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ALBURY'S THREE M's

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In Asia today, Christian faith looks so subversive

— By Bruce Best in "Presbyterian Life"

One of the most subversive organisations in Asia today is the Christian church. If that seems mildly incredible, test it out by trying to organise an international meeting of Christians in an Asian nation.

The communist countries aren't likely to be on the list of hosts. Neither are South Korea or Burma, which have both had severe government crackdowns on Christians.

Indonesia and other Muslim countries will also prove difficult. The World Council of Churches, for example, had to switch its Fifth Assembly away from Jakarta in 1975.

The Philippines can now be added to the list. For the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) has just had to cancel plans for its Assembly to be held in Manila next month. The meeting has been moved to Penang, in Malaysia.

Officially, the reason was that the Philippines Government "could not give assurances" that all delegates and staff of CCA would qualify for entry permits.

The Philippines is unique in Asia, because of its Christian majority. But Christians there have also been in the forefront of opposition to what they see as the repressive regime of President Marcos.

They've had some support from Christians in other places, including some linked with CCA. Hence the government's failure to guarantee entry permits — and one more squeeze on the contraction of freedom of speech (and religion) in Asia.

GOSPEL BY SATELLITE

An order has been placed by the Christian Broadcasting Network of Portsmouth, Virginia, for a satellite earth station that will give it the capability to broadcast simultaneously across the United States and around the world. The cost will be about \$500,000.

REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

Graham Kerr, (the man who made you feel you could eat your TV set, so mouth-watering were his food talks) together with his wife, is building a mountain retreat in Colorado, U.S.A. for couples with serious marriage problems.

Their own marriage nearly ended last year, but when they both confessed Christ they found real answers to their problems and want to share their new partnership with others.

They have called their ministry Rejoice Fellowship.

Former Thai Prime Minister Pramoj once remarked that western-style democracy was "a luxury we Asians can't afford." Increasingly, the policies of most Asian governments suggest many agree with him.

The kind of Christianity represented by the Christian Conference of Asia is just one of the casualties in this political squeeze on democratic rights.

CCA is the Asian regional ecumenical council. Its member churches cover an area from Pakistan across to Japan, from Korea down to Australia and New Zealand. Churches of Christ in Australia are members.

Although it is a 'low profile' organisation and rarely comes out with righteous statements hitting at oppression, CCA's involvement with, for example, radical urban mission work does not always endear it to governments.

And its attempts to build links between churches in nations that range politically from extreme left to extreme right, probably makes it suspect, too.

Its leaders usually stress CCA's task as being primarily one of communication. Its late 'father figure', Ceylon's D. T. Niles, used to say it was like a wrestling promoter — enabling people to get into the ring and wrestle with common problems.

That idea is endorsed by a Churches of Christ minister from New Zealand, the Rev. Ron O'Grady, who is CCA's associate general secretary at its Singapore headquarters.

"Our basic task is to bring people together. If we can keep on putting people in touch with one another, we can help them understand what others are doing, and why," he told me during his visit to Australia recently.

That's what the Assembly (31 May - 9 June) will be aiming at. It will be CCA's largest ever meeting, with up to 450 delegates, staff and observers from all over Asia expected.

But the Assembly agenda will include topics that are certain to cause divisions in churches and anxiety for governments.

Inter-faith dialogue is one. How Christians relate to people of other faiths such as Buddhism and Islam is, says Ron O'Grady, a major new area.

Among reasons for that, he cites the links that grew between Christians and Buddhists in Vietnam during the Indo-China war, the rising educational standard of Asian scholars of other faiths, and the growth in "self-confidence" among small Christian minorities.



● Ron O'Grady "A.C." PHOTO

Yet "dialogue" is also an issue that tends to draw fire from within Christian ranks. There are those who see it simply as a sell-out of the Gospel.

Human rights is another topic that may cause problems. Mr O'Grady admits many churches are split in their reactions to the increasingly authoritarian style of government in Asia. The suggestion that western-style democracy is a "luxury" is echoed among Christians, he says.

And governments which detain people without trial use torture, and generally restrict political rights, won't be too impressed if CCA continues this as a priority concern and involvement.

Mission and evangelism are also fraught with difficulty in Asia these days. For example, there are strong evangelical churches in socialist nations. What evangelism means in that context is a real question, says Mr O'Grady.

This is also one point where human rights can loom as a major issue for more traditional Christians who reject too much stress on "social action", and want the churches to concentrate on spiritual concerns.

For when freedom of religion is curtailed, such a role is not easy — and it can be quite dangerous.

Moreover, action to assert the right of religious freedom logically suggests there should also be action to assert other rights which are also at risk.

It seems the split that comes over defining the real work of the church in Asia is by no means as clear as it often is in the western world, with its accepted rights and freedoms.

Probably, none of these issues will get anything more than a tentative response at the Assembly.

But it should make one point very clear to western church participants, who are still working their way out of a long history of seeing Asia as one vast "mission field".

There are some formidable and complex problems about being Christian in today's Asia. And the solutions may well be beyond the competence of non-Asians.

HAVE A BOOK WEEK IN YOUR CHURCH

**"READ A CHRISTIAN
BOOK . . . AND GROW!"**

Things are happening in the church and books are telling it the way it is. They are about faith and prayer and living together, about growing churches and how to serve, about Christian witness and Christian witnesses.

Ministers can preach sermons on books and the sermons can be interesting and challenging; groups can discuss books; and members can read books in their homes. If your programme will not permit you to plan a book week in May, fit it in some other time, but don't let your church be deprived of knowing what is happening in the world of Christian books . . . and in the lives of Christian people.

The following reviews discuss some of the books recommended by the Federal Literature Department.

"HOW TO BE A PEOPLE HELPER" By Dr Gary Collins

Dr Collins, Professor of Psychology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Illinois, is well qualified to write on "friend to friend" counselling.

He contends that we are all in the business of people helping and offers guidelines for doing so effectively. A little knowledge about counselling can, of course, be a very dangerous thing and it would be unwise for a person to think of himself as a qualified counsellor as a result of merely studying this book. Nevertheless, it is a useful starting point for the layman and contains very helpful chapters on "The Techniques of People Helping" and "Friend to Friend Helping". He offers more detailed advice on "Helping in a Crisis" and includes a useful chart on "Healthy and Unhealthy Ways to Meet a Crisis" and "Crisis Intervention". There is a chapter on "telephone counselling" with useful hints on dealing with the problem caller.

In his chapter on "Suicide and Referral Counselling" he notes that approximately one thousand people a day take their own life and gives pointers to recognising potential suicides. He urges the reader to recognise that he will be confronted by many counselling situations he is not qualified to handle and provides a list of helping agencies, most of which have their counterpart in Australia.

Two chapters deal with preventative helping both at the level of the individual and as the body of Christ. His chapter on "How to Help Yourself" possibly should come earlier in the book rather than almost at the end but is a very important inclusion. Laymen will appreciate the non-academic language of the book and ministers will find it useful as a guide or resource book for training classes. Apparently cassettes and a guide book are also available.

— K.R.M.

**"The man who does not
read good books,
has no advantage over
the man who cannot read at all"**

THE PROBLEM OF WINESKINS by Howard A. Snyder (I.V.P.)

This book should be essential reading for all involved in leadership in the church. Subtitled "church structure in a technological age" it has grown out of a paper presented at the Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne in 1974. From a background of six years among the rapidly growing churches of South America and drawing together the strengths of the Personal Evangelism, Church Renewal, Church Growth, and Charismatic movements in the church, Snyder presents a well-documented, extremely readable statement on the structure of the church.

The subject of the book is clear. The structure must change. "For a radical gospel (the biblical kind) we need a radical church (the biblical kind). For the ever-new-wine we must continually have new wineskins." (p.23)

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"MISTER GOD THIS IS ANNA"

By Fynn

The story of Anna will not take long to read, but you will probably want to return to it again and again. Anna — often precocious, completely different, wonderfully perceptive and always intensely aware of her Mister God — has a way of attaching herself to you as indeed she did to the author of the book. Fynn. Right at the outset, Fynn introduces us to Anna in a captivating way. "The difference from a person and an angel is easy. Most of an angel is in the inside and most of a person is on the outside." These are the words of six-year old Anna . . . Through the few brief years they share, the relationship of Fynn and Anna develops in a unique way. One delights with Fynn in their day to day discoveries, shares with him as he struggles to grasp and accept Anna's concepts of her Mister God, sorrows with him at the sudden and tragic loss of this rare companion and triumphs in his ultimate confidence. With an originality and freshness, and with honesty, Anne leads us along new paths of discovery toward greater depths of understanding and a new dimension of thought. The illustrations are an added bonus and greatly enhance the book. (Published by Fontana Books.)

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Book Week Books**



"A.C." PHOTO

THE "PEN" CLUB

These four writers whose books have recently been published by Vital Publications (Churches of Christ) were interviewed by Gordon Scambler at the Victoria-Tasmania Conference. They are (from left): Gordon Stirling ("Down to Preside"); Gordon Moyes ("How to Grow an Australian Church"); E. Lyall Williams ("Living Responsibility"); and Graeme Chapman ("Your Church — Where to . . . from Here"). The four books are recommended reading for Book Week.

South Australia 103rd Conference

Colin
Dredge



The Churches of Christ Evangelistic Union Incorporated met for its 103rd Annual Conference from April 13 to 17.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Presidential Reception was at the Maughan Memorial Church moving upstairs for supper to the Cafeteria. President Neville S. Moore not only presided but also preached, bringing reflections, appreciations and challenges to the Brotherhood. Six major Communion services were represented. Rev. Len Lewis, Baptist President, responded on their behalf and the Rev. Peter Holden newly appointed Secretary of the S.A. Council of Churches to a welcome into this State.

At Maughan sanctuary on Saturday an evening of drama was presented by the Covenant Players with admission by programmes sold at \$1.00 each or \$2.00 for a family. The Covenant Players gave six plays ranging from 2 to 20 minutes duration. These bore a relationship to the Conference theme — "Growing into Christ in Every Way".

Adelaide Town Hall was filled for the Sunday evening service when Gerald D. Rose, D.C.E. Director, preached on the grace of God. Peter Trevaskis was at the Town Hall organ, the conductor was John Wilson and the Churches of Christ Youth Choir with Sue Perkins at the piano was also featured. His Excellency, The Governor of South Australia and Lady Nicholls were officially present as was Lady Nicholls at the Women's Conference of which Dorothy Heard was President.

Two unscheduled and quite personal visits were made by His Excellency during the week. While Lady Nicholls was in the Grote Street Church, Sir Doug. visited the Conference Centre and then on the Friday he had lunch with the ministers and stayed for the Church Growth Seminar arranged by Ted Heard to which Barry McMurtrie of Berwick, Vic., was speaker. It was the day after the Town Hall Service that His Excellency reluctantly accepted the advice of his doctors to resign his appointment. We echo the South Australian press comments of tremendous appreciation of his contribution to the State and of Sir Douglas's courage in fighting back to health. Our prayers are with him and Lady Nicholls.

Business Sessions again took the form of two evenings in the Adelaide Girls' High School in Grote Street opposite the church and the Conference Centre. This allowed us to meet in the Price Assembly Hall and disperse to ten different rooms for deliberative groups led by Conference Executive members discussing notices of motion and the departmental reports. Plenary sessions

were held on Saturday morning and afternoon.

Appointments made by Conference included the reappointment of the Conference Secretary, Ed. Roffey, B.A. for another five year term from Jan. 1979 to December 1983, and for the third term for D.C.E. Director Gerald D. Rose, B.A. L.Th. to December, 1981.

Colin G. Dredge, B.A., A.A.S.A., Dip. R.E., L.Th. was appointed for five years as Christian Rest Homes Administrator with the constitutional rights of a departmental director, from Feb. 1978. Mr Dredge is known from his previous ministry in S.A. and will be appreciated also for significant further experience and qualifications gained while at Lyons, A.C.T. and in Queensland.

Ecumenical Relationships were the crux of three notices of motion. One was machinery to reassess the charter and composition of the Joint Advisory Council consisting of Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian and Churches of Christ in view of the union of three of the four Communion. J.A.C. is the responsible body to initiate and to serve United Parishes in S.A.

The second such notice of motion came from the Unley congregation stating "THAT as a Conference of Churches that came into being to plead for the restoration of New Testament Christianity and the unity of all God's People, we rejoice with the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches on the eve of their union into the Uniting Church of Australia. We express our goodwill to the Uniting Church and assure them of our continued co-operation, both through the Joint Advisory Council and our local congregations".

The Ungarra congregation had given notice of motion calling for a vote at congregational level in nine month's time and to conclude one month later "to affirm or

negate our present affiliation with the South Australian Council of Churches". Of the 146 delegates present 29 voted for the motion. The remaining procedural clauses then lapsed.

Three notices of motion were presented by the D.C.E. and were all readily passed. Approval was given to set up an investigating committee to report on the possible establishment of an INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING and to report to the Conference Executive during 1977.

A lengthy notice of motion addressed itself to UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. Member churches are asked to provide help for young people out of work by concern, pastoral oversight, assistance in job hunting, activities and finance for planning use of leisure. Individual church members as employers are urged to use various government subsidy schemes to employ unemployed young people. Governments are commended and further encouraged in present and possible extension of programmes to assist unemployed young people.

The third D.C.E. notice of motion drew attention to the Stan Stewart "Report on the Church's Ministry to Children" and urged "member churches to establish Committees to evaluate their ministry to children at Board level in the light of the Report's comments and recommendations".

Departmental Reports Highlights: It was clear that many churches had already responded to last year's educational programme concerning financial support for departments of Conference. The offering content of departmental finances increased from \$70,791 to \$86,088 in 1976 exceeding the budget of \$80,500. With additional and proportionate support pledged from some congregations Conference adopted a

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Frank Johnson



Bob Brown

CHURCHES AND THE TRADE PRACTICES ACT

The Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches has called for the removal of Section 45 D of the proposed amendments to the Trade Practices Act presently before Federal Parliament.

The recommendation, adopted unanimously by the Executive, urges the removal of Section 45 D because it "would infringe seriously on the rights of individuals and groups". Such concern by the Council is seen as "consonant with the ACC's previously declared concern with Human Rights throughout the world."

In a paper presented to the ACC Executive Committee, the effect of Section 45 D is outlined as limiting freedom by making a crime of discussion, planning or implementation of strikes, black bans and other industrial action. Even if the strike did not eventuate, individuals openly discussing such a course of action may each

be liable to a penalty of up to \$50,000, and the union to a penalty of \$250,000. Freedom of individuals is particularly at risk and the clause could be an effective means of preventing any opposition to the Government and employers by any section of society.

In a subsequent resolution, the ACC Executive agreed to "request the Government for provision of adequate public discussion of proposed legislation which affects the rights of people and values in society." The recommendation went on to request that copies of proposed legislation be made widely available for public discussion.

The resolution was moved by Neil Gilmore of Canberra who expressed his personal experience of the difficulty of finding out what was in the proposed legislation to bring about the closure of legal aid offices in Canberra.

DAY CENTRE OPENED

(Georgetown, N. F. Proellocks). Ald. Lewis, representing the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, officially opened a Day Centre on April 21 for aged invalid citizens. Official guests were welcomed by members of the church and patrons came from five Nursing homes in the area as well as from Meals on Wheels. Two buses brought elderly citizens to the Centre. Mrs Gibbs from New Lambton entertained with her new organ and three soloists gave items. The Day Centre will continue on a weekly basis from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The morning session will include handicrafts, hobbies and morning tea is provided for 10 cents. A hot dinner for 50 cents is provided.

LOSS (Mile End, S.A.) The church is still suffering shock and grief at the sudden death of their minister, N. Gavros, on March 26 . . . G. Mathieson is taking morning services and Ron McLean evening services and mid-week meetings . . . John Rogers led Good Friday service and preached on Easter Sunday . . . Mrs Gavros is staying with relatives at Sunshine, Vic.

The gift of the spirit.

WORD TALK
NO. 158

Born of the spirit.

IN THE STUDY

When John Wesley spoke to Bishop Butler concerning the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, the Bishop replied "Sir, This pretending to extra ordinary revelation and gifts of the Holy Spirit is a horrid thing — a very horrid thing!"

Not many people would go as far as to say that these days. However, there are many people who still contest the thought of the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Theirs is not a New Testament position.

A Christian is one who is born of the Spirit (John 3:3-5) and the possession of the Holy Spirit is the distinguishing mark of the Christian. If anyone does not have the Spirit he does not belong to Christ (Romans 8:9).

Paul (Eph. 4:30) uses an interesting word when he says that we who have believed were sealed with the Holy Spirit. Sealing in ancient times was the mark stamped on to an article to give evidence of ownership. His thought is that the Holy Spirit is God's seal upon the believer. It is God's indication that we belong to him.

John (1 Jn 3:24; 4:13) indicates the reverse side of this. That if we possess the Spirit we have evidence to indicate that God abides with us. The presence of the Spirit is our assurance that God is within us.

To be born of the Holy Spirit and to know the in-dwelling of His power is on a New Testament basis (a) Evidence that we belong to God, and (b) Evidence that God dwells within us.

IN THE PULPIT

People who are re-born of the Spirit of God carry upon them certain birthmarks which for them are signs of joy. 1. New certainty. Our rebirth has come only through the work of the Holy Spirit. You cannot shout at a dead man to come back to life. We are dead in trespasses and sins. Only the power of the Holy Spirit has brought us back to life (Jn 16:8). We have been saved not by works but according to God's mercy through the washing of our regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). 2. New Life. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Life who quickens us (Romans 8:2, John 6:63). He now lives within us and our bodies are his temple. Our new

life is confirmed by His presence within us. 3. New Freedom. Paul indicates that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Cor. 3:17). We have been born into a new freedom where everything is of grace. We have been freed from the Law of sin and of death (Romans 8:2). 4. New Power. Paul's preaching came in a demonstration of the Spirit and of power (1 Cor. 2:4). Jesus was described as being anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power (Acts 10:38). He told his followers that with the coming of the Holy Spirit they would receive power. 5. New Guidance. Jesus promised the Spirit of Truth to guide us (John 16:13). He promised that the Spirit would guide us in our belief and in our witness (Mark 13:11). The New Testament Christian acted constantly under the new guidance given by the Spirit of God (Acts 2:4; 15:28; 16:6). These are the birthmarks of the Christian born of the Spirit of God. We need to live these marks joyously revealed to the world.

AMONG THE PEOPLE

Among the many residents of the Christian Retirement Centre at our Church in Cheltenham is Bill Ferrisey. Bill has very largely taken over the men's workshop built to provide a place where men can use power equipment in creative activity. Bill has set himself up a little business by restoring old furniture which he beautifully French polishes. I looked at the work in the workshops and noted how many of the pieces of furniture come in covered with paint, with woodwork battered, scarred, nail holed, and split. Furniture that looks useless and fit only for burning.

This man with loving care begins sand-papering and cleaning until he gets back to layers of fresh clean wood. Each piece of wood is carefully taken apart, remade and refitted. Soon the re-assembled piece of furniture is stained and gradually polished. As the days go by very soon a valuable piece of furniture completely remade and renewed is standing ready for its owner.

I thought later that the work of this master craftsman is not unlike that which goes on in the Church. Our Church is not an art gallery where saints are exhibited, but a workshop where a master craftsman by the power of His spirit remakes, renews, and refurbishes lives.

GORDON MOYES.

FELLOWSHIP BY TELELINK

Jim Dow, minister of the Kedron Church of Christ, Qld., conducts a regular weekly mini-service for folk who are at home alone and who do not fancy going out after dark.

So they have their service at home — by phone!

S.A.'s 103rd Conference

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budget of \$98,000. The Chairman of the Finance Committee indicated however that, although this support is encouraging, the budget does not really cater for expanding programmes.

Home Missions Department sought responses from Conference concerning the major thrust of its programme with the implication that it be in terms of leadership in Church Growth.

During the Aborigines Mission report Bob Brown and Frank Johnson were introduced as ministers under appointment from the Federal Board of Aborigines Missions to serve under the State Committee within and just beyond South Australia.

Both men addressed Conference with good bearing, clear voice, and a deep sense of mission.

During the Christian Union report a Resolution was passed asking that Department to inform churches from time to time concerning the work of the Council of Churches at its various levels of operation. It was reported that the Conference Secretary had just been appointed for the next three years Chairman of the S.A. Council of Churches Executive.

The closing act of the 103rd Conference was the Induction of the President — A. Neil Bright. Appreciation of a significant Conference year under the leadership of Neville S. Moore was expressed. A new year opens with the Conference theme: "Fervent in Spirit, Serving the Lord".

Ed. Roffey.

**Church of Christ
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75th
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Plan to attend. Ron Mill (Sec.)

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Telelink is a new form of communication. It started a year ago at the suggestion of Brisbane City Council Welfare Officer, David Ament. He thinks it is the first of its kind in the world.

People who are house-bound; the incapacitated, the isolated and the old, are put in touch with one another by phone and given a new opportunity for sharing friendship.

This kind of service has been available for years and has been used for such things as business conferences, high level union discussions and the selection of test cricket teams. But now it is being used to overcome loneliness.

Jim Dow took up the idea out of pastoral concern. His programme has been operating for only a short time, but it has already proved valuable.

He starts his programme by phoning Telecom 011 and giving the operator the phone numbers of the people to be linked up. Ten persons is the maximum. The operator then links up the folk concerned and the lines are open.

Those in Jim's Telelink are widows, and he admits that he is still finding his way in mastering the medium, and is still a little nervous in having an audience he can't see.

He greets every person by name at the beginning of the service and has a chat with them. He follows with a prayer and Bible reading, and then there is a further conversation. The session lasts 25 minutes and has been very well received by the shut-ins.

The cost is 50c per person, plus nine cents for each call, but you couldn't put a price on the value of such a ministry to the shut-ins.



JIM DOW, Minister of the Kedron Church of Christ, chatting with a member of his unseen congregation on the telelink hook-up.

Long-Week end need not be lost

June 10-13

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INNER SPRINGS

Where are you going?



In the course of daily living many of us are exposed to what I like to call second-hand dishonesty. We don't steal anything, but we are not averse to accepting something that is acquired by someone else, through questionable means. Whenever some well meaning friend offers me some such gift my answer remains always a gentle refusal. I have learned to recognise these gifts for what they are. Subtle temptations to lure me into lowering my standards, not much perhaps, but enough to prevent me entering God's presence with a clear conscience and a joyous heart free from what one has referred to as "the world's slow stain". "Grieve not the Holy Spirit within you" says the Bible. Whether our dishonesty is first hand or second hand, it remains dishonesty and is a grief to our Lord when we practice it.

Satan would have us walk with one foot in his and the other in God's Kingdom. A position that we cannot maintain without crippling our spiritual life. Sooner or later both feet must stand together in one place. And the choice is always ours where that place shall be.

To every man there openeth
A way, and ways and a Way
And the high soul climbs the High Way
And the Low soul gropes the low
And in between on the misty flats

The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High way and a low
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go.

Prayer Deliver us O God from our weaknesses. Enable us to recognise temptation when it comes to us disguised and to put it from us, in Thy strength.

Ephesians 4:23-30

Amen.
Florence Rosier

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1977 CONFERENCE

"The Love of Christ" was the theme used by our President, Don P. Butler, during his term of office and the Conference rallies just concluded. This theme was taken up by our visiting guest speaker, Rex Ellis, Principal of Woolwich Bible College, N.S.W. at three evening rallies and on Sunday afternoon.

All of the Conference meetings were well attended and the general offerings appreciably higher than last year (\$323 compared with \$233). The Sunday afternoon offering for the Preachers' Provident Fund amounted to \$360 (\$394 last year). A new approach to the business sessions was taken this year with the introduction of deliberative action groups discussing the committee reports on Friday evening and the questions raised being answered in the plenary session on Saturday. Delegates were enthusiastic about the general approach and it seems sure to be used again next year.

Elected to Office

The incoming President is Brice Wells, pastor of the Rivervale Church and the committees were elected for 1977-1978: Executive: N. B. Wells (President), L. T. Jones (Pres. Elect), J. R. F. Fabry (Sec.), Miss M. J. Peacock (Asst. Sec.), A. E. Chatfield (Treas.), D. P. Butler (Past

Pres.), K. J. Patterson (State Organiser), L. Cox, D. K. Croot, R. H. Davey, G. J. Hall, A. Urquhart.

Aborigines Committee: R. Abbott, R. T. Cook, H. Folland, F. H. Griffiths, R. Hawker, S. Holman, Mrs W. Heuvink, Mrs R. Kilworth, L. Komorowski, Mrs V. Pallot, L. H. Park, Mrs A. Wise.

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Aged Persons Homes Board: T. G. Banks, R. Beard, L. Crawford, L. Jones, A. W. Maloney, A. W. Morris, Mrs K. Roberts, I. Stewart, W. Yeomans.

Christian Union Committee: R. L. Baxter, J. J. Collingwood, Miss V. Dean, J. Patterson, D. J. Ryle, Mrs R. Vincent, J. Western, Mrs R. G. Wishart.

Christian Centre Board of Management: J. Bridge, J. Fabry, K. J. Patterson, Miss M. J. Peacock, G. R. Povey, A. D. Pyne, R. Taylor, R. Thomson, A. H. Walkington.

Christian Welfare Centre and Counselling Services: J. J. Collingwood, Miss V. Dean, G. F. Hewitt, D. Ladbrook, N. F. Monson, R. Ruscoe, D. J. Ryle, T. R. Streeton.

College of the Bible Committee: W. Bennett, A. F. Cant, G. B. Carslake, K. C. Denton, R. A. Ryall, P. Shannon.

(Congregational Women's Fellowship) responded.

During the afternoon session recognition was made to our Senior Sisters (80 years and over), each of whom was presented with a small posy and bookmark suitably inscribed.

Mrs Isaac introduced the 1977-78 Conference President, Mrs E. J. Sewell (Manning). In response Mrs Sewell gave her motto, 1 Cor. 12:7-8 (Phillips Trans.) and outlined her programme.

A special feature "Fashions of Love" was produced by Mrs K. Ballantine.

Following afternoon tea the assembly moved into the City Chapel where the message was given by Mrs D. P. Butler. Many ladies shared in prayer, committing the new office bearers and the year's work unto the Lord.

The evening rally opened with a time of singing led by Mr I. Monger.

D. P. Butler brought greetings from General Conference and expressed thanks and appreciation of the Women's Conference for the support they give to the brotherhood.

Two messages in song were rendered by Mrs E. D. Hogben. Jane and Roger Hogben read the scriptures.

Rex Ellis (Principal, Woolwich Bible College) concluded the day with the message: "When God loves — God gives, God forgives, God goes and God foregoes".

— B. McIlwraith
Secretary

Home Missionary Committee: D. P. Butler, G. Butler, Geo. Carslake, D. K. Croot, J. R. F. Fabry, E. D. Hogben, L. T. Jones, L. H. Park, K. J. Patterson, Mrs V. Pollock, G. E. Powell, D. M. Pyne, C. W. Robertson, B. K. Ryall, Mrs J. A. Sonsee, Mrs R. Taylor, N. B. Wells.

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Social Questions Committee: Yet to be appointed.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted:

- That this conference recommends that church rolls and statistical returns be extended to include an additional heading "Missionaries in Service".

- That this conference conveys to the Federal Government its very strong objection to taxpayers' money being used to produce M-rated and R-rated films in the Australian film industry.

- That this conference condemns the use of filthy or indecent literature in our education system.

- That this conference calls upon churches to take a more active role in those issues which are the task of the church, e.g. evangelism, social work, moral issues, etc.

- That this conference of Churches of Christ in Western Australia views with increasing concern the growing number of divorces in the Commonwealth. The conference, while appreciating and supporting to the full the work being done through agencies and individuals associated with the Family Law Courts in the promoting of reconciliation in cases of broken marriages, yet feels that a more effective remedy to the situation lies in adequate preparation for marriage by the parties entering into it. In this connection, that is, the importance of the step being undertaken, the conference believes that the suggested provision of a longer period of notice of intention to marry is a step in the right direction.

- That in view of the intense controversy surrounding the nuclear energy issue, and the questions this raises for Christians as stewards of the Lord's earth, this conference calls on individuals and churches to study and debate the Ranger Report and further, urges the Commonwealth Government to allow ample time for public and Parliamentary debates before any decisions are made on this matter.

72nd W.A. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

THEME: "Love in Action" (1 John 4:7-8)
Mrs D. Isaac presided when 262 ladies met in Conference on April 21, 1977.

The beautiful floral decorations were arranged by Mrs G. Moignard.

Special greetings were extended to the new Ministers' Wives, to Missionaries and to Miss Baldwin (Victoria).

The morning meditation was presented by Mrs I. Moyses (Collie) developing her thoughts from the theme "Love in Action" followed by a message in song from Miss J. Marshall.

"Roses for Remembrance" service was conducted by Mrs M. F. Wyss. Twenty sisters were lovingly remembered and honoured as Mrs Moignard placed a rose in the Bowl of Remembrance, followed by a solo from Mrs D. M. Hughes, "In the Break of Day".

Reports and business were presented and considerable interest shown.

Mrs Isaac presented a gift of money from the sisters to Mrs Shirley Smyth prior to her going, with her husband, as missionaries to the New Hebrides. Shirley is WA's new Living Link.

Mrs Isaac welcomed to the lunch table representatives from other churches and organisations. Mrs Hawke

OPEN FORUM

1898 VISIT

To the Editor.

Your 1898 "visit" (A.C. April 30) should be of special interest to women throughout Australia, since Churches of Christ women in Victoria were the first in the Colonies to meet in a Sisters' Conference.

Following a visit to Sydney, when Mrs Thurgood spoke to the women of Newtown, a Dorcas society and Young Women's Christian Endeavour Society was formed in that church.

One small correction must be made. Charles L. Thurgood was not an American. He was one of a number of young men who went from Australia to the Lexington Bible College, Kentucky, to train for the ministry. After five or six years' training, he returned to Australia in 1882, bringing with him his new bride, Antoinette (nee Kense). He was born in England, and was the son of Mr W. C. Thurgood, a member of the Lygon Street church and for many years the treasurer of the Victorian Missionary (Home) Committee.

Betty Gilliaspie,
Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Archivist

SCIENTOLOGY

The Church of Scientology purchased the Cedars of Lebanon hospital complex in Hollywood, California, recently. Church officials, noting they had paid more than \$5 million in cash to avoid interest payments, said the complex will become a major training facility for Scientology.

APOLOGY

General secretary Philip Potter of the World Council of Churches apologized to the Church of Scientology for anti-Scientology remarks attributed to him last fall at an "informal meeting and luncheon". He said he hadn't known the press was there.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

A federal judge ordered the Federal Bureau of Investigation to file with the National Archives all of its tapes and documents related to buggings and wiretaps of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. The materials cannot be made public for at least fifty years, except by court order. FBI officials in the sixties reportedly played tape excerpts for some church leaders in an attempt to discredit King and keep him off important platforms.

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BROADCASTING SELF-REGULATION OPPOSED

The Australian Council of Churches has released the text of its submission to the current Australian Broadcasting Tribunal inquiry into self regulation of the broadcasting industry.

In the submission, the ACC expresses the conviction that self-regulation by broadcasters is not desirable primarily because of the excessive demands placed on licensees by commercial requirements. It outlines these requirements as including the demands of shareholders for adequate investment returns, the demands of commercial competition and the demands of competition with the ABC.

● On advertising: "The ACC believes there should be some limits, restrictions or embargoes on advertising because only a limited number of stations can obtain licenses and it is reasonable for licensees to be limited in what they can do.

"Furthermore, the ACC believes that much of the advertising, particularly that on television, leads to the attitude that ownership of consumer goods leads to personal satisfaction or "happiness".

● On Children's Programmes: "The ACC believes that there is considerable evidence of the exploitation of children through broadcasting and sees the need to protect children by such means as restricting advertising during children's time.

"For example, it is anomalous for Adults Only films, often featuring the most violent sections of the films, to appear during children's viewing time."

● On Religious Programmes: "The ACC supports the retention of Section 103 of the Broadcasting and Television Act (Statutory Time). "We believe that licensees have a responsibility for the welfare, including the spiritual welfare of the community."

The submission goes on to argue that the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal should be the authority to set, maintain, and administer these standards.

PHILIPPINES OPPRESSION

A pastoral letter issued by the majority of the eighty-two Catholic bishops in the Philippines was read from pulpits throughout the country. It attacked the government for allegedly interfering with the church's work of evangelization (the bishops say this includes the teaching of salvation, liberation, and social development). The letter complained that priests and other religious workers had been arrested and foreign missionaries deported. A military list was released charging 155 clergy and lay persons with "rebellion and inciting to sedition."

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

Our Jill's in love

To the Editor,

Our Jill reminds us of a pup we once had which used to bring home all sorts of odds and ends and joyfully present them to the family. Jill does the same with boyfriends. We dutifully put out the red carpet for them and pray that they will go away. So far they have. But lately Jill has been more discriminating. Her latest is Douglas ("Not Doug, Dad, Douglas!"). Douglas is a good lad and has been in the church and youth group for a couple of years, without the aid of his parents.

He first surprised us by telling us that ours is the first church home he's ever been in for a meal. We didn't believe it at first for ours is a hospitable church! Well, he hadn't been in our home for a start. We didn't think of it, of course. Had we thought of it we would have assumed that he would have been overwhelmed with invitations from others. Ours is a hospitable church! For once my conscience is clear though. Hospitality is the wife's department!

His other casually dropped bomb shell was that in all his two years at the church no one had ever spoken to him "about Jesus and faith and God and anything like that." I sprang to our collective defence and reminded him of our church services, the C.Y.F., family camps, and the share groups all of which covered these areas of theology. He agreed and went on to explain to this veteran of the church that if these things are as important as the Minister and everyone else says they are it's a wonder we don't talk about them as much as we talk about meetings, other church families, ourselves, the footy, the weather, and other people's morals.

And all the time our Jill was sitting there quietly nodding her pretty little head as much as to say, "Listen to him Dad, this is what I've been trying to tell you all along!" But, not to worry, Jill will probably have a different fellow next week. One of the sort that I can cope with ... with nothing between the ears.

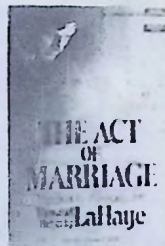
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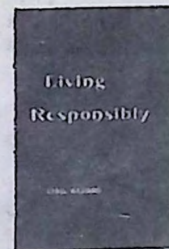
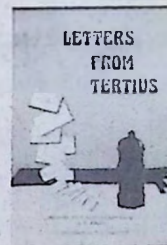
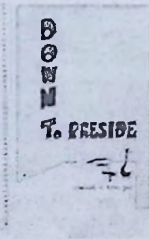
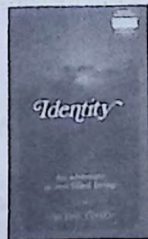
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● Renewal in the Church

POWER FOR SERVICE

"Any thing can happen these days", was Anglican Archbishop Wood's comment when he rose to speak at his last service before his retirement. He referred to the incident just before when the Roman Catholic Archbishop knelt before him to receive a blessing.

Rev. Vern Cohen, Warden of the Avalon Community, related this to the 90 people gathered at Hartwell for the April meeting for Praise and Prayer for Corporate and Personal Renewal, led by Trevor Holmes, minister at Mt Evelyn Church of Christ. These meetings have been held on the third Saturday of each month since last year.

"Anything can happen and does these days when people in all denominations are concerned for renewal and are seeking the Holy Spirit's "Power for Service". Pope John XXIII prayed before the Vatican Council — "Renew your wonders in this day as for a new Pentecost". About 80 Anglicans meet regularly for prayer, praise and ministry together. 50 clergymen witness to the fact that they are drawing on the Holy Spirit for "power for service". There are similar gatherings in other denominations."

Vern reported on the International Conference on the Holy Spirit and the Church and the Third National Catholic Charismatic Conference held in Sydney earlier this year: — "It was thrilling to hear 5,000 singing praise to God 'O For a Thousand Tongues' becomes redundant. One night a Dominican priest, Father Francis McNutt, knelt and embraced a Methodist minister, Rev. Tony Tyson, and each prayed prayers of reconciliation. The Spirit moved like fire — we were crying. 200 Catholic priests and 300 Protestant ministers came forward, praying for each other for healing of divisions in the Body of Christ."

SAVE THOSE TREES

The United Church of Canada is sponsoring a campaign to prevent the Reed paper company from cutting down more than 16,000 acres of timber in Northern Ontario.

A church survey declares that the result would be an "ecological catastrophe". It would seriously affect Canadian Indians. Promises were given that the Indians would be consulted, but the promise has not been kept.

AUSTRALIAN IS SYDNEY CRUSADE DIRECTOR

Barry Berryman has been appointed Crusade Director of the 1979 Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney. The Anglican Archbishop, the Most Rev. M. L. Loane, K.B.E., asked the Billy Graham organisation that Mr Berryman

Vern then shared his own experience. "I had once said at the cathedral that if God took His Holy Spirit out of the church that 90 per cent of it would just keep on going as usual. We need to put a bomb through the minutes and business of our guilds and men's societies and get to praying, praising and building up the Body. At one stage I had reached rock bottom. My ministry, marriage and all I held important were about to crumble. I left home after a quarrel with my wife to go to a retreat where a fellow ministers called for people to come forward to receive the Holy Spirit — "Power for Service". I was reluctant to respond but when I saw others returning, so obviously changed, I had to go forward too. In tears I knelt at the rail and was filled with a great peace. I was ashamed to return home to my wife, but I prayed that God would have blessed her as he had me. He had!"

Finally Vern gave some practical advice. "Avoid Holy huddles — gather together that the Holy Spirit, who gives power for service, may flow through your congregation. Begin by sharing love — love, joy, and peace are signs of the Spirit's presence. Stay within the discipline of your church. There are those who feel uncomfortable with clapping and raising their hands, however, the joy found in the Holy Spirit often leads to these forms of worship. Don't quench what God is doing in the church. Don't worry if tongues isn't part of your experience — keep praising God and eventually you will run out of words and God will have to give you a special language. The power and the Gifts are not for our own enjoyment but for service, that God's love may flow to those about us in a time when we are approaching what could be the end of our civilization." — K. J. Clinton.

should be appointed to this position for a two year period.

Mr Berryman will relinquish for two years his local responsibilities in order to represent the interests of Dr Graham in the total preparation of the Sydney crusade.

The Right Reverend A. J. Dain is the General Chairman of the crusade.

The crusade is scheduled for April/May, 1979.

WALKATHON (Gardiner, L. S. Dewberry) C.Y.F. Walkathon raised money for petrol for New Guinea Mission. Extra \$70 from club funds and donations from church members sent direct to Greg Law ... Young people took part in recent evening service ... Coffee Hour held for mothers of S.S. children ... Church picnic held in grounds of Scotch College ... More children have been added to S.A.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S JUMBLES

IF CRUEL, OR KIND. The first is the name of an Old Testament king, but is often used (not in the Bible) as a name for Satan. The second is the name of the stream Jesus crossed on the way to the garden where he struggled against Satan and where he was betrayed. (see page 18).

NO GRUDGE

Abraham Lincoln was popular with most Americans but he certainly wasn't popular with a man named Stanton. Stanton was Attorney General for a President of one political party. Lincoln was seeking to be President with the support of the other party. Stanton thought that Lincoln as President would be a bad thing for the country and tried his best to stop Lincoln from being President. However, Lincoln won and soon a terrible Civil War broke out. Wanting the best man for a hard job, Lincoln appointed as Secretary of War none other than E. M. Stanton. Stanton worked wonders and quickly raised an army of a million men. He had an officer named Ulysses Grant made Commander of the Army which won the war. Later Stanton was made an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Lincoln was a great man and one thing that helped to make him great was that he did not hold grudges. That is the way Christian young people should always act.

Victorious

A mother repeatedly asked her small daughter to sit down. Finally she took her by the shoulders and forced her to sit.

Looking up, the little girl announced, firmly, "I'm still standing up inside."



"Then the little bear asked the papa bear, 'Why must I go to bed so early?'"

GOOD COMPANIONS ON THE JOB

When a goal is set, we keep our eyes on the progress to see whether the goal is likely to be achieved.

If the goal is achieved, we may be mildly surprised and certainly glad that someone has a sense of achievement, whilst others will benefit as had been hoped.

But when the result more than doubles the goal set, the smile of satisfaction reaches from ear to ear.

To be specific, Victorian Good Companions Clubs set out to raise \$1500 for Norseman missionaries during 1976. Their effort is symbolised in the cheque for \$3005, recently handed over to the representative of the Vic-Tas. Aborigine Mission Department for despatch through the Federal Board to Norseman.

For many years the clubs have shown a very practical interest in Aboriginal girls and boys, demonstrated in project efforts, sponsoring of children through the Child Support Scheme, and constant quest for knowledge and information of darker skinned girls and boys of their own age.

As well, there has been a recognition of the tireless efforts of foster parents on the fields — those who act on our behalf to maintain and train "the family". The Good Companions Executive remembered not only the long hours spent in this work, but the privations under which they work, and the fact that so often, foster parents personal equipment is the media used in the training.

Although gadgets have a habit of wear-



On behalf of the Good Companions, Mrs Betty Hartney presents a cheque for \$300.00 to Mrs Phyl Lynch, representing the Aborigines Mission.

ing out, the rate of wear is so much faster, the availability of additional or replacement items is limited, and often beyond the stretching of the missionaries pay packet.

Little wonder, then, that the girls determined to ease the burden. Not being able to ease it in all areas, they chose Norseman as their prime aim — and the result of their work is amazing.

Where did the money come from? Walkathons, bikeathons, sleepathons, wakeathons, bakeathons, dutch auctions, sales of work, sweets, cakes, car washes, concerts, trash and treasure, fashion parades, "Miss Good Companion" quests, direct giving, etc. etc. etc. In fact, just about any way money can be raised.

The girls are very enthusiastic, and thrilled at the amount raised — just anxious now to get on with their 1977 project.

The Federal Aborigines Mission Board says "Thank you girls, it's a mighty effort. We are proud of you and your leaders . . . the result of your work will greatly assist the mission family at Norseman". The State Department adds its deep appreciation of such a colossal effort.

God bless the Good Companions in their activities and future efforts.

CTA BACK IN RADIO

The Christian Television Association of Victoria under its director, Douglas Tasker, has made quite a reputation for its short features produced for TV. They have been widely acclaimed, have won many awards for excellence and have been used interstate.

Radio work of the Association has not been so prominent over recent years. Now there is another move to use the other half of the home media to spread the Christian message.

Peter Thomas has been appointed as full time radio director of the CTA with the responsibility for preparing and producing programmes to be used by all of the major stations. These are to commence almost immediately. The first series entitled "Celebration" will be aimed, as the TV series is, at everybody, and not specifically for those already in the churches. It is on this very question that the CTA has received some criticism. Their programmes have avoided "churchy" situations and "religious" phraseology, but they have talked to people where they are. The new radio programmes will also try to reach ordinary people in their homes and going about their daily work and will confront them with the fact that Christ is there.

The series "Celebration" will emphasise the fact that without Christ life can be empty. Other programmes in preparation are related to "Healing" and "Staying in Love."

Peter Thomas has had wide experience in television and radio and was also assistant advertising manager of the Melbourne "Age." He comes to his new task well-equipped in the field of communications.

JAPAN'S NEW BODY WAY

(Japan) — "One of the most important things going on among Christians in Japan today" — that's how a writer describes Shintaido.

"Literally it means 'the new body way'. But what is it? A martial art, like karate and Kung Fu? A physical fitness programme? Yes, it is all that, and much more.

"It claims to combine the physical and mental discipline of Christian spirituality. And the result? A new evangelistic technique.

"Here is a write-up of it, taken from the January issue of Japan Christian Activity News:

"Fifteen years ago Aoki, a promising young karate instructor who had become a Christian in high school, put away his black belt and began to work in a new direction. Martial arts had their roots in Japan's bloody civil wars, he explains now, and "times

have changed. The world doesn't need more violence; we have to move beyond physical force to human freedom and cooperation." Thirty experts in various martial arts joined him. Together they researched some of Japan's oldest combat techniques, studied the Bible and held Christian worship services. They gathered after work to practise in a local park, sometimes all night long. "There was no money," one remembers, "We lived on bread crusts." Along the way many in the group were baptised as Christians.

"From this combined effort was born Shintaido which defies existing categories. It can hardly be called a sport, Aoki affirms, because each member competes only with him/herself. The philosophy behind Shintaido makes it more than simply a physical fitness program. And

although the basic forms derive from traditional fighting techniques, Shintaido's emphasis on openness and cooperation with the partner removes it from the category of martial arts. Everyone in the group wears a white belt, and a rank beginner receives the same respect as do veterans of ten years' practice.

"The group's roots go deep into Christian faith. Without the teaching of Christ, says Aoki, Shintaido would never have been developed at all. To make progress in the practices, an instructor in San Francisco counsels, 'Sooner or later, you have to study the Bible.' One movement is based on the 19th Psalm. The weak also have an honored place in the body (I Cor. 12:22), Shintaido veterans remind discouraged beginners. And in a reversal of traditional roles, as non-Christian Westerners find Shintaido forms beautiful and want to know what lies behind them, Japanese Christians find themselves witnessing to what — and why — they believe."

— "CCA News"

TO CHURCH IN INDIA



Barry Jenkins, currently working in the area of church development in Melbourne's inner and western suburbs, has accepted an invitation to return to South India in 1978. The invitation is to pastor the Union Church at Ootacamund in the Nilgiri Hills, the highest point of the Western Ghats of South India.

Ootacamund is a centre of 50,000 people 100 miles south of Mysore City and Bangalore. At 8000 feet above sea level it is a hill station where Indians can escape from the heat of the plains. In the area there are ten English-medium boarding schools and a tertiary Arts College. Hebron School, a co-ed school established primarily for missionaries' children, will be fully located at Ootacamund by the end of 1977. The ministry at Union Church caters primarily for the schools

and the large English speaking population.

Maureen and Barry Jenkins previously worked at Hebron School (then Lushington) in 1967-1969. Since then Barry has ministered at Chadstone 1970-1972 before joining the Home Mission Department (recently incorporated in Dept. of Mission, Education and Development) to establish the Inner Suburban ministry (COCIAC).

One of the primary objectives in returning to India is to encourage the church to appoint an Indian pastor and structure itself for the changing economic and political situation.

The local church is unable to meet all the expenses involved in transport of a family from Australia and their living expenses, so the Overseas Mission Board

has accepted Maureen and Barry Jenkins, Stephen and Michael as a missionary family seconded to the Union Church. Churches or individuals wishing to support the Jenkins family as living links are invited to contact the secretary of the O.M.B.

The O.M.B. has had strong ties with the schools and churches in the Nilgiri Hills. Our Indian missionaries often spend their hot season holidays there — especially those whose young families are in the schools. At present the Mains have their children at the school. Like our Conference of churches in Western India, Union Church is affiliated with the Evangelical Fellowship of India.

“CHRISTIAN” RECEIVES GOLDEN BAG OFFERING

One of the features of the activities of the Victoria-Tasmania Christian Women's Fellowship is the Golden Bag offering. A special project is chosen for the year and the various fellowship bring donations to the annual Conference. For 1976-77 the good cause was “The Australian Christian” and at the Moorabbin Town Hall on April 27, an amount of \$3,220.00 was presented to the Editor, A.E. White.

On the same occasion further gifts were made to brotherhood departments. Cheques were presented to: the College of the Bible, \$1095.67; Overseas Missions, \$3,636.92; and Home Missions \$1705.87.

ROLF HARRIS WITH YOUNG KOREANS

“Land of the Morning Calm” is a full length feature musical film starring Rolf Harris with the Young Koreans, the World Vision choir which has toured Australia three times.

Co-star in the film is Ruth Buzzi, known in the “Laugh-In” series. The film was shot in South Korea.

Proceeds from the film will be devoted to World Vision's work in underdeveloped countries.

Screening times on TV are Melbourne, May 18, 8.30 p.m. (HSV 7); Sydney, May 18, 8.30 p.m. (ATN 7); Brisbane, May 18, 8.30 p.m. (BTQ 7); and Adelaide, May 25, 7.30 p.m. (ADS 7).

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL TO VISIT NEW HEBRIDES

Dr Keith Bowes, Principal of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, will arrive in the New Hebrides on May 19 to visit the churches and share with out Missionaries and New Hebridean workers.

Our island brethren look forward to the coming of Dr Bowes, and are ar-

ranging a busy programme for him. He will conduct Bible studies, speak at Youth Meetings and Church services. He will minister to our missionaries as well as New Hebridean brethren. Dr Bowes is the College of the Bible representative attending the Annual Meeting of the Overseas Mission Board.

THE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA

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MISSION INTERRUPTED

We are all saddened by the news that, for health reasons, Sir Douglas Nicholls, Governor of South Australia, has been compelled to tender his resignation, after serving for less than five months.

Although there were some who felt that the appointment of Sir Douglas was a symbolic gesture, a token of retribution to a people who have been sadly used and abused. But the Premier of South Australia, Mr Don Dunstan, strongly denied this. He said that the recommendation was made because Sir Douglas is a distinguished Australian who had shown his capacity for such an office over a lifetime of service to the community.

Sir Douglas did bring honour to his appointment, and he made his fellow church members proud of this recognition of a pastor of Churches of Christ. But he was not representing sectional interests, he was seeking to serve all Australians with integrity and devotion.

We deeply regret that he was not able to serve his full term, but we rejoice that for a little time a man of grace and prayer was in Government House.

Our hope is that Sir Douglas and Lady Nicholls will find health and happiness in a retirement that will still know opportunities for enriching his people, both black and white.

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The "Mart" will help finance the Churches activities which include the Singles Club, Family Counselling Services, coffee groups and a Couples-Club.

Community interest has been remarkable in terms of the generous donations of clothing and goods for the mart.

The cover picture shows Bob Aldred, the minister of Albury-Wodonga with an armful of clothes donated to the Mart. For another Albury project, see page 19.

BIBLE SOCIETY IN LITERACY CAMPAIGN

The Bible Society is helping the Guatemalan Government in its fight against illiteracy. The Government gives the names of all literacy course students to the Bible Society of Guatemala so special Scripture Literacy Selections can be mailed to them.

The Selections are free of charge and the Government provides free postage. In 1975 the Bible Society received from the National Ministry of Education a diploma of honour for helping the literacy campaigns in that country.

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OBITUARY

SAWDY, Peter

The chapel at Rockdale, NSW, was packed to capacity for the funeral of Peter Sawdy, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Sawdy, brother of Maryann and Louise. Peter was 18 years of age and had suffered from systic fibrosis. The tribute by Lyall Wylie, former minister of the church included the following lines:

He was a "special" boy
A boy especially lent
For just so brief a while
E're life for him was spent

He was a "special" boy
With strength we sometimes see
In those who suffer much
From early infancy.

His courage to accept;
His uncomplaining heart;
His gentle kindly ways
Though suffering was his part.

His quiet faith in God
Reflecting through the years
That quality of strenght;
Born out of pain and tears.

He was a "special" boy
Lent for just a while
To teach us many things
To help our hearts to smile.

As we recall today
And give praise to God above
For all we've learned and have
Through Pete — God's "special" gift of
love. L. Wylie.

STRONACH, Stanley Ritchie

In his 76th year, Stan Stronach died on April 16. A patient T.P.I. sufferer over many years he was prevented from active participation in the Church and from following his hobby of bowls over recent years. Nevertheless he maintained a lively interest in both areas, as well as his other hobby of reading, until the end. In a home communion Service on Easter day he showed his usual concern and interest for the things of the Church he loved, and which he served for more than sixty-two years. With Elsie, his wife of fifty two years, and family — two daughters, Leone, Mrs Beauchamp; Dawn, Mrs Phillips — he moved to Belmont from Portland in 1948. At Belmont he was church treasurer for eight years and for a decade his ministry was on the door. All who came under that ministry recall Stan's welcome, smile, kindly thoughtful word, and his neat Christian appearance. No matter the occasion or how atrocious the elements Stan was always the same gracious, loving person who in his Christian devotion was concerned for others. The Church was packed when relatives, workmates, sportsmen, R.S.L. personnel and the congregation assembled to pay tribute, say farewell, and pass on condolences to his loved ones. — W. Harford.

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COUNTDOWN FOR UNITING CHURCH

by Genevieve Cutler,
Publicity Officer Joint Plan-
ning Committee of the
Uniting Church

When the Uniting Church of Australia has its inauguration service in Sydney on June 22, it will bring together the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches with a "census" membership of two million.

The Uniting Church will comprise half a million or more people in 273 parishes, made up of 948 congregations in Victoria.

A variety of services is being devised. Drama, music and dance will depict the emergence of the new Australian church from the wealth of Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational traditions deriving from England and Scotland, and children are to be involved as fully as possible.

The Uniting Church has been a long time coming. The first proposals for a united church came from the Presbyterians in 1901. They suggested a Protestant Evangelical Church of Australia. Anglicans and Baptists declined but talks began between the three churches now uniting.

The urge to unity gathered momentum after the Inter-National Missionary Council meeting in Edinburgh in 1910 when churches began to be conscious of their

"sinful divisions".

The Canadian United Church (Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational) was formed in the twenties. "Ecumenism" came into the vocabulary with the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948 and gave impetus to moves for unity all over the world.

The leaders of the partner churches are adamant that the Uniting Church in Australia is not a merger of three into one. It is not a rescue operation, financial or structural ("better to have one full church than three half empty"). It is not a matter of convenience. ("Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists, I mean to say, what's the difference?")

Only the conviction that God wants his people united in a new church of his creating has driven the three churches to the struggle and prayer of the past few years.

The legal and administrative business of planning has demanded hours in committee, miles of travel and mountains of paper.

When the Church is born on June 22 a new vocabulary will come into being. "Methodist" and "Congregational" will disappear but "Presbyterian" will remain the name of the Continuing church comprising in Victoria, about a quarter of the Victorian Presbyterian Churches.

The Church has deliberately chosen to

call itself the Uniting Church in Australia because the desire for a wider unity even stretching beyond national boundaries will remain.

Most of the terms chosen come from one or other of the three churches, but "synod" and "parish" have an Anglican ring about them.

The national body is to be the Assembly with a President at its head. State Synods have a Moderator while Presbyteries of which there will be 13 in Victoria have a Chairman. A parish comprises a number of congregations.

"The Australian Hymn Book" will be used in the Uniting Church. Dr Harold Wood has been working on it for ten years and it is due in July.

Another quality which makes for good reading is the absence of sexist terms.

The document was drafted for a Church in which the gifts of all people will be allowed expression. It encourages the involvement of women at every level and even gives directions for their election to all boards and committees. "At least one third shall be women for the first six years" after which time presumably there will be no further need for such an order.

Increased lay participation has also been legislated for by recommending that at least half of the membership of boards and committees be lay people.

Lay people and women are therefore taking their place in the councils of the Uniting Church.

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Book Week

Book Reviews (From page 3)

THE PROBLEM OF WINESKINS (contd.)

However Snyder's answer is never simplistic. It is carefully argued and clearly presented. He argues very strongly for a concentration of our outreach to the poor — "The need is for ordinary committed Christians with the vision and dedication to work among the poor, to spend time with them, to live among them in some cases, to form, quietly and without fanfare, dynamic cells of Christian witness which multiply to transform the community for Christ." (p.49)

He argues against our over-emphasis on clergy, the sacrificial system and church buildings from the book of Hebrews which presents Christ as the only (and final) priest, the complete sacrifice and the replacement of the tabernacle/temple structure with His Body — the church.

Expanding on this theme, one chapter is entitled "Are church buildings superfluous?" and "Must the pastor be a superstar?" His answers are worth reading!

Five excellent chapters present Biblical material for new wineskins and deal with "fellowship of the Holy Spirit . . . the people of God . . . the mind of Christ . . . the place of spiritual gifts . . . the small group as basic structure."

Chapter 10 on spiritual gifts is one of the most valuable concise statements on this subject available. Although the five points he makes in this chapter are "misunderstandings of spiritual gifts today" which need to be corrected — he makes his points clearly and positively:

1. The tendency to deny or discredit spiritual gifts.
2. The tendency to over-individualize spiritual gifts.
3. The tendency to confuse spiritual gifts and native abilities.
4. The tendency to exaggerate some gifts and depreciate others.
5. The tendency to divorce spiritual gifts from the cross.

In this last section he explains that we would see Jesus as having all the gifts of the Spirit and yet the faithful exercise of his ministry led him not to the throne, but to the cross.

I have outlined chapter 10, not only to whet your appetite for the material you will find there, but also to illustrate Snyder's presentation — almost every chapter lists several points in the argument. There is enough material here for sermons (to be followed with cell group or open forum discussion) for a three months series. A series which would benefit any one of our churches.

— B. Jenkins

"THE ACT OF MARRIAGE"

The Beauty of Sexual Love

Tim and Beverley La Haye

There are many books available which offer advice to Christian people about most aspects of married life but which only skirt the real issues and devote a few pages to the art of mutual enjoyable love making. Christian couples have thus been left with the choice of not achieving complete fulfilment in their most intimate relationships or turning for help to secular publications which some sensitive people find unnecessarily crude and offensive. In this large (295 pages) paperback, well known Christian authors Tim and Beverly La Haye call on their experience of 28 years of married life and work together in many hundreds of counselling situations to present a book that is a frank, detailed and comprehensive manual on the art of love making for the Christian couple. The authors include chapters on the sanctity of sex, the art of love-making, family planning and over 50 pages on honest practical answers to common problems. The book is adequately illustrated with charts and with detailed results of surveys on many aspects of sexual life. Ministers, counsellors, married couples, and those contemplating marriage, will value this manual.

— K.R.M.

"GET MOVING"

By Dr Paul White

Many readers will recognise the author of this recent "Anzea" publication as the writer of the famous "Jungle Doctor" books which have now been translated into 80 languages. His life interest in, and knowledge of Christian literature has no doubt help Dr White realise the need for a good basic, straight-from-the-shoulder book of practical guidance for young Christians. "Get Moving" is the result. Those who in earlier books have appreciated his particular style will recognise that this same warmth and humour is evident here. The book contains thirty chapters on almost as many subjects ranging through from conversion and repentance to the occult, sex and marriage. Obviously, in 130 pages, no topic is handled in depth but in the final chapter he lists some useful books for further reading. The publishers suggest the book is written for 17-25 year olds. Today's thinking 14 year old's however would probably be able to understand the author's simple down-to-earth style and there is a desperate need for basic Christian books for that age level. — K.R.M.

IDENTITY

By Mini Jane Johnstone (Zondervan)

Identity would be an ideal gift book for young adults of either sex. Mini Jane Johnstone has produced a book that is a pleasure to read. By using the medium of prose, poetry, color photographs, and modern music she has created an atmosphere of beauty and relaxed meditation. The use of the first person enables the reader to identify with the author's quest for spiritual reality without feeling threatened. The numerous full page colour photos provide background that makes the reader receptive to the meditations which are aimed at helping young people to find Christian identity and motivation. The eight modern songs are provided with both words and music. The four sections entitled "Who Am I", "Where Am I Going", "Knowing the Dynamic" and "Putting It All Together" are also available as separate booklets. This is a book any young person would value. An excellent book for presentation to new converts on joining the Church.

—A.R.P.

"FULLY HUMAN — FULLY ALIVE"

John Powell

Readers will probably better understand this new title by John Powell if they have read his earlier books, especially "Why Am I Afraid to Tell you Who I Am?" In an early chapter he defines people who are fully alive as those who are alive in their senses, their minds, their will and their heart. Fully alive, fully human people need a vision of reality — the ability to see, accept, and love themselves as they are. He points to the dangers and inadequacy of irrational and unrealistic thinking, and introduces the reader to "Vision Therapy", a technique for reviewing our personal attitudes and insights. The writer includes several "Vision Therapy" exercises and in the final chapter relates his theories particularly to the Christian faith. The subject material is a little heavier than in his earlier books and some thoughts quite new. Some readers therefore will probably have to re-read some chapters as they go for better understanding. Like all "Argus" publications, the book is beautifully produced and illustrated. — K.R.M.

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VICTORIA

AT CONVENTION (Horsham, R. T. Roberts) Mr Roberts was guest speaker at the Easter Orange Grover Convention near Perth, W.A. He also pre-recorded three 5-minute TV talks ... Dr G. Kitchen, M. Carter, Dr H. Grey and R. Tucker were recent speakers ... A "Know Your Bible" class is being conducted by Mrs Marion Kitchen in her home ... Members attended N.W. Dist. Camp and Conference at Hall's Gap, April 23-25 ... C.W.E.F. held special effort for New Guinea Grass Country Medical Supplies ... Mr and Mrs Roberts attended State Conference in Melbourne ... Boys and girls held church parade on May 1 ... One Way Inn Coffee Club recommenced.

NO HANDICAP FARMING (Warragul, R. Pritchard) Gordon Phillips is a well known farmer and member of the church and is blind. He was guest speaker at the Men's Fellowship on May 1 and told "The Story of My Life." The address prompted many questions and he has been asked to come again to tell how he is able to carry out his farm work ... Phil Bell and Keith Pedersen are out of hospital and recovering; Mai Drew also home from hospital.

CONFERENCE FLOWERS (Oakleigh, Dr C. J. Mackenzie) The ladies of the church provided the flowers for Women's Conference at Moorabbin, and supported the President, Mrs Gladys Mackenzie who is recovering well after her accident ... Easter featured special choir music conducted by Miss Angela Youssef ... An audio-visual was presented at evening service by Mrs Briggs on visit to the Holy Land ... Church saddened by the death of Miss Dorris Gillespie, a member for many years ... Dedication service held on April 17 for Girls' Brigade and new officers ... Keith Skillicorn recent speaker on Leprosy Mission.

BOARD CHAIRWOMAN (Hampton, G. Fewster) Mrs E. Benjaminsen elected as chairwomen of the Officers' Board ... Study classes for young people interested in discipleship held on Thursday afternoons ... Advertising leaflets about the Good Companions and Explorers have been distributed at the local school resulting in an influx of new members to both clubs and attendances have doubled ... Mr and Mrs C. Henshilwood have left for England to visit their daughter.

GOLDEN WEDDING (Manifold Heights, A. E. Stevens) The church marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs L. H. Mountjoy with a special afternoon and presentations ... L. H. Mountjoy and F. B. Jacobi were appointed elders emeritus at the annual meeting. R. Howard and R. Wardle were appointed elders. New deacons are C. Wardle and C. Illingworth ... There have been two baptisms ... New gas heaters have been installed in chapel and hall.



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DIRECTORY (Albion, C. A. R. Smith). A Church Directory containing names, addresses and phone numbers of all who attend Albion has been compiled and made available to everyone . . . A Scripture Union team spent April 17 with the church taking morning and evening services, C.Y.F. and B.S. Films and techniques of Bible study were featured . . . A sign holder has been placed on local railway station. Colourful boards with helpful verses will be changed at intervals . . . At pre-Easter evening guest service the choir and guest soloist, Noel Jull, presented Easter songs. Bruce Roberts, Conf. Pres. and H.M. Director was guest speaker . . . C.Y.F. donated \$41 for Fuel Fund for New Guinea and \$40 was given by C.W.F. to help Aileen Draney's work.

GOOD SPIRIT (Annerley, R. Bennett). There have been 12 baptisms, six confessions, two transfers, 11 rededications and one to full-time Christian service . . . Recent speakers have been Dr Chae (Korea), Delroy Brown, and Dr Hammer . . . Twelve members attended Abundant Life Seminar and since then have shared in ten initial decisions for Christ . . . Fortnightly visitation in its fourth year has 25 members involved. Third annual Faith Promise closed with over \$4000 given to outside mission work.

FIRST FULL-TIME MINISTRY (Burleigh Heads) On April 1, Graham Hyman was inducted as the first full time minister of the church. Jack John Eley, secretary of the church, presided; the Conf. Pres., Bruce Roberts, brought a greeting; Noel Newton, minister at Southport, gave the address; and Eric Hart, Director of the Social Services Dept., pronounced the benediction. 130 attended the services and items were given by the two youngest Prince sisters and a ladies' quartette. . . The Adult Share meetings have 24 attending and the Youth Share group meets in the home of A. & Z. Stevens. 20 young people meet at the manse on Fridays.

TELE-LINK SERVICES (Kedron, J. Dow) Jim Dow interviewed on ABC Hospital Hour by Garry Ord re Tele-link, a weekly half-hour seven people phone-link evening church service, a first in Qld. and probably Australia. Jim conducted half hour services each night of Easter week and also fits in a Clinical Pastoral Education Course in conjunction with his Prince Charles Hospital Chaplaincy . . . Church Family Camp held at Caloundra . . . CWF and Women's Conf. Pres. Win Brumby conducted meeting at Acacia Ridge . . . Members help with Red Cross handicraft section in Geriatric Ward of the Prince Charles Hosp. weekly and six attended Women's Camp . . . EWF had evening with member Michelle Bensted — a therapy radiographer . . . Y.A.Y.M. had "Camp Out" on Enchelmar's property at Pomona, Anzac weekend.

FULL STRENGTH (South Perth, D. Nelson, L. Cox). Church has Board of six Elders and ten Deacons for current year. Six Deaconesses also elected . . . Associate minister, Leo Cox, will continue part time at Thornlie Church for rest of year . . . Recent improvements include new carpeting, repainting. A ramp entrance for disabled and elderly will be erected . . . Lawns and gardens in beautiful condition due to efforts of voluntary gardener, Joe Heiduk . . . Youth Club on Friday nights is led by David Bond and team. The Y.P. Singers took party of 30 to Mukimbudin Church for long weekend . . . Joan Eley, W.E.C. Missionary, was recent speaker . . . Rex Ellis was guest speaker April 24. Seven were baptised on that night . . . Annual Business Meeting paid tribute to Windsor Samuel for many years of service as Board Chairman . . . Leo Cox and Arthur Urquhart elected to State Executive.

THREE DAYS (Scarborough, K. J. Duffy). The Three Days of Easter presented by Y.P. at p.m. service . . . Bible Studies on Luke have commenced in five homes . . . Senior Youth Group held activities night and film . . . "Gateway" Youth and Family Centre attracts growing numbers.

PERTH CITY (R. Taylor) On April 3 a combined service was held with Presbyterian Assembly . . . A Communion Service led by R. Taylor, D. Cook and Miss Caddy preceded Good Friday Conference Rally . . . A Family Camp was held with Manning . . . Boy S.S. scholars are increasing in numbers . . . The CWF is led by younger members under Mrs Taylor. A Chinese lady gave cooking demonstration (very tasty) . . . On the 5th Wed. a barbecue-games evening was held at the Manse . . . W. Brown is now secretary, J. Collingwood, treasurer . . . Mrs Torrence and D. Povey have recovered from operations . . . D. & C. Bridge both passed with top marks in "Tropical Diseases" studies at Liverpool University and take up duties immediately in Bangladesh . . . Our membership included 5 octogenarians, all on active service.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN (Brooklyn Park, G. D. Agnew) Stan Stewart author of "Church's Ministry with Children Report" recent speaker at evening service and at meeting with S.S. staff over tea . . . Family Service attracted over 170 people including S.S. children and parents . . . New Youth Group for high school students now has 25 members . . . Special evening service on Maundy Thursday based on ancient "Service of Shadows" . . . Church participated in recent ecumenical ventures arranged

by local Inter-Church Council, including five week series of mid-week Bible Studies and a Palm Sunday procession with over 200 people marching through the streets. Combined worship service held in Catholic Church climaxed the march.

MINISTER INDUCTED (Fullarton, J. Luff) J. Luff was inducted into the ministry on April 14 by W. Bartlett . . . Miss Molly Johns elected Pres. of Guild . . . Miss D. Holstein speaker at CWF . . . Mr Jackson of Leprosy Mission spoke April 27 . . . Church combined with other Churches of District to present Cantata "Olivet to Calvary" in the Epworth Methodist Building . . . At combined service with Glen Osmond Baptist Church on Good Friday, Rev. F. Smith gave address . . . \$260 given for petrol for N.G.

MANSE PROGRESS (Victor Harbour, M. Lawrie). The tiles are on the manse roof and the electrical wiring is in. Mr Lawrie, soon to retire, will be followed by R. Mitchell and family . . . 33 church people went to Flinders Ranges for Easter Camp . . . B.S. held farewell afternoon tea for Lindsay Turner . . . 21 Ten C.Y.Fers attended overnight camp.



VICTORIA

ELDERS APPOINTED (West Preston, B. F. Goldsteen). Appointments at Annual Meeting: Elders — Basil Goldsteen, Betty David and Bob Robb; Sec. Bill Nash; Treas. Bill Griffiths. A committee system of administration instituted . . . Occasional choir formed . . . B.S. organised fancy dress social and Labour Day picnic. Kite flying was major activity . . . Good Companions hosts for N. Zone annual worship service . . . Ron and Coralie Hooper spent weekend at Mill Valley Ranch with Christian Fellowship for the Blind . . . 50 shared fellowship and study on Communication led by Mrs Cheshire at Anzac weekend family camp.

APRIL ACTIVITIES (Box Hill, S. Downie). Cricket Club Banquet and Presentation Night held . . . Chaplain Ed. Ots speaker and Y.P. from Blackburn H.S. on April 3 . . . Welfare Officer from Winlaton, Mrs Foyster spoke at C.W.E.D. . . . Good Friday combined service with Baptists. Speaker Bruce Rumbold and Soloist, Cheryl Calwell . . . Bruce Williams speaker April 10. Dulcie Gray, soloist . . . Y.P.C.E. held Japanese night . . . Changing Moods performed April 17 and Drama segment by Cherie Farmer . . . Y.P.C.E. speaker Author, Florence Rosier . . . Youth Service held with John Farmer, speaker.

VISITATION CLASSES (Swan Hill, J. A. Caporn). A series of four classes on the Technique of Personal Visitation is being conducted during May . . . The Southern Cross Boys Choir were guests at our service on May 8 . . . Minister shared in Seminar at Monbulk following State Conference . . . Ladies presided and brought scripture readings on Mother's Day . . . Mrs Caporn has returned home following surgery in Melbourne.

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TESTIMONY (Tweed Heads — Coolangatta, L. Wylie). Praise and Testimony service included testimony of Mrs Parry and her 27-year-old spastic son, Don, from Earlwood ... There have been five baptisms ... Family Picnic held on Anzac Day, included barbecue tea and a Sing Song round the Campfire.

SERVING (Chatswood, C. G. Taylor). Church has members serving on new Conference Committees, Overseas Missions, Property Trust, Woolwich, Bible College, D.C.E. ... Dr John Saxby recently elected to Eldership ... A. W. Stephenson was guest preacher on April 24 and Miss Billie Button was welcomed back after six months of illness and convalescence.

ANNUAL MEETING (Inverell, R. A. Powell). David McFetridge elected Secretary at Annual Meeting. Meeting also decided to continue support for Korean Sister Church and work at Armidale ... Six members attended Easter family camp while minister and five Y.P. attended Youth camp at Leslie Dam (Qld.) This camp contributed \$718 for petrol for N.G. ... Annual C.W.F. effort, by Mesdames L. Hamilton, M. Lowrey and J. Lowrey was held at Delungra.

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RETURN VISIT (Chadstone, K. A. Caulton) Group from Chadstone repaid a visit to Morwell and assisted in service . . . Explorers took part in outdoor sports, swimming sports and weekend camp at Leader's home . . . Good Companions visited Ashwood P.H. distributing flowers and small gifts . . . Special "Live Now" study held weekly . . . Rev. M. Carliss of Church of the Nazarene spoke at Baptism of Miss Lesley Jackson . . . Film night held at Waverley Cinema . . . Junior youth club meets once a month on a Sunday . . . CWF raised \$107 from a cake stall. Mrs Cath Hollman from Chadstone Paramedical Group spoke at recent meeting . . . Church regrets passing of dear friend Arthur Hocking.

TWO DECISIONS (York St., Ballarat, D. J. Gurney) Two teenage girls recently made confessions of faith . . . Intermediate CE held a bike-a-thon for the Bible Society, raising \$250. Visiting speakers included G. Holly (Bible Society) and Geoff Rowcroft . . . Evening Fellowship held Drug Seminar as community project. Speakers included S. McBride (pharmacist), J. Storey (social worker), Graeme Chapman (minister, Dawson Street) . . . Mr and Mrs Bert Feary celebrated their Golden Wedding . . . Over 20 attend fortnightly Men's Fellowship . . . CWF "Back to Begonias, Ballarat & CWF" had past member, Miss Irene York, as guest speaker, from Melbourne City Mission . . . 60 people share weekly adult study groups.

RUSSIAN MUSIC (Blackburn, E. C. Keating) Russian music and films were presented by the Slavic Gospel Group during Evening Service . . . 25 father and son bushwalkers spent Anzac weekend at Taggart . . . Gordon Stirling addressed both morning services April 24. Evening service featured surfing film and local

singing group. Miss Heather Keown led the service . . . Young Marrieds' Dinner enjoyed by all.

UNITED SERVICE (Maryborough, S. Warwick) Church filled to capacity when uniting churches and Salvation Army joined in Easter service. Speaker was Captain Cock from the Salvation Army . . . Maryborough church welcomes our "Christian in Fellowship" to stand for and fill any position in church if elected by a majority . . . Youth Group shared Sunday night service, March 27.

STREET STALL (Ascot Vale, Ian Corlett) CWF street stall raised \$111 . . . Members involved in door knock at Ascot Housing Estate.

HARVEST (Strathmore, S. K. Bannon) Sunday, March 27 was Harvest Thanksgiving Day. At 7 p.m. service Peter Wing Tang from Burwood Children's Home spoke and was interviewed. This was also S.S. Church Parade and Parents' night . . . Gary Burt has returned due to illness . . . Les Hill has been re-appointed as treasurer and elders are Ron Bucknell and Alan Jenkins . . . Open-air Communion Service held with barbecue lunch . . . Youth Service held at night.

FURTHER MINISTRY (Parkdale, R. E. Hillbrich). R. E. Hillbrich will extend his ministry for a further two years when present period expires at end of this year. Work progressing on redevelopment of Church hall and facilities. Men of the Church are assisting at regular working bees . . . At annual church business meeting on April 20 members decided to hold family service at 10.00 a.m., last Sunday in each month . . . Good Companions participated in Community Aid Abroad "Walk against Want" raising \$150 by their efforts.

MUSIC (Bayswater, B. Waldron, D. Armstrong). Two musical evening services featured Kym Horsley and Ray Thornley who played his Lowrey Organ and gave a testimony . . . \$580 for Overseas Missions was raised at a Plant

and Craft Stall over two days. A further \$130 was raised from an "apple-pick" at Ted Handasyde's orchard . . . CyF held several craft sessions and went ice-skating . . . Explorers Club and Leaders received several certificates and pennants at a Sausage-Sizzle. Representatives went from each section to the Bushcraft Day at Police Paddocks, Dandenong, where they did well . . . C.W.F. entertained Emmaus residents. Joy Steer spoke recently to C.W.F. and Good Companions.

MISSION AT PYRAMID HILL

Donald Prout, minister of the Colingwood Church of Christ recently conducted an eight day mission at Pyramid Hill in northern Victoria.

Children's meetings were held after school each afternoon, attracting young people who rarely attend Sunday School Bible School. Illustrated songs, quizzes, and film strips contributed to a profitable time.

Many of the children also attended the evening meetings conducted by Mr Prout.

When he spoke on "Freemasonry—Friend or Foe" a number of Masons attended and a question time was used. There was a packed church for the programme on the occult.

Folk came from Bendigo, Boort, Kerang, Lockington, and Shepparton. Wes James from Boort was song leader.

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sacrifices for the sake of Christ, but the church should be alert to see that the minister's health and service, his family, the education of his children, or the family's future are not unnecessarily or unfairly diminished. As the minister should be mindful of the church's position, so the church should be mindful of the minister's immediate and future needs.

It is most desirable for every church board (and department) to make a regular review of its relationship with the minister and included in that review should be the question of long service leave.

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One rarely hears of ministers going on long service leave. Is it that they don't want it, or can't get it? Are ministers legally entitled to such leave? Does it make any difference if a minister has a long ministry or a series of short ministries? What is the role of the Preachers' Provident Fund in helping ministers with this problem?

These questions have been asked because there is apparent lack of understanding between a church and its minister on the question of long service leave.

All States have L.S.L. Acts which place a legal responsibility on an employer to grant long service leave to a "worker" who has worked for a stated period. The period varies. In one State it is seven years and in another ten years of continuous employment as a qualifying period.

Whether a minister is to be regarded as a "worker" in the meaning of the L.S.L. Acts is open to question. In S.A. he appears to be legally included in the relevant Act and some churches and/or departments have been confronted with the liability for making relatively large long service payments for which little or no provision had been made.

Such legal obligation does not apply to ministers who have short ministries. But there is obviously a moral responsibility on the part of the churches to provide ministers with a standard of living comparable to the rest of the population and, of course, members of their congregations.

The Acts governing long service leave relate to workers who have satisfied certain conditions of satisfactory service with one employer. The Acts do not apply to professional men such as doctors, lawyers, accountants, or chiropractors who have their own practices, or to self employed persons such as farmers. con-

tracting tradesmen, and "small" businessmen. There are those who believe that ministers belong to the latter category rather than the first and that ministers are not generally regarded as having a legal servant and master relationship with the churches.

The cost of long service leave is usually passed on to the consumer as part of the cost of production or services. In the public service the cost is part of the taxes we all pay. Long service leave for ministers would be wholly borne by the church or department served by him/her.

The Preachers' Provident Fund acts as an agent for the churches and ministers so far as long service leave is concerned and, of course, has no resources or legal or moral obligation to make up for any lack of provision by the churches.

The P.P.F. has consistently maintained that the churches have a moral responsibility to see that their ministers are not disadvantaged in comparison with other members of the community. The fund introduced a modest fund scheme in 1959 at the rate of \$13 a year. This was increased to \$27 in 1962 and to one week's salary in 1968.

The provision now recommended by the P.P.F. is 1.3 times a week's salary as an annual contribution to long service leave. When the actual long service leave is taken it will be at the salary rate then operating. This is the reason for the 0.3 per cent loading. Even then, inflation may and probably will outstrip this provision.

Ministers would not desire their service with a church to be considered solely on the basis of legal or monetary obligations. A minister has a relationship with God, the church, his family, and the community. Just as some men and women gave up considerable material benefits to enter the ministry, they are prepared to surrender others in order to stay there. Ministers are also aware that the people with whom they worship and serve are also spending themselves and making personal sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel. Not all of their brothers and sisters in Christ enjoy the benefits of superannation or long service leave.

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