. My performance, whether good or bad, makes absolutely no difference whatsoever to God's feelings toward me. I am of inestimable worth to God exactly as I am with no if's, but's or maybe's. God never rejects anyone. In His eyes we are all the same. There is no difference between the king on his throne and the beggar on the street for "we have all sinned and come short of God's standard" (Rom. 3:23). Our performance has nothing to do with God's approval. He loves us all — totally and unconditionally.

## Understanding Sin

Christ's dying because He loved us is only one side of the coin. The other side is that He died because of the awfulness of man's sin.

It is easy to think of sins as specific acts that God happens to oppose. We very often feel that God is a hard taskmaster with a big stick in His hand waiting to rap us on the knuckles when we disobey His Command-

ments. This is a totally false concept of both sin and God. When we feel this way, it is usually because we learned this from our parents or some other important person in our early life. I used to feel that if I committed certain sins, God might actually kill me. It isn't too difficult to see where I learned this feeling. My own father, though very conscientious, was nevertheless very rigid and punitive. I then transferred this feeling over to God and felt He must be the same.

But God isn't this way at all and sin is not merely committing certain acts. What we tend to think of as sins are more the outward expression of an inner condition. This inner condition, or "sin nature" as the theologians call it, is that part of us which has been destroyed through the disease of sin. The outward acts of sins are the symptoms of our inner selves. We are not justifying the outward acts at all, but the Bible is much more explicit than condemning only outward actions. It talks about the motives and causes all being wrong. It condemns pride, jealousy, lust, envy, hatred, etc., which are so easy to see in others but not in ourselves.

Cecil Osborne in his book, *The Art of Understanding Yourself*, says, "It is extremely naive to think of sin simply as an isolated act — a lie, a theft, immorality, dishonesty — for sin is all that is less than perfection. It is rejecting God — 'falling short' of the perfection which God envisioned for us. Sin is being impaired, not simply performing a wicked act. It is having impaired relationships and attitudes. It is being less than whole. It is having mixed motives. Sin is the clever rationalisation by which we seek to escape from facing ourselves. It can consist in responding to a set of rigid moralistic 'oughts' rather than obeying the spirit of God which dwells within us, acting solely in response to legalistic codes (and feeling virtuous in doing so) instead of learning to act spontaneously in response to divine impetus."<sup>1</sup>

Sin is a distorted inner condition, and it is because of this that we commit wrong or sinful acts. Our fallen sinful nature is a disease that permeates and affects all that we are and do. It not only exhibits itself in outward acts, but also twists and damages our emotions, it is behind every broken home, every empty life, every sorrow and grief in the world. The inner

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disease of sin weakens nations, produces sick societies, and causes physical, mental and spiritual sickness and suffering. It causes men and nations to fight, kill and destroy. And as the Bible says, its end result is death (Rom. 6:23).

We need to understand that God is not opposed to nor outraged by our breaking His commandments for His sake, but for ours. "Adultery (or any other sin) is not wrong because it is forbidden in the Ten Commandments; it is forbidden in the Ten Commandments because it is destructive of human personality . . . God is 'against' whatever is destructive for us. His love for us is so great that He cannot see us destroying ourselves without suffering Himself. It is the suffering of God, symbolised by the cross, which is involved in sin. We suffer in our sins, Christ suffered because of them. His suffering becomes redemption for us when we are able to confess the right sin with true contrition."<sup>2</sup>

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As certain as is Christ's resurrection from the grave and His ascension, so also is the resurrection for mankind. Those who have received God's free pardon and His gift of eternal life, will go to live in the presence of God forever. Those who have not, will be lost in their present sinful state forever (see Daniel 12:1-4), "For the wages (final result) of sin is death (eternal death), but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

We are all sinners and consequently have

the seeds of death within. But the good news of the Easter message is this — there is deliverance and salvation from spiritual and eternal death. We do not have to pay the price for our sin and guilt. Christ paid that price for us in His own sacrifice and death on the cross.

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

\* One hundred and fifteen leaders attended Good Companions' Fellowship Dinner at the Brotherhood Centre. Films, books and interesting speakers were featured. Miss Rita Roberts presented a cheque to Ron McLean of the Overseas Missions Board, for money raised for C.O.C.O.A. by girls' clubs, and totalled \$2,225.30. This year's service project will be for Hall's Gap Camp Property Improvement.

\* The Boys' "Explorer" movement has been approved to run conjointly with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (silver level) with senior groups.

\* The Department is looking for workers for Monbulk and Hall's Gap camp properties. Here is an opportunity of real service for our Brotherhood.

\* The D.C.E. is involved in a joint effort with the Doncaster Church of Christ in a four-week series on relationships between young people. It is appropriately called "Getting Acquainted".

\* The first lunch-time meeting for young people (held at the Brotherhood Centre) attracted 16. The next one is planned for Wed., March 5.

\* A successful Study Camp on Resource Materials for youth groups was held recently at Monbulk and attended by 41 key young people and four adult counsellors.

\* The State C.Y.F. Committee spent February 9 in planning, and that evening journeyed to Noble Park church for their Dedication Service. W. Tabbernee (College of the Bible) was guest speaker.

\* Easter camps will be held this year at Monbulk, Banksia, Cheshunt and Bicheno (Tasmania). Contact the D.C.E.

\* An "Engaged Couples' Encounter" will be held at Camberwell Church of Christ on Sunday, April 20, at 2 p.m.

\* An Informal Brotherhood Picnic will be held at the Monbulk Camp Site on Sunday, March 23, from 3 p.m. onwards (afternoon tea available). Groups may bring own evening meal if desired. Barbecue facilities are available.

\* A meeting for those attending Tertiary Institutions in Victoria will be held at the Brotherhood Centre, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne on Wed., May 7, 6.15 p.m.

### WITH THANKS

The Vic-Tas. Conference Executive gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a \$50 anonymous donation to the Conference Executive for their general fund.

### HONOUR FOR VIC. GOLE

At a recent ceremony the University of Melbourne conferred on V. L. Gole, Divisional Counsellor of the Australian Society of Accountants, the honorary degree of Master of Business Administration.

Mr. Gole is a member of our Hampton church and a former President of the Vic.-Tas. Conference.

## CENTENARIAN AT OAKLEIGH



FROM LEFT: Sister M. Voysey, John Downing (nephew), Hume Gilmour, Mrs. H. Gilmour (niece), Sister F. Wheat, W. T. Atkin, O.B.E., Cr. Gordon Lee (Mayor of Oakleigh).

On Jan. 30, 1975 Miss Amanda Rose Downing celebrated her one hundredth birthday at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, where she has resided since 1965.

Miss Downing was born in Hobart, Tasmania in 1875. She was a member of the Malvern-Caulfield church for many years before coming to the Christian Guest Home. Her niece, Mrs. Hume Gilmour of Surrey Hills, is mother of Graham Gilmour, past president of our Federal Conference.

On the day of the birthday, Miss Downing enjoyed a delightful party at the Home in company with relatives, friends and residents of the Home. The Mayor and Mayoress of the City of Oakleigh were present and W. T. Atkin, Director-Emeritus, represented the Department of Social Service in the absence of the Director in Canberra.

Greetings received included those from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; Sir John

R. Kerr, Governor-General of Australia; Sir Henry Winneke, Governor of Victoria and Lady Winneke; The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. E. G. Whitlam and Mrs. Whitlam; The Premier of Victoria, the Hon. R. J. Hamer; and G. H. Gilmour, President of Federal Conference of Churches of Christ.

Mrs. L. M. Box, secretary of the Residents' Committee, welcomed the visitors and the chairman, J. E. Webb, expressed greetings on behalf of the residents of the Home. Sisters M. O. Voysey and F.A. Wheat assisted with the arrangements in the absence of matron who was on leave.

The party was completed with Miss Downing cutting the birthday cake which was made by Mrs. O. Thompson the chef of the Home. The Guest of Honour enjoyed every moment of the occasion and is fit and well.

—F. M. Combridge, Director

## A FIRST IN THAILAND

On Jan. 18, to inaugurate the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity", the first official Protestant-Catholic Service of Worship to be held in Thailand took place in the new sanctuary of the Sarmyarn (2nd Thai) congregation of the Church of Christ in Thailand. The beautiful building was all but filled, with a very large number of Sisters from Catholic orders forming an easily-identifiable group.

The service was led by the Rev. Somchat Cha'umthong, Minister of the Congregation, and Vice-Moderator of the C.C.T. The apostolic Delegate for Malaysia, Laos and Singapore, who is also

Pro-Nuncio for Thailand, read an introductory message, welcoming the new spirit of fraternal charity which is beginning to characterize the relationship of Protestants and Catholics around the world. Representative leaders, including two women, took part in the service, and special music was provided by both groups. Prayers for unity were offered in Thai, Chinese and English. An offering was received to enable the printing of the Bible in Thai to be carried on.

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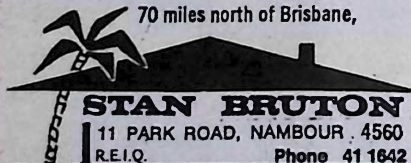
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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA SHARING VENTURE

An exciting development in the field of Work Teams has been launched jointly by the Federal Board of Christian Education and the Federal Overseas Mission Board.

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This project includes in its objectives a two way sharing of Christian Faith, diverse skills, and indigenous culture between the Papua New Guinean people and our Australian youth.

The team participants will be chosen from applicants who are skilled in the areas of the graphic arts, craft teaching, music, audio-visual and film production, as well as the practical skills such as librarianship, agricultural workers, telephone technicians and medical workers.

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Youth groups from each state will be asked to support this project by raising the necessary funds to send and support the team. In this way many hundreds of youths will have an active interest in the work of our overseas mission board and in the development of the Papua-New Guinean Churches of Christ.

(Further details of this sharing venture are available upon request from I. E. Allsop, Director/Editor, Federal Board of Christian Education, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, or your State Department of Christian Education.)

## W.C.C. URGES URUGUAY CORRECTION

The World Council of Churches has taken strong exception to "false and defamatory references" to the WCC contained in a decree issued by the Uruguayan Government on December 5. Unless these statements are corrected within 15 days, the World Council reserves the right to take legal action.

Dr. Alan A. Brash, Deputy General Secretary of the WCC, sent a cable to President Juan Bordaberry protesting statements about the Council in a government order shutting down the publication *Mensajero Valdense*, an official organ of the Waldensian Evangelical Church published in Paysandu, Uruguay. The order appeared in the daily newspaper *El Dia*.

Dr. Brash held these statements to be violation of the right to religious liberty sanctioned by instruments of the United Nations and the Organisation of American States (OAS), which have been

ratified by Uruguay.

According to the Uruguayan Government decree, the World Council of Churches promotes subversive activity at world level. Until 1972, said the decree, it was led by "the North American Marxist C. Blake" and now was led by "Mr. Philips (sic) Potter, who propagates chaos and anarchy as the means for social change, invariably favouring Marxist subversion on the five continents."

Specific reference was made in the government decree to an editorial in the July 1974 issue of *Mensajero Valdense* mentioning the economic aid given by WCC-related churches to groups in Uruguay, Chile, Vietnam and Africa. The Waldensian publication was therefore held to have aided and abetted "those who practise armed subversion on the national territory". (The Waldensian Church in Uruguay is not a member of the World Council of Churches.)

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In his cable to President Bordaberry, Dr. Brash also urged respect for the religious liberty and freedom of expression of churches and individuals in Uruguay, whether they are related to the WCC or not.

## SOUTH AFRICA PROTEST

Withdrawal of the two Australian Government trade Commissioners in South Africa and the stopping of the proposed Australian cricket tour of South Africa were isolated as particular goals at a seminar on "Violence and Non Violence in the Context of Social Change" held in Brisbane.

The conference, attended by approximately 40 church people, was sponsored by the Australian Council of Churches and Queensland Action for World Development. Principal resource people at the weekend were Neville Curtis a previous president of the South African Students Union, who escaped late last year from South Africa on a false American passport, and Dr. Noel Preston of Qld. Action for World Development.



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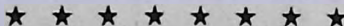
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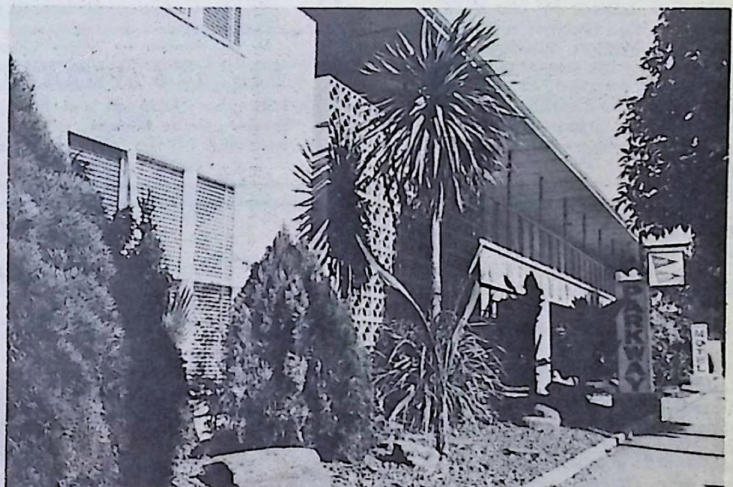
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**GODDARD** (Abernethy) To Margaret and Doug., a daughter Jennifer Margaret on Feb. 9. Both mother and baby well.

**LOVE** (nee Mellhagger) To Elizabeth and Arthur, a daughter, Kristina Natalie, born Dec. 19th, 1974. Mother and baby both well. Eastwood, N.S.W.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**BROOKS-PINNEY:** Mr. and Mrs. Len Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pinney, all of Stafford Heights, Brisbane, are very happy to announce the engagement of Jan and Bruce. (Kedron Church, Qld.).

**GRENNESS-DUNN:** Mr and Mrs G. Grenness of Ivanhoe, Vic., together with Mr and Mrs W. Dunn of Alphington, Vic. have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Linda and Ted on December 29, 1974.

**MORRISON-GRAHAM:** Glad and Bruce Graham of 51 Mortimer Street, Rosanna, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of Gail and David.

### DEATHS

**CONNING** Graham Stewart. On February 12th, beloved husband of Marjorie and loving father of Margaret and Peter, loved brother of Jean, Bob (dec.) and Gwen.

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**JACKEL** Lily May. Passed away on February 4th at Royal Women's Hospital, Melb. Loved wife of Baden, loved mother of Lois (Mrs. Lanyon), Beryl (Mrs. G. Slatter), David, Marion (Mrs. R. Hall), Elva (dec.), Ruth (Mrs. I. Hall). Mother-in-law of Lloyd, Lloyd, Graeme, Betty, Ron and Ian. Loved grandmother of twenty-one grandchildren. A wonderful Christian mother and wife gone to be with the Lord.

### NOTICE

**CONNING:** At the funeral service of the late Graham Conning at the Essendon North Church of Christ, there were no flowers by request. Friends were invited to make gifts to the Arthritis Association, 70 Collins St., Melbourne, to aid research to relieve suffering.

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### VICTORIAN MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIVES' ASSOCIATIONS

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College of the Bible

10.00 a.m. — "The Russell Report".

Speakers: Rev. J. Howells, Director C.C.E.S.  
Mr. E. L. Allsop, Advisor to Russell Commission.

Mr. P. Burnam — School Chaplain.  
Mr. R. Nelson — Vice Principal, East Preston H.S.

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1 p.m. — Lunch.

2.45 p.m.— P.S.A. Mr. Jeff Sheal and Mrs. Shirley Wallis. Soloist: Miss Jan Phillips.

7.00 p.m.— Speaker: Mr. E. C. Keating. Soloist: Mrs. D. Goldsworthy.

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# OBITUARY

## CHIPPERFIELD, Edith

In the Peter McCallum Clinic and after a year of serious ill health and much suffering, a charming and devoted lady died on Jan. 30. Edith Chipperfield was born in Berton Latimer in the midlands of England 65 years ago. Her father died during the first World War and with her mother and younger sister Ivy she came to Australia after the war. They found a home in Balwyn and attended the church at Balwyn. This church was then but an embryo of what was to come—it was meeting in a tent. She became a member of that church and was one of the few original members still associated with the congregation. She met and married Harry Chipperfield in the church at Balwyn in 1935. There were born two children, Len and Pam. They have five grandchildren. On Mr. Chipperfield's retirement in 1973 they planned a trip to Europe and England and within two weeks of the end of that holiday it was necessary for Edith to be taken to England for surgery. In spite of the crisis that followed she recovered sufficiently to return home. They moved into a unit at Ringwood and for the past twelve months Edith Chipperfield was in and out of the Peter McCallum Clinic. All who knew her spoke of her as a charming and devoted lady; more thoughtful of others than concerned about herself; a lady with a beautiful manner and generous spirit to all the people she met. The funeral service was held in the Balwyn Church.

—KDH

## CRAIGIE, Ann.

Miss Ann Craigie, the eldest daughter of the late W. C. Craigie, a name well known and loved at the Church at Lygon St., Carlton, died on Jan. 8 at the age of 94 years. Ann was born at Sheffield, England, in 1880 and remained in Scotland, for a short time, with her sister Edith, both very young, whilst their parents journeyed to Australia. Unfortunately Mrs Craigie died on the voyage out. When Mr Craigie married again he immediately sent for his children to make their home here. In the course of time the family began to attend the Church at Lygon St. and all became active and valued members. Ann was interested in all church activities, including BS, choir, and women's work. She served for many years as a member of the State C.W.F. Catering Committee. She and Edith went to live at Kyabram, for the sake of her sister's health. Edith died during that period. When her stepmother died Ann returned to Melbourne to care for her father until the close of his life. She lived in the flat above the Lygon St. Church for some time and was always known for her generous, friendly personality and ready hospitality. In the evening of her life she spent happy years at our Emmaus Home and Nursing Home. For a time she dwelt at guest home at Oakleigh. A service at Le Pine's Funeral Chapel at Camberwell was conducted by A.W.C. Candy representing the Church at Lygon St. A large assembly attended to bear testimony to the life and service of one so well loved. Ann Craigie will be remembered by many throughout Australia, and many give thanks for her fragrant life and express love and understanding to the next of kin.

—A.W.C.C.

## CROUCH, Stanley

On Jan. 15 in the Churches of Christ Hospital at Murrumbena this good and gentle man passed from this life. Born in Doncaster in 1892 he was a grandson of the Henry Crouch who called together the first group of people with which the church in Doncaster commenced. His whole life was lived with the church as a vital part of interest and commitment. He was baptised by H. D. Smith in 1902. He married Elizabeth in 1920 and

them were born seven children, William, Reginald, Elizabeth, Edwin, Harry, Olive and Mavis. His married life was lived on the orchard property "Dingley Dell" on Williamsons Road, a property which has been "home" for four generations of the family. He moved with his wife to a home on Doncaster Road and then after the death of his wife went to live with his daughter Elizabeth at Burwood just four years ago. He entered the Repatriation Hospital at Heidelberg two years ago and after six months entered the hospital at Murrumbena. Stanley Crouch was wounded in France in World War 1 and was sent to England for convalescence. While there he visited the old home in Scotland. His involvement in the local school committees and picnics endeared him to many. His loyal support of his Church at Doncaster and the generous and gracious spirit of Stanley Crouch and his wife will cause them to be remembered with love and gratitude by a wide circle of friends.

—KDH

## HOLT, Leslie George.

After three years of helplessness, Les Holt died recently. Although he had been blind for more than a year, his face used to shine with the glory of the Lord, and he eagerly anticipated the visit of one of the church elders week by week to enable him to share in the Lord's feast of remembrance. The Chinchilla chapel was crowded for the funeral service. As a resident of the district for 66 years he was well known and loved by all. He had been a keen sportsman, playing cricket and tennis, and later bowls, but these never interfered with his Christian witness. In 1934 Les married Margaret Flett and they set up a Christian home which has been an inspiration to many. All the family always attended the worship and gospel services. Shirley (Waldron) with her husband and family are a strength to the church at Roma; Muriel is a missionary at Eidsvold; Victor and family are a strength to the local church of which Victor is a deacon and treasurer, and Ed is the minister at the Dapto, NSW, church. Several ministers and many brethren from distant churches attended.

—A. A. Clarke.

## YOUENS, Fred. A.

One of the great evangelists of our churches, F. A. Youens, died on Dec. 29, after a long illness. Fred Youens was born in Perth, W.A., 9th September, 1899. He was baptised at Maylands Church of Christ, W.A., in 1915. He was influenced greatly by the late T. H. Scambler, and A. B. Chapple. Fred felt the challenge to reach out to others mainly because of the concern of those men for him. He became a Scout Leader and was instrumental in bringing many of the young people into the church. He was encouraged to enter the College of the Bible, which he entered in 1919. During the College years, Fred's widowed mother was baptised at Maylands. During his training years, Fred ministered to churches at St. Arnaud, Rochester, and Dandenong. After completing his course with honours, his first full time ministry was to Victoria Park W.A., the nucleus of which later moved to South Perth to commence the work there. His next ministry was to East Kew, Vic., where he met Alice Watt, whose parents were foundation members of the East Kew Church and entertained many of the student ministers. Alice and Fred were married at East Kew by T. H. Scambler, and then commenced in partnership at Bambra Road, Caulfield. Fred conducted many missions throughout Australia and in New Zealand. In 1935, Fred was called to the work at Dominion Road, Auckland, N.Z., and preached at many conferences and special meetings. After serving five years in N.Z., Fred accepted a call to Chatswood, N.S.W. During his period in Sydney, Fred lectured in Homiletics at Woolwich College of the Bible, and conducted many missions. In 1946, the family moved to Dandenong for Fred's second ministry to this church. Great times of inspiration and reaping were to follow. Opportunities came to preach

in Open Air Meetings and at the Town Hall. In 1951, Fred moved to Gardiner, Victoria, where he completed eleven years of fruitful ministry, teaching and evangelism. Many students were entertained at home and attended services. During these years the building extensions were completed and many were added to the Church. Fred survived his first mild stroke and continued his work. His final full time ministry commenced in 1963 when he returned to Caulfield for a second ministry. He continued faithfully for six years in spite of some ill health until his seventieth year. Fred retired to the Blackburn Church in 1970. He loved the church and followed closely during his feeble years. We thank God for the influential life of one of God's faithful servants. E. C. Keating and Gordon Stirling conducted a Memorial Service at Blackburn on Jan. 2.

**BOX FOR NORSEMAN** (Murray Bridge, D. Kuhl). A box of Christmas gifts was sent to the Dinnings at Norseman Mission . . . E. W. Heard and Miss R. Haskell led a Planned Giving Revision programme . . . C.W.F. entertained blind citizens at Christmas wind-up and took cakes to shut-ins and gifts to hospital . . . M. Thompson, B. Coventry, and Bruce Roberts (visitor) spoke recently . . . Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Johnson are still hospitalized and Mr. Brooker is convalescing after operation.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** (Caulfield, K. Christensen). Special anthems and carols were presented by church choir Sunday before Christmas. 5' choir members took part in Myer Music Bowl choir, Christmas Eve . . . Lois Winkler has resigned as Supt. of B.S. . . . \$160 was handed in by A.W.F. ladies in their talent scheme. Mrs. N. Lees is new A.W.F. President. Mrs. N. Carpenter is E.W.F. President . . . Three members attended Federal Conference in Canberra . . . Peter Ghys obtained Bachelor of Electrical Engineering . . . Church saddened at passing of Mrs. P. Padey and well-loved former pastor, F. A. Youens.

**LOSS TO RICHMOND** (Richmond, W. J. Gibney). The church was saddened at the death of Jim Graham a life-long dedicated member . . . Sunday evening services have featured Folk-Hymns, interviews, people participation and guest speakers . . . Recent speakers have been Mr. Geyer, G. Bradley and Alan Gigg . . . Church appreciates assistance from C.M.F. teams as president and readers . . . Christmas Bowl amount \$75.38.

**NEW AT NORLANE** (Norland, I. Adams). On Feb. 2 Trevor Giles conducted an induction service for Ian Adams. Representatives came from other Geelong churches. Later a welcome was given Ian and Julie Adams and family and gifts of fruit and groceries were presented. Musical items came from Julie Tripodi, Ron Grazules, Trevor Cole and Myrtle Bauer.

**PLANNING** (Inglewood, R. T. Cook). Board members shared in a live-in weekend at Scarborough, Jan. 18-19, to consider planning for the church . . . Mrs. E. Peacock and Miss M. Peacock attended Federal Conference in Canberra . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Blackman have returned after nine months Aust. tour . . . Mrs. Annie Slipper, one of the original members of the church, died during January after spending several years in a nursing home . . .



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**ACCEPTED FOR C.O.B.** (Blackwood, L. Cooke) Miss Libby Walladge has been accepted for the College of the Bible . . . Good wishes were expressed to Miss Robyn Haskell on conclusion of 12 months as assistant minister . . . Recent speakers have been E. W. Roffey (who brought with him Jim Bianderry and Hanson Boxer), Miss Haskell, and Peter Johnson . . . A tea and special service was held for interstate Tennis Team. C. H. Dow was speaker.

**WORKSHOP CHALLENGE** (Balaklava, J. Dow) A number from the Young Adults Group accepted a challenge from the Officers' Board to erect a workshop at Norseman Aboriginal Mission Station . . . Six young people went to N.Z. for Youth Convention. Church was also represented at Federal Conference at Canberra . . . A teachers' dedication service was held to commence school year . . . Dedication for new hymn book was conducted by minister . . . Mr. Dow has announced that he will conclude his ministry at the end of 1975.



## VICTORIA

**FOR HEAT** (Noble Park, G. Agnew) The latest additions to chapel given by C.W.F. were two electric fans, one overhead . . . New platform furniture has been acquired . . . Holiday services were at 9.30 a.m. with evening services in members' homes . . . Recent speakers have been K. Masterton, Miss K. Humphries of New Hebrides, and P. Payne of Black Rock . . . Miss Robyn Haskell, our assistant minister, has been ill.

**BACK TO ENGLAND** (Hampton) On Jan. 26 a luncheon was held to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gray. An Australian painting was presented to them. Mr. Gray has completed a short part-time ministry and will return to England on March 18 . . . On Feb. 2, Geoff Fewster commenced a student ministry. Mr. Fewster, a former school teacher, comes from W.A. to train at the College of the Bible. Opportunity was taken to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Fewster and their family at lunch . . . A Good Companions club has been formed. Explorers and S.S. have increased in numbers.

**8 YEAR MINISTRY ENDS** (West Preston, A. E. White). A packed church shared the service which marked the conclusion of A. J. Storay's 8 year ministry. Service was enriched with two baptisms, a confession of faith and a rededication. In after-church fellowship affection for the Story family was expressed in words and presentations . . . Mrs. Matthews' 80th birthday was the occasion for a surprise party . . . Three of our girls had wonderful time at N.Z. Youth Convention . . . Bed and Breakfast provided for two interstate groups returning from Convention . . .

Recognition made of the 2 year part-time ministry of Vic. Quayle, and appreciation expressed of his dedication to special facets of the work . . . Lorraine Bertram again in Europe with Youth for Christ.

**LOSS AT NTH. ESSENDON.** The church mourns the death of Graham Conning after a long period of suffering . . . Russell and Dorothy Allison were welcomed on Feb. 10 for a student ministry in 1975 and a full-time ministry thereafter . . . Peter Nelson was farewelled and thanked for his contribution to the ministry, life, and fellowship of the church in 1974 . . . Seven members were at Federal Conference . . . F. Mason is recovering from illness and Mrs. W. G. Mason after surgery . . . C.W.E.F. speaker in February was Neville Farmer.

**ON MISSIONS** (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Arthur Tivendale gave an illustrated talk of mission activities in India . . . Roslyn Williams guest speaker at C.W.F. and Y.P.S.C.E. . . . Whilst carrying bottles of lemonade one burst injuring Geoffrey Wigney necessitating a skin graft . . . Elaine Hayes' mother injured in car accident. Peter Retchford also involved in a car accident . . . Bruce McFarlane, Mrs. Duffin and Mr. Grainger are ill. Frank Jones sustained an eye injury at cricket.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

### DR. JONES IN INTERIM

Dr. Lloyd Jones, following his return from Christchurch, N.Z. is assisting the Kingsford church for three months. During this time he will be preaching for the church and performing chaplaincy duties within the University of N.S.W. He will especially be endeavouring to guide the church and evaluate its future ministry with students in this area. Beyond this brief period he has made no commitments for ministry but can be contacted at his private address: 6/5 Chester St. Epping, N.S.W. 2121. Phone: 86 4082.

**BEACH MISSION** (Hornsby Dist., D. A. Oldfield) Some of the young people assisted in Beach Mission work whilst about 6 attended the National Youth Convention in N.Z. J. V. Ellerby attended Federal Conference in Canberra . . . A young man made his decision on Feb. 2. The B.S. held their Annual Promotion Service on Feb. 9 . . . Miss H. Tewksbury, a backbone in the life of the church since 1919, died on Feb. 1.

**RETREAT** (Chatswood, C. G. Taylor). Elders held a one-day retreat at the Singles' home at Bungan Head to consider work of the church. Mr. Taylor and others attended Fed. Conf. in Canberra . . . Ladies now supporting 3 children through World Vision . . . Elizabeth Nichols is 1975 girl captain of Chatswood High School. Frank Freckleton showed slides of the recent work in Vila in the New Hebrides. Miss M. Stimson, long-time friend and companion to Miss Ashwood, died recently. Mrs. Lola Flynn is home and doing well after heart surgery. Mrs. L. Pentelow also progressing at home . . . Members contributed over \$600 to Darwin Relief Appeal.



## QUEENSLAND

**OVERSEAS STUDENTS BAPTIZED** (Gatton, D. Brown). Recently an African and a Malaysian (both students at Gatton college) were baptized and received into fellowship . . . The Church had its first picnic service in the outdoors at Atkinson's Dam. Later that day slides of Jamaica (with a gospel message) were shown in the chapel . . . Miss A. Tallier was farewelled with a presentation . . . This year's church theme is "Encounter and Outreach." Members are encouraged to encounter Christ in daily quiet times in order to reach out with the Gospel. Daily devotional books have been given to each member . . . Bastian Kastanya, Don Quinn and Ken Smith spoke on their mission to Indonesia. Bruce Roberts, Rex Ellis and Roger Wall were also guest speakers.

**DALBY CHANGES** Robt. Holt concluded ministry in December. Barry Thygesen commences his ministry March 16 . . . C.W.F. held "Wake-up Social" to commence year's activities . . . Murray Bickerton still in hospital, condition rapidly improving . . . Plans are at hand to raise money to build a new chapel.

**COCOA EFFORT** (Nambour A. G. Leane) The B.S. special effort for C.O.C.O.A. raised \$105 and the church gave a similar amount . . . Churches within a 20 mile radius of Nambour have combined to form a Sunshine Coast Soccer Assoc. to provide Saturday church competition . . . 16 members represent the church in a combined distribution of "The Facts" Gospel of Luke in T.E.V. to every home in district . . . Interest free loans have been received from members to complete last stage of new chapel. Construction will commence this month . . . Active membership increased by 15 last year.

**COMMITMENT DINNER** (Camp Hill, R. B. Cutchie) Church members committed themselves to dynamic spreading of the gospel at a dinner where evangelist Alan Bartlem was welcomed to spearhead the campaign. Alan will assist ministers Barry Cutchie and Mal Chandler for three months . . . Associate church Murrarie also attended the dinner and Kev Barwick explained plans for a reorganised S.S. renamed One Way League . . . Youth outing held at Eatons Crossing.

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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**NEW AT FREMANTLE** The church welcomed her new minister, Dennis J. Ryle, on Jan. 31. He is a College of the Bible graduate. His ministry commenced on Feb. 2 with an induction service conducted by H. R. Fitch, previous minister. A series of home getting-to-know-you meetings is planned . . . On 9th, the minister led a panel discussion with Y.P. who attended the N.Z. Youth Convention . . . Clive Robertson is Supt. of B.S. . . . Karen Cooper and Jenny MacDougal have left for training at W.E.C. College, Tas.

**CAROLS** (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. Good). Carol Celebrations were held at both towns, sponsored by respective ministers fraternals. It was the first such one in Meredin for many years, as they had been sponsored by a service club. For more devotional atmosphere it was held in a church and 400 people filled the Catholic church to overflowing . . . Concern felt for Bronwyn Butler, 4 year-old daughter of Robbie and Gwen Butler who has received further medical treatment . . . Some members from both churches attended Fed. Conf. in Canberra . . . Merredin had fellowship with Gordon Williams following return from serving in N.G.



## VICTORIA

**GOOD COMPANIONS AT MONBULK** (Margaret St., Launceston, M. Dean Hamilton). Interested friends made it possible for three Good Companions to attend the girls' camp at Monbulk . . . Mr. Hamilton has commenced the fourth year of ministry at Launceston. He and 7 others attended Federal Conference in Canberra . . . January services were conducted by H. Street and C. J. Robinson.

**THREE AT COLLEGE** (Williamstown, R. Brown). Three young people from Williamstown are entering Bible College this year. Helbe and Peter Cuss and Cherie Firth. Helbe and Cherie have come up through the S.S. and Peter through Youth Club . . . Women's auxiliaries began year with meeting in Williamstown Gardens.

**PLANNING CONFERENCE** (Ringwood, D. F. Smith). A Planning Conference was held at Blairgowrie to organise for 1975. Theme is "Loyal and Alive '75" . . . Church saddened by death of M. (Mac) Robertson. Love and sympathy extended to his wife and family . . . Four young people were baptized after attending Discipleship Classes at Manse . . . "Christmas in Other Lands" was the title of Church School Pageant finale for 1974 . . . Minister, his wife and family attended the Minister's Convention and 35th Federal Conference in Canberra. Mrs. Nankivell and the Hone family were also at Federal Conference.



## VICTORIA

**FULL BOWL** (Doncaster, K. D. Horne, O. R. Clark) The offering for the Christmas Bowl Appeal of 1974 has exceeded \$3200 . . . Prayer Fellowship associated with the Pastoral Care Programme continues to grow in numbers. Recent speakers were J. G. Shaw (previous minister) and Rosalyn Williams of New Guinea . . . Elva Crouch has sought release from the Choir for this year and the Choir honoured her twelve years of service as conductor with a presentation. Jeane Milne has assumed responsibility of Conductor . . . David and Denise Lucas have been added to C.Y.F. leadership team.

**INDUCTION** (Hamilton) At a recent induction service, Mr. and Mrs. W. Phillips commenced their service with us . . . Mr. and Mrs. Looney and family have taken up their new position with the Education Dept. at Bombala. Mrs. Bannister was elected pres. of the C.W.F. to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Looney. Mrs. Dick is new Supt. of B.S. and Mrs. Shaw is new Supt. of Kinders.

**TEAM MINISTRY** (Nth. Fitzroy) Mr. and Mrs. G. Nelson concluded a three-year ministry on Feb. 2, and a presentation was made in appreciation of their service. A team ministry will function this year with two students from the College of the Bible, Sue Sampson and Steven Jones. Sue Sinclair, Scripture Union worker, Chris Murray and others will serve in a drop-in shop situation . . . The Bowl of Remembrance offering was \$98.

**MINISTRY** (Dandenong) The church farewelled Alan and Iris Page on Jan. 26 and also Russell and Dorothy Allison. Appreciation was expressed for their ministry. On Feb. 2, the induction service for Jack Edwards was conducted by Dr. K. R. Bowes. A public welcome was held for Jack and Barbara after the evening service . . . Christmas Bowl appeal raised \$371 . . . C.W.F. donated \$200 for Darwin relief.

**DARWIN DONATION** (Croydon, A. B. Clark) The Opportunity Shop run by the church donated \$250 for the Darwin Appeal . . . Bruce Skillicorn has returned to the Adelaide Bible Institute after holidays at Croydon . . . Tennis Club has entered seven teams in winter competition.

**RISONS FAREWELLED** (Preston/E. Preston, J. Manallack) Ann and Roger Risson were farewelled on leaving for their first full-time ministry at North Turramurra . . . Four of our Y.P. attended Youth Convention in N.Z., 10 went to Banksia Camp, and one to Hall's Gap . . . Miss Rosalyn Williams was speaker at E. Preston on Feb. 9 . . . The four Good Companion Leaders attended annual fellowship dinner at Brotherhood Centre.

**A. B. WITHERS INDUCTED** (Ivanhoe) 140 were present when Bill Tabbernee inducted Arthur Withers into the ministry of the church here. The Associet-Minister, Peter Galliford was also inducted. The soloiste at night was Mrs. Jill Thorp . . . Cheryl Harman commenced her teaching career at Preston South School.

**MINISTER HONOURED** (Balwyn) The church is pleased and proud at W. W. Saunders being awarded the O.B.E. in the

New Years Honours List. In January, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders visited Lorne where several of the church families were holidaying. On their arrival, they were treated to a surprise "investiture", complete with red carpet, guard of honour, band music, a suitably inscribed "medal" presented to Mr. Saunders, and Mrs. Saunders became a "Lady of the Garter" . . . The Christmas Bowl Appeal raised \$350.00 . . . Frank Evans and Gary Wake took recent morning services.

**VOLUNTARY EXTENSION** (Boronia, E. L. Williams) Voluntary labour has almost completed an extension to our halls complex, plus sanding of floors of existing halls . . . David and Jean Brown have been welcomed to the manse. David is assistant minister . . . Christmas Bowl offering reached \$820, doubling previous year. Generous giving to building fund also maintained . . . Miss N. Shields, Mrs. C. Page, and C. Watson are in hospital . . . Henry and Beryl Chandler have moved to Koo-wee-rup after a lifetime of service with the church.

**ARARAT COMMENCEMENT** G. Sonsie was inducted into the ministry here on Feb. 2, and afterwards the congregation welcomed the Sonsie family with a luncheon organised by the C.W.F. . . . Frank Gason, church secretary, is improving after major operation.

**CANBERRA CONFERENCE** (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Mrs. H. Anderson and Mrs. V. Collins attended Federal Conference . . . Church combined with local Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches for evening services during Christmas period . . . Men of the church conducted recent morning services . . . Mrs. Lottie Holmes out of hospital after serious illness . . . H. Jenner back at worship after illness.

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Jerusalem. But He will do still more, for,  
as a result of His omnipotence impinging  
upon our faith, events which show  
themselves experimentally in our lives as  
pure loss will become an immediate  
factor in the union we dream of  
establishing with Him.

—Teilhard Du Chardin

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A first-aid kit certainly  
came in handy—  
and I was glad to give  
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