

Personal

Melbourne

The Archbishop (Dr F. Woods), together with Mrs Woods and their two daughters, returned to Melbourne on Saturday, September 14. They were welcomed by clergy and their wives at morning coffee on Friday, September 20, at St. Hilary's, Kew. The Archbishop preached for the first time since his return at the 11 a.m. service in St. Paul's Cathedral on September 22.

The Reverend J. M. Rattray, at present Vicar of St. Mary's, Warburton, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of A.B.M. in Victoria. Mr Rattray has served in Melbourne and Gippsland Dioceses, and was an Army Chaplain in Japan and Korea. He will take up his new appointment on December 1, 1963.

Sydney

Mrs Helen Cato, wife of the late Dr Cyril Cato, has been appointed Manageress of the new Scripture Union Bookshop to be opened at Bankstown on October 4.

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N.Z. CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

AN independent group of evangelical Christians in Christchurch, New Zealand, are founding an inter-denominational preparatory school for boys and girls from five to 13 years of age.

The group, which has brought together men from the Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Salvation Army, Methodist and Brethren denominations, plans to have the school ready for its first students in February of next year.

The aim of the group is to provide a first-class education coupled with a thorough grounding in the Christian faith, according to the Holy Scriptures.

Headmaster of the new school, to be known as "Middleton Grange School," is Mr P. L. Chignell, M.A., Director of

The Reverend G. S. Clarke, B.A., LL.B., Th.L., at present Curate-in-Charge of the Provisional District of St. John's, Keiraville, has been appointed Curate-in-Charge of the Provisional Parish of St. Luke's, Regents Park, with Birrong. Mr Clarke was editor of A.C.R. from 1959 to 1961.

Twin boys (Paul and David) have been born to the wife of the Reverend John Imisides, Curate-in-Charge of Shearwater. This means that the Imisides now have four small boys.

Two overseas diocesan bishops will be consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Westminster Abbey on St. Luke's Day, Friday, October 18. They are the Rev. Cyril James Tucker, formerly vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, who will be consecrated Bishop in the Argentine and Eastern South America, and the Rev. Kenneth Walter Howell, vicar and Rural Dean of Wandsworth, who is to be the first Anglican Bishop in Chile with Bolivia, including temporary oversight of Peru.

Wangaratta

Bishop T. B. McCall will be enthroned in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta, on Friday, October 18. Bishop McCall, at present Bishop of Rockhampton, came originally from the Diocese of Wangaratta where he trained at St. Columba's Hall.

Overseas

Canon Douglas Webster, C.M.S. theologian-missioner, left London on September 18 for Spain, Portugal and South America. He is due back in England on November 7. The main purpose of the trip is to accept the invitation of a missionary research body, the Survey Application Trust, to visit South America. On the outward journey Canon Webster will spend eight days in Spain and Portugal, where he will minister to the Spanish Reformed Church and the Lusitanian Church.

Anglican Journal Questions Roman Attitude to Gambling

THE spread of gambling in Roman Catholic clubs and on church premises is criticised in the current issue of the Anglican quarterly, "St. Mark's Review."

Commenting on recent reports of the installation of poker machines in some Roman Catholic clubs, the journal is critical of the defence offered by the Roman hierarchy that they deal only in small coins.

"To anyone who can look objectively at our modern social structure the wide prevalence of gambling, and government endorsement and use of the gambling habit, are a blight which is undermining the good work of those who have struggled for generations for a better and fairer way of life for ordinary people."

The journal goes on: "The vast profits of clubs with poker machines are obvious and simple evidence that this is so. To this evidence can be added the common knowledge that many of those who lose money in this way are depriving their families of the necessities of life."

"Easy popularity"

"In the light of this," says the journal, "it is curious behaviour for the Roman Catholics to give any sanction to the spread of gambling through their own clubs and premises. Presumably the use of small coins means that the clubs are contenting themselves with relatively small profits. It is certainly doing nothing to arrest gambling."

"On the positive side, the arguments of those Christians who advocated a sound and balanced stewardship of possessions are really quite unanswerable. The Christian owns nothing; his challenge is to use his goods in the service of God and man."

"Why is the Roman Catholic Church so blind in this matter? One can only presume that it prefers the easy popularity engendered by going along with gambling to the much more difficult task of opposing it."

"Small wonder that Christian influence in society is limited and declining. Small wonder, too, that some non-Romans sigh for much stronger local evidence of the Roman Catholic desire for Christian unity."

Lone Protest

A protest against the alleged non-biblical character of the Anglican Congress was made at Toronto. As representatives made their way to the Toronto Cathedral, the protester drove his car around the streets carrying a large sign with the words:

"The Anglican Congress—Now in Session—With Christ on the Outside!"

In the evening the same man arrived at Maple Leaf Gardens, where he parked his car with a new sign displayed for all to see. It read: "The Anglican Congress—Non Protestant—Non Biblical—Non Christian. The Anglican Congress is Unfair to our Canadian Youth."

Overseas News in Brief

NIGERIA.—A Nigerian Methodist leader has predicted that Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans will unite to form one Church in his country by 1965. The leader is the Reverend Adeolu Adegbola, Director of Immanuel Theological College, and he drew attention to the fact that in preparation for the union of some 300,000 Anglicans with 100,000 members of each of the other two Churches, the seminary of which he is the director, is functioning as a joint Methodist-Anglican institution.

ENGLAND.—Quakers and members of the Salvation Army were among those who attended an open Communion service during a conference on Church unity held at Wye College, Kent, earlier this month. The service was held in the parish church. Communion was administered by the Anglican minister, the sermon was preached by a Methodist minister and a Presbyterian layman took part in the service.

U.S.A.—Nine Churches have been provisionally admitted to full membership of the W.C.C. following meetings of its Central Committee in New York. The new Churches include the Czechoslovak Church, the Methodist Church of Nigeria and the Evangelical Churches of Ghana and the Congo. Membership now stands at 209 Churches covering an estimated 350 million members in about 80 countries.

ENGLAND.—A Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving to mark the establishment of the Malaysia Federation was held in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, on September 16. The Bishop of Singapore and Malaya (Rt. Rev. C. K. Sansbury) was present and delivered a short address.

U.S.A.—The cornerstone has been laid for the new Billy Graham Pavilion being erected for the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair. A 50,000 square foot site has been provided for the pavilion, to be used to give visitors to the Fair an opportunity of hearing the Gospel. Included in the pavilion will be a theatre seating 500 and a chapel seating 150, to be used for counselling, etc. Equipment includes wide-screen projection facilities to handle the showing of evangelistic films.

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September 29: 16th Sunday after Trinity.

Mt. Jeremiah 5: 1-19; Luke 11: 1-28; or Titus 2: 1-3; 7.
Ez. Jeremiah 5: 20-end, or Jeremiah 7: 1-15; John 8: 12-30, or Ephesians 5: 22 to 6:9.

October 6: 17th Sunday after Trinity. Mt. Jeremiah 17: 5-14; Luke 11: 29-end, or 1 Peter 1: 1-21.

Ez. Jeremiah 18: 1-17, or Jeremiah 22: 1-19; John 8: 31-end, or Ephesians 6: 10-end.

October 13: 18th Sunday after Trinity. Mt. Jeremiah 26; Luke 12: 1-34, or 1 Peter 1: 22-2; 10. Ez. Jeremiah 30: 1-3, 10-22, or Jeremiah 31: 1-20; John 13, or 1 John 1: 1 to 2: 11.

Anglican Minister Leads Methodist Healing Retreat

AN Anglican minister was the leader of a spiritual healing retreat organised by the Methodist Church in Victoria in September.

The retreat, conducted at Cheltenham from September 13 to 15, was led by the Reverend A. J. Glennon, from St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.

POSTPONEMENT OF REFORMATION RALLY

Owing to a welcome-home to the Archbishop of Sydney taking place in the same week as the Reformation Rally it has been decided to postpone the latter function to a date to be announced. The rally was to have been held on Friday, October 11.

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Married Women to Exercise Ministry?

SPEAKING at the annual meeting on September 20 of subscribers and friends of the Sydney Deaconess Institution, the vice-principal of Deaconess House, Deaconess P. J. Nelson, said that thought was being given in England to the possibility of using married women to fulfil a ministry usually carried out by deaconesses.

The reason for this, said Deaconess Nelson, was the difficulty being experienced in recruiting single women in England. Miss Nelson made her remarks in the course of an interesting account of her contact with deaconesses on the Continent and in England.

Head Deaconess Mary Andrews told the meeting that in Australia there were increasing demands being made for trained Christian women for work in Church homes, hostels, hospitals and schools. Although 66 students have been training during 1963, there were by no means sufficient graduates to meet the demand.

The increasing intake of students had, said Deaconess Andrews, taxed accommodation at Deaconess House. An urgent need was a new wing to provide a chapel and additional bedroom accommodation. The Church must face the challenge realistically and support the work by prayer and gifts.

Challenging Reports

The meeting was well attended. The chairman, Bishop R. C. Kerle, described the addresses and reports presented as inspiring and challenging.

Reports told of advances in various aspects of the work. Mrs H. M. Bragg, the Honorary Secretary, presented a very stimulating report. Special mention was made of plans to erect a third Home of Peace Hospital at Greenwich (reported in A.C.R., September 13) which would meet a great need.

Three nursing sisters and a divisional therapist, who are ex-trainees of Deaconess House, are on the staff at "Eversleigh" Home of Peace Hospital.

Matron Morrison in her address stressed the importance of the spiritual side of the ministry in the hospital and told of the changes which had taken place in the lives of patients, as a result.

Miss V. Ruffles, the superintendent of Pallister Girls' Home, also paid tribute to the work of the three Deaconess House graduates on the staff at Pallister Home and expressed the hope that more trained Christian women would be forthcoming to assist the children in their problems and difficulties in order that they may lead a Christian life.

Governor at Historic Church



THE Governor of N.S.W., Lieutenant-General Sir Eric Woodward, was among more than 500 worshippers present at St. Thomas', Mulgoa, on Sunday, September 22, for a special service commemorating the 125th anniversary of the church's consecration.

Photo: The Governor being escorted from the church by the rector the Reverend A. J. Richards.

Sunday Afternoon Disturbance Led to First Sunday School

THE first Sunday school in Australia was commenced by Thomas Hassall in the year 1813. At that time he was living at what is now the corner of George and Charles Streets, Parramatta, and was enjoying a quiet rest after dinner one Sunday afternoon when he was disturbed by the sound of boys playing nearby.

Concerned at what he felt was their disregard of the Lord's Day and their need for some kind of Christian help and guidance, he invited them in while he talked to them on the veranda of his home. He related to them one of the Bible stories and then sent them on their way. He apparently thought that that was the end of the episode, but on the following Sunday afternoon was surprised to find that they had reappeared, demanding that another story should be told them.

Thomas Hassall, of course, obliged and this became a regular activity on the Sunday afternoons which were to follow. As time passed the numbers increased, and it was not long before it was decided to transfer to the parish church of St. John's, Parramatta, where the

Where Are The Men? — Asks Victorian Men's Council

DURING the seventeen years of its existence, the Inter-Church Council of Men's Societies (representing the men's societies of the six major Protestant Churches in Victoria) has never observed the overall efficiency of its constituent organisations at a lower ebb than at the present time.

The Council reports that, although several branches within each denomination are flourishing, many other branches are weak and lacking in virile leadership. Scores of branches have ceased to function altogether.

This decline in the activities of the men's societies is seen to be a natural corollary of the marked decline in church attendance by men throughout nearly all of the churches.

Reports indicate that numerous churches have a female predominance of 90 per cent to 10 per cent male. One of the six churches has estimated that its overall attendances in Victoria approximate 85 per cent female, 15 per cent male. Few individual churches could record that men constitute 50 per cent of their congregations.

To help in a threefold aim of restoring the balance of sexes in Church life, of revitalising the men's societies and to deepen the spiritual life of the individual members, the Inter-Church Council has called on an eminent American preacher, Dr Richard Halverson.



Dr Halverson

Country rallies will be held at Bendigo, Geelong, Wangaratta and Traralgon. Full details appeared in A.C.R. of August 30. The Crusade Secretary is Mr Frank Bennett, 2 Gibson Street, Caulfield, Melbourne (phone 211-2322).

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Selling the Truth

One of the hallmarks of the life of the true believer in all ages has been his sensitive regard for truth. The earliest Christian martyrs faced death with equanimity because they counted truth more precious than life itself.

Having come face to face with the truth of God as revealed in the Scriptures these men could not lightly barter their new found possession for a few more years of earthly life. For them a denial of God's truth meant a union with the Father of Lies himself and a sharing in his unhappy end.

And this same regard for truth that condemned the first Christians to an early grave has sent thousands of other faithful servants of God to their graves through the ages. Such men were the Waldensians, who would not exchange God's truth for the gross errors of the mediaeval Church and such were the Covenanters, to whom tolerance of evil was itself a sin. Such, again, were the Huguenots and the English martyrs. These were men who counted truth more precious than life itself.

The Reformation was fought out over the issue of truth. The truth re-discovered at the Reformation was that God had revealed Himself as a loving God Who sent His Son into the world to die for sinful men and through Whom men could have forgiveness and free access to the Father, without human intermediary.

Magazine for Women

Women readers of A.C.R. will find much to interest them in "Christian Woman," a monthly magazine published in Sydney.

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As men discovered again the grand truths of the Gospel they could no longer sit in silence while everywhere the ancient Church was teaching error. And when at length that Church refused to listen to the truth, when it shut itself off from the voice of God, then these men could no longer find a home within its walls.

The world has undergone tremendous changes since those days and the twentieth century Christian lives in a world far more remote from that of the sixteenth century than the sixteenth was from the first. In the realm of world religion, as in the realm of world politics, the demand today is for peaceful co-existence, for mutual respect and for co-operation.

Tennyson once wrote of the Duke of Wellington that he "never sold the truth to serve the hour." We are in very real danger of doing just this today. Truth is a commodity that is so easily bartered for tolerance, or for harmony, or for unity.

Herein lies the great danger in such movements as the World Council of Churches and pan-Anglicanism. It is one thing to establish a "dialogue" with those from whom we differ. It is quite another to embark on a joint program when it involves us in compromise of some essential truth of the Gospel.

Churchmen today are being faced more and more often with a choice between loyalty to their denomination and loyalty to the revealed truth of God. Every proposal that comes up for consideration needs to be given serious consideration in this light. Truth is forever jostling with error in the life of the Church and for the Christian believer there can be no compromise with error for either truth will drive out error or error will finally drive out truth. This is the choice that churchmen face today.

EVANGELISM IN SYDNEY

The Work of the Board of Diocesan Missions

The Board of Diocesan Missions is appointed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney to foster and conduct Evangelistic and Teaching Missions, under the leadership of the Diocesan Missioner, in parishes throughout the diocese.

Through the years the work of successive Missioners, most of whom are still actively engaged in the ministry of Gospel in Sydney parishes, has been richly blessed by God to the winning of many souls into the Kingdom. Names like Canon A. E. Begbie, Rev. G. T. Rees, Rev. Bernard Gook, Rev. D. Hewitson and Rev. R. Dillon are well-known in Sydney Diocese and beyond.

The present Missioner, the Reverend Walter Spencer, Th. Schol., left St. George's, Bentleigh (Diocese of Melbourne) to take up the work in March, 1963. During the nineteen months since he arrived, Mr Spencer has conducted 26 Missions at which he has preached to over 27,000 people.

Something like 550 Inquirers have been counselled, of whom about 400 have registered first decisions for Jesus Christ. While statistics can never be regarded as an accurate estimate of the working of the Holy Spirit, these figures provide some indication of the manner in which God is blessing the work and witness of the B.D.M.

Community Life

Inquirers coming forward for counselling at the conclusion of mission services have been a very representative cross section of community life. The biggest proportion of definite commitments has come from the teenager group, but there have been numbers of others ranging through to quite elderly people. There have been some clear-cut conversions of people in their seventies.

In parishes where children have been encouraged to attend services with their parents, numbers of them have committed themselves to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. At St. Clement's, Lalor Park, a Housing Commission area in the parish of Seven Hills, this was particularly noticeable.

This was the most recent Mission, September 22-29, and a number of quite young children were counselled.

The Counsellors were impressed with the very clear grasp which many of these children had of the basic truths of the Gospel and of the meaning of the decision for Christ which they had made. Also, in this parish, it was thrilling to see different members of the same family coming to Christ on successive nights.

There was a mother and her daughter; another mother and her teenage son; a father and his teenage daughter and son; three brothers which, as the oldest brother and the first to be converted remarked, leaves only one to go.

Preparatory Work

As well as participating in the actual Missions, the Missioner has spoken at over 100 additional meetings and services, quite a number of which have been "Meet the Missioner Rallies," or visits to Parish Councils to discuss Missions, or Guest Services.

Also he has been the speaker at three Youth camps and two Mission Echo Weekends where the ministry of the Word of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit has borne fruit to the Glory of God.

The success of a Mission depends, very largely, upon the preparation for it. In most cases, under the leadership of the Rectors and with the assistance of the Parish Mission Committees, this preparation has been very thorough.

Most parishes have appreciated the very helpful guidance which is provided by the B.D.M. through its Manual of Preparation. This has meant that, over periods of up to twelve months, each parish has been geared for action, and the local Christians have accepted the responsibility and submitted to the discipline and training necessary for the organisation and carrying through of specialised tasks such as Prayer, Publicity, Visitation, Counselling and Music.

Also they have sought to involve the whole congregation in the less specialised functions, so that the Parish Mission has become the Mission of the Church to the community.

Because of this thorough preparation, large proportions of the Church membership have been committed to the Mission Program and to the bringing in of outsiders. In some parishes, good numbers of non-churchgoers have attended Mission Services. Some of them have been converted during the Mission; the Missioner has been encouraged to hear of others who have subsequently come to Christ through the continuing ministry of the Church.

Special Importance

This involvement of the whole Church to the Church's program has brought great blessings and strength to the church in addition to that which has come through the actual Mission Services.

The Diocesan Missioner's Program for next year is already heavily booked for Missions. There are vacancies for four more Missions at the most, three

in June and July and one in early December.

Of special importance next year will be the "Time for God Crusade," to be held simultaneously in 11 parishes in the Greater Wollongong Area from August 7-16. Nineteen Missioners and over 200 students from Moore Theological College, Deaconess House, and members of the University Evangelical Union will constitute the Mission teams.

Preparations are already well under way, and it is expected that large numbers of the un-churched masses will be reached, and many of them won for Christ. Special efforts will be made to reach the large migrant population of the area.

Members of the Board of Diocesan Missions are very conscious of the greater contribution that it could make to the cause of Evangelism, if it had available the requisite manpower, equipment and finance. Radio Evangelism, and the provision of a full-time assistant Missioner to specialise in children's work, are just two avenues of expansion to which the B.D.M. is giving prayerful consideration, and into which, undoubtedly, they will branch as the means become available.

The board is also planning to organise Central Evangelistic Rallies, and will make a start with these next year at a central venue in Sydney. Fridays, May 1 and October 23 are the dates for '964.

It is anticipated that these rallies will meet a real need and will receive the whole-hearted support of the parishes and other Diocesan organisations in Sydney. Regional rallies may be considered later.

Members of the Board of Diocesan Missions greatly appreciate the prayerful and practical support which comes from those upon whose hearts the Lord has laid a real concern for the work that they are doing in assisting parishes in the all-important work of winning men and women to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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1963 Moral Leadership Course



A SYLLABUS covering important subjects of Christian Doctrine, Christian Behaviour and the Mission of the Church, was used in the 1963 Navy-Army Moral Leadership Course for Church of England officers and men, held at the Eastern Command Personnel Depot, South Head (Sydney), from September 2 to 13.

The Course was attended by 25 officers and men of the Australian Regular Army and Citizen Military Forces, and eight officers and men of the Royal Australian Navy. These men came from all States except West Australia.

The distinguished lecturing panel comprised both clerical and lay lecturers. The clerical members of the panel were, in order of their attendance at the Course, the Reverends B. W. Gook, H. W. Guinness, A. A. Langdon, W. Spencer, Archdeacon G. R. Delbridge, Reverend G. H. Feltham and N. J. Chynoweth. The lay members were Messrs E. C. B. McLaurin, R. C. Clerck, H. Morgan, Group Capt. W. Gates, Dr D. E. Lawrence, Dr R. R. Winton, Messrs C. Gauld and K. Jameson, Capt. J. Bell R.A.N.

Missionary enterprise was introduced by Canon F. Coal-drake (A.B.M.), Reverend G. M. Fletcher (C.M.S.), and the Reverend A. Williams (B.C.A.). The work of Home Missions was outlined by Canon R. G. Fillingham (H.M.S.).

The joint Navy-Army staff of Chaplains was led by Canon A. E. Begbie, Chaplain General to the Forces, and the Ven. J. O. Were, Senior Chaplain, R.A.N.

An insight into some of the practical activities of the Church was given to the students when they were taken on a tour of the

Carlford Children's Homes and the Mowll Memorial Village on Sunday, September 8, and later were entertained in the homes of parishioners of St. Stephen's, Willoughby, prior to worshipping with them at Evening Prayer in St. Stephen's Church.

It is very encouraging to realise that the Armed Forces are giving such emphasis to Christian Leadership training, and that men and women are being encouraged to attend these 11-day courses of

intensive training in the Christian Faith and Christian morality, to enable them to exert a more positive influence on others, especially in their own units, ships and establishments.

The planning for the course was undertaken by Rev. L. W. Long, R.A.N., and the Rev. D. C. Abbott, R.Aust.Ch.D. The course supervisor was Rev. D. C. Abbott, Anglican member of the Army Headquarters Character Training Team.

Concern Over Sunday Sport

A MEETING of Sunday school teachers held recently in Parramatta (Sydney) expressed concern over the rapid growth of organised Sunday sport and its effects on the community.

The meeting passed a resolution urging the rural-decanal chapter and the local ministers' fraternal to press for proper observance of Sunday in the community.

Concern has been expressed over recent matches held in the locality (one newspaper headline ran: "Fights, Flying Cans in Fierce Australian Rules Final") while Melbourne has had similar problems where a recent report stated: "Wild Scenes at Victorian Soccer Games." Both reports were of games played on Sundays.

The meeting of teachers was the 202nd quarterly meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association of the Rural Deanery of Parramatta. Chairman at the meeting was the Reverend E. D. Crawford.

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N.Z. CONFERENCE DISCUSSES PRAYER BOOK REVISION

THE decision of the Waitangi Synod to press for a New Zealand Prayer Book Commission at the next General Synod was greeted with approval by the recent conference of the Evangelical Churchmen's Fellowship.

In a paper presented to the Conference on "The Church of England and Prayer Book Revision," the Reverend B. R. Carrell surveyed the work being done in this direction by the Church in England and Australia, and considered the course's revision in New Zealand might follow.

Four alternatives lay before churchmen anywhere, he said:

1. They could retain the 1662 Prayer Book as it is. Some who urged this course emphasised the value of our present Prayer Book as a focus of unity for the Church. Revision could mean a shift in doctrinal emphasis, and could lead to division within the Church.

2. There could be a mild revision, retaining the 1662 Book and its forms of service largely as they are now. All that was needed was to trim the 1662 Book to fit modern conditions. Those who champion this course suggest as the basis for revision the principles adopted by the revisionists of 1662 who had the 1552 Book before them to adapt to the changed circumstances of the Church after the Restoration.

(a) Alteration of rubrics for the better direction of services.

(b) Alteration of words and phrases "in terms more suitable to the language of the present times."

(c) Alterations for the better rendering of Scripture according to the latest translation.

(d) Alterations providing prayers and thanksgivings for special occasions, and providing special services.

3. Some saw the greatest need as the modernisation of Prayer Book Language. Some would be content with the 1662 Book modernised; others associated revision of the forms of services with modernisation of language. This issue was one over which churchmen seemed to be very much divided. At one end there were those who said that worship, because of its supernatural character, required a language other than that used in everyday speech and literature. Only in this way could the "otherness" of God be emphasised.

At the other end were those who claimed that the service of worship should be such that the alien worldling, meeting Anglican worship for the first time, should be able to enter into its spirit with at least some measure of understanding.

If our services are to be evangelistic occasions, then they must be such that they make an immediate sympathetic impact on the hearer. At the moment the reverse is more often true—we repel more than we attract by the language of our services. Language modernisers appeal to Article XXIV.

4. Root and branch revision of the Prayer Book was also suggested by some. For them, the great need today was to revise the basic form of the services. One particular scheme was put before the Conference—for a new basic Sunday service. Present-day worship tends to divide the family of the Church in any area into several small and fairly self-contained congregations who may have little or no contact with each other as worshipping units. This contradicts the New Testament emphasis on the church worshipping as one unit wherever possible, and so expressing the family nature of the local church.

Elevating either Morning Prayer (Evening Prayer) or the Holy Communion to the status of main Sunday service was not the answer. In their present form they were not adequate for the task. Rather there was the need for a new basic Sunday service fashioned out of Matins, the Litany, and ante-Communion to form a single liturgically ordered service.

This new service would provide the context for the administration of the sacraments and for a service such as confirmation. There need not be a celebration of the Lord's Supper invariably at this service.

Private baptisms would be permitted, but the newly baptised would be received into the Church in the course of the new Sunday service.

Canadian Speaker at New Zealand Meetings

CHIEF speaker at the biennial Conference of the Evangelical Churchmen's Fellowship held in Wellington, New Zealand (reported above), was the Reverend Dr R. A. Ward, until recently Professor of New Testament at Wycliffe College, Toronto.

Seventy delegates lived in at Scott's College, Rongitaki, while upward of 200 attended the evening meetings held in the city. Professor Ward's theme for this main series was the teaching of Jesus about God.

He classified this under the two convenient headings of the severity and the kindness of God. These two aspects of God's character were not mutually exclusive or contradictory as had sometimes been asserted.

Both the severity and the kindness of God were demonstrated most clearly in the cross, and it is there supremely that these two sides of God's character are reconciled.

Following the Conference, Professor Ward undertook a New Zealand tour, speaking in the main centres. Those who heard him were impressed by the combination of scholarship and popular appeal which characterised all of his addresses.

His tour was sponsored by the Evangelical Churchmen's Fellowship. From New Zealand he went to Australia for a further series of addresses in several States.

The Assistant Bishop of Wellington (The Rt. Rev. G. A. McKenzie) addressed the Conference on the subject of the Church of England and Reunion. I do not like the use of this term "Bridge church" to describe us," he said. It makes us seem to be neither one thing nor the other, whereas the contribution the Church of England has to make lies in the example of her comprehensiveness. She is both Catholic and Reformed. The variety of Christian experience can be found within her, living together in one communion.

sharing a common order and a common worship.

Bible studies on II Peter were given by the Rev. R. F. N. Thompson, Vicar of Motueka, and the need of the Church in Asia and Africa was described by the General Secretary of the New Zealand Church Missionary Society (the Rev. H. F. Thompson).

Officers of the E.C.F. elected at the biennial General Meeting included: Patron, the Rt. Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir (Bishop of Nelson); President, the Rev. Canon W. A. Orange; General Secretary, the Rev. M. J. Goodall; Study Secretary, the Rev. G. S. Lamont; Editor of the "Lantern" Magazine, the Rev. L. E. Frankuch.

Teacher Training Course Concluded

IN St. Andrew's Cathedral on Monday, September 16, the Annual Communion Service was held to conclude the Religious Instruction Teacher Training Courses for 1963 conducted by the Board of Education of the Diocese of Sydney.

A large percentage of the 112 lay women and men who had completed the 12-week course held in various centres throughout the diocese during the preceding months attended.

The celebrant at the Communion Service was the Director of Education, Rev. A. A. Langdon, assisted by the Rev. R. McDonald who is the Board's Chaplain to the South Coast.

The occasional sermon was preached by the Board's Editorial Secretary, Mr A. J. Mason, B.A., Th.L., Dip. Ed., Dip. R.E. He spoke of the responsibilities and privileges of taking Religious Instruction classes in the State schools, taking for his text the Collect of the 14th Sunday after Trinity.

1963 is the eighth successive year of Introductory Scripture Teacher Training Courses conducted by the Board of Education and during that time some 700 lay men and women have passed through the courses.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stipends Up

STIPENDS of clergy in Adelaide Diocese are to be increased progressively over the next three years following a synod decision late in September. The new 1964 scale, to operate from April 1 next, will be: Rector, £1,160; priest-in-charge and mission chaplain, £1,060; assistant priest, £890; assistant deacon, £790.

Tower and Vicarage

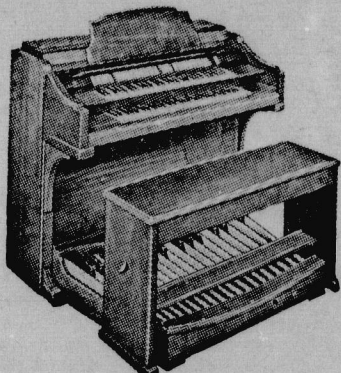
ON Sunday, September 29, Archbishop Woods dedicated a new tower at St. Alban's, Armadale (Melbourne), in the presence of the Governor and Lady Delacombe. On the preceding day, September 28, Bishop Arnott dedicated a new vicarage for the parish of St. Luke's, Frankston East.

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Centenary Book

AS part of the centenary year of St. Matthew's, Manly, N.S.W., a book has been produced showing something of the life and history of the church since the first service on November 8, 1863. The book is mainly pictorial, and includes full-colour aerial pictures of Manly, and of the interior and exterior of the church. The many visitors and friends of the church will find this an ideal record of one of Sydney's large seaside parishes. Copies are available from the Rector, 1 Darley Road, Manly, N.S.W., price 10/-, postage 5d.

Office On Lawn

AN office has been built on the lawn area outside St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, to deal with the business of the Restoration Appeal. Records and cards will be sold from the office and donations received. A special feature is the erection of two blocks of masonry, one old and weathered, the other smooth and new, to help dramatise the need of restoration.

Missionary Exhibition

AN aggregate attendance of over 600 was recorded at the recent Missionary Exhibition, held at the Balmain Methodist Church, under the auspices of the Balmain-Rozelle Ministers' Fraternity. The exhibition brought together 20 organisations from the various churches and all proceeds were given to the British and Foreign Bible Society. At the final service, held on Sunday afternoon, September 15, the Reverend R. A. Hickin of the Bible Society, gave the address to a congregation of 150.

Marriage Preparation

COMMENCING on Tuesday, October 22, a new series of "Thinking of Marriage" nights will be held at the Harvey Sutton Hall in the Father and Son Welfare Movement's new building, 15 Goulburn Street, Sydney. Meetings will continue for five consecutive Tuesdays from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The course is open to all young people contemplating engagement, engaged couples or young marrieds.

Examining Motives

PARISHIONERS from St. Alban's, Epping (Sydney), spent the last weekend of September in a Parish Life Conference at "Gilbulla," Menangle. Purpose of the conference, in the words of the rector, the Reverend W. N. Rook, was to examine the motives behind all the activities of the parish. With the church people for the weekend was the Reverend A. A. Langdon, Director of the Board of Education, and the Reverend K. McIntyre, Organising Secretary of the Board.

State Aid Again...

The decision of the N.S.W. State Government to introduce new allowances for pupils at private secondary schools has received somewhat wider acceptance than previous moves in this direction. Perhaps Roman Catholic persistence is starting to wear down resistance. Even "The Sydney Morning Herald," up to now strenuous in its opposition to all forms of State Aid, felt that the new proposals were acceptable and in the public interest.

However, while it is true that the benefits are to go to the parents rather than to the schools (a neat move on the political

chess-board), in principle the benefits are just another form of indirect aid to students at private schools (apart from a certain amount of limited help to some parents of State schoolchildren). It seems to be the thin edge of the wedge.

Notes and Comments

Sunday Sport...

The move by a group of Sunday School teachers in Parramatta to voice their protest over the ever-growing use of Sunday for organised sport is to be welcomed, although perhaps only a small voice crying in the wilderness. Every Monday morning, the newspapers unfold reports of sporting activities of all kinds which have taken place on the preceding Sunday. A typical report recently, for instance, told of a game of Soccer attended by

a record crowd of over 30,000. Other similar reports are mentioned in a news item elsewhere in this issue.

It is taking a long time for the Churches as a whole to awaken from their lethargy in this matter and it is to be hoped that the move from Parramatta—the place where Australia's Sunday School movement was born—will spur some of the Church's adult bodies into action.

War Memorial Churches...

Mr Yeo, N.S.W. State President of the R.S.L., is reported to have said recently that many organisations had prostituted the term "war memorial" and were calling buildings by that name to receive tax concessions.

The R.S.L. Congress adopted a motion urging that indiscriminate use of the term should be discontinued. Commented Mr Yeo: "Churches are the worst offenders. You see war memorial churches everywhere these days." So often an object of criticism by churchpeople the R.S.L. seems to have turned the tables on the Churches on this issue. In general, Anglican Churches have not offended in this matter as much

as some others, nevertheless those contemplating the erection of church buildings need to examine carefully proposals to dedicate the buildings as "war memorials" in order to gain tax concessions.

Discussing this question recently, "The Australian Baptist" said: "We honour our splendid servicemen, but wonder whether this honour would lead us to erect a church to their memory if there was no hope of receiving taxation concessions for gifts to its erection. If calling a church a memorial is solely or mainly for the purpose of tax concessions, then the act is immoral." And with such a comment we must agree.

40 YEARS AGO

(From the Bishop of Willochra's Synod Charge.) "The most characteristic mark of the present day is the widespread and pathetic attempt on the part of man to be content without God. Unfortunately this effort to order life and policy without reference to God extends largely also to the greatest and most important movement of modern times, the Labour movement, and a large proportion of those engaged in manual labour are either indifferent to the Christian Church or actively opposed to it. It cannot be denied that the Christian Church has been on far too good terms with the world and has forgotten that Christ was poor and that He had an overpowering fear of the effect of money on a man's character."

★ ★ ★
"A magnificent gift has recently been made by Mrs E. Vickery, of Darling Point, to the Committee of the Church of England Homes for Children, in the shape of a magnificent block of land, comprising 36 acres, on the heights of Carlingford. An anonymous donor has added a further nine acres with a main frontage to Pennant Hills Road. The entire block of 45 acres was secured at a cost of £3,250."

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(From the report of a Melbourne Clergy Conference.) "The Rev. R. C. M. Long on 'How to Retain Our Young

(Extracts from "The Church Record," October 12, 1923.)

Books

Autobiography

FATHER JOE

The Autobiography of Joseph Williamson of Poplar and Stepney

London, Hodder and Stoughton, 1963. Pp. 192. Aust. price 24/3.

The eight-page Foreword written by the present Archbishop of Perth (then Archdeacon of London) is a measure of the appreciation many feel for the work of "Father Joe" among prostitutes and other unfortunate people in London's East End. (The Archbishop and Joe Williamson were students together at St. Augustine's, Canterbury, over 40 years ago).

The reviewer had the privilege of meeting Father Joe in his Stepney Vicarage last year, and of feeling a little of the vitality of his mission to those parts. He was himself born in Stepney, and brought up in exceedingly poor circumstances. His mother could neither read nor write, and his own entering on the ministry was a triumph of grace. He has devoted himself to his own people and their problems as few in modern times have done.

It is a heart-warming and pleasantly disorderly book. There are 17 photographs, and the text of a famous and explosive sermon preached in St. Paul's Cathedral in 1961 on behalf of his work.

One would like to know more of what lies behind Archbishop Appleton's words about Father Joe: "He has always been ready to rescue any maiden in distress, and if the knightly journey took him by Lambeth Palace, Fulham Palace or 10 Downing Street, he would pause to summon the eminent residents to join in the crusade, or on occasion send a rocket missile to all the episcopal residences of the Church of England or an earnest appeal to Buckingham Palace."

—D.W.B.R.

Dr Ronald Ward in Melbourne

THE Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (Victoria) was held in September and drew a large number of people to hear Dr R. A. Ward, M.A., B.D., Ph. D., a leading Evangelical churchman from Canada.

"There are many appeals today to get back to the simplicity of the Gospel," Dr Ward told his audience "But the teachings of Jesus, when examined, are not so simple."

Taking his text from Romans II Dr Ward said: "Note then the kindness and severity of God. God has exclusive claims on men. Our Lord stated, 'Give back . . . to God the things that are God's.' God was to be feared. He, not the devil, had authority to cast a man into Gehenna."

"God detests certain things; they are an abomination to Him. In the Scriptures there is usually the idea of 'distance' or 'dismissal' with that which is an abomination to God. The pride of man's heart God detests."

Dr Ward went on: "There is a sense in the teachings of Jesus in which God is the destroyer. Jesus said: 'Unless you repent you will . . . perish.' God, said Dr Ward, was ethnically supreme and absolutely good. God destroys but he saves. He is to be feared but wants our prayers. He detests sin but forgives. Finally, at the Cross the kindness and severity of God come together."

During his talk Dr Ward expressed his joy that Dr Leon Morris was returning to Ridley College as Principal.

At the annual meeting the following positions were agreed to: Chairman, Dr Leon Morris; secretary and deputy chairman, Rev. W. Lloyd; treasurer, Canon L. J. Nash; committee, Rev. G. Pearson, Messrs A. Neil, H. Speagle, H. Nicholson.

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Letters to the Editor

Leadership Needed

Dear Sir,

Appropos of an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue over my name, may I invite the special interest of Rectors who may have individuals or teams in training (who may need opportunities to gain experience and maturity in Evangelical outreach) to our Parish field just now.

We have six churches in the Parish. Activity potential is considerable but dormant at present due partly to lack of capable leadership and more largely to lack of a Parish integration climate. Each centre lives for itself in the main. This, of course, has repercussions outside of the Parish because the Church's missionary character is not greatly seen.

With an average of six services a Sunday, three Sunday schools, two fellowships (at present of limited value) and a recently formed Leadership Training group looking for the inspiration of other leaders, the program for the next twelve months offers considerable scope to folk who can see the possibilities and are free to do something about them. Response could prove to be of mutual value and a real service in the Cause of the Kingdom.

(Rev) A. J. Richards,
Rector.

Christmas Eve Communion

Dear Sir,

May I appeal through your columns, for a wider introduction of the Christmas Eve midnight celebration: in Sydney itself those with cars are to some extent provided for (at the Cathedral and several city and suburban churches) but in some areas, e.g., Wollongong, there was last year no midnight celebration.

At Christmas with several generations in one house and grandparents, parents and children all to be got to church, it becomes very difficult, especially for parents of young children, to be present except at midnight.

Yours faithfully,
L. D. WHEELER
Rose Bay.

Disturbing Statement

Dear Sir,

It was extremely disturbing to read the statement by Archbishop Wood that unification of the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches was "getting closer." He is quoted as saying that "It is never too late for our unification."

Doubtless, the Archbishop and his diocese would be interested in joining with Rome. Such a marriage feast, however, must be intolerable to Evangelicals. We would be forced to leave the Anglican Communion and worship in a manner which is more in keeping with Biblical doctrine, rather than be subject to the very real repugnance of Roman worship.

There seems to have been no comment from Evangelical spokesmen on Archbishop Wood's statement. Have we become so immune to these overtures that we accept them blithely?

There seemed to be no outcry recently when our own archbishop sent along his representative to requiem mass for the late Pope. And worse, we have seen in this city the local newspapers blazing the archdeacons' pilgrimage of court to the local Roman Bishop, again with no comment by Evangelicals.

It seems that even in this diocese there is a spirit prevailing which says "peace at any price." The day that the Anglican world unites with Rome will sound the death-knell of religious freedom and yet it seems that some of our high-ranking clergy are of the opinion that Rome is to be courted.

Do we intend to return to the yoke of this monster anti-Christ without protest? It is time that Evangelicals were outspoken against words and actions which are calculated to bring us nearer to Rome. Rather the breach should be widened. To do this it may be necessary to speak out against those who are "over us in the Lord," but better this than Roman bondage.

Is it that the fires of Smithfield have to again be lighted to hear Rome denounced? Let us boldly proclaim, in love, the truth that some may be won before it is too late.

J. L. BRUNTON,
Wollongong, N.S.W.

Evolution and Schoolchildren

Dear Sir,

The letter of Mr Imisides concerning evolution has prompted me to send you a copy of a debate with Miss Best, the science mistress of the Adelaide Girls' High School, to which I was challenged last year, as I had been teaching girls in the R.I. class that evolution was fallacious.

There was no adjudicator for the debate and therefore I may be pardoned for saying that not one argument which was advanced was refuted. The only thing which Miss Best said was that I knew nothing of embryology which is hardly a refutation of facts.

I have sent a copy to Mr Imisides, in the hope that Christians may not be frightened out of their Biblical accuracy concerning the first man, ADAM. (1 Cor. 15-45).

Yours Sincerely,
(Rev.) G. C. BENNETT,
Adelaide, S.A.

Prayer Book Revision

Dear Sir,

In any revision of the Prayer Book we are to continue the doctrine and worship as set out in the Prayer Book and Articles. Is it not contrary to the principle of worship to disregard appointed Saints' Days, even when they fall on a Sunday?

Why do some clergy say "amen" when it is appointed (by printing in italics) for the people in this way to enter into the principle of congregational worship?

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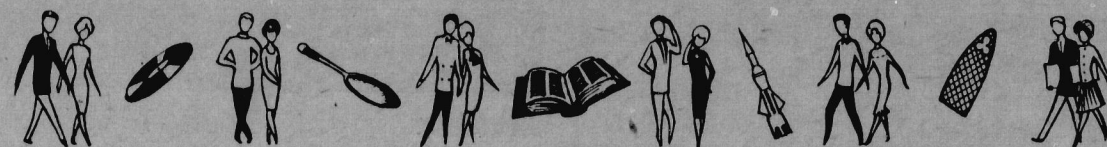
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE



Sunday School in a Tent



HOW would some of our young readers like to go to Sunday school in a tent? If you lived at Church Point (Sydney) you would probably be joining the many other boys and girls on their way to their tent Sunday school each week.

The idea of holding Sunday school in such an unusual "building" (who remembers where God's people worshipped in early Biblical history?) came to the minister of St. John the Baptist, Mona Vale (the Reverend George Townend) as there was no church building at Church Point. Yes, that's true, not even with a name like that!

Actually, there once was such a building—a community church, that is a building used by people of various denominations—but it was built in 1872 and had to be

demolished in 1932. Incidentally, the original building cost only £60 and was built on one acre of land given to the church people for the sum of 10/-.

To-day the same area of land at Church Point would be worth £10,000!

The photo shows Mr David Weaver and Mr John Wilson, who run the Sunday school, standing with some of the children outside the tent. The church people at Mona Vale hope to erect a building at Church Point in the near future.

Sydney Expecting Invasion of Boys

WITH the end of the year only a few weeks off excitement will be growing in homes where there are boys and girls, for this time of the year brings with it school holidays and Christmas.

But in quite a number of these households there will be a special extra measure of excitement this year as some of the older members of C.E.B.S. prepare for the great national Jubilee Camp, to be held near Sydney early in January.

In one of the most beautiful of the many beautiful spots around Sydney thousands of Esquires and Knights will be gathered together in a huge camp on the shores of Port Hacking.

Boys from the far north of Queensland and the far south of

Tasmania, from the suburbs of Perth in the west and the inner-city areas of Sydney in the east, will be drawn together for ten days of what promises to be the most exciting camp of its kind ever held in Australia.

The camp has been organised as the final act of celebration to mark the passing of fifty years since the foundation of C.E.B.S. in Australia. Plans have been laid by a committee under the chairmanship of Bishop R. C. Kerle of Sydney, Camp Director is the Reverend N. Molloy, principal of St. John's Home for Boys in Melbourne and a Life Vice-President of the Society. The Assistant Camp Director is the Reverend B. P. Goodwin Hudson.

As the time has been passing C.E.B.S. members all over Australia have been raising money to meet the costs involved in going to the camp. The cost per boy is £15, plus his fares, and this means a fairly large amount for those boys travelling to Sydney from the States farthest away. Boys have worked at various tasks such as car-washing, organising film nights and other activities in order to meet these costs.

The origins of C.E.B.S. in Australia go back to Melbourne Diocese where, in 1913, Synod passed a motion which read: "That a Society of boys between the ages of 14 and 18 be formed on the lines of C.E.M.S."

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Gradually the movement grew and spread to other parts of Australia. Later junior boys, known as Pages, were linked with the older boys so that C.E.B.S. now caters for boys from eight years of age upwards in three groups—Pages, Esquires and Knights.

This is one "invasion" Sydney church people won't mind. And neither will the transport authorities, from what we can learn. We believe, for instance, that an estimated contingent of 500 boys will be coming to Sydney from Victoria and that a special train will be running to carry this large party. Perhaps this year the various State railway departments will be making a substantial profit!

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CLERGY WIVES: The Clergy Wives' Association (Diocese of Sydney), invites all clergy wives to attend their next meeting, to be held at Bishopscourt, on Friday, November 1, at 11.30 a.m. Please note that luncheon will be provided. If there is any information you require, please phone the secretary, Marjorie Mills, St. John's Rectory, Camperdown (78-2879).

SYDNEY Diocesan Churchwomen's Association. Annual Meeting and 24th Birthday Rally. Friday, October 11.

SEAFARERS' SERVICE: Friends of the Missions to Seamen (Sydney) are invited to the Annual Seafarers' Service and Procession of Holy Flags to be held in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on Sunday, October 27, at 11.00 a.m. The preacher will be the Reverend James Whild, B.A., recently returned from England.

SCOTS CHURCH, Margaret Street, Sydney, will be the location of "Into Orbit," a program for young people's groups, organised by C.M.S. The program will take place on Saturday, October 19, at 3.00 p.m. Further details from Miss Gaye Martin, Secretary for Junior Youth, C.M.S.

RALLY: The Annual Diocesan Rally will be held again at "Gibbulla" on Saturday, November 2. Buses will leave the Cathedral and Mowli Village at 9.00 a.m. Tickets are available from the Sydney Diocesan Churchwomen's Association at C.E.N.E.F. 61-9541 or from Public Relations (26-2371).

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Personal

Sydney

The Archbishop of Sydney returned to the diocese on Sunday, September 29, following his visit to Toronto and England. Dr Gough's first official engagement was to attend the H.M.S. Congress for Men held on Tuesday, October 8.

Melbourne

Mr and Mrs Ray Pearce left Melbourne on October 2 en route to take up their work with C.M.S. at Tawau, North Borneo. On their return trip they are carrying out a short program of deputations in Adelaide and Perth.

The Dean (the Very Reverend T. W. Thomas) returned to Melbourne on September 23 after an overseas trip of eight weeks during which he was one of the representatives of Melbourne Diocese at the Toronto Congress. During his trip Dean Thomas preached at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, and Canterbury Cathedral.

Archdeacon Lionel and Mrs Bakewell, of C.M.S., arrived in Melbourne at the beginning of October for furlough before returning to Nairobi to become principal of a new Language School to be located there.

The Reverend A. S. Dence has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the parish of St. Philip's, Cowes (Phillip Island). Mr Dence will take up his duties as from November 1.

The death occurred, on September 20, of Mr Colin MacRae, 61, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral choir for the past forty years. Mr MacRae was also president of the Friends of St. Paul's. He is survived by his wife.

Overseas

Canon Seth Irusewe Kale, who is to be the new Bishop of Lagos (in the Church of the Province of West Africa, in succession to the late Bishop A. W. Howells), will be consecrated by the Archbishop of West Africa (the Most Rev. C. J. Patterson) at Lagos Cathedral on St. Andrew's Day, November 30. Canon Kale, who was educated at Fourah Bay College, was ordained a priest in 1943. From 1942 to 1944 he was vice-principal of the C.M.S. Grammar School at Lagos, and was Principal of the school from 1944 to 1951. Since 1952 he has been Principal of St. Andrew's College, Oyo, in the diocese of Ibad. Canon Kale has been a canon of Ibad Cathedral since 1954 and an examining chaplain to the Bishop of Ibad since 1958.

Housing for Aged

A NEW block of self-contained units to house 70 aged persons is one of the latest projects of the Sydney Church of England Homes for Aged Persons. The units, to be known as St. Anne's Court, which are designed on the courtyard basis, are to be erected on land at present belonging to St. Anne's—bounded by Gowrie, William and St. Anne Streets, Ryde. It is expected that preliminary work on the site will commence by the end of this year. Architect for the project is Mr Geoffrey Twibill, who has been associated with the Mowll Village project at Castle Hill.

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HOLLAND—A married man was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on September 23. He is said to be only the second married Roman Catholic priest in the world. The 55-year-old man was formerly a clergyman in the Dutch Reformed Church but joined the Church of Rome in 1955.

Radio Sunday School in New Guinea

RECENTLY the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship commenced a Radio Sunday School over its New Guinea telecommunications network.

The school is operated in two half-hour sessions, the first period being devoted to junior children and the second to seniors. Children who enrol are sent work books, together with folders to hold their weekly lessons, the material being used coming from C.S.S.M.

Greatest response to date has come from native boys and girls who understand English and who have contact with the various mission stations linked with the C.R.M.F. station at Rugli.

Because of the use of transmitters, children are able to join in with the lessons and other activities (which include prayers and singing) in a way not otherwise possible. The C.R.M.F. teacher is Miss Beverley Graham who is helped by the other staff workers at Rugli. Miss Graham reports rapid growth in the area of contact, children from more than a dozen missionary societies now being enrolled.

A BILINGUAL Bible has been issued by the British Overseas Bible Society for use in Angola because colonial authorities have prohibited the publication of the Holy Scriptures without a Portuguese translation. The new Bible has parallel texts in Mbundu, the national language, and in Portuguese.

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October 20: 19th Sunday after Trinity. M.: Jeremiah 31: 23-37; Luke 12: 35-end, or 1 Peter 2: 11-3: 7.

E.: Jeremiah 35, or 36; John 14, or 1 John 2: 12-end.

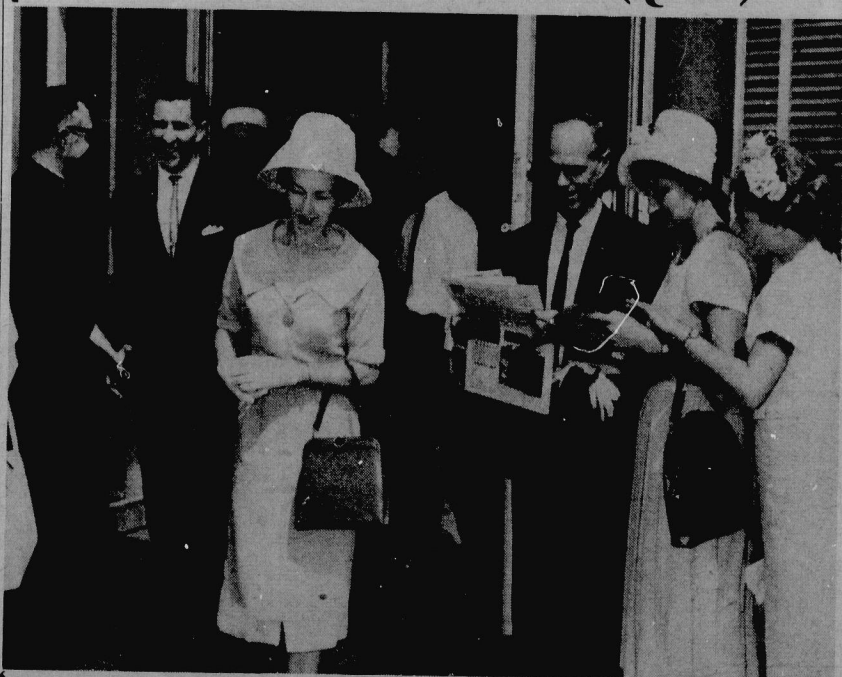
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E.: Ezekiel 3: 4-21, or Ezekiel 13: 1-16; John 15, or 1 John 3.

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Primate Asks

Why Was Church's Evidence Ignored?

In his Presidential Address to the First Session of the Thirty-Third Synod of the Diocese of Sydney, the Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia (Dr H.R. Gough) asked the question: Why was the evidence, produced by the Church in 1959, of sexual immorality among school-age children ignored or disbelieved?

"At the Synod of 1959," said Dr Gough, "Bishop Kerle drew attention to the prevalence of sexual immorality among boys and girls in our schools. For this he was maligned and ridiculed in the Press and denials were made authoritative spokesmen."

"Today, four years later," said the Archbishop, "the Minister for Education, Mr Wetherell, has agreed to have a State-wide survey of the moral situation in secondary schools. This has been more or less forced upon him by the recent scandals in the Bathurst area. Why has not such action been taken before? Why was the Church's evidence ignored or disbelieved?"

Behind Walls

Archbishop Gough made these remarks in a section of his Address dealing with the Church's relationship with the Press and the Government.

"As long," said the Arch-

bishop, "as Christians remain silently huddled behind their church walls the Press ignores us — and rightly so! For such behaviour should be treated with contemptuous silence! But as soon as we start to show that we are concerned about what is going on outside the Church and with the welfare of people generally and draw attention to matters which are detrimental to their welfare, then here, too often, trouble begins. We are accused of ignorance, prejudice and interference."

Not Blinded

"In reality the reverse is the truth! The real roots of all our problems lie in human nature and probably the clergy know more about that than any other group of people. We are in closer touch than others with the troubles and problems of everyday life. We are the confidants of our people."

"We, together with the lay people of our Church, seek to

study the problems of life from God's point of view, not from man's, not blinded by loyalty to a political party, not biased by public opinion, not looking over our shoulder all the time as some politicians seem to do, wondering whether they may lose their seat if they take unpopular action."

"I remember a significant remark in the speech given at the World Council of Churches Conference at Delhi two years ago by Mr Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, who admitted that political leaders had to compromise but said religious leaders should never do so."

"We are not kill-joys! The

Christian religion is founded on the fact of God's love for all men and we who seek humbly to follow Christ must show similar love toward others.

"We are concerned with the real happiness of our fellowmen but real happiness may be something different from that which often in a superficial and quickly passing manner may appear to bring happiness. When we see something spoiling the true happiness of people we must make it known."

Referring to the Government's failure to act on matters of great concern to the Churches, Dr Gough gave as example the Youth Policy Report and the

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Centrality of God's Mission Vital Says Archbishop Woods

Referring to the Toronto Congress Message in his Synod Sermon in St. Paul's Cathedral on October 7, the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr F. Woods, said that the message, among other things, asks us "to examine the training of clergy and laity alike, asking whether in fact God's mission is central in our teaching."

"When I look back on my own training," said the Archbishop, "though a great deal was said and taught about the Church's mission in and to the world, for me personally the teaching was centred not on mission but on the pastoral work of an English parish. And when I consider the instruction that I gave to confirmation candidates, even though much was said about the layman's witness, the central objective in that teaching was not on the Church's mission, but on good churchmanship, on prayer, worship and conduct of the individual boy or girl, man or woman."

"I am glad to know that the centrality of mission is taught now in parish after parish. I know too that at Ridley College there is an optional course for students on the mission of the Church — no such course was available in any English college in my student days."

Priorities

"Though I have been amazed and delighted at the number in our diocese who have enrolled as members of Forward in Faith, when I consider the teaching that has been given in those studies, this word central gives my conscience a jolt. Yes, we have spoken of the mission of

the Church. But can we claim that that mission was central to our theme?"

Turning his attention to the matter of priorities, Dr Woods continued:

"It is a notorious fact that when the Church was poor, before the war, it gave a greater proportion of parochial income to missions than we do now in our comparative affluence."

"It was the amassing of riches and the resultant construction of magnificent buildings that did more than any other one thing to corrupt the spirit of Christian service in the monastic houses of England, and eventually to allow their dissolution to be largely unlamented."

"It is not for me, nor for any of us, to condemn a parish because at long last it is able to provide itself with the minimum of equipment for vigorous and healthy parochial activity. I am not suggesting that it will ever be right for a central diocesan body to say to a parish 'You don't need that tower; give the money to the Church's mission.' But I am saying that the time has come when each parish needs to scrutinise its own plans for advance. It may well be that that advance should become visible in Africa or New Guinea, rather than inside its own boundaries."

Church Float in Festival Procession



A float depicting the first Christian service held in Australia (in 1788) was entered by the Diocese of Sydney in the Waratah Spring Festival procession. The float was planned by a committee of representatives of various youth organisations, with the Reverend Kenneth Roughley, Diocesan Public Relations Officer, as chairman. The structure was built by carpenters who are members of the parish of St. Luke's, Clovelly and was 28ft long. It contained 42,000 artificial flowers arranged by members of G.F.S. The design was prepared by Mr Ian Edgar, of Lane Cove. 100 C.E.B.S. and 100 G.F.S. members marched before and behind the float.