

Mainly About People

The Bishop of Grafton ordained the following in Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton on Sunday 19 March at 5.30 pm: **Rev Ronald Hastie** (cathedral), **Bruce Turner** (St Matthew's South Grafton), **Harry Harris** (Marwickville) and **Robert Couits** (All Saints' Kempsey).

Very Rev Henry St J. Edwards, Dean of Grafton, broke a collar-bone in a motor accident near Grafton on March 17 and was admitted to Grafton Base Hospital.

Rev Denis P. Robinson, curate of Holy Trinity Kingsford (Sydney) since 1970, has been appointed curate of St Faith's Narrabeen.

Rev Edale L. Barnes, curate of St Peter's Cathedral, Armidale since 1970, left in February to return to parish work in England.

Rev Roland Birrig has been appointed captain of the Royal Hospital, Brisbane.

Rev Francis G. Knight, rector of St Matthew's Grovely (Brisbane) since 1965, has been appointed rural dean of Brisbane West.

Rev Noel Ludlow, rector of St Thomas' Beaudesert (Brisbane) since 1964, has been appointed rector of Christ Church, Verona.

Captain R. L. Gwilt, Federal Secretary of the Church Army, left for England on April 12 and will attend the UK Conference of the Church Army.

Rev Frank J. Stanley, vicar of Charlton (St Arnaud), has resigned from May 15 to return to South Africa.

Rev Douglas J. Stevens, curate of Swan Hill (St Arnaud), has been appointed vicar of Charlton from June 7 next.

Most Rev Felix Arnott, Archbishop of Brisbane, will attend the North Queensland diocesan synod April 29 to May 1.

Rev Chandos C. H. M. Morgan, who was on the full-time staff of the UK Scripture Union before becoming a naval chaplain in 1951, has been appointed Chaplain of the Fleet (Royal Navy) succeeding Archdeacon Ambrose Weeks.

Rev Allan W. Bosser, rector of Braidwood (Can-Gould) since 1967, has resigned from April 30 and will be away overseas for 12 months.

Rev John W. Taylor has been appointed Personnel and Staff Training Officer of the Mission of St James and St John, Melbourne.

Rev William H. O'Grady, chaplain of the Royal North Shore Hospital, North Sydney, since 1969, has been appointed rector of St Clement's Marrickville from June 2.

Rev Anthony J. Humphries, rector of St Luke's Enmore with Stanmore (Sydney) since 1968, has been appointed rector of St John's, Balmain North.

Archdeacon Adrian O. Charles, rector of St Paul's Ipswich (Brisbane) since 1966, has been appointed Senior Chaplain and Director of Religious Studies at Christ Church Grammar School, Perth, W.A., from mid-July.

Right Rev Denis Bryant, Bishop of Kalgoorlie, has accepted nomination as rector of Northam (Perth), an assistant bishop of Perth and Archdeacon of the eastern wheatbelt and the goldfields.

Rev A. Norman Anthony, rector of Northam (Perth) since 1966, has been appointed rector of Kalgoorlie and will take up duties when he returns from long service leave late in July. He was

rector of Boulder in Kalgoorlie diocese 1960-1966.

Rev Peter L. Moss, curate of St Mark's Camberwell (Melbourne) since 1971, has been appointed curate of St Matthew's Kensington (Adelaide).

Right Rev John C. Vockler, formerly Bishop of Polynesia and recently a novice of the Society of St Francis, Plastow, England, has been appointed an assistant bishop of Chelmsford.

Rev Michael J. F. Inall, rector of Timboon (Ballarat) since 1969, was inducted to Eatenhope on 14 April.

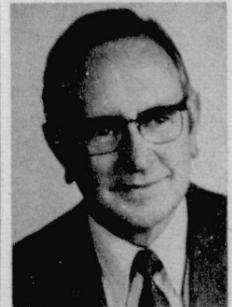
Rev Stuart M. Smith, rector of Belair (Adelaide) since 1969, has been appointed rector of St Augustine's Unley from late May.

Rev John H. Madden, rector of Hindmarsh (Adelaide) since 1962, has resigned from April 3 and has been appointed librarian at St Laurence's Home for the Aged.

Rev James Fraser, vicar of Heathcote (Bendigo) since 1970, was inducted to Kangaroo Flat on April 14.

SU world council meets for first time in Asia

For the first time, the International Council for Scripture Union is meeting in the East Asian region. It is meeting at Golden Sands, Port Dickson, West Malaysia, from April 24-29.



Mr ALAN KERR

The Chairman is Mr P. D. Warren, a barrister, who is from England and the Secretary, Mr Armin Hoppler from Switzerland, who is the International Secretary for Scripture Union.

Delegates come from each of the six major regions under which Scripture Union is administered, 2 Indian, 4 European, 4 African, 4 American, 4 ANZEA and 4 British. Mr Alan Kerr (Melbourne) and Professor Khoo Oon Teik (Singapore), Mr J. C. Robinson (Secretary) and Rev. David Chan (East Asian Secretary) are the four representatives from ANZEA (Australia, New Zealand and East Asia).

Small swing against UK union plan

With voting by English dioceses completed on the proposed Anglican - Methodist union, three per cent fewer than in 1969 have voted in favour of existing union proposals.

Sixty seven point nine per cent approved but a majority of 75 per cent will be required in General Synod on May 3. The swing has been analysed and shows that the lower vote came from both clergy and laity.

Thirty-nine dioceses voted for the scheme and four against, but only 12 synods achieved a 75 per cent majority. Lowest vote for the scheme was in London diocese where both clergy and laity rejected the scheme with only 42.7 per cent in favour. Strongest support was in Worcester with 84.8 per cent. In this diocese both the bishop and the dean were among the most prominent advocates of the scheme.

Much opposition to the proposed scheme does not arise because of a lack of desire for unity with the Methodists. It stems from the refusal of the plan to acknowledge that existing Methodist ministers are exercising a valid Christian ministry.

The Bishop of Adelaide, Dr T. T. Reed was assisted by the Dean, Bishop L. E. W. Renfrey in an act of worship for the choir and congregation. The theme was "Christ in our Common Life."

A combined choir of about 150 voices, drawn from any churches affiliated with the RSCM, sang psalms and five anthems, one of which was Bach's "God is our Hope and Strength." Ashleigh Tobin conducted the choir and David Swale was organist.

The congregation joined in the singing of two hymns and among the prayers offered were those for social justice and for all in their daily work.

We do not receive things by prayer. We receive them by Jesus, Armin Gesswein.

To live a disciplined life, and to accept the result of that discipline as the will of God — that is the mark of a man. Coach Tom Landry.

The ground is holy, being even as it came from the Creator. Keep it, guard it, care for it, for it keeps men, guards men, cares for men. Destroy it and man is destroyed. Alan Paton.

RSCM FESTIVAL IN ST. PETER'S ADELAIDE

Floodlit St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, was filled for the opening of the Royal School of Church Music Festival last month.

Art show helps repair at Zeehan

Over fifty paintings by an anonymous local artist were displayed recently at St Luke's Church, Zeehan, on Tasmania's West Coast. Part of the proceeds from the sale of paintings went towards urgent repairs to this historic old building.

The rector, Rev Blair Grace, believes that it was the first time such an exhibition has been held in a church building in Tasmania.

The sum of \$6,000 was needed to restore the church but \$1,500 was the immediate target. The church is one of the oldest buildings in Zeehan.

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Newcastle churches organise for community action

Twelve denominations in Newcastle have formed the Newcastle Churches' Association for action on matters of mutual concern in the area. The Newcastle Council of Churches which was associated with the Australian Council of Churches, has been disbanded.

The President of the Association is the Bishop of Newcastle (Rt Rev J. A. G. Housden), Secretary (Rev. L. Arthur) and Treasurer (Mrs I. Sercombe).

All denominations send four delegates to the Association.

In a statement to the press, the secretary, Rev L. Arthur said that he envisaged corporate action to be encouraged the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, united missions and crusades, establishing chaplaincy in industry, religious instruction in schools and other matters.

A committee is preparing a report on the effect of the industrial city on the worker and his contact with the Church.

A communications committee is dealing with the issue which will eventually be brought to the notice of the parent bodies.

It hopes for a solution to the fragmented way the gospel is presently communicated by the different churches through radio, television and other media.

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Mission at Semaphore

After almost two years of preparations, a mission is being held at St Bede's Semaphore, SA, with special gatherings for adults, young people and children.

Rev Lance Shilton and Dr John Court from Holy Trinity, North Terrace, are associated with the mission which is being held from April 16 to 23.

A group of Trinity young people, Ralph and Linda Byles and Ean Bidgood will conduct the children's mission.

Lance Shilton has had a wide experience of both parish and university missions throughout Australia. John Court is a senior lecturer in psychology at the University of Adelaide and is keenly interested in evangelistic outreach. The rector of St Bede's is Rev Ben Jones.

Anglicans head National & State Christian Endeavour

The incoming State President of the New South Wales Christian Endeavour Union is Rev John M. Johnston, who has been rector of St. Anne's, Merrylands, since 1957.

With Mr Johnston's election and with Mr Alf Chesterton as National C.E. president, Anglicans now head the national and NSW leadership of CE.

Originally from Western Australia, Mr Johnston was a Bush Church Aid Society missionary in that State, before going to China to work with the China Inland Mission in Kinechaw Province.

Both he and his wife acknowledge their debt to Christian Endeavour for their earlier training.

He will be the speaker at the "Convention Challenge" on Monday, April 24, at Concord Baptist Church. His convention theme is "Hope for a Hopeless Age."

The Convention begins on April 21 at Concord Baptist with the National Fellowship Tea and Rally where the guest speaker will be Mr Alf Chesterton, the National President of Christian Endeavour who belongs to St Matthew's, Birrong.

Testimonial back to Narrandera

When Thomas Christopher Robinson was forced by the bank closures of 1895-96 to leave Narrandera and try his fortunes in Western Australia, St Thomas' Church presented him with an illustrated testimonial on June 3, 1896.

He had been a faithful member of the choir and church committee from his arrival from England in 1883. He married in Narrandera and four of his children were born there. He died in WA in 1929.

The testimonial was returned to St Thomas by his son, Thomas Eldred Robinson, of South Perth, who is the sole surviving member of the family. He is 74. It bears photographs of St Thomas's in 1896 and of a mortuary chapel built by the church in the Narrandera cemetery.

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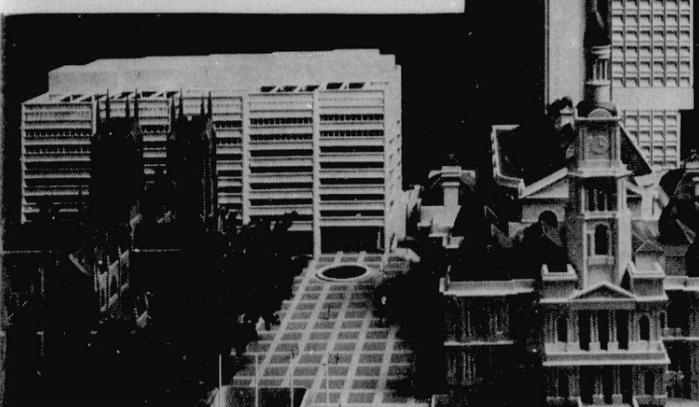
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NEW PLAN FOR CATHEDRAL



The proposed building behind St Andrew's Cathedral. The square lies between the Cathedral and the Sydney Town Hall on the right.

The diocese of Sydney has lodged a development application with the Sydney City Council for a \$12 million building and a public square alongside St Andrew's Cathedral.

The building, to include St Andrew's Cathedral School, Church House offices and commercial office space, is on land fronting Bathurst and Kent Streets already owned by the diocese.

To make way for the new building, the present school and Church House will be demolished, and the school with 315 pupils, will be temporarily relocated in the CENEV Building, 511 Kent Street.

The nine-storey building, 244ft long and 132ft wide, is designed to form, with the cathedral and Sydney Town Hall, an open public square where people can sit and relax. The square will be larger than the Martin Place Plaza.

Church and civic authorities have already agreed in principle to this shared open square, of which more than 60 per cent will be on church property.

They will also share in an

Methodist minister's Anglican status in Carpentaria

Rev Buddy Simpson, a United Methodist Church of the US minister, has been appointed an honorary associate minister of Carpentaria diocese by Bishop Eric Hawkey, at Thursday Island.

Believed to be a "first," the creation of this status allows Mr Simpson, who has spent several years with his family on Mabuag Island, translating the Bible into a local language, to preach, teach and officiate at some services.

The Evangelical Alliance of Victoria is planning a Congress on Communication to be held at the Melbourne Bible Institute, 21st to 24th August next.

The congress, which will open with a public meeting in the Nash Memorial Hall on Monday evening, August 21, will continue through the following three days.

The purpose is to help ministers and lay workers in the problems all faced in communicating the changeless gospel in a world of change.

The emphasis of the congress will be on workshops which will be organised in four categories: a. Youth; b. Rural; c. Suburban; d. Inner City. Delegates will participate in one or other of these groups according to their particular interest.

Workshops will be led by people with experience in the sphere of discussion, but a feature will be the opportunity to share insights. They will be preceded, both morning and afternoon, by position papers.

On the Tuesday the general subject will be "The People to whom we are to Communicate." In the morning Rev Peter Corney will open the subject "Preaching Today's Youth" and in the afternoon Mr John Robinson will stimulate thought on "Reaching the Masses outside the Church."

On the Wednesday the general subject of the Christian worker will be considered in his relationship to communication.

In the morning Rev Frances Foulkes will present a paper on the devotional life of the Christian messenger and its importance in communication, and in the afternoon Rev Lance Shilton will stress the need for involvement with people to be able to communicate to them.

On the final day, the general subject of the media of communication will be before the congress.

As a result, more than 500 New Testaments have gone to people who wrote in.

Melbourne Congress on Communication

BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE PEOPLE



Rev Peter Corney.

Rev Norman Pell will present a position paper covering the verbal approach through preaching, visitation, personal evangelism, cell groups, etc and in the afternoon Rev Geoffrey Ward will take up the subject of Radio, TV, the Press, and Christian Writing.

Public meetings will be held each evening. On Monday evening, Rev Neville Andersen will speak on "The Message we have to Communicate." On Tuesday evening Rev Lance Shilton will conclude the thoughts of the day with a message on "The Community to which we must Communicate Today." On Wednesday night Rev Norman Pell's message will centre on "The Communicating Messenger," and on the final night demonstrations of the use of audio-visuals and films in Christian work will be given.

41,000 at Rabaul Crusade

New Guinea, Monday (10/4/72).—Black evangelist Ralph Bell preached to a total of 41,000 people last week at the beginning of his four-week crusade in Papua New Guinea. 2,602 have come forward at the meetings to be counselled.

The highlight of the crusade so far was a meeting last Sunday at Rabaul when 17,000 people packed the local football ground to hear Bell speak. The congregation began to gather on the field even before the regular Sunday football game had finished.

Bell preached on the subject "Christ the Liberator has come." A total of 1,249 people came forward to be counselled at this meeting.

Bishop Dain to chair world congress

Evangelist Billy Graham has announced appointment of Bishop Jack Dain of Sydney as presiding chairman of an International Congress on World Evangelisation which is to be held in Europe in 1974.

Bishop Dain, an assistant bishop in the diocese of Sydney, is chairman of the executive of the Billy Graham Association in Australia, and was involved in the organisation of Billy Graham's crusades in Australia in 1968-69. Together with Bishop Dain and other evangelical leaders from five continents, Billy Graham met last month in Vero Beach, Florida, to map out preliminary plans. The congress will bring together between 3,000 and 5,000 delegates from all over the world to a location in Europe during early 1974.

Bishop Dain has said: "The Congress will be in effect a call to the Church to finish the task of proclaiming the gospel to the world in our generation.

"Discussion of strategy to accomplish that goal will be high on the agenda, and the entire realm of missions will be included as part of the single emphasis on worldwide outreach."

In 1966 a congress sponsored by Billy Graham and Christianity Today Magazine was attended by 1,100 delegates in Berlin. Since then regional congresses on evangelism have been held in Africa, Latin America, Asia, Europe and North America.

The call for an International Congress came in a groundswell of interest and requests from the regional meetings and individual evangelists leaders.

Nobel prize winner exposes Russian Orthodox Church

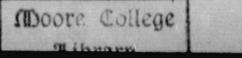
The Russian novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn has addressed a letter to the Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and All Russia in which he strongly criticises the Russian Orthodox Church.

Solzhenitsyn charges the Orthodox Church with acceptance of the situation in which believers are persecuted and places of worship are shut.

The novelist, who professes religious belief, argues that the Patriarch's Christmas call to the Orthodox in other countries to bring up their children to regard and respect the Church needs to be put into practice in Russia.

He asks: "Why is this upright appeal addressed by you only to Russian emigrants?" "Why is it only those children whom you call for to be educated in the Christian faith? Why is it only the distant flock which you admonish to 'recognise slander and lies' and to fortify itself in justice and truth?"

After referring to failure to give religious instruction to children who were baptized Mr Solzhenitsyn declared: "And you, the Church hierarchy, have reconciled yourselves to this and facilitate it in finding therein a convincing sign of the freedom of conscience, in the fact that we are forced to hand over our children defenceless, not into neutral hands, but into the control of atheist propaganda of the most primitive and dishonest kind."



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New Guinea Crusade climax in Port Moresby

94,000 hear Gospel from Ralph Bell

A crowd of 6,000 people attended the final meeting of the Papua New Guinea Crusade conducted by the Rev Ralph Bell of the Billy Graham Association in the Hubert Murray Stadium, Port Moresby, on Sunday, April 30.

A total of 94,000 people attended the crusade meetings held by the black evangelist during the past 30 days of the Papua New Guinea Crusade. Meetings were conducted in seven major centres.

The crusade was an ecumenical occasion having the active support of the Melanesian Council of Churches including the Roman Catholic Church, Roman Catholic Archbishop Copas attended the Port Moresby meeting and read the Scriptures. At the close of the meeting he stayed to counsel some of those who had gone forward for counselling. A total of 589 went forward at this final meeting for counselling.



Rev Ralph Bell

The invitation to hold a crusade in Papua New Guinea came from the Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea, and proved to be a really ecumenical occasion. In his 30-day tour of Papua-New Guinea, Ralph Bell preached to a total of 94,000 people who attended the meetings. Meetings were held in seven major centres — Bougainville, Rabaul, Madang, Wewak, Lae, Goroka and Port Moresby. 9,795 people came forward at the meetings for counselling.

During his time in Papua New Guinea, Ralph Bell spoke with political leaders, school students, college and university students, copper miners at Bougainville — all sections of the community. Local interpreters "turned the talk" from English to pidgin throughout the crusade, while at some of the meetings the message was interpreted into Cooino and Motu.

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UK Anglican-Methodist unity vote fails

Meeting at Westminster on Wednesday, May 3, the English General Synod failed to give final approval to the 1968 Anglican-Methodist union scheme. A 75% majority was required but only 65% voted for the present scheme, slightly fewer than the 65.3% in July last year.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has led the campaign for unity, left the chair to move the motion giving final approval. The 1968 scheme has come under constant fire for its "deliberate ambiguity" concerning the validity of the Methodist ministry. It has been strongly opposed because of this ambiguity by Lord Fisher of Lambeth, formerly Archbishop of Canterbury, by Anglo-Catholics and by Evangelicals. Most Anglicans desire unity with the Methodists but not at the expense of a tacit refusal to

acknowledge that Methodists hitherto have had a real ministry to offer their people. Anglo-Catholics and Evangelicals met together when it was seen that the 1968 scheme would not commend itself widely to Anglicans and a compromise unity plan was drawn up and circulated by the Bishop of Willesden and Dr James Packer and some others. But the supporters of the 1968 plan were adamant in their re-

fusal to consider the compromise and after their first defeat in General Synod they hoped that attitudes would change before its resubmission this month. The Archbishop of Canterbury has now been asked to consider what steps can be taken to further Christian unity in England and the Anglican-Methodist liaison committee has been asked to continue its discussions on matters of common concern.

Large enrolment at writers' seminar

Over ninety men and women enrolled for the Seminar for Christian Writers held in Sydney on Saturday, April 29. Last-minute enrolments greatly swelled the numbers but did not affect the smooth organisation.

It was organised jointly by Evangelical Literature Overseas (Australia) and the Writers' Group of "Decision" magazine. It was open to all denominations and it was held in the spacious accommodation of Stanmore Baptist Church whose women provided two excellent meals and afternoon tea.

Organisers were Mr Ray Guyatt, Rev Graeme Ascough and Rev David Morley. The morning was given to a symposium on writing for the available market and the panel was Mr Eric Daley ("New Life"), Mrs April Hersey (Anglican Press Service), Rev W. Porter-Young and Mr Ken Harrison (Home Mission Society PR officer).

After lunch, Mr Ascough gave a presentation on the work of ELO, Australia. The rest of the afternoon was given to four workshops on writing devotional articles, for youth, for radio and TV and for women. People chose which of



Members of one of the workshops busy thinking or writing during a practice session.

the four workshops they needed most and attended it for the afternoon. Best attended was writing for youth and many young people chose it, Mr Jim McLennan, editor of "Focus," being the leader. Mrs June Bosanquet, editor of "Christian Woman," led writing for women, Rev Rex Meyer (Church Record) led devotional writing and a panel led writing for radio and TV. The workshops aroused a great deal of interest and response and practice was mixed with theory. Before tea a film on writing for children was screened. After tea, Mr Warwick Olson of Anglican Press Service spoke on "Getting your church in the news." This was followed by Rev David Morley (Australian Baptist) who spoke on "Four vital hours." When participants' reactions were tested, most seemed to expect the need for a weekend live-in seminar on a Friday and a Saturday and one may be planned for next year.

New Primate for NZ

The New Zealand General Synod on April 26, elected Right Rev Allen Howard Johnston, 60, Bishop of Waikato since 1969, as its Primate.

He has been acting Primate since Dr Lesser retired last year and he is chairman of the joint commission on Church union, involving five denominations and on which a crucial vote is to be taken this year.

Dr Johnston trained at St John's Theological College, Auckland and was elected Bishop of Dunedin in 1953. He is married with four daughters.

Key Books ACR'S REVIEW EDITOR INTRODUCES IMPORTANT NEW TITLES:



DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE, by L. Gausson. Kregel Reprint Library, 1971, 382 pages, US\$5.95. In this new Reprint Library, Kregel publications of Grand Rapids, USA are making available in first-class editions at a reasonable price, some of the great classic works of theology, 130 years ago an edition of Gausson was published in English in Scotland and every writer on the plenary inspiration of Scripture since that time has expressed his debt to this great Reformed theologian. Among other things, Gausson deals very deftly with all the objections to the plenary inspiration of the Bible that have ever been made. His answers are as valid today as ever they were.

THE INTENTIONAL FAMILY, by Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley. Abingdon, 1971, 144 pages, \$3.60. Two skilful writers show how a family can intend to be a family and act like a Christian family or else just meander along. They consider all those relationships which must be taken into account if it is to be an intentional family and the choices which must be made. It is an unusual book, written with spirit, insight and good humour. A book for mums and dads and for newly-marrieds — but a book to keep handy after it has been carefully digested.

THY PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, by Ruth J. Perl, Bethany Fellowship, 1968, 249 pages, \$US1.95. Two modern Christians who love Israel and who have a burning desire for their incorporation into Christ, tell the story of their experiences in the new state of Israel and their deep affection for the Israeli people. Through it all the Book of Ruth comes alive again in our times.

Papers help shape present attitudes

COUNCILS AND ASSEMBLIES ed. by J. Cumming and D. Baker. Cambridge University Press, 1971, 359 pages, \$7.50. This is Volume 7 in the Studies in Church History series published by the Cambridge University Press. The book contains twenty two papers read at the eighth summer meeting and the ninth winter meeting of the Ecclesiastical History Society of Great Britain. The papers are arranged in chronological order of subject matter. Starting in the early middle ages the history moves through the great medieval councils to Vatican I and II. Geographically the gatherings range from By-

zantium to London, from Rome to Geneva. The councils and assemblies are of well known importance. Some were irreconcilable opponents of the first papal schism. All are well documented by historians. The two final papers are of particular importance for contemporary ecumenical attitudes. The first of these is an interesting comparison between Vatican Councils I and II, while the second deals with the interaction between the 1910 Edinburgh Conference and the 1913 Kikuyu Conference in East Africa.

This is a very valuable volume for the church historian and those interested in modern ecumenical moves.

Glubb: Israel always wrong

PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND: An historical analysis of the Palestine problem by John Dagol Glubb, Hodder & Stoughton, 1971, \$9.25. This is a fascinating study of the past and present history of Palestine. It begins with an examination of the history of Old Testament times which is rather superficial. It continues with a study of Palestinian history from New Testament times to the modern day including wider studies of both Jewish and Arab history outside Palestine.

Parish Life Mission at Blackwater, Q.

The new industrial parish of Blackwater in Rockhampton diocese recently concluded its first Parish Life Mission. It was led by Canon William F. Carter, rector of St Andrew's South Brisbane. Canon Philip of St Luke's Wandal attended as an observer. Rev Greg Ezzy, BCA missioner at Blackwater, gathered 25 of his adult parishioners together for the Mission to explore how well they were carrying out the church's mission to the community and to find ways of doing it more effectively. An entire weekend was devoted to the Mission and participants from Blackwater, Burkan and Kullanda found it a most stimulating experience.

SHORT NOTICES

LETTERS TO AN AMERICAN LADY by C. S. Lewis, Hodder Christian Paperbacks, 1971, 121 pages, \$1. This reprint brings another C. S. Lewis within reach of all. **FACING THE ISSUES 4** by W. J. Krutza and P. P. Di Cicco. Baker, 1971, 144 pages. \$US1.25. Twelve more subjects in the Contemporary Discussion Series. **NEW WELCOME SPEECHES** by Amy Bolding. Baker, 1971, 130 pages. \$US1.95. All kinds of helps for preachers and speakers. **HISTORICAL, BIBLICAL, BIOGRAPHICAL AND OTHER STUDIES** by D. P. Thompson, 1971. A pot pourri of sermons, addresses and historical sketches by a Scottish minister.

Prof. Mackay's Brisbane lecture

Professor Donald Mackay gave the Inter Varsity Fellowship public lecture in the Axom Room of the University of Queensland on April 11 to a large audience. His subject was "Brain and will: or My fault or my glands." Dr Mackay is professor of Communication and a physicist from Keel University, England. He is at present at the ANU on a visiting fellowship. He is one of the editors of the international journal, "Experimental Brain Research." While in Australia, he has given a number of lectures and spoken at meetings for the IVF Graduates' Fellowship.

Place of our senses

YOUR FIVE SENSES, by Stephen Winward, Lakeland, 1971, 128 pages. Paperback, \$1.55. This is an unusual and delightful book. Its sub-title indicates its contents and purpose, "The knowledge and love of nature, people, even God, through ear, eye, hand, tongue and nose." It indicates the place of our senses in the enjoyment of God's creation, and also their place in the communicating of spiritual realities. It uses modern scientific knowledge to show the wonder of our senses, and it uses scripture to show their significance, and to indicate how frequently the Bible uses metaphors drawn from the senses, "the eyes of the Lord," "God's ear," "His hand."

Francis Foulkes

Public hears Gospel story in Warwick

The Warwick, Q. ministers' fraternal made sure that the people of Warwick heard the narrative of the four gospels last Easter. They carried through a reading of the four gospels in the main street. Between 9 am and 5 pm on Maundy Thursday, the ministers

John Knox Banned

A British stamp to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of John Knox, was banned lest it should inflame the Ulster situation.

An attempt is being made to have the matter reconsidered which it is hoped will result in the eventual appearance of the John Knox commemorative issue.

Books

RC SCHOLAR ON BIBLE

THE GOSPELS AND THE HISTORY OF JESUS, by Xavier Leon-Dufour, S. J. Fontana, 1970, 288 pages, \$1.60. Books by Roman Catholic scholars on the Bible continue to appear at a fairly prolific rate. This compact volume translated from its 1963 French original certainly deserves to be noted by clergy and laity alike. The author is thoroughly familiar with contemporary scholarship on the Gospels yet his own outlook is decidedly conservative.

For a comprehensive and stimulating introduction to a modern study of the Gospels which is easy to read and which deepens the reader's appreciation of the biblical text this volume would be hard to beat. \$1.60

Jonathan Edwards on I Corinthians 13

CHARITY AND ITS FRUITS, by Jonathan Edwards, reprint by Banner of Truth, 1969, 368 pages. £1/10/ (UK). Few Christian leaders since the Reformation have been as gifted as Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758). A man of intense personal devotion to Christ, he was a leader of revival, and a creative reformed theologian as well as being a philosopher meriting the description "the greatest of the metaphysical divines."

In 1727, after his conversion, he was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational church at Northampton, Massachusetts, where he struggled hard to stem the drift towards Arminianism. Charity and its fruits was preached in 1735. It is a moving exposition of I Corinthians 13, revealing Edwards' insistence both that true Christian experience is supernatural, Spirit filled and Christ centred, and that "all true Christian grace tends to practice."

This is a deeply spiritual interpretation of the great Pauline "hymn of love" and extending

Atherton Keswick Convention

The Queensland Tropics Keswick Convention was held at the Atherton Show-ground over the Easter period and drew large numbers at both adults and children's meetings. Ministers and laymen of North Queensland Protestant denominations carefully organised the convention and it is now established as a regular feature of North Queensland Christian activity.

Guest speakers were Rev Dr Edward Gibson, principal of the Queensland Baptist Theological College and Rev Matthew Francis, lecturer at the Adelaide Bible Institute.

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An attempt is being made to have the matter reconsidered which it is hoped will result in the eventual appearance of the John Knox commemorative issue.

Portrait of Calvin

THE HUMANNES OF JOHN CALVIN

by Richard Stauffer (trans. by George H. Shriver), Abingdon paperback, 1971, 96 pages. \$2.05.

In the four hundred years since this death, John Calvin has been portrayed by his critics, Protestant and Roman Catholic alike, as a cold, ruthless fanatic. This distorted characterisation still remains in the minds of many today.

Over against this common caricature, Professor Richard Stauffer examines Calvin's personal correspondence, which reveals him as a man capable of human mistakes and weaknesses, and yet a deeply human and dedicated person undeserving of the years of vilification.

This is a short, readable book which should be enjoyed by the non-academic reader as well as the church historian.

Keith Cole

Place of our senses

YOUR FIVE SENSES, by Stephen Winward, Lakeland, 1971, 128 pages. Paperback, \$1.55.

This is an unusual and delightful book. Its sub-title indicates its contents and purpose, "The knowledge and love of nature, people, even God, through ear, eye, hand, tongue and nose."

It indicates the place of our senses in the enjoyment of God's creation, and also their place in the communicating of spiritual realities. It uses modern scientific knowledge to show the wonder of our senses, and it uses scripture to show their significance, and to indicate how frequently the Bible uses metaphors drawn from the senses, "the eyes of the Lord," "God's ear," "His hand."

Francis Foulkes

Public hears Gospel story in Warwick

The Warwick, Q. ministers' fraternal made sure that the people of Warwick heard the narrative of the four gospels last Easter. They carried through a reading of the four gospels in the main street. Between 9 am and 5 pm on Maundy Thursday, the ministers

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