

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

No ancient cathedral in a crowded city could have witnessed a more moving service than that last Tuesday evening, St. Andrew's Day, when the Reverend Howell Arthur John Witt was consecrated Bishop here by the Archbishop of Perth, with the Bishops of Kalgoorlie and Bunbury, and Bishops Frewer, Riley and Macdonald.

The town of Geraldton is more than three hundred miles from Perth, almost on the southern boundary of the largest land-diocese in the world. Its cathedral church was consecrated less than two years ago.

From the first entry of the procession the service moved with faultless and dignified precision through the rite: this was after all not a matter of recent invention, but one of old tradition, the consecrating of a bishop in the Church of God according to a centuries-old Ordinal.

Clearly and audibly the great congregation made their responses; with the augmented choir they sang in full voice the hymns chosen by the Bishop elect; directed by the preacher, they listened intently to the examination, and took their full part in the consecrating of their chief shepherd to his work in the Australia of these days.

DEEP HUSH

There was a deep hush at the moment of the laying on of hands; the Archbishop delivered to the Bishop-elect the Bible, his Pastoral Staff, Pectoral Cross and Ring; then a great song of praise.

After the Presenting Bishops, the Right Reverend John Frewer and the Right Reverend Brian Macdonald, Bishop Witt received the Blessed Sacrament with his family — his mother had travelled from Wales to be with her son on this day.

Some two hundred and fifty people of the congregation then made their Communion.

The Liturgy ended, the newly anointed Bishop was ennobled by the Very Reverend R. Wilson, Dean of Geraldton and Administrator of the diocese since the resignation of Bishop Frewer: there came a loud and cheerful doxology; and the third Bishop of North West Australia, in a stately procession, passed from the Cathedral of the Holy Cross to enter upon his

The hymns were "Ye holy angels bright", "When I survey the wondrous Cross" (as the gradual), "Praise to the Lord,

At the early morning Eucharist the next day, Bishop Willebrand celebrated, with the priests of his diocese in co-celebration.

Old friends from South Australia made an exciting journey to be with Howell Witt as he took up his new work. It is a comment on his task that two of the priests of his new diocese travelled farther to attend the consecration than did the few from Adelaide!

All four dioceses of the Province of Western Australia were represented by bishops, on

His text was 1 Samuel 12:1-5. "It has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself. Moreover, as for me, far be from me that I should stand against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and right way."

The prophets were sure that David was the Messianic King, the Shepherd King, because he fulfilled the "basic principles upon which both kind and people must proceed . . ."

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The Archbishop of Perth (right)

"The Anglican", handing the Right Reverend Howell a car to use in his new work at the Geraldton Town Hall at the consecration and enthronement.

The sacrificial kingship of Israel meant that the king was "the representative of the whole body of Israel, not as separated from his people but as their local embodiment."

"Consequently his relationship to God, his righteousness, is inseparable from the relationship and righteousness of Israel — he affects them and they him. They are corporately responsible for his acts and he must answer for theirs."

Mr Reglar said, "We have turned our shepherds into prelates, our father-in-God into administrators."

"The protest of Independency under Cromwell was against Rapists and Prelatists. Jinny Geddes threw her stool not at a shepherd, but at a "government man" — a prelate.



The reform of the episcopate was a duty to be undertaken by both flock and the bishops together. He quoted from the bishop in Polynesia's sermon to the N.S.W. Provincial Synod in August: "Perhaps no question needs more urgent attention than the order, place, and function of bishops in the Church of God."

Mr Reglar said: "We have for years presented a truncated Church to the world — it is not some oriental foible which caused Ignatius to insist so strongly where the Bishop is."

"It is a close acquaintance with the biblical character of Christendom in his day. "It is not chance that the first appearance of the concept of the Apostolic Succession is bound up with feeding the flock of God with knowledge and defending and guarding it against the assaults of the devil, rather than with a legal and technical exercise of a man's authority to administer the affairs of the church.

"Should we not start with the Church 'in being' and see whether lies the lack of shepherding? If so, the Bishops must be read

"The extension of the rector's jurisdiction and his consecration to be a Rector-Bishop with the oversight of several vicars, an area small enough to enable con-

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Such a liberation of the episcopal office would allow a proper use of worker priests and administrative deacons.

At present there is a reluctance to ordain un-theologically trained men because they do not fit into the system where the Bishop holds all power in his own hands.

AR TARGET EACHES £3,691

By noon last Tuesday, readers of THE APOSTLE

CAN had contributed £3,691.18.9 to our £18,000 Appeal for a series of projects in the spirit of M.R.I. Of this sum, a total of £1,674.6.6 was sent specifically in response to our appeal for £1,364 to buy a car for the Bishop of North West Aus-

Further sums received since then have brought the total to just over £3,700. They will be acknowledged next week.

An encouraging aspect of our Appeal has been its widespread support — from parishes and dioceses, schools, choirs, Church organisations of all kinds, from individual lay people, bishops and clergymen, in Australia and overseas.

A well-known Melbourne reader, who wishes to remain anonymous, has arranged to bequeath \$5,000 to the Diocese of North West Australia.

It will obviously cost Bishop Witt quite a lot to meet the running costs of the car. We

ables us to sell them at virtually cost price. Two further publications are now well under way. One of them should be ready early next month, and the long-awaited, long-delayed Anglican Year Book by Easter next year.

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BISHOP OF KENYA SPEAKS ON AFRICAN IMPORTANCE OF LIGHT FOR MISSIONARIES TODAY

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

"I am proud of being a citizen of an independent nation", said the Bishop of Nakuru, Kenya, the Right Reverend Neville Langford-Smith, speaking to a luncheon gathering in the Bart Hall, Perth, last week.

Taking advantage of the presence of the bishop and his wife, who were en route from Kenya to Sydney, the meeting provided an inspiring prelude to the annual intercessions for Missions at St. Andrew's.

The bishop estimated that there were some 450 families from Kenya who had settled in Western Australia. By integrating these people through Christian life-boatlines into the life of parishes, with the resulting inevitable interest in the life and work of the Church in Kenya, the missionary impact of Australians on Kenya could be increased.

The whole concept of missionary 'remining and service had become a chance since the bishop went to Kenya in 1952.

One no longer considered it to be most suitable home to train missionaries at the home base and then to send them out to the mission field.

Young men and women of the age of 22 were best trained in Africa for African service.

Young people were badly needed for such service, for there was still a great need for white missionaries in Africa, although the day of one aspect of missionary work was over.

LIVING CHURCH

The Church in Africa was a living church in its own right, a church which was not a dead church, which wanted people to find their vocations through membership of it.

The basic idea of a missionary had not changed since New Testament times. A missionary is sent by the believing Church to the unbelieving world, said the bishop.

That was a grand commission and it was an unending task. A missionary stood in that apostolic succession.

Any man, be he bishop or anyone else who had lost that vision had slipped up, the bishop said.

CHORAL CONCERT IN SYDNEY

ERIC GROSS conducted the St. Andrew's Cathedral Choral Society and the Eriscan Consort in a programme of de la Rue, Handel, Bar and Christmas Carols in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on December 3 and 4. The Magnificat by the Eriscan travelled Netherlands Pierse de la Rue (fl. 1475-1518) was presented as a wholly as perfect work. Although the choir has not changed basically since its first concert (The ANZAC, September 9, 1965) the addition of the six voices of the Eriscan Consort added general clarity.

The intonings by Robert Hutchingson was clear and characteristic. Apart from some Joseph Haydn there has been too much neglect of Northern European church music in this period and this edition by Miss Marianne Rosenberg is most welcome.

The twelve Chandos Anthems of Handel are among his best contributions to the literature of church music, and his last written before 1720 while serving as chapel-master and organist to the first Duke of Chandos. They would be better called German cantatas with strong elements of Italian lute than typical English anthems.

The sixth, the most popular of the twelve, is the only one, to my knowledge, of Handel borrowed from a chorale tune. In this case, *Chorale* in *G* in *C* major.

Handel's chorale intonation (five strings and oboe) was a product of necessity and Mr. Gross would have been or would be the composer's desire by using

function of a missionary was to serve, whether that service was preaching, teaching or in the Ruridid missions opened up a completely new situation in which not only were there agriculturalists, required, but, side by side with farming there was need for adult literacy and medical services.

The African was an intensely religious person, and when the missionary proclaimed the ever-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ the African responded when he saw the Gospel represented and fully in a spirit of dedicated and humble service.

The greatest thing in Africa today was to see God incarnate identified with the human race for Jesus is indeed manifest in the lives of men and women in Africa. The missionary in Africa today was a totally dedicated person.

In reply to questions Bishop Langford-Smith said that he

Church in Kenya had had a terrible feeling by fire.

There had emerged a new situation in progress, nature and Christian work was easier to do now than before for all assistance was given by the new, independent national governments. The Church was stronger now than it had been before.

U.D.I. AFFRONT

Replying to a question on the Rhodesian situation the Bishop said that U.D.I. was a deliberate affront to Africans. There was a deep feeling of hurt that such a thing should have happened.

Yet, he did not attribute U.D.I. to deliberate malice. Africa was, however, a great and liberal country in which one could not maintain definitely a

CENTENARY AT MYRNING

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Melbourne, December 6 For the first time in a hundred years, a marked anniversary of the coming of Christ Church, Myrning, is being celebrated, to accommodate the congregation at a morning service.

A public address system connected the church by telephone to follow the service in the church.

At the church, the Rev. P. A. Myrning returned there for the service of Christ Church, which was on Sunday morning, December 28.

It was conducted by the present vicar, the Reverend P. A. Myrning, who was the Archdeacon of Melbourne.

The service was held in the congregation. They were the Rev. W. W. Singleton (M.A., S.T.), the Reverend G. W. Phillips (1951-57), and the Reverend J. Reeve (1958-61). The

a larger orchestra; the *riorelli* of the last section showed the thinness of the orchestra against thirty lusty voices.

Although the basses did hum their runs, the choir was evidently very happy in its singing of the hymns and anthems. The members of the Eriscan Consort singing the solo related on the audience's knowledge of the words but sang with clear tones.

Dorothy White made an excellent vocal solo of a long, non-existent harpichord continuo.

A vast part of the vernacularizing of the Church of England in the sixteenth century, William Byrd was one of the many who set a Great Service, that is, a Mass, Mass and Evening as a musically-organised

The unaccompanied *Magnificat* and *Agnus Dei* from his Great Services were sung in a straightforward manner with an air of service cleanliness, although not quite the same enthusiasm as the other two.

Look Lullay, Part Three O'Clock and in *Dulci Jubilo* were sung with the accompaniment of the seven instruments.

The arrangements of the choir and the orchestra were a bit heavy for simple folk tunes but they were well sung.

The unaccompanied conclusion was the organ and congregation drowning out the choir in three parts. The particular musical work as required.

Reverend F. Porter (1939-49) was named as the first vicar of another engagement.

Myrning, which is 40 miles from Melbourne, is the parish of Blackwood, and the Diocese of Melbourne included the whole of Victoria.

At the beginning of the century, Myrning has been included in the parish of Holy Trinity, Blackwood, and was on the edge of the Diocese of Melbourne.

The highway, about a quarter of a mile from the boundary with the Diocese of Ballarat.

The bluestone church has received a battering over the years, and many years ago, a cyclone smashed it. From time to time, bad cracks have threatened its safety, but careful restoration work has preserved it.

Much work was carried out in readiness for the centenary, including painting the interior, and the church has been restored to its former glory.

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MISSIONARY SYNODS? HOME SECRETARY'S SUGGESTION

A Missionary Synod should be convened in every Australian diocese, and anything not related to the work of the Church struck from the agenda, said the Home Secretary of the Australian Board of Missions, the Reverend N. James, last week, at a luncheon gathering in St. James' Church, Sydney, last Sunday.

"All too often concern for the Church mission has been the need of the organisation which is the subject of the synod and parish councils has been the subject of the synod."

"Advent reminds us that at the Judgement we shall all stand in the presence of the Son of Man. We shall not stand alone; in the presence of the Son of Man, we shall stand alone."

"Australians will stand with Torres Strait Islanders and Aborigines, with Papua and New Guinea, now struggling to wrest social and political maturity, with Solomon Islanders seeking national identity, with Filipinos and Indians in a time of tension, and with Asians."

"Hence, we must be blessed in for our love for them in the Gospel may well accuse us for our selfishness," he said.

NO CHEQUE

Last Friday afternoon the Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions was unable to sign the cheques for the monthly mission grants to the missionary dioceses. Mr. Blagburn said.

This will be our Christmas but the mission dioceses, unless money comes in soon."

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