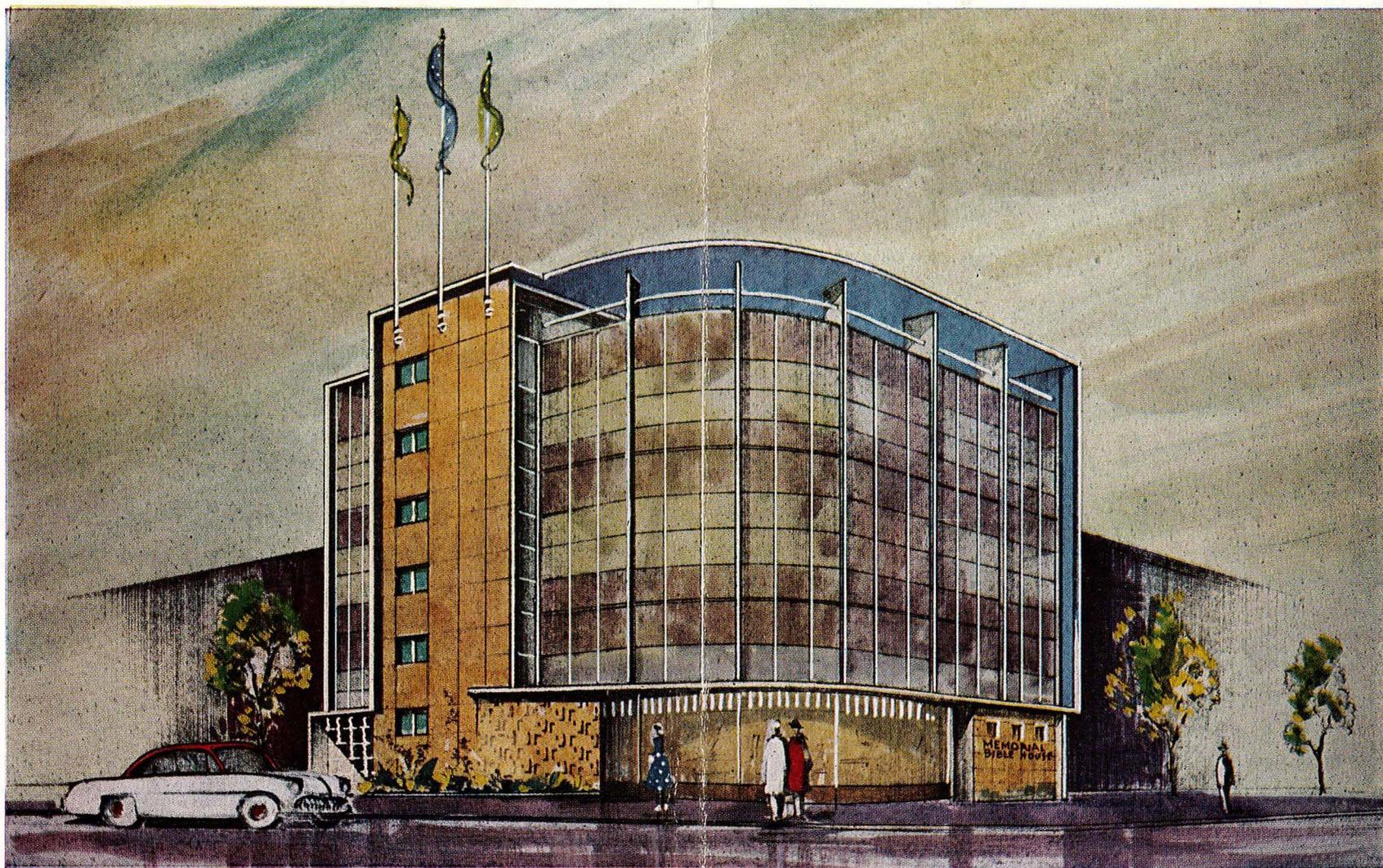


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*The Official Opening and Dedication
of The Memorial Bible House, Canberra*

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**THE ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING AND DEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL BIBLE HOUSE,
CIVIC CENTRE, CANBERRA**

on

Saturday, 13th February, 1960, at 3 p.m.

I.—THE WELCOME AND THE GRADUAL

CHAIRMAN: T. H. Elder, Esq., Chairman of the Commonwealth Council

The Right Honourable R. G. Menzies, C.H., Q.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Australia, and Mrs. I. A. Green (deputising for Dame Pattie Menzies) will arrive at the Memorial Bible House and will be welcomed by the Chairman of the Commonwealth Council and the General Secretary, who will present the Officers of the Council:—

His Honour Mr. Justice Richardson, Vice Chairman.

G. J. Foot, Esq., Honorary Treasurer.

and the Trustees of the Building:

Sir John Northcott, K.C.M.G.

H. C. C. Marshall, Esq.

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and

The Most Reverend H. R. Gough, O.B.E., D.D., Primate of Australia.

The Right Reverend E. H. Burgmann, M.A., Th.D., Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

The Reverend Dr. A. H. Wood, M.A., President-General of the Methodist Church of Australia.

The Reverend H. Harrison, M.A., B.D., representing the Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Reverend F. J. McMaster, President of the Canberra Branch of the Society.

J. A. Cockle, Esq., the Builder.

R. Lindsay Little, Esq., F.R.A.I.A., F.R.I.B.A., the Architect.

The Official Party will then proceed to the Dais.

The National Anthem.

The Chairman of the Commonwealth Council will welcome the Prime Minister and the other guests and visitors.

Mr. Justice Richardson will read greetings and messages of congratulation.

The Honorary Treasurer will make a brief financial statement.

II.—THE ACT OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING

The Architect and the Builder will hand the key of the Memorial Bible House to Sir John Northcott, who will receive it on behalf of the Trustees.

Sir John Northcott will hand the key to the Prime Minister and invite him officially to open the Bible House.

The Prime Minister will address the assembly and then perform the Official Opening, upon which

A FANFARE OF TRUMPETS WILL BE SOUNDED

THE FLAGS WILL BE UNFURLED

THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

THE FLAG OF ST. GEORGE

THE FLAG OF ST. ANDREW

THE LIGHTS OF THE BUILDING WILL BE SWITCHED ON

THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL MAKE A CEREMONIAL AND SYMBOLIC ENTRY INTO THE NEWLY OPENED BIBLE HOUSE

proceeding through the main entrance to the vestibule at which the Prime Minister will unveil a plaque, the party then returning to the Dais.



The Prime Minister

Mrs. H. M. Arrowsmith will present flowers to Mrs. I. A. Green.

Mr. George Wilson will make a presentation to the Prime Minister.

III.—THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

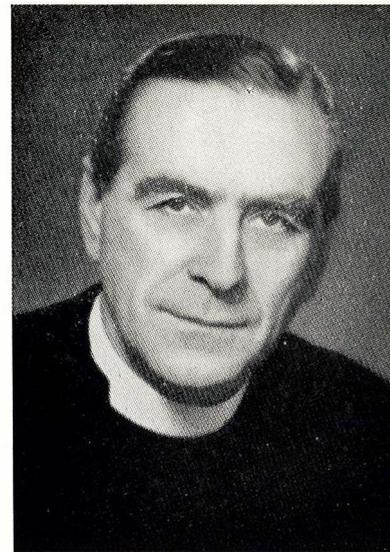
CHAIRMAN: The Right Reverend E. H. Burgmann, Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

HYMN:

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath bless'd us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

Oh may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplex'd,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Holy Ghost,
Supreme in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.



The Primate of Australia

PRAYER: The President-General of the Methodist Church of Australia.

SCRIPTURE: The Parable of the Sower. Mark 4:1-20. The Reverend Hector Harrison.

The Bible used on this occasion is the Official Bible brought to Australia with the first Fleet in 1788 and was made available for to-day's ceremony by the courtesy of the Venerable T. C. Hammond, M.A., Th.D., Rector of St. Philip's, Church Hill, Sydney.

The Bishop of Canberra-Goulburn will invite the Primate of Australia, the Most Reverend H. R. Gough, to dedicate the Memorial Bible House.

The Primate will address the Assembly.

The Primate will Dedicate the Memorial Bible House.

HYMN:

Father of mercies, in Thy word
What endless glory shines!
For ever be Thy name adored
For these celestial lines.

Here springs of consolation rise
To cheer the fainting mind:
And thirsty souls receive supplies,
And sweet refreshment find.

Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around;

And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound.

Oh may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light.

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
Be Thou for ever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred word,
And view my Saviour there. Amen.

The Primate will offer Prayers of Dedication.

The Recitation of Remembrance of those Missionaries, Chaplains and Translators, who lost their lives in World War II and whose names will be memorialised in this Bible House.

Expression of Appreciation and Thanks: R. Cleaver, Esq., M.P.

The Hymn of Dedication: This Hymn was written in 1901 by Sir Robert Garran.

The sunlight on our faces,
The south wind fresh and free,
The blood of ancient races,
The heart that dares the sea;
The blood that brooks no master,
The faith that knows no fear,
Stir us to stem disaster,
Steel us to persevere.

Help us to build a nation,
A people proud and free—
Proud of our high vocation,
Humble, O Lord, to thee!

Afflame with high endeavour
Though stoney paths be trod,
Keep us united ever,
One people, serving God!

Thou who, in peace and war-time,
Hast with ungrudging hand
Prosper'd our sires aforetime,
Prosper'd our Motherland,
Guard thou the daughter nation
From danger, strife and stealth;
Through trial, drouth, temptation,
Prosper the Commonwealth!

During the singing of this hymn an Offering will be received, and will be devoted to Scripture circulation in Asia except where specifically designed towards the costs of the Bible House.

The Benediction.

The Memorial Bible House will be open for inspection after the Official Opening and also on Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Officers of the Society will be in attendance on all floors to convey information and to answer questions.

THE CANBERRA MEMORIAL BIBLE HOUSE

This Bible House is erected as a Memorial to Missionaries, Chaplains and Translators who lost their lives in World War II.

When the lists have been completed a plaque will be placed in the Memorial Bible House to memorialise the lives, the service and the witness of those who died in the prosecution of their portion of the Christian Mission.

Those in whose memory the Bible House is erected include:

ANDER, Hans
BARGE, John
BEAZLEY, Sidney
BEVINGTON, Ronald Sutton
BODE, W.
BRENCHLEY, Margaret
DOTT, Harry
DUFFILL, John
FARQUARSON, Donald
FLIEHLER, Paul
HAYMAN, May
HENKELMANN, Fred
HOLLAND, Henry
KENTISH, Leonard
KLOTZBUECHER, Frieda

KREBS, Walter
KROEGER, Marie
KUEHN, Alvin
LASHMAR, Lilla
LIDDELL, Eric
LINGGOOD, William
MATTHEWS, Henry
MOORE, Bernard
McCARTHUR, Laurence
OAKES, William
OBST, Adolph
PARKINSON, Mavis
PEARCE, Ernest
PEARSON, Howard

POOLE, John
RADKE, Theodore
REDLICH, Vivian
ROBJOHNS, Collin
RUNDLE, John
SADD, Alfred
SHELTON, Herbert Bolu
SIMPSON, Thomas
STUART, C. P. Cohen
STUBBS, George
TAPIEDI, Lucian
TREVITT, Jack
WAGNER, Adolt
WELSCH, Jakob
WENZ, Wilbur

THE MINISTRY OF THE BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC

1. The maintenance of nine Bible Houses in Australia and New Guinea.
2. The circulation within Australia and New Guinea, by sale or by grant, of 400,000 Bibles, Testaments and Portions in 1959.
3. An extensive work of colportage in the outback of Australia with especial emphasis in the Northern Territory and in North Queensland.
4. The provision of Scriptures in Australia in over seventy different languages for migrants and New Australians, and the provision of Bibles for presentation to New Australians on the occasion of their Naturalisation. This certifies to those who become Naturalised Australian Citizens that the Bible is the basis of the Australian, as of the British way of life.
5. Full responsibility for the projection of the work of the Bible Society in New Guinea and Papua, including the stimulation of Translation, Aids to translators, and the circulation of Scriptures in this area. A new Bible House at Port Moresby is now effectively functioning.
6. The Society acts as handmaid to the Churches. The Society is not a Church, but acts as a specialised agency, supplying the Church with all the benefit of the skills which the Society has developed over 150 years of service in supplying the Church's need of Scriptures and in acting as a partner with the Church in the Churches' general mission of Communication.
7. The Society provides an informed service and a persuasive propagandism as to the perennial relevance and eternal significance of Holy Scripture.
8. Assistance to translators in the Aboriginal, the New Guinea, and a wider pacific area, in the problems and perplexities they are confronted with in the translation of Holy Scripture into various languages. A similar service is rendered to those who are now engaged in the revision of earlier translations.
9. The publication and circulation of Scriptures for the wider missionary needs of the Pacific Islands. At the present time Scriptures are in production, on the order of the Commonwealth Council, in the following languages:

BAMBATANA	Romans—Revelation	GELA	Genesis	KYAKA	St. Mark, 1 St. John
BUGOTU	Old Testament	HULA	New Testament	MOTU	Old Testament
BUGOTU	New Testament	KIWAI	New Testament	MWALA :KWARA'AE	New Testament
CIGOGO	Bible	KRONGO	St. Mark, St. John, The Acts,	KUANUA	New Testament
GEDAGED	New Testament		Ephesians, James, 1 St. John	OROKOLO	New Testament
				PITJANTJATJARA	St. Mark, St. John

10. A direct responsibility for half of the work of the B.F.B.S. in East Africa, including Tanganyika, Kenya, Uganda, Madagascar and Zanzibar.
11. A similar responsibility for half of Bible Society work in Vietnam.
12. And when these functions have all been fulfilled, the Society in Australia contributes its surplus funds to London to help provide the financial resources necessary for the wider world-coverage of the Bible Society's general work.

WHAT THE SOCIETY ASKS

1. The informed and faithful prayers of God's people.
2. The dedicated service of men and women, and especially young people, to permit and consolidate the enlarging of the scope and impact of the Society's work in Australia, and thus abroad.
3. The commitment of individual Christians to the work of the Society by reason of their Annual Membership and participation in the Society's work.
4. The recognition by the whole Church of the Society's unique and historical contribution to the Church's Mission.
5. The direct, regular and proportional financial contribution to the Society by every Christian congregation by means of a voluntary and annual budgetary allocation.



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