

Early History of Manly Parish

By Charles Stoddart

ALTHOUGH Governor Phillip named Manly Cove in 1788, no settlement occurred at what is now known as Manly until some time after 1853 when Henry Gilbert Smith came to reside at Fairlight House and purchased about 200 acres of land north-west of what is now the Corso.

In 1856 H. G. Smith commenced the development of the private township of Brighton later to be called Manly Beach. Apart from building a hotel, a pier and arranging for a ferry service from Sydney, he had thoughts for the spiritual needs of his employees and the new inhabitants of the village he was creating.

In one of his letters dated 10th December, 1857, he writes: "The Bishop, Rt. Rev. Frederick Barker, D.D., and his lady have been spending the day with us. He came to see a little, rustic church I have been putting up and promised that we should soon have a clergyman."

For many years church historians have been searching for the location of this rustic church. During the years 1858 to 1863 it appears that occasional visits to Manly Beach were made by clergymen from the Parish of St. Thomas' North Sydney, one of whom was the Rev. B. Agnew and in the latter year the residents requested permission to build a temporary church on the Corso.

Temporary Church

Smith, I think, wanted the church under the shadow of Kangaroo Hill. However, the people of Manly who were all huddled together along the north-west side of the Corso, both sides of Whistler Street, Fountain Street (now Sydney Road), Belgrave Street (then East Promenade) and the Esplanade wanted the church on the Corso which was gradually taking shape as the hub of the community.

Smith apparently had sold, leased, or promised all the allotments on the north-west side of the Corso, so an approach was made to the Darley family who owned all the vacant land south of the Corso.

The Darleys gave their permission and a temporary weatherboard church was built and opened for Divine Service on November 8, 1863.

The site of the temporary church was approximately in the position of the tower of the present church and extended into the Corso which at that time was only one chain wide. Of course, there was no Darley Road then, in fact, no streets or houses at all south-east of the Corso.

The first Rector appointed to the Parish was the Reverend George Gurney, formerly of Jamberoo.

His Parish extended from Manly Cove to Broken Bay, an area of over 100 square miles, and was described thus: "Commencing at the North Head of Port Jackson thence by the coast line northerly to Barrinjoe Headland at Broken Bay, thence by the southern shores of Broken Bay to Cowan Creek, thence by the eastern fore-

the Parish was the Rev. Robert Spier Willis, M.A., formerly of Campbelltown.

In 1877, Manly was incorporated as a municipality and the Bassett Darley Estates Act assented to. This resulted in The Corso being widened from 66 feet to 94 feet and, as most of the shops and dwellings were on the north-western side, it was decided to take the strip for road widening from the church property and Bassett Darley lands adjoining.

After the fencing was moved back to the new alignment the stone church and schoolroom projected on to The Corso.

For half a century the old church stood its ground and was a familiar sight jutting out on to the main street of "The Village." An amusing event occurred in May, 1877, when a fire broke out in Manly during the evening service at St. Matthew's. The entire congregation left the church to see what was going on, with the result that the following laconic note appeared in the register of services—"No sermon, no collection, fire in Manly."

Stone Church

A fund was started for the erection of a stone church and on July 6, 1864, the foundation stone of the new church, to be called St. Matthew, was laid by the leading citizen, Henry Gilbert Smith. The service in the temporary church was conducted by the Dean of Sydney assisted by the Rev. G. Gurney.

The stone church, which was designed by the well-known architect Edmund Blacket, was erected on the site now occupied by Aiken's Pharmacy but extended about 10 feet into the present Corso.

The nave, 48 feet long and accommodating 170 people was constructed first. At the Corso end there was a bell turret about 75 feet high and this remained a prominent feature in the village for over 60 years. Incidentally, the stone font of the first church is now in use at St. Paul's, Seaford.

The consecration ceremony took place on April 5, 1865, and was conducted by the Bishop of Sydney.

The Rev. Edward Smith, who succeeded the Rev. G. Gurney as incumbent of the Parish in 1869, aided by a Parochial Association which was formed in 1871, gave considerable thought to the growing population of Manly and the outlying districts.

In 1871, a schoolroom was erected in place of the temporary church which stood on the site of the present church at the corner of the Corso and Darley Road and it is reputed that the temporary church was moved to a site at the rear of the stone church adjoining.

The schoolroom was used extensively during the next 30 years as a Sunday school, a Church of England grammar school and in 1877, as a temporary council chambers, where the first municipal council met with Colonel Thomas Rowe in the Mayoral Chair.

Nine Rectors

After an incumbency of six years, Rev. Edward Smith conducted his farewell service at St. Matthew's on July 4, 1875, a few months before the opening of St. Paul's, Middle Harbour. Mr Joseph Cook conducted the first service at St. Paul's on September 5, 1875. The new rector, the Rev. T. B. Tress, resigned in January, 1876, after an incumbency of only four months. It is interesting to note that over a period of 100 years, there have been nine rectors of the parish, the longest incumbency being that of the Rev. A. G. Stoddart, from 1894 to 1924. The fourth rector appointed to

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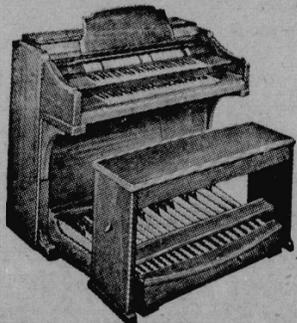
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ATTACK ON RELIGIOUS TEACHING IN VICTORIA'S STATE SCHOOLS

An article in the Melbourne "Age" has sparked off controversy on religious teaching in Victoria's State schools and in particular on the present full-time chaplaincy system operating at the secondary level.

The article, written by Melbourne journalist Alan Nicholls, investigated some of the problems associated with introducing religious teaching into an educational system that is avowedly secular and which forbids denominational instruction within school hours.

Mr Nicholls gave a fair summary of the problems associated with such a situation and concluded by remarking that Victoria "seems to have found some degree of workable compromise" in the world-wide conflict between advocates of secular and religious education.

However, some of the correspondents to the "Age" did not bring a similar dispassionate judgment to bear on the problem. First to jump into the lists was one who thought that the present system of appointing chaplains was "the thin edge of the wedge of the break-down of the secular system."

STATE AID SOUGHT IN N.ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND'S church-related schools have called for a State system of grants to parents of students in "independent" schools.

Anglican, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian officials presented the case for aid to church schools in conferences with Prime Minister Keith J. Holyoake and Arnold H. Nordmeyer, leader of the opposition Labour Party.

A major theme of their presentation was that grants should equal the cost per pupil in State schools of teaching those "secular subjects" that, under the law, must be taught to all children.

It was proposed that parents of church-related school pupils receive payments at the following rates: Approximately £A45 per year for each child in primary-elementary schools and approximately £A75 per year for each child in secondary (High) schools.

Spokesmen for the three groups said the request was prompted by steadily mounting costs of administration. Steep increases in the State teachers' salary schedule have brought on higher pay for lay teachers in church schools and, consequently, higher tuition fees.

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people of this State would reject religious instruction in Government schools if given the opportunity.

"On the contrary, the overwhelming majority of our people, all too aware of the delinquency, the sexual promiscuity and the materialism of our times, would regard Mr Mendelsohn's doctrinaire approach as a little like fiddling while Rome is burning and would strongly support the work of religious instruction."

"Decisive Negative"

Another correspondent followed up this attack by denying that the cost of maintaining chaplains in State Secondary schools is borne entirely by the churches, industry and parents' donations.

According to this correspondent local chaplaincy committees "show no reticence about closing the gap between church contributions, and parents' donations, by asking the schools for money, even to 'stacking' the school council or mothers' club committee to ensure a favourable vote for large sums of school funds to be used for the missionary work in schools of non-conformist churches."

Dean Defends Council

Defending the present system, the Dean of Melbourne (the Very Reverend T. W. Thomas), who is chairman of the Council for Christian Education in Schools in Victoria, stated that "a chaplain is never made available to a school simply on the initiative of the Council for Christian Education in Schools."

"The demand always comes from the local community, which then proceeds to raise the money to provide for the chaplaincy."

"This council has 17 chaplains in the field at present, and it has requests on its files for at least eight more. "I am certain that Mr Mendelsohn is quite mistaken in his assertion that the majority of the

Canon Lovegrove concluded: "I am one who has been attempting this work for 40 years, in the bush, in the Latrobe Valley, and in places in between. "Always there has been the co-operation of my colleagues in the ministry of other churches. Classes have ranged from fewer than a dozen pupils in the one-teacher schools to the 30's and 40's (sometimes more) of our more populated areas."

Answering a claim made by another correspondent that the member Churches of the Council for Christian Education are more concerned with propagating "denominationalism" than teaching the Agreed Syllabus, Canon G. C. Lovegrove of Traralgon (Gippsland) stated that he "as a religious instructor, cannot know if my colleagues are playing the game (as they cannot know if I am), but we trust one another to be honest. We are credited to give 'R. I.' in schools on our promise to use the agreed syllabus."

"Playing the Game"

Archbishop Morris continued: "The changes so far contemplated at Vatican II are not dogmatic changes. On the contrary, as I pointed out to the Governing Body of the Church in Wales a month ago, Cardinal Bea has recently reaffirmed Rome's dogmatic position. He said: "It is evident that there can be no question of seeking a compromise on dogma, or divinely revealed doctrine. "We would be showing a very misguided love for unity and our separated brethren if we allowed them to hope that we will not demand of them anything more than the recognition of 'fundamental articles', that we will no longer ask for the acceptance of the dogmatic decrees of the Council of Trent, or that we are ready to revise the dogma of the primacy or the infallibility of the Pope." (The Unity of Christians, p. 116).

Youth at Menangle



Visitors to the Sydney Diocesan Youth Centre saw many aspects of diocesan work and witness, not the least being the work of the Youth Department. An effective display highlighted the department's activities in Camping, DVBS programs and Fellowship and other youth activities.

ROME HAS NOT CHANGED SAYS U.K. ARCHBISHOP

In a letter to the English Anglo-Catholic paper "Church Times" the Anglican Archbishop of Wales (Dr A. Edwin Morris) says that he sees "no reason to believe that Rome has abated one tittle of its dogmatic claims."

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"I remind my critics that Cardinal Bea is not a naughty Anglo-Irish Roman Catholic. He was appointed as Head of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity by Pope John XXIII, and he has been confirmed in that position by the present Pope.

"It would, therefore, be prudent to take his words as the authoritative voice of Rome in this matter. His statement is admirably frank, and his meaning is crystal clear. "In spite of Cardinal Bea's frankness, however, some Anglicans appear to cherish the hope that Rome is contemplating an accommodation with us through dogmatic change."

This is not the first time the Archbishop has written to the "Church Times" on this subject.

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What are we, Protestant churchmen, to make of this situation? And we must make something of it for it constitutes a fact of tremendous historic significance.

In any appraisal of the situation we must quickly recognise that there are two distinct and conflicting movements discernible in the Church of Rome today. On the one hand there is the obduracy of her attitude to cherished dogmas (dogmas which seem to stray ever farther from truth as each new one is proclaimed). The Archbishop of Wales has highlighted this in a letter to the "Church Times," reported in this issue of ACR.

His view is strengthened when we consider the recent statement by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Dr Heenan. Roman dogma, said Dr Heenan bluntly, is "irreformable."

But this is not the end of the matter. Side by side with this unbending outlook, existing alongside it yet diverging from it, is a movement that carries within itself an earnest of what might yet be wrought, in the providence of God.

Roman Catholics, especially in Europe, are reading their Bibles as never before and, as Dr Philip Hughes, editor of "The Churchman," pointed out in a recent address, "The power of the Bible, even in an annotated edition, has not abated."

Further, according to the judgment of Canon James Atkinson, of Hull University, Roman scholars are

painfully conceding, step by step, that the theology of the Reformers had been right. "Anglicans," said Canon Atkinson, "did not need to move to Rome, but there should be free and open discussions between Romans and Protestants not about unity but about truth."

This journal is often accused of being negative in its approach to such questions. In this, our Reformation Issue, we would like to issue a positive challenge to our readers—the challenge of the one-third of our population who are Roman Catholics, a mission field on our doorsteps.

To date so much of what has been said and done has been one-way. Let us now seize the initiative, not in trying to find a pathway to unity but in proclaiming a pathway to life, the truth of the Gospel. Unity will come when truth is received. If we walk in the light, if we receive the One Who said He was the light of the world, then, and only then, will we have fellowship one with another, the unity we seek.

Only those who tie themselves to a rigid and particular interpretation of prophecy will fail to see that God can work again, as He did in the sixteenth century. And it is not only the Church of Rome that needs a breath of the Wind that bloweth where it listeth. There are many sections of Protestantism that are as far from the life of God in one direction as Rome is in the other. Have you not heard Roman Catholic speakers (admittedly guarded in their public utterances) who could not be faulted? Have you not heard Protestant speakers who may just as well have been giving a lecture on Confucianism as trying to convey Christianity?

The need is there. The climate is right. Our weapons are at hand, "not carnal, but spiritual, to the pulling down of strongholds." It is for us to use them. May the readers of this paper do so, in humility and in love.

YAGOONA CHURCH. The building formerly used as a church hall by St. Mark's, Yagoona (Sydney), has been reconstructed as a church, with a new front porch, new windows and extensions to the length of the building. A new hall has been built and linked to the church. The buildings will be dedicated by Bishop M. L. Loane on Saturday, November 30, at 3 p.m.

OXFORD and ROME

IN 1833 Hurrell Froude and John Henry Newman spent Easter in the city of Rome. They secured two interviews with Dr Wiseman who was to become Cardinal of England. Froude said that they sought these meetings to see whether the Church of Rome would take them in "on any terms to which we could twist our consciences." They found that not one step could be taken unless they would accept the full decrees of the Council of Trent.

They returned to England feeling that they had a mission to fulfil. In July, 1833, the Oxford Movement was launched by Keble's Assize Sermon on National Apostasy. Newman was the leader of this Movement and began to publish the Tracts for the Times.

At first the Tracts spread like wild-fire and there were 70 in circulation by the end of 1835. Then Newman grew tired of the series and planned to bring it to an end. Edward Pusey came to his aid at that moment, gave the Tracts a new form, and took them across the Rubicon toward Rome.

When Tract 90 appeared in 1841, it was clear to all that a new crisis had come. Newman taught in this Tract that one who had subscribed to the Thirty-nine Articles might also hold the essential doctrines of the Church of Rome as laid down by the Council of Trent. This tore the veil from the eyes of English Churchmen and the Tract was condemned by all responsible leaders. Newman retired from Oxford and in 1845 joined the Church of Rome.

Converts to Rome
Newman may have thought that a large body of English Churchmen would follow him, but the actual number was surprisingly small.

Seven clergy had gone over to Rome before him between 1843 and 1844; 59 followed him between 1845 and 1849; 90 between 1849 and 1854; 27 between 1855 and 1860. Thus the first great period of the Oxford Movement produced 184 converts to Rome. This was the start of a stream of men who were to go over to Rome at the rate of one a month in the years that followed.

Newman's secession was a shock to English Church people and it was not until 1860 that the Oxford Movement was sufficiently re-organised to regain its prestige. The year 1860 saw the foundation of the English Church Union under Keble and Pusey. It was not until 1878 that it avowed its real object, but the Annual Report for that year stated its desire for "restoration of visible communion."

Crosses and Candles
On July 1, 1897, Dr F. G. Lee preached a sermon in which he furnished an answer to those who asked the question, "Why not go over to Rome without delay?" "My answer," he said, "is that Reunion to be effectual must be corporate and not individual." This meant that Dr Lee saw it as his duty to remain in the Church of England in order to work for corporate reunion with the Church of Rome.

Pusey became the leader of the Oxford Movement after Newman and the second stage of the Movement was marked by the rise of Ritualism. In 1839 Pusey had denounced

Ritual as a subtle appeal to personal vanity. "It seems beginning at the wrong end for ministers to deck their own persons." So he said; but the idea was not suppressed for long and Pusey himself changed his mind.

Crosses and candles began to appear in the late forties and in 1849 the Mass Vestments were worn for the first time since 1559. This resurgence of Ritual led to a long series of court cases, as a result of which the main adjuncts of the Mass were pronounced unlawful in the Church of England. They only exist today because in so many churches clergy ignore the law and Bishops do not enforce it.

Some facts based on "The Churchman's History of the Oxford Movement," by Prescott Upton.

The growth of the Ritualistic Movement was aided by the rise of a number of "secret" societies. As early as August, 1833, Froude had dropped a hint of such methods. "Since I have come home," he wrote, "I have been doing what I can to proselytise in an underhand way." But such intrigue was vastly increased with the foundation of bodies such as the Society of the Holy Cross and the Order of the Holy Redeemer.

In 1877 Lord Redesdale, on behalf of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, exposed in the House of Lords a book called *The Priest in Absolution*. This was a Manual for Confessors published by the Society of the Holy Cross, and a storm of protest broke out as a result of Lord Redesdale's exposure. But the Society of the Holy Cross and similar bodies carried on as before.

In April, 1913, Father Matthew appeared in court as a Priest of the Church of Rome and stated on oath before Mr Justice Darling that he had functioned as a curate at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, though known to the Vicar as a Roman Priest. The Judge pressed him to repeat the statement and he added that he knew of other Roman Priests who were similarly engaged.

During the Anglo-Catholic Congress in 1923 a telegram was sent to the Pope by the Bishop of Zanzibar from the meeting in the Albert Hall: "Sixteen thousand Anglo-Catholics in Congress in London beg to offer their reverent greeting to your Holy Father, humbly praying that the day of peace may quickly break." The high point in the Centenary of the Oxford Movement in 1933 was the celebration of the Mass by the Bishop of London.

Roman Doctrine
Another development has been the foundation of Communities both for men and for women. The most famous is the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield in Yorkshire, it was founded in 1872. Father Ronald Knox declared that the whole body of Roman doctrine except the Papal Supremacy was taught at Mirfield. Bishop W. H. Frere of Truro was formerly the head of this Community.

He made his Diocese the most extreme centre of Anglo-Catholic development in England. This resulted in the famous dispute over the Church of St. Hilary in 1931 and 1932. The Chancellor in the Consistory Court ordered the removal of a large number of images. But the Vicar took no action.

It is difficult to assess the position today. There are many sincere Anglo-Catholics who have no wish for reunion with the Church of Rome. They may want to revive much pre-Reformation doctrine and practice, but they do not accept dogmas such as Papal Supremacy or Papal Infallibility.

On the other hand, many Churchmen are gravely disturbed at the action of the late Archbishop of Canterbury in visiting the Vatican; nor can they feel anything but disquiet at the continual suggestion that the absence of the Church of Rome from the World Council of Churches is a loss which must be mended. Churchmen who thank God for their great inheritance of truth and of freedom from the Reformation can not contemplate reunion with the Church of Rome while that Church remains unreformed in doctrine, unrepentant in spirit, and unregenerate in outlook.

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Bp. Stanway in Australia

THE Rt. Rev. Alfred Stanway, Bishop of Central Tanganyika, arrived in Australia on November 9. His program, which will cover most of the Australian States, will include attendance at a number of C.M.S. Summer Schools.

It is three years since Bishop and Mrs Stanway, who come from Victoria, were last in Australia. In those three years two major events have taken place in Tanganyika.

In 1961 the former British territory of Tanganyika achieved political independence, and in the early part of 1963 the diocese of Central Tanganyika was divided to form the new diocese of Victoria Nyanza. The formation of that diocese brought the total of diocese within the Anglican Province of East Africa to nine.

The diocese of Central Tanganyika (and now the diocese of Victoria Nyanza) has particularly strong links with the Church in Australia. Following the formation of the former diocese in 1927 the Church Missionary Society of Australia agreed to assume special responsibility for the supply of missionaries to the diocese. Today the majority of expatriate workers in Central Tanganyika come from Australia; their present number stands at 90.

C. B. A. DIRECTOR



The director of the Christian Broadcasting Association, the Rev. Vernon Turner, autographing copies of his new book, "God Gave Me a Microphone"—see review on page 4.

3-Storey Church Hall

ON Sunday morning, November 24, His Excellency, the Governor of N.S.W., Lieut.-Gen. Sir Eric Woodward, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., will lay the Foundation Stone of a new hall at St. Thomas' Church of

England, Morgan St., Kingsgrove.

The hall is to be 3 storeys high and will be built at a cost of £30,000. The ground floor will be essentially a stage and auditorium, with kitchen facilities and a baby creche.

The second and top floors will house a Christian Education Centre, comprising Sunday School Classrooms and, on the top floor, a Youth Centre. It is planned to join the new structure to the existing parish hall, which was itself and first parish church in 1941. The new building will be 80ft x 40ft and built of brick.

The Foundation Stone ceremony by His Excellency will be held at the 11 a.m. service, in the presence of Bishop R. C. Kerle. The 7.15 p.m. service on the same day, November 24, will be the 22nd Anniversary Church Service. The speaker will be bishop M. Loane and his subject will be: "Christian Frontiers in East Asia."

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ON Thursday, November 14, a group of Anglican clergy visited the new Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception at Ivanhoe (Melbourne) as a prelude to discussions on the place of modern church architecture in worship.

The visit was part of a program of study organised to review the past year's program of the Archbishop's "Forward-in-Depth" Movement and to preview the past year's program of program on "Worship."

Meeting again on Friday, November 15, at Christ Church, Geelong, the clergy were addressed by the Reverend Austin James, a Methodist minister from Essendon.

N.S.W. SECRETARY OF C.M.S. RESIGNS

THE Rev. Geoffrey M. Fletcher, General Secretary of the N.S.W. branch of the Church Missionary Society, has resigned upon his appointment to the parish of St. Mark's, Northbridge. The resignation will take effect on January 31, 1964.

In 1955, when Mr Fletcher became General Secretary, the society was entering a phase of growth within every aspect of its life and work.

The subsequent nine years have seen an acceleration of this forward movement—demonstrated in a trebling of the society's budget together with a notable increase in the number of missionaries and in the number of those who, as members of the society, have identified themselves with the work. In all this, Mr Fletcher has played an important role.

A bricks-and-mortar reminder of his vision and of the growing interest (particularly among young people) in the work of the Church overseas is the C.M.S. Conference Centre at Katoomba, the purchase of which was made imperative by the enormous growth in Summer School attendance.

Indeed, many will find it difficult to imagine a C.M.S. Summer School without the present General Secretary!

In recent years, Mr Fletcher has had added to his work as General Secretary the role of Africa Secretary, with special responsibility for the 108 C.M.S. missionaries in Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda.

Reformation Mistake Implied by Methodist Action

Commenting on a move for close co-operation between Methodist and Greek Orthodox communities in Prahran (Victoria) the paper "New Life" warns that the church's action might be taken to indicate that the Reformation was a mistake.

"Action taken by the Mt. Erica Church," says the paper, "might well suggest that the Reformation was a mistake, that the truths for which men suffered and died were of little importance after all."

The paper's comment followed publication of a report in the Methodist "Spectator" describing the first Greek Orthodox service in the Methodist Church at Mt Erica, held on the last Sunday in October.

Defending the move the church's minister, the Reverend Frank Hartley, asked: "If we are linked in fellowship with the Greek Orthodox community in the World Council of Churches why can't there be co-operation in the total planning of church in Prahran?"

Other Staff Losses . . .

The gap on the headquarters staff through the departure of its General Secretary is to be even more greatly widened by the loss of the Home Secretary, Miss Joan Levett.

Miss Levett, who is well known to the society's supporting parishes, has served in several capacities in N.S.W. and Queensland since 1951. She is relinquishing her post in order to take up a full-time course of study.

On the financial side of the society's life, a tie has been broken after more than 40 years through the resignation of Miss Hazel Rogers, whose neatness and accuracy, attention to detail and knowledge of the society's life and history were much valued and will be greatly missed.

GIFT OF NOODLES

THE National Christian Council of Japan is sending in supplies of noodles to Korea in response to an appeal of the Korean NCC because of the recent failure of crops.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

Young People PAY To Work at Camp

Young people who will attend the fifth Work Camp organised by the N.S.W. Christian Youth Council will pay for the privilege of working!

Campers will contribute a maximum of £10 towards expenses for the three weeks from December 26 to January 12. Object of the camp is to build a three-bedroom house for an aboriginal family at Inverell, in northern N.S.W. The house will be built on land provided by the Aborigines Welfare Board.

DUAL ROLE FOR CAMP TREASURER

One of the busiest people at the Church of England Boys' Society camp at Sydney's National Park in January next will be Mr Alan Thomas.

Mr Thomas is an active worker for the Boys' Society (Concord-Burwood, N.S.W.) and has been elected the National Camp Treasurer.

In addition he has been selected by the Commonwealth Bank to serve at the Bank's camp agency. Officer-in-charge of the Bank will be Mr F. J. Burrow. With an expected attendance of 3,500, the Bank staff is preparing for a busy time.

In Brief . . .

C.E.B.S. MARCH—The Annual Service and Procession of C.E.B.S. in Sydney Diocese was a great success. Being Jubilee Year the boys invited members of the G.F.S. to join them for the occasion. Approximately 1,300 C.E.B.S. and 800 G.F.S. members participated. Bishop R. C. Kerle, National Chairman of C.E.B.S., spoke at an open-air service in Hyde Park following the procession.

BOYS' BRIGADE—Throughout the world members of the Boys' Brigade attend services annually to commemorate Founder's Day. In Melbourne a special service was held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, October 27, when the Governor of Victoria read one of the Lessons and took the salute on a dais outside the Cathedral's West Doors.

BIRTHDAY—The twenty-first birthday of Sydney's Youth Department will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 18, in the Trocadero.

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Other ideas for photographs may come from Christmas decorations and gifts or various activities associated with Christmas. If your photographs convey the message of Christmas—that at this time we celebrate the coming of the Saviour—so much the better.

You should also bear in mind the second section—on Camping and Outings. This section covers a wide range of subjects, some examples of which are: Erecting tents; Campfires; Boating; Camp activities and games; Picnics, etc.

Full details of the competition rules appear on this page, together with entry form.

And don't forget to include return postage if you want your photos back at the end of the competition.

COMPLETE COMPETITION RULES

SUBJECT FOR JANUARY 16: Christmas.
Closing date—December 31.

SUBJECT FOR JANUARY 30: Camping or Outings.
Closing date—January 14.

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HOW TO ENTER:

- Fill in the form supplied (printed in each issue during the competition) or make up your own form giving the same details.
- An entry form (ours or your own) must be attached to the back of each photo submitted.
- There is a limit of 5 photos per fortnight from any one competitor.
- Photos may be Super Size ("Jumbo") or larger. Maximum size is 10" x 12".
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CLERGY: The Sydney Clerical Prayer Union meets for prayer on the third Friday of each month at 11.30 a.m. in the Moore College Chapel. Lunch at College, 1 p.m. Details available from the Secretary, 75-2742.

C.M.S. DECEMBER RALLIES: Two rallies will be held by C.M.S. (N.S.W.) during December—one at the Charter House, Sydney, on December 6, at 7.45 p.m., and the second at Parramatta Town Hall on December 2 at 7.45 p.m.

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"We had long been looking forward, with keen expectation, to the Mission of Healing (at Napier, New Zealand). These are early days to chronicle results. Striking cases of sudden healing of various maladies have

been made known, very many more have been greatly benefited physically, but a far larger number have been richly blessed in their souls. Conversions have taken place, wanderers have been brought back to the fold, and Christ's disciples have been comforted, pleased, quickened.

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"This unhappy (police) strike still continues, although, from a practical point of view it must be regarded as ended. The whole incident is lamentable. However just the complaints of the men may be, the breaking of an oath of office is hardly justified thereby. Loyalty under all kinds of difficulties is surely to be expected from a body of men whose work is so full of responsibility to the public weal as that of the police."
(From "The Church Record," November 23, 1923.)

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Personal

Adelaide

Dr Paul White, Jungle Dr No. 1, will be visiting Adelaide early in December. On Saturday, December 7, he will speak at the Jungle Dr Youth Rally, to be held in Holy Trinity Hall, and on Sunday, December 8, he will preach at a Guest Service in Holy Trinity.

The Reverend L. E. W. Renfrey, B.A., has been appointed Organising Chaplain of the Bishop's Home Mission Society. His appointment dates from December 31. He takes over from the **Ven. J. L. Bond** who retires from that position on November 30.

The Reverend J. H. Madden was instituted as Rector of All Saints', Hindmarsh, on November 5. **The Reverend R. P. Opie, B.A.**, has tendered his resignation from the District of Tumby Bay, to date from December 31.

Gippsland

Two resignations have been recorded recently: **The Reverend Alfred Mourell** as Vicar of Wonthaggi and the **Reverend F. W. Cook** as Deacon Assistant at Korumburra.

The Reverend Edward Thomas Reynolds has been appointed Rural Dean of the Korumburra Deanery. **The Reverend John Stoddart** has been granted permission to officiate within the diocese.

Melbourne

Bishop Alfred Stanway, Bishop of Central Tanganyika, was welcomed to Melbourne, his home city, at a Public Rally on November 12. Bishop Stanway arrived in Melbourne on November 9 at the start of his visit to Australia. He will be spending time in other States as well as Victoria.

Bishop James Wong, Bishop of Jesselton, Sabah (formerly North Borneo) arrived in Melbourne on Saturday, November 9, for a 10-day visit throughout the State.

Miss Joan Waller, a C.M.S. worker from Umbakumba, North Australia, is due to arrive in Melbourne on November 23 for furlough.

Sydney

The Reverend Gregory and Mrs Blaxland, formerly of Sydney Diocese, are rejoicing in the birth of a son, **John Charles**. John was born in Santiago, Chile, on October 31.

The Reverend John Turner, Youth Director in the Diocese of Sydney, is due back in Australia on December 6 following his visit overseas.

The Reverend P. R. Watson, formerly curate at St. Paul's, Chatswood, has been appointed curate-in-charge of the Provisional Parish of Seven Hills.

The marriage took place at Balgowlah (Sydney) on November 9 of the **Reverend John Wyndham** to **Sister Jan McDougal**.

The Reverend J. F. W. Mason, B.A., Th.L., is resigning as rector of the parish of St. Mark's Northbridge, to accept an appointment to the staff of Trinity Grammar School. He will take up his new duties at the beginning of next year.

The Reverend Kevin and Mrs Engel, together with their family, arrived in Sydney on November 17 on furlough from Tanganyika. **The Archbishop and Mrs Gough** returned to Sydney on November 16, following their official visit to the Church in Western Australia. This is the Primate's first visit to Western Australia.

The Reverend W. K. Deasey, rector of St. Paul's, West Manly, has been appointed Rural Dean of the Manly-Mosman Rural Deanery.

The Reverend H. S. Kidner (whose appointment as Chaplain to Mowll Village was announced in ACR of October 25) will take up his new post from the beginning of 1964. Mr Kidner will combine his duties at the Village with a position as Assistant Minister in the parish of St. Paul's, Castle Hill.

N.W. Australia

The Reverend Noel and Mrs Hart, of Derby, are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter. The Harts already have a son, **Stephen**.

New Guinea

Canon J. W. Chisholm, B.A., Dip.Ed., Th.L., has been appointed Coadjutor Bishop of New Guinea, in succession to **Bishop David Hand**. Canon Chisholm was born in Bendigo. He was ordained deacon in London in 1947 and priest in 1948. His consecration will take place early in 1964.

Overseas

Dr E. Stanley Jones, 79, internationally known American Methodist missionary, evangelist and author, was awarded the 1963 Gandhi Peace Award for promoting Enduring Peace, presented by a national group with headquarters in Woodmont, Conn. (U.S.A.), at a ceremony in the Community Church of New York, November 7.

Canon Alan Richardson, Professor of Theology in the University of Nottingham since 1953, has been appointed Dean of York, in succession to the late Dr E. M. Milner-White. Dr Richardson is well known as an author of many books.

The wedding took place, at Gokasho, Japan, on November 9 of **Henry Porteous** to **Valerie Davis**. Mr Porteous is an Anglican from Sydney Diocese, now working with Christian Literature Crusade.

Canon Bryan Green left London on October 29 for his thirty-ninth visit since the war to Canada and U.S.A. He will be leading a mission in the Diocese of Virginia and will also lecture before returning to England on November 29.

Overseas News in Brief

CANADA — The Executive Council of the Anglican Church of Canada has called on its members for 3,000,000 dollars to help Anglican churches in "Emerging areas" outside Canada. At the outset, the Canadian Church will make an appeal for 500,000 dollars during 1964. This amount will be over and above the normal budget requirements. The appeal is being made in response to the plea of the Anglican Congress in Toronto held in August.

TANGANYIKA — Citizens of other countries who wish to do missionary work in Tanganyika will not be hindered by the East African nation's new Immigration Bill, government spokesmen at Dar es Salaam have declared. Under the new law, missionaries' Class A Permit no longer will entitle them to unlimited residence in Tanganyika, but the Minister of Home Affairs said such permits would not necessarily be restricted to two-year periods, as some have feared.

INDIA — The Madhya Pradesh State legislature has rejected a Bill that would have prevented conversions by Christian foreign missionaries. Introduced last April by a member of an extremist Hindu group, the Bill was defeated by a voice vote. The Bill accused foreign missionaries of spreading anti-nationalistic propaganda and making converts by offering money or illegal inducements.

CANARY ISLANDS — Noting in a bulletin of the Spanish Ministry of Information that "information for tourists about places and times of evangelical church services must be made available in hotels," a Baptist pastor in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, had a notice printed in three languages and sent it to all hotels, restaurants, consulates, and travel offices. Later, the chief of the Tourist Office, which is administered by the government Ministry of Information, wrote to the pastor, the Rev. Juan Torras, expressing his gratitude "for the information sent to this office about religious services in your church." Protestant churches until now were not allowed to publicise their work in any way, and were forbidden even to put the names of churches and announcement of services on the outside of church buildings.

LOURDES CLAIMS BISHOP AS VICTIM

ACCORDING to a report from England the Roman Catholic centre of Lourdes has turned the tables on one of its devotees.

It seems that the Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham has confessed that he always has a "croaking voice" after returning from pilgrimage. "I always develop this complaint," he says, "and it stays with me for a long time after I get back."

Claiming that the Virgin Mary is responsible the Bishop says: "It seems that Our Lady does her best to stop me from talking."

Scripture Teachers Observe Quiet Day

A PERFECT spring day and the husband setting of Thornleigh Conference Centre combined to make an ideal background for the first Quiet Day for Scripture Teachers conducted by the Board of Education of the Diocese of Sydney on Saturday, October 26.

The morning session consisted of Morning Prayer which was followed by a Bible Study led by the Director of the Board, the Rev. A. A. Langdon, then those present formed into groups where prayer was made for various aspects of the work of Christian education.

The afternoon session commenced with a worship through music session which included vocal solos by Mrs P. Correy and Mr A. Haberfeld and a piano solo by Miss W. Leahy. The Rev. K. McIntyre, Organising Secretary of the Board led the afternoon Bible Study which preceded the second prayer groups time. The day concluded with the service of Evening Prayer.

The encouraging response (some 80 to 90 people attended throughout the day) and the enthusiasm shown by those present suggest that this may become an annual occasion when Scripture teachers can meet for fellowship through worship, prayer, study and discussion.

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Revised Lectionary

November 24: Sunday before Advent. M: Ecclesiastes 11 and 12; John 19: 13-end, or Hebrews 11 1-16.

E: Haggai 2: 1-9, or Malachi 3 and 4; John 20, or Hebrews 11:17-12: 2, or Luke 15: 11-end.

December 1: Advent Sunday. M: Isaiah 1: 1-20; John 3: 1-21, or 1 Thess. 4: 13-5: 11.

E: Isaiah 2, or Isaiah 1: 18-end; Matthew 24: 1-28, or Revelation 14: 13-15: 4.

December 8: 2nd Sunday in Advent. M: Isaiah 5; John 5: 19-40, or 2 Peter 3: 1-14.

E: Isaiah 10: 33-11:9, or Isaiah 11: 10-12; Matthew 24: 29-end, or Revelation 20 and 21: 1-8.

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Anglicans to Speak at Conventions

FOUR Anglicans, two of them bishops, are among the speakers at this year's conventions in N.S.W. and Victoria.

At the Katoomba Convention, which runs from Boxing Day to New Year's Day, the speakers include Bishop M. L. Loane, Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney; the Reverend Arthur Deane, an Anglican clergyman who is Vice-Principal of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College, and the Reverend John Reid, rector of Christ Church, Gladesville.

The Anglican who will be speaking at the Belgrave Heights Convention, held from Christmas Day to January 2, will be Bishop Alfred Stanway, Bishop of Central Tanganyika.

Numerous special house-parties have been arranged to cater for those attending the Katoomba Convention and those attending will travel to the convention grounds, located near the Scenic Railway, on Cliff Drive.

Gatherings

Other gatherings to be held at this time of the year will be the annual C.M.S. Summer School at Katoomba, held from January 3 to 11 with Bible studies to be given by Bishop Loane and other addresses by the Reverend James Mundia, the Reverend Francis Dixon, Canon A. J. Dain, the Reverend Dudley Foord, the Reverend Donald Cameron and the retiring N.S.W. General Secretary, the Reverend G. M. Fletcher.

A wide range of accommodation has been provided for those wishing to attend this Summer School at the convention site, the C.M.S. Centre and at several guest houses.

In Melbourne, from December 28 to January 4, the fifth Annual Convention of the Overseas Christian Fellowship will be held at Caulfield Grammar School, with speakers including Bishop Stanway, the Reverend Dudley Foord and Dr Paul White.

Then, on January 9, the General Conference of I.V.F. will commence at the Belgrave Heights convention grounds with speakers including Bishop M. L. Loane, the Reverend Dr Alan Friend (President of I.V.F.) and Mr Harold Knight, Assistant Manager, Investment Department, Reserve Bank of Australia.

Prayer for Missions

The week ending Sunday, December 1, was observed in Melbourne Diocese as a Week of Prayer for Missions.

Daily intercessions were conducted in the city during the lunch-hour period from Monday, November 25 to Thursday, November 28. On Friday, November 29, the full day was given over to praying for the work of missions with half-hour sessions being devoted to particular countries.

DEATH OF DR C. S. LEWIS

THE death has occurred in England of the noted Christian author C. S. Lewis.

Dr Lewis, who was 64 at the time of his death, had recently resigned from his post as Professor of Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Cambridge University owing to ill-health.

Dr Lewis' most famous book is "The Screwtape Letters," an allegorical work consisting of a series of letters written by an underling of Satan to his nephew, a junior demon on earth. Although this book has gone through 27 printings it has been described by Professor Lewis as the "only one I did not take pleasure in writing. Making goods 'bad' and 'bads' good' gets to be fatiguing."

"The Screwtape Letters" was first published in 1942 yet C. S. Lewis already had a number of other worthwhile books to his credit before its publication, including "Pilgrim's Regress" (1935), "Out of the Silent Planet" (1938) and "The Problem of Pain" (1940).

Since "Screwtape" hardly a



• C. S. Lewis

CMS TO ENTER SOUTH AMERICA

THE Federal Council of the Church Missionary Society of Australia at its meeting in Sydney on November 20 unanimously agreed to accept an invitation to extend its fields of missionary service to include Peru, South America.

This is the first occasion on which C.M.S. has turned its attention to South America, a step taken after consultation with various interested parties, including the South American Missionary Society.

The decision comes as a result of a recommendation at a conference in Mexico in January of this year, under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of York, Dr Coggan. The conference recommended a new missionary front in Peru, but suggested that it should be undertaken by an agency of the Church not at present working in South America.

year has passed without one or more of the writer's books appearing. These have included the works of fiction (with a spiritual message) such as "Voyage to Venus" and "That Hideous Strength" and notable Christian books such as "Broadcast Talks," "Beyond Personality" and "Miracles." He has also written books for children and books on literary criticism. One of his most notable books was "Surprised by Joy," an autobiographical sketch of his early life.

Clive Staples Lewis (a pseudonym, his real name being Clive Hamilton) was born in

1898, the son of a Belfast solicitor. He was educated at Malvern College, privately, and at Oxford University, where he became a lecturer in 1924.

As a young man he drifted away from Christianity but discovered vital Christian faith when he was about 30 and something of his discovery is related in "Surprised by Joy" and reflected in many of his other books.

C. S. Lewis has made a notable contribution to Christian apologetics and philosophy in a materialistic age and he will be long remembered for the incisive quality of his writings.

Determined Opposition to Poker Machines in Town

IN conjunction with the churchwardens of St. John's, Pilliga (N.S.W.), the Bishop of Armidale and the Hon. C. J. Cahill, M.L.C., the Vicar of Wee Waa (in whose parish Pilliga is situated) has launched a campaign to prevent installation of poker machines in Pilliga.

The Vicar, the Reverend M.B. Burrows, has called the campaign "Operation Outlaw" and the campaign has special reference to a proposal to install the machines — well described as "one-armed bandits" — in the Pilliga Bowling Clubhouse (to be built shortly).

Supporting the campaign, the Hon. C. J. Cahill, State Labor "rebel," is to speak at a public meeting in the Pilliga School of Arts on Monday night, December 9.

The campaign has the wholehearted support of the Bishop of Armidale, the Rt. Reverend J. S. Moyes, who has expressed his support in a letter to the congregation at Pilliga.

"Gambling in all forms is regrettable," said Bishop Moyes. "This form of gambling is vicious as it causes in men and women such an excitement and obsession that they lose all

thought of the needs of their homes and in many cases bring their families to the level of poverty and even of dire need."

Bishop Moyes concluded: "I have nothing against the game of bowls . . . but I could not feel happy that any club should build its premises at the cost of suffering and poverty to members of its community."

Church Support For Gambling

IN sharp contrast to the stand taken in Armidale Diocese recent reports from Queensland indicate that church authorities in the Diocese of Rockhampton are seeking legal authority for operating raffles of motor cars to provide funds for educational purposes.

Following the closing of St. Faith's School at Yeppoon because of financial difficulties a move was made to commence an art union to raise funds for the school.

The Queensland Justice Department issued a permit for a St. Faith's School art union, thinking it was a Roman Catholic school. However, permission was withdrawn when it was learnt that the school was an Anglican institution. The reason for this action was a long-standing arrangement between Queensland's Anglican bishops and the Justice Department in not issuing permits to Anglican organisations seeking to conduct art unions, games of chance or guessing competitions.

Recently the Dean of Rockhampton, the Very Rev. John Hazlewood, issued an attack on this arrangement which he described as "intolerable and thoroughly illegal." Dean Hazlewood advocated Anglican fund-raising through gambling, which he said was a profitable and harmless amusement in itself.

Following withdrawal of permission by the Justice Department the matter was brought up

in the form of a motion at the recent synod meeting.

The motion was lost, but mainly on the ground that it should not be passed until the power of the Archbishop of Brisbane and other Queensland bishops to ban church gambling should be tested.

Dean Hazlewood said in his article that gambling in itself was not wrong unless it was done to such an excess that the gambler could think of little else than the shallow but exciting prospect of reward.

Morally wrong

Gambling could be wrong morally if by indulging in it a Christian was amusing himself without regard to the example his action might set in a gambling-ridden society.

"There is no reason to refuse to acknowledge that games of chance, lotteries, art unions, chocolate wheels, lucky numbers, T.A.B. and so on, are in fact recognisable aspects of our social behaviour problems," he wrote. "They are no more illegitimate from the church law point of view than the publican's trade, or the racehorse owners, or the playing card manufacturer's."

"They exist as a source of entertainment and excitement very much as the cinema does. Individual people may abuse this entertainment as they may abuse other forms of amusement, but it would be a dull world if every form of potentially corruptible entertainment was declared illegal."

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