

Mainly About People

N.S.W.

Miss Blanche Lindsay, Federal Secretary of the Australian Nurses' Christian Movement, left Sydney on July 10 for New Guinea, where she will visit nurses' groups in various centres.

Veteran Baptist minister, the Rev. John G. Ridley, last month celebrated the 50th anniversary of his conversion. Mr. Ridley, who has had a wide ministry in churches of all denominations, was converted under the ministry of the late Rev. William Lamb, of the Burton Street (Sydney) Baptist Tabernacle.

The appointment has been announced of Canon C. A. Warren to be the new Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Canberra-Goulburn. Canon Warren is a graduate of the Universities of Sydney and Oxford. He was the Lucas-Tooth Scholar at Oxford, graduating with Honours in Theology in 1965. Since 1963 he has been Director of the diocesan Forward in Faith Movement. Canon Warren will be consecrated in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on September 21.

Friends of Mr. Claude D'Evelyn, director of the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship, will regret to hear that, having been discharged from hospital on June 29 following surgery, he has been re-admitted with post-operative thrombosis. Mr. D'Evelyn is in the Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney.

Victoria

The Rev. K. N. Seymour has been appointed to the Parish of St. Matthew's, Prahran, as from September 1. The Rev. R. Kenny has been appointed to the Parish of Bellarine as from September 21. The Rev. W. I. Fleming, Vicar of St. Columbs', Hawthorn, has announced his retirement as from 31st July, 1965.

On Wednesday, July 21, the Ven. J. H. Brown inducted the Rev. R. E. Wallace to the parish of the Church of Epiphany, Northcote.

The Rev. Graham and Mrs. Ogden, of N.S.W., who are now completing training at St. Andrew's Hall, C.M.S. Training Centre in Melbourne, have been located to Japan, where Mr. Ogden will engage in theological training. Their outgoing to Japan later this year will renew an Australian C.M.S. link with this country which was broken in 1939. Before returning to Australia for training at St. Andrew's Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden spent a term in Liskeard Lodge, the training college of C.M.S. in the United Kingdom.

Due to arrive in Melbourne on August 1 is the Rev. B. D. Vijayarao, of the diocese of Dornakal, Church of South India. Mr. Vijayarao will spend a year of study and parish work as a C.M.S. Bursar.

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The Victorian general secretary of the Bible Society, Mr. S. Russell Baker, left Melbourne earlier this month by air for a two-month visit to Central and South America. Mr. Baker will be visiting Bible Society agencies and will also combine the trip with visits on behalf of the World Conference of Churches of Christ. He is Federal President of the Australian Conference of Churches of Christ.

The Rev. A. R. Browne, formerly rector of St. John's, Balmain (Sydney), has been appointed assistant priest of Holy Trinity, Benalla (Wangaratta, Vic.), as from July 18.

Miss Alethe Clezy, who recently returned to Australia from service with Scripture Union in the Philippines, is engaged in a deputation ministry for A.N.Z.E.A. Scripture Union. She completes today a program in Queensland and will proceed to N.S.W. for meetings from July 16 to August 8, followed by a visit to Tasmania from August 9 to 15 and Victoria from August 22 to September 6.

Overseas

The Rev. W. F. Curtis has been appointed home secretary of C.M.S. in England. Mr. Curtis, who is 42, has been the society's principal representative in the dioceses of Truro and Exeter since 1955. C.M.S. in England has an annual budget of about £1 million.

Miss Peggy Evans, of C.M.S., was not able to return to Oenpelli, North Australia, last month as planned, but has been granted three months' leave owing to her mother's ill-health.

FILM AWARD—Two films made by British producer Ray Kinney for CMS: "Journey into India" and "Journey into Nigeria" have been voted first and third in a section of the Fifth International Meeting of the Roman Catholic sponsored "Christian Fraternity for Missionary Films." The Information Dept. of the W.C.C. acts as international distributing agent for the films.

THE KING'S SCHOOL PARRAMATTA

An examination for the award of two "Violet Macansh Scholarships" will be held on 17th and 18th September, 1965. All candidates must be under 14 years of age on 1st February, 1966. Papers will be set suitable for boys at the Sixth Grade Primary and First Year Secondary standards.

Each holder of a scholarship is entitled to free tuition, a grant of £30 on entrance towards the cost of his uniform and incidental expenses, and an allowance after the first term at the rate of £30 per annum. In the case of boarders, a substantial reduction is also made in Boarding Fees. The full value of a scholarship awarded to a boarder is likely to be from £400 to £500 per annum according to the circumstances.

Entry forms and full particulars can be obtained from the Headmaster.

Entries close on 3rd September, 1965.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY IN VIETNAM!

THE bus was on its way from Bien Hoa to Saigon, loaded with Pressmen and a few Australian Army men when it came to a grinding halt—literally.

A large bus stalled in Saigon traffic is a fine target for a plastic bomb, but the Vietnamese driver was unable to engage the gears.

The Pressmen were a little uneasy and other road users, blocked by the bus, were restless, too.

Bible Society's Day of Prayer

THE Bible Society's special 1965 campaign, "National Bible Society Week," begins in August—the "Month of Prayer."

The highlight at the beginning of the Month of Prayer is the Day of Prayer, to be held at Bible House, 95 Bathurst Street, Sydney, 2nd Floor, on Thursday, August 5.

The sessions will commence at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4.45 p.m., using a specially prepared Cycle of Prayer as a basis. The 12 sessions involved throughout the day will be conducted by various Bible Society leaders.

Church members are invited to come for any period of the day and for the time most suitable.

20,000 members wanted in NSW

Faced with tremendous demands for extra Scriptures, generally at about one-third of the production cost, the British and Foreign Bible Society is making a special effort to double its membership.

In N.S.W. the campaign for new members is based on the theme "Share today the Membership Way," and every member is being asked to enrol a friend.

Commenting on the one guinea membership gift the Rev. Alan F. Scott, N.S.W. State Secretary, said that for the cost of one daily newspaper each week those who believed the Word of God could share its message in supplying an average of one Bible or two New Testaments each year.

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Then one of the uniformed Australians on board moved quietly up and took charge. He checked over the engine and drove the bus—without a clutch—the final two miles of the journey.

The man in uniform turned out to be the Rev. Captain Kevin Hoffman, an Anglican chaplain who happens also to be a Bachelor of Automotive Engineering. Chaplain Hoffman has been an A.R.A. chaplain for seven months and is at present serving with the Australian Army Force, Vietnam.

AUSTRALIAN RETIRES FROM C.M.S. POST

CANON Harry Wittenbach, who retires in August from his secretariatship of the Church Missionary Society in England, is to be assistant director of the College of Preachers from October 1, 1965.

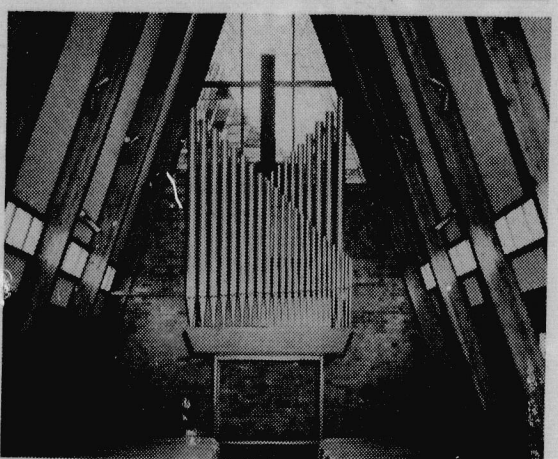
He will also be assistant priest of the parish of Holy Trinity with All Saints, Prince Consort

Road, Kensington, S.W., whose vicar, the Rev. D. W. Cleverly Ford, is director of the college.

Canon Wittenbach was born in Australia and is a graduate of Melbourne University.

He went to China in 1925 as a C.M.S. missionary, and with his wife and two younger daughters was interned at Hong Kong by the Japanese during World War II. He became East Asia secretary of the C.M.S. in 1947 and since then has held several posts in the society's secretariat.

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ASIAN PLAN ON VIETNAM

OFFICERS of the East Asia Christian Conference have sent a letter to the national council of churches in the U.S.A. and Britain suggesting a four-point plan for seeking settlement of the war in Vietnam.

They said they had been "heartened" by the increasing consensus of opinion about Vietnam among Asians and by the fact that present U.S. policy has been seriously questioned in the U.S.A. particularly by leaders of the church and academic community.

The four points were: 1. We do not believe that any viable solution to the problem in Vietnam can be worked out unless the point of departure is the simple fact that Vietnam is one country. The line of demarcation between North and South Vietnam is a cease-fire line only.

2. It is not possible to arrest a Nationalist Movement at mid-point. When the French left Vietnam, some way should have been found to set the whole of Vietnam free.

3. As we see it, three things have to be settled simultaneously around the negotiating table: The unification of Vietnam; The guarantee of true freedom for all citizens in Vietnam, whatever their religion or political conviction.

The independence of Vietnam in relation to its neighbours. 4. It may be that there will be need for three parallel negotiations:

Between the contending parties in South Vietnam;
Between South and North Vietnam;
Between all interested powers who will guarantee the accords arrived at in the previous negotiations.

It was signed by: Dr. D. G. Moses, chairman, India; Dr. I. Omura, vice-chairman, Japan; Dr. D. T. Niles, general secretary, Ceylon; U. Kyaw Than, associate general secretary, Burma.

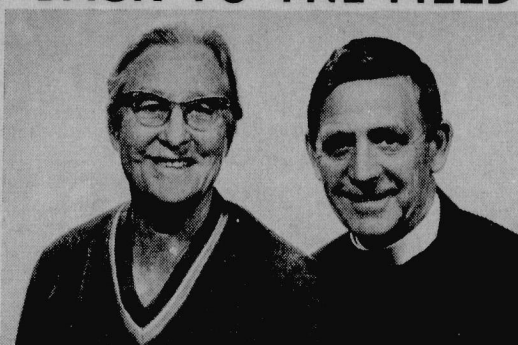
CANON ARROWSMITH TO OPEN BIBLE SOCIETY CAMPAIGN

"OPERATION — BIBLE the World!" is the title for the Bible Society's special 1965 campaign, to be introduced in Sydney on Monday, August 16.

The campaign will be introduced by Canon H. M. Arrowsmith, M.B.E., Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society, at a meeting in Bible House, 95 Bathurst Street, at 7.30 p.m.

Canon Arrowsmith recently returned from a visit behind the Iron Curtain, including Moscow, and a visit to Asia. He will speak on "Gospel Stewardship—the vital place of the Bible

BACK TO THE FIELD



The Rev. Canon Lindsey and Mrs. Amey who, after more than thirty years as C.M.S. missionaries in Uganda, have recently arrived in North Australia.

Canon Amey went from Victoria to Uganda in 1934, and Mrs. Amey in 1938. In recent years Canon Amey, as Archdeacon in the

diocese of Northern Uganda, has served as Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer.

Canon and Mrs. Amey will go first to the C.M.S. Roper River Mission, where Canon Amey will assist the Chaplain, the Rev. Barry Butler.

They expect to transfer to Oenpelli in September.

FIRST CMS WORKERS LEAVE FOR PERU SOON

THE first CMS missionaries to take up work in South America are due to leave Australia on October 31.

They are the Rev. Norman and Mrs. Bissett, Miss Gaye Mercier and the Rev. Colin Tunbridge.

Both the Bissetts and Miss Mercier came originally from N.S.W. while Mr. Tunbridge came from South Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bissett served with CMS in Sabah from 1959 to 1962, when they returned to Australia to enable Mr. Bissett to study for ordination.

Miss Gaye Mercier comes from the parish of Christ Church, Gladstone. Miss Mercier, a trained nurse, was the first candidate to be accepted for service in Peru.

The Bissetts and Miss Mercier will go first to Cochabamba, Bolivia, for a period of language study. Mr. Tunbridge will go first to Santiago, Chile, at the request of the diocesan Bishop

for field experience and to learn Spanish at the American Institute.

Accompanying the party will be the Rev. Ian Morrison, a Chilean who has been studying in Australia under the CMS bursary scheme.

Language study

Members of the South American party will be heard on the following occasions:—

● **WARRINGAH:** St. Matthew's, Manly, on Saturday, September 4, at 7.45 p.m., Chairman: Bishop A. J. Dain.

● **NORTH SHORE:** St. Andrew's, Roseville, on Saturday, September 18, at 7.45 p.m., Chairman: Rev. E. D. Cameron.

● **PARRAMATTA:** Town Hall, Parramatta, on Monday, October 11, at 7.45 p.m.

● **WOLLONGONG:** St. Michael's, Wollongong, on Friday, October 15, at 7.45 p.m.

Urgent need for teachers

There is an immediate need for two Sunday School superintendents and two more teachers (one to be a pianist) for the Carlingford C. of E. Boys' Home and the Masonic Home at Baulkham Hills.

Over 200 children attend each of these Sunday Schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for a consistent teaching ministry. One school meets Sunday morning, the other each Sunday afternoon.

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to the General Secretary, Scripture Union and C.S.S.M., 239 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

PEACE AND WAR ISSUES AT SEMINAR

NEARLY 100 representatives of all Australian Churches will discuss "Christian responsibility for world order" at a national seminar at St. Andrew's College, Sydney University, this month.

The seminar, arranged by the Australian Council of Churches, will be held August 27 to 31. Participants will attend from all States.

Churches invited to send delegations include the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Lutheran and Orthodox Churches of Christ, Salvation Army and Society of Friends (Quakers).

Clergymen, ministers and laymen, including political scientists, trade unionists, politicians and writers will attend.

Organisers say that the seminar will not aim at reaching agreement among participants, but at achieving a better understanding of the different Christian viewpoints on peace and disarmament, nuclear weapons and current international conflicts.

"Biblical understanding"

The A.C.C. describes the seminar's purposes as being:

● To provide opportunity for meeting between Christians holding different points of view on peace, etc.

● To confront participants with "the Biblical understanding of man."

● To involve people strategically placed in the life of the Churches who can help more Christians to appreciate the major issues of peace and war.

The president of the Australian Council of Churches (Dr. Frank Woods, Archbishop of Melbourne) said that the seminar should result in "an increasing number of people who can both understand and appreciate the variety of positions held by Christians and also make informed judgments about the variety of situations in which we find ourselves in international affairs."

Newtown Convention

The Moore College Convention, this year being held in St. Stephen's, Newtown, starts on Wednesday, August 11, with an address by the Rev. Bernard Gook.

The meetings, which will continue on Thursday, August 12, and Friday, August 13, start at 7.30 p.m. Other speakers are, on Thursday the Rev. Arthur Deane, and on Friday, Dr. Paul White.

Theme of this year's Convention, organised by the Students' Union, is "Discipleship."

Topics of the seminar include Malaysia and Indonesia, the Vietnam conflict, and the international use of economic and political power.

Work hops during the seminar will prepare material for subsequent use in local churches throughout Australia.

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Dean comments on alcohol

PREACHING in St. Andrew's Cathedral last Sunday morning, the Dean of Sydney, Bishop Hulme-Moir said that revelations of the "sinister influence" of alcohol on the mounting road toll had shocked Australia during the past two years.

Bishop Hulme-Moir quoted an article in the "Medical Journal of Australia" by Dr. John Birrell, a Victorian Police Surgeon who stated that alcohol had been the main contributing factor in at least 75 per cent of serious road accidents.

"Further, in a study of some hundreds of sex offences," Dr. John McGeorge, the eminent Sydney psychiatrist has said that 38 per cent were due in some measure to the influence of alcohol," he said.

"In cases of manly laughter and murder under his review, the figures were 52 per cent and 35 per cent respectively. "The Church's teaching calls us to voluntarily forsake the service of sin and self-indulgence and to give ourselves and our bodies to the employment of Jesus Christ.

"Every Christian either raises or lowers the moral average of the community in which he lives, and also adds to or subtracts the influence of the Church of God.

"The stewardship of social behaviour requires us to ask the 'simple question, "Whom do I serve, myself or my God and my neighbour."

"The true measure of our Christian experience is the radius of our love and concern for others, especially our weaker brethren."

REFLECTIONS ON THE ENTHRONEMENT OF AN ARCHBISHOP

THIS article appeared in 'The Church of England News-paper' following the enthronement of Archbishop Ramsey. It is written by David B. Winter, B.A., Editor of "Crusade" magazine.

"It makes me sick," he muttered as I changed up into too gear. I was giving him a lift to the match and he was taking the opportunity of telling me, a self-confessed Anglican, just what was wrong with the Church of England in the eyes of his workmates and himself.

The nausea just alluded to was caused by a television broadcast he had watched the previous day—the enthronement of an Archbishop.

Now this occasion was watched by millions on television and widely reported in the Press.

The Church papers, faithfully mirroring the reactions of our predominantly feminine Church, thought it was "striking," "beautiful," "dignified," "impressive" and "historic." Even I, a convinced Evangelical, thought it a little roccoco but not unpleasantly "traditional."

So I was surprised at my friend's reaction. It did more than make him (and some of his workmates) — he insisted on speaking for them as well) rather sick; it convinced him that the Church of England was out of date, out of touch, proud, priest-ridden and a couple of other things I cannot remember.

"Fanfares of trumpets," he snorted. "People bowing and scraping to him; all those fancy robes and stupid hats..."

There was a good deal more in the same vein.

Utterly blind

I realise that this example of public reaction is not wholly valid: that the uninitiated cannot expect to switch on a television set and instantly understand the meaning and import of ceremonies and rites intimately attached to a religion they have renounced and to the deep truths of which they are utterly blind.

CONFERENCE

For the first time in Australia, lawyers will be gathering together to discuss the Christian faith and its principles in relation to important fields of law with which they often come in contact. The members of the Australian Lawyers Christian Fellowship are holding a Conference at the Anglican Sydney Diocesan Conference Centre, "Gibulla," at Manly, near Sydney, over the weekend of the 13th to 15th August, 1965. This fellowship, whose membership is in fact drawn from (although not confined to) the major Protestant denominations, was formed in 1959 and is "open to all members of the legal profession (and law students) who accept the principles of the Christian faith as taught in the Scriptures, particularly faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord."

Personalities attending the Conference and speaking include The Chief Justice of New South Wales (The Honourable L. J. Herron), The Honourable Mr Justice Richardson, of the New South Wales Supreme Court, Mr E. H. St. John, Q.C. (President of the Australian Section of the International Commission of Jurists), Mr G. Polson, Q.C. (from England), Mr Norman Jenkin, Q.C., The Right Reverend J. S. Moyes (formerly Bishop of Armidale), Rev. Dr E. Roberts-Thompson (formerly Principal of the Baptist Theological College, Sydney), and the Rev. Ted Noffs (Minister of the Wayside Chapel, Kings Cross, Sydney). Subjects discussed include: "The Christian Imperative in Family Law," "The Christian Emphasis in Law and Punishment," "The Christian Content of the Rule of Law" and "Conflict between Christian Obedience and Secular Law."

Ministers are requested to draw the attention of this Conference to their parishes, through their parish journals.

Further enquiries and a brochure containing further details of this Conference may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Fellowship, Ian J. Harvey, Esq., 4 O'Connell Street, Sydney (BW5987).

Put at least one deduction is completely valid. And that is that if the Church parades its ceremonies and dress and rites before the general (unbelieving) public it must answer for the consequences; and the consequences, in the case of many ordinary men especially, are that they are more than ever convinced that the Church lacks reality and, worst of all, humility.

If the rites, dress and ceremonies are essential to the Faith, then we had better keep them to ourselves, to the faithful initiated; if they are not, it seems a reasonable thing to ask ourselves whether they are not contributing to the widespread antipathy to our Church which we find in industrial and urban areas.

To the Anglo-Catholic these ceremonies and this dress appear to be essential—though one suspects the "Fathers" of the Oxford Movement might not agree with their successors in this respect.

There is a certain logic in wearing such a strange garment as the chasuble if one is convinced that it is expressive of deep doctrinal implications.

First-century

There is, however, very little logic in wearing at the Lord's Table in the mid-twentieth century the garb of a first-century gentleman if you "attach no doctrinal significance" (to coin a phrase) to the garment. You are merely raising barriers, creating difficulties, clouding the issue.

There is little doubt that this century has seen a great change in Anglican worship.

Many changes have been good — the standard of music, the participation of the congregation, the increased reverence are all gain. But some have been loss, in my view: the tawdry pomp, the flamboyant dress, the cult of the bishop-prince.

Many of us have stolen the uniforms of the Anglo-Catho-

lics but left their Rules of War behind. We are in danger, as a Church, of acting a lie.

Is it a part of true Anglicanism—Catholic and Reformed, as we like to say—to present ourselves before the people of our land as a Church which is the ecclesiastical counterpart of the Beefeaters: pretty but passe?

Do we wish our bishops, whom most of us would regard as pastors and shepherds, to act and dress like monarchs? Are fanfares of trumpets, kissing of rings, doing of obeisance and the like of the esse of the Church militant?

Archbishop Fisher protested, at a C.M.S. rally, at the stupidity of passing on to African Christians such ridiculous ceremonies as kneeling to kiss the bishop's ring. Is it any less ridiculous in Britain?

Ridiculous

It may be protested that cassocks, surplices and scarves are just as flamboyant and devoid of meaning to the general public as copes, mitres and chasubles. Agreed. All I would plead for is a realistic appraisal of what we wear and do in public worship in the light of twentieth-century needs.

We have fossilised the dress of the priest at various points in the history of the Church and parade our fossils before men and angels.

Could we not have a completely new dignified, simple dress for the minister; one that is suited to the humble calling of a foot-washer?

In the meantime, can there be any doubt that, except to the starry-eyed matron who thinks the vicar looks so nice in his cope, a return to simplicity (dare I say it—Protestant simplicity) would be a good, honest, scriptural, humble thing to do?

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It would at least be a gesture if all Anglicans who call themselves Evangelicals, and profess to find their doctrine of the Christian ministry in the New Testament and not the Temple

of Solomon, led a new movement to clear the finery out of the chancel and to leave the 100-guinea copes and fancy hats for the coronation of our next monarch.

EDITORIAL:

THE LEAN TO THE LEFT

Two correspondents in this issue draw attention to a trend which has been disturbing many evangelical Christians in recent times—the Leftist lean of many Church leaders.

Instances of this trend could be multiplied. In our July 15 issue we reported that a number of church-linked youth bodies were to send observers to a festival with Communist links. Included is the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, of which our own Church is a member.

Last May the WCC's Commission of International Affairs called for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations. It would be quite wrong to say that such action, in itself, branded the Commission as pro-Communist. Others have made similar calls.

However the disturbing note is struck in the Commission's comment that: "When this is accomplished we should rethink our relations with Nationalist China and distinguish between our commitment to defend the freedom of Taiwan—and the kind of alliance with the Nationalist Government which even now makes us a party to the Chinese civil war."

Only a matter of weeks ago a leading East German atheist praised the fact that there have been in recent times many friendly contacts with Roman Catholics on different problems, "in which the same platform was possible, as in the questions of world peace."

The trend towards working alongside Communists and their fellow-travellers is not hard to understand. It is the natural outcome of an ecumenism which is more concerned with social and political matters than with the salvation of men's souls.

At the New Delhi Assembly a German Lutheran delegate wanted to see a stronger emphasis in the Message on the eschatological hope but the chairman hesitated to include anything "which might seem to imply that Christians are not passionately concerned about the present life."

In the final Message released from New Delhi it was claimed that: "There is no more urgent task for Christians than to work together for community with-in nations and for peace with justice and freedom with them, so that the causes of much contemporary misery may be rooted out."

The Report then goes on to apply that great word of Scripture, reconciliation, to the task of the Church as enunciated. But this is a travesty of Scriptural usage, a very common one in ecumenical circles.

The reconciliation Scripture speaks of it first between man and his Maker and then between redeemed man and his fellow Christians. Outside of that reconciliation there is no hope.

The preaching of the word of the Cross to individual sinners is the first task of the Christian Church.

The same trend being seen all over the world is seen here in Australia. A man's zeal must be directed towards something. If it isn't directed towards the preaching of the Cross it will find other outlets—ban-the-bomb movements, "hands off Vietnam" campaigns and peace congresses. It will be interesting to see what comes from the National Seminar on World Order to be held in Sydney this month.

"Community within nations" and "peace with justice" will never be seen this side of the coming of the Son of God in power and great glory.

Evangelical Christians must beware of the fifth column at work in the Church. The remedy suggested by one of our correspondents—to cease to worship within the Church framework—does not commend itself to us. But we must be on our guard for these are indeed perilous times.

OFF THE RECORD

TRUTH WILL OUT?

Our TV was on rather late one night recently when a well-known Sydney racing commentator ("you can bet London to a brick") was introduced. In a tone of seriousness befitting such an occasion the commentator started off by announcing that there was to be a Mass for the racing fraternity held in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral the next day. "This is non-sectarian," he continued, "everybody's going to it." Then, apparently wishing to stress the "non-sectarian" character of the service, he concluded: "Religion doesn't come into it!"

THE RED TRUTH

The real truth behind Communist "truth" is revealed in the following quotations taken from the writings of Red leaders:—

• Lenin said: "Promises are like pie crusts — made to be broken. We have to use any ruse, dodges, tricks, cunning, unlawful method, concealment..."

• Stalin said: "Words must have no relation to action—otherwise what kind of diplomacy is it? Words are one thing, actions another. Good words are a mask for concealment of bad deeds."

• Khrushchev said: "If anyone thinks that our smiles mean the abandonment of the teachings of Marx, Engel and Lenin, he is deceiving himself cruelly... The Communists will destroy capitalism, not with nuclear weapons but through the spread of the ideology. We are as sure of this as we are sure the sun will rise tomorrow. All we have to do is grease our ideology with butter."

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

From "The Church Record," August 13, 1915, in an article on Seventh Day Adventists, written by the Rev. R. Noake, rector of Christ Church, Enmore, N.S.W.:—

"A dear old Christian lady, over 80, who from her girlhood had been a loving disciple of Christ and as long as she had strength had devoted her energies to the work of the Master, now that she was helpless and infirm was humbly waiting for the home-call..."

To be with her for an hour, to listen to her conversation upon spiritual things, was to feel oneself in the presence of one exceptionally Christ-like, one fully meet for the Kingdom. A Seventh-day Adventist lady one day called on her. She was a lady of gentle manners and sympathetic address and won her way into the heart of the unsuspicious Christian by the very warmth of her approach and friendship. One visit led to another... in course of time the fellowship of spiritual converse opened the way for the visitor to lodge a doubt in the mind of the other as to whether she had been living in error about the Sabbath. And whether under such conditions she could confidently expect to be received by her Lord, here at his second advent, or hereafter, should she die beforehand.

Her perplexity and fear became most pitiable. Had she been guilty of the sin of disobedience to one of God's express commands all her life? Was she to face eternity as an unsaved sinner, instead of a joyous believer? It required several visits from pastor and fellow-Christians, frequent prayer and considerable argument before the doubts could be eradicated, and the peace restored..."

LINK WITH JAPAN



When the Rev. Graham and Mrs. Ogden go to Japan later this year a link broken in 1939 will be renewed.

Mr and Mrs Ogden of N.S.W., who are now completing training at St. Andrew's Hall, Melbourne, have been located to Japan where Mr Ogden will engage in theological training.

Mr Ogden comes originally from St. Anne's, Ryde (N.S.W.). Since school days he has felt God's leading towards Japan and, in preparation for future work in that country, has studied the language and obtained theological qualifications in Australia and Britain.

Mr Ogden has studied at Moore College, Sydney, and before returning to this country for training at St. Andrew's Hall, he and Mrs. Ogden spent a term in Liskard Lodge, the training college of CMS (U.K.).

C.M.S. (U.K.) has eight missionaries serving in educational institutions in the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan).

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHANGE

MR J. A. Mackinnon, M.A. (Cantab.), Dip.Ed., M.A.C.E., has been appointed headmaster of the Illawarra Grammar School, N.S.W.

He succeeds the Rev. R. F. Bosanquet, B.A., who has resigned.

Mr Mackinnon, who is 36, was educated at The Armidale School, the University of Sydney, Sydney Teachers' College and Clare College, Cambridge.

In addition to teaching experience at The Armidale School, Mr Mackinnon was housemaster at Cranbrook School, Sydney, for a period of six years, where he was also in charge of the First XV.

In England he held an appointment at Shrewsbury School. Since 1962 Mr Mackinnon has been housemaster at Guildford Grammar School, Western Australia, where he had charge of the History Department.

Mr Mackinnon is married with two sons and two daughters.

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SITUATED 15 miles south of Sydney and bounded by the historic shores of Botany Bay lies the widespread Sutherland Shire.

This rapidly developing urban area covering an area of 144 square miles incorporates such well-known towns as Caringbah, Miranda, Gymea and Cronulla.

During March 1966, evangelist Brian Willersdorf of Youth Crusades, will conduct a major evangelistic crusade in this centre.

Mr Willersdorf comes at the unanimous invitation of the major Protestant denominations.

Enthusiasm

Already keen interest is being shown in what is anticipated will be the largest evangelistic thrust ever made in this area.

On Saturday, July 24, at 7 a.m., the newly formed Executive Council of the Crusade met for breakfast in a local restaurant.

Sixteen of the area's leading Christian business and professional men met together for the first time to discuss plans and policies for the forthcoming Youth Crusade.

A spontaneous enthusiasm was evidenced by all as the breakfast proceeded.

The meeting was chaired by the Rev. Keith W. Wilson, pastor of the Gymea Baptist Church.

Mr Willersdorf addressed the assembled group of men and shared with them the blessings of previous Crusades conducted in Geelong, Ballarat and Warragamba.

During his remarks, Mr Willersdorf briefly referred to the psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of the Australian adolescent.

Veteran O.A.C. evangelist, Frank McInnes, now minister of the Cronulla Congregational Church, has been appointed Executive Secretary. He gave a brief report on his visit to Ballarat where he witnessed firsthand the outpouring of God's blessing on many lives during Crusade days.

For any inquiries, prayer information or regular copies of the Crusade Bulletin, contact the Crusade Director, P.O. Box 105, Miranda, N.S.W.

Sheppard supports Anti-Apartheid

THE Rev. David Sheppard, Warden of the Mayflower Settlement, England, is one of the supporters of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

The Movement, which is also supported by Bishop John Robinson, of Woolwich, has written to civic heads throughout England appealing for a boycott of cricket matches to be played by the South African touring team and asking them to refuse hospitality to the team.

The Movement has also written to county cricket clubs asking for their support, and is to arrange demonstrations outside grounds where the South Africans are playing.

A spokesman for the Movement states that its members have nothing personal against the players. "This is not an attempt to bring politics into sport. It is our protest against politics being brought into sport."

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Books

Cranmer's views

THOMAS CRANMER'S DOCTRINE OF THE EUCHARIST: An Essay in Historical Development, by Peter Brooks. Macmillan, London, 1965, 134 pages.

This is not a large book, but it is an important contribution to the study of Cranmer and of the meaning of our Prayer Book. The title is a little misleading, as the sole concern of the author is with Cranmer's understanding of the nature of Christ's presence in the eucharist.

Using—for the first time—Cranmer's own commonplace books, which belong to the period of his alleged "Lutheranism," Dr Brooks shows how Cranmer first discarded the "opinion" of Transubstantiation as a theory concerning the "change," while continuing to hold the doctrine of the "real presence" of Christ's body and blood.

(An English "Real" Presence tract of the period, not previously published, illustrating the kind of view widely held in the mid-sixteenth century, is printed as an appendix.)

Brooks then shows how Cranmer abandoned the "real presence" view for his final doctrine of a "true spiritual presence," not in the bread and wine but in the faithful receiver.

"They be two things, to eat the Sacrament and to eat the body of Christ. The eating of the body is to dwell in Christ, and this may be though a man never taste the Sacrament." (p. 48.)

"To have Christ really here, when I may receive him in faith, is not available to do me good." (p. 47.)

Brooks well demonstrates both Cranmer's "scholarly independence of mind" and also the large measure of agreement in the matter of the eucharist among all the main "personalities of the Reformed cause to the left of Luther."

"To dub Cranmer a 'Zwinglian' simply because he believed in the 'True Presence' is as un-historical as the application of similar tags to Bucer, or Melancthon or even Calvin" (p. 70). There are effective critiques of the views of Dix and Dugmore, among others.

—D.W.B.R.

A BISHOP'S FAITH?

SOME four years ago The Christian Century invited Bishop James Pike of the American Protestant Episcopal Church to discuss how his mind had changed over the preceding decade.

In his response the Bishop stated that he had found that the virgin birth and, in a different sense, the resurrection stories as literally construed could be regarded as non-essential.

Now his list has expanded to include as earthen vessels a myriad of things commonly regarded as the treasure itself: virtually all literal interpreta-

PRIEST STOLE CAR TO HELP BUILD CHURCH

AN American Roman Catholic priest has been given two years' probationary sentence for stealing a car to get money for a church building project.

He is Monsignor Archibald Bottoms, the second highest ranking priest in north-west Texas.

Msgr. Bottoms, 48, chancellor of the Amarillo Roman Catholic diocese, pleaded guilty before a district judge.

He had been charged with stealing a 1964 car from a motor company during an auction in New Mexico in April and selling it for 3,500 dollars (£A1,562) in late June.

Msgr. Bottoms told the Court he used the money for building projects at St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church near Amarillo where he was pastor.

He said it was a small church of only 30 families and "I felt that there were things I should do that were beyond the financial means of the little church."

He said he used the money to put in central heating, air-conditioning and rebuild the choir area.

tions of Scripture, special forms of ecclesiastical authority, creedal formulations of any description, specific moral injunctions even on "basic" matters (sex, war, etc.), cultic traditions, doctrines, supernaturalistic formulas and even the classical doctrine of the Trinity.

From a review of Bishop Pike's new book, "A Time for Christian Candour," published in The Christian Century.

A vicar writes on conformity

In a recent issue of "Light", parish magazine of Wee Waa, Pilliga and Burren Junction (N.S.W.) the vicar, the Rev. M. B. Burrows, writes:—

Jesus once said, "In ME you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." The Greek word translated here as "tribulation" means pressure. The world brings pressure to bear on those who would follow Jesus.

Bishop C. V. Pilcher in his book "Life in Christ" said that the world as spoken of in such passages of the New Testament, means "Society as organised apart from God"—that is to say, larger or smaller groups of men who live their lives according to principles which are contrary to the will of God.

The Bishop continues, "One of the characteristics of such groups is that they endeavour to compel everyone who comes within their range to conform to their standards and to adopt their manner of life and point of view."

Pressure! Just how far do you allow the world to overrule your conscience and yield to its pressure to conform to its standards? How much do you encourage your children to submit to the pressures of the world?

Pressure on all sides! Pressure on people to disregard the Lord's Day because important sporting fixtures, or all-day outings, are organised on Sunday, making it impossible to worship in God's house. Pressure by children on other children to tell dirty stories because this is a sign of maturity.

Pressure on young people to have liquor at their wedding, because of the selfish and intemperate habits characteristic of the world. Pressure not to associate with the Church because it is too radical and narrow-minded, and "I might be called a square."

In the world you will have pressure, but Jesus has said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

The unbalanced budgets

Reports from missionary organisations tell of some not having met their budgets for the financial year just ended. Some branches of C.M.S. have been affected in this way.

The factors responsible for this shortfall are probably many. Certainly Australia's economy is sluggish at present, with an overall decline in share indexes. But probably of more immediate effect has been the disastrous drought which has crippled the country areas. The inevitable repercussions on church giving have followed.

However other factors have probably entered the situation. No doubt there will be some heart-searching in the societies concerned. It may be that the lack of funds will mean curtailing work that should be curtailed anyway. On the other hand this shortage may be a call to "launch out into the deep" and continue expansion of their work. Christians should be in prayer at this time for those responsible for the important decisions which must inevitably follow.

But if the societies themselves must be involved in some heart-searching so must their supporters. If those of us at the home end have failed in this regard we must see to it that the situation is corrected with all possible speed.

A Scriptural emphasis

Whilst on the subject of the missionary cause it is refreshing to note the strong emphasis in C.M.S. literature of recent date on the link between those at home and those on the field.

All too often the mission station is treated as something "over there," an entity in itself, with those at home forming another entity, with not a great deal linking the two. This, incidentally, is one of the prime deficiencies of the many small independent "faith" missions in operation. They run along with little real link with the fellowship of the home church.

As an example of the C.M.S. approach the most recent issue of "C.M.S. News" (sporting an attractive splash of orange) speaks of the 7,000 members and the 260 missionaries together making up C.M.S. This emphasis is entirely Scriptural and is indeed welcome.

Broadcasts on the Bible

ON Wednesday evenings, from August 25, the A.B.C. will present a series of four talks about the Bible in the world of today.

The first of these will be by Canon H. M. Arrowsmith, M.B.E., Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society. Canon Arrowsmith will suggest ways and means in which reading the Bible will prove more interesting and useful.

Second speaker in the series,

on September 1, will be a leading Roman Catholic Biblical scholar, the Rev. Father Ian Sanders, C.M. He will be followed, on September 8, by the Rev. Wesley Culshaw, engaged in Bible translation work.

To end the series on September 15 the Rev. R. A. Hicklin will discuss what is being done in many parts of the world to see that the Bible is more widely distributed.

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Notes and Comments

N.S.W. men take part

FINE FAMILY DAY AT CLEVE ENDS PLAIN MAN'S MISSION

400 Anglicans met together on Sunday, July 25, at the Cleve Institute for the Family Meeting of the Anglican Gospel Mission.

This was the last day, and the climax of a nine-day effort without parallel in the history of the parish.

The Mission team was reinforced in the persons of the Melodaires, the Gospel singing group of three trim lasses from Adelaide, who flew in from Whyalla on Saturday, and Mr Ray Kidney, their accompanist and musical director of Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide.

After Holy Communion at the Cleve Church, the parish met as a family at the Institute. The Morning Service began at 11 a.m. when the preacher was the Rev. Peter Newall.

Lunch was taken after the service during which the missionaries moved about the whole group, speaking briefly to each person. Following lunch, the film "Uncommitted" was shown. This argued that since the world is more and more committed to causes, a Christian congregation not wholly committed to the cause of Christ is already dying from spiritual and mental softness.

The Bishop of Armidale, the Rt. Rev. R. C. Kerle followed the lead of the film at once. Starting with the Old Testament story of Gideon's three hundred chosen men the Bishop declared that

being uncommitted, was the all too common feature which went by the rules—good in itself, but not good enough.

Concluding his address Bishop Kerle invited those to whom God had made real the need for a cleaving to the cause of Christ to come forward.

The many who did (for the most part husbands and wives) were prayed for as part of Christ's continuing mission and sent out in the words of Jesus from the closing verses of Matthew's Gospel.

During this time the Rev. Harry Goodhew conducted a meeting for children at the C.W.A. Hall, where a film was also shown.

Mr Goodhew's talents with the children have been remarked upon throughout the district; at the public schools where he has taken all the religious instruction classes for the past week and at the meetings where alone he has "got across" to groups of children as large as 100.

Throughout the period the three missionaries between them covered about 1,500 miles, preaching about 30 times in all.

Their ability to mix was perhaps the most noticeable feature of the mission and the result was a mission that was relaxed, without ever being flabby, and challenging without ever being a Spiritual pressure-pack.

For many people the revelation was that Christianity can be joyful, practical and eminently sane. The farmers think so—and that's strong support!

Local people worked hard and gave themselves cheerfully under the capable and energetic leadership of the minister the Rev. Ted Watkins and his wife Morwen. At the end of the day the District Council made a presentation to each of the missionaries who each expressed pleasure and satisfaction in receiving an electric wall clock. Time flies!

Letters to the Editor

Pro-Communist trend in Church

If my wife and I did not believe that an increasing number of fellow-Christians shared the misgivings expressed in this letter, it would not have been written.

I am a retired journalist. My wife is a retired schoolteacher. We believe that our many years of service and experience entitle us to be regarded as reasonably well-informed persons of normal intelligence.

We have been "adherents" of the Anglican Church for many years, with a deep love of its order of worship, but we have always hesitated to ask to be "received" into it because of growing fears that its traditional policy of "toleration" is extended in one direction only—to the Left.

Our fears have been intensified by the activities of retired Bishop Moyes and his associates, the pro-Communist pronouncements of Dr E. F. Carpenter, Archdeacon of Westminster (as reported in "The Australian" of June 25, which also describes him as an exponent of "the New Morality"), and the use by a Toowoomba cleric, the Rev. R. E. Wicks, at the Queensland Anglican Synod, of the smear-label "McCarthy" in a successful effort to prevent the synod from reaffirming the 1948 Lambeth Conference resolutions on the dangers of Communism. (Toowoomba "Chronicle," June 23.)

Recent activities of the Australian Council of Churches reveal the same trend in non-conformist circles and we have even read of a similar one within the Roman Catholic Church.

We consider that people as glib as this (to put it as kindly as possible) about the affairs of this world are not trustworthy guides to the next one.

So my wife and I have reluctantly decided that until or unless this leftward trend is resolutely halted and decisively reversed, we must try to be content to worship God in our own home, and to try to obey Him in our daily lives, without professional assistance.

We believe that otherwise we could find ourselves, one day, unwittingly supporting the cause of Antichrist.

F. H. SIBSON, Toowoomba, Qld.

"Dunbar" service

May I use your columns to draw the attention to your readers to the Annual Historical Service of the Camperdown Cemetery Trust to be held at the tomb of the "DUNBAR" victims within the cemetery (Church Street, Newtown) on Saturday, August 14, at 3 p.m.?

The service will be conducted

TAKE OVER: The Burmese Government has ordered the nationalisation of the four major Protestant hospitals in that country. Recently all church-related schools were taken over by the Government.

Dr Carpenter is very con-

cerned for the Communists; but, has he, or any of our clergy, ever thought of praying for, or working for the release of these enslaved people of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia or Communist China?

It is indeed a "bogus religion" which takes no heed of the hopeless longings of these enslaved people.

MONICA LENNIE, North Kew, Vic.

Tribute to Bishop Morris

We were both well advanced in years when I first met Fred Morris. The Bishop had already completed his magnificent record of over 45 years as a missionary among the African peoples in different parts of this great continent, and as Bishop in North Africa.

I found a Christian man who was beloved by all who met him. Among his characteristics were gentleness, simplicity, humility, friendliness, kindness, love and a deep spirituality. Withal he was a giant of strength, determination, tenacity and courage when it came to upholding the authority of God's Word, the Bible, and the doctrine, practice and teaching of his beloved Lord and of the Church of England whose ministry he had upheld for a lifetime.

He stood fearlessly for simplicity of worship and a clear message of salvation for the individual soul by a personal acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

In the year 1955 and after many months of consideration, meditation and prayer he agreed to accept the invitation of the Church of England in South Africa, to become its Bishop. He was aware that this Church had been persecuted for a hundred years by the Anglo-Catholics in this land; and he expressed his preparedness and willingness to accept the consequences of his action.

These consequences were soon apparent, for on October 5, 1955, without notice to Bishop Morris or recourse to any ecclesiastical court in England, the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr Fisher) saw fit to attack him with world-wide publicity.

Our Bishop remained tranquil, undisturbed and without any trace of bitterness; and soon the Archbishop found that he had to beat an undignified retreat, but the cruel harm had been done, and the Anglo-Catholics in England as well as South Africa continued and intensified their persecution of Bishop Morris himself and the Church he had so nobly led.

The latest evidence of the shocking scandal of that persecution was the elimination of the Bishop's name from the world-renowned Crockford's Directory of Church of England clergy. This sad and cowardly blow came when the Bishop was in low health and doubtless hastened his end.

Let us thank God for this noble, fearless, leader, teacher and loving friend, and let us seek to emulate his faithfulness, courage and devotion to his Lord. Our sympathy and love go not to Mrs Morris and all the family.

D. GORDON MILLS, Chancellor, Church of England in South Africa.

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Church of England in South Africa

In J. D. Douglas' article, "The Church of England in South Africa — an 'unrecognised sect'?" (A.C.R. 15/7/65) nothing was said of how the Church of England in South Africa came into being, so that it should remain separate and distinct from the Church of the Province of South Africa.

It would seem, on the surface of things, that what is now called the C.E.S.A., must have deliberately kept out of the formation of the Church's new province, and it might throw quite a lot of light on the present problem, if the reason could be made known.

Would Mr Douglas please give us the reason which made those concerned feel it necessary to refuse to go with the rest of the Anglican Communion in South Africa of that time into the new province? Perhaps, this is why

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OVER £9,000 has been raised to date towards the target of £50,000 needed to build an interchurch chapel at the Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, N.S.W.

Royal North Shore is one of Sydney's leading hospitals. Founded in 1885, it is linked with the University of Sydney as a clinical training school.

A Hospital Chapel Committee was formed in 1962 to work out plans for the building itself and for ways and means of raising the necessary funds to build the structure.

Representatives of the major Protestant denominations, together with Jewish, Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic representatives, have approved the move.

Seating will be provided for 120, with additional space in a courtyard adjoining the main building. Six vestries will provide for interviews and other needs of different denominations.

The chapel will be located on a slight hill at the end of Reserve Road, between the nurses' home and the new hospital.

Graduate nurses are raising money for stained glass windows and a ladies' committee has raised £2,000 for an organ.

Clergymen from the North Shore area are being called together for a meeting with the Chapel Committee on September 2.

Donations should be addressed to the Chapel Fund, Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, N.S.W. Amounts of £1 or more are deductible for income-tax purposes.



Architect's sketch of proposed chapel.

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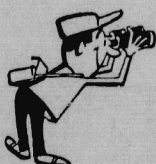
My God-given vision is a first target of 25 million, of which 20 million would be distributed in Australia and 5 million in New Zealand. "Where there is no vision the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18)

I have three well known Christian friends who assure me that they have to send people some distance in Melbourne suburbs to hear the everlasting Gospel as proclaimed by Paul and the Apostles and preached by such men as Charles Hadden Spurgeon in the last century, and Dr Hoffmann, the Lutheran pastor, in his session "Bringing Christ to the Nations" at the present time!

Are the children of God to sit complacently with folded hands? "Watchman, what of the night?" (Isaiah 21:11).

"Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" (Matthew 5:13).

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KOREAN PASTOR CRIED OVER POOR

IN a recent letter to the Australian Branch of the Oriental Missionary Society, Dr Dwight Ferguson, who recently visited Australia and who is now in Korea, writes:

"Sunday, July 18, it was scheduled that I'd speak in the Han River Church. The floods had taken it down the river with the homes of the Han River Colony. The pastor acted as my interpreter at a big church on Sunday morning.

"The first three sentences he cried, because of the plight of his poor people who were housed in a school.

"Mothers had their babies born in those crowded surroundings, etc. Gifts are beginning to come in for the flood victims. Some of our suits will stay here along with socks, etc. We do see the results of your relief help here. It is a huge job you are doing indeed.

"We had our dinner in one of the large Quonset Officer's Clubs the evening before the flood came to take out the bridge, and flood the area.

"Korea is in one crisis or another all the time."

EAST ASIA MAP

A map designed to assist local churches and groups in their study of East Asia has been produced by Australian Inter-Church Aid.

The map (approx. 29 x 19 inches) shows the populations of each country in East Asia and the number of major religions in each country.

A leaflet that accompanies the map gives figures for the main Christian Churches in each country, indicates Australian mission board or Inter-Church Aid involvements and notes major issues facing the churches and people of Asia today.

The map, with leaflet, is priced at 3/- (including postage) and is available from A.C.C., State Council and Inter-Church Aid offices in all States.

Bible still most translated book

THE Bible remains the world's most translated book. UNESCO figures show that 251 Bible translations were made in 1962 compared with 206 books about Nikita Khrushchev and 182 about Vladimir Lenin. Most book translation was in the USSR where there was no Bible translation.

To help Christians in Mainland China who lack copies of the Scriptures, the Far East Broadcasting Company is dictating passages over the air. It is reported that many listeners are recording the programs.

Thousands of Church members are distributing the Scriptures among their neighbours throughout Latin America. In line with the "20,000 Crusade" sponsored by the Bible Societies in Venezuela, volunteers are buying in order to sell or give away the contents of 20,000 Scripture "kits" which comprise Bibles, New Testaments and Portions.

In England the 14 million circulation "Evening News" carried a series of articles based on B.F.B.S. personalities for five successive days in November. This coincided with preparations for Bible Week and the "Feed the Minds" campaign.

In India the target of 3 million copies of Scripture was set for 1964. At the moment of going to press the indications are that this figure has been reached.

In a total population of 400 million, of which Christians in India are only 2 per cent, measures taken to spread the knowledge of the Bible include daily Bible Readings and the Gospel serialised in 10 newspapers.

The urgency and importance of the British and Foreign Bible Society's project to "Treble the Distribution of Scriptures by 1966" is emphasised when we think of the great world-wide significance of the Bible. Please remember these facts during National Bible Society Week August 29 to September 5, 1965.

WORLD REPORT MAJOR EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE IN 1967

NOW being planned for April, 1967, is a National Evangelical Anglican Congress, to be held at the University of Keele, England.

Chairman is the Rev. John Stott, who says of the conference:

"The proposed theme is 'Christ over All.' We hope that the Congress will address itself to some of the major issues facing the Church at the present time, including the person and place of Christ, and His authority; the sacrifice and salvation of Christ; His Church (local, national, universal); His compassion and His commission."

A member of the planning committee said that the emphasis would be mostly doctrinal; the Congress would aim at a re-assertion of the Gospel in a forward-looking manner. It is hoped that the Congress will pull Evangelicals together.

Topics such as reunion, the New Morality and parochial reform are expected to come up incidentally.

Another committee member hoped that the Congress would speak prophetically about issues before the Church.

The Congress is being sponsored by the Church of England Evangelical Council, the Church Pastoral-Aid Society, the Church Society, the Federation of Dio-

Australian link with Old Catholics

Recently launched in Australia is a branch of the Society of St Willibrord, which seeks to foster good relations between the Church of England and the Old Catholic Churches in communion with the ancient see of Utrecht.

At their last Annual Meeting the Anglican bishops in Australia expressed their interest in the work of the society. The Bishop of Tasmania was asked to become Patron.

In a recent message to the Rev. A. J. Broadfield, of Ulverstone, Tas., the Archbishop of Utrecht welcomed the Australian move with the hope that the branch "might be able to be of help for Old Catholics who might be living in your country or will arrive there as immigrants, and to show them the way to the full fellowship and communion with the Anglican Church there, and that through them and through your society branch also our Old Catholic Church may become fully known to our Anglican brethren in the faith."

Further information is available from the Rev. A. J. Broadfield, P.O. Box 18, Ulverstone, Tasmania.

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By Dr Ralph Freed, General Director of Trans World Radio, Monte Carlo

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And another recently mentioned that "... Although it was rather by accident that I came upon the programs of Trans World Radio, I am convinced that God in His great mercy directed me to listen."

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Many thousands told of accidentally tuning our way. This "accident" made all the difference in the world as many came to Christ while many more were restored in the faith. "His words will not return unto Him void."

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Mainly About People

N.S.W.

Writing in the August issue of "The Chronicle," monthly magazine of St. Matthew's, Manly, the rector, the Rev. Ray Weir, says:

"Since announcing my acceptance of the position of Vicar of Moree, certain completely unforeseen circumstances arose. This matter was discussed with the Church wardens who unanimously advised that, in their opinion, the Parish of Manly would wholeheartedly welcome the suggestion that my resignation should be withdrawn. The Archbishop of Sydney is in agreement with this course and I have therefore withdrawn my resignation. As you will know my wife and I have loved working with you here in Manly and look forward with keen anticipation to a further period of service together."

Incidentally Mr Weir and his family will be visiting Lord Howe Island from mid-August until the end of September while Mr Weir acts as chaplain on the island.

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Mr Francis James, chairman of the board of "The Anglican" newspaper, has been appointed honorary religious editor of the magazine "Oz."

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The Rev. Geoffrey Moon, at present curate at St Mark's, Darling Point (Sydney), is to leave that parish at the beginning of September. Mr Moon is going to England for a period of study at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He will be farewelled by parishioners on Sunday, August 29. His place at St Mark's is to be taken by the Rev. Neil Macintosh, at present curate at Holy Trinity, Kingsford. At St Augustine's Neutral Bay, on August 14, Mr Macintosh is to be married to Miss Denise Waddy, daughter of the M.L.A. for Kirribilli, Group-Captain John Waddy, and Mrs Waddy.

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The Archbishop of Sydney has announced that Major General the Rev. C. A. Osborne has been relieved, at his own request, of all Church responsibilities in matters relating to the Press, radio and TV. General Osborne is 69. His work will now be undertaken by the diocesan Public Relations Officer, Mr John Denton.

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FRID., AUG. 13th—Dr. Paul White.

DRUMMOYNE'S MISSIONARY THRUST

SUNDAY, August 15, sees the start of a major Missionary Exhibition and Convention at St Bede's, Drummoyne (Sydney). It will run to Sunday, August 22.

This is the first time such a function has been held at St Bede's.

As well as the Anglican missionary bodies—C.M.S., S.A.M.S. and B.C.A.—exhibitions will also be provided by interchurch bodies such as W.E.C., the Bible Society, Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Gospel Recordings, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Mission to Lepers and others.

A special feature of the week's program will be a Missionary Poster Competition. Prizes are to be awarded for the best general Missionary Poster in four sections.

An unusual aspect of the Convention is that the committee has used regular services and meetings in its programming. There will be visiting speakers at all services on both Sundays as well as at the Sunday school

gatherings on the first Sunday.

Other speakers will address the regular gatherings of C.E.B.S., Bible Study Group, Women's Fellowship and other meetings throughout the week.

Further details may be had from the rector of St Bede's, the Rev. Ken Roughley, 81-1653.

CANON WEBSTER TAKES NEW POST

THE Council of the Selly Oak Colleges has appointed the Rev. Canon Douglas Webster, M.A., Theologian-Missioner of the Church Missionary Society, to the chair of Mission at the Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, from January 1, 1966.

In consequence, Canon Webster has tendered his resignation to the Church Missionary Society, with effect on December 31, 1965.

It is hoped that his Selly Oak duties will still from time to time permit him to undertake overseas research projects and teaching missions of the kind he has pioneered with notable success in recent years.

The Selly Oak Chair of Mission is the only one of its kind in Britain. Canon Webster will be a member of the central staff of the Colleges with responsibility for research and teaching on the world-wide mission of the Church.

The Selly Oak Colleges are a federation of eight independent colleges representing all the major non-Roman Catholic communions in this country.

One college (Fircroft) provides courses for selected industrial workers who have no particular religious affiliation. The largest is Westhill, mainly devoted to the training of teachers, but with courses on youth leadership, community service and religious education.

In a comparatively short time, Canon Webster, probably the most widely travelled Church of England minister, has achieved an international reputation as teacher, preacher, lecturer and author.

★ ★ ★ TO THE POINT

A new carpet had been laid in the pulpit and a workman was being admonished by the minister for leaving tacks lying around. "See here," said the minister, "what do you suppose would happen if I stepped on one of those tacks right in the middle of my sermon?" "Well, sir," came the reply, "I reckon there'd be one point you wouldn't linger on."

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Courses in Sydney on Lay Leadership

Four six-week Courses in Lay Leadership have been conducted by the Sydney Diocesan Board of Education Adult Educational Officer, the Rev. K. McIntyre, B.Ec., Th.L.

They have been held at Wahroonga, Miranda, Mosman and Moss Vale. A total of 120 people have attended.

Each course has consisted of six sessions, four on the Understanding of Group Methods and the Role of the Leader, a session on the Use of Material, and a final session on Preparation for Leadership of Christian Education meetings held in homes.

Mr McIntyre believes that these courses have been highly successful and will arrange further courses according to the demand.



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VERY URGENT ORDER GIVES "VERY HEALTHY HEADACHE"

THE Ghana Government has just presented the British and Foreign Bible Society in London with what the general secretary, Dr. Norman Cockburn, calls a "very healthy headache".

Ghanas' official book-supplying agency has placed an order marked "Very Urgent" for more than half a million Bibles to be included in the 1965-66 distribution of textbooks to schools.

About half the order is for copies of the Authorised Version in English and the rest is made up of various English and vernacular versions.

They want 235,000 in the English Authorised, 108,500 in Twi (Asante dialect), 76,500 in Twi (Akuapem dialect), 47,500 in Fante, 25,000 in Ga, 23,500 in Ewe, and 6,000 in the English Revised Version together with 45,500 New English Bible New Testaments.

Twi, in one dialect or another, is a language spoken by three million West Africans.

First instalment

To meet the demands of the Ghana educational year, a substantial instalment has to be on its way by December and it is the organisation needed for adding a huge load to a full production plan which has given the "healthy headache" to the Bible Society's Publishing Secretary, Mr Norman Bratt, and Sup-

ply Secretary Mr Stanley Kelting—a headache which they confess they welcome.

It means fitting in, as an extra, the equivalent of three-months' output to the programs to which they are already committed. It means finding 150 tons of additional suitable paper, quite a problem in itself, apart from finding the necessary printing facilities.

Mr Bratt and Mr Kelting are aiming to send 120,000 volumes on their way to Ghana by mid-December, as part of a first instalment of 216,000 volumes.

The Bibles will be charged at the normal catalogue prices, less the booksellers' ordinary discount.

In accordance with their usual policy, the Bible Society's prices are less than actual cost, based on an assessment of what the individual buyer will be able to pay to local sellers or bookshops. Thus the more Bibles they sell, the more it costs the Society.

The Society estimate that, including a proportion of freight charges, the 216,000 books will cost Ghana £48,915 and the Bible Society will have to find £28,000.

This order, which is for students in schools—"not to be taken away"—will not affect the normal distribution of Bibles by the Societies in West Africa where there is a rapidly growing demand.

In Nigeria, for instance, the number of Scriptures circulated doubled from 1963 to 1964, and the upward trend continues.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S CONVENTION

A BEAUTIFUL warm spring day greeted the Third Anniversary of the Northern Beaches Convention held at St. Matthew's Church, Manly, N.S.W., on August 5, 1965.

Among the 400 women attending were visitors from as far away as Liverpool and Blacktown.

The Central Chairman, Mrs G. Collins, welcomed the women in the spirit of unity as all one in Christ Jesus.

Mrs Enid Crowther gave her testimony based upon the words of Christ, "I am the Bread of Life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

Inspirational singing was given by the Rainbow Trio.

Mrs Coulson from the Central Committee conducted the singing.

The Convention Speakers

were Miss F. M. Cook, who gave a meditation on Martha and Mary, and Mrs A. M. Chambers led the Session "What the Bible says."

Answers given

Mrs Chambers answered such questions as:

The Christian's attitude to the pill? Are Christians presumptuous? Is physical healing in the atonement? Are there guardian angels? and many others.

The Local Committee did a wonderful job in providing cups of tea and the creche for the children.

Miss Lorna Smith, a Bible College student, rendered two beautiful messages in song and the testimony of Miss Rosemary Allsop was a challenge to all.

The ladies are looking forward with great expectations to the Southern Highlands Day Convention to be held in the Memorial Hall, Mittagong, N.S.W., commencing at 9.45 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, 1965.

Dr GOUGH SPEAKS ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

WRITING to the N.S.W. Chief Secretary, Mr E. A. Willis, the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr H. R. Gough, has said that he recognises that "the Churches represent only a minority of the population and have no right to enforce their own principles upon the majority who do not hold them."

The Archbishop was replying to a letter from Mr Willis which disclosed that a State Government survey had revealed support for the opening of theatres and the charging of admission fees to sporting fixtures on Sunday.

Similar letters have been sent by Mr Willis to other church leaders in N.S.W.

The full text of the Archbishop's statement reads:—

"Members of the Church of England in Australia believe that Sunday should be observed as a day for worship of Almighty God and of Rest for as many people as modern conditions of life allow.

"There can be no question that a weekly day of quietness and restfulness is of great benefit to all people whether they are Church attenders or not.

"We would regret, therefore, any developments which would tend to destroy the traditional observance of Sunday and to take away from others their chance of rest with their families.

Minority

"Having said this, I would make it clear that I fully recognise the fact that the Churches represent only a minority of the population and have no right to enforce their own principles upon the majority who do not hold them.

"Moreover, it is obvious that the present situation in the State of New South Wales is anomalous and inconsistent, giving unfair advantages of trade to some whilst imposing restrictions upon others. Some reform of the law is then to be desired.

"Whilst I believe that what I have said would be in conformity with the opinions of the majority of Anglicans, yet I would emphasise that there is considerable variety of thought on the subject and that I am speaking for myself.

self and not for any group or committee of the Diocese of Sydney or for other Dioceses in the Province of New South Wales."

Gas demonstrations

Principals of church schools, homes and other institutions should note that Wednesday, September 22, will be a special day of interest to them during Gas Cooking Week, 1965.

The Australian Gas Light Company will conduct working demonstrations of the latest heavy-duty gas cooking, heating and laundry equipment at its Commercial Gas Centre, 477 Pitt Street.

Demonstrations will be continuous from 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The A.G.L. Co., cordially invites representatives from organisations who would be interested. They are assured of an enjoyable and informative visit.

MOODY BOOKS STOPPED BY COLOMBIANS

THE director of the Moody Bible Institute's Literature Mission has reported that Government authorities in Colombia have refused to issue an import licence for the entry of 25,000 religious books into the country.

Peter F. Gunther, head of the Moody Literature Mission, said that because the permit has been denied the books have remained in Bogota customs since January of this year.

The books were being shipped to Literature Crusades, a non-profit Christian group in Bogota, for sale or other distribution.

The Moody Bible Institute is well known for its development of an extensive range of good Christian literature in cheap paperback editions.

BELLS RING FOR SYNOD OPENING

THE first service at which the new St. Andrew's Cathedral bells will have been heard was that held to open this week's meetings of Provincial Synod on Monday, August 23.

During the service the bells

were to be dedicated by the Archbishop of Sydney and the bell rope handed to the captain of the tower by Mr F. E. Trigg.

Immediately after the dedication and before the service continued, the bells were to have been rung for approximately one

minute. They were to be rung again for three-quarters of an hour after the service.

Provincial Synod was due to meet at the Chapter House on Monday, Tuesday and (if necessary) on Wednesday of this week.