

Mainly About People

SYDNEY
Rev R. Hanlon, Rector of St Paul's Chatswood has accepted nomination to the Parish of St Mark's West Wollongong.

Rev C. Kruse, formerly of Sydney and presently serving with CMS in Salatiga in Indonesia will be leaving there in Sept to commence post-graduate studies at Fuller Seminary in California.

MURRAY
Rev D. Millar, Rector of Millicent, has been appointed Canon of the Cathedral.

Rev C. R. Jupp, Rector of Ballantrae is now the Rural Dean of Strathalbyn.

Rev J. S. Moreley, Rector of Burra has been appointed Rector at Mount Barker from Sept.

Rev C. Patterson, has left Loxton and is Minister-in-Charge of the parish of O'Halloran Hill.

NEWCASTLE
Ven N. J. Eley, at present Rector of Dubbo, archdeacon of Lons in diocese of Bathurst has been appointed archdeacon of Newcastle.

PERTH
Rev T. Doncaster, Rector of Mundaring, has been

appointed Rector of Floreat Park. He will be commissioned on August 15 at 8 pm.

Rev G. Hayles, at present Rector of Kelmscott, has been appointed Rector of Wembley. He will be commissioned on August 29.

Rev P. Harrison has been appointed Locum Tenens of the Parish of Canning as from June 15.

Rev R. Langshaw, at present Rector of Yokine, resigned from the active ministry as from June 30 because of ill health.

Rev Dennis Bazely has been appointed Acting Chaplain of St George's Hospital.

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia
Despite the recent military takeover here, operations of the Radio Voice of the Gospel (RVOG) have not been disrupted. According to a recent visitor, the station has not encountered any problems because it has avoided editorialising in its news reports about the takeover. RVOG is operated by the Lutheran World Federation; its broadcasting time is devoted to religious (30 percent) and educational (70 percent) programming.

— World Vision.

CHURCH HISTORY MADE BY THE AGED IN ENGLISH PARISH

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council published its reasons for allowing an appeal by five members of Christ Church, Brixton, who had pitted themselves against the Church Commissioners in a fight to keep the church in being.

The commissioners had asked, that, consequent to the church being declared redundant, the benefice should be merged with that of St Stephen, South Lambeth, with subsequent alterations.

A group of parishioners, including eighty-nine-year-old Miss Annie Reynolds, conducted their own case before the Judicial Committee.

They made history by providing the sole instance to date in which lay people have had an appeal allowed by the committee since the Pastoral Measure of 1968 — under which the proceedings were taken — was passed.

They made out a case that old people would be subject to hardship in that they would have to walk farther to attend services, and it was maintained that they could "make ends meet". — CEN.



Miss Annie Reynolds

English clinic to help "victims of pornography"

A former Dr Barnardo's home is being turned into a clinic for "victims of pornography".

It will be run by Mr Edward Shackleton, 72, retired social worker who last year attempted to bring a prosecution against the film "Last Tango in Paris", and Mr Geoff Percival, 53, a former gospel pianist.

Both bachelors, they hope a married couple will join them at their "scorn the porn" home.

The 16-room hostel in a Surrey town will open soon for "victims of moral pollution", including sexual deviants, "pornography addicts", and "others involved in erotica".

"We expect our first patients to include actors who have taken part in pornographic films and plays," said Mr Percival.

"They have obviously been damaged by their activities."

The ex-pianist claimed porn addiction was similar to drug or alcoholic addiction, and said patients must want help before being treated.

"We aim to provide a broad-based, caring concern for residents in a civilised, loving and morally pure atmosphere," he said.

"But first they must want to come to terms with the Lord and society."

Security in the hostel, which is backed by the Nationwide Festival of Light, will be strict.

"We will make sure that no bad magazines or books get in," added Mr Percival, who for 22 years was evangelist Eric Hutchings' pianist.

— CEN.

Deputy Principal for Ridley College announced



Rev George A. Pearson

The Council of Ridley College, University of Melbourne, has announced the appointment of the Rev George A. Pearson as Deputy Principal, as from September 1, 1975.

Mr Pearson is at present Vicar of St James' Dandenong parish, Rural Dean of Dandenong and Secretary of the College Council.

The Deputy Principal is responsible for the administration of the college, the promotion of its work, and the maintenance of its financial well-being.

ACL encourages women to join

The Annual Meeting of Members of the Anglican Church League was held at Bible House in Sydney on July 1 passed a resolution encouraging women to join the ACL.

The Secretary, Rev Silas Horton, said that women have always been eligible to be members of the League but now they can also be members of Synod it is especially appropriate that women participate in the League as well.

Another motion asked the League to promote seminars on current social issues and to prepare position papers outlining the biblical viewpoint.

US MEMBERSHIP DROPS

NEW YORK — Church membership in the United States slipped slightly last year from a total of 131,424,564 in 1973 to

Bible Society Tasmanian representative

The Reverend Kenneth W. Percey, ThL, has been appointed Southern Representative, Tasmania, for the Bible Society in Australia.

He will be based in Hobart and is expected to take up his new duties on August 1. He succeeds Mr Neville M. Mellor, who, after 11 years with the Bible Society, has taken up another missionary post in Melbourne.

Mr Percey, who was born in Tasmania, trained for the Ministry at Ridley College, Melbourne, and has served in the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania for the past 11 years.

He has been Rector of Latrobe for three years. He is Acting-President of the Bible Society's Devonport Branch. Mr Percey, 37, is married with three daughters aged 4, 7 and 10. His wife, Beverley, is a qualified school teacher.

131,245,139 in 1974, according to the new Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches 1975. The percentage loss was 0.14.

All of the major denominations showed small membership losses except Roman Catholics who gained 5011 (.01 per cent) from 48,460,427 to 48,465,438 and the Southern Baptists who increased by 230,067 (1.9 per cent) from 12,065,33 to 12,295,400. The Southern Baptist Church is the largest Protestant body in the United States.

The latest membership figures of the 10 largest denominations follow: Roman Catholics, 48,465,438; Southern Baptist, 12,295,400; United Methodist, 10,192,265; National Baptist Convention, USA Inc, 5,500,000; Lutheran Church in America, 3,017,778; Episcopal Church, 2,917,165; United Presbyterian, 2,808,942; Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, 2,776,104; American Lutheran Church, 2,465,584.

A 33-year assessment of membership gains and losses from 1940 through 1973 compiled by Constant H. Jaquet Jr, Editor of the yearbook, but not included in the 1975 edition, indicated that the relative membership strength of Christian denominations remained fairly consistent, with a 50 per cent rise in population over the same period, the report stated.

— Latimer.

BRISBANE TALKS TO END CONFIRMATION

The Brisbane Anglican Diocesan Synod has postponed a decision on a report recommending the abolition of confirmation in the Australian Anglican Church.

Archbishop of Melanesia is appointed

Dean Norman Kitchener Palmer, Dean of Honiara, British Solomon Islands, since 1973, has been appointed Bishop of Central Melanesia.

He succeeds Archbishop John Wallace Chisholm, who died last month.

Dean Palmer is 47 and is married, with a teenage daughter and three younger sons.

He comes from New Georgia in the Western Solomons.

After ordination in 1964 he served in the Solomons successively as an assistant master at All Hallows' School, Pawa (1965-67); headmaster of St Barnabas' School, Alangaula (1967-69); and headmaster of St Nicholas' School, Honiara (1969-72).

— Church Times.

and were elected as Vice-Presidents.

The new President is Rev George Robinson, Rector of St Stevens Willoughby and the new Chairman is Mr Gerald Christmas, solicitor from St Paul's Seaforth.

Among those elected as vice-presidents were three assistant bishops in Sydney, Bishops Robinson, Ried and Camerson.

DEATH OF ALAN SCOTT

The Reverend Alan Scott, BEM, who was New South Wales Secretary of the Bible Society for 20 years, died suddenly in Brisbane on Tuesday, July 1. Mr Scott retired in March 1974, but has been Deputy State Secretary for the Bible Society in Queensland during recent months, when news of his sudden death was received.

Alan Scott was a man who contributed much to the goals of the Bible Society during his 36 years of service, including three states, Victoria, Western Australia and New South Wales. He was Senior State Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia when he retired last year. He promoted the Society's aims in India, Pakistan, Assam, America, Great Britain and Papua New Guinea, as well as throughout Australia.

The Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, the Reverend James Payne, paid a high tribute to Mr Scott on his retirement last year. He said: "Alan Scott has a magnificent record of service to the Bible Society Cause in Australia and Overseas. He gave inspired leadership in Western Australia and New South Wales. We all thank God for his outstanding work."

Mr Scott is survived by his wife Letty and son Ross and daughter Heather (Mrs Allan Cambridge).

No man's power is able to stand against God, or dis-appoint Him of His purpose. — Latimer.

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CONGREGATION PRAYED FOR REMOVAL OF DR JIM CAIRNS FROM OFFICE

A Sydney congregation prayed for the removal of Dr Jim Cairns from the Federal ministry six weeks before he was dismissed from office by Prime Minister Whitlam.

This was revealed to the "Record" last week by the rector of St Matthew's, Manly, the Rev Brian Richardson.

Three prayer meetings were held on Sunday, May 18. On Wednesday, July 2, Mr Whitlam dismissed Dr Cairns from the ministry.

Mr Richardson said he had been concerned with the drift in Federal politics for some time.

"Why should Christian people feel they have to stand by and do nothing?" he said.

"When controversy arose over cables to North and South Vietnam, I thought it was time to do something."

"It seemed to be a case of duplicity for a political leader to foster relationships with North Vietnam at the same time as political attacks were being levelled at South Africa and at Rhodesian representatives in Australia."

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"I see political developments as a threat to Australia and all that I think is so right and good."

Mr Richardson said that practically everyone in three congregations remained for prayer and many had prayed on similar lines in their own homes.

The prayers had not been offered in a vengeful manner but with a sense of dependence upon the Lord.

The result had encouraged many in their own prayer life.

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EDITORIAL 8 am — Time for a change

One of the most cherished customs in the Church of England in Australia is the early morning communion service, usually at 8 am. For generations parishes of every shade of churchmanship have faithfully exercised themselves in this much loved tradition.

Usually what follows in the typical parish is another service later in the morning and one evening service at 7.15 pm. The result in most parishes is that there exist three separate congregations, occupying the same building at different times of the day. It is quite common for many people in one congregation not to even know many from the others, much less have any Christian fellowship.

What justification is there for maintaining three services in these days? Few churches have so many attending that they need to have three services to fit them all in.

Some of course attend early communion services because it allows them to get their church activity over and done with early so that the rest of Sunday can be free to do what they want to do. Others have been doing it for so long that they know no other way.

The continuance of this custom in many churches, possibly the great majority, tends to create serious problems from the point of view of evangelistic outreach and the development of congregational unity and fellowship. For one thing the early service has little appeal for outsiders, the very people the church is trying to reach. Also the attachment some have for the early communion service often has the effect of leaving the other services too small to be attractive to outsiders. Coming at a later hour, whenever they do come, they gain the impression from small numbers that the church is on its last legs. It is virtually impossible for young families to attend early services, and consequently the average age at them would be relatively high.

Often the talents and experience that are present within a parish are stretched so thinly over three services that the impact of the three services is greatly diminished.

Possibly one of the most serious disadvantages of the early service is that it can place a heavy strain on the clergy. To lead a service and preach can be exhausting enough but to do it twice within a short time very often

means that the quality of such ministrations suffers — again to the detriment of all concerned.

It is not at all uncommon to find that early communion congregations have a rigidity and insularity that is a real impediment to growth within the parish as a whole. Often this is accompanied by a mystical attachment to the communion service itself beyond its true biblical significance and which becomes for some a substitute for real worship and an excuse to avoid entering fully into parish life.

How much better it might be for parishes to rationalise their programmes, concentrate their manpower and develop meaningful outreach using all human resources within the local church. It is interesting to note that many churches which were struggling have greatly benefited by it.

Has not the time come for the church to realise that it services a very small proportion of the population each Sunday and the programmes should be devised to meet the realistic needs rather than imaginary or sentimental ones?

Scripture Union Week launched



At the Mayoral Reception. Left to right: Dr Alan Cole, Bishop Robinson, Alderman Brian Wood, Alan Kerr — credit Cumberland Press — see story page 2.

REV JOHN STOTT TO RETIRE IN SEPTEMBER



REV JOHN STOTT, who this year completes 25 years as Rector of All Souls', Langham Place, London — London's best-known Evangelical church — is resigning in September.

Mr Stott will be succeeded by the Rev Michael Baughen, who has been Vicar for the past four and a half years.

This has been under a "Gentleman's agreement" to allow Mr Stott to minister for six months at All Souls' and the remainder of the year in a wider sphere, particularly to pastors and students in the Third World.

Mr Baughen and the PCC have invited Mr Stott to remain in the fellowship as rector-emeritus. He has accepted.

REV JOHN STOTT

Notes and Comments

Concern at R film

It is not our custom to criticise the Sydney Diocesan Magazine "Southern Cross", particularly as we enjoy good relations with the personnel of the Anglican Information Office. However, a feature in the July issue of the magazine does give grounds for concern. A feature which purports to review films showing in the city cinemas (which in principle is to be welcomed) expresses what can only be described as warm commendation for an "R" certificate film which the review itself discloses has "some violence and some sex portrayed".

It is to be remembered that this magazine is the vehicle for the Archbishop of Sydney to communicate to his diocese.

In these days of ever lowering standards films which are given an "R" rating usually indulge in the most explicit portrayal of sex and/or violence.

The question as to whether Christians should or should not see this or that film is rated "R", "M" or whatever is a personal one which should be taken on the merits and content of the film. But it seems highly undesirable that a church magazine, which people trust, should take it upon itself to advise Christians to support films that have been classified even by the community's low standard as worthy of an "R" rating.

One wonders what criterion the reviewer uses to discriminate between one "R" film and another. Is it that only sex and violence presented in a "thought-provoking" way are acceptable?

What is meant by the phrase, "an excellent programme for adults"? We have become used to that phrase being used to justify unrestricted licence by the opponents of any controls.

The scripture says, "Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Prayer book insertions

We draw attention to the fact that the Prayer Books of both the Church of Ireland and the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada included the prefaces of 1662 and 1549 and also the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, despite the additional cost entailed.

The General Synod Liturgical Commission will be seen by all churchmen to be keeping faith with the terms of their own commission, with long-established Anglican formularies and with the Australian Church Constitution by publishing them also, despite any practical objections. Their omission would be seen to be a breach of faith and to be deliberately mischievous.

The ABC and foul air

The Australian Broadcasting Commission has come in for criticism in recent days from many sections of the community. The Dean of Sydney, the Very Reverend Lance Shilton, said "Australians are being subtly hoodwinked into becoming susceptible voyeurs for entertaining purposes in the keen competition for the increasing leisure time of listeners and viewers. Instead of promoting standards for the well-being of all in the community, a free hand seems to have been given to a minority of revolutionaries and libertarians in influential areas of communication who are out to change the structures of society. They dress-up the old miserable immorality as something new and exciting and presents it to unsuspecting audiences as uninhibited freedom of thought. In spite of many complaints, some programmes are getting worse."

These comments together with the complaints of the Festival of Light, the

reference to the NSW Vice Squad and the recent editorial attack on the ABC by the Sydney Morning Herald were sparked off by one particular programme on the ABC's "Lateline".

This programme for some years now has been expounding a headline philosophy of total freedom of expression and behaviour.

Yet this is not the only example of the ABC's irresponsibility.

There are the frequent abuses broadcast by the new rock station 2JJ and even the literature review programme on 2FC recently, Professor Fred May bombarded listeners with a contemptuously cynical tirade of every word in the sorry catalogue of bad language. All the four-letter words and a host of others were used with a repetitious frequency which must have stunned many listeners.

It seems that no amount of protest makes any impact either on the broadcasters themselves or the upper management. Indeed the Chairman of the Commission, Professor Dowling, vigorously defends these practices.

Since the ABC operates with public money and supposedly is a public service, it should not be exempt from observing normal standards of decency, neither should it be free from the restrictions and guidelines that the Broadcasting Control Board places on commercial stations.

SCRIPTURE UNION TOLD OF RETURN TO GOD'S WORD

"As this post-Christian world rejects God's standards, it reaps a bitter harvest," Dr Alan Cole, Master of Robert Menzies College, Macquarie University, said last week. "Yet at this very time, men are returning afresh to the Word of God. This new move back to Bible reading may be the difference between life and death for the moral fabric of our society."

Dr Cole's comments came as he officially launched National Scripture Union Week for 1975 at a mayoral reception at Parramatta, NSW, on July 3. Stressing the importance of the Week's aim — the promotion of daily Bible reading with the help of Scripture Union notes — Dr Cole said it came at a time when our whole Western world was in decay.

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Charles Haddon Spurgeon tells of a man born blind. "He loved the Lord most intensely and was wont to glory in the fact that his eyes had been reserved for the Lord."

"He used to say, 'the first whom I shall ever see will be the Lord Jesus Christ. The first sight that greets my newly opened eyes will be the Son of Man in all his glory.'"

Too often Christian men become so immersed in the affairs of this world that they forget the great hope, the appearing of the Lord Jesus.

To this Day Paul directs the attention of the Thessalonians — again as he concludes his letter.

They must understand that the Lord's Day is the Christian's Day too.

All who believe in Jesus, whether they be idle, faint-hearted or weak have a claim on that Day since Jesus has a claim on them.

In fact, God chose them for the very purpose of saving them on that Day.

Such right thinking demands right action. The Christian man is to be like a soldier on sentry duty. His is to be awake and alert.

His armour is to be faith, love and hope. His King's

instruction on its certainty of suddenness, but they did need to correct their attitude towards it and then their actions.

Day of glory and his own must not catch him by surprise. While there is still time he must be about the King's business.

The fifth and final in a series of meditations — on 1 Thessalonians — by the Rev Reg Piper, soon to become rector of Christ Church, Kiama, NSW. This study is from 1 Thessalonians 5.

How to prepare for the Day: VII-24

Christianity, while personal, is no individualistic thing. The King's return is to give heart to the whole community of Christians. Moreover, it must function properly until his return.

Christians must esteem their leaders. Pastors who are "no idle-bellies" and labour at admonishing are to be honoured.

This will encourage them to continue at it. Christians also must strengthen each other. The fanatics, loafers and meddlers must patiently be warned, the "little-ones" must patiently be given heart and the weak must patiently be supported.

Christians further must do God's will. What is God's will for their life? It is constantly to rejoice, pray and give thanks.

Christians moreover must seek the truth. When the prophetic voice is raised they must avoid being prejudiced or gullible.

What is good must be evaluated and performed. As the Christian community is instructed in God's way so Paul prayers that God will bring them blameless before the King.

He is confident God will do it. Our hope is certain. The Christian community functioning properly is a means God has chosen to bring us to that hope. How we must work at it.

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Parramatta, the Rt Rev Donald Robinson, reminded guests, the first branch of Scripture Union in Australia was formed there in St John's Church of England by Miss Eliza Hassall in 1880.

"Since then, God has used the movement to transform tens of thousands of lives throughout Australia," he added.

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C. R. JAMES
Chief Executive Officer

Is 'pursuit of pleasure' guiding star of western world's youth?

It is an enormous responsibility to direct a youth group or to supervise the direction of such a group.

As well as the clear directives of the Word of God, we need a proper understanding of those significant influences which contemporary society brings to bear on young people.

It is possible, in fact quite probable, that your young people's group has adopted the standards of contemporary society rather than those of the Word of God.

The purpose of this article is (1) to look carefully at what is perhaps the most significant influence upon young people in the second half of the twentieth century, and (2) to then ascertain the extent to which this has affected our youth evangelism and youth work in the church.

To this writer, it appears that it is this influence that is at the root of problems in youth work.

The present generation of young people is firmly committed to the "playboy" philosophy, with its goal of pleasure.

This is not a new philosophy. The ancient Greek philosopher, Epicurus, enunciated the ethical philosophy called "hedonism" (the word is the transliteration of the Greek word for pleasure).

Hedonism commits its followers to the goal of pleasure. It believes that pleasure is the sole good.

Pursuit of pleasure is the guiding star for most young people in the Western world — freedom to pursue the doing of "one's own thing."

Our affluent society affords this opportunity to larger numbers of young people than ever before in the history of Western civilisation.

RADIO STATION FOR FAR EAST

LUZON, Philippines — The Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) has announced plans to complete its new 250,000-watt AM radio station DWRF here by the end of April. The powerful transmitter is five times stronger than the largest AM station in the United States. Together with FEBC's

station HLDA, which began operations last June in South Korea, DWRF will beam the Bible message to millions of people throughout eastern China and Southeast Asia. FEBC transmissions to Communist China are broadcast in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian and English. — World Vision.

DEACONESS HOUSE, SYDNEY PRINCIPAL

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced women for the position of Principal of Deaconess House, of the Church of England, Carillon Avenue, Newtown (Sydney), NSW.

Deaconess House offers for young women the opportunity to train for Deaconess Work, Missionary Service, etc. in the atmosphere of a communal devotional life in residence and in addition provides accommodation for students in University Faculties, Paramedical Studies, Teacher Training and Advanced Education Courses, etc.

Students are selected from among those who offer themselves for training for full-time Christian Service in Parishes, the Mission Field, Church Schools, Religious Education, Youth Work, Hospitals, Child Care, Social Work, etc., or who plan to return to their secular occupations.

Applicants for the position of Principal must be mature in attitude to the role and status of women in today's world. They must be committed Christians and able to give proper leadership for the devotional life and training of students with an ability to minister to them pastorally.

It is anticipated that the person appointed will be of sufficient academic attainment to be recognised as a full member of the teaching faculty of Deaconess House and of Moore Theological College.

Salary will relate to qualifications and experience and will be a matter for mutual agreement. The successful applicant will commence her duties on the 1st January, 1976, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applications should be made in handwriting on or before 30th September, 1975, and should be addressed to The Committee of Management of Deaconess House, C/- Archdeacon R. G. Fillingham, Post Office Box Q 190, Queen Victoria Buildings, Sydney, 2000.

'PLAYBOY' THEOLOGY BEHIND MUCH OF TODAY'S YOUTH WORK

Firstly, let us look at the young people who, having been committed to the playboy philosophy, espouse Christianity.

Much contemporary evangelism is done in the atmosphere of a "Christian" rock concert, with all its accompanying beat and emotionalism.

The music and general excitement make the hearers feel absolutely at home in the evangelistic meeting.

The presentation of the gospel is often accompanied

to transfer their playboy values into the Christian church or youth group.

Undoubtedly the evangelist does not intend this, but that is how it comes across to young people.

The proof that becoming a "Christian" means transferring from playboy philosophy to playboy theology, is shown in the expectation that the program of the youth group will be "exciting" — reflecting the mood of the evangelistic meeting — and that all the young people will have a "tremendous" time.

There is enormous pressure on the pastor and youth leader to produce an exciting program — with something new every time.

Secondly, let us look at the young people who have been brought up in the church.

Surely they do not espouse the playboy philosophy! These young people see their contemporaries outside the church having a "tremendous" time, and they therefore seek to reproduce this in their own group.

It can be done on the pretext of attracting young people or holding young people.

The latter argument is often used by anxious parents who plead for a more "interesting" program — which often means "heavy" on entertainment and "light" on Bible study.

If large numbers of young people turn up at an activity of the group, it is judged by church officials and even pastors as successful (ie, "because it works, it must be right" — which is sheer pragmatism).

This writer has seen Christian youth groups exhibit an almost allergic reaction to the New Testament teaching on discipleship and to Christian ethical evaluations of young people's decisions in relationship to the family, the opposite sex and the teacher or boss.

The interesting point is that, while the youth might be able to very well articulate their subjective experience with Christ, they show a total failure to adjust their

behaviour according to the norms of New Testament Christianity.

Their basic theology is not that of the New Testament but of the playboy.

When challenged about their conduct, they manifest a wholehearted adoption of antinomianism, finding support from the statement of Augustine of Hippo — "Love God and do as you like" — surely a misguided understanding of Christian freedom.

As pastors and youth leaders, we would do well to evaluate our youth programs and the activities of our young people who belong to them.

Is the playboy theology at the heart of the problems of the youth group?

A sure sign that it is will be the manifestation of antinomianism and the resulting rejection of the conditions of discipleship enunciated by the Lord Jesus in Luke 9:23: "And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

ETHIOPIAN REPORT WITH ANNE DEVESON

DON'T LET OUR CHILDREN DIE!

THE MOST SEARCHING T.V. DOCUMENTARY OF 1975			
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NBN3 Newcastle	Aug 3 Sun	4.45pm	ECN8 Taree Aug 2 Sat 10.45pm
WIN4 Wollongong	Aug 2 Sat	3.45pm	CTC7 Canberra Aug 3 Sun 3.00pm
RVN2 Wagga	Aug 3 Sun	9.45pm	CBN8 Orange Aug 2 Sat 10.30pm
AMV4 Albury	Aug 3 Sun	9.45pm	CWN6 Dubbo Aug 2 Sat 10.30pm
NRN11 Coffs Harbour	Aug 2 Sat	6.30pm	NTN9 Griffith Aug 2 Sat 10.30pm
RTN8 Lismore	Aug 2 Sat	6.30pm	
VICTORIA			
GTV9 Melbourne	Aug 3 Sun	11.00pm	STV8 Mildura Aug 2 Sat 6.30pm
BCV8 Bendigo	Aug 2 Sat	6.30pm	BTV6 Ballarat Aug 2 Sat 6.30pm
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The annual essay competition, under the auspices of The Order of St Luke the Physician, is open to all ministers, deaconesses, officers of the Church Army and Salvation Army, and to all who are training for such positions.

The Order, a news item setting out details of this year's essay competition, said those submitting entries should include discussion on contemporary reputed alternatives.

The closing date for entries is November 30. Candidates should use a nom-de-plume, disclosing their own name and address to the Registrar of the Australian College of

Theology (Dr S. Barton Babbege), New College, Kensington, NSW, 2033.

Assessors would be appointed by the Australian College of Theology. They would award a first prize and might also award a second prize for meritorious entry.

Value of the first prize would be about \$120. There was no entry fee.

Further information is available from the Hon Federal Secretary, The Order of St Luke the Physician (Australia), PO Box 49, Gerringong, NSW, 2534. Phone (042) 34 1249.

CHRISTIANS IN RUMANIA 'DYING FOR CRIME OF PRACTISING THEIR FAITH'

GLENDALE, CALIF — Religious prisoners in Rumania, beaten and tortured, are dying for the crime of practising their faith.

So claims a Glendale, California, religious organisation, Christian Missions to the Communist World.

The organisation, which supports underground churches throughout the Communist world, makes the charge on the basis of letters recently smuggled out of Rumania.

The letters, reports Dr Richard Wurmbrand, general director of the

Received from the Underground Research Bureau, a news service of the Christian Missions to the Communist World Inc, which sponsors the Underground Church in the Iron Curtain countries. The news service translates news documents and secret letters received from behind the Iron Curtain.

The translations are distributed to the Free World. Australian address of the organisation is PO Box 34, Miranda, NSW, 2228.

organisation, tell of prison conditions which caused the deaths of two Adventists whose last names are Zecianu and Simescu.

The organisation says Adventists have been imprisoned and compelled to work at hard labour every day including their Sabbaths.

Placed in spiked chains weighing 40 pounds, the Adventists were beaten with whips, says the organisation.

violates the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, should not be accorded favoured nation status by the United States of America.

The US Congress is now considering such action.

Dr Wurmbrand, who himself endured 14 years in Rumanian prisons for teaching the Christian religion, told of his own experience after Rumania was over-run by the Communists following World War II:

"We were put in wooden boxes just a little larger than we were.

"Sharp nails were driven into every side of the box.

"We were forced to stand in these boxes for endless hours.

"When we became fatigued and swayed with tiredness, the nails would go into our bodies."

He also told of being thrust into cells coated with ice.

He would be left in the cell until a doctor saw signs of his freezing. Then he would be dragged out, thawed, and thrust back into the icy cell.

He said: "Even today I sometimes can't bear to open a refrigerator."

He said further: "They broke four vertebrae in my back and many other bones. They burned me in a dozen places. They cut 18 holes in my body."

"Doctors in Oslo, seeing this, declared that my being alive today is a pure miracle."

"I believe God performed this wonder so that the world could hear my voice crying out on behalf of the underground church behind the Iron Curtain."

"Today, the Christians of the underground church are suffering more than ever before," he said.

"That is why," he added, "I protest so vigorously the possibility that Congress may grant Rumania the status of a favoured nation."

tion among all people in Mozambique, and to establish that peace and justice of

— "Church Times"

DENOMINATIONS MEET ON WORLD FOOD CRISIS

More than 50 representatives of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish churches and organisations met recently in Washington, DC at the first Inter-Religious Consulta-

tion on the World Food Crisis. The meeting was called to consider the need for, and possible creation of, an inter-religious coalition to stimulate public concern about world hunger and to provide a channel to express this concern to the US government. Participants drafted a statement calling for the formation of an inter-religious coalition on world hunger which would sponsor a national conference on religion and world hunger early in 1976.

— World Vision.

WCC GREET'S MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION

The World Council of Churches was officially represented at an independence celebration held last Sunday in Can-Phumo (Lourenco Marques) and organised by the Protestant Churches of Mozambique.

A message of greeting cabled by the WCC's general secretary, Dr Philip Potter, and read at the celebration, declared:

"We rejoice with you Christians and all people of Mozambique at your liberation from centuries of colonial rule and the beginning of your independence as a nation. What you have achieved is a sign to all people that racism and colonialism wherever they

occur must give way to justice and equality."

Noting that the WCC and its member Churches had "sought to stand alongside you during your years in the wilderness," the cable renewed the Council's commitment "to you in this new stage of your Exodus."

It concluded: "We look forward to strengthening our bonds of solidarity and Christian unity as you intensify your efforts to make manifest his love and salva-

Bendigo, St Arnaud dioceses plan to intergrate this year

The Synod of the Diocese of Bendigo, at its meeting toward the end of last month, accepted the proposal of amalgamation of that diocese with the Diocese of St Arnaud.

In moving the acceptance motion, Archdeacon C. D. Sheumack said that discussions had been held for some years on the future of the Diocese of St Arnaud, as well as on the organisation of the whole Province of Victoria.

He outlined the recent history of the amalgamation proposal and negotiations, and said that both dioceses were small, both in area and in number of parishes.

Whereas episcopal opinion in Australia favoured about fifty parishes

would take place in preparation for the acceptance of the amalgamation by General Synod in 1977.

At that stage, the two would become one diocese under the Bishop of Bendigo. The motion was seconded by Mr J. J. Potter, supported by the Very Rev A. G. McKenzie, and carried unanimously.

— St Arnaud Churchman.

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Call for Christian political, economic involvement

Sir,

The caption of your report quoting the Rev David Evans, "Missionary Politicians" not wanted in Africa ("Record", May 29), says the Rev David Evans, "could mean many things, and unfortunately the subsequent news item did not clarify sufficiently what was implied in the headline."

However, it does seem that the Rev Evans believes that "preachers" and "teachers" are acceptable missionaries, whereas "missionary politicians" are not in Africa, or elsewhere for that matter.

Is Mr Evans saying the Christian missionary must not have a political viewpoint and if he does it debars him from being a teacher?

If such is the case, then such a view must be deplored.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

and as I see the history of at least the 20th century, if not much longer, the vacuum created by the lack of understanding of basic politics amongst Christian teachers underlies the alarming retreat of Christianity throughout what was formerly referred to as Christendom.

Moreover, while appreciating the dedicated work with gratifying results of Christian missionaries in Africa and elsewhere, I am realistic enough to recognise that with the cessation of traditional practices of justice, the maintenance of law and order based upon Christian moral laws, administered through the now generally maligned colonial administrations, has been followed by an uprise of despotism throughout Africa which every thinking Christian must deeply regret.

Modern governments of our world, the so-called third world, and the United Nations pursue political and economic policies designed to advance Marxian-materialistic concepts, often with the support of confused Christians.

The virility and strength of Christian missionary teaching will not revive until Christians grasp the nettle of espousing and implementing Christian economic and political policies.

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Ordination of women

Sir,

It is interesting that Dr D. B. Knox, after proving less than a year ago in the



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£1000 to WCC despite York Synod's reduction

A year ago the General Synod, meeting at York, cut by £1000 its grant of £17,400 to the World Council of Churches as an expression of disapproval of the controversial Programme to Combat Racism.

Two South London incumbents set up a WCC Fund in order to replace the £1000 by individual subscriptions; and an appeal for this appeared in the Church newspapers.

The appeal has raised over £1000, of which £800 has already been handed over.

On Tuesday, the anniversary of the original decision to cut the grant, the Bishop of Chelmsford handed a cheque for the balance of £225 to the Earl of March, chairman of the WCC's Finance Committee, on the steps of Church House, Westminster, during the morning session of the General Synod. — "Church Times".

"Church Record" that women should not be ordained, should apparently now think it necessary to arrive at the same conclusion by a different route. Perhaps by criticising details of his present argument one might render it as short-lived as the last one apparently was.

But it would probably be more useful to question, not the argument, nor the sincerity or conviction of Dr Knox and those who agree with him, but whether they realise the limitations of deductions from the letter of Scripture in this case.

In fact, Evangelicals have not always restricted themselves in this way. We have felt free to oppose Scripture when driven by a strong moral conviction. One of our glories is our part in the fight against slavery, which was inspired by a moral conviction largely derived from secular sources.

To an increasing number of people, including many Christians, the question of women's rights in the church and society generally is also a moral issue. Quotations and arguments from the New Testament have no more relevance to their convictions than references to Philemon, etc, by slave-owners and their supporters had on Christians who believed that, let the Bible say what it might, God had shown them that slavery was a moral evil that must be opposed.

G. S. CLARKE,
Putney.

necessary funds to keep afloat. There are many reasons for this.

In the World's eyes the Church has no place and no value; and in a sense she always has to fight for survival. But the present economic recession has contributed to the problem as well. And then there is that sweeping epidemic of malaise affecting everyone everywhere — an almost overwhelming feeling of "Oh well, who cares?" which I would see as the Devil's best weapon in the 20th Century.

Many solutions are rushed forward to combat the problem of the struggling parish. I see only one: Unity. I wish to see and to be involved in a policy of "One town, one Roman priest and one non-Roman clergyman to serve the needs of all Christians in the community."

And to avoid polarisation between the Roman and Protestant I would see the closest co-operation between the two clergy and the two congregations, without the paranoia so rampant today between denominations.

When I read Jesus' many words on unity and agreement, I can't help feeling that this is His will. Perhaps He is saying to us "Unite or cease to exist!"

(Rev) KEITH STEVENSON
Rutherglen.

More on Glebe Board controversy

Sir,
I'm grateful for George Robinson's reply to my letter in your last issue.

However, he still ignores the important issues I raised.

Also, I'm sorry he interprets me to accept investment in stocks and shares as an accep-

table Biblical principle for financing the work of the Gospel. My real point was that given the Glebe Board's belief in its task of managing assets rather than using those assets, investment would have produced at least as much money as property development. Mistakes in judgement have apparently occurred, and will continue to occur as human minds are not perfect, so that maximum income from development is rarely possible.

But that really is not the point. George Robinson raises the issue of "property management". To me there are two kinds of property management: managing the property you use in the work of the Gospel, and the property you own but hire out to others to use for non-Gospel purposes.

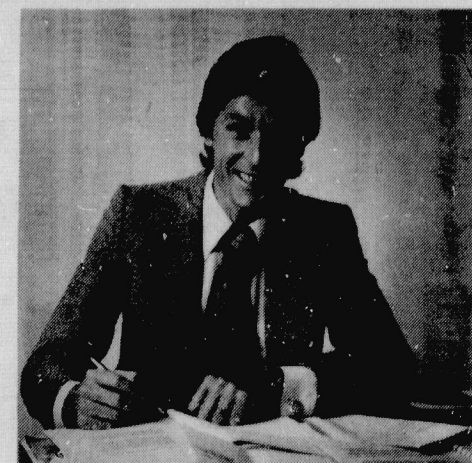
No-one disputes that the Church must manage its own buildings and land: that is of the essence of good stewardship. But I do dispute that the Church should own property — shops and offices — to manage for secular businesses. In the end the financial gain is outweighed by the spiritual loss, as I indicated in my previous letter.

I am impressed by the fact that the smaller evangelical denominations do not seem to subsidise their Gospel work by property management or investment, yet they seem to do more social work proportionately than we Anglicans, and show healthier growth patterns.

I believe we have been guilty of being too culturally contained in our attitudes to finance, and that it's time we went back to more scriptural principles.

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UGANDA EXPELS BRITISH MISSION WORKERS

Two British missionaries, ordered out of Uganda by President Amin in June, had arrived in London, "CEN" reported recently.

They are the Rev John Holden, since 1971 with the Church Missionary Society in Jinja as a member of an ecumenical team of industrial chaplains, and Miss Ruth Stranex, a nurse with the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society.

Mr Holden and his wife, Helga, had travelled into Kenya to visit their children at school.

At the frontier on the way back, they were stopped and Mr Holden was presented with a notice which stated he was "an undesirable immigrant".

Ordered to leave at once he was detained briefly at

Building plans for Meriden total \$500,000

Meriden Church of England School for Girls in Sydney, has begun a \$500,000 development programme to provide additional sporting and educational facilities at the school in Redmyre Road, Strathfield.

Development approval has been granted for the first stage costing \$200,000 and the work is under way.

The first stage includes a new administration and staff block, a 25-metre swimming pool, change and shower rooms, a new canteen and music rooms.

It is being financed mainly by funds given by parents and friends. Contract for Stage 1 has been let to well-known

MINISTRY OF WORD OF GOD

Church attendance is one of the duties of those who profess to obey Christ, and is a God-ordained means for growth in the Christian life.

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"Let the Word do it" was Martin Luther's oft-repeated motto.

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God's word has been committed to Christians in order that it might be ministered to others.

We are stewards of the Gospel, "stewards of the mysteries of God". (1 Cor 4:1)

It is required in a steward that he should be faithful to his assignment, and that he should not leave it for another, though perhaps closely allied, task.

Kampala, and then put on a plane home.

His wife stayed on a few days to tidy up their affairs.

Miss Stranex, who worked in Northern Uganda, was accused by the authorities of "making a religious disturbance".

Also sent home she found herself on the same plane as Mr Holden.

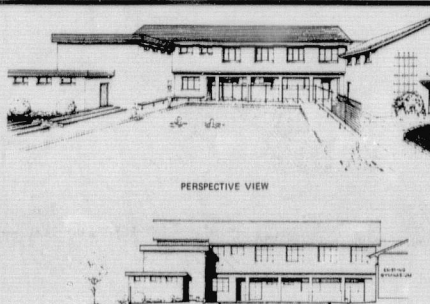
The Word and Life

D. B. KNOX Principal
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and no Christian should desire to accomplish more than that.

So then, "let the Word do it". But it cannot be any word, thought up as it were at the last minute.

told that He would say to a group of humans "Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels," and that, having said it, they would go away into



• Proposed Meriden extensions

additional music and craft rooms.

The headmistress of Meriden (Miss S. M. Morton) said the school had good classrooms, assembly areas, and library facilities.

However, the school had felt the need for some time for a swimming pool and squash court to complement the existing sporting facilities of tennis and netball courts and gymnasium, as well as an upgrading of the existing craft rooms.

The pool will be half Olympic in size with five swimming lanes and diving boards.

Stage 1 is expected to be completed about the end of the year.

The new administration and staff block is needed not only to provide modern facilities for the staff, but because the present administration offices are to be demolished to make room for the pool and change rooms.

The pool will be half Olympic in size with five swimming lanes and diving boards.

ABORIGINES WEEK SERVICE AT CATHEDRAL

National Aborigines Week was celebrated at St Andrew's Cathedral at the Wednesday Lunch-Time Service addressed by the Reverend Stanley Giltrap, the CMS Regional Secretary for Aborigines.

The Dean of Sydney, the Very Reverend Lance R. Shilton introduced the Service by using the prayer composed by the Reverend Canon Boggo Pilot, who ministers to the Thursday Island Community from Townsville, Qld.

A display of Aboriginal Artifacts was organised by the BCA and the Lesson was read by an Aboriginal boy, Trevor Raymond, who is a pupil at St Andrew's Cathedral School, perhaps one of the youngest people ever to read a Lesson in the Cathedral. He needed to stand on a box behind the Lectern so that he could be seen over the head of the eagle.

The Reverend Stanley Giltrap, who has been responsible for the physical and spiritual welfare of

aborigines for many years stated:

"The continuing problems of the Aboriginal communities must remain the concern of all Australians. Not least is the problem of excessive drinking which has come to be identified with the rights of the Aboriginal people to choose their own lifestyle within the Australian community.

"However, the existence of problems must not blind the Australian public to the very considerable gains which have been made in recent years. The Government's policy of self-determination for the Aboriginal communities has given to the Aborigines a responsibility which they have gladly accepted and the granting of financial assistance has

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eternal punishment. (Mt 25:41, 46)

To gloss over this truth is not a mark of faithfulness in the stewardship of dispensing the mysteries which Christ has committed to us.

It is worth noting that some of our Lord's sermons gave great offence to many of His disciples, so that they "walked no more with Him". (John 6:66)

His preaching emptied the church, as we might put it. This is a warning! Let us should take numbers in it as an object to be striven for, or as a test for a successful ministry.

God's purposes for His word are not always the same. When ministered by St Paul, or by Billy Graham, multitudes believed.

Yet when ministered by our Lord, the most perfect of ministers, few believed.

None of us know what God's purposes for our ministry are.

Yet we have Christ's promise that if we minister His words His sheep will hear. "My sheep hear my voice ... and they follow me".

If others do not believe, it is, as Jesus said, because they are not His sheep. (John 10:26, 27)

So then, let the Word do it; for if the minister lays aside, even for a moment, as too slow and disappointing in "results", this God-appointed means, he will be found to have enclosed in the sheepfold those who are not Christ's sheep, but rather wolves who will tear and scandalise the flock.

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The author writes from the point of view of being himself a south-sea islander.

The book makes interesting reading as an introduction to the history of the Solomon Islands, but since it surveys 400 years of history it can only deal in broad outlines.

The history of the Christian Missions — Roman Catholic, Anglican and Evangelical — are touched on with sympathy and there is a brief account of the events of the last war, as it affected the islands.

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D. B. Knox

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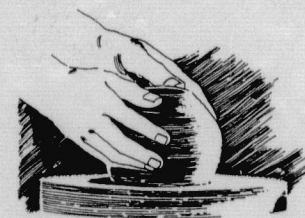
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HOLDING CHURCH FAMILY AT COMMUNION SERVICE

Going, going, gone! — That may be the story of 8 o'clock communion services within a few years.

Slowly but surely more parishes are finding that one service per morning fosters fellowship to such an extent that, in one rector's words, "it opens up a totally new concept of the church".

but on the Puritan period in general.

This comprehensive, detailed and painstakingly thorough presentation of the lives of the two Henrys, with its numerous appendices, notes, sermons, letters as well as indices is not recommended for the general reader — but would no doubt be a source of delight to the historian, clergyman or student specialising in the Puritan era.

Donald K. Wilson

CHURCH CRICKETERS REPORT BUSY YEAR

More than 100 cricket teams from churches within the Sydney metropolitan area had participated in competitions conducted by the NSW Churches' Cricket Union during 1974-75, the union's honorary secretary, Mr Stacy Atkin, said this month.

He said a special feature of the past season had been the series of interstate church cricket fixtures in Sydney during the Christmas-New Year holidays.

This series had been won by the Union, with an undefeated record. The most successful double cricket tournament was played at Timbrell Park, Drumoyne, on Australia Day.

Winners of that event were: A grade — John Ellison and Garry Pennicuck (St Clement's, Marrickville); B grade — Alan Pryde and

Ross Fraser (St Paul's, Castle Hill); and C grade — Kevin Lang and Drobny Waterson (St Andrew's, Dundas).

Mr Atkin said the Union would hold its 73rd annual meeting in the Chapter House of St Andrew's Cathedral, George Street, Sydney, on Thursday, July 31, at 7.45 pm.

The meeting would be presided over by the Union president, the Rev Roy Gray.

At the annual meeting arrangements would be completed for the 1975-76 season.

The A, B and C grade competitions would commence on Saturday, September 6, and D, E and F grades on September 20, 1975.

Any church wishing to have further particulars about the Union was invited to telephone or write to: Mr Stacy Atkin (Hon Secretary), 30 Stanley Road, Epping, 2121. Tel 86 3069 (home) or 290 1111 (office); or Mr J. S. L. Macdonald (Assistant Secretary), 68 Moxhams Road, Winston Hills, 2153. Tel 639 5384 (home) or 82 0711 (business).

Blazers, caps and cups won by various clubs and players during the past season would be presented at the annual meeting.

The premiers, divisional winners and runners-up in the various grades last season were: —

- A grade — Lidcombe Congregational — Premier; St Alban's, Epping — runner-up.
- B grade — Revesby Methodist — Premier; Burwood Salvation Army — runner-up; All Saints', North Parramatta/St Paul's, Carlingford.
- C grade — St John's, Ashfield — premier; Revesby Methodist — runner-up; St Andrew's, Dundas, Carlingbah Gospel Chapel with Blakehurst Baptist.
- D grade — St Luke's, Concord — premier; Bankstown Baptist — runner-up.
- E grade — St Barnabas', Westmead — premier; Bankstown Baptist — runner-up.
- F grade — Yagoona Baptist — premier; St Luke's, Concord — runner-up.

"We used to have three different churches meeting in the same building," said another minister. "Now we have one."

"For the first time there is a feeling of belonging to a family."

"The whole thing begins to have meaning."

Another man said he now preached every Sunday morning to 20 per cent more people than the combined total of the previous two morning services.

In the average early morning communion service there's little awareness of belonging to a corporate body.

"Most '8 o'clockers' don't know what fellowship is," was the report from a church which eliminated the earlier service each Sunday.

"For them, 'church' means sitting by oneself for an hour and then getting away as soon as possible afterwards."

"And you just don't find families worshipping together at all."

One man with experience of both systems in the same parish said the early communion service resulted in what was really a false doctrine regarding worship:

"It's not communion unless it's 8 o'clock," he said. "There's almost an asceticism about it, as if there's added merit in arising early."

One other disadvantage is that those attending early often have little understanding of the Lord's Day.

As one regular at 8 o'clock once explained to me, "I like to get it over and done with."

Recessions aren't only the lot of the financial world.

A Roman Catholic ecumenical director in the US says the Protestant-RC "ecumenical binge ... is mired in a veritable recession."

This quote introduced an account in "The Churchman" of two parishes in Rockville Centre, NY, one Lutheran and the other Catholic, which had worked together for unity over several years.

Once intercommunion looked like being a reality, the RC bishop put his foot down unless the Lutherans went his way.

The bone of contention was the hoary myth of apostolic succession.

Tom Paine (who isn't likely to appear regularly in this column) once said, "The Reformation served more than any other event to break the first link in this long chain of despotic ignorance."

"The Churchman" comments that the failure of the ecumenical craze is likely to save us "from another such necessary and painful Reformation."

It also notes that the proposal for a single, large Protestant church, as developed by the Consultation on Church Union, has floundered.

One date in May seems to have passed unnoticed — the 400th anniversary of the death of Matthew Parker, first Primate of All England without authority or recognition from the Pope.

In 1959, upon the 400th anniversary of his consecration, Canon Charles Smyth wrote of him in "Church Times":

"He came to his chair at a difficult and dangerous time; the features of his character which stand out most clearly are his gentleness, his moderation, his dislike of persecution, his catholic

temper, his complete freedom from self-seeking, his intellectual integrity, and his moral courage."

It was the final day of preparation before the big CEBS camp got under way at Loftus.

"Church Scene" describes how one helper latched on to

On and Off the Record by DONALD HOWARD

a truck driver whom he knew only as "Curly".

Together they undertook garbage removal, sanitary carting and what-have-you, with the off-sider giving the

ISCF HISTORY CAMP

The southern highlands of NSW and the Australian Capital Territory will be the venues for this year's annual History Camp run by the NSW Inter-School Christian Fellowship. Students in Forms 3 to 6 from all over the state have begun registering for this unique type of camp to be held in the August vacation.

The camp is designed to develop historical skills by researching particular areas and themes in Australia's history, and by applying these skills to the study of a biblical document (this year, St Luke's Gospel). The aim is to demonstrate the relevance of history and Christian faith to each other.

Located at Camp Orana, Bundanoon, the students and their officers will move out each day to research local history at Bowral, Moss Vale, Mittagong and Berri, and will also spend one day in Canberra examining nationalist and militarist themes. In all this there will be plenty of fun and recreation as well!

The Camp Director is Mr Bryan Cowling. History Master at Kingswood High and the team consists of history lecturers and teachers.

Young people who wish to attend should obtain an application form from their ISCF Counsellor at their school or from ISCF, 129 York St, Sydney.

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Mainly About People

BALLARAT
Rev G. W. Hillman was inducted to the parish of Willaura on May 29.

Rev H. S. MacGlashan has been granted permission to officiate. He is Chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Geriatric Centre and assisting at St Peter's, Ballarat.

Rev H. Hannaford, formerly Rector of St John's Soldier's Hill, Ballarat, died on June 7.

Rev Canon L. S. Langdon, the former Rector of St Paul's parish, Ballarat, died on June 12.

SYDNEY
Rev G. L. Harrison, Rector of Wilberforce, has been appointed Rector of St Thomas, Enfield.

Rev C. L. Widdowson, Rector at Fairy Meadow, has resigned to take effect at the end of 1975.

Rev S. Giltip has been appointed chairman of the Deaconess Appointments Board and Chaplain to the Deaconess Order.

Rev W. H. Ostling, has been appointed Honorary Secretary of Deaconess Appointments Board. Enquiries regarding the appointment of Deaconess or Parish Sisters should be directed to Mr Ostling.

ROCKHAMPTON
Rev N. Knott, BCA Morabab, has resigned to take up appointment as Rector Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane.

Rev G. Ezzy, Regional Director of ITIM in Central Queensland and State Secretary of BCA, has been appointed Rector of Dalby in diocese of Brisbane.

GIPPSLAND
Rev J. M. Verspaandonk, Vicar of St Mark's, Emerald, in diocese of Melbourne, has been appointed Rector of Orbst in East Gippsland. He replaces Rev J. St. Clair who has moved to Sydney.

Rev K. Campbell, of Albion Park, diocese of Sydney, has been appointed Rector of Bruthen from September 2. He succeeds Rev B. Cliff who has become Minister-in-Charge of Stratford.

WILLOCHRA
Rev N. Forgie has been appointed Rector of Peterborough-Orreroo.

Rev J. Morley has been appointed Rector of Mt Barker in diocese of The Murray.

Rev J. Hardy, of Port Pirie, has become Rector of Auburn-Riverton.

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MELBOURNE
Rev J. L. Reeve, of St Mark's, East Brighton, to incumbency St George's, East Ivanhoe.

Rev P. P. Kan, Minister-in-Charge St John's, Sorrento, to incumbency St George's, Reservoir.

Rev R. Chittick, from Copmanhurst, NSW, to chaplaincy Bendigo and Northern District Hospital.

Rev R. L. Braddon, from Christ Church, Newport, to Assistant Curate Missions District of St James and St John.

RIVERINA
Rev B. Farran, Minister-in-Charge Lake Carrigella has resigned to take the appointment as Rector North Rockhampton.

CANBERRA-GOULBURN
Rev S. R. Willey, Rector of Tumut, has resigned to become ABM Executive Field Officer in NSW, from end of August.

Mr Barry Fernley, was made Deacon on June 24. He will continue at St Matthew's, Albury, where he has been a Stipendiary Reader.

New involvement in Africa

The Commission of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the WCC has agreed to a \$3.6 million rehabilitation programme in the Sahel countries of Africa which are just emerging from a 5 year drought.

In 1974 the rains were more or less normal but livestock resources, basis of the economy in the Sahel area, will take many years to be replaced and the situation remains precarious. In some cases 100% livestock losses occurred.

The projects will concentrate very heavily on rural development programmes and the retraining of herdsman and farmers, in an effort for the World Council community to express solidarity with people who are struggling to build their own future.

Another grant from the Commission was made to four newly independent African nations — Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Mozambique and Angola for agricultural, medical and educational assistance.

In approving the grants, the Commission called on the international church community to use all its resources to help the newly independent countries cope with their inherited problems.

The entry of the Roman Catholic Church into a body in which it would find itself on an equal footing with other bodies which also claim to be Churches would not diminish its faith about its own uniqueness. The Roman Catholic Church considers itself to be the only true Church and the sole depository of truth.

This is the uncompromising stand taken by the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity in an official statement issued in Rome, with the approval of Pope Paul, this month.

The statement, intended to afford guidance for Roman Catholic bishops throughout the world in their conduct of ecumenical work with other Christians, amounts, said a Vatican spokesman, to a warning against "wildcat ecumenism on the part of spontaneous groups, whose activity should be encouraged but protected against the dangers implicit in their action."

The bishops are instructed to keep close control over interdenominational activities in order to safeguard Roman doctrine. It is only in conformity with that doctrine that Roman Catholics can be permitted to enter the discussions of any interdenominational council.

It is stressed that this is particularly true of moral issues concerning population, family life, marriage, contraception, abortion, euthanasia and related problems.

The statement does, however, advocate close co-operation between Roman Catholics and other Churches on such subjects as justice, relief work, youth problems and drug-addiction. But the sharing of church buildings is frowned upon and can only be permitted "by way of exception".

The statement bears the signature of Cardinal Jan Willebrands, of Holland, who is president of the Secretariat.

— Church Times.

'THIS YEAR WE'VE PAID OUR BILLS', SAYS CMS FED SEC

The Federal Secretary of the Church Missionary Society in this interview with Mr John Lamont discusses the present position of the Society following the close of the Financial and looks to consider the future prospects for missionary work.

How has the Society fared in the light of current economic developments, I refer in particular to the recent devaluation of 12% and a reported inflation rate at present in excess of 20%.

I think that God has been very gracious to the Society and that we have also had some very devoted and efficient treasurers who have allowed for these things, so that in the immediate scene the situation isn't too bad. With great fore-sight, last year our treasurers put aside a certain amount of money for the change in currency. This year we have in fact been able to pay our bills, despite an extraordinary rampant inflation in many of the countries that we are working in overseas. We have to increase allowances something like 30-40% in places like Tanzania to cope with the cost of living.

On the homefront, here in Australia, we can give

thanks to God for the fact that we have largely met our budget for the past year. We have to face the future with a great deal of faith because the real test is going to come in the next financial year when we are facing an enormous increase in our budget.

Do you anticipate any restrictions on your activities in the next year?

I hope not. We are a faith Society, and I guess that we have always had these kinds of problems over the last 200 years and we have looked to God to meet our needs and if we believe that it is right for us to keep people on the mission field overseas, then we believe that God will provide for them.

Do you find that you are still getting sufficient recruits coming forward?

No we're not. I think this is a complex yet important question. In the past five years we have had over 100

missionaries who have returned to Australia to resign because they have completed a tour with CMS or because their children have to come back to Australia for education.

In the same period we have only sent out 65 missionaries. This means that we are dropping at the rate of about 8 missionaries a year.

When you have a total of 200 people overseas, this means that the situation is not encouraging. However, I think that it would be wrong to state the figures coldly because of a number of other factors involved.

If you look at the returning missionaries and balance them against those who have gone out, one or two things emerge. For example, we have had in certain categories, more missionaries on the field than we had some years ago, we have more doctors, more theological lecturers etc, whereas we have fewer pastoral missionaries.

All this means that there is a changing pattern in missionary activity and a changing pattern of Christian service overseas. National Churches require more staff who are more competent to do a great many things.

They no longer need some of the kinds of people we have sent in the past. We do not need more missionaries but particular sorts of people to do the work of evangelism in today's world.

Will a time come when CMS is redundant?

No, I don't think so, for a number of reasons. I think we must never lose sight of the international character of the Christian faith and in these days when nationalism is the in thing we must keep on reminding ourselves and our Christian brothers and sisters overseas that the church of God transcends all the barriers and divisions of the human race.

The fact of putting someone in another society and another culture for the sake of Christ is in itself an important part of our Christian witness.

OLDEST YOUTH GROUP'S CENTENARY

On Sunday, July 20, the GFS (Girls Friendly Society) of the Anglican Church, celebrated its Centenary during International Women's Year.

Believed to be the oldest uniformed Youth Organisation still in existence in Australia, GFS caters for girls aged 7-15 years, and is similar in structure to the Girl Guides.

GFS has over 400 branches throughout Australia and also operates in thirty-five countries throughout the world.

To mark the centenary on Sunday, July 20, 1500 GFS girls in uniform will march from Hyde Park along Market Street and up George Street to St Andrew's Cathedral for a special centenary service at 3 pm.

Director of GFS in Sydney, Miss Robyn Hoskins, said today: "GFS encourages individual independence as well as teamwork and provides a practical, mental and spiritual basis for life in the 20th century."



Rev Maurice Betteridge, Federal Secretary of CMS

Hatton honours wage restraint

Independent MLA for the South Coast, Mr John Hatton has honoured his promise to give away parliamentary salary increases to aged

people's homes in his electorate, including the Anglican Home Mission Society's Nowra Chesham Home.

In a letter to the General

Secretary of HMS, the Rev Neville Keen, Mr Hatton said:

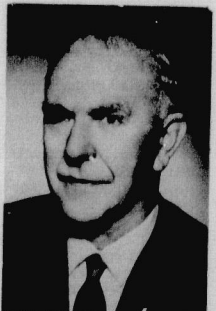
"As you would recall, I took this action as a protest that Parliamentarians did not wait to have their salary increases determined by a Tribunal and I felt that this was wrong in principle. As an aside, I note that a Tribunal will determine increases in salary in future.

"Enclosed is a cheque which is the first payment to your Committee. Other payments will follow from time to time as the salary increase is received.

"At the time I made the announcement there were five aged people's groups in existence. Two groups in Nowra — one catering for geriatric patients and one providing self-contained units; one in Milton — which it is hoped will be an all-embracing Committee catering for units, hostel and geriatric accommodation; one in Narooma — units; and one in Bega — geriatric care and possibly other forms of assistance.

"I have decided to allocate each of these five Committees \$500 which will leave \$300 for a Committee which has recently been formed at Bateman's Bay.

"I would like to thank each and every member of your Organisation for the keen sense of community response which drives you to care for our senior citizens."



Mr Fred Levett

Bible Society visitor

A man who once travelled the world as part of an evangelistic team will bring vivid descriptions of other countries and their need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ when he visits New South Wales for National Bible Society Week.

He is Mr Fred Levett, the Bible Society's State Secretary for Victoria. Mr Levett saw something of soaring overseas Scripture distribution during a recent personal visit to India and Thailand. Earlier, Mr Levett travelled widely for many years as part of the Morris and Levett Evangelistic Team.

Mr Levett will be heard on the Sunday morning service to be broadcast on 2CH, Sydney, at 7.30 am on Sunday, July 27. He will also preach at the North Sydney Baptist Church service which will be broadcast on August 3. He will be a special guest on the Roger Bush Show on 2CH at 9 pm on July 27.

During his visit to New South Wales Mr Levett will also visit Grafton, Maclean, Cessnock and Newcastle.

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RITUAL KILLING DILEMMA AT CMS STATION

On Sunday, July 6 last, a young Aboriginal woman was stabbed to death at the CMS Station at Groote Eylandt. An Aboriginal man was taken into custody and charged.

It is alleged that he wanted the girl for a second wife and when she refused he stabbed her as she cowered behind her grandfather. As a result of this incident the Aboriginal Council at Angurugu decided that in future no alcohol could be taken into the village. However, this decision is coming under strong pressure. White men in the club at Alyangula, the nearby township, are trying to persuade Aboriginals to disobey the Council's decision.

There have been previous knifings on the island but no deaths. The sisters at the hospital had always been able to patch up the wounds, however on this occasion the 17-year-old girl was dead on arrival at the hospital.

The incident created a difficult problem for those Aboriginals who have embraced Christianity. They were torn between their Christian principles and the deep-seated tribal customs which demand revenge in cases such as this. In fact, even as the murder was taking place, the dead girl's uncle was preaching in the church in the Anindilyakwa language following a sermon by the chaplain, the Rev David Woodbridge. The uncle was also the guardian of the murdered girl.

According to the Aboriginal tradition, it was his duty to avenge her death. If the murderer was not available, then a relative must pay the price for a crime. By the afternoon it appeared that the old ways had won out. The uncle and others had shed most of their clothing, spears appeared and there was talk of revenge. By the next day all work had stopped. The CMS store was closed. It was reported that guards had been posted on all roads leading into the town so that if any of the relatives of the charged man tried to return they could be dealt with.

Decision against alcohol by tribal elders

On the Wednesday following, the Aboriginal Council met. Mr Lance Tremlett, CMS Superintendent, attended, at first sitting at the back, he was later invited to sit with the uncle. He quoted the Scriptures, "Vengeance is mine saith the Lord. I will repay". The Council accepted his advice and it was agreed no life would be taken and no alcohol should be brought into the village.

It was necessary for some gesture to be made so it was

decided that three men would throw two blunt spears each at a relative of the accused man who would be allowed a spear to fend them off.

The next morning the people were addressed by their leaders and told to return to work. Appreciation was expressed by the Aboriginals for the guidance of the "white man".

One visitor from Sydney who witnessed these events said that one thing came through loud and clear, "the care and concern of the CMS

PAUL E. LITTLE KILLED IN CRASH



Mr Paul Little, key organiser of the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelisation at Lausanne, has been killed in a car crash while travelling from Chicago to Toronto earlier this month.

Paul Little, 46, had been a staff member of the American Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship since 1950. Since 1963 he had also been a member of the faculty of the School of World Mission of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, and his son Paul junior (who was travelling with his father but thrown clear in the crash) and daughter Debbie.

His work has always been connected with evangelism, and his many years of experience in organising the

IVCF Urbana Missionary Conferences were put to good use as Programme Director of the Lausanne Congress which was the climax of his Christian career.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, and his son Paul junior (who was travelling with his father but thrown clear in the crash) and daughter Debbie.

EDITORIAL

Praying government leaders in or out of office

There has been considerable public discussion about the action of a Sydney parish recently in deciding to pray for the dismissal of the former Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Jim Cairns.

There is no question that the people involved were deeply motivated on this question. However, the wisdom of such a step could be questioned by some.

For example, some might say "Why stop at Dr Cairns? Why not the Prime Minister and the Government as a whole?" For in the opinion of many the present Federal Government is more ideologically opposed to the Christian faith and Christian standards of morality than any previous Government. It is often said

that there are many Labor members who are also Christians, but apart from Mr Stewart and Mr Beasley they are remarkably subdued on the actions of their Government, as they relate to community standards.

Others might criticise the parish's actions in that the alternative party leaders are little better. That is a question of opinion and if a group of Christians judge that a Government or opposition leader has acted in a conspicuously reprehensible way they have every right to express their concern the way this parish did. Whether the policies of Dr Cairns fit that category is open to serious question.

Probably the most serious objection is that such an action would be grossly offensive to the many Church

people who are supporters of the Labor Party. It could be disruptive of Christian fellowship within a congregation or even between congregations. This is the tight rope that any Christian spokesman has to walk.

The other objection that people could make is that — to do what they did could be interpreted as vindictive even though they said it wasn't. The personal hurt caused to Dr Cairns might seriously compromise any response he may make to the Christian Gospel.

The New Testament encouraged Christians to pray for the good government of rulers in an age when self seeking and bad government was quite wide spread. We should do no less in our age.

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