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INTERVIEW with Dr. GWEN NASH (d-in-law) of C.H.NASH.

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- 000-034 Explanation of the interview and about Australian Evangelism.
  - 034-054 Background information on man with same name as Nash, no connection.
  - 054-095 Her description of Nash.  
His character, how he was as a parent.  
The relationship he had with Laurence, he was the favourite.
  - 095-100 Nash had poor judgement of people who were not in sympathy with him.
  - 100-123 Educated in England.  
Came to Australia with a wealthy family, connected to the Barclay Bank, related to the famous Quaker groups.  
Travelled through Siberia, Japan and the arrived in Australia.
  - 123-134 Where he met his wife.  
Wifes uncle later became Bishop Langley.  
Nash visited Gwens grandfather in Beecroft, his name was George Harrison.
  - 134-153 Mrs Nash belonged to a large family.  
Her mother was a Langley, two of them were Bishops.  
Two Bishop Langleys and Dean Langley.  
One of the daughters married Pearce and lived near the Hunter Valley.
  - 153-168 Mrs Nash was a vivacious person when young but interlectully no where near her husband.  
Not a happy marriage.
  - 168-175 Archdeacon at ~~Sail~~<sup>Sale</sup>, he left the church twice, had disagreements with church authorities.  
Nash then became a Congregational Minister.
  - 175-206 Discussion on why he had disagreements.  
Regarded as a threat to the establishment.  
Most other clergy were less trained.  
He was very uncompromising. Few people would argue with him.  
Would never enter into debate.  
"A man of his time".
  - 206-223 Melbourne Bible Institute gave him the opportunity of his life.  
Gave him keen, interested young people to work with.  
A committed teacher. "this was the acme of his strength"
  - 223-230 Speaking about the teaching of his students, "seemed to be his line". "His most fruitful time."  
Was an inspiration to those he taught.  
Archbishop Mole got him each year to the Ordinance Retreat, until he was quite elderly.  
The Ordinance Retreat.
  - 230-240 Mavis Knocks (daughter in law) of Nash. Re-married after his death.
  - 240-264 Harry Scott-Simons, his wife knew Nash better than anyone else.
- Very restless after his retirement.  
Pattern of life changed in the post-war years.

- 264-280 Nash lived next door to Mavis at Belgrave, after her husband died. He had a lot to do with Mavis and her family. His youngest daughter married Mavis's brother, they have since divorced, he re-married and now lives in Sydney. He is a Uniting Minister.
- 280-326 Nash left the Anglican church to become a Congregational minister in Perran in Commercial Road. It was from there he started the Melbourne Bible Institute with one student.
- 326-351 Outstanding things about Nash. Tall, good looking, carried himself straight. No time for small chat. Liked audiences, a born lecturer. Not too fond of his grandchildren. The fact that Gwen had all girls was a disappointment to him and his father. Mavis had one girl and an adopted boy. Nash family was fading out.
- 351-364 Speaking on English traditions, sons carrying on family name.
- 364-380 Nash said God had called him to be a missionary, but didn't go. Regrets not taking up this work. Belonged to a generation where the common thing was to be a missionary.
- 380-400 Gwens father went out as a seven to Egypt. Nash went to China to speak at a convention, place called Tu ling. His relationships with missionaries was a life long one. C.I.M. held him in high esteem.
- 400-425 Laurence, Gwens husband was at Cambridge, had a close friend who went to Hong Kong to be a diocesan at a boys school. Laurence went from Australia to Hong Kong to teach. They were engaged before he left and married a year later in H.K. Three years later Mr & Mrs Nash came over to them in H.K. Mrs Nash went to Japan and he went to Tu ling.
- 425-480 Nash died in 1958. Before his death became disorientated and difficult. Was admitted to ROYAL PARK psychiatric hospital, they treated him very well, he maintained his dignity up to his death.
- 480-509 Communicated better with younger women, more comfortable with men. Did not like children. Grandchildren have no warm thoughts of him.
- 509-519 Mrs Nash lived with Gwen before he died. Mr Nash lived with his daughter in Belgrave, with great difficulty.
- 519-536 Went to Tasmania for the rest of his life, left after one year. Nash family were always on the move. Mrs Nash had all the money.
- 536-554 Various places they were living.
- 554-572 His only surviving daughter has Alzheimars disease, she got it from her mothers side. Explanation on Alzheimars disease.
- 572-582 Speaking of their many moves. Nash didn't mind as long as he could keep his study at the M.B.I.
- 582-600 He was a locum in Hobart. Very restless after his retirement. Pattern of life changed in the post-war years.

