

## Mainly About People

**SYDNEY**  
Rev Canon A. H. Funnell retires as Rector of Pymble as from 29/2/76.  
Rev T. Middleton, CIC of Oak Flats, will be inducted as Rector on 7/12/75.  
Rev A. G. Tress, from the Diocese of Willochra, SA, will become Rector of Fairy Meadow as from 1/2/76.  
Rev R. B. Telfer, Chaplain at The King's School, Parramatta, will become Rector of Gladesville as from February, 1976.  
Rev O. W. Thomas, Rector of South Hurstville, resigns on 1/1/76, and will take up a position at Trinity Grammar School.

**GIPPSLAND**  
Rev C. Dodd has resigned from the parish of Trafalgar to take up an appointment from 5th January with ITIM as an industrial chaplain in the Latrobe Valley, Gippsland.

Rev M. Purcell is to resign from the parish of Leon-gatha to take up an appointment as Chaplain with the Victorian Council of Christian Education in Victoria. He has been appointed to the Traralgon High School, Gippsland.

Rev D. West of St Cuthbert's, Naremburn, Diocese of Sydney has been appointed as minister-in-charge of the Co-operating Churches, Churchill, Gippsland.

Rev J. Brown has resigned from the parish of Toora to take up the appointment as Rector of Mirboo North, Gippsland.

Rev C. Phillips has resigned from the parish of Lakes Entrance and will live in retirement at Bairnsdale.

### CANBERRA-GOULBURN

Rev W. C. Stegemann, Rector of Berridale, has accepted appointment as Chaplain to Canberra Gram-

mar School Junior School from January, 1976.

Rev P. Read, Rector of Sorell, Diocese of Tasmania, has been appointed Rector of Tumut from mid-December (Induction 14th December).

Rev R. Keynes, Rector of Port Augusta, Diocese of Willochra, has been appointed Rector of North Goulburn with effect from early February.

Rev R. Hockley, formerly of Sydney, but recently returned from study in the USA, has been appointed Chaplain to Kenmore Hospital and the Goulburn Training Centre.

The Society of The Sacred Mission has been confirmed in charge of the Parish of St Alban's, ACT, for a further five years. Rev T. W. G. Brown, SSM, has been nominated Priest-in-Charge by the Society, and appointed by the Bishop.

Rev J. E. Southern, Rector of North Albury, has been appointed Vice-Warden of St John's Theological College, Morpeth, from late January.

Rev R. Tongue, Assistant Minister at North Albury, has been appointed Rector of the Callide Valley, Diocese of Rockhampton, from 1st December.

**ST ARNAUD**  
Rev D. J. Stevens, Vicar of Charlton and editor of the St Arnaud Churchman has announced his resignation effective from Jan 1976. He will take up a position as Assistant St Peter's Eastern Hill in Diocese of Melbourne.

**WANGARATTA**  
Rev K. Stevenson has left parish of Rutherglen to become Rector of Chinchilla in Diocese of Brisbane.

Rev M. Vine of Tallangatta has been appointed to parish of Warrnambool.

## Parties called on to declare viewpoints

The National Anglican Social Responsibilities Commission today called on both Labor and Liberal-National Country Parties to declare the details of their policy on quality-of-life issues before the election on December 13th.

In a statement released today the chairman of the Commission, Archbishop G. T. Sambell said: "In an affluent society like Australia it is disturbing to realise the extent of poverty and the degree to which so many people are denied equal opportunities, the fulfilment of their basic human rights and access to adequate service."

"Clear statements should be made as to how the recommendations of the Poverty Enquiry and other related reports would be implemented by each Party when in office."

"There are still many unresolved issues in the fields of income security, no-fault compensation, employment, health, welfare housing, urban development, education, consumer protection, family law, legal aid, citizen participation and overseas development. All Parties should vigorously address themselves to these matters both during the election campaign and afterwards rather than concentrating solely on rhetoric about the Constitution or the state of the economy."

Archbishop Sambell called upon Anglicans and Christians generally to focus their closest attention not only on the promises of the Parties but also on their overall priorities and performances.

## APPEAL FOR TIMOR

A National Appeal for at least \$250,000 for emergency food and shelter for the people of Timor was launched in Sydney on November 6.

Eight community and Church Overseas Aid Agencies combined to sponsor the appeal: Australian Catholic Relief, Australian Council of Churches, Austcare, Community Aid Abroad, Freedom From Hunger Campaign, St Vincent de Paul Society, UNICEF Australia and World Vision.

## 'Neighbours in next street from Darwin'

At the Appeal launching in the Sydney Anglican Offices, Bishop John Reid (on behalf of the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief Fund) said: "Australians were generous after the

## Churches join for \$250,000 national aid plan

Darwin cyclone. "They regarded the Darwin people as neighbours who

should be helped. "The Timorese are the neighbours in the next street from Darwin. They also need our help."

The Rev Father John Glynn, on behalf of the

Roman Catholic Cardinal James Freeman, urged full community support for the Appeal.

Food stocks were needed immediately to prevent starvation, he said.

The Rev John Mavor, of the Australian Council of Churches, who is just back from an inspection of need in Timor, said there were few places in the world where the Timorese could look for help.

Australians could prove we cared by supporting them in their plight.

A 90-tonne barge is waiting in Darwin to ferry supplies to Dili for refugees in East Timor.

The agencies involved will also work through contacts in Indonesia.

Chairman of the Timor Relief Appeal, Mr William Byrne, said the agencies had already provided \$200,000 from emergency reserve funds for medical and food supplies for the Timorese people.

## BEACH MISSION ACTIVITY INCREASES

This coming Christmas, a record number of 4100 voluntary workers — 150 more than last year — are expected to be involved in Beach and Inland Missions at holiday resorts throughout Australia.

Announcing this, Scripture Union Federal Secretary, David Claydon, said that the Beach and Inland Missions were "one of the most strategic outreach activities" conducted by the Christian Church.

"It's not often realised that 17.5% of Australians go camping in summer in caravans and tents, mostly in country areas," David pointed out. "We'll contact thousands of people who rarely come near any other church activity — and we'll get the chance to work with children in the context of their families."

A greater emphasis on families rather than just children will, in fact, be a feature of this year's beach mission outreach.

"There's no doubt that many adults are searching for something more in life, and lots of them are prepared to take a closer look at what their children are getting involved in," David explained. "This year, we'll be trying to bring those two factors together."

The new emphasis notwithstanding, the teams will still be staying with most of the traditional beach mission activities — daily beach services, film nights, concerts and barbecues for everyone,

coffee tents for teenagers, and (for the children) sand tobogganing, kite-making and craft sessions, lantern processions and Bible stories.

"And, of course, we'll be running some 'Theos' Coffee Houses again this year," David added. "They've proved their worth in relating

to surfing teenagers, and we'll have them going again in coastal towns of every State this summer."

In addition, two low cost housing area Missions at Mt Druitt (NSW) and Carlton (Vic) will again be held: a very challenging work conducted in close co-operation with the local churches!!



Beach missions cater for all members of the family. Here is a Minimize session in action.

## FESTIVAL, MAYOR AND PORN

The Festival of Light supports the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Leo Port's criticism of the sex shops which are seriously affecting the social, moral and business life of Kings Cross.

"We agree with Alderman Port," said the Rev Fred Nile, "that these porn shops, theatres, strip joints and massage parlours 'BATTEN ON TO HUMAN DEPRIVITY' and are only required, according to Alderman Port, for 'HUMAN ANIMALS'."

"However, we strongly reject Alderman Port's proposal that these moral pollution centres be moved away from shopping areas apparently into residential areas."

"We are surprised," said Mr Nile, "that a person such as Alderman Port should use Hamburg's official prostitution zone as an example to be followed by Sydney, especially as the Hamburg arrangements originally had strong links with Hitler's regime prior to World War II."

Would Alderman Port or politicians supporting these proposals such as Mr Wran accept twenty or thirty of these sleazy dens of vice surrounding their homes at Darling Point or Kirribilli House?

The mothers of small children in our crowded suburbs certainly do not want these sick centres for sick people transferred to their locations.

No concerned Australian wants these moral pollution centres near their homes or

families, especially as there is clear evidence of the links between these centres and the increase of sex attacks on women and children.

The rape manuals, rapist's masks and other materials have been used in Australia and the UK. They result in pollution of the soul and mind of man which is far more damaging than air or water pollution.

We urge immediate action by the Minister of Police and Services, the Hon John Waddy, under the new Indecent Articles Bill, to close down these porn centres which thrive on exploitation, corruption, pollution and violence. Hundreds of similar centres in USA and Denmark already provide pornographic acts with depraved human beings and even animals.

As the Red Bishop of Southwark, UK, said last week, we should follow the example of Russia, China and Vietnam which have completely banned these centres of moral poison. These countries, together with Singapore, are the only countries not experiencing a dramatic increase in sex crimes against women and children.

Surely Australians can show the world that a democracy can be a caring society which removes the sources of corruption and exploitation to protect its young.

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# ARCHBISHOP ISSUES EXORCISM GUIDELINES

The Archbishop of Sydney, most Rev M. L. Loane, has issued instructions on the practise of exorcisms in the diocese of Sydney. He took this action in response to a request from the diocesan synod in October, calling for a way of defining minister's role in relation to such activities.

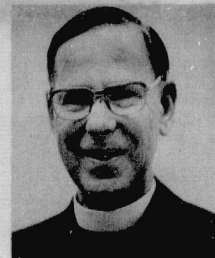
In a letter to his clergy he stated:

"The recent session of synod passed a resolution (17/75), the first part of which reads as follows—

"That synod, having received the report of the Commission of Enquiry into the occult, expresses its deep concern at the increasing fascination with the occult, and respectfully makes the following requests:—

"(a) His Grace the Archbishop to consider in what ways, if any, the practice of exorcism by licensed clergymen should be limited and/or authorised."

"The last recommendation of the Report of the Commission of Enquiry on page 30 is as follows—



Archbishop M. L. Loane

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Directors and Staff of the Australian Church Record extend to all our readers the season's greetings.

The next issue of The Australian Church Record will be January 20, 1976.



Dean Shilton

a case of special emergency, I would ask him only to act after consultation at first with a member of this panel and then his Regional Bishop.

"I do not believe that exorcism is a practice to be carried out in a large number of cases, or more than one at a time, or in circumstances which attract publicity. Nor do I believe that glib assurances can be given to the effect that such practices are modern parallels to New Testament ministries."

"Therefore, I draw your attention to the Report of the Commission of Enquiry into The Occult, and the Resolution (17/75) passed by Synod. I also draw attention to Appendix 3 in which the Rev Dr R. Alan Cole provides a careful and balanced summary of Scriptural teaching on this subject. I express the hope that clergy will act with caution and restraint in an area about which so little is known."

## CATHEDRAL SERVICE HELD IN SYDNEY FOR FED ELECTIONS

People walking down George Street in the busy lunch hour on November 26 between a guard of honour provided by 350 boys from the Cathedral School thought they had to walk the gauntlet to Church whether they liked it or not.

Actually the chain of boys provided the human links between the steps of the Town Hall and St Andrew's Cathedral next door. At 1.15 pm precisely the newly elected Aldermen, preceded by the Supervisor of the Town Hall were followed by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Leo Port and the Town Clerk, Mr L. P. Carter.

The Lunch-Time Service attended by business and professional people was conducted by Dean Lance Shilton and Archbishop Marcus Loane, as Acting Primate issued a call to pray for the present political situation. The lesson was read by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Briger.

Bishop Dain, in his address emphasised what responsible citizenship means today:

"Citizenship involves more than loyalty and prayer for our civic and other leaders. It carries a challenge to each one of us in the manner of our behaviour."

What will determine the kind of city we are building here in Sydney — not the buildings or the facilities or even the social services, important though they are, but our manner of life. A city is people — capable of evil and of good, people capable of the whole range of human relationships.

The Cathedral and the Town Hall stand together in this task — they need each other — they compliment

render to God the things that are God's.

Living as we do in an age when materialism is rampant when spiritual values are ignored by many of our leaders, your presence in this Cathedral Church is an indication of your recognition of the things of the Spirit. It is my hope and prayer that together we may catch a glimpse of the City of God and go out determined by God's grace and with His help to serve our day and generation."

We must render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's but we must at the same time



Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald Leo Port, with Bishop Dain.

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## BUSY STUDENTS AT EAST GEELONG



A group of prep students at St Matthews, East Geelong (Vic), make a figure of Noah out of the plastic milk bottles. The students attended daily classes held during the last school vacation.

## Deaconess House appointment

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"For me it's a non-issue. Some think the ordination of women question is the crystallisation of the women in the church issue, and may be it is."

"But the question is a much wider one. What will the church give women to do and for how much longer will the Church of England ignore the potential for service bound up in its women members?" she said.

Miss Rodgers won the Rachel McKibbin Prize for BD Honours students in 1974 and sat for a New Testament exam the day before her appointment was announced.

Born in Dorrigo, NSW, she grew up in Dapto and was involved in church life at St Luke's Dapto.

She completed her Deaconess Diploma with Honours and her ThL with First Class Honours, in 1964, and served on the staff of Meriden and

then Abbotsleigh.

She was ordained Deaconess in 1971, and is the honorary Secretary of the Fellowship of Biblical Studies, Sydney. She is a member of the Deaconess House Board of Studies.

From January 1 she succeeds Deaconess Mary Andrews, who has been Principal since 1952.

Deaconess Andrews will continue as Head Deaconess in Sydney Diocese.

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## Notes and Comments

### New chairman for ABC

Whichever Government is elected on December 13 one critically important decision it will have to make is the appointment of a chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Over recent years there has been a lamentable decline in not only the standards of broadcast material but also in the professional integrity of many key staff members.

Under the chairmanship of the late Prof R. I. Downing, the ABC was allowed to indulge in social and moral provocation. Individuals, committed to political revolution and moral lawlessness, were permitted to indulge their personal and ideological whims.

They were placed in the privileged position of being

able to propagate their views per favour of the taxpayer. One only has to consider the one-sided programmes such as "Lateline", "No Man's Land", the excesses of 2JJ, to recognise this, not to mention the more subtle forms of propagation of a humanist and sometimes Marxist minority philosophy.

The role of the late chairman was most significant. He encouraged them, defended them and set himself up as an arbiter on community standards. He actually told a delegation from the NSW Council of Churches that he was not greatly impressed by reference to census figures and was quite unimpressed by the reaction of listeners who sent letters to the ABC.

There is little hope that if the Labor Party is returned that an appointment by them would be an improvement. On the other hand statements by Senator Withers, the Minister for the Media in the caretaker Government, appear to indicate no sense of commitment to change in this area. He does not want to buy into this area and appears to have little motivation to clean up the ABC.

It is our view that if people want to change society they should try to do so at their own expense and not through the insidious process of infiltration of a public utility such as the ABC.

It is to be hoped that the Federal Government will show the moral courage to dare to oppose the powerful libertarian lobby and appoint a chairman who will represent the broad Australian consensus which has a healthy revulsion of the philosophy behind many of the ABC programmes.



The Rev John Davies

## The other Jesus . . .

This is the fourth of a new series of articles by the Rev John Davies, minister at Jannali, NSW.

In this issue, Mr Davies continues the examination of the lesser-known facets of Jesus' character.

## . . . the offensive Jesus!

Surely, of all the descriptions we could apply to Jesus, this one is the most inappropriate!

It seems to almost border on blasphemy.

For many Christians, and especially for many clergy, "Thou shalt not offend anyone" is almost the eleventh commandment.

We make all sorts of compromises and concessions to avoid upsetting people, lest they be turned away from us, or from the church.

But when we look a little closer at Scripture, we find it

He did not change His message, or alter His approach, but laid it on even harder (v 62,63).

To be fair, we must note that Jesus did not go around deliberately seeking to offend people.

We find, for example, that He took unusual measures to pay His tax, "Not to give offence to them" (Matthew 17:27).

But on the other hand, He did not shrink from giving

the ordered system of legalism, in which they were superior.

His neighbours were offended because He challenged their mediocrity, sense of being "good enough", by the simple fact that he was different. His disciples were offended because He called them to total dependence on Him (John 6:53 ff), and even more so when He went on to emphasise the sovereignty of God and their total inability to help themselves. (v 63,65).

Jesus lost many followers because of the offensiveness of His teaching (v. 66). In fact, whereas John 6 opens with 5,000 followers, it ends with only 12.

But Jesus was not deterred, for He knew that such offence lay at the weary heart of the Gospel He proclaimed.

— Next Issue: Jesus the trouble-maker.

"Establishment should assure that there be no withdrawal from the actualities and awful dilemmas of human life.

"In the end we are but the poor servants of the Word, come what may, and the church is involved in a non-conformity against all that degrades man now."

— from an article in "The Expository Times" by the Rev J. M. Turner, of the Queen's College, Birmingham, England.

clearly recorded that many people were offended by Him.

### The Fact of the Offence

In Matthew 15:12 we find that Jesus caused offence to the Pharisees, when He said that it was words, rather than food, that made a man unclean.

But we might excuse this, for the Pharisees had twisted the worship of God into their own narrow way.

We could expect that they would be offended by anyone who taught a better way.

And since they represented the religious authorities, we could imagine them being offended by someone as unorthodox and popular as Jesus.

However, in Matthew 13:57 we find that the ordinary common folk of Jesus' home town, Nazareth, "took offence at Him".

This is more serious, for these were not hypocritical Pharisees.

These were Jesus' neighbours — the ordinary "good living" people amongst whom He had grown up. They too were offended by Jesus.

Then worst of all, we find in John 6:60-61 that Jesus even offended His own disciples.

Jesus did not just say what people wanted to hear. He did not just say the things that were nice and pleasant.

He spoke the plain truth of God. And even when some of His disciples were offended.

### HMS appeal

This month, the Anglican Home Mission Society, Counselling Service and the Opportunity Shops begin special appeals to provide goods for needy families over the Christmas period.

The Counselling Service is in need of Christmas type food and children's clothing (5 to 10 years) to give to needy families.

Anyone who can help can simply phone 211 1244 (Counselling Service) or 798 7888 (Op Shop) to arrange for a van to collect the goods.

Financial help is also needed.

offence when God's truth was at stake, for He was committed to an offensive ministry.

The Lord had long ago prophesied through Isaiah that He would become "a stone of offence and a rock of stumbling." (Isaiah 8:14.)

Because Jesus challenged man's rebellion against God, He offended many, and those of us who follow Him can expect a similar reaction. (John 15:18 ff).

In fact, if our witness to Christ is not causing offence to some, then something may be wrong.

Jesus said "Woe to you when all men speak well of you." (Luke 6:26.)

We must be prepared for some to be offended, if we hold firm to the teachings of Christ.

### The Nature of the offence.

What was it about Jesus that offended others?

Why was it unavoidable that this should be so? The answer lies in the very nature of the mission on which Jesus was engaged. Jesus came as light into a world of darkness (John 3:19-21) to call men to trust and depend on God.

He challenged men at the very centre of their being, their ego, their self-identity, their pride, their independence of God.

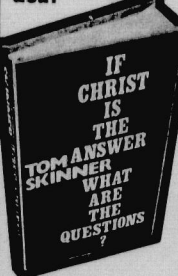
As when you lift a rock in the bush, and the light offends the creatures of darkness underneath it, so Jesus offended those who preferred the darkness of unbelief.

He threatened all that they held dear.

Position, power, self-esteem, good works and finally their own freedom.

The Pharisees were offended because he threatened

"We trust in General Motors, IBM and Eastman Kodak. We trust in missiles and bombs. But do we trust in God?"



The outspoken author of *Black and Free* and *Words of Revolution* is back once again, and he has plenty to say for Christians who are willing to listen. Black power, the drug scene, sexual revolution, the pentecostal experience, Church and state, crime and violence. These and many other issues are confronted candidly and forcefully — from a true biblical perspective — in a question-and-answer session that is guaranteed to open your mind and expand your awareness.

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T. J. BLAND  
Chief Executive Officer

Developments over the years had shown the "inadequacy of certain philosophies and political systems — such as humanism and communism", the Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia said recently.

Speaking at the 108th anniversary service of St Peter's Church of England, East Sydney, on November 23, Mr Payne said, however, that "Democracy is also being shaken".

He said many feared that "Demos will give way to demon as the ruler of the West". This is the context of his address:

## FEAR THAT 'DEMOCRACY ALSO SHAKEN' BIBLE SOCIETY LEADER CONCERNED FOR SOCIETY

We are living in a time of great disturbance and great unsettlement. In the social life, foundations which have taken centuries to build are cracking.

In the world of ideas, rooted ideas are being uprooted. Demolition on every hand is king.

What are we to believe about this time of change and challenge, this time of violence and ferment?

The Bible leaves us in little doubt on this point.

It states again and again that things that are flimsy and phony are shaken in order to show them for what they are.

They are shaken as one of the prophets puts it "in order to reveal themselves in their true worth".

So, one is moved to ask:— What are the things that are holding and what are the things which are weakening, if not falling apart, in our day?

Developments over recent years have shown us the in-

A similar call is very appropriate for Australia. Selfishness and greed could tear Democracy to pieces — and people are wondering.

Various philosophies, ideologies and political systems have all been shown to be insecure. They are unable to stand alone.

Why? Surely because each needs something more than itself — something that our forefathers called Theocracy — the inspiration and the guidance of Almighty God.

We can still call on history to witness that those things which are false, evil and unjust will collapse.

When we look at the line of broken civilizations we cannot doubt that this is true.

Think of ancient Israel — practically none of her old structures survived, but the word of the Old Testament

perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but Jesus constant still remains. As never before we are seeing this to be true.

This is why I feel very privileged to work with the Bible Society.

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In such a time as this we can take the healing Gospel to a sick society and a living faith to a dying world.

Never before was it more urgent to place the Bible in the hands of people everywhere.

When the things which are flimsy and phony are gone, Society in its vital task.



The Rev James Payne

the solid treasure of the Gospel will remain.

May Christians everywhere be led to share the Good News with the world by supporting the Bible Society in its vital task.

## Moore College adds course to curriculum

Moore College has decided to incorporate into its course the new Diploma of Ministry of the Australian College of Theology. The Diploma of Ministry consists of biblical and theological subjects as well as a wide range of pastoral and practical subjects. This was announced last week by the principal Dr D. B. Knox. The theological subjects will be covered by the Moore College BTh course.

Moore College already covers most of the practical subjects during the four-year course for the Diploma of Arts in Theology as recognized by the Advanced Education Board. There will, however, be some subjects which remain over and it is planned that these will be covered in the post ordination training and in this way the full course for the Diploma of Ministry will be completed.

Evening Lectures From the beginning of 1976 the faculty of Moore College plan to inaugurate a course of evening lectures especially designed to help lay people increase their knowledge of the Bible and Christian doctrine.

It is also hoped that the course will include sections of

training in youth leadership or in Christian education and other areas of practical ministry as options.

The course will be a two-year course for two nights a week during term, though it could be extended over three or more years. The College will make application to the Advanced Education Board for the recognition of the course as an Associate Diploma of Arts in Theology.

Lectures in this course will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.15 to 9.15 pm during term time beginning on Tuesday, March 2.

The course for Christian Teachers conducted during First Term of 1975 is planned to be expanded in 1976 into a three-term course. Lectures in the Christian Teachers course will be on Wednesdays at 4.30 pm beginning on Wednesday, March 3, 1976.

As Satan ever from the beginning hath declared himself an enemy to the free grace and undeserved love of God, so hath He now, in these last and corrupt days, most furiously raged against that doctrine which attributes all the praise and glory of our redemption to the eternal love and undeserved grace of God alone. — John Knox.

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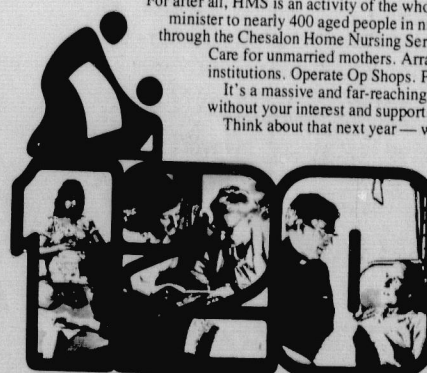
When were you last invited to a 120th Birthday?

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# STORY OF THE TURRAMURRA CHURCH

## FOUR GENERATIONS AT ST JAMES'

The upper North Shore Sydney suburb of Turramurra might just as well have been called Turraburra, according to a history of St James' Anglican Church, Turramurra, that has just been published.

Robert Pymble, who some 150 years ago settled in the suburb that bears his name heard the natives of the local Ku-ring-gai tribe use the name for the big hill that lay north of the orchard he began to carve out of the bush in 1824.

When the North Shore railway line was opened in 1890, the name was given to the next station past Pymble. But by then the aborigines had died out, and no one knew exactly what they had called that big hill.

Anglican services began in Turramurra in 1894, and the first St James' Church was opened in 1899.

The present church was completed in 1941, the culmination of years of effort by the congregation and their rector, the Rev Ronald Cameron, who served Turramurra for 38 years.

St James' has never lacked loyal support. A few days before the church was consecrated in 1947, a large sum had still to be paid off, when there was a ring at the front door of the rectory.

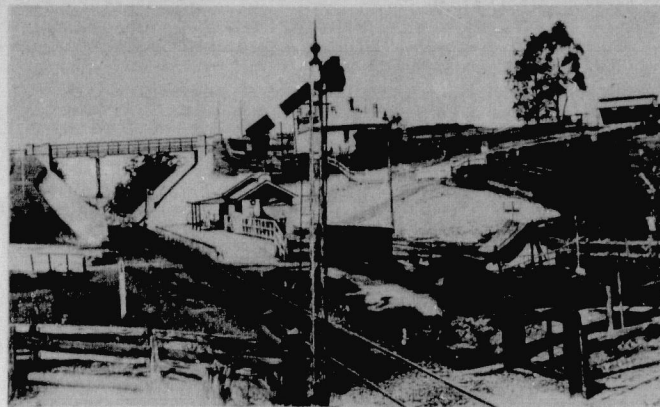
"This is for your father", said an unknown lady to the rector's daughter who had answered the door-bell.

She handed over an envelope with £1000 in notes — about \$15,000 in today's terms — and the church was consecrated free of debt.

St James' church is now one of the busiest in Sydney, with more than 500 young people involved in it.

Congregations totalling more than 800 for all Sunday services are not uncommon.

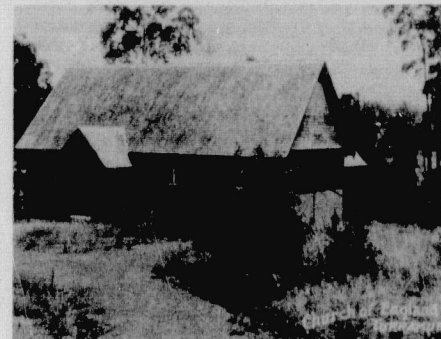
The history booklet tells the story of settlement on the North Shore from its early beginnings more than



Turramurra railway station soon after its opening in 1890. The brick cottage at top was the station master's residence. A humble settler's tent is in the foreground.

150 years ago until the present day.

Written by Stuart Braga, senior history master of Barker College and senior vice-president of the Church of England Historical Society, it contains many illustrations of the days before the North Shore became a fashionable residential area. Copies are available from St James' Church, King Street, Turramurra, at \$2 (plus postage if applicable — 40 cents per copy, 60 cents for two copies, 86 cents for three copies) — proceeds in aid of the church's organ fund.



St James', Turramurra, after extensions were added in 1922. The Rev Ronald Cameron then called the building "the little church in the trees".



A former Archbishop of Sydney, Archbishop H. W. K. Mowll, with the Rev Ronald Cameron at the consecration of St James' on November 29, 1947.

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## Court workers "counsellors"

One of the longest-established activities of the Home Mission Society — Children's Court Work — is to be revised and broadened in its scope. As an expression of their wider role, the Children's Court Workers will in future be known as "Youth Counsellors".

This action has followed policy changes by the Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs. HMS staff felt that the department's new policies left them with too confined a role — yet it was obvious that HMS had to continue helping children and families in court situations.

"Each week, we receive referrals of this nature," says Bill Payne, director of HMS Counselling Services, "and that's a clear indication of the need the service is meeting. So to continue it, and lessen frustration on the part of our staff workers, we had to broaden it out. We're confident that the steps we've taken will enable us to offer a positive and creative service to young people experiencing all kinds of difficulties."

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## Need to judge ourselves before others

Sir, Having noted B. Winter's letter on his idea of what constitutes a Christian nation (Record, November 13), I think it is a theme worth pushing.

I think it vital that we do not approach this question with a holier-than-thou attitude, despite the great falling away from the faith by our western communities.

It could be that we, the church, are largely responsible.

During this century we have seen a chipping away of the biblical foundations of our faith — not by the biblically illiterate, but by many of our own theologians.

The debilitating influence of "higher criticism", even when discredited, is still ap-

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

parent in many pulpits.

There is not the same conviction as in the past, and if the trumpet has an uncertain sound, the public are not stirred.

The nation may be as shockingly un-Christian as B. Winter claims, but I recall that Daniel identified himself with his people in confessing prayer.

Jeremiah's message was: "Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard..." and what was the vineyard but the whole nation.

If we turn back to ancient Israel — that half-paganised multitude that came out of Egypt — two classes are apparent, the assembly and the congregation — Hebrew words "qahal" and "edah".

Our English translators neglected to use equivalent English words, but if one refers to the Hebrew, it is clear that the "qahal" was the national church of Israel, while the "edah" represented the whole nation including the "mixed multitude" that accompanied them from Egypt.

The church today could be compared to the "qahal" or "called out assembly", yet God is working out his purposes through the whole nation.

All Israel heard the Voice of God from Sinai.

So today all our people for generations have heard the Voice of God through Christ: just as wantonly rebelled and just as surely will come under judgement unless we repent.

This, however, does not let us off the hook, even though we may have all the pat answers.

Nicodemus was a master in Israel, yet had a lot to learn.

It could be a dangerous exercise to pick out who are the church or the un-church, seeing that judgement begins at the house of God.

I sometimes wonder if our real testing is in decisions we make on current situations, such as supporting so-called "freedom" movements in Africa, or our deathly silence on such issues as the disgraceful Loans Affair, or our insensitivity in falling for the semantics of communist propaganda.

Personally, I would rather not raise my hands in horror at the spiritual decline of our nation until I have asked myself where I have failed.

(MRS) P. CREASEY, Clontarf Beach, Qld.

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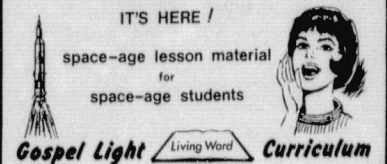
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"But when you give a feast invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you."

### COST TO RISE

We regret owing to increases in production and postage costs, that our annual subscription rate will be rising from January 1, 1976, to \$6.50.

The cost of individual copies will remain, for the present, at twenty cents.

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## THOUGHTS ON ADVENT Awaiting Second Coming

ADVENT! A thrilling time for the believer - or is it?

Dwight L. Moody said he never preached without an awareness that the Lord might return before the sermon ended.

We may talk about it, even look forward to it, but how many are seized with the fact that "every eye shall see Him?"

Perhaps we go to the other extreme and harp upon the event as a form of escapism. You know the sort of thing - someone down in the dumps is cheered(?) by another who

says (usually without conviction) "Oh, well, the Lord might come and you won't have to worry about it."

THE PURITANS emphasised the "last things", yet were prepared for the Lord to delay His return beyond their life span.

George Whitefield's messages throbbed with the urgency of the hour. At the same time he expected future revivals, including a great ingathering of the Jews.

John Eliot with the American Indians, Henry Martyn in Persia, Robert Moffatt of the Dark Continent had their hearts set on the "Blessed hope".

This not only stirred them to missionary effort, but enabled them to persevere. Neither in prayer nor in well-doing are we to grow weary.

A BOOK which has helped my ministry is Iain Murray's "The Puritan Hope". Think twice before buying it - many don't share my enthusiasm.

Murray points out that irrespective of how bright - comparatively - the world may become when the church reaches her fullest development in history, the Advent of Christ will ever remain the pole-star of faith and hope.

He also warns against an excessive pre-occupation with the future state which militates against the Christian's true calling.

ALISTAIR COOKE is famed for his broadcasts over the years from America to his native England, and more recently for his telecasts.

In his book, "One Man's America", he tells how May 19, 1780, has long been remembered in New England for its supposed foreshadowing of the Judgement Day.

At noon the skies began to turn black as men fell on their knees and cried to God for mercy before they met their doom.

It so happened that the Connecticut House of Representatives was in session, and as the darkness deepened, some began to shout and plead for mercy.

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These few brief suggestions as to how Christian readers can share their Christmas holiday time with others less fortunate, apply to organisations in NSW which need voluntary help in various ways during that period.

But similar situations would apply in other States and for readers in those States who have time to spare at Christmas, the equivalent authorities in your capital city would be able to put you in touch with similar charitable organisations.

211 1244 or one of the migrant hostels ... ie East Hills - 77 0737, Cabramatta - 602 7355, Endeavour - 349 6033.  
• Overseas students enjoy a meal or an outing during their vacation. Contact Joy James 57 7536.  
• You could visit a convalescent or aged person home or a children's home, taking some "goodies" with you or invite them out for a meal or picnic if it's permitted.

Doug Kidd - 579 2952 arranges outings for children from some children's homes. Contact a home near you.  
• Why not invite an aged person to your home for Christmas lunch or adopt a grandparent for the whole year round?

Contact The NSW Council for the Aged 27 4857.  
• A city mission or refuge could put you in contact with a person in need of friendship.  
• The prison chaplain

— JOY JAMES.

## On and off the record

— BY DON HOWARD

Others demanded an immediate adjournment.

THE SPEAKER of the House, Colonel Davenport, called for silence. Then he spoke.

"The Day of Judgement is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish, therefore, that candles be bought."

To quote again from Murray: "The opportunity of honouring Christ by fulfilling our present duties is a priceless privilege and those who thus serve Him will not be found wanting at His Coming."

"Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing."

ALL BEING WELL, this will be the last column by yours truly.

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## Millenium and views from Bible

"What, Where, and When is the Millenium?" by R. Bradley Jones  
Baiker Book House  
Grand Rapids  
144 pp, paperback

Dispensationalism, it appears, is dead but not yet lying down. Otherwise why the need for this book?

The author deals with various millennial views and urges the reader to follow his example of testing findings by the scriptures. Can't go wrong there!

A politely written polemic, the book is divided into two parts: the first deals with the millennium and the written Word of God; the second links the theme with the living Word.

The book is Christ-centred: the author reminds the reader that "We are looking for the coming Lord, not for a 'millennium'."

Well set out, stimulating and useful, both for those who are eagerly awaiting the blessed hope and for those who are uncertain. And a deathblow (hopefully) to dispensationalists who are prepared to be honest with the Word, both written and living.

— Donald Howard

## Review of the life of Paul

"A Man in Christ"  
The James Stewart Library  
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and does much to encourage and edify. Stewart sees Paul's life and work as the abandonment of a great love which could not lose the 'sense of overwhelming amazement that he, or all people in the world, should have been called to proclaim God's Christ'. Paul is called all sorts of things and made responsible for so much by so many of us that it is good to spend time with such a volume.

R. Patfield.

## New book on themes of devotion

"The Fullness of Christ"  
by D. Stuart Briscoe  
Pickering and Inglis Ltd  
London  
150 pp, paperback

A devotional of the Ian Thomas type (he wrote the introduction) which unfortunately lacks depth. The appeal is aimed at the heart rather than the head, and the substance is illustrative rather than expository.

The writer claims that if each member of a congregation of 100 members "caught one fish" every year for 15 years, over one and a half million people would be won for Christ.

That would really "turn the world upside down" once again, but I doubt whether books like this will provide the stimulus.

— Donald Howard

## Career of early USA preacher

"The Life and Letters of James Henley Thornwell"  
by Dr B. M. Palmer  
The Banner of Truth Trust  
Edinburgh  
614 pp, cloth, price \$6.65

Thornwell has been described by Martyn Lloyd-Jones as one of the greatest preachers that America has ever produced. This biography by a 19th century contemporary does not present him so forcefully.

His spiritual pilgrimage from a humble background took him through philosophy, Deism and Socinianism, and left him empty. On an evening stroll, he stumbled (?) into a local bookstore and saw upon the counter a copy of the Confession of Faith.

He had never before heard of its existence: he bought it for 25 cents (those were the days!) and read it entirely before he went to sleep. For the first time he felt that he had "met with a system which held together with the strictest logical connection".

## Books on value of prayer

"Prayer or Pretense"  
by John Anthony Hanne  
Zondervan 1974  
Price 95c  
96 pp  
"Our Prayer"  
by Louis Evelyn  
Mowbrays 1975  
Price £1.75  
143 pp

So many books have been written on prayer that you wonder whether any new could be said about it. Yet both of these paperbacks in different ways give new insights and bring fresh stimulation to an activity that most Christians find difficult to engage in.

Dr Tony Hanne is Director of the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship in New Zealand. He defines Prayer "as the relationship between God and Christians in which God takes the initiative, shares His heart with us, and gives to us the capacity to respond to His revelation by sincere words and obedient lives." (P 13) His book is chock full of scripture references, The summaries and "practical suggestions" at the end of each chapter are helpful. "Prayer or Pretense" would be suitable as a basis for Bible Studies, discussions or series of sermons on prayer.

Louis Evelyn states that "Praying ... is not talking to God, but listening to Him talking to us. So learning to pray is learning to listen" (P 55). Evelyn's contention is that so much of what we normally regard as Prayer is in fact pagan practice. Though you may not agree in every respect with Evelyn's theology, especially his "new" version of the Lord's Prayer in Ch 7, "Let's demythologise the 'Our Father'; reading this book should result in prayer becoming more meaningful.

Donald K. Wilson.

## Novel with religious emphasis

"Criss-Cross for Albert's"  
by K. A. White  
Anzea Publishers

This novel should have considerable appeal for the general reader as well as for the older teenager. Kath White has produced an exciting blend of speleology, treasure trove and mystery in this, her first novel, "Criss-Cross for Albert's".

Add such other ingredients as the inter-relations of four or five students at art college, a fire in which a much prized painting is destroyed and the conversion to Christ of the self-centred hero of the tale, and you have an interesting novel with a serious religious thread running through it.

Rob Farley is a confused young art student, sensitive to his surroundings and feelings but not to the feelings of his vivacious girl friend, Jill Bentley. She gradually loses her gaiety and even almost her life, trying to help and understand Rob.

Absorbed in the exciting discovery he has made in the cave and then in the painting, with which he is attempting to win an important art prize, he ignores Jill and insults several of his friends. It is only as he is confronted with his own selfishness and

the ability of Jesus Christ to deal with this, that he finds rebirth and renewal. If the dialogue is at times a little stilted, the development of character is very convincing. There are overtones of Randolph Stow in the portrait of the young artist and of Patrick White's "The Vivisector" in the

description of his creative inspiration and impulse. She is scholarly in her allusions, though Hebrew is surely the language of the Jews and not "Jewish". The novel never loses pace and the symbolism used is both poetic and philosophically viable.

Janet West.

## Mr Williams Says ...

Mr Williams says he can't see how God's promises can become realities in his life.

I guess people have always questioned "how" God is going to do something incredible for them.

Zechariah did. God told him his aged wife would have a son. Zechariah didn't question the promise but he wanted to know, "How shall I know this?" (Luke 1 v 18).

We can seldom understand how God can fulfil his promises.

He promises so much in Christ. We noisily entertain doubts when we should be quietly overflowing with grateful praise.

It is better to be silent than to weary God with sceptical questions. After all, we are not responsible for figuring out how God will fulfil his promises; our job is to wait expectantly in faith and hope.

— Ken Roughley

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## Mainly About People

### ROCKHAMPTON

Rev B. Farran has taken up the incumbency of the Parish of North Rockhampton, as from 31st October.

Rev R. Tongue has accepted appointment as Rector of the Parish of the Callide Valley. He comes from North Albury, NSW, to take up residence at Biloela, early in December.

Rev D. Vanderwolf is to complete his curacy training as Minister-in-Charge of Clermont, with special responsibilities of consultation with the Bishop.

Rev S. Rigby arrives in mid-November, to take up duties at Blackwater.

Captain Ron Wallis begins his ministry to students, at the Anglican Residential College at the Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education, in the new year.

The Bishop intends to advance to the priesthood The Reverend Keith Slater, on Sunday evening, 14th December.

### MELBOURNE

Rev R. S. Cherry has been appointed Rural Dean of Dandenong as from July 1, 1975, for a period of three years.

Rev R. L. Dowling from Assistant Curate St George's, Malvern, to part-time Minister-in-Charge of parish of St Linus', Merlynston, under direction of Regional Bishop. Commissioning by Bishop Grant mid-February, 1976.

Rev B. E. Hansford from Assistant Curate at St John's, Blackburn, to Minister-in-Charge of St John's, Lilydale. Commissioning by Bishop Dann on December 10, 1975, at 8 pm.

Rev J. Goldsworthy from Incumbency of Christ Church, Hawthorn, to Incumbency of St Luke's, North Springvale. Induc-

tion by Archbishop February 5, 1976, at 8 pm.

Rev G. Martin to part-time Assistant Curate of Armadale/Hawthorn as from October, 1975.

Rev J. L. Hall died October 30, 1975. Retired 1955.

Rev Canon E. H. Pickford died November 18, 1975.

### SYDNEY

Rev R. Jones, Curate at St Clement's, Mosman, has been appointed Rector at St George's, Earlwood.

## Cricketer for Guinness record book

A Trinity Grammar School cricketer's recent performance may be included in the Guinness Book of Records.

Philip Coorey, playing for Trinity's fourth XI against Barker, scored a century in seven overs to end up 162 runs not out.

Barker batted first and scored 182 runs in 24 overs. Coorey came on to bowl late in the innings and took five wickets for 24 runs.

Trinity were set the task of scoring nearly eight runs an over to win.

The task seemed beyond them as wickets fell 1 for 10, 2 for 17, 3 for 19, 4 for 20 and 5 for 48.

However, the match took a dramatic turn with the arrival of Philip Coorey at the crease. He scored 50 runs in the next four overs and reached the century in the seventh over.

At close of play Trinity had scored 230 for six in 18 overs — with Coorey 162 not out.

His innings was as follows: 14 sixes, 17 fours, one two and eight singles.

## HMS extends Op Shops in Sydney metrop area

The Anglican Home Mission Society's Op Shop has opened a market on the ground floor of the former Belvedere Hotel on the corner of Kent and Bathurst Streets, Sydney.

Manager, John Dring, said that the Market stocks a wide range of Antiques, used furniture, clothing and gifts. During its first weeks of selling, the market has attracted considerable interest.

"The gift lines, particularly, will appeal to people who are looking for economical and unusual Christmas gifts. We trust many Anglicans will take the opportunity of calling in to see the wide range of merchandise," Mr Dring added.

All proceeds of the Op Shop Market go to help those in need through the Society's social agencies — Chesalon, Charlton, Carramar, Counselling Services, etc, Mr Dring concluded.



## Refugee aid sought

A challenge to Anglican parishes to follow the lead of a Catholic parish in supporting Vietnamese refugees has been made by the Anglican Home Mission Society's, Anglican Immigration Officer (Mr Frank Garforth).

"A recent TV programme showed how a Catholic parish has 'adopted' a Vietnamese family from the East Hills Migrant Hostel," Mr Garforth said. "They made a house available rent free, and a number of the congre-

gation have rallied as a support group to the family."

About 40 Vietnamese families still at the hostel would need similar support to settle happily into Australian society, Mr Garforth said.

"They have a number of problems," he explained, "including limited English, lack of understanding of our way of life, not much earning potential and, in many cases, large families. But several of them want to leave the hostel and try to establish themselves in the community."

"If there are any parish groups or individuals who would be prepared to help these people settle in, their assistance would be much appreciated — and I'd be very pleased to hear from them."

## VISITING SPEAKER

The Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Durham will be visiting Lecturer at St John's College, Morpeth for 1976.

He is the Reverend Professor H. F. Woodhouse, Scholar, Moderator (1st Class) MA, DD, HDipEd, Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin and Regius Professor of Divinity since 1963.

After a brilliant academic career both in Arts and in Divinity, Dr Woodhouse was engaged in varied parochial work for fourteen years. He then emigrated for twelve years to Canada as Professor and Principal, teaching Historical, Dogmatic and Moral Theology in Toronto, Vancouver and Halifax.

He is a member of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and of numerous

committees and commissions. His concerns include reunion, social responsibility and theological education including the auxiliary part-time ministry.

Professor Woodhouse is expected to arrive about the first week in March and to spend the first term of 1976 at Morpeth. It is anticipated that he will deliver a number of public lectures whilst there and at the University of Newcastle.

Professor Woodhouse will be the second distinguished scholar from overseas to be Visiting Lecturer at St John's College, Morpeth. The first was Professor G. D. Kilpatrick, Professor of Holy Scripture Exegesis at Oxford University, who recently left Morpeth to resume his work in England.

## NAIROBI WCC MEETING

John Stott preached to a packed congregation at All Saints Cathedral Nairobi, Kenya, on the 23rd November at the beginning of the World Council of Church Assembly.

He spoke on the last verses of Galatians 4 and 5:1. He took up the theme of the congress, "Jesus Christ frees and unites." He spoke first about freedom, pointing out that the slogan Freedom and Unity is a popular slogan in Africa.

Freedom according to Mr Stott was to be found in personal salvation in Christ. Then he spoke of freedom in the social and political life, drawing attention to the fact that God is concerned with righteousness and justice.

He warned of the danger of equating these two types of freedom and of pursuing one of them to the exclusion of the other. There was a need for balance, he said.

The theme of Unity was treated in a similar way. Stott spoke of two levels of unity. Unity of all creation based on the fact that God is the creator of all men, and unity which belongs to those who belong to the New Creation — those with personal faith in Christ.

He urged the congregation, which included many

delegates of the WCC Assembly, not to compromise the uniqueness of Christ and his place as the only way of personal salvation.



Rev John Stott.

## Base rate for clergy now \$6500 in Sydney

A clergy stipend rise of 6.5 per cent plus an extra \$200 have been approved by the Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney.

It brings the new rate (for a clergyman ordained more than 12 years) to \$6500.

Salary increases are now calculated every six months on the basis of the Consumer Price Index.

The extra \$200 is the third of three annual increases designed to bring clergy into a comparable category.

## COMMISSION INTO HUMAN RELATIONS

Anglican Diocese of Sydney representatives, led by Bishop John Reid, gave evidence recently at a public hearing in Sydney of the Royal Commission into Human Relationships.

In a one-hour session, Bishop Reid first explained that many social workers, clergy and families had been involved in preparing the report (published May 1975, title "Human Relationships", 52 pages).

He said the Anglican Church had no desire to force its opinions on others in a pluralist society, but that the Church wanted to comment its views to the whole community as clearly as possible.

The Rev John Livingstone, new areas director for the Diocese, said: "There are

parents in outer suburban areas who place no value on education, and so their children place no value on it. This works out in the early years, but as the children grow up they realise their parents don't provide what they need. Then the relationship breaks up."

The Rev Alan Nichols gave evidence on the Church's attitude to abortion. Concern was expressed at the tendency of governments to support groups such as abortion clinics which were

advocating social change. Concern was also expressed that NSW abortion laws were apparently not being enforced.

The Rev Bernard Judd spoke of the damage to human relationships and attitudes caused by unsolicited pornography — which he called "mental sewage".

Mr Ken Harrison said that many television programmes encouraged consumerism without concern for moral and spiritual values.

## Australia's oldest Anglican clergyman

The oldest Anglican clergyman in Australia will celebrate his 95th birthday on Friday, December 12.

He is the Rev Canon A. J. A. Fraser.

The occasion will also be the 70th anniversary of his ordination by the first Archbishop of Sydney Dr Suarez Smith — and also the 70th anniversary of his marriage to his wife who is also 95 years of age.

At least six bishops and an archbishop will be present at the short church service at St John's Church, Pacific Highway, Gordon, NSW, beginning at 12 noon.

The sermon will be de-

livered by the Bishop of Tasmania, Bishop R. E. Davies.

Following the service light refreshments will be served in St John's Hall and the Bishop of the Riverina, Bishop Barry Hunter, will present a book written by H. A. Fraser about the life of Canon Fraser, and unveil an oil painting.

There will also be a display of historical material relating to Canon and Mrs Fraser.

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