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MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE 1966 !



Mr. PAGE ORDAINED PREACHING ELDER

Those who were present for the Bible Study in Sydney on Thursday evening, February 10, were privileged to witness Mr. Roy Page's ordination into a higher office in God's ministry.

After the opening of the Bible Study, Mr. Wayne Cole announced that the entire study would be given to Mr. Gerald Waterhouse for whatever message he had to present. Mr. Waterhouse was in Sydney as part of his round-the-world tour visiting the various Churches and offices.

Then Mr. Cole paused and said there was something else which needed to be done first. After asking everyone to turn to Ephesians 4:11, he explained that within the ministry there are two

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The Ministerial Conference for 1966 is over!

Together with all previous conferences conducted during the 1935 years since Christ established His Church in 31 A. D., this year's conference has passed into Church history.

However, the many principles explained and decisions made during the important

WELCOME to Australia Mr. Waterhouse !

Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse, an Evangelist in God's Church, is currently visiting Australia! He arrived in "the land down under" on February 9 and leaves Perth, Western Australia, for South Africa -- via a five-day intermediate stop at Mauritius -- on February 28.

Mr. Waterhouse has been sent by Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong to visit the offices and Church areas in the Philippines, Australia, South Africa and Europe. He will also visit God's College at Bricket Wood and the Church

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MELBOURNE VISITED by Mr. COLE

Members of the Melbourne congregation arriving for Bible Study Wednesday evening, November 24, were elated to discover that the Director of the Australian Work, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, was present.

After some opening remarks, Mr. William Winner, resident pastor, introduced Mr. Cole to the brethren, some of whom had never seen nor

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sessions are destined to have far-reaching effects upon God's Church as a whole, and on God's people individually.

Yes, many -- if not most -- of the decisions made will affect YOU, personally! We hope you remembered to pray for the conference while it was in progress.

From Australia, three ministers were privileged to attend this year's meeting. Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole, were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Don Abraham travelling from Sydney. Mr. and Mrs. William Winner and their son Mark were privileged to make the trip

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Ministers Raised In Rank

One of the highlights of this year's Ministerial Conference occurred on Tuesday afternoon, January 4, when a very moving Ordination Service was conducted by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in the presence of the ministers and their wives.

Hands were first laid on Messrs. James Doak and Lowell Blackwell by Mr. Armstrong and all the Evangelists, as these were put, not by man but by the living Christ who is the Head of

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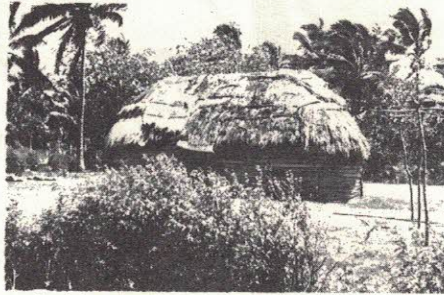
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geographical layout. Fiji is composed of many islands scattered over thousands of square miles of ocean. Some of the interested contacts would have had to cross hundreds-of-miles of open sea and this, together with extremely poor transport facilities and lack of finance, combined to make it difficult for some to meet the tour.

There is another factor though which



probably had some bearing upon the poor response in Fiji; and that is the carefree, lackadaisical attitude of the majority of the people. Most of the indigenous Fijians are lazy and indifferent, showing no driving desire to overcome their physical problems let alone their spiritual ones. So long as they have enough to eat and drink and sufficient money for their meagre needs, they are satisfied!

Such an attitude makes it extremely difficult to convict the Fijians of their need to change -- of their need to WORK on overcoming. And being so self-satisfied, indolent and slothful, they do not see the SERIOUSNESS of world conditions or of their own personal situation.

On Tuesday January 18 the team flew from Suva to Nuka'Alofa, Tonga. They were surprised upon leaving the air-

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Another *First* Sermonette

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." This statement applies beyond the giving of physical goods, as one Sydney Church and Spokesman Club member realized recently when given the opportunity to serve God's people in a new way.

Mr. Denis Anderson, a deacon in God's Church and past President of Sydney Spokesman Club Section "B," spoke to the Newcastle congregation on December 25, in his first sermonette.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been enthusiastic Members of God's Church for a number of years and, immediately prior to the 1965 Feast of Tabernacles, he was ordained to the office of Deacon.

Congratulations to you Mr. Anderson! We look forward to hearing more from you in the years ahead!

Brisbane Club Changes Officers

As Director of the Brisbane Spokesman Club, Mr. Roy Page announced the Club's new officers for the ensuing six months at the Club meeting on November 15.

The Constitution of the Club sets down the policy of granting the privilege of officiating to as many members as possible as they become qualified.

Mr. Page expressed his satisfaction with the outgoing officers, Messrs. K. Couston, T. Strudwick, J. Pitman, L. Smith and K. Gee, and announced the new officers as, President, Mr. Reg. Wright; Vice-President, Mr. Don Clarke; Secretary, Mr. Don Munroe; Treasurer, Mr. Bert Lowe; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Brian Harrison.

The Club will continue to grow as each member is whole-heartedly behind the new officers, and as he takes full advantage of the opportunities provided by the activities of the Club.

Mr. & Mrs. Winner on Vacation

About fifty or sixty members of the Melbourne Church gathered at the airport on January 2 to see their minister and his family, Mr. and Mrs. William Winner and son Mark, off and to wish them well on a journey which would eventually take them around the world.

The Winners' departure had two objectives. The first was attendance at the annual Ministerial Conferences at Headquarters in Pasadena. The second objective was a well-earned holiday. The Winners had not returned to America since their arrival in Australia in late 1962.

The Winners are to visit their families in the United States. And since Mr. Winner's home is on the Eastern Seaboard, and since the opportunity comes so rarely, it is just about as advantageous -- or more so -- to return to Melbourne via Europe. The first stop after the U. S. will be Bricket Wood, where they will view the College Grounds.

The return flight will take the Winners to such famous cities as Paris, Dusseldorf, Geneva, Rome, Cairo, Jerusalem, Bombay, Bangkok and Singapore.

The Winners are scheduled to be back in Melbourne about mid-February.

The Church extends its love to the Winners, and eagerly awaits their return and to hear of their experiences. We all say, "God-speed"!

FIRST TOUR FIJI-TONGA!

The first baptizing-visiting tour of Fiji and Tonga (called the "Friendly Isles" by Captain James Cook) was recently completed!

Mr. C. Wayne Cole and Mr. Don Abraham interrupted their return-journey home from the ministerial conference to take the tour. Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Abraham continued on to Sydney, leaving their husbands in the early morning of Saturday, January 15, at Nandi International Airport, Fiji.

The first meetings were scheduled for the same afternoon at Suva, the capital of Fiji, only a short 70 mile-45 minute



flight away by DC3 aircraft.

However, only one of the two men scheduled to be met at this time appeared. And, apart from meeting Mrs. Dorothy Pery, the only baptized member presently living in Fiji, this person was the only one contacted in Fiji. The other six scheduled to be contacted -- including five baptism contacts -- failed to meet.

This was probably due in part to Fiji's

Ministers Assemble In Sydney

As the number of years for the completion of the Gospel commission dwindle at a frightening rate, we are also witnessing tremendous growth within God's Church. The responsibility for feeding and guiding the entire Body is also increasing immensely.

No longer is it feasible for all of God's ministers around the world to return to Headquarters for the annual Ministerial Conferences. Yet, the LIVING Jesus Christ still reveals His Will through the chain of authority which He Himself instituted.

This is made possible by local conferences!

Here in Sydney, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Evangelist and Regional Director of God's Work throughout the Southeast Asian area recently convened just such a conference.

Local ministers in the Sydney area were joined by Mr. Royston Page -- Pastor of the Brisbane Church--in discussing many facets of God's Work and ways by which they could more effectively serve Christ in feeding His flock. The great need for continuing wisdom, guidance and unity throughout the entire Body will be more and more apparent as the months go by.

Contact with Headquarters through these local conferences is an effective way of ensuring the growth of God's Work.

Melbourne Member Dies

The Church of God News is saddened to have to announce the tragic accidental death of Mr. Ray Bennetts, a member of the Melbourne Church.

Mr. Bennetts, 26 at the time of his death, was married and lived with his wife in Sale, Victoria. The accident occurred about 12:30 a.m. on November 22, 1965. Three cars were involved. The Harry Alters, also members of the Melbourne Church, and the Ray Bennetts were returning home, the Bennetts' car following the Alters' car. A third car approaching from the opposite direction veered to the right onto the wrong side of the road. It first struck the Alters' car on the right rear fender, causing little damage. The vehicle then struck the Bennetts' car overturning it.

Mr. Bennetts died later the same day from the injuries he had sustained. The only ones injured apart from Mr. Bennetts were the third vehicle's young driver, who had concussion and broken bones, and Mrs. Bennetts, who had

only minor cuts and bruises.

Mr. Bennetts was buried on the 24th. The funeral service was conducted by Mr. William Winner, minister of the Melbourne Church.

Though we may be rightly saddened by the death of this faithful member of God's Church, we can take renewed hope of being re-united in God's soon-to-be-established Kingdom, living forever happy in the sure knowledge that death can never separate us from our loved ones again.

CONFERENCE — Continued from Page 1 and planned to remain in the U. S. following the Conference for their short, well-earned vacation.

The theme running throughout the sessions this year was the LATENESS of the hour in which we live. God's people must realize the URGENCY with which the primary commission given by Christ to His Church -- preaching the Gospel as a WITNESS to all nations (Matt. 24:14) -- must be fulfilled. TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The END of this age is FAST APPROACHING. And yet, much remains to be done!

Another theme constantly recurring throughout the meetings was the need for God's people -- for YOU! -- to use wisdom in their personal lives. Many Church members have Bible knowledge, but lack the vitally necessary wisdom to sagaciously apply that knowledge. God's Truth must be skillfully and judiciously used.

Also, members of God's Church must learn to make their own decisions. Many want God's ministers to decide how they should handle their problems. They don't want the ministry to merely guide them into understanding the principles involved so that THEY can make a wise decision. They want the ministry to TELL them, "do this, relieving them of any responsibility whatsoever in making decisions!" However, this is NOT the responsibility or purpose of God's ministry. Members themselves must learn to make decisions!

As is usual during conference time, there were other planned activities designed to provide the ministers with relaxation and diversion.

The annual Ministerial Ball was the highlight of these "extra-curricular" activities. It was held in the attractive setting of the Castaway Club, which is situated high up a hillside overlooking the glittering lights of the Los Angeles-Pasadena basin. "Progress" in the Work of God down through the years was the theme of the Ball, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Highlights from the Squaw Valley Revue

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Church Picnic Enjoyed By All

Solomon wrote there is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

Well, Sunday, December 19 was the day set aside by the Melbourne Church brethren to laugh -- and with good reason, too! For on this day the Church picnic was held at the peaceful beauty spot of Upper Yarra Dam, about 70 miles from Melbourne.

And the Upper Yarra Dam Park proved to be well equipped for the occasion. A very fine sports ground made it possible for the more active members to participate in a number of vigorous games. At the same time, the amply wooded grounds made an ideal setting for relaxed fellowship. Some of the more talented provided music on portable instruments for general entertainment and enjoyment.

Even though the weather could only be described with superlatives -- perfect for outdoor eating -- the park provided a roofed eating area which enabled everyone -- around 200 -- to be seated and to eat together.

Understandably, appetites were sharp. However, there was more than sufficient food, ice-cream and fruit juices to satisfy the most famished present.

The day was very successful in every way, and gave another excellent opportunity for begotten members of God's family to get to know and understand each other more perfectly.

Ambassador College Confers Degrees

Ambassador College has conferred high degrees upon three ministers in God's Church recently for the successful completion of work done in its Graduate School of Theology and Education.

The Doctor of Theology Degree has been conferred upon Mr. Roderick C. Meredith. Dr. Roderick Meredith is an Evangelist in the Church of God; he is the Superintendent of Ministers and is Pastor of the Los Angeles Church of God which has a membership of over 500. He is on the Board of Trustees and is Second Vice-President of Ambassador College. In addition to being Guidance Counselor of Men at Ambassador, he serves on the faculty as a Professor of Speech and an Associate Professor of Theology. Dr. Meredith is also Senior Editor of The PLAIN TRUTH and The GOOD NEWS magazines.

The Doctor of Education Degree has

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church picnic by narrabeen lakes

On Sunday, December 12 at 9 a.m. it began -- a crash programme of joy -- the Sydney Church picnic at Narrabeen Lake.

Of course, everyone KNEW the day would be a success, but this was exceeded! It was a HUGE success.

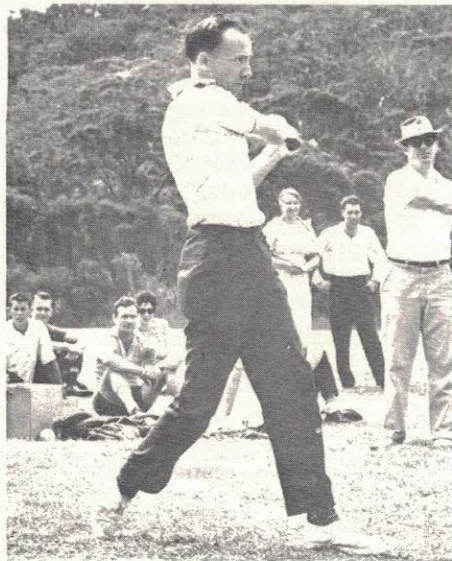
For some, the picnic began long before December 12. The organizing committee took no risk on any slip-up. The steaks, ice-cream and watermelon, along with innumerable other necessary items, had to be "on the spot" just at the right time.

The National Fitness Camp on the shores of the lake provided every needed facility for about 400 members and families to have a jam-packed day of happy fellowship. A large roofed barbecue set in a wooded area close to the lake front, made an ideal dining area for the steak and covered-dish lunch.

A particularly fine feature of the area is the playing arena. During the morning especially, several softball games were in progress at the same time, plus volleyball. This still left a cricket pitch available which was used later in the day. The vigorous participation in the sporting activities -- by the ladies also -- was a noticeable feature

of the day.

It was very warm all day, even through the period of rain experienced at the lunch-break. The rain had some slight nuisance value but, overall, was probably a great blessing as flies have reached dangerous proportions in the



area this year. The rain removed the problem.

Watermelon, ice-cream and iced fruit juices were the afternoon's fare. The afternoon also saw a dramatic shift in the sports activity -- from the land to the water.

Swimming sports included a mixed

water-polo game which turned out to be a great spectator feast for the non-swimmers. As entertainment, this was supplemented by "fancy diving" by some of the more adventurous, swinging from a rope suspended from an overhanging tree limb.

The day was an unqualified success and a big thank you must go to Mr. Cole and the organizers, for making it possible. We look forward to seeing everyone -- including those brethren who travelled in from as far as the Newcastle area -- at the next BIGGER and BETTER Church picnic!

Death of Brisbane Member

God's Church extends sincere and deep sympathy to Mrs. Beryl Wyatt and family of the Brisbane congregation. We were deeply saddened by news of the death of Mr. Wyatt on November 28.

In his very comforting funeral service, Mr. Roy Page made it abundantly clear that God does exist, and that although it is appointed unto all men once to die, there is coming the time when our All-Powerful Creator will call forth all who are in the grace.

Let us all be deeply thankful for the Truth of the Scriptures, and the encouraging promises God has given us for the future.

gone fishin' ---

With blythe hearts and visions of landing trout of hitherto unheard-of-size, a foursome consisting of Messrs. C. Wayne Cole, Clarence Huse, Trevor Higgins and Mal Staples set out on Sunday, December 5 on a three-day excursion into the wilds of the Blue Mountains to the Kanangra River.

At "Packsaddlers" located at the extreme end of Megalong Valley below Blackheath, the horses used to transport the party the fifteen rugged miles to Kanangra River were waiting. A worthy packhorse named "Thunder" carried the party's goods and chattels. Some was packed into two saddle pouches while the remaining gear was deftly disposed of in a large roll and several sacks, fastened on and about Thunder's back. And so off the party set.

A short, sharp climb brought the group to the top of the first ridge which extended a breathtaking view of the rugged ranges. Steep and broken, the Blue Mountains offer many hazards to the inexperienced venturer. The descent proved steeper still. The party was soon travelling down the dry, boulder-littered bed of Carlon's Creek.

At Breakfast Creek pools of water began to become more frequent; later changing into a gently flowing, gurgling mountain stream. At last the party emerged into the broad and open course of Cox's River, where a breather was

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God's Church, into the office of Preaching Elder. The same office was to be conferred on Mr. Kelly Barfield, who was not present, as soon as the Conference was over.

After this, four men were raised to the office of Pastor. They are Messrs. Dennis Luker, Arthur Mocarow, Harold Jackson and Arthur Craig. Mr. Jackson has the distinction of being the first ever member of the Negro race who has been ordained into such a high office in the present era of the Church. He did not attend Ambassador College.

Messrs. David Jon Hill, Dibar Apar-tian, Leslie McCullough and David Antion were then raised to the rank of Evangelist. These men had shown by their fruits that they were ready for the tremendous responsibility that this office carries.

Let us be thankful to God that He does supply men to fill the offices and let us continue in our prayers for more labourers because they are very much needed.

COLIN BATT ORDAINED DEACON

On the Sabbath of October 23, the Melbourne congregation were witnesses to the ordination of another -- the THIRD -- DEACON in the Melbourne Church.

Mr. Colin Batt, upon whom this office has been conferred, has been a very enthusiastic and friendly member of God's Church since 1961. Although he is a tradesman bricklayer, Mr. Batt also conducts his own wall and floor tiling business.

Also, we have it on good authority he is a lover of the great outdoors, and has in the past held leadership positions in various outdoor organizations including the Search and Rescue Organization of Victoria.

However busy Mr. Batt may be though, he certainly isn't too busy to serve his brethren. He is currently Vice-President of Melbourne's Saturday Night Spokesman Club.

Incidentally, for the information of you brethren who have attended the last



two Feasts of Tabernacles, Mr. Batt was the "Safari" leader who took the audience on the "lion hunt" during the Fun Show.

CONGRATULATIONS Mr. Batt from all God's people throughout Southeast Asia! May this be the beginning of many years of faithful service to God and His people, and of even greater growth and development in the future service of God Almighty.

MELBOURNE VISIT

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heard him speak before.

Mr. Cole first expressed his delight at being present, and stated that a visit to Melbourne had been in his mind for some time.

In the next hundred and five minutes

he covered many points of interest, among which were: a world trip for Mr. and Mrs. Winner and son Mark, a baptising tour of New Zealand in early 1966 possibly to be taken by Mr. Cole himself with Mrs. Cole, and plans underway for advertisements to be placed in "Women's Weekly" or possibly a daily paper. Some facts about the Work in Australia were also given.

Mr. Cole said that the Work was moving along very smoothly and that at least a thousand persons were attending Sabbath services throughout the country. He quoted the figures both on the amount of mail and money "lost" somewhere in transit from the people to the North Sydney Office, and on the approximate income of the Work.

Mr. Cole was also present for services the following Sabbath.

Many, through information gained by the "grapevine," had come a long distance to hear the news and the message. Mr. Cole's sermon was prefaced with a sermonette by Mr. George Thomson and comments by Mr. Winner.

Mr. Cole said it had been 1½ years since he had last addressed the Melbourne Church. He exhorted the brethren to be loyal and faithful and to give themselves unreservedly to God, that He may depend on them at all times.

After giving more news of plans to improve The PLAIN TRUTH, he explained the reason for his visit. It was to observe the Melbourne Church firsthand and so be better able to report on its growth to Mr. Ted Armstrong.

The Melbourne Church extends a hopeful invitation for Mr. Cole's soon-return.

North Queensland Member Dies

The Bible says it is appointed unto men once to die (Heb. 9:27). It also says that, for those converted Christians awaiting birth into God's Family, the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth. Nevertheless, death is an enemy which brings grief and sorrow.

The death of one of our Queensland brethren was reported to us recently. She was Mrs. Caroline Ryle, who lived at Cairns, North Queensland. Mrs. Ryle, whom we understand had more than attained to her three-score years and ten, died suddenly in her sleep on January 17.

To Mrs. Ryle's family we extend comfort in your loss, and encouragement in the sure knowledge that God's promises of resurrection to life cannot be broken.

Melbourne Couple Engaged

Rumour has it that Mr. Colin Batt was overheard saying to a friend: "...when God blesses you He really opens the door and pours them out."

And there is ample reason for this statement, for in addition to his ordination as a Deacon (see article Page Six), Mr. Batt has also recently become engaged to be married!

Mr. William Winner -- Pastor of the Melbourne Church -- announced the engagement of Mr. Batt to very popular and talented member, Miss Raya Lehman, on November 13. Miss Lehman has also been serving the Melbourne brethren. Her training and qualifications as a nurse and midwife have enabled her to be of great assistance to the local congregation. In addition, her musical talent helps in providing the Special Music for Sabbath Services.

To you, Colin and Raya, we say **HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS**, wishing you all joy and happiness as you serve together in God's Church.

MR. WATERHOUSE

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areas throughout Great Britain. After arriving in England, Mr. Waterhouse will remain there until commencement exercises at Ambassador College about July 1. He will be in Bricket Wood during Mr. Ted Armstrong's stay in England and will then receive further details about his future assignment. This may include visits to various Church areas in the United States until about conference time, 1967.

After leaving the United States on January 13, Mr. Waterhouse had two inspiring Bible Studies at Honolulu, Hawaii, on Sabbath, January 15. The brethren provided a delicious "pot-luck" lunch in between Studies. The morning Study was attended by 36 people while the afternoon Study saw 40 in attendance. Following the last Study at the close of the Sabbath, many of those present had the privilege of witnessing seven repentant persons being baptized "into the death of Christ." Mr. Waterhouse had counselled with ten people the previous day, and seven of the ten were baptized.

From Hawaii, Mr. Waterhouse flew to the Philippines via Japan, where he was able to spend two days witnessing the tremendous progress being made by this Asian giant.

He spent three weeks in the Philippines where he was inspired by the considerable growth evidenced in the Work

there. At his last Bible Study in the Philippines there were 74 people in attendance while 108 attended his last Sabbath there -- both new records!

Mr. Waterhouse also attended a Spokesman Club Ladies Night on his last Saturday night in Manila, which proved to be very profitable. It also demonstrated how, with a College-trained man directing and the diligent adherence to the club manual supplied from Headquarters, a group of Filipinos could learn right club procedures within a reasonably short period of time.

Upon his arrival in Australia, Mr. Waterhouse was also inspired by the growth he saw in the Work here. This was evidenced in the good attendance figures at Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide (Mr. Waterhouse spoke at the Bible Study there). Besides visiting these three areas, Mr. Waterhouse flew also to Brisbane to speak to and encourage God's people there. The Newcastle brethren were able to travel to Sydney to hear Mr. Waterhouse speak.

God's people in Australia thank you for your encouraging sermons, Mr. Waterhouse, and bid you God-speed as you journey to other areas of this darkened world, where already the glorious light of Christ's Gospel shines until the dawning of a new day (II Pet. 1:19).

club's poolside meeting

Some months ago the men in Section "C" of Sydney Spokesman Club came up with the following idea: "Why not hire a swimming pool and hold a Ladies Night at the poolside?"

The idea materialised on December 19, when the Club members, their wives, lady friends and other guests participated in the highly successful event. By 4 P. M. about 60 people had found their way to Pat Norton's Swim Centre at West Pennant Hills.

During the following two hours they swam and partook of the games in the swimming pool, including water-polo and a dog-paddle race. Others utilized the grounds surrounding the pool by playing table tennis, volley ball and "tumbling" on the trampoline.

Assigned waiters passed through the group dispensing assorted cheeses, peanuts and crackers as a prelude to the meal to follow.

As all this was going on a small group of men lit up the bar-b-que grills and made other preparations for the meal, which included thick grilled steaks, cole slaw, tossed green salad and an orange-vodka punch. A second course

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Brisbane Club Tours Telegraph Office

A green light flashed, wires were quickly plugged in, and another Telex Service moved into operation.

Members of the Brisbane Spokesman Club, on tour of the Brisbane Chief Telegraph Office and Telephone Exchange, listened with interest as their guide (who, incidentally, is a PLAIN TRUTH reader) explained the operation of a fast teleprinter service available to business houses between capital cities.

The next stage of the tour took Club members to the heart of the telegraph system. Here they were met with a complex of machinery known as the Telex Service Teleprinter Reperforator Equipment Switching System (commonly referred to as TRESS). This system was purchased by the P. M. G. Department from the U. S. A. where it was originally planned and operated, but proved unsatisfactory under actual working conditions.

Technicians overcame the various problems associated with this system and today the public is served by a fast efficient telegraph network.

The Telephone Exchange came next. The Spokesmen were greeted here by a long line of switchboards, flashing lights, a complexity of cords, switches and -- seemingly -- very efficient switchboard operators.

Though it has no competitors, the Telephone Exchange sets a standard of service by endeavouring to answer all calls within a maximum time lapse of ten seconds. The number of times this ten second period is exceeded is displayed prominently, and operators are encouraged to strive for a 100 per cent service to subscribers.

Overall, the tour proved very interesting and informative, driving home to the Spokesmen the vital need for super communication systems in The WORLD TOMORROW.



BITS 'n PIECES

The Ministerial Conference for 1966 occasioned a unique event in the history of God's Church! Mr. C. Wayne Cole became the first minister ever to preach on the same Sabbath at the same time to two different groups separated by a distance of over 5,000 miles -- and a jet plane was necessary to accomplish the feat! Not only that, but for the second group the sermon was prepared at least in part on the Sunday after the meeting! The International Date Line is responsible for making all this possible. After holding regular Sabbath services in Sydney on January 1, 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Cole accompanied by the Abrahams boarded a jet headed for the U. S. They were still enroute when Sunday came along. But upon crossing the Date Line the day switched back again to the Sabbath! On January 1, 1966, a warm, hospitable, question-filled group of 31 persons (27 locals plus the 4 from Sydney) met for a three-hour Bible Study in the Teacher's Lounge of the Iolani School in Honolulu, Hawaii. How amusing it must have been to hear Mr. Cole announce something like, "I spent part of tomorrow preparing the material I have for you today, which a few hours ago was yesterday!"

● Miss Jean Beecher from the Sydney Office enjoyed the first week of February on vacation at her mother's home in Grafton.

● Miss May Stanley of Sydney spent part of her vacation recently at Wollongong resting.

● Miss A. M. Inns of Adelaide returned to South Australia during January, after spending some months in Sydney.

● Miss Margaret Maclean from Melbourne spent two weeks of her vacation working in the Offices at Sydney. During her stay a small party was given in her favour by Mrs. Pam Nielsen after the Sabbath of January 22, with a number of the Sydney Church members present. We invite you to visit us again soon, Margaret.

● Over one hundred Spokesman Club members and Church brethren audenced a combined film and slide night, held in the Freemasons Community Hall on Sunday, January 16. The evening's entertainment and refreshments were arranged and provided-for by the Saturday night club.

✓ ● Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell of the Melbourne Church proudly announce the birth of their first son, Carl. Ar-

iving in the "feather weight" class of 5 pounds, Carl made his debut at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 19. Best wishes to all the Powells!

✓ ● Mrs. Ursula Lafenthaler from Beaconsfield gave birth to a daughter after only 2½ hours labour. The baby, born 5:20 a.m. Thursday, January 6, weighed 5 pounds and 5 ounces. Congratulations, Mrs. Lafenthaler!

● The Melbourne Spokesman Club ladies' night directed by Mr. Clarence Huse was held Monday, January 17. Mr. Huse is substituting for Mr. Winner during his absence.

● Mrs. M. Morriss of Toowoomba, Qld., was added to the Body of Christ following her baptism by Mr. Roy Page on December 2. Welcome into God's Church, Mrs. Morriss!

● Mrs. N. Jepp has now returned to her home in Kirribilli on Sydney's North Shore after an extended stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Payne in Toowoomba, Qld. Being driven to Sydney by Mrs. Dawes senior, she arrived on February 7. She is happy to report that she is much improved and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers for her. She also wishes to convey Greetings from everyone in Brisbane to all in Sydney. Welcome home, Mrs. Jepp!

● Mr. Percy Neale of Queensland passed through Sydney on February 1 on his way to a vacation in his native country, New Zealand.

● The Sydney Attenboroughs of Sydney have moved from their flat in Kirribilli to another in Waverton.

● Mr. Wolfgang Arndt departed Sydney aboard the "Fairsea" for his native Germany on February 7, after a whirlwind tour of the North Sydney offices. Mr. Arndt had been attending the Sydney Church for a little over a year. In Germany his home is just a few miles from Dusseldorf and our Offices there. We wish you well, Wolfgang, and hope to hear from you again.

● Five thousand copies of "The Bible Story," Volume IV are now being mailed out from the North Sydney Office to all who requested it as a result of Mr. Armstrong's most recent semi-annual letter, posted in December, to the entire PLAIN TRUTH mailing list. The delay was due to the fact that the volumes were printed and bound in the United States and sent to Australia by sea. Another shipment bringing the total to 10,000 is expected later.

● Mrs. Tarnai of Sydney is continuing to recover from an accident in which she was struck by a van, while attempting to cross a Sydney street by way of a pedestrian crosswalk. The

driver was intoxicated. Mrs. Tarnai sustained a broken pelvis and bruises. After several weeks in hospital, Mrs. Tarnai is again attending services.

✓ ● A daughter was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Prior of Heathmont, Victoria. Cathy Ann was born at home at 8:11 a.m., Wednesday December 1, weighing 8 lbs, 4 ozs. The Priors have one other child, Jenny. They attend the Melbourne Church.

● Mr. Edward Tupper of Sydney helped to conduct the regular Thursday night Bible study for the first time on November 18. The minister-in-charge was Mr. Frank Simpkins. Mr. Tupper has also subsequently been advanced by Mr. Cole to become a "first" man on the staff of the Visiting Programme in Sydney. This means he is a lead man in conducting the usual two-man visits with members and prospective members. He has also been giving sermonettes in Sydney and Newcastle thus giving him experience leading up to the full-length sermons more recently given in Newcastle. He works in the Letter Answering Department the rest of the time.

✓ ● Mr. and Mrs. Burchard announce the birth of their second daughter Julie Esther. She was born at Toowoomba on November 13 weighing 7 lbs. 10½ ozs.

● The Newcastle Church is gaining numbers--internally. There have been two recent births there. Mr. and Mrs. Merv Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bellamy each have a new son.

✓ ● Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clarke of the Brisbane Church also have a new son, Timothy James. He weighed 9 lbs. at birth, November 9. They now have three boys and two girls.

We offer our best wishes and congratulations to these happy families!

● Mr. and Mrs. Ern Jackson with their son Robin returned to Australia from England on Wednesday December 15. They left Australia last year to live in England, but find that they like Australia better. Colin and Sandra, their other two children, are students at Ambassador College, U.K. (Our informant did not tell us exactly where the Jacksons will be living in Australia.)

✓ ● Here's a belated announcement: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tinworth of the Brisbane Church on September 23. John Bradley tipped the scales at 9 lbs. 1½ oz. This is their third son. Our apologies -- and CONGRATULATIONS -- to all concerned!

● Mrs. Jan Bennetts of Melbourne spent January 6 through 17 in Sydney with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Noordewier.

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spokesmen visit warrumbungle

What can be done in sixty hours?

For twelve men from the Sydney Spokesman Clubs this is no longer a hypothetical question.

They left Sydney early Sunday morning, December 26, by car to rendezvous at the property of Mr. Donald Grieves, who was host to the party. Mr. Grieves' farm lies right at the foot of the Warrumbungle Mountains, three-hundred miles north-west of Sydney.

This volcanic area is loaded with points and places of interest, and Mr. Grieves wasted no time in seeing that the party took advantage of every minute.

Smooth "A" Club organization soon had lunch over, and it was "all aboard" for the ten-to-fifteen mile drive along the recently opened dusty trail, through the mountains to Siding Springs National Observatory.

This site is quite new and is being developed as the nation's leading observatory.

A number of instruments are in their final position and all had an opportunity to look-over the 40" reflector dome, and were given a brief rundown on its scientific use. But there was no time to dally, it was on to the mines.

These mountain-top mines were not gold, silver, lead or uranium. Neither were they salt mines but humble, yet



strangely fascinating CHALK mines. They were of the "open-cut" variety and so allowed plenty of exploration.

The cliff-face was of tremendous interest to everyone, showing some of the awesome forces which have been loosed in the earth.

The great overburden of rock formed a mantle on layers of petrified wood and other strange conglomerates, as well as the large seam of chalk.

The highly fascinating thing about the

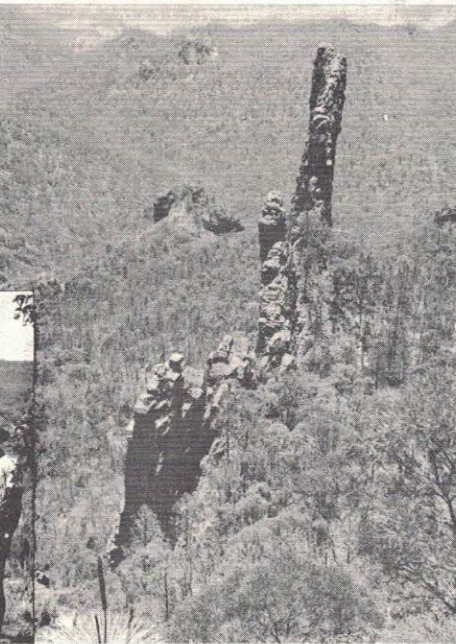
chalk was the fact it contained amazing (to the lay mind) fossils of fish and flora. Some of these specimens were about one foot in length and were starkly contrasted in the white chalk.

Returning to the farm on this first day, members still found time for horse-riding and spotlight-shooting before "hitting the hay."

Monday began with a wild-pig hunt at 4 a.m. Then, just enough time for a hurried breakfast before the drone of a Cessna 182 swooping in for a 6:20 a.m. paddock landing warned the group it was time to fly.

With three passengers each trip, the small plane was taken thru the valleys and around the jagged mountain peaks. The experience was very inspiring and exhilarating and provided a perfect start to an active and full day of mountain climbing and swimming. With evening came welcome relaxation and fellowship.

Tuesday morning: a round of farewells, a last look at a mob of kangaroos bounding across the country side, and twelve weary men headed for home.



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were also staged during the Ball.

Other activities included a most enjoyable "open house" evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong, for the ministers and their wives. During the evening Mr. Armstrong played excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" on his stereo unit, as it was presented by Ambassador College in England last year. The 200-voice choir included 40 voices from God's College, U.K. The choir and orchestra were conducted by Dr. Kenneth Abbot, the Music Department Director and Choir

Director at Ambassador College, Bricket Wood.

This is a magnificent presentation of high professional quality, and both stereo and mono recordings of the outstanding achievement will soon be available for distribution to Church members here in Australia.

God's ministers also had opportunity to watch four fast-moving basketball games played with Ambassador-enthusiasm, -drive, -determination and -SPORTSMANSHIP, in the beautiful gymnasium. To observe the attitude displayed throughout the games by those participating is in itself educational, as well as being quite invigorating.

All things considered, those ministers and wives privileged to attend the conference had many opportunities for much-needed enjoyable fellowship, as well as being helped and inspired by the instruction given and knowledge gained from the meetings.

Now, most of the ministers are "back on the job." The highly important job of FEEDING YOU! Of "feeding the sheep," as Christ expressed it (John 21: 16-17).

Brethren, pray and ask God to guide His ministers in executing the vital decisions made during the conference. Especially, realize the IMPORTANCE of God's Headquarters to this Great, WORLD-WIDE Work! Pray that the leading men at Headquarters -- from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong down -- will be given the wisdom, the discernment, the sagacity and the understanding vitaly necessary for the fulfilling of their weighty responsibilities.

Realize, THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! God help you fulfill it.

camping trip to mount lamington

Five cars loaded with Brisbane Spokesman Club members recently headed south on a two-day camping trip. The camp site was beautiful Mount Lamington Plateau.

This area contains some truly magnificent scenery, forests and mountain streams. And, being a National Park, it offers visitors a unique opportunity of seeing the heavy jungle-like vegetation which thickly covers the region.

The entire party was understandably inspired not only by the beauty of the mountains, but by the challenge offered by the occasion to develop more of the right type of personality, and to learn to live a balanced, abundant life of service.

LADIES NITE MELBOURNE CLUB

The theme of the recent Melbourne Monday-Night Spokesman Club meeting was, Ladies Night -- Frontier Style.

Arrangements were made for members and their ladies to enjoy, and learn from, a "Barbecue Session" which was staged outdoors on the "Bar-Nel" Ranch the property of Mr. Eric Bonnell, a Club member.

The food was fine and the Club session quite animated and interesting. The speakers, however, were subjected to some competition from curious livestock.

Whether the bleating was intended as approbation or opposition hasn't yet been determined.

In any case it did not prevent Mr. B. Firth from presenting the Most Effective speech and Mr. David Neil giving the Most Helpful Evaluation. The Most Improved speaker of the evening was Mr. Len Nevans.

MR PAGE — Continued from Page 1 categories of teachers -- local elders and preaching elders. He further explained the qualifications and characteristics of each.

Mr. Cole then explained that Mr. Roy Page, minister of the Brisbane Church, had held the office of Local Elder and was now, through approval from Pasadena, to be ordained into the office of Preaching Elder.

Mr. Page -- who was in Sydney for the local conferences -- was called to the stage and by prayer and the laying-on-of-hands by two of God's Evangelists, Mr. Cole and Mr. Waterhouse, was ordained into the new office.

Mr. Cole said this was an inspiring event and that he had every hope that more would be ordained in Australia as the men became qualified by their dedication to God. He emphasized that there is a definite need for more ministers. He also pointed out that graduation from Ambassador College is not a prerequisite to a man being ordained. He said that a man is not ordained because he seeks the sensational or because he seeks a position or an office. A man is chosen from those who serve, not to be seen of men, but to be pleasing to God.

The Brisbane Church has shown good growth under Mr. Page's guidance. It is certain to grow even more now with the added inspiration afforded by the new office granted to Mr. Page by the living Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice that God is very mindful of the needs of His Work in every area of the world!

TOUR — Continued from Page 2 craft to be greeted by a smiling Mr. William Ha'angana, an ex-Methodist minister who was scheduled to be contacted next day. Mr. Ha'angana now works for the Agricultural Department and, knowing that the tour would be arriving by this particular flight (there are only two flights per week from Suva to Tonga), he "volunteered" to meet the flight and to carry out the compulsory spraying of the aircraft.

Mr. Ha'angana (and another person also scheduled to be contacted the following day and who was also at the airport to meet us, Mr. I. Funaki), drove us from the airport to our accommodation on the beach-front at Nuka'Alofa.

Including wives, there were ten persons requesting baptism in Tonga. Of the ten, four were baptized! Two others were not quite ready and chose to wait, while the remaining four -- mainly because of lack of communication (most did not speak English) -- had to be advised to wait until the next tour.

The four baptized are: Mr. William



Toluta'u Ha'angana, Mr. S. T. Panuve, Mr. I. Funaki and Mr. T. F. Fungalei (a nephew of Mr. Ha'angana).

Counting children, there are now about twenty people in Tonga learning to live by God's perfect laws! Twenty people being delivered from Satan's corrupt system, being prepared for offices of responsibility in the coming **WORLD TOMORROW!**

Remember them in your prayers, brethren! They are now a part of the Body of Christ, every bit as much as you are. They NEED your prayers, located as they are on a small island, unable to hear The **WORLD TOMORROW** broadcast, sometimes having to wait weeks for mail because of delays in shipping. Ask God to strengthen their faith, to give them courage, to uphold and to sustain them.

With this tour, another step has been taken in fulfilling Christ's command, "Goye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19).

Realize, brethren, Christ's coming is that much nearer!

GONE FISHIN' — Continued from Page 6 enjoyed by the horses as was a "cuppa" by the riders.

The Cox's River meanders between towering peaks which from time to time come down sharply to the river's edge. This characteristic of the terrain makes numerous crossing and recrossing necessary. These crossings are usually easily negotiated; some are more hazardous. One such is Stoney Crossing, so named because this rapid flowing section of the river is studded with submerged boulders. Our party had some excitement at this crossing.

The first rider to cross was leading the packhorse and was almost on the other side when his mount struck a boulder and went down. The packhorse likewise struck trouble, and being burdened with all the gear, completely lost his footing and folded up with his head between his forelegs. It looked as though he was going to stay in this un-gainly position to the point of drowning. However, he made a final effort and got up and scrambled ashore. What a sorry, bedraggled sight he looked -- water pouring out of his nostrils and ears. After a brief rest he recovered.

We were now very nearly at our destination with only one more obstacle to confront. This last hazard seemed to be almost an impossibility for the horses. They had to scramble down a boulder and round a tree growing right on the edge of the river. Like worthy steeds they all negotiated it with surprising ease. In a short while we emerged onto a green and verdant flat. A little below on our right was the Kanangra River -- gurgling and hissing as it made junction with Cox's River. Here were horse yards and a shack which was to be headquarters for our stay.

It was a welcome sight and everyone eagerly dismounted and immediately unpacked the pack-saddle. Surprisingly enough, very little water had penetrated our food and bedding.

We soon cleaned up the shack and arranged our gear -- two of the party were to sleep in the open-fronted shack and the other two in a hiking tent that was quickly erected nearby.

And now those trout!!

With almost indecent haste the party armed themselves with fishing gear and set out expectantly for the rushing waters of Kanangra River. As darkness proceeded, they drifted back into camp one by one without having had a bite -- although Mr. Cole reported seeing a trout "so long." The existence of the trout was vouched for next day by another member of the party who, like Mr. Cole, tried every means to interest it in a variety of spinners, all to no

effect. Throughout the stay this trout remained in the same spot and continued to show the same contempt for the brand of fishing gear used by the men. The second day was spent casting in the Kanangra and Cox's Rivers -- unsuccessfully, although there were a few nibbles. One illegal size trout was caught and promptly returned to its element. Notwithstanding the fact that no fish were caught, effort was extended which gave everyone a keen appetite, and made the food taste delectable.

After breakfast on the third morning the horses were caught, saddled, and packed with gear for the return journey. All went well until Stoney Crossing was reached, where the rain had raised the level of the water about 2 feet. Two of the party attempting the crossing were shocked to see their horses momentarily disappear from sight and then re-surface and begin swimming strongly for the opposite shore! Results: a thorough wetting for both horse and rider. After a good deal of prospecting the remaining two of the party found a comparatively easy crossing which, with the pack horse, they negotiated without trouble.

Thunder, the packhorse, was not at all comfortable for his load refused to ride evenly and had constantly to be adjusted. At one point he suddenly set off at full gallop with the pack disintegrating and flying in all directions until he could be halted! There was nothing for it but to gather up the trail of goods and completely repack them.

The remainder of the trip back had no more than the usual thrills, and the party ultimately reached their starting point at "Packsaddlers" -- tired, but agreeably so, and grateful for the experience and the fellowship the trip had given them.

POOLSIDE — Continued from Page 5 provided fruit salad, biscuits and coffee. During the meal, Mr. Geoff Senior and Miss Judy Payne, guest musicians, provided pleasant background music.

Shortly after 7 P. M. the President, Mr. Georg Karlov, called the people to order for what proved to be a lively and interesting Club meeting. The audience sat on benches along one side of the pool while the speakers faced them -- without podium -- on the opposite side. Mr. Colin Stanford as Table Topics Chairman, and Mr. Brian Liu as Toastmaster were both evaluated as good.

Several of the speakers had the Club roaring with laughter but the highlight of the evening came when Mr. Umberto Marozza described in a hilarious manner, "Why experience is not the best

teacher!"

Mr. C. Wayne Cole, the Overall Director of the Clubs in Australia and one of the special guests, stated that the evening was a most enjoyable one, giving members the balance we all need. He exhorted the Club as a whole to fully see the purpose of the Club, and to give of themselves 100% in each and every Club session.

Finishing his comments, Mr. Cole turned the time over to the "C" Club Director, Mr. Clarence Huse, who announced the awards for the evening. Mr. Umberto Marozza was judged by the Club as deserving the Most Effective award, while Mr. Lachlan Benson was considered Most Improved of the speakers. Mr. John Campling delivered a sincere and helpful evaluation for which he was awarded the Most Helpful Evaluator's trophy.

After the meeting, people gathered round the food tables to finish the abundance that was provided. As the guests left, the Club members felt that the planning and effort that went into making the evening the success which it was, was well worth it.

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Several members of the Sydney Office staff were one day recently summonsed by Mr. Cole for a very unusual project -- to "beat the bush" to try to find his stolen briefcase! All of the papers necessary for both Mr. and Mrs. Cole's trip to the conferences in Pasadena were in it. Mr. Cole had parked his car not far from his home and was gone from it for only about fifteen minutes. A rear door was open and the case missing when he returned. Thinking the thief would take what he wanted and dump the rest, perhaps in the nearby bush, Mr. Cole phoned the office for assistance in searching. Meanwhile, other phone calls were made to the police and those necessary for making arrangements for securing again all the required papers and photographs for the trip to the U.S. With the holiday season near this could have been difficult without immediate action. All ended well when in answer to a phone call to the office, Mr. Simpkins drove out to and recovered the case from the Crematorium at Roseville, near where the case had been discovered abandoned at a bus stop. The loss and return happened within three hours' time. In the news more recently a man from Kings Cross offered £150 for the return of a stolen briefcase. So far as we know it was not returned.

Two more people receive God's Holy Spirit. On December 18, 1965,

Mr. Orest Solyma and Mrs. R. Solyma of the Brisbane congregation, were buried in baptism and became members of the Body of Jesus Christ. God's Church extends to you a warm and sincere welcome.

✓ ● The home of Mr. and Mrs. David Jackson of the Brisbane Church, has been greatly enriched by the arrival of their first child, a fine boy. Mark Edmond was born at 2:58 p.m. on December 11 and tipped the scales to 8 lbs. 5 ozs. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

✓ ● Mr. and Mrs. Barry Kenavan of the Brisbane congregation, happily announce the birth of Jodie Lee. Jodie arrived at 7:55 p.m. on December 28 and weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. Last report was that mother, daughter AND father were doing fine.

✓ ● Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Greenfield of Katoomba announce the birth of a 7½ lb. son at 2 a.m., December 9. The birth was free of complications, with necessary help given by the Lightbodies.

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been conferred upon Mr. Ernest L. Martin. Dr. Martin is a minister of Pastor rank in God's Church. Until his return to the United States for further studies he was minister to the Manchester and Leeds Churches of God in England, with a combined membership of over 200. He served on the Faculty in England as the Academic Registrar, Supervisor of Students, Senior Lecturer in History and Lecturer in Theology. He is presently on the Faculty at the College in Pasadena.

The Master of Theology Degree was conferred upon Mr. Albert J. Portune. Mr. Portune is a minister of Evangelist rank in the Church; he is minister to the San Diego Church with a congregation of nearly 300. Mr. Portune is on the Board of Trustees of Ambassador College and is the Controller and Business Manager of the Work. On the faculty he is an Associate Professor of Theology and an Instructor in Speech.

Conferring of these degrees by Ambassador College does in itself attest to the many years of plain hard work and deep devotion by those so honoured, to "Recapturing True Values." Degrees are not lightly bestowed by Ambassador College, and a degree from the College marks a man or woman with a very high standard of education. It is an honor much to be treasured.

The Church of God in Australasia extends to each of these men very sincere CONGRATULATIONS -- and may God continue to abundantly bless you always!