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## CHRISTMAS BOWL POINTS TO NEED IN ASIA

### ALL PROJECTS TO ENCOURAGE SELF-HELP

Once again this Christmas the Australian Council of Churches has launched its Bowl of Remembrance Appeal, giving Christians an opportunity to help the needy people of the world.

Inter-Church Aid has announced that it will undertake projects costing at least \$500,000 in 1967.

The greater part of this money is expected to come from Christmas Bowl giving.

The idea, familiar to most churchpeople now for many years, is to place an empty bowl on the Christmas dinner table.

In the bowl, each person places at least the value of his Christmas dinner — a small but significant act of sharing in a needy world.

The Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service Division of the Australian Council of Churches gave nearly \$600,000 to churches and people in need in fifty countries in 1966; more than half of it went to Asia.

Only in emergencies, such as the Indian famine, was money used for direct relief. Most went into local production,

tion, education, refugee rehabilitation, projects which attack the root causes of need.

The year's Christmas Bowl appeal marks the start of the Inter-Church Aid programme for the next twelve months. All projects have been recommended by technical officers of the World Council of Churches and involve substantial self-help, to encourage local initiative and to maintain the dignity and independence of people assisted. They include:

- An Australian refugee service team for Viet Nam to cost \$12,500.
- Medical, agricultural and educational programmes in Indonesia to cost \$18,000.

- Refugee, educational and medical work in Hong Kong to cost \$38,500.
- Agricultural, educational and literary work in India to cost \$37,000.

Take your gift to church as soon as possible after Christmas or send it to the Inter-Church Aid secretary in your State. Most churches will have distributed special envelopes for this purpose.



A scene from "Christmas at the Cathedral", a programme video-taped by the A.B.C. in St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, which will be screened on Christmas Day. Left to right: Brother William and the Dean of Brisbane with children of the Hilldon Kindergarten.

## BRISBANE CEREMONY TO BE WIDELY TELEVIEWED

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Brisbane, December 19  
All the traditional elements of Christmas — music, worship and little children, are included in "Christmas at the Cathedral", a programme video-taped by the A.B.C. in St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, to be screened on A.B.C. TV on December 25, at 10.10 p.m.  
This programme will be shown in all capital cities.

The simple story of the Nativity is told in music and mime, and the Franciscan Friars conduct a ceremony around a symbolic crib before the altar in the Lady Chapel.

The origin of the custom of the symbolic Crib in the celebration of Christmas is generally attributed to St. Francis, who, early in the thirteenth century initiated the idea of celebrating midnight Mass at Christmas before a replica of the Crib in a cave or stable at Greccio near Assisi.

Brother William, of the Society of St. Francis, has written the words and composed the music of two songs for the programme. Francis, Where

Are you Going Tonight?" is sung by Brother William during the ceremony before the Crib.

The lesson is read by 9-year-old Jonathan Ruffe, and the children from the Hilldon Kindergarten mime the Nativity scene while Gwen Wheeler tells the Nativity story from the New Testament. Brother William sings his second song, "There is No Room".

### ORCHESTRA

The programme has been supervised by Robert Boughen and is performed by members of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, the Queensland State and Municipal Choir, and St. John's Cathedral Choir.

To all our readers we wish a Holy and Happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

### SOLOMON ISLANDS APPEAL

\$344 has now been received for the Bishop of Melanesia's appeal for \$7,000 to re-build the Hospital of the Epiphany at Faisala.

Contributions marked "Solomon Islands, Cyclone Relief Fund" may be sent to the Australian Board of Missions, 109 Cambridge Street, St. Leonards, N.S.W. or to Inter-Anglican office.

These further donations are acknowledged with gratitude:

Previously acknowledged	\$775.00
S. Pope's, Faisala, Lae	1.00
Pauline M. Connell	1.00
G.D.B.	1.00
St. John's Church, Richmond	5.00
M. Heston	5.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,344.00</b>

### THE SIGN OF HOPE

The following is the text of the Christmas message issued by the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the Australian Council of Churches.

"At Christmas we give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God. We affirm anew our belief that this is God's word, and that He is expressing His love continually in us."

"Today we are called to work with God in this world, playing our part as members of His Church in the most urgent and constructive endeavours of mankind."

"We do this as we break down the barriers that divide and as we share the goods of riches, poverty, race, colour, nationality, ideologies."

"We do it as we support His Church around the world as it works to overcome poverty, disease, ignorance, persecution and meaningless life."

"The Christmas Bowl enables us to share in all these activities. Through it we help the Church in every nation to stand as a sign of God's presence, working for dignity and justice for all men."

"Our sharing helps the churches of the developing countries to play their part in increasing food production, providing homes and hope for refugees, making possible more and better education, health and community service, serving and witnessing more effectively."

"Your sharing through the Christmas Bowl is not a haphazard act or an isolated person in need. Through it you play a vital part, as a member of Christ's Church, in God's plan for the world today."

"Will your gift match this challenge?"

Through the Christmas Bowl — appeal the Australian Council of Churches is seeking more than \$800,000 for support of church-sponsored human need projects around the world in 1967.

### NEW YEAR VISITOR



The Right Reverend Leonard A. Right, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Melanesia, will visit Australia early next year for a deputation tour of several Australian States. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Aldford.

### THERE IS NO ROOM

There is no room  
In Town tonight  
And travellers meet  
Beneath the cold moonlight  
But by an inn.  
In a stable bare.  
The Son of God  
Lies quietly there.

The distant stars  
Are far above  
The secret night  
And weary of fallen love  
But in the flow  
Of the lantern light  
The Son of God  
Is here tonight.

The weary crowd  
Goes to and fro  
If only they  
Could know what angels know:  
The story here  
On a young girl's knee  
Smiling up to me.

There is no room.

—Composed by Brother William for "Christmas at the Cathedral".

### M.R.I. PROJECTS DROPPED

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, December 19

A drastic pruning of M.R.I. projects was reported last week by the Executive Officer of the Anglican Communion, the Right Reverend R. S. Dean.

The original document presented at the 1963 Toronto Conference called for five million pounds over a five-year period for urgent proposals.

By July this year a total of 1,148 projects, calling for seven millions pounds in less than three years, had been supplied.

But of these only 111 had been met in full by 1966; 290 had been partially taken up and 748 were still undropped.

Most of these 758 had been dropped, said Bishop Dean: the 90 projects which had met with a partial response would continue.



An Indian girl shows typical childish delight as new chicks arrive for the Inter-Church Aid poultry farm project in Uttar Pradesh. The project, which is receiving support from the Australian Council of Churches, is part of long-term famine relief measures sponsored by churches.



# A VISIT TO BETHLEHEM

By the Most Reverend P. N. W. Strong, ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE AND PRIMATE OF AUSTRALIA

HOW far is it to Bethlehem?

This is the title of a Christmas Carol. It may well have been chosen by Joseph as he sojourned in the East. It is a story which is told in the Bible, and it is a story which is told in the Bible.

They were going for the Christmas Eve, in fulfillment of a Government law. He was getting anxious, for Mary was pregnant and it was obvious that her time was drawing near for the delivery of the child to be born, when he had been told by the Angels that he had been conceived by the Holy Ghost, and would be called "The Son of God" and would be a Saviour for all mankind.

How much further is it? Shall we get there in time? Alas! When they did get there, there was no room for them at the Inn, the only shelter a stable or cave reserved for the horses and cattle.

## LONG HISTORY

"How far is it to Bethlehem?" I asked that question in April in Jerusalem when visiting the Holy Land.

I learnt: it was only a short distance, about 51 miles. On arriving there, I found quite a large sized town, 2,554 feet above sea level.

Its population is chiefly engaged in agriculture and the carving of mother of pearl shell and olive wood. Its story goes back long into antiquity.

It first occurs in Biblical history in connection with the death of Rachel, and on the way to Bethlehem I visited her traditional tomb, which is a small building surrounded by a dome, erected it is said, on the site where she died while giving birth to Benjamin.

The tomb has been venerated through the centuries by Christians, Jews and Moslems. The idyll of Ruth is also set in Bethlehem and its surrounding fields, and of course, special fame belongs to this town as the home of the family of David.

It was here that the Prophet Samuel came to anoint the young shepherd as King over Israel.

## ANGELS' MESSAGE

But its greatest fame is of course, because it was here that Christ was born and Bethlehem is the cradle of Christianity.

We went first to the Shepherds' Field, the traditional scene of the Angels' Message to the shepherds.

Near it is a small circular Franciscan Church which has several lovely painted murals depicting the Nativity by two Italian artists.

The centre one is of the Nativity, with the adoration of the

shepherds with their sheep and dog.

It seems that the shepherds carried sticks with them, perhaps it was sickly and they could not leave it alone, and they came too with their dog.

On the left is the appearance of the Angels to the shepherds in the fields and their look of fear and amazement. On the right is the return of the Shepherds.

I was particularly struck by the way that the artist had depicted the boy shepherd with his dog — his frightened look when the Angels came, his astonishment and awe when he reached Bethlehem and saw the Holy Child; and how he and his dog were leaping for joy on the return journey.

Fear had been banished, and faith and joy had taken its place. I knew now the meaning of the message given to them in the fields: the Angels' Feast, for behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

We visited an Arab carver, a Christian, who makes lovely crib figures in Olive wood.

I wished that I had been able to afford to buy some but I was spending my spare money on cards and slide transparencies. We then went to the Basilica of the Nativity.

This is one of the oldest surviving Churches, first built by Constantine about A.D. 320 and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian in 529.

**MOSAIC FLOOR**

After that it escaped the destruction which more than once overtook other Christian Churches in Palestine.

Below the floor of the present Nave can be seen large sections of the original mosaic floor of the Constantinian Church.

There were three doors, two of which had been closed, and the third reduced to a small door to enter which you had to stoop, to prevent camels, horses and donkeys from entering because of the fear in those days of an imbel riding in to kill those within.

The High Altar belongs to the Orthodox Church and has beautiful icons presented by the Russian Royal Family.

Another altar belongs to the Armenians and is known as the Altar of the Kings, for it is said to be the place where the Magi worshipped.

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There is also the Chapel of the Manger, belonging to the Latins, for the Basilica of the Nativity is shared between the Greek Orthodox, Armenians and Roman Catholics.

The Chapel of the Manger is said to be the place where the Manger was discovered.

On the left is the Altar of the Adoration of the Magi where the wise men are reputed to have worshipped their gifts.

Going up the stairs again, we visited the Latin Cathedral of S. Catherine, after which we visited the Latin Cathedral of S. Joseph and the Holy Innocents.

**CHRISTMAS BELLS**

There we found the Altars of St. Eusebius and St. Jerome. The one in which St. Jerome is buried is a stone wall found in the fields. It is said to have lived and worked for many years in the

electrical equipment for the training workshops had been provided by U.S. churches, but is on his second Asian assignment, in 18 months of work among refugees in South Vietnam.

It is unusual work for a motor mechanic, particularly one who is only 24 years old. Bruce is a member of a Sydney Baptist Church, contacted Inter-Church Aid in 1965. Was there some way by which he could serve in a developing country.

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## HOW FAR?

The bells of the Church of the Nativity itself are not heard until January 7, as the Orthodox Church still follows the old Julian Calendar which is now 13 days out of phase with the Gregorian.

This concluded my visit to Bethlehem, and my return journey to Jerusalem. It had been a moving experience to visit the place of our Lord's birth.

As far as Bethlehem is the Shepherd's heart when they held the Christ Child — so it is hushed from the hearts of those who take Christ into their hearts.

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# ONE MAN'S SERVICE IN ASIA

A.C.C. SERVICE

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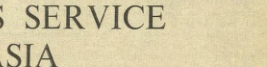
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The beautiful new East window in All Saints' Church, Ainslie, Canberra.

ing members for a refugee service to serve for two years in the refugee camps of South Vietnam where half a million Viet Namese wait for the war to end.

A motor mechanic was needed to service the camp's transport and to install electric motors in clinics the camp would establish. By September, Bruce Hansen was leaving Sydney again.

Today he is serving in a refugee camp nearly 300 miles north of Saigon. With him are other Australian men, a medical orderly, a team leader.

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In all, Australian Inter-Church Aid has 16 of its own fraternal units, like Bruce Hansen, serving in Asia and the Pacific.

Through its extensive support of the Overseas Service Bureau and its sponsorship of Australian Volunteers Abroad, it has sent each year Australian Inter-Church Aid enables some 80 Australians to serve overseas each year.

This is but one of the ways the church helps by local congregation through the Christian Aid, which has been helping the poor in other than our own.

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## GOVERNOR LAUNCHES PERTH APPEAL

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

**Perth, December 19**  
Eight hundred million children in underdeveloped countries will never see a doctor from the day of their birth till the day of their death.

Other statistics quoted by the Governor of Western Australia, Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew, in launching the Christmas Appeal in Perth were:

● Two thirds of the world's population were living on only one per cent of the world's income.

● 750 millions could neither read nor write.

● 14 million refugees were being persecuted because of their race or religion.

The cold fairs of St. George's Cathedral, Perth, took on a carnival air last Friday. Multicoloured beach umbrellas sheltered both the official party and visitors who were not content enough to find seats under the trees which border the side-walks of St. George's Terrace.

As the mercury rose in an attempt to get the estimated maximum of 92 degrees, a well-dressed party of three, the Revivals, a Salvation Army pop group, with an attractive lass at the microphone accompanied by two young men with guitars.

**SUFFERING**  
Representatives of all major denominations were present.

Sir Douglas Kendrew, who said there would be few homes in Western Australia which would not have a Christmas tree this Christmas, yet millions around the world would be suffering.

Besides famine in India and in Africa, there was disease to be fought in many villages in South-East Asia.

There was acute lack of medical supplies; there was the scourge of war in Viet Nam, and insurrection in Aden and in Cyprus. We could help with medical supplies and with education.

The Archbishop of Perth, the Most Reverend George Appleton, spoke of the practical side of this project which could be seen to two instances which he quoted.

**SUCCESS**  
In Algeria four years ago, through the Christmas Appeal, ten million seedling fruit and nut trees were grown in a nursery and planted out on the bare hillsides by volunteers.

They were now consolidating the soil and preventing erosion. In Morocco, where bread could drive three million people into the desert, by assisting considerable the

The Western Australian target for 1987 of the Australian total of \$250,000.

And these luncheon costing fifty cents was available in the Perth Hall, after the Christmas Appeal.

Attractive porcelain bowls for Christmas dinner tables and special coasters designed by a local artist were on sale.

The coasters, which could be used any time during the year, has a design of leaves and flowers, with the words "What are we among us many" running around the border.

with the two new deacons, the child, after the ordination at St. Andrew's.







# VIENTIANE REFUGEES: THE MOST HOPELESS

By GEOFFREY MURRAY, WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES STAFF WRITER

UP the coast from Saigon 250 miles, at Tay Hoa, one of the worst camps for refugees I have seen anywhere in the world.

I had been told by officials in Saigon that I would find conditions at the camp "extremely understated."

In rusty tin huts with leaking roofs, 1,800 refugees, mostly children, girls, women, and very old men, are facing starvation. They have no latrines. Their only water comes from two shallow wells.

These people have been living this way for more than a year. The small resettlement grants they were given by the government when they fled from their Vietcong held villages were spent long ago. Now they face death from hunger and the diseases that go with it.

The week before I landed at Tay Hoa there had been five deaths in the camp. One case of suspected plague has been reported, but so far nothing has been done to inoculate the refugees. Nor, after all these months, has any registration team arrived to list these people's needs.

By day they sit outside their shanties, built on a sandy waste

only a few yards from the sea-shore. Despair is written in deep lines on their faces. Even the children are listless and hopeless.

In the camp a small first aid station has been set up, but it is almost entirely without equipment. It is run by a government nursing auxiliary with occasional visits from a doctor in town. There is little medication to dispense except aspirin tablets and iodine.

There is no school for the children.

## BROTHERS

Because of the terrible poverty in the camp, girls who come there are under almost irresistible pressure to work in the prostitutes' complex—which adds to some of the prostitutes are said to earn more money than the provincial governor. The brothels are much more sturdily built than the refugee huts.

The East Asia Christian Conference has recruited a team of nurses, social workers, agricul-

turists, mechanics, and teachers which is soon to begin work at the Tay Hoa camp. The team is international in personnel, and is scheduled to begin assistance to the camp by the end of December. By then the refugees may have to move into the town of Tay Hoa because of danger from the Vietcong.

Only fifteen miles away there is an entrenched Vietcong stronghold set in caves among the hills. It was pointed out to me as we approached the landing field. So far it appears bomb proof.

The service team plans to improve hygiene at the camp, start sewing classes, activities for the children, food for work projects, and garden plots.

Urgently needed will be soap, used clothing, sewing machines and cloth remnants, blankets and food such as tinned meat, salt, flour and cooking oil.

I was told in Saigon that almost all the cement and building materials that Vietnam needs are available in the country but are held up because of

transportation difficulty. Tay Hoa, for instance, can be reached only by air or by sea. The Minister for Refugees told me at Saigon that he is unable to requisition plane or ship cargo space.

## CHAOS COMING

In the province of Phu Yen, where Tay Hoa is situated, there are about 200,000 people living outside Tay Hoa. Recently an official warning has been given that because of the Vietcong threat all those who do not come immediately into the "secure" area surrounding Tay Hoa will be shot on sight.

If all the farmers from the surrounding hills come crowding into the town—which is also the port of entry for Korean forces and United States air cavalry—chaos will ensue in this once quiet district centre. Already the population has gone from 20,000 to 50,000, and new refugees arrive daily.

When the Asia Christian Service team arrives it will have plenty to do.

**NOW AVAILABLE!**

# PRAYER BOOK REVISION IN AUSTRALIA

The Report of the Prayer Book Commission appointed by General Synod, together with draft Revised Forms of Service, published by authority of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, has been reprinted.

A second edition has just come off the press. A small quantity has been bound already. These will be used to meet outstanding orders. The remaining copies will be bound by the end of next week and will be available for immediate sale.

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## AWARD TO CHURCH ARMY SISTER

ANGELAN News Service London, December 19. At the invitation of the Prime Minister and Ministers of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, Sister Dorothy Moore, of the Church Army received a Binney Memorial Certificate for Courage from the Lord Mayor of London at the Goldsmiths' Hall, on December 8.

The incident for which the award has been given occurred in March this year, when Sister Moore prevented a woman from using a shot-gun during a street brawl in South Lambeth.

Sister Moore was commissioned as a Church Army officer in 1936 and has been in parochial work for 27 years.

At the moment she is working in the parish of St. Andrew's, Peckham.



"Even the children are listless and hopeless" at Tay Hoa, a camp where Viet Namese farm families wait, listless, hungry, and hopeless, for help that is yet to come.

## WELLS ARE BEING DRILLED IN DROUGHT AREA

ECUMENICAL PRIZE SERVICE

New Delhi, December 19. Because of the help given by churches around the world in response to the W.C.C.'s Indian famine appeal earlier this year, immediate measures were taken to help meet a new emergency in the State of Bihar.

Well-drilling equipment—bought with funds from the W.C.C.'s special appeal—is being redeployed to work temporarily in the drought affected parts of Bihar.

It will be manned by three of the churches' specialists, two workers from the Indian Social Union's extension service, and a number of volunteers.

North of the Ganges River where earlier floods had destroyed crops and put out of action many irrigation pumps, the Committee on Relief and Gift Supplies of the National Christian Council of India (NCCCI) is supporting two Peace Corps volunteers and an Indian with a mobile workshop to help repair pumps.

Emergency feeding programmes and food-for-work projects have also been started.

Bihar has a population of more than 50,000,000. According to the Guardian of Great Britain, at least 20 million of these people now face acute hunger and starvation.

The British Observer reports

a mass migration appears to have begun from the affected areas with an estimated 3,000 persons leaving every day for Calcutta.

The Hindustan Times, New Delhi, says: "Bihar is facing one of the worst droughts of decades. Fields which are irrigated by the Lilagan irrigation scheme are dry. Children are eating the pulp from a palm tree trunk. In Bahera village people are living on salt and water."

Last February the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugees and World Service appealed for \$3,000,000 towards a co-ordinated programme for striking at the root causes of hunger in India.

An agricultural adviser watches water flow in a newly-constructed irrigation channel in the State of Bihar, India. Gifts to the Christmas Brawl Appeal will allow the Australian Council of Churches to make more money available for the well-drilling and irrigation programme in India.







## GROOTE EYLANDT EARLY DAYS

BY THE REVEREND A. J. DYER

NOW it is proposed to take away the crops of the Arm-heres from the missionaries. They came under our care in 1908 at Roper River, Groote Eylandt in 1921. One priest in 1925, when later it was all declared a reserve.

In 1916, the Reverend H. E. Warren and myself, handed over to G.H.P. our first planting huge sums for Mangrove area. We were not to forget this night, we were forced to the island exploring the islands for the first time. We received the Aborigines for a crew, we had not sleep on the island, we decided to sleep on the beach.

The boys were very frightened and after dark they could hear the natives creeping up to kill us, we spent a miserable camp night.

Later down on the east coast we saw a large number of natives running along with their spears, under the women and children into the bush, when we did not see again until 1921.

## MEN WITH SPEARS

Mr Warren asked me if I wanted to be killed; as I was not about it, I hoped, and he would swim ashore and tell them we had not come to shoot but to teach, but they grabbed him and dragged him along with the spears. Mr Warren went ashore in a canoe and the towing and the natives settled down he signalled me to come ashore, as he had to leave me to watch and if we were killed to take the launch back to Roper.

So I took pictures after and some food to cook, an old man, his hand in a billy of

tea, they did not seem to know what hot water was, he yelled and jumped.

When I tried to talk to them, Rupert as interpreter, the crew made them laugh, but the prodigal made one old man point to the sky.

Malays have taken some of Macassas, maybe they had heard of. All were returned on and tried to upset the canoe, but we were not to be moved.

Years after they told me they were sitting on their spears, waiting for the signal to kill us, because of the water and had killed two natives.

My eye for an eye" was their law, they told me something like that, but in 1920 the Government refused to let us start, but God answered our prayers.

## A LUGGER

The British revolution had started in Darwin, they put Dr Gilruth on a boat to Sydney, to ask for Groote as a reserve. The day after we were promised "every place along the sole of your foot shall be a garden" (as a promise for them) so in Collins Street, Sydney, they told us that, also in 1925, 2000 miles at the East Alligator River end, and later all had to lecture to get a £1000, lucky, Mr Langford, Paul's, Melbourne, gave me the first £25, to get a steam mill.

My first Christmas was a thrilling one. I was selling gum in Melbourne, when God asked me to give up my gains and become a missionary.

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A native put a red hot spear into a sleeping native on the beach, this led to a thrilling Christmas.

I tried to stop the fighting Christmas, but the natives, a me, the old men agreed to a murder trial on the beach on the 25th.

Mr Tindale and I watched Christmas in 50 years ago, and they then invited them to a service, each sitting beside the other.

The Christmas lesson was about the sand, waiting for the signal to kill us, because of the water and had killed two natives.

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## DIOCESAN NEWS

## BALLARAT

## ORDINATION

On the 21st of December, (Wednesday) December 21) the Bishop of Ballarat will ordain four men to the Sacred Ministry. The service will commence at 10.30 am in the Cathedral.

The candidates will be the Archdeacon of Ballarat, a Mr. G. Porter, who will also be ordained, and three other men.

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A master plan of the whole diocese has been prepared by Messrs Robertson and Marks, Architects of Sydney, to rearrange the best use of land. Meanwhile, alternative housing arrangements are being devised for the Vice Dean also, the Reverend H. J. Palmer, and his family who are to move into the New Year.

CLERGY ILLNESS Many enquiries are received concerning Bishop and Mrs. Burgess. The Bishop, a resident in Canberra, is recovering from a severe illness. Mrs. Burgess is also fairly well, but a severe illness has also affected her.

The Reverend John Woodhouse, Rector of Bodalla, is making slow progress in Royal North Shore Hospital, after being ill some weeks ago.

The Reverend Harry Kyte, Rector of Holbrook, has resumed duties after his recent illness.

The third candidate to be ordained in the parish of Warrnambool will be Mr. P. N. Rowlands, the Diocesan Registrar, who will continue in that office after his ordination.

THE FIRST REPORT ON PROGRESS towards a memorial to the late Dean King, most encouraging. Some \$100 has been received at the Registry to date. It is proposed by the Cathedral Council and the House of Bishops to place two good stained-glass windows in the choir, the one to the memory of the late Dean King, the other to the memory of the late Bishop of Ballarat.

MELBOURNE S. PAUL'S, MALVERN A new era of music-worship is being inaugurated at St. Paul's Church on Sunday, December 27th, when the new organ will be inaugurated.

bourne, with the appointment of the Reverend Thomas A. Muscatelli, D.P., as organist. The organ, a fine instrument, is a masterpiece of craftsmanship and sound.

Last Sunday night the Young Men's Department and Young Women's Department of the Young Men's Club, a special night, with a "Children's Christmas Tableau", a coloured film-strip, showing the final picture of the Christmas story.

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## MELBIPINOS BULD COLLEGE

The people of the Mountain Province of the Philippines want a liberal arts college in their isolated mountainous home, so they are building one.

The Episcopal Church in this area of the world has had a school, St. Mary's, in Sagada, Mt. Province, for many years, but had not been able to supply higher education to the 80,000 people of the area.

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Qaib, Bishop of the Philippines, however, gave the school permission to apply for funds and put the project on the Projects for Partnership list.

The people of this area have enthusiastically supported the project, and a college in their midst.

School children have carried stones, sand or lumber.

One barrow, or village, gave lumber from their mountains, hand sawed them and carried them to the road where a truck picked them up.

The stone walls of the new building, were built by local men who normally build rice-field walls and garden fences.

They made the transition from miles of carrying stones to cement and stone quickly and well.

Money has also come from the mountain people, and to a large extent from outside sources, enabling the school to buy the necessary books and library, and provide the additional facilities for the liberal arts program.

During the first year of operation the college had 100 students. This year it will have 21 students, and official government recognition.

It is hoped that the projected small liberal arts college will be able to add much to the life of the whole community.

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