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Miss G. Platt,  
"Crana"

Dear Miss Platt,

I received your letter this morning and am pleased to be able to give you some information re. training for missionary work.

Anyone desiring to Mission work with the A.I.M. is required to do a course at a Bible Training Institute before actually joining the Mission. However if someone applies for service at the Nettie Dixon Home in Darwin it is not necessary to do this Bible Training course first although some of the staff have had such training.

Recently it was decided that workers going to E.D.N. should first do the Child Welfare two month course at Hawthorn. The Mission would sponsor workers at this course and arrange accommodation if necessary.

Apart from the Children's home there are a number of Mission stations in N.S.W. Queensland and the N.T. Missionaries are generally needed to fill vacancies or to staff new centres. This work usually means Sunday School teaching, Religious Instruction, preaching, visiting and leading various meetings for ladies or children

A course at a Bible Training Institute generally takes two years. The Melbourne B.T.I. is in Armadale at 117 Kooyong Rd. Phone 20.3236. They will be starting this years classes in about two weeks time. Rev.R.V.Merritt is acting Principal, I trained there and it is a very good Institute. The course involves Bible study, Theology, Practical training in Public speaking, teaching etc. and other subjects such as Church History. The main emphasis is on getting to know the contents of the books of the Bible which of course is essential for any effective Christian service. There are a few other young people there who are interested in the work of the A.I.M.

If you wish to contact me by phone you could ring me at home at 85.2333 in the evening or at the office between 10 and 4, however I am not in the office every day.

I am pleased you are seeking to do the Lord's will as that is most important and He has promised to guide if we seek earnestly.

Trusting that I have given you all the information you desired, I am enclosing a leaflet with more details of the A.I.M.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R. Trelcar

