

## Mainly About People

Rev. William J. Lawton of the Bush Church Aid Society has been appointed rector of Christ Church, Gladsville (Sydney).

Rev. David S. Scott-Halliday, rector of Atherton (N. Q'land), has been appointed rector of All Saints', Charleville (Brisbane).

Rev. Peter Peters of the diocese of Armidale has been granted leave to read for a Ph. D at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Rev. Raymond G. Smith, vicar of Uralia (Armidale) since 1966, will commence his ministry in Armidale at the end of May.

Head Deaconess Mary Andrews (Sydney) will be installed as President of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council on 23 May at St. Philip's, Church Hill.

Mr C. W. H. Barnes, registrar of Melbourne diocese, has been elected to the Standing Committee of General Synod.

Bishop Graham R. Delbridge, Bishop in Wollongong, has been elected interim chairman of the Federal Council of the Bush Church Aid Society until the annual meeting on Thursday, June 12. He replaces Canon Ernest Cameron who has resigned after 18 years in the office.

Rev. Colin F. Bazley, aged 33, a missionary of the South American Missionary Society in South Chile, has been appointed Assistant Bishop for Cautin and Malleco in the diocese of Chile, Bolivia and Peru. He will be consecrated on Whitsunday.

Rev. Canon Donald W. B. Robinson, Vice-Principal of Moore College, Sydney, has accepted an invitation to be visiting professor in New Testament at Yeomal Biblical Seminary, India, for the July-October term this year.

Rev. Edward G. Watkins, rector of Wingscarrie (Sydney) since 1967, will be inducted as rector of St. Bartholomew's, Norwood (Adelaide) on 23 May.

Mr Charles D. Fisher, headmaster of Scotch College, Adelaide since 1962, has been appointed headmaster of Brisbane Church of England Grammar School from 1970. He is a graduate of Oxford in chemistry and is a son of Lord Fisher of Lambeth.

Mr John G. Denton, registrar of the diocese of Sydney, has been appointed secretary of the Primatial Registry in succession to Bishop Delbridge.

Rev. Alan F. Donohoe, rector of St. Peter's, Cook's River (Sydney) since 1963, has been appointed rector of All Souls', Leichhardt. He will be inducted late in August.

# hot line

## Round-up of church press comment

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NEWSPAPER draws attention to an article in the British Journal of Psychiatry giving the findings of a recent study of clergy breakdowns. The authors found no environmental stress which was a common factor in clergy breakdowns although 69 per cent of the clergy blamed their work wholly or partly. The sample divided equally between clergy with two much work and too little work. Australian bishops could, if they wish, draw some pastorally useful conclusions from this.

"Australian Presbyterian Life" carries an editorial headed "Death Rides Our Highways." Last year 3,500 were killed on our roads—more than in years of fighting in Vietnam. Who is going to organise the massive public protests against this massive killing? "Church and People" (N.Z.) reports that Bishop Eric Gowing of Auckland has been disappointed by the Maoris. The N.Z. Maori Council has decided to support the 1970 Rugby tour of South Africa. In a sermon to Maoris he told them that their decision was in support of South Africa's racist policy and he urged them to reconsider it. So far, they have not done so. Perhaps coloured peoples see whites as bending over backwards in

their current anxieties about segregation?

"The Christian" (U.K.) carries a strong protest from Lady Birdwood on its front page—against the increasing display of violence on TV. New Australian series are now invading our homes with nightly violent physical aggression. It has got to the stage where it is sickening. We need to complain to the A.B.C., TV stations and the sponsoring advertisers—loud and long. The president of the Methodist Conference in "The Methodist" touches a responsive chord in his weekly message. He wants to form a group of "angry old men" to take issue with much that is said about "the irrelevance and unwisdom of Age as opposed to the profundity and insight of Youth." Up you joiners!

## Hospital visitation training

Church members at St. Matthew's, Maryatville, Adelaide, are attending a five-week program of training for hospital visitation.

The program is being conducted by the Women's Inter-Church Council and is being held in St. Matthew's vestry. A charge of \$1 is being made for the course.

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THE FIRST woman minister in the Church of Scotland is Miss Catherine McConnachie, 66, ordained recently by the Presbytery of Aberdeen. She had just retired as a deaconess after 37 years' service. The ordination was a direct outcome of the decision taken at the General Assembly last year to lift the centuries-old ban on women ministers.

Atlanta, Georgia, (EPS)—The proposed merger of the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) was defeated when the proposal failed to receive the approval of two-thirds of the Reformed Church's 45 regional classes. The Southern Presbyterian Church had enough of its presbyteries voting in favour of union to meet the required three-quarters positive vote.

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# Bible colleges serve all the churches

BIBLE COLLEGES and institutes in all States of Australia are playing an increasingly important part in training men and women of all churches for full-time service at home and abroad.

A survey just completed by the Australian Church Record shows that over 500 men and women are now training and an important proportion of the e are Anglicans. Many of them are gaining a solid grounding in biblical studies before offering for training for the ministry or for deaconess work.

A recent trend in these institutions is the provision of courses for degree; and diplomas of the Melbourne College of Divinity, the University of Queensland and the University of London.

Five of the eight surveyed offered such courses but it is significant that some do not offer external courses as a matter of policy. Sydney Missionary and Bible College, for instance, has all its students doing the college's Diploma in Divinity and Mission. The full-time staff there is academically qualified to give tuition for tertiary degrees, but the college feels that it can best serve the gospel by offering Bible centred studies. However, it has set up a panel of external examination assessors to help ensure that the academic standard is high.

An attempt was made in the survey to find out the eventual location of students after graduation. The vast majority were still uncertain as to whether they would serve at home or abroad or in a particular denominational ministry.

Another recent feature is the offering of more options to students. In addition to the basic two or three-year college diploma and external diplomas or degrees which may be taken in conjunction with these, some colleges offer an extra year for further work, either practical or academic. Perth Bible Institute offers both a college diploma and a certificate of studies, according to levels chosen. Other options are special courses in

missionary studies and evangelism.

Considerable numbers of Anglican clergy and some of our bishops began their training at one of the institutes.

All of the institutions surveyed are conservatively evangelical, a tradition which they intend to preserve, while at the same time training their students to make the gospel of salvation vital to modern man.

Principals of the six out of eight colleges had tertiary qualifications of some sort, four being university graduates and some having post-graduate qualifications. Two staff members have earned doctorates, including one Cambridge PhD.

## Diocese of the Murray

A special meeting of Adelaide synod was set down for Tuesday, May 20, at 3 p.m. to consider three notices of motion.

The most urgent was to secure synod assent for the setting up of the diocese of the Murray, South Australia's third diocese. It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that synod will agree with this, enabling the matter to be finally decided by General Synod in September.

The second motion concerned clergy salaries. These are to be: rectors, \$2,770; clergy in charge, \$2,570; assistant clergy, \$2,170, or \$1,970 if deacons. The motion also provided for travelling allowances and depreciation and where customary, houses or allowances for rent.

The third motion was to assent to the passing of the Church of England Trust Property Act, no. 19. This proposed act will permit any Church or institution working under a private trust to decide by resolution to bring itself under the terms of the Church Property Trust.

There are still four or five parishes in Adelaide which work under their own trust deeds. Holy Trinity, North Terrace, and St. Luke's, Whitmore Square, well-known evangelical churches, are among them.

## New Spanish edition of The Institutes

(Grand Rapids, Michigan). The last Spanish edition of The Institutes of the Christian Religion by John Calvin was published in 1859. Since that edition was sold out many decades ago, the great work has not been available to the large Spanish speaking world of Spain and Latin America. Now, however, thanks to the initiative of Stichting Uitgeverij Reformatorische Boeken in Rijswijk, the Netherlands, it is again available. The Stichting is an agency for the Spanish Committee of the Reformed Churches (liberated) in the Netherlands. The appearance of the new edition has been hailed in Mexico and in Argentina as a significant addition to the growing supply of evangelical material available in Spanish. (RES NE).

**GUEST EDITORIAL**  
The Guest Editorial in this issue has been written by the Rev. G. C. Bingham, Principal of the Adelaide Bible Institute.

## Leaders for Evangelism Congress

REV. F. J. NILE has announced the names of leaders and speakers for the Seminars at the N.S.W. Congress on Evangelism which will be held at Chapter House, Sydney, on 30th and 31st May, 1969.

The Seminar leader-speakers are widely experienced in their various fields and will provide challenging leadership in the 12 elective seminars.

GROUP A (Simultaneous):

1. "The New Theology," Rev. Bruce Smith, Lecturer, Moore College. 2. "The New Evangelism," Rev. Geoffrey Fletcher, Director of Evangelism, Sydney diocese, Director of L.I.F.E. 3. "The New Morality," Dr J. Kleinig, Lecturer in Philosophy, Macquarie University. 4. "The New Evangelism," Rev. Neville Anderson, Principal, N.S.W. Baptist Theological College.

GROUP B (Simultaneous):

1. "Evangelism and the Inner City," Rev. Bernard Gook, St.

John's, Darlinghurst. 2. "Evangelism and the University," Rev. Dudley Foord, Chaplain, University of Sydney. 3. "Evangelism and Drugs," Det.-Sgt. Fred Kitto, Drug Squad, N.S.W. Police Department. 4. "Evangelism and Youth," Mr David Claydon, N.S.W. secretary, Scripture Union.

GROUP C (Simultaneous):

1. "Evangelism and Social Concern," Mr E. Spencer Collier, Lecturer, University of N.S.W. 2. "Evangelism and the Aged," Rev. Harry Orr, French's Forest Baptist Church. 3. "Evangelism and the Local Church," Rev. John Mallison, Liverpool Methodist Church. 4. "Evangelism and the New Australian," Rev. Ron Macready, Leichhardt Mission.

• The closing reports will be presented by Rev. Neville Anderson, Mr David Claydon and Rev. John Mallison.

• The Right Rev. A. J. Dain, Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, will give the closing address.

The Congress is open to interested ministers and laymen from all denominations in N.S.W. Registrations close 19th May, 1969.

## New Guinea theological schools associate

Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea (EPS) — Twelve theological schools in the Solomon Islands and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea last week formed an interdenominational organisation known as the Melanesian Association of Theological Schools (MATS).

The inaugural meeting was held at the Roman Catholic Holy Spirit Regional Seminary at Bomana, a suburb of Port Moresby, with Rev. Dr Patrick Murphy, S.V.D. as host.

Funds provided by the Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches made possible attendance by church leaders from throughout this widespread island territory.

The decision to form the association followed the Theological Consultation at Lae, New Guinea, in April, 1968, attended by representatives of Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and United Church theological schools. Observers came from the Evangelical Alliance and the Salvation Army.

The new association aims to improve the standards in member institutions, facilitate the exchange of ideas and theological information, foster research and act as liaison with other groups.

## Lord Fisher at consecration

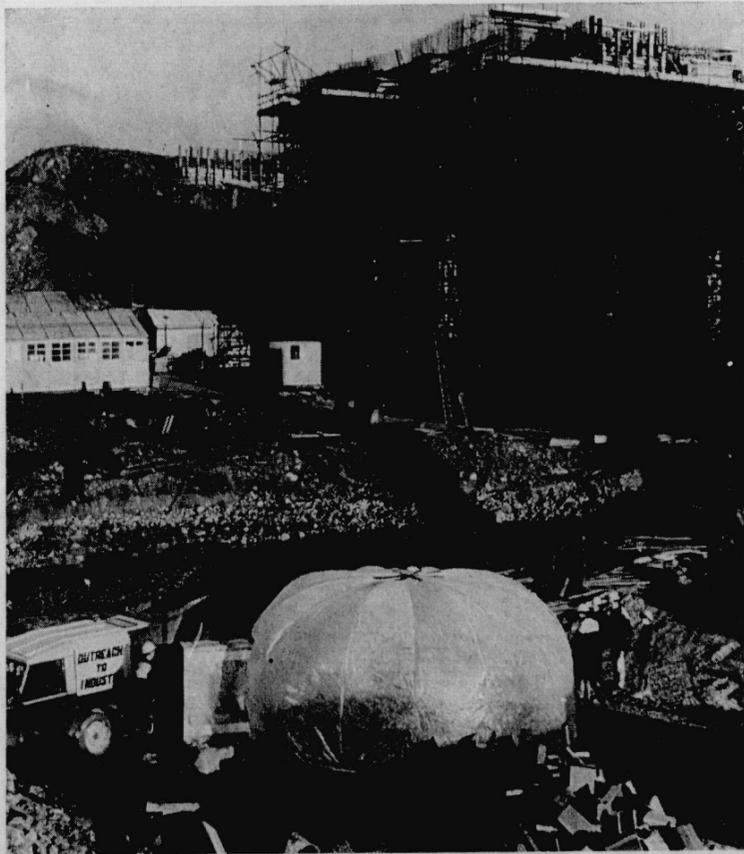
LORD FISHER of Lambeth, former Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted at the consecration of Very Rev. L. E. W. Renfrey as assistant bishop of Adelaide on May 1.

The Primate, the Archbishop of Brisbane, the Bishop of Willochra and Bishop Donald Redding also assisted the Bishop of Adelaide at the consecration in St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide. Lord Fisher is spending a holiday in Adelaide with his son who has been headmaster of Scotch College, Adelaide, since 1962.

At a meeting of representatives of nine churches held at Bishop's Court, Adelaide, agreement was reached on a standard form of service to be used at united services.

The agreed form obviates the need for drawing up a special form of service for each occasion when churches combine for a special service.

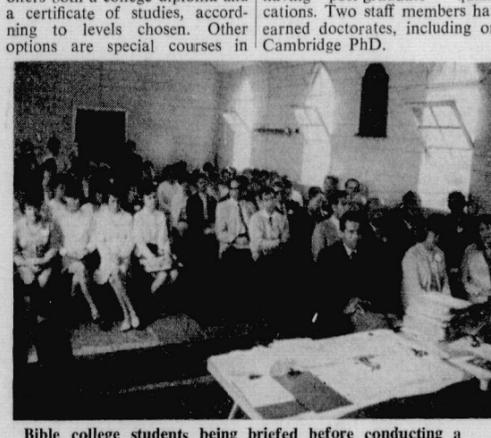
## BLOWN-UP CHURCH



Outreach to Industry in the U.K. takes the gospel into the workaday world. Illustration shows how they minister to construction workers on a motorway. Fifteen minutes and just two men and this revolutionary plastic church is up and open—no poles or ropes required, just God's free air. (Photo by courtesy Outreach to Industry.)



Bible college students interviewing a householder.



Bible college students being briefed before conducting a community survey.

## Anglican-Methodist unity plan supported

BY an overall majority of 241 out of 326 votes cast — or 73.85 per cent — the Convocations of Canterbury and York, meeting jointly in London, affirmed that the Anglican-Methodist reunion scheme was, in effect, the right way forward.

They agreed that, though there were problems to be resolved before entry on Stage Two, there was "evidence of sufficient agreement in doctrine and practice" between the Church of England and the Methodist Church for entry into Stage One of the scheme.

By an even larger overall majority — 312 out of 328 votes cast, or 95.12 per cent — the Convocations affirmed that "the proposed new ordinal and its preface will ensure the continuance of the Catholic ministry."

By another big majority — 266 out of 343 votes cast, or 77.55 per cent — they agreed on Wednesday that "the service of reconciliation is theologically adequate to make the ministries of the two Churches mutually acceptable."

### OVER TWO-THIRDS

In the case of all three votes majorities of over two-thirds were recorded in all four Houses of Convocation. In the case of the first and third votes only two bishops voted against — Peterborough and Ripon. There was a unanimous episcopal vote for the ordinal.

In the final Convocation vote in July two-thirds majorities in each of the four Houses, in addition to an overall majority of seventy-five per cent, will be required to enable the Church of England to proceed to Stage One of the reunion scheme.

## NEW BISHOPS AT B.C.A. RALLY

The newly appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, the Rt. Rev. Graham Delbridge, will be the guest speaker at a Jubilee Rally of the Bush Church Aid Society to be held in Christ Church Hall, North Adelaide, at 8 p.m., on Friday, June 20.

Bishop Delbridge who has had a long association with B.C.A. is chairman of the council.

At the rally in Adelaide accounts of the work in the outback will be given by the Rev. Ernie Carnaby, of the Leigh Creek Mission, and Miss Kaye Skinner, a primary schoolteacher formerly stationed at Coober Pedy where B.C.A. has a hospital.

The newly appointed Assistant Bishop of Adelaide, the Rt.

Rev. L. E. W. Renfrey, will chair the rally.

The outback atmosphere will be heightened by a program of bush songs by Graham and Robyn Jenkin.

The latest development of B.C.A. work has been in the new mining and agricultural towns of the north-west of Western Australia where an important pastoral ministry is being developed.

The Bishop of the north-west, the Rt. Rev. Howell Witt on a recent visit to Adelaide said:

"Without B.C.A. I'd die. There would be no pastoral work in the north-west. Wherever there is development, there you will find a B.C.A. priest."

The Society has a second hospital at Cook, and it runs three hostels for school children at Moree, N.S.W., Broken Hill and Port Lincoln.



# Notes and Comments

## ULSTER TROUBLES

Our daily Press is working hard to discredit the Protestants of Ulster. They have not mentioned the fact that the Roman Catholic militants have chosen the time when the Rev. Ian Paisley is in prison to begin their riots. The timing is significant.

Then the Press, radio and television in reporting the troubles have adopted the standard phrase, "civil rights demonstrators" (or marchers) and "extremist Protestants." It is sometimes varied by "militant Roman Catholics and extremist Protestants." The message is that militants are deplorable. And, of

course, Protestants who stand up for anything are always extremists.

In this Protestant land, biased reporting is never biased in favour of Protestants and never against Roman Catholics.

## DRAMA BANKRUPT

The world would be very much the poorer without the great dramatists of both East and West. Modern drama is demonstrating its own bankruptcy by its recourse to nudity and boringly repetitious blasphemy.

Drama has always aimed to present life in all its aspects, even its grim realities and yet, intentionally or not, it has succeeded in throwing light on man's behaviour and in the process, has stirred him to more purposeful endeavour and nobility of living. Recent stage presentations in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane are calculated to stir only the baser motives in man and to present him as doomed, hopeless and defeated.

Little wonder that so many who are involved in the theatre become enmeshed in drug and alcohol addiction, sexual deviations and some finally in suicide.

## W.C.C. & COMMUNISM

In our last issue, we carried a letter by Vaughan Hinton, public relations officer for the Australian Council of Churches. In it he commented on our comments on the World Council of Churches and Communism. We are happy to hear from him.

Before Uppsala last year, this office was deluged with all kinds of Press releases about the coming Assembly, some of which we used. But news is rarely what is going to happen. Unfortunately, although the Australian Council of Churches appointed some to attend Uppsala for Press and public relations purposes, not a single line came to us while the Assembly was on.

We had to rely on U.K. Press services for information and in-

ally on delegates when they arrived home long after.

Contrary to Mr Hinton's statement, some delegates and observers did not find it amusing that delegates from Communist countries used Uppsala as a sounding board for their masters' political views. English delegates and observers regretted it very much and said so in the U.K. religious Press. John Stott was one of them.

The Australian Council of Churches is generally more than generous to the Press. But it fell down about Uppsala. This paper rang the A.C.C. months ago seeking the figure reached by the last Christmas Bowl appeal. We rang until we got tired of it and tired of the promises, none of which we've ever kept. We still don't know. It fell down there, too.

## PUT IT DOWN

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 will be Reformation Sunday this year. Clergy should put it in their diary now and do some forward planning. Churchpeople might well ask their clergy about specially observing the day.

As usual, we will be producing a special Reformation issue. But in addition, brief articles, pen sketches of notable Reformation leaders, prayers for use on Reformation Sunday and other helpful material related to our Reformed heritage will be published for at least three issues beforehand.

We hope that evangelical churches throughout Australia will make much of this opportunity to remind their people of our precious Protestant heritage in the Church of England.

## SHEER JOY

The note of joy should never be missing from the life of a Christian, no matter what the circumstances of his life are. Our Lord, "for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross and despised the shame." St. Paul urged his Christian brethren to make his joy full.

We rejoice that Christ died and rose again for us. We rejoice in our salvation, that the Holy Spirit indwells us, that we are called to be holy and to be servants.

It is a most wonderful thing to belong to Christ. It is the greatest joy known to man. We need to spread it around. The world hasn't got much.

## Negro dean

NEW YORK, N.Y. (D.P.S.)—The Episcopal Church has its first Negro Cathedral dean in the person of Dillard Robinson III, who was elected on April 17 to succeed the Very Rev. Lesley Irwin Laughlin, Jr., at Trinity Cathedral, Newark, N.J.

Canon Robinson has been on the staff at Trinity Cathedral since 1967, coming to the Diocese of Newark from San Antonio, Tex., where he was born in 1934 and where he spent the early years of his ministry.

The new dean was educated at Drew University and Berkley Divinity School and has degrees from both institutions. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1959. His election came at a special dinner meeting of the Cathedral chapter held at the Hotel Suburban in East Orange, N.J.

# Kenmore Christian College

Kenmore Christian College is a new theological college sponsored by the Churches of Christ to serve Christians regardless of denomination. It is located in a suburb of Brisbane, Queensland.

The theological emphasis is evangelical-conservative based on the twin pillars of the authority of the Scriptures and the deity of Christ. The college operates in the "Keswick" tradition.

The college is associated with the B.D. program at the University of Queensland and the course is arranged so that students may do either B.A. or B.D. work while in training.

The main requirement for entry is a strong sense of the call of God backed up by the recommendation of a local church. The standard of work is university level and matriculation is required, but entry is possible in spite of educational deficiencies which are remedied at the college. Credit is provisional until matriculation status is achieved.

The Principal is Dr James H. Jauncey, well known author and convention speaker, a former

scientist. He is assisted by a staff of two full-time and seven part-time lecturers.

The duration of the main course for the ministry is four years leading to the Diploma. Diplomas with honours are available for those who also do degree work. The Diploma in Missions is a two year course. In 1970 the college plans to institute a one year Graduate School in Missions for advanced work in this field.

All single students are required to be in residence and the inclusive cost for board, lodging and fees is \$6.50 per week. Married students live off campus at their own expense and are charged \$4 for meals and tuition at the college.

Inquiries should be made to the Principal: Dr James H. Jauncey, Kenmore Christian College, Kenmore, Queensland, 4069.

● Pope Paul VI has decreed an end to much of the ornate in the dress of Cardinals. The most notable single change will be the elimination of the "red hat." The colour black will be substituted. Also eliminated will be the cardinals' red shoes with silver buckles.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Dispersed evangelicals

If Mr Lyall Cowell of St. Francis' College really does believe that evangelicals are confined to Sydney, he might explain why there are such a large number of parishes throughout Australia who strongly support C.M.S.

Unfortunately available evidence gives little support to the theory that Sydney could be dragging behind other Australian dioceses in matters of inter-church co-operation. Moreover, until a far larger number of bishops throughout the Anglican communion are elected by a full synod no one can be sure just how much their opinions mirror those of the laity.

Recent voting in the U.K. on the Service of Reconciliation must raise doubts, the more so as initiative is coming from other than appointed church leaders. But as Dr Packer has pointed out, "If people want to get things done in the Church of England they establish private societies and make the arrangements deemed necessary to express their point of view." And in spite of poor episcopal representation (now acknowledged by the "Church Times") acute observers admit that evangelicals are fast becoming the largest single group within the church in England.

But how does Sydney's record of co-operating with other denominations compare with say Adelaide, Brisbane or Melbourne?

Mention could be made of the Cardinal's historic invitation to

St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dr Mowl's appointment as first president of the A.C.C. or the exchange visits by students of St. Patrick's and Moore College.

But more important has been the overwhelming support given by the Sydney churchmen to the Graham Crusades, which brought together unprecedented numbers from seven or more denominations.

Support for the 1966 Church and Life Movement was nowhere near as great, but as the State Panel Reports indicate the response was better than most other dioceses. In Adelaide only 22 parishes supported the CLM project while in Brisbane involvement was given as 330 individual Anglicans, not withstanding the excellent lead of the Primate. In North Queensland the project "didn't get off the ground." In contrast the more ecumenical Diocese of Melbourne (with a strong group of evangelicals) saw 92 metropolitan parishes involved in the Church and Life Movement, whilst the 1969 Graham Crusade drew the support of 130 parishes. General Synod in rejecting or refusing to vote on intercommunion proposals hardly gives support to Mr Cowell's theory.

Apart from being delegates to the W.C.C. Assemblies, evangelicals from many Australian dioceses have been invited to attend meetings such as the Berlin World Congress on Evangelism with delegates from 100 countries. Far from being a "paper tiger," Congress delegates included lay leaders of hundreds of evangelical societies with world-wide membership, and likened to the 600 Roman Catholic societies operating free of Vatican or episcopal control.

Congress chairman was Billy Graham whose own organisation last year handled 80 million pieces of mail ("The Economist," 27/2/69). John Cogley, reporting for the "New York Times," (5/11/66) stated: "Of 68 million Protestants in the United States about half can be classified as Evangelical in the sense of which the word was used by the World Congress on Evangelism here." But in the quest for visible unity (with one group asserting by the Spirit that which another denies; by the same Spirit) the increasing tensions between orthodox and radical make compromise impossible.

As Dr John A. Mackay warned last year, organisational oneness is being given priority over corporate agreement as to what the church should believe. Certainly without an inbuilt tradition of comprehensiveness, any artificial unity will lead to discreet but determined power struggles, with the losers sooner or later defecting. The second state being worse than the first. Dr Packer writing in All in Each Place says, "Many doctrinal questions cannot be discussed without a certain amount of reverent agnosticism. But

equally there are some questions which cannot be left open or obscure without endangering the gospel itself."

J. S. Goldney,  
Hawthorn, S.A.

## Dispersed evangelicals

As an evangelical of the "diaspora" I would like to remind Mr Lyall Cowell (A.C.R., 17 April) that the movement of evangelicals from Sydney to other places has been going on for a long time. I feel a little surprised that he has not met some of our number.

His letter raises a point on evangelical strategy which should be placed before younger evangelicals. If we feel that evangelicals have something to offer the Australian church — and I am sure we have — then it is high time serious consideration was given by those who share this conviction, to the possibility of some years of ministry in another diocese.

Evangelicals who have made such a move are accepted and respected for their contribution in other places, despite differences in theology and churchmanship. The current shortage of men, together with this wider acceptance of evangelicals in other places, have combined in recent times to open hitherto unknown possibilities. The current generation of evangelicals throughout Australia must make full use of these.

In so doing, they will find that they have as much to learn as to contribute, and separated from the evangelical luxury of Sydney, they will discover a set of muscles they may never have used before.

(Rev.) T. C. Milton,  
King Island, Tas.

## Attacks on South Africa

Lately there has been intensification, particularly from Britain, but also from Australia, of the attack against the white man in South Africa and Rhodesia, and this by various groups of Christian people as well as the public Press.

Perhaps I might be permitted in your valued paper to quote from a well-known British industrialist, Lord Watkinson, chairman of the Cadbury-Schweppes group. In a statement published here on the 30th April his Lordship pointed out the inconsistency of the British Government in refusing arms to South Africa and otherwise penalising it, and criticising and condemning its internal policies, and at the same time straining every nerve to obtain its trade.

To quote: "Those in Britain who are often sharply critical of the internal policies of the South African Government might remember how angry and upset they would be if the same sort

of criticism were made of certain of our own policies in Britain."

Towards the end of his statement Lord Watkinson then asked: "Whether Britain was moral enough, efficient enough, or even solvent enough to go round the world telling other nations how they should run their internal affairs. . . . The day when Britain has paid off her debts, has discharged to the full her world obligations and has solved all her social problems is the day when we would have the right to go around lecturing other people."

The foregoing apply to at least some and apparently quite a big percentage of Christians in your country towards South Africa and Rhodesia—to them we say: "Think again."

D. Gordon Mills,  
Rondebosch, South Africa.

## Laity and mental trouble

In your "Notes and Comments" of May 1 you chide the laity for not taking part in the discussion about mental troubles of the clergy and families.

I do not think the laity is unsympathetic, but it seems to me that the problems have the same roots as it has for any ordinary person.

All my life I have been under stress, both mental and physical, and I have found that clergy can be helpful and unhelpful if I have consulted with them, which is rare. For the same reason I don't bother with a doctor who today shoves pills down the throat, then when the pills have caused more personal damage, shoves the patient into a mental hospital. This is because of personality traits both mine and theirs. Yet I have weathered the storms of life. The answer surely lies in that it is mine own infirmity which is my enemy, and I think every intelligent man and woman knows this.

I have found too, that the best thing to do is as the "Lady in the Chimney Corner" said, "stick a geranium in your hat and be happy." I have also found that the answer comes through any creative activity which comes to hand.

I think the best and soundest advice ever given mankind was given by Our Lord when he said: "Consider the lilies of field etc." or as our Catechism says "be pleased with that state of life to which God has called us." Never mind the world with its mores. It will fade away. Do the best we can with life and we can live it to the full. I think the Banner of Truth Trust book "Christian Contentment" speaks to our world today.

I have a friend however who has had a nervous breakdown and in one particular she and I understand each other because we have endured the same situation. As W. T. Stead the great journalist said of his days spent in prison in the 1800s, "his experience of life has given me the understanding of that fellow's situation which I never could have got otherwise."

It is not I think the laity who cause the problems for our clergy. It is the policeman etc. who use the clergy for this and that end, and society at large. The clergy may have to serve society, but it is up to the clergy to make society also serve them—and though it sounds heartless and unchristian, although not meant that way, to bring the realisation home to the public that they are not meant to be tramped underfoot because the public is too lazy to do battle with its own problems.

W. Terry,  
Hawthorne, Qld.

## Breakdowns

I have read the article on clergy stress in your recent issue.

I am one of those that believe a Christian can carry out the most exacting ministry, either lay or clerical, and never suffer a nervous breakdown, if he fulfils God's requirements as set out in His Word, vide, Isaiah 26: 3 — "Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." Also see John 16: 33 — "These things have I spoken unto you, that you might have peace."

Is this not inward peace? Therefore, if a believer fully trusts the requirements of the Saviour, as revealed by the Holy Spirit, and is faithful to the teachings of His Word, and from the human side, exercises sanctified commonsense, he should be preserved from nervous breakdowns.

H. G. Smith,  
Eden, N.S.W.

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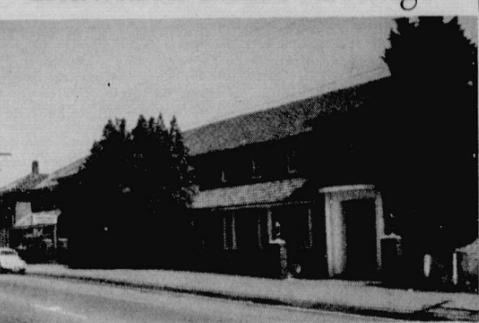
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**STORM OVER ETHICS**, United Church Press, 1967, pp. 183. \$2.20.

**DARWIN AND THE MODERN WORLD VIEW**, by J. C. Greene, Mentor, 1963, pp. 126. 80c.

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**MORE NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES.** By C. H. Dodd. Manchester University Press, 1968. Pp. 164. U.K. 30/-.

New Testament students will be glad to have this further collection of studies by the most distinguished N.T. scholar of our day in Great Britain. Manchester U.P. published eight studies in 1953, and here are nine more, all but one of which have appeared in journals. They are largely form-critical studies, and all have to do with the gospels except his study of the Pauline phrase "under law to Christ." It is good to have more readily available the essay on "The Fall of Jerusalem and the 'Abomination of Desolation'" (from the "Journal of Roman Studies") in which Dodd argues that Luke's reference to "Jerusalem surrounded by armies" need not have been an explanation, after the event, of "the abomination of desolation," but an original apocalyptic image, and (as like as not) the form of the original saying. The point is an important one, since, on the basis of an assumption that Luke's saying has often been put after 70 A.D. It is a sheer twist, for instance, to translate Luke 1:4 as "the things about which you may well have been misinformed" (where N.E.B. has, rightly, "the matters of which you have been informed").

**"FAMILIAR FAILURES"**, by Clovis G. Chappell. Baker Book House, pp. 164. Price \$U.S. 1.95.

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This book of sermons maintains an interesting theme, in dealing with the "drop outs" of scripture. It could be a useful reference book for sermon illustrations, but its style is rather heavy and, at times, too obvious.

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**WHO SHALL ASCEND?** by Elizabeth Elliott. Hodder & Stoughton. 1968. Pp. 171. \$3.55.

**ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS IN PROPHECY:** by R. W. DeHaan. Zondervan. 1968. Pp. 146.

Readers of "The Savage My Kinsman," "Shadow of the Almighty," and "Through Gates of Splendour" will want to read this biography of Kenneth Strachan, by the same author. R. Kenneth Strachan will be remembered as the leader of the Latin America Mission in Costa Rica. There are insights throughout the book which will prompt an appreciative nod from the discerning reader who is humble enough to recognise his own frustrations and aspirations in those of Ken Strachan. Hesitation in the face of fresh responsibilities, the self-imposed tyranny of goals and schedules, "artificial priorities and imperatives"—all these and more emerge from the life-story of one who was extended for Christ.

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Arthur Deane.

**SECOND CORINTHIANS** by G. Coleman Luck. Moody Press, 1959. pp. 175. 95c (US).

**ISAIAH. A study guide.** By D. David Garland. Zondervan. 1968. pp. 115. 95c (US).

A simple, reliable commentary on what is, for expositors, a difficult book. The author rarely touches technical matters, so that the general reader will experience no difficulty in profiting from the study. Dr Luck was at the time of publication, chairman of the Department of Bible at Moody Bible Institute.

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Rev. Ernest W. Carnaby, rector of St. Luke's, Leigh Creek (Willochra), has been appointed rector of Woomeera.

Rev. Lancelot F. Benjafield, rector of St. John the Baptist, Hobart, and rural dean of Hobart, retired from the active ministry on 30 April.

Rev. Ian G. George, of Woomeera (Willochra), has been appointed Sub-Warden of St. George's College, University of Western Australia. He is a graduate of the University of Adelaide and the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. Claude D. H. Longfield, vicar of St. Margaret's, Eltham (Melbourne)

### Australian link with Philippines

As of this month, members of the Philippines Independent Church will be able to take Communion in Australia's Anglican Church and vice versa as the result of a concordat approved by the Anglican General Synod of 1966.

As evidence of the increasing fellowship between these two communions, the Anglican Primate of Australia, the Most Rev. Philip N. W. Strong, has been in Manila to attend the consecration of the Cathedral of the Holy Child and to serve as a co-consecrator at the service raising new bishops to the episcopacy. In 1948 the Protestant Episcopal Church (U.S.A.) consecrated three bishops for the Philippines Independent Church.

From Manila Archbishop Strong went to Saigon to visit Australian Army, Navy and Air Force units from May 10 to 15.

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### Round-up of church press comment

MIA-MIA reports the showing of a film on abortion to the Commonwealth Conference of the Mothers' Union. It showed that the wealthy are now able to have it with little difficulty, but that a poor woman with 10 children found it almost impossible to have.

The Church of England Newspaper reports that evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics in England may reach agreement on a way forward to Church union. It will be an alternative to the present proposals which are meeting strong resistance in both Methodist and Anglican churches. Interesting view of the wearisome statements oft-repeated that the present proposal is the only way to unity.

The Church Times tells of the Guildford Cathedral being used regularly now for a Roman Catholic Mass. It says that it is probably the first time since the Reformation that a Roman Mass has been held in an Anglican cathedral.

Church and People (N.Z.) carries news that Bishop Manu Bennett, Maori bishop whom we saw in Australia last month and liked very much, has joined those who approve the N.Z. Rugby tour of South Africa. He is against "organising belligerent camps." Seems to be common-sense, even though opposed to his bishop, Bishop Gowing, of Auckland.

The Christian tells of the behind-the-scenes anxieties over the merger of Clifton and Tyndale Hall theological colleges in Bristol. B.C.M.S. are reported to be having second thoughts about the merger and there is talk of "sackings" of staff at both colleges in preparation for the merger.

The English Churchman reports that the Pope spoke in a "hoarse, strained voice" when he made his speech in Holy Week about the crisis in the Roman Catholic Church. Not only has one of the Pope's own staff left the ministry to marry, but a bishop in Peru has done the same — the first bishop of modern times to do this. The single theological college formed by the merger of Clifton and Tyndale Hall in October, 1970, is to be known as Trinity College, Bristol. Its basis of faith

## Historic faculty

A FACULTY has been granted to re-orientate a medieval church, St. Peter's, Roydon, in the diocese of Chelmsford. The congregation was previously separated from the chancel by a fourteenth century screen. The whole area behind the screen will now become a chapel for occasional services and the holy table, choir and minister will come down to the nave and be among the people.

Rev. Christopher Wansley believes that the re-orientation will greatly assist modern reformed worship. He was supported in his application by his parish council but there were 50 objectors, including the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

After a hearing over six days, the Chancellor, Mr. Hugh Forbes, Q.C., granted the application.

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## Th.C. EXAM RESULTS

The following are results of Fourth Term examinations for students taking the Th.C. Course. These names also include those enrolled for the Sydney Preliminary Theological Certificate.

### THIRD TERM

#### ELEMENTARY GREEK I

High Distinction  
Tay, Mr M., Muar, Malaysia; Boyce, Mr W. H., Lae, N.G.; Tay Sin Hock, Mr J., Johore, Malaysia; Waddy, Miss J., Telopea; Ramsland, Mrs M., Berowra; Thorp, Mr D., Wewak, New Guinea; Steining, Mr R. J., University of Qld.; Corry, Mr B. R., Coogee; Barker, Dr A. C. H., Hamilton, New Zealand; Jones, Mr D., Brighton.

#### Distinction

Ferguson, Mr J. A., Arncliffe.

#### Credit

Berkley, Mr R., Bondi.

#### Pass

Gaymer, Mr K., Bexley.

### EVANGELISM

Distinction  
Sixton, Mr S., Padstow.

#### Credit

Cheriyian, Mr A. C., Ile-oluji, W. Nigeria.

#### Pass

Price, Mr B., Blacktown; Ashton, Miss J. F., Londonerry.

### ROMANS

Distinction  
Poves, Miss G., Epping.

#### Credit

King, Mr P., Cremorne; Tay, Mrs I., Johore, W. Malaysia; Stevenson, Mr G., Papua; Adams, Mr J., Revesby; Gillett, Miss P., Waratah.

#### Pass

Cocks, Miss N. P., Strathfield; Flower, Miss J., Hornsby; Mansell, Miss C., Burwood; Woods, Mr P., Canley Vale.

### YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP

Distinction  
Mathis, Mrs V., Revesby; Tay, Mr J., Malaysia.

#### Credit

Gilbert, Miss P., Wahroonga; Cutts, Miss M., Wahroonga; Watson, Miss M., Merrylands; Meers, Mr A. F., Epping; Olsen, Mrs D., North Manly; Sumner, Mrs M., Cabramatta.

#### Pass

Talbot, Mr L., Kyeemagh; Butler, Miss S. B., Brighton-le-Sands; Grupp, Mr G., Wahroonga; Bevers, Mr G., Riverwood; Symington, Mr R., Wahroonga; Thomas, Mr C. M., Wahroonga; Wilks, Mr J., Wahroonga; Martin, Mr F. J., Castle Hill; Williams, Mr G. P., Earlwood; Marr, Mr D., Brighton-le-Sands.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION I

Distinction  
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Horton, Mr D. A., Cremorne; Cheriyan, Mr A. C., Nigeria; Watson, Miss M., Merrylands; Thorp, Mrs B., New Guinea; Austin, Mrs M. J., Baulkham Hills; Penzlana, Mr L. J., Prospect, S.A.

#### Pass

Withy, Mr A. L., Rotorua; Bevers, Mr C., Riverwood; Darnley, Mr W. R., Lidcombe; Reece, Miss M., Hurstville; Watson, Miss M., East Hills; McLean, Mr B. A., Wewak, T.P.N.G.

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### ST. PAUL'S, CHATSWOOD, 63rd ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Rev. Neville Horne, Director in Australia of the Bible Broadcast, and the Rev. David Hewetson, Education Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, will share in the ministry at this Convention to be held on the Queen's Birthday Holiday, Monday, 16th June, 1969.

There will be three sessions as follows:

11 a.m.—The Rev. David Hewetson.

1.45 p.m.—The Rev. Neville Horne and The Rev. David Hewetson.

4.15 p.m.—The Rev. Neville Horne.

The theme of the Convention will be "Our Unchanging Commission." Bring a basket lunch. Cups of tea will be provided and activities will be arranged for school-age children in the Church Hall. There will also be creche facilities for infants.

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# Churches meet N.S.W. Premier

THE PREMIER of New Wales, Mr R. W. Askin, received a deputation from the New South Wales Council of Churches expressing opposition to the proposal to allow hotels to trade on Sundays. Official representatives of all the Council's member churches were present.

The Secretary of the Council, Rev. B. G. Judd, said that the Council's statement to the Premier maintained that the

Government did not have an electoral mandate for such a change in the law which had been rejected by 67 per cent of those questioned in the most recent "gallup poll." "We are glad to note that the proposal to open hotels until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays has now been dropped — no doubt in the interest of road safety — but to open hotels in the country would only increase the large proportion of road deaths in the country which the Minister for Transport has described as particularly disturbing."

"The Catholic Weekly" editorial opposing Sunday hotel trading makes Church opposition strikingly unanimous.

"The Australian Hotels' Association admits that its members sell 83 per cent of the liquor in New South Wales and one brewery giant, Tooth and Company, has just announced its greatest profit in 40 years."

The Deputation told the Premier that the Government should place the welfare of the community ahead of the sectional interests of the liquor trade. Mr Askin thanked the members of the Deputation for their clear and strong presentation of the case and promised to bring the Council's representations before the members of the New South Wales Cabinet.

Since the deputation met the Premier of N.S.W., he has announced that a referendum on the question of Sunday liquor trading will be held in the State later in the year.

## Sharp exchanges at Ballarat

VERY STRONG emotions were in evidence during the debate on two motions which came before the recent Ballarat synod.

One lengthy debate on a motion introduced by Mr Walker caused quite a furore. His motion sought to censure the managing director of a church newspaper. Most speakers in the debate supported the motion but when it was put to the voices, a result could not be determined. A division had to be called for but no count was taken. The motion was declared lost.

A motion declaring that war was incompatible with the example and teaching of Jesus Christ was carried by the house of clergy but rejected by the laity.

The report to synod showed that the diocese is now feeling the benefit of a new blanket cover of its clergy for sickness and accident insurance. Sixteen claims have been met and paid in the first two years.

The General Synod scheme for clergy long service leave has become operative from the beginning of 1969. For the first time in 20 years, the diocese fell short of its missionary target. The target for 1969 has been set at the same figure—\$20,000 for A.B.M.

The Diocesan Planned Giving Program for the next three years did not achieve the results hoped for and its future is in doubt.

In his charge to synod, Bishop Hardie devoted himself to the ecumenical movement and unity schemes. He said, "I doubt if there can be any definite reunion involving Anglicans during my lifetime or even in the lifetime of anyone here." Speaking of "deliberate ambiguity" in documents framed as the basis for Acts of Re-union, the Bishop said: "Where such imprecision of meaning is deliberately used so as to cover up a real and important difference in order to give an appearance of agreement, one can only call it downright dishonesty."



Members of the deputation from the N.S.W. Council of Churches leave St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Macquarie Street after prayer to meet the Premier at Parliament House opposite. Front Row (left to right): Rev. A. North, Mr W. J. Court, Rev. B. G. Judd, Mr P. H. Morton. Second Row: Commissioner H. R. Scotney, Dr E. H. Watson, Mr F. J. Church. Back Row: Mr A. J. Dalziel, Rev. A. Walker, Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir.

## NEW WORK FOR S.A.M.S.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, this year observing its 125th year as the pioneer Anglican missionary society in South America, has accepted an invitation and challenge to extend its missionary service to Brazil and Colombia.

An official statement was made by Canon Henry Sutton, general secretary of the society in England, outlining the steps that led to this major advance in the society's missionary program.

Last autumn two urgent requests for help were made to the society, one from Bishop E. K. Sherrill, of Central Brazil, and the other from Bishop David Reed, of Colombia. Bishop Sherrill in Brazil asked for a small team of missionaries from S.A.M.S. who would help in the life of the diocese in a work of direct evangelism in one of the vast urban areas of Brazil; and Bishop Reed requested support in manpower and money for an important work already begun among a tribe of primitive Indians.

Unless praying on our knees saves us from preying on our neighbours, the first is as false as the second is foul. — Theodore W. Engstrom.

## Launceston Bible week

LAUNCESTON churches combined recently for a Bible study week. Study leaders were first trained at a special seminar at Oakburn College. The First epistle of St. John was chosen for study and meetings were held for a series of four studies from Tuesday to Friday night.

Principal D. M. Himbury of Whitley College, University of Melbourne, was the expositor for the week.

Each meeting began with an act of worship, hymn, prayer and the passage of Scripture for the evening. Principal Himbury then expounded the passage and the people divided into discussion groups with leaders to consider prepared questions. After the groups, all assembled for a summing-up session and closing prayers.

The Bible week brought the Churches, ministers and people, close together as they studied God's Word and in the application of its lessons to the local situation. It called people together to listen to the Word of God and to go forward together in obedience to its commands.