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FROM THE PEN OF THE PRESIDENT

The posters are up and people are asking questions. Some suspect E.U. as being behind those green fish. In a week's time we hope that the whole University will be talking about religion, Christianity and in particular that many people who have never thought about it before will be wondering "what does Jesus Christ mean to me?" We are looking for people to be converted - not so that our Mission can be considered a success, but rather that God in Christ might be known as a mighty God, able to change people's lives. Also because we realise that if people don't come to know Christ they are eternally separated from God - so, as well, the love of Christ constrains us ...

Constrains us as Christians to do all we can in this fairly intensive evangelistic effort - firstly in prayer. There will be many E.U. meetings of prayer from now on, even more than there have been. For we know, and we will see that it is God who works, it is He who speaks, and we are only the vessels. Pray earnestly and often for the Mission. Secondly, there are people you know who aren't Christians - and each one of us is going to have to talk about what we believe and why, during the Mission. Personal evangelism becomes in a sense, even more necessary.

Peter Newall arrives on Monday, 3rd July and we will be meeting him in the Mural Room on Tuesday night. His programme while he is here is fantastically heavy, as it has been for a number of weeks. He will be giving five addresses with the theme "For Christ's sake" dealing with the way Jesus involves himself with people. The gospel we present is essentially a personal one, and the doctrine describes it, clarifying principles, ideas. We want to convey a message of life, not only an argument.

You know about the coffee evenings, but you might not be aware of the two nights at Uni. where people can come and very informally discuss with Grads and E.U.ers about Christianity. Prayer meetings will be held on these nights.

Allan Chapple, now an I.V.F. staffworker, will be here during the Mission, spending his time talking with people who need to be talked with. Our prayer for him should be directed to his being led to people in need and him being able to make contact.

In this Mission, let us remember 1 Cor. 2 as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "When I came to you brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified". It is a challenge to us to live this in the University.

Have you ever heard of a prayer cell? A large number of E.U.'ers are member of prayer cells. Briefly, a prayer cell consists of a few people who meet together to pray. The members are usually fairly close friends and thus, generally, have several non-Christian friends in common. In such an informal group, they experience fellowship with one another and can pray for their friends. This is particularly vital as regards the E.U. MISSION. If we are concerned that our friends come to Christ, we will obviously be praying for them. We will also be praying about the various aspects of the MISSION and that God is going to use it to bring people to Himself.

Here are some aspects of the MISSION for your prayerful consideration :-

- 1) Peter Newall, the Missioner, will be giving 5 main addresses. Pray that he will be given wisdom in his preparation and that he will be perceptive to the needs of the students. As Rev. Newall has an extremely busy programme, pray that the pressure of work is not going to depress him, but that he will rely on God for his strength.
- 2) Three Coffee Evenings have been arranged, with panel discussions. Pray for the speakers, that they will have wisdom in answering questions that people have.

However, as we mention these functions, we realize that for them to be any sort of success, non-Christians will need to be present. Thus pray that God is going to lead us as individuals to form deep friendships with non-Christians so that it will be perfectly natural for us to invite them along to these evenings. Pray that our friendships will be so genuine that our friends will feel free to ask questions of the speakers. In short, pray that God will so control our lives as to make us people who are not merely known as Christians, but ones whose way of life is consistent with our faith.

These matters are, of course, also material for private prayer. However, it also will be helpful to you if you are a member of a Prayer Cell. If you are not, why not suggest forming one among your particular Christian friends?

At a recent Committee Meeting, the E.U. Treasurer was asked to write a screed on some basic principles of Christian giving, and to include information regarding the present financial position of E.U.

This has been included in this month's issue of "Apologia" in the form of a supplement. Please read it prayerfully and ask, "Lord, what will you have me to do?".

By An Observant Fish

Once a upon a time in the 20th Century an I.V.F. group decided to become a submarine. It wasn't difficult. One day they just clanged shut the hatch on the outside world and submerged into their own sea. Occasionally they ran up the periscope to see where they were going (of course only one person at time was allowed to look, and since the perspective was a bit limited, they never really found reason to change course). Once the Captain got a real vision through the scope but when he commanded that they surface, the crew quickly developed the bends, and so they stayed down.

While submerged, there was a lot to do. In fact, they were kept on alert and asked to make more efforts. They constantly tinkered with the machinery and overhauled their kitchen (the mess, that is), inventoried their ammunition at least once a week (but never used it), and went through endless drills - occasionally interrupted by prayers that no depth charges would disturb their isolation.

Since they were under water, there were continual reasons for taking emergency measures. They couldn't surface until they were better drilled and some thought they had to pay for the sub first or the bank would foreclose on them when they surfaced for air. The air did get stale too, as did the routine, but they put up with it because the alternatives were too tricky. Several committees even decided that stale air was good for them. One crew member, who had sneaked a look through the periscope, suggested changing course. He was immediately eliminated because of mutiny.

The last entry in the Captain's log book read :-

"Have proudly set a new record for being submerged and maintaining predetermined course. See no reason to change direction. Crew continues to give maximum effort. We did sight an enemy (we think). Appointed three committees to study situation".

Did you ever see a sub that sank on our campus? Do we belong to it?"

ADAPTED.

"The SERVICE of Christ is the business of my life,
The WILL of Christ is the law of my life,
The PRESENCE of Christ is the joy of my life,
The GLORY of Christ is the crown of my life."

Can YOU say this ?

Grant, O God, that we may face the day with hope and courage.
 Give us strength to mee6 its temptations, and wisdom to solve its problems. Though dangers assail us, may we be unafraid. Teach us to value time. Whatever our hands find to do, may we do it with our might. Help us to work while it is day, knowing the night will come when no man can work. May the end of the day find some noble deed WELL DONE. In Jesus' name.

W.R.H.

A Typical . . .
EU'ER

IVF Says
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 . . .

eyes permanently turned skywards

feather for putting in caps

A crop of 'good sound' ideas

A leg to stand on



"I Thought I Newall about it

But I didn't. For instance, I didn't know how many meetings there were and when, what he looked like, what on earth a Stork had to do with it, who Allan Chapple was,"

Words uttered by E.U.er, July 12th, 1967.

Yes, this is your mission! You are supporting it financially (?), you are supporting it prayerfully (?). Do you know, though, what meetings are on, and are you planning to "attend-with-a-friend"?

For your reference :

- (i) 5 lunch hour meetings on July 5th (Winthrop Hall); 6th, 7th and 10th (Arts I); 11th (Winthrop Hall).
- (ii) 3 coffee evenings:- Highly qualified and competent speakers.
Thursday, July 6th, 8.00 p.m., 12 Pindari Drive, City Beach: "Man and Morals".
Saturday, July 8th, 8.00 p.m., Uni. boatshed: "A Faith that Reasons".
Tuesday, July 11th, 8.00 p.m. Private Dining Room: Questions and Discussion.
- (iii) 1 Church Service: St. George's Cathedral - Sunday July 9th, 7.30 p.m. Address by Rev. P.F. Newall.

Finally, a most importance meeting for E.U. members on Tuesday, July 4th. An informal evening to allow members to meet Peter Newall, hear what he has to say about his approach to the Mission. pray together as a Union, and dispose of some food. It is imperative that you attend, for Christ's sake. See you in the Private Dining Room, Independence Day, 7.30 p.m.

G. SMITH.

EDITORIAL

How often do our efforts at witnessing seem to fail? How often are words ill-timed, blurted out and completely unnatural? Perhaps it is because we attempt to do things in our own strength and forget to rely completely on the Holy Spirit.

The task of witnessing is imperative for every Christian. In fact, it has been said that "Witnessing is the whole work of the whole Church for the whole age from Pentecost to Christ's Return." The emphasis Jesus gave can be seen in Matthew 28: 19-20, Mark 16:25, Luke 24: 47-48, John 20:21 and Acts 1:8.

If then, this task is so important, we must make sure we go about it in the right way. It was after the disciples had been filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that they were enabled to fulfil this divine commission. So it is with us. For the Pentecostal task of witnessing, we need the Pentecostal blessing of the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

What then? The Holy Spirit, firstly, will convict people of sin and convince them of righteousness through us. It is important to realise that we are not always conscious of this work. For example, Stephen was not conscious of what the Spirit was saying to Paul through him (Acts 7:54-60, 9:5).

Secondly, the Holy Spirit will direct us to prepared people and help us to bring Christ to them through the Scriptures. This was how the Spirit worked through Phillip when he was led to the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 6:5, 8:26-29, 35).

Patience is a virtue often lacking, but much needed in the work of witnessing. The Holy Spirit gives us patience (2 Cor. 6:4). Remember the patience of the Lord Jesus (John 4) and the patience of those who led us to Christ.

The Holy Spirit will give us appropriate words to say and will back them with power and authority (Acts 2:4, 11, 17. Eph. 5:18, Acts 1:8). He will also give us both desire and ability for spiritual friendship (Gal. 5:22, Eph. 5:18, 2 Cor. 5:14, Rom. 9:1-3). He will assist us to be sacrificial and generous with our time, our money, our talents and all required for this work.

Finally, He will teach us how to pray for others (Rom. 8:26-27).

As our Mission approaches and we continue to witness among our friends let us stop trying in our own strength to be successful and let us allow the Holy Spirit to take His rightful place in our lives. As a necessary corollary, our witnessing will bear the stamp of His authority.

For the basis of these thoughts, I am indebted to Rev. Horn from Back to the Bible Broadcast, Australia.

Phi. 4:19. "My God shall supply all your need."

DAILY PRAYER MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE 1967.

This questionnaire has a twofold purpose: (a) to try and compile a general synopsis of the E.U.'s prayer habits and attitudes, (b) to stimulate a deeper sense of responsibility in this vital discipline. Will all E.U. members please take the trouble to answer, and that honestly, then deposit the detached paper in the E.U. pigeon hole (near Pelican Office, Guild Building) or in the safe hands of any committee member. Please do not sign your name.

A. GROUP PRAYER

1. I usually attend _____ D.P.M.'s per week.
2. Please answer "yes" or "no" to the following, with comments if so desired.
 - (a) Group Prayer is important to the Union _____
 - (b) I feel no responsibility in this way _____ or I do, but just haven't bothered _____
 - (c) I cannot attend D.P.M.'s at 8.30 _____ but would at another time _____ When? _____
 - (d) They are boring _____ and ineffective _____
 - (e) They should be run differently _____ How? _____
 - (f) I find my motives for praying aloud are often wrong _____
 - (g) I find it impossible to pray aloud in a group _____
(silent prayer is as effective in a prayer meeting)
 - (h) It is very hard to concentrate in group prayer _____
 - (i) I did not know D.P.M.'s existed _____
 - (j) D.P.M.'s are for the "in-group" of E.U.'ers and I don't move in that circle _____
 - (k) I belong to a "prayer-cell" of christian Uni friends (apart from D.P.M.'s.) _____

B. PERSONAL PRAYER

- (a) I have a regular quiet time _____ When? _____ about how long _____
- (b) I often experience great blessing from it _____
- (c) It usually seems like beating my head against a brick wall - totally useless _____
- (d) I have a prayer schedule or list of points which I use regularly
- (e) I am prayer partner to a missionary _____
- (f) I use S.U. _____ Search the Scriptures _____ other aid _____
in reading the scriptures.
- (g) I am reasonably happy with my prayer life at the moment _____

OTHER COMMENTS : _____

THANK YOU.

Mr. John Campbell, Prayer Secretary, E.U.

Dear E.U.'er,

Did you know that one third of the parables of Christ are concerned with money and possessions? "Ah yes" you say, "but they're not the important ones" I wonder. Somehow we would like to think that Christ doesn't consider this side of us very important. I have just begun to realise a little more fully that there is a great spiritual principle behind this emphasis on our money and possessions.

We can be giving our money and offer our possessions to be used by Christ and be quite satisfied and yet be only giving what we don't want. It doesn't COST us anything.

David illustrated this so well when he asked Ornan the Jebusite if he would sell his threshing floor so that a temple to glorify God could be built. Ornan said he would gladly GIVE it; to which David replied "I WILL NOT GIVE TO THE LORD THAT WHICH HAS COST ME NOTHING" The great temple of Solomon was eventually built on this site.

There seem to be three levels of giving.

- 1) SACRIFICIALLY. WHERE IT REALLY BITES US.
- 2) GENEROUSLY. WHERE WE GIVE FREELY.
- 3) OBLIGINGLY. WHERE WE MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, As we would if we belonged to a golf club, for example.

If we give and it doesn't cost us anything, then it is only meeting an obligation. The perennial problem of finance then is not one of appreciating our responsibilities in giving, but of achieving a break through in our thinking to see that it is not until we have this attitude of David's, do we start to appreciate the spiritual life that it gives. Until we do, we are like the Rich Young Ruler who Christ said was "NOT FAR from the Kingdom of Heaven," and who went away "sorrowful".

Once we can say with David "I will not give to the Lord that which has cost me nothing" then Paul's practical advice on giving becomes applicable. He says (I Cor. 16) our giving should be:

1. Planned- see our pledge system for help.
2. Regular- once a week, once a month, once a year?
3. Proportional- the traditional tithe (One tenth of our income) given to the work of God has been found applicable by most.

More practical help is outlined in the pledge system and our financial responsibilities as a Union are also listed, but, once again, this is not the real point. It is that only by adopting the attitude of David, by giving up in a way that really costs us what we need for our physical life, do we find what is needed for our spiritual life.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

E.U. is entirely dependent on donations for its income. Our money is channelled into three funds, General, O.U.F. and Mission.

GENERAL This covers all the general running expenses of the Union.

MISSION This is specifically for our Mission this year.

The budget planned was for \$500. At present it appears that more than this may be required. O.U.F. (Overseas Universities Fund) is a trust fund created by the E.U.s in 1950. It is a clearing house to channel gifts to assist in the work of God among students in other countries. It is a practical expression of gratitude to God for all that we in Australia have.

It is used in other evangelical student movements in some 13 strategic areas through Christian Graduates appointed by IFES (of which the IVF is a part) They are working in N.W. Africa (1), Europe (4), Asia (4), and Latin America (4). Work is done mainly in areas where there is no witness to Christ as yet among students.

Literature projects are also encouraged. These concentrate on the translation of works such as The New Bible Commentary, and the more important IVF paper backs, but they also assist local publishing ventures. Other projects made possible by O.U.F. are for example the tour of India by Rev. Dudley Foord where he conducted missions at universities throughout the country.

When you look at the tremendous amount of work that O.U.F. makes possible, our mission seems almost puny in comparison. O.U.F. is an undergraduate financial concern. Surely here is something to be sacrificial for in our giving. It is suggested that the proceeds of one day's income be given by each student to O.U.F. In 1964 E.U. gave \$500; last year we managed \$250; this year:

O.U.F. (June 1967) \$13.90!

This is understandable due to our mission expenses, but we must not forget O.U.F. We want to give \$200 this year. If this depresses you, have a look at this.

General fund (June 1967) minus \$5.05!.

So far \$220 has been donated to General fund, last year we needed about \$300, so we will need about \$100 more this year.

Mission fund (June 1967) \$300.

i.e. \$200 more is required.

Altogether a further \$500 is necessary. This is a big total and the situation demands that everyone in E.U. makes a complete re-examination of themselves in relation to their giving.

PLEDGE SYSTEM. This is to help you in your giving.

Assess your income;

work out the proportion you wish to give to E.U.;

then for your own benefit fill in this form

and keep it as a reminder.

PLANNED GIVING

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>HOW OFTEN</u> (monthly, yearly? etc.)
<u>GENERAL</u>	per	
<u>MISSION</u>	per	
<u>O.U.F.</u>	per	

Donation envelopes are available at meetings and you can give your donations to any committee member, or they can be placed in the E.U. pigeon hole.

Remember David. "I will not give to the Lord that which has cost me nothing".

PETER NEWMAN.

HON. TREASURER.

