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The Rev. F. G. Hanson, Th.L., at present curate of St. Paul's, Wentworthville, (Sydney), has been appointed curate-in-charge of St. John's, Wilberforce (Sydney).

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Among the speakers at Keswick Convention being held in New Zealand this year will be the Rev. A. D. Deane, principal of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College, Croydon, and the Rev. G. M. Fletcher, rector of St. Mark's, Northbridge. Mr. Deane will be speaking at Pounawea, which commences on December 25, and Mr. Fletcher at Rotorua, which commences on December 27. Mr. Fletcher was in New Zealand recently for a series of evangelistic meetings (see report elsewhere in this issue).

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Mr Ian Burnard, general secretary of IVF in Australia, is at present overseas attending meetings of the Executive Committee of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students taking place in Oslo, Norway. En route Mr Burnard has been making contact with IVF personnel in Singapore, Hong Kong and Delhi. He will also be making contact with IVF work in the United Kingdom, Canada and the U.S.A. On his way back to Australia Mr Burnard will spend a few days (from October 24 to 29) in New Zealand.

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The Rev. Walter Spencer, Sydney Diocesan Missioner, whose period of service with the Board of Diocesan Missions was to have ended next year, will now continue in office during 1966.

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On September 23 in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, a Valedictory Service was held for Mr and Mrs Charles Cuff, of C.M.S., who are shortly returning to their work in North Australia.

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Sydney's new Youth Director, the Rev. Geoffrey Taylor, formerly rector of the church at Wallerawang, is to be commissioned in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, October 28. Mr Taylor will be officially welcomed in the C.E.N.E.F. Auditorium at a function commencing at 8 p.m.

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The Rev. Brian C. Black, formerly curate-in-charge of St. Mark's, Yagoona, is to take up ministerial work again at Jamberoo. Jamberoo is linked with Christ Church, Kiama, and Mr Black will succeed the Rev. John Mankey who has been appointed curate-in-charge of St. John's, Padstow. Mr Black will be inducted at Jamberoo on October 19.

Victoria

Mr R. L. George, who has been associated with Ansva Insurance almost since the company commenced activities in Australia, has been appointed Director of Promotion and a member of the Ansva-Australia Board of Directors. Mr George is a minister of the Baptist Union of Victoria. (Ansva is controlled by church and temperance people and insures total abstainers exclusively.)

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The Rev. R. Kenny was inducted to the parish of Bellarine (Melbourne) on September 21 by the Archbishop of Melbourne.

The Rev. H. H. Ham, Rector of Korumburra, Gippsland diocese, will retire from active ministry on January 31 next on account of ill-health.

Elsewhere in Australia

The Very Rev. James Payne, Dean of Perth, was elected chairman of CMS in Western Australia at the Society's annual meeting on September 11. At the same meeting the Rev. Bryan Hall, Rector of Highgate, was re-elected secretary.

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Among the speakers at this year's Belgrave Heights Convention (Vic.) will be the Rev. Lance Shilton, rector of Holy Trinity, North Terrace, Adelaide. Other speakers at the Convention, which starts on December 25, will be the Rev. J. W. Searle, the Rev. J. Graham Miller, Dr John Renshaw, and Mr Oswald Sanders.

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The Rev. James Doust passed through Brisbane recently en route to Malaysia. Mr Doust, formerly assistant curate at St. Stephen's, Coorparoo, is a chaplain to the forces.

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The Rev. N. B. Butler, Chaplain of the Roper River Mission, Carpentaria diocese, was installed as a Canon of Thursday Island Cathedral on August 29. Mr Butler has served as a C.M.S. missionary in the diocese since 1953.

Overseas

Canon T. G. Mohan, who has been secretary of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society since 1942, is to retire on October 12. Canon Mohan was appointed an Honorary Canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, in 1956. At the date of his retirement he will be 70. His place is being taken by the Rev. Timothy Dudley-Smith, assistant secretary since 1959, who has—been responsible for the development of the well-known Falcon booklets, leaflets and film-strips. Mr Dudley-Smith was from 1955 to 1959 of the "Tell Scotland" movement.

Council of the Scripture Union in the U.K. has granted Dr John M. Laird, S.U. general secretary, six months' "sabbatical leave," beginning on October 1. This leave will be in recognition of Dr Laird's 35 years of service with S.U., although it is understood that he has not been in good health recently.

During the period Dr Laird and his wife will visit a number of overseas areas where S.U. is active and will have private conferences with council and staff members in South-East Asia. Mrs Laird is a New Zealander and a good deal of the time away will be spent in New Zealand, from where Dr Laird went to London Headquarters in 1946. The Lairds will pass through Sydney briefly early in November but will not be available for public functions.

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The award of the London B.D. has gone to the Rev. Harlin J. Buttery, Chaplain of St. Stephen's College, Hong Kong. Mr Buttery was trained at Moore College and works in Hong Kong under the auspices of C.M.S.

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The death has occurred in the United Kingdom of two well-known evangelical leaders—the Rev. E. F. Kevan, principal of the London Bible College, and the Rev. Tom Allan, executive

A CHILD'S PENNY AND THE CALL OF GOD

ON the last Sunday he was in Australia Melbourne layman Neil Thomas was approached by a small child in his Sunday school. Into his hand she slipped a penny, "to help you go to tell people overseas about Jesus."

The penny was the smallest, but not the least in real value, of the gifts which had come from many folk, known and unknown, to make possible Neil's participation in a Men for Missions Orient Crusade.

Accompanied by Laurie Needham, a dairy farmer from Gippsland, Neil Thomas passed through Sydney on his way to Japan a few days ago. Also with them were four New Zealanders.

The young men told a small gathering of Sydney Christians of their calls to the Crusade following the recent visit to Australia of Dr Dwight Ferguson.

Laurie Needham told of the problems he faced in leaving his dairy, of the opposition from members of his family and of the seemingly insurmountable obstacle of the money needed for such a journey. All of these problems had been worked out in the Lord's time.

Neil Thomas held a responsible position in a Melbourne construction company.

He had barely made up his mind that he should go on the Crusade when the company announced plans to develop his section of the work, involving expenditure of half a million pounds. What was more, they planned to move into the new section in October, the very month he would be away from Australia.

Problems

Although the company's directors were at first sympathetic to his desire for leave of absence a member of the managerial staff was strongly opposed to such a trip. It came to a point where Neil had to face going overseas but losing his job in doing so.

of the "Tell Scotland" movement.

Dr Kevan, who was 62, became first principal of the college in 1946. He held several degrees, including that of Doctor of Philosophy. He was author of a number of books and joint editor of the IVF New Bible Commentary. The "Church of England Newspaper" said of him:

"Dr Kevan, who grew up in a Strict Baptist Church, was undoubtedly one of the great Christian statesmen of our time."

"He gathered to himself at the London Bible College a remarkably gifted faculty, and led the college over the years with wisdom and vigour. Undoubtedly his devotion to the work of the college contributed to his early death."

"One of the qualities undoubtedly which marked the life of Ernest Kevan was his fairness and objectivity."

"Although a Baptist by conviction, when he lectured on the subject he would put with the utmost fairness the case both for infant baptism and believers' baptism."

"At least one student who entered the college as a Baptist was so impressed by Dr Kevan's lectures on the subject that he subsequently became an advocate of infant baptism."

"Strangely enough, although a college principal of unquestioned ability Dr Kevan himself never attended a theological college. It was as an external student that he took his various degrees at London University."

The Rev. Tom Allan was only 48 at the time of his death. He had been in ill-health for some time. As Field Organiser of the "Tell Scotland" Movement, Mr Allan was one of those responsible for inviting Billy Graham to Scotland in 1955. Attendances over a million were recorded and there were more than 26,000 inquirers dealt with.

Neil read the words of Scripture which said that when a man's ways please the Lord even his enemies would be at peace with him. He held on in prayer.

A Board meeting was held. The unexpected happened. Not only did the company agree to his going but said they would pay his full salary while he was away, provide a car for his wife and keep his job open for him.

Since then he has had numerous opportunities of testifying to his faith in Christ and of what Christ means to him throughout the company.

In all more than 100 people have spoken to him about the trip, one of whom has been brought to Christ as a result, and several of whom are now attending church where they once seldom did so.

First stop for the group will be Japan. After a week there they go on to Korea, then Formosa. They will also spend time in Hong Kong and Manila and will be back in Australia on November 1.

In Japan they will link up with Melbourne dentist Geoff Chong, who went on earlier to survey dental work and opportunities in the area. He is accompanied by his mother.

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Mr H. Corish

The funeral of Mr H. Corish was held at Christ Church, Gladesville, on September 22. Mr Corish was 87 years of age and died in the Home of Peace, Wahroonga, after a short illness. The Rev. J. R. Reid took the Service and Bishop M. L. Loane preached.

The Bishop based his address on the text "I have kept the Faith," and referred to the faithful and zealous work of Mr Corish over many years.

He was the organist for the Men's Bible Class with Archdeacon Martyn who was the Rector at St. Barnabas', Broadway. Later, Mr Corish was connected with the Cathedral and was a member of Synod.

With Canon D. J. Knox, he was one of the founders of the Reformation Rally and was treasurer of the Rally until a few years ago.

He was the first lay Secretary of the Anglican Church League and was widely informed of all aspects of the work of the Church.

At the Northern Suburbs Crematorium Archdeacon R. B. Robinson also spoke and mentioned that his friendship with Mr Corish had been forged over 50 years ago when he was Curate of St. Barnabas', Broadway.

● An appreciation of the late Mr Corish by Archdeacon R. B. Robinson will appear in our next issue.

Kingsgrove centre

On Sunday, September 26, Bishop A. J. Dain opened and dedicated the Christian Education Centre at St. Thomas', Kingsgrove.

Costing £35,000 to build, the Centre comprises an auditorium and several small classrooms which will house, at the moment, approximately 600 children and young people, from four to 18 years.

In the New Year it is hoped to commence adult classes.

Also visiting the parish to mark the occasion was the former rector, the Rev. Dudley Foord. The services for the day marked the twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the church. Present rector is the Rev. John Turner.

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SYNOD APPOINTMENT



In his Presidential Address at Sydney Synod the Archbishop announced that three vacancies amongst Honorary Canonries of the diocese had occurred. Appointed to fill these were the Rev. W. K. Deasey, rector of St. Paul's, West Manly; the Rev. W. N. Rook, rector of St. Alban's, Epping, and the Rev. A. A. Langdon, Director of Education. Our photo shows Canon Deasey talking to the Rev. J. J. Turner prior to Synod.

Dr Woods on Church Union

ANGLICANS ought to consider carefully the proposed Uniting Church of Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists. This was the view expressed by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr F. Woods, in his Presidential Address to Melbourne Synod.

Dr Woods also spoke of the value of the M.R.I. program which, he said, was not a "temporary booster," to the missionary cause.

Other points from the Archbishop's Address were:

● Although much had been done to restore the fabric of St. Paul's Cathedral there was more needing attention than had at first been discovered. The public appeal raised a sum of £164,000 but this would be insufficient for full restoration of the fabric and the work would take much longer than anticipated.

Youth work decline

● There was need to consider Australia's present immigration policy in relation to Asians and our involvement in Asia.

● The growth of co-operation between the Church of Rome and the World Council of Churches needed to be matched at the parish level. Dr Woods referred to "four such movements" in Melbourne diocese and one in Gippsland.

● The Archbishop commended the Church and Life Movement initiated by the Australian Council of Churches.

● Five new parishes had been established during the year, making a total of 209. It was expected that more men would be in training for the ministry during the next two years.

● Youth work among the 13 to 15 year olds was gradually developing but the picture among the 15 to 25 years group was "a sad one." There had been a decline in the strength of centrally organised youth movements in the diocese but this was "not peculiar to this diocese or even to the Church at large."

RSV popular

THE growing popularity of the Revised Standard Version for general reading is highlighted in its choice by the Bible Society as the version for distribution among servicemen.

The Society has, since its inception, provided Scriptures for the armed services.

The new edition includes the N.T. and Psalms, together with a Harmony of the Gospels.

Copies are being given freely to men in uniform, including young men called up for National Service. Estimated annual cost of this work is £5,000 and a Services Testaments Fund has been opened.

(A survey conducted earlier this year by the English magazine, "Crusade" showed a 45 per cent preference for the RSV as against 31 per cent for the AV and 7 per cent for the RV.)

ARCHBISHOP PROTESTS OVER VIETNAM REPORTS

IN his Presidential Address to the Sydney Diocesan Synod the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr H. R. Gough, said that he was sure synodsmen would agree with him in registering a strong protest against "the kind of reporting of incidents in the present fighting which has appeared in our Sydney papers."

"Such stories," said the Archbishop, "have dramatised incidents of killing and horror, giving the names of the individual soldiers who did the killing and describing their feelings at such action."

"Soldiers cannot escape the horror of killing their fellow-men, though nowadays through bombing and long-distance firing 'personal' element is absent to a greater degree than formerly."

"But to make out our young soldiers as active and eager killers is outrageous and an insult to them. To name them individually is not only in utter bad taste and a departure from the fine traditions of war correspondents, but also most disturbing and hurtful to their relatives."

"I have spoken strongly but as one who knows from first-hand experience the horrors of modern warfare and the attitude of Australian and British fighting men, I feel entitled to do so."

"War is utterly evil, but alas! a necessary evil when the alternative would be a worse evil, but to glamourise it after the fashion of a modern 'thriller' is abhorrent."

"Callous"

"Moreover, anything in the way of publicity which causes relatives at home to know the actual activities of their men at the immediate present is unforgivably callous. It is hard enough for those at home to wait in ignorance of what may be happening but doubly more so when little is left to their imagination."

Earlier the Archbishop referred to his forthcoming visit to Australian troops in Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam.

Pointing out that he had already expressed publicly his support for Australian Government policy in sending troops to South Vietnam, Dr Gough said he hoped that "no one will doubt the correctness of my visiting our men serving there."

Other points to emerge from the Presidential Address were:

● Diocesan Administration: Diocesan secretarial and accounting work has been separated and Mr W. L. J. Hutchison would now become one of the two principal lay officers of the diocese, responsible for all secular work.

retail work. Mr Frank Johnston will be responsible for the Accounts Department and will prepare for its future control by the "Comptroller of the Diocese," when appointed.

Church Schools: Because of the heavy agenda at the current session of Synod further consideration of the Archbishop's Commission Report on Church Schools was deferred to a future session.

Ruidecanal Conferences: Standing Committee had prepared an ordinance to establish such conferences to be called "at least once a year within three months before each ordinary session of Synod."

Budget Deficit: Parishes would not be called upon to meet the expected budget deficit during the coming year. Glebe board had agreed to make available the extra funds but had warned that such extra assistance may not be available again for some time.

New Housing Areas: After careful consideration a sub-committee of standing committee had recommended continuance of the present financial

policy. It also expressed the hope that well-established parishes might be willing to borrow large funds of money for the erection of buildings in the new area, just as they are accustomed to do in their own parishes. Such loans could be gradually paid back by the new parishes if it was not felt possible to make them gifts.

Chaplaincies

Chaplain: Opportunities for specialised work involving chaplains were growing and urgent consideration of ways of using these opportunities was needed.

Public Relations: An additional sum of £7,500 was being asked for the implementation of plans, particularly in connection with the establishment of an Anglican Information Centre in Sydney.

Gilbulla Conference Centre: The Centre was now paying its way.

M.R.I. Program: The Archbishop commended the work of Bishop Sambell and Archdeacon Delbridge in the M.R.I. programme. ● Continued on page 4

BISHOP DAIN CALLS FOR "CRITICAL INVOLVEMENT"

IN an address given at a synod dinner organised by the Anglican Church League in Sydney, Bishop A. J. Dain said he felt that evangelicals had to adopt an attitude of "critical involvement" in the ecumenical movement.

In a highly informative and thoughtful address Bishop Dain pointed out that as Anglicans his hearers were involved in the ecumenical movement whether they liked it or not as their Church was officially involved.

There were three main lines of thought on the movement. At one extreme were those who accepted it with unqualified approval, those who "joined the happy band of ecumeniacs" and saw in the movement the answer to every problem in the Church, the answer to the "sin of separation" and the key to spiritual renewal.

At the other extreme were those like Dr Carl McIntyre and the International Council of Christian Churches who expressed unqualified disapproval of everything about the movement. Those who thought this way demonstrated a real desire for

doctrinal purity and absolute hostility to anyone or anything not in accord with their views. The I.C.C.C. spoke of "contamination by association" and would automatically condemn all Anglicans for this reason.

Bishop Dain suggested that neither of these attitudes offered the real answer for evangelicals but rather "critical involvement" by which he meant co-operation without compromise.

"We must recognise," said the speaker, "that the Holy Spirit is at work. We do not have to believe everything is right and proper to see the Holy Spirit working in such a movement otherwise He would not be at work in us."

While agreeing that many of the activities of bodies like the W.C.C. were right and proper, such as Inter-Church Aid, Bishop Dain warned of real dangers which needed to be watched:

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A STRATEGY FOR RENEWAL

THERE is always a danger of thinking that our contemporary situation is new and different to that facing any previous Synod, and we do well to heed the words of the preacher "There is no new thing under the sun."

It would seem to me that there is a remarkable relevance in the story of Nehemiah and the days in which we are called to live and work and it is precisely this relevance that has directed my choice of this text and its setting.

The initial return and reform under Ezra had largely lost its impetus.

Looking back to those years following the second world war it would appear that the spiritual quickening felt in many areas has largely passed.

Whereas in the 1950s the religious societies at Oxford and Cambridge had the largest membership of any university body, today, that distinction is held by the Humanist Society in both universities.

The general picture in the book of Nehemiah is one of spiritual declension — of lost distinctiveness in the life, worship and witness of the people of God. The walls of Jerusalem were broken down, the Sabbath was desecrated, the people were defaulting in their tithes, they were marrying unbelievers and the Word of God was neglected.

Could there be any picture of Christendom more relevant to our day and generation. A senior official defending policy over television programs said: "This is a sceptical, questioning, irreverent and agnostic age," and we would all agree, but it is all the more tragic that in such a day the life and witness of the church should be so ineffective.

Do we not need to heed the challenge of our text "to rise up and build" to re-establish the distinctiveness of our Christian witness and to recover the message and authority of the Word of God.

Strategic principles

Nehemiah was God's instrument of recovery in this situation and a careful study of the book would suggest certain strategic principles that governed his actions. Facing parallel situations in the contemporary

scene we can learn much as we ponder these lessons.

First and foremost in this thrilling story of recovery and renewal we discover a constant awareness of spiritual priorities.

Faced with the inevitable interruptions and distractions together with varying forms of subtle opposition Nehemiah pursues with singleness of purpose his God-given task.

I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down, why should the work cease whilst I leave it and come down to you.

Nothing is allowed to divert him from his goal, be it ridicule, sarcasm, anger and opposition, discouragement and disunity, greed and exploitation on the part of some of his leaders. He was calm in the face of scorn —

- Persevering in the face of discouragement;
- vigilant in the face of threats;
- fearless in the face of the enemy;

Text of the sermon preached by Bishop A. J. Dain at a service to mark the opening of the Third Session of the 33rd Synod of Sydney diocese. Bishop Dain based his address on Nehemiah 2:18 — "Let us rise and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

- resolute in the face of intrigue;
- faithful in the face of the sin of his people, and through it all he never lost for one hour the priority of his God-given task.

Spiritual priorities

We may well pause to ask how this pursuit of spiritual priorities could be or can be maintained.

How many of us are well-nigh overwhelmed by the incessant and growing demands upon our time — parish administration, school, classes, committees, service preparation, visiting the sick, personal counselling, prayer and the ministry of the Word.

I believe we find one answer in the experience of Nehemiah, and this is the deployment of the total available resources for the common task.

Nehemiah was, let us remind ourselves, neither prophet, priest or king — he was the King's cupbearer but he had one essential trait of true leadership. Recognising that the task was utterly beyond his capacity he mobilised all available personnel and resources in a mutual dedication to the common task.

"Let us build" he said, and in chapter three we find a real example of mutual responsibility and interdependence.

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal and one of the needs of this hour is surely for the greater mobilisation of the laity in the total task of the church.

A careful study of church growth throughout the world will prove conclusively that lay participation in the life and witness of the church is directly related to its growth.

A third discernible strand in Nehemiah's strategy was the attempt to efficiently organise and administer the life of the renewed nation. Nehemiah was not

only a builder of walls but a sound administrator.

In the work of spiritual renewal, of recalling the nation back to God, let us never deprecate the place of the wise, sound administration.

One of his first acts was restoration of the reading of the law of God to the assembled people and it should be noted that "They read in the book of the law of God distinctly and gave the sense and caused them to understand the reading."

Is this not a challenge to us all today, clergy and laity alike, that in this day and generation we should so witness to our faith and so minister the word of God that men and women understand what we say.

But turning specifically to the matter of administration we find Nehemiah was deeply concerned with the order of God's house — with the re-institution of the title and with the problem of financial control, which will occupy much of our time and consideration in this Synod.

It is interesting to note that one of his acts was to appoint treasurers over the treasures. Here surely are the counterparts to our parochial assessments and to our current need for the efficient control and leadership of our own finances whatever title may be given to such an office.

Here are some of the strands of Nehemiah's strategy for spiritual renewal:—

- a dedication to spiritual priorities;
- the deployment of all available personnel;
- the development of sound administration.

But strategy, however sound, is not enough. Almighty God works primarily through men and women — men and women let it be known — who like those of Issachar "had an understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do."

Nehemiah was God's man for a ministry of recovery in a time of spiritual declension. What can we learn from his own personal walk with God.

Passionate concern

Firstly, that he was a man with a passionate concern for God's interests. Listen to the narrative, "When I heard these words concerning the state of Jerusalem I sat down and wept and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven."

He had what our Quaker friends call a concern — have we such a concern. It is those that sow in tears who shall reap in joy.

Later, our Lord Himself was to give voice to a similar passionate concern over that same city, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood and ye would not."

A passionate concern for God's interests, and this was allied to the practice of persistent and importunate prayer.

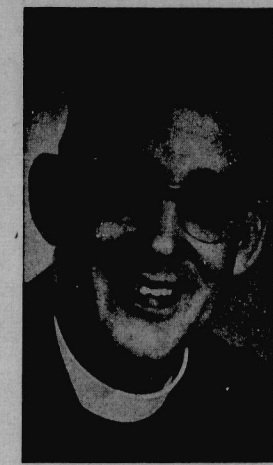
For months while he waited God's time he bore this burden upon his heart and poured out his soul in prayer day and night.

Against the background of the hidden life of prayer we see the spontaneous uplifting of his heart in prayer in one crisis after another — "so I prayed to the God of heaven"; His spontaneous prayers in sudden crises being the logical outreach of his hidden life of prayer.

His prayer was persistent and importunate, it claimed covenant relationship, it embraced vicarious repentance for the sins of his people and its plea was based upon the promises of God — "remember," he says, "the word which thou commandest thy servant Moses."

A man of passionate concern for God's interests, a man of persistent and importunate prayer, and finally a man of supreme confidence in the hour of crisis with a ministry of encouragement to all his colleagues.

He faced difficulty, disappointment and delay, he met intrigue, innuendo and intimidation, but



● Bishop Dain

through it all he resolutely pursued his course — "The God of heaven, he will prosper us." The day of spiritual declension was but a challenge to action — in the midst of circumstances that would daunt most men he discovered that the joy of the Lord was his strength.

Can we not take heart — God is still on His throne — let us arise and build and let us strengthen our hands for this good work.

EDITORIAL:

THE WORD OF A POPE AND THE WORD OF GOD

The Pope has spoken, with all the world as his audience. The call of "War never again" has gone forth and men weary of war have drunk greedily at the fountain of apparent wisdom.

The word of the Pope has gone forth but what does the Word of God say?

Isaiah, conscious of the desperate spiritual state of mankind, spoke more truly when he said: "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked."

St. Paul, writing long after, confirmed the word of the prophet when he said that "evil men . . . shall wax worse and worse."

Our Lord Jesus Himself said that we would "hear of wars and rumours of wars," before the end of the world, and that "nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom," before the end comes. No words of peace here.

The Pope speaks of that peace which "must guide the destinies of all mankind." The Word of God speaks of that strife which is the inevitable product of a world order cut off from the face of a holy God.

The warning of Jeremiah to the people of Israel is not without its application today. The Pope has sought to heal the wounds of the world lightly, "Saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace."

All men of goodwill desire peace. This is why the Pope's call has found a response in the deepest desires of so many but we must face the unpleasant fact that mankind is in rebellion from its Maker and can never come together in brotherhood as one great human family except through each individual responding to Christ's work of Atonement.

This is not a time to tell men to come together in brotherhood as one great human family.

This is a time to sound the trumpet call of repentance as never before, preaching a prophetic word to a dying world of that peace "which passeth understanding" which can only come when man drinks of the fountain of the water of life freely.

The day of the Lord, St Paul reminds us, will come as a thief in the night. "When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them." The Church must not delude mankind with false promises of peace which cannot come except as man is reconciled to His Maker through Christ.

GIRLS' HOSTEL POSES DILEMMA

A parish on Sydney's North Shore is faced with a difficult decision as a result of moves initiated by the Home Missions Society to establish a girls' hostel in the district.

Three blocks of land, totalling about two-fifths of an acre in area, and adjoining the church property, have been left in an estate for church use.

HMS has for some time been concerned about the need for suitable accommodation for girls in the 15 to 18 years age group who have come from troubled backgrounds.

Looking around for a suitable site to develop a Girls' Hostel the Society has approached the parish about this land. The purchase price would be £9,000.

The problems raised by the close link between the hostel and the church itself are exercising the minds of those in the parish. Of particular concern is the possible effect such contact would have upon the young people of the parish. An early answer to the problem does not appear to be forthcoming.

In the meantime HMS needs the continued support of church people to build up a fund to develop this new work and thus meet an urgent need in the community.

WATER PROBLEMS TOO!



One of the major problems faced by the pioneers of CMS work in the Northern Territory was the shortage of water. This photo was taken on a CMS station about 40 years ago and shows a tank, once used by the Government for butter production, pressed into service to hold water. The photo comes from an extensive collection held by the Rev. Alf Dyer. Beginning in our next issue is a series of three articles telling something of Mr Dyer's many exciting experiences in work among the Aborigines in the Northern Territory.

Real diamonds sparkle at Adelaide church service

There was a sparkle of real diamonds at the Diamond Jubilee Service of the Kindergarten Union of S.A. at Holy Trinity, North Terrace, Adelaide, on Sunday afternoon September 26.

The Rector, the Rev. Lance Shilton, completely captured the attention of his very young congregation, (aged three to five) when he asked them to look at the diamonds in their mother's rings.

All over the church mothers pulled off gloves and the children looked enchanted as the diamonds flashed glowing colours.

Mr Shilton used this illustration to talk about their, Kindy Diamond Birthday.

Using a large glittering model of a diamond and a poster showing its facets he pointed out that diamonds were very precious.

Another poster showed them "The Lord Jesus with children of different colors, like the colors in the diamond."

He explained to them that they were like the diamonds, very precious to Jesus.

Then the children all sang "Jesus Loves Me." It was a touching service, and one which many of those children will remember.

Many services

On the more formal side officials and teachers of the Kindergarten Union, besides parents and children attended the service.

During the past few months many organisations have come to Holy Trinity for combined services.

On Sunday, October 3, hundreds of people who were married at Trinity packed the congregation at the annual Marriage Remembrance Service.

Mr and Mrs Nowl Cawthorne of Tumore, married there 25 years ago, cut a large wedding cake after the service.

Mr Cawthorne's great-grandfather, Mr William Anderson Cawthorne, was married there in 1848.

REFORMATION OBSERVANCE

SUNDAY, October 31, is being observed throughout N.S.W. as Reformation Sunday.

With the co-operation of the Chatswood-Willoughby Ministers' Fraternal, the Council of Churches' annual observance of the Reformation will be held in the Chatswood Central Methodist church at 3 p.m.

The speaker will be the Rev. G. S. Parish, the President of the N.S.W. Baptist Union.

As in past years, Ministers' Fraternals have been asked to arrange for an exchange of pulpits or to hold united local rallies in order to commemorate this most important day.

Commending the observance the Archbishop of Sydney has said:

"Remembrance of the Reformation brings with it the reminder of the need of the Church of Christ for continual renewal and revival."

"Within such renewal there must be an honest search for present cleansing from error in doctrine and practice, and also scrutiny as to whether once again traditions of men are obscuring the purity of Divine Revelation."

"We need to go back to such revelation as contained in the New Testament and must beware of being content with unqualified acceptance of the teaching of the reformers as if God had only spoken through them."

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in N.S.W., the Rev. F. McKay, has said that the observance "marks us as those who still stand foursquare on the authority of God's Word, and that where it leads we will follow, ever listening for its contemporary witness. One great fact of the reformer's faith is that it never freezes itself into a static form but ever moves forward into changing situations with constant renewal."

BISHOP MOYES ON A.B.C. RADIO

Few Australians have led as active and influential a life as the former Bishop of Armidale, and even fewer can voice their recollections so effectively.

The A.B.C. has arranged for Bishop Moyes to speak of the changes he has seen (and has played a part in effecting) over more than half a century.

Entitled "Over the Years," a series of four talks will be broadcast on Wednesday evenings at 10.15 p.m. over the Second Network. The Bishop's subjects will be:

October 27: The Church and Poverty.

November 3: The Church and Evangelism.

November 10: The Church and its Members.

November 17: The Church and Reunion.

OFF THE RECORD

SMALL TALK

From the "N.S.W. Presbyterian" comes the story of the waggish church member who is convinced nobody is really interested in the conversation of the person beside him at church teas and dinners. To prove his point he instances the reply he often gives to the hackneyed question, "Do you have a family?" Comes the answer, "Oh yes, three children—one of each!" So far nobody has asked him to explain.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

From "The Church Record," October 15, 1915:

How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber, Who pays in advance at the birth of each year, Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly, And casts round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says, "Stop it; I cannot afford it,"

I'm getting more magazines now than I read";

But always says, "Send it; our people all like it—"

In fact, we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his cheque when it reaches our sanctum;

How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our hearts dance!

We outwardly thank; we inwardly bless him—

The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

AN ARCHAIC WORD

From which musty archive did the framers of the new Sydney diocesan legislation dig out the word "Comptroller"? Oxford says the word is an alternative spelling of the word "controller," derived from an erroneous philological association. Fowler is as plain as day when he dismisses the word as "not merely archaic, but erroneous, being due to false association with 'count'." Other authorities concur. What is wrong with plain "controller"?

WELL SAID—1

"There is some truth in the statement that some evangelicals will never hear the last trumpet because they will be too busy arguing upon what note it sounded!" —from a letter in the Church of England Newspaper.

WELL SAID—2

The Rev. John C. Jeske, an American Lutheran, called on his Synod recently to stop being apologetic about the Christian faith. He urged delegates to avoid a "bashful brand of Christianity which tiptoes up to people and hesitatingly suggests: I may be wrong, but I'm afraid that if you do not repent after a fashion, and confess your sins, so to speak, you might be damned, as it were."

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Books

Missions classic

JOHN G. PATON, Missionary to the New Hebrides. Edited by James Paton, Banner of Truth, price 19/- Eng.

This book is a missionary classic. Paton had Godly parents to whom he owed much. Born in Scotland, his early years were a struggle against poverty. He actually was self-educated, and was well trained in the slums of Glasgow as a city missionary. His thoughts were continually of the perishing heathen in the South Seas and he was ordained as a missionary to the New Hebrides in 1859.

It was in these mountainous islands of unhealthy climate and inhabited by cannibals that John Williams and James Harris were martyred in 1839.

The difficulties that were faced by Paton were increased by the death of his first wife and child soon after their arrival.

He writes "Stunned by that dreadful loss, my reason for a time seemed to give way, but the ever merciful Lord sustained me, to lay the precious dust of my loved ones in the same quiet grave."

This bereavement recalls the experience of another famous Scotchman, David Livingstone, whose wife died in Africa. Silvester Horne thus records the event, "Livingstone said that for the first time in his life he would be content to die. I loved her when I married her and the longer I lived with her, the more I loved her."

This is a high price that not only these two, but others, have had to pay in missionary service.

Against many difficulties and trials Paton witnessed the triumph of the Gospel in two of these South Sea Islands. His life was often in danger in missionary labour and his autobiography makes interesting and inspiring reading. It is for others to carry on his task.

An epitaph of the late Dr Maynard Pain in Old Cairo Hospital reads, "In serving the lives of the Egyptians he spent and at last gave his own." Dr Paton certainly spent his life for his beloved South Sea Islanders. We must pray as we are bidden by our Lord, that He will send forth more labourers into His harvest.

R. B. ROBINSON.

Bible concordance

THE COMPREHENSIVE BIBLE CONCORDANCE, edited by Adam Clarke. Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, U.S.A. 284 pages, U.S. price \$3.95.

For those whose pocket-books and inclinations do not extend to a detailed concordance such as Young's, Cruden's work has always proved a good second best.

Adam Clarke's Concordance was compiled half a century after Cruden and is based upon an original work of John Butterworth, with added definitions from Cruden.

It lives up to its claim to be comprehensive and packs a remarkable list of words into a small space (three columns per page, although the pages are quite large).

It contains not only the usual key word references common to all concordances but also short notes and definitions which serve somewhat in the manner of a Bible dictionary.

Clarke was a noted Wesleyan preacher who not only worked on the translation of the Arabic Bible but produced a monumental six-volume commentary on Scripture.

Although we do not have the Australian selling price, with freight and duty charges, etc., added, this book should sell at quite a reasonable price and would be a good buy for those not extending themselves to the purchase of Young's.

—R.B.R.

The Atonement

THE APOSTOLIC PREACHING OF THE CROSS, by Leon Morris, B.Sc., M.Th., Ph.D. Tyndale Press, 304 pages.

We have received in proof form a copy of the Third Edition of this well-known work by the principal of Ridley College, Melbourne. The new edition incorporates a number of verbal alterations and a certain amount of new material, notably one whole new chapter IV, "The Lamb of God," and a section in Chapter VI on "Propitiation."

A review of the First Edition of this book by Canon D. W. B. Robinson appeared in the March 29, 1956, issue, extracts from which follow:

It is not every day that a scholar, born and bred and trained for the ministry in Australia, produces a work of importance in theological scholarship. We may be pardoned, therefore, for welcoming Dr Morris' book with more than usual acclaim.

Dr Morris takes six words which are vitally related to the doctrine of the death of Christ: redemption, covenant, the blood, reconciliation and justification; and seeks to discover what these characteristic Christian expressions mean in their Old Testament, Rabbinical and contemporary Hellenistic background, but always he is out to discover the real theological heart of these ideas as the Apostles understood them through being "eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word."

One of the most valuable features of the book is the analysis of the views and theories of modern theologians in regard to the main theme. This helps us to know where we are, and will be appreciated by all who try to keep abreast of modern theological literature.

Indeed, one of the most important contributions of the book is its searching criticism of Dr C. H. Dodd's now famous assertions about the meaning of *hilasterion* and its relatives.

Dodd roundly denies any propitiatory element in the N.T. use of the words, and in this he has been echoed by many disciples. It is no doubt Dodd's influence which persuaded the writers of the Revised Standard Version to substitute "expiation" for "propitiation" in Romans 3:25 and 1 John 2:2.

Dr Morris' demolition of Dodd's position is complete and unanswerable.

In general, Dr Morris has shown the strength of the objective view of the Atonement (that "something happened on Calvary quite objective to man, and it is because of this that we can have the completeness assurance of our salvation"), as against purely subjective views, and he has shown also that the substitutionary element in our Saviour's death cannot be overlooked in estimating what was done for us on Calvary.

Despite a certain modern reaction against the notion, "the concepts of propitiation and justification in particular seem almost to demand that we understand them in a substitutionary manner."

Also received

DAILY GOSPEL, by Paul B. Smith, Zondervan, 21/6. One-minute devotional portions for each day of the year. Dr Paul Smith is pastor of the famous People's Church, Toronto, Canada.

BIBLICAL ETHICS, by Oswald Chambers, Marshall, Morgan and Scott, 125 pages. 14/6. New edition of one of the many books written by this well-known Christian author. The writer shows the moral obligation to submit personality to Christ and how to think about God, Jesus Christ, Man, Sin, the Atonement and the Scriptures.

THE LOVE OF GOD, by Oswald Chambers, Marshall, Morgan and Scott, 183 pages. 11/6. Reprint in one volume of "The Love Of God" (first published 1938) and five other Chambers booklets.

MY ALABASTER BOX, by Daya Arul Nithi, Aust. Council of Churches, 48 pages, 4/8. A devotional book written by the wife of Dr D. T. Niles, of Ceylon, general secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, by A. F. Carrillo de Albornoz, W.C.C., Geneva, 36 pages. A general review of the world situation in 1964. Covers Romanist countries, Muslim areas, Communist countries, etc.

THE GIFT OF WINGS, by John Macbeath, Marshall, Morgan and Scott, 125 pages, 21/. Dr Macbeath is a distinguished preacher who has ministered in Glasgow and London and who has written a number of books. The book deals with the desire of many to "escape from the confinement of their narrow circumstances or uncongenial employment."

OUR BRILLIANT HERITAGE, by Oswald Chambers, Marshall, Morgan and Scott, 132 pages, Aust. price 13/ (hard cover). Comprising three of Oswald Chambers' works, "Our Brilliant Heritage" (1929), "Grow Up Unto Him" (1931) and "As He Walked," brought together in one volume.

THE MINISTRY OF DEACONS, World Council of Churches, 86 pages, Eng. price 8/. No. 2 in a series of W.C.C. Study Books including contributions by theologians from a number of traditions.

CENTRES OF RENEWAL, World Council of Churches, 64 pages, Eng. price 6/. Deals with Lay Training and Study Centres in various parts of the world.

THE NEW ERA IN MEDICAL MISSIONS, by Kenneth M. Scot, IVE, 15 pages. Eng. price 1/. Short monograph from the pen of the director of the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, India.

FOUR-CHURCH COMMUNION

Anglicans at Castle Hill (Sydney diocese) are combining with Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians to hold a joint Communion Service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 31.

The move follows a combined Churches' forum held in August in the Baptist Church when ministers from the four denominations discussed before a large gathering of church members their views on "Baptism and the Lord's Supper."

Each minister spoke for seven minutes on his own practice after which the chairman, a Presbyterian layman, opened the meeting for questions.

There was much lively discussion and those present were conscious of a real sense of fellowship in their midst.

Notes and Comments

THE ARCHBISHOP AND SERVICE VARIATIONS

The Archbishop of Sydney dropped something of a small bombshell into Synod with his strongly worded statement on service variations (see page 5). Dr Gough said that until General Synod approved of variations he could not allow experiments or "any serious alteration in our forms of worship."

The Archbishop went on to express "dismay" at the "tendency on the part of some who would profess to be stalwarts in defence of the Reformation and in their support of the 1662 Prayer Book," to make changes. If the Archbishop is seeking to promote worship according to the 1662 Book, then his motives are good. Although it seems unfortunate to us to restrict the valuable experimentation being engaged in by various churches at least no damage is done if the 1662 Book is adhered to.

But has the Archbishop been promoting 1662 worship? His past record would not indicate this. He has actually encouraged rectors to make certain changes in the liturgy and in October, 1962, he wrote to clergy wishing them to submit lists of proposed variations for his approval.

JUDAISM TODAY

An interesting sidelight on the "hardening" of Israel comes from a comment in a recent issue of the "Jewish Chronicle" (U.K.).

Commenting on the prodigious rate of growth of Jewish synagogues in both the U.K. and the U.S.A. (2,000 have been built in the U.S.A. since the war), the paper says that "recently hardly a week has passed without synagogues being consecrated or reconsecrated."

But, the journal goes on, "Glowing pews gaze upon glowing arks in semipermanent emptiness. The contemporary American Jew, it would seem, is more disposed to pay than to pray, or looks upon a donation to a synagogue building fund as an act of worship in its own right."

The Anglo-Jew is not essentially different. There is, and always has been, a greater understanding of the tangible rather than the intangible, the material rather than the spiritual. A prayer to the eyes of most people, is only a prayer, but a synagogue is a building.

It is real estate, while worship and the paraphernalia of obser-

vance belong to the unreal estate of the spirit."

We need to pray for these people who do not yet see in Christ their King-Messiah that they also, as St. Paul desired, "may obtain mercy."

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

A number of parishes asked for, and were granted, usages from the 1928 Prayer Book and we have been in churches in Sydney where this book has been used (by permission) and such practices as praying for the dead have been engaged in by the minister.

And, although the Archbishop in his letter said that in the service of Holy Communion the Prayer of Consecration from the 1662 Book must be used rather than that of the 1928 Book. One well-known Sydney church requested use of the 1928 service of Holy Communion "in its entirety."

Nor has consistency marked the Archbishop's actions. We know, for instance, of a strongly evangelical church which asked for a certain arrangement of services and was refused, while another parish nearby, of High persuasion, was granted the very same thing.

Far better than restrict worthwhile experimentation, the Archbishop ought to apply himself to purging worship in Sydney's parish churches of unreformed practices and usages.

Archbishop Protests Over Vietnam Reports

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gram. The Archbishop asked for "continual and growing support of M.R.I. and to point out that any idea of compromise can only be due to a wrong understanding of the nature of the Church of Christ, a wrong understanding which I fear is held by some in this diocese."

Church and Life Movement: "I commend it to your prayers and support in the belief that if we share in it wholeheartedly we shall reap great benefit in our lives individually, parochially and as a diocese. I would add that it is a source of special pleasure to know that the chairman of the Movement is the Advocate of our diocese, Mr Norman Jenkin Q.C."

Vatican Council: "There are many indications that the Roman Catholic Church is in reality experiencing the throes of a new Reformation. For this we can only thank God and we should be much in prayer that such reformation may extend deep into the doctrines of that Church as well as affecting her practices and regulations."

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Dr GOUGH "PERTURBED" OVER SERVICE CHANGES

IN his Presidential Address to Sydney Synod the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr H. R. Gough, has said that he could not allow "any serious alteration" in forms of service being used in the diocese.

The Archbishop said that while he admitted the need for revision, he was "somewhat perturbed to find that a number of our clergy are preparing their own forms of service and seeking permission to experiment with them."

The Archbishop went on, "This I cannot allow. General Synod appointed a Prayer Book Revision Committee and this Committee will be reporting to the Session of General Synod next year. I understand it may recommend the experimental use of a revised Liturgy but unless and until General Synod gives approval to such experimentation, I cannot myself give it."

"It would never do for a variety of experimental forms of service to be held in our Churches as this would lead to serious confusion and perplexity amongst our lay people."

Serious mistake

"Moreover, I would add that revision of our Prayer Book Services is a task for our liturgical experts and that the average parochial clergyman has not the needed knowledge or ability. Serious mistakes in theology or worship can unconsciously be made by those who are not experienced in such work."

"I must, therefore, state quite dogmatically that I cannot allow in this diocese at the present time any serious alteration in our forms of service and that the only deviations permissible in accordance with our New Constitution are those which are in full agreement with our present Book of Common Prayer and for which official application has been made and granted as outlined in the correspondence I had with the clergy nearly three years ago."

"I have been somewhat dismayed to notice a tendency on the part of some who would profess to be stalwarts in the defence of the Reformation and in their support of the 1662 Prayer Book, to feel free to make changes in accordance with their own interpretation of doctrine or with their particular whims and fancies."

"I would remind such, and indeed all of you, that in the Anglican Ordained Ministry you are not free 'to do as you like' but must loyally abide by the rules and traditions of the Anglican Church."

The Archbishop also drew attention to the growing practice to surround some churches with columbariums (structures containing niches for the reception of urns containing the ashes of the departed).

The Archbishop said that he recommended burying ashes in church grounds, "in soluble containers" which would disintegrate and allow the ground to be used

again at some future date, the names of those so buried being recorded in a Book of Remembrance or listed on a Memorial Tablet.

CHRISTIAN DEVIATIONS, by Horton Davies. A revised edition, covers Punctualism, the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc. Price 8/6, postage 8d. C.M.S. BOOKSHOP, 93 Bathurst Street, Sydney.

• Owing to lack of space it has not been possible to give a full coverage to Synod reports. This will be done in our next issue. Lack of space also precludes publication of news from an Anglican evangelical conference in N.Z., and from the National Assembly of Evangelicals in the U.K., both of which will be covered in our next issue.

REFORMATION APPEAL BY MOORE LIBRARY

FOR some years now Moore College Library has been expanding the number of volumes it holds of the writings of the Reformers.

It has been purchasing the new American edition of the writing of Martin Luther. This edition in 55 volumes will be, when it is completed, the best edition available in English.

The Library has also begun to acquire the new edition of Calvin's sermons known as Supplementa Calviniana. This set of books will be the first complete printed edition of Calvin's sermons ever made.

However, the flow of new editions and the republication of old editions of the Reformer's writings is now so great that the library is unable to purchase these publications on its normal grant.

The editions now made available include the famous Corpus Reformatum which contains the complete works of Melancthon and Calvin.

These volumes are the best scholarly editions ever made of these works and have been out of print for over half a century. No public library or institution in Australia has, as far as is known, a complete set of these works.

Complete set

Then there are the new editions of the works of Theodore Bera, Martin Bucer and Ulrich Zwingli, which are in process of publication.

It is estimated that to cover the cost of purchasing these republications and these new editions, the sum of one thousand pounds (£1,000) will be needed. An appeal is therefore being opened for this amount.

It comes at a time when the changing face of contemporary churches makes it vital that we should know what were the teachings for which the reformers of the sixteenth century were striving. If a serious study of the reformers is to be possible in Australia, these volumes are a vital need.

Any donation of one pound and upwards has been declared by the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation to be an allowable deduction from income tax, because Moore College Library is open to the public.

Donations should be sent to the "Reformation Appeal," Moore College Library, Carillon Ave, Newtown, N.S.W.

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Letters to the Editor

Christianity and Communism

I was much impressed with your leading article of August 12, and also the two letters in the same issue. Like you, I cannot agree with Mr. Sibson's remedy, and I do emphatically concur with Monica Lennie's suggestion.

The Evangelical Churches (or to be more accurate, denominations) do not take the menace of Communism seriously enough, and do not appreciate that it is dedicated to the complete destruction of all organised religion.

Two publications which demonstrate what a dangerous and evil force international Communism is are *The Naked Communist* by W. Cleon Skousen, and *The Weekly Religious Review*.

Skousen was for 15 years a member of the F.B.I. in the U.S., engaged on tracking down Communist subversion. He is now Chief of Police in Salt Lake City, Utah. His book is published by the Ensign Publishing Company, Salt Lake City. It gives the most complete coverage of the ramifications of Communism known to me, as well as a good synopsis of Lenin's basic teaching.

The other is a weekly, published by the Weekly Review Ltd., 41 Rodney Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England. About two thirds of each issue is devoted to religious news of world interest, and the other third to the attempts made by Communism to eradicate religion from those countries where it is in control. In every case, the source of its information is most carefully stated.

Communism is a system of government imposed entirely by force, and maintained by force. In no country under its control are free elections permitted, nor have its citizens freedom of movement.

It is a past master at misrepresentation, as witness the way in which it has hoodwinked many clergy into supporting its "peace conferences" and such like.

I sincerely hope you will publish more leaders like that of August 12.

DOUGLAS C. TILGHMAN, Berr, N.S.W.

South America The remarks of Alan Nichols regarding the decision of the Edinburgh conference in 1910 about South America being a Roman Catholic continent still has its advocates.

Discussing Christianity today with missionaries and Canon Fox in late 1963 the Canon expressed the same opinion namely, that we should not interfere in this continent, but trust that they will have in their turn a reformation as did Europe.

Peter could almost have had you Anglicans in mind when he said, "You are a peculiar people."

You have the saintliest saints, the most ardent Christians, some of the loveliest words and articles (in your Prayer Book) outside of the Bible, and on the other hand a large section that simply repels one.

(Mr) WAL LARSEN, Bright, Vic.

Vital ministry

I feel that your paper fulfils a vital ministry to us.

It is good to see the vital truths of our faith put so clearly and how we need this without any frills or withholding of the Gospel with its power to salvation to all who believe.

This is the message of life and may it please God to bring many to a fuller, richer, and deeper love and consecration to Him who is the only way, truth and life.

Sydney, N.S.W.

Christmas toys

One of the most alarming things to appear on our social scene at the approach of Christmas is the advent of these worse-than-war toys.

Do you not feel how shocking it will be in celebrating the birthday of the Prince of Peace and Love that our children's stockings will on every hand be filled with presents of hate and violence?

Everyone knows children learn by play. Aren't we teaching our children by buying these war toys that war is exciting and inevitable?

Surely by the twentieth century we should be giving our children the ideal of peace and love toward all peoples. I urge you to speak out in your paper, in an editorial against these toys.

Have you seen "Mark 10" costing 99/11, which has six different ways to kill? If not, go along to one of the stores and you may realise how I feel about this subject. One small newsagent told my husband she'd sold 20 in a fortnight, saying, "I really don't want to sell them, but they ask for them. What can I do?"

(Mrs) JUNE MASON, Dee Why, N.S.W.

The Cathedral and "1662"

At the recent Synod the Primat criticised Sydney clergy for "unlawful" liturgical practices in their churches. This is surprising.

Only three weeks before the Synod an Order of Service was used at a Masonic Service in the Archbishop's own cathedral in which there was not a single reference to Jesus Christ. This service was sanctioned by episcopal approval and participation.

Would the Archbishop claim that the Masonic Service accorded with the principles of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer? Judges must keep the law.

CHRISTIANOS, Sydney, N.S.W.

BISHOP LOANE TO LATIN AMERICA

LEAVING Australia next Thursday, October 28, is Bishop M. Loane, Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney Diocese, who is going to Latin America.

Sydney diocese makes Bishop Loane available for overseas ministry for portion of each year and this trip will make possible contact with Anglican missionary work in South America as well as the work of various interdenominational agencies.

Bishop Loane's first port of call is Lima, Peru, where he will speak at a Reformation Day Service on October 30.

From Peru Bishop Loane will go on to Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile, Ecuador and Tierra del Fuego.

Address gatherings

As well as engagements with the Church Missionary Society and the South American Missionary Society, Bishop Loane will address gatherings organised by I.V.F., Wycliffe Bible Translators and other interdenominational groups.

While in Ecuador it is anticipated that Bishop Loane will be brought into contact with the Aucas people, many of whom have now been converted and are witnessing to fellow-tribespeople.

It is expected that Bishop Loane will be back in Sydney on December 6.

Also leaving for South America this month are Mr and Mrs Ron Bailey. Mr Bailey is well known in Sydney evangelical circles through his work with the firm, Mitchell's Tours, and his participation in the work of many Christian groups. Mr Bailey organises many of the itineraries of missionaries and Christian leaders going overseas.

Mrs Bailey will leave her husband in the U.S.A. and will be returning to Australia via Japan. Mr Bailey will visit Christian work in several parts of South America conducted by C.M.S., S.A.M.S., Wycliffe, U.F.M. and H.C.B. He expects to make contact with the work among the Aucas in Ecuador.

Leaving Sydney in the Canberra on October 25, Mr Bailey expects to be back in Sydney just before Christmas.

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The principal guest speaker will be the Hon. William McMahon, Minister for Labour and National Service. The N.S.W. Government will be represented by the Hon. J. C. Majdison, Minister for Justice. Other leading citizens will also speak.

The week will include an Art Exhibition, mainly featuring work by migrants from Captive Nations, a Businessman's Luncheon, two Cultural Festivals, one at the Conservatorium of Music on Wednesday, October 27 and the other at Sydney Town Hall on Saturday, October 30.

Prayer in churches
N.S.W. churchgoers will be asked to pray on Sunday, October 24, for the freedom of captive peoples behind the Iron Curtain.

The Captive Nations Week is being sponsored by leaders of migrant groups whose peoples are controlled by Communist Governments. Sympathetic Australians drawn from all walks of life are also contributing.

The sponsors are appealing for money to assist them in bringing forward the plight of captive peoples to the Australian public. Donations can be forwarded to the President of the Committee, Mr Reg. Bolton, at Box 174, P.O., Strathfield, N.S.W.

Eisteddfod Bible Reading results

Results of the Bible Reading section of the City of Sydney Eisteddfod were:—

17 AND OVER: 1st: Jill Brislan, Sydney; 2nd (tie): R. Hayman, Lewisham, and Joy Hruby, Double Bay.

16 AND UNDER: 1st: Kathryn Marshall, Yagoona; 2d: Valeria Henry, Roseville.

14 AND UNDER: 1st: Richard Kefford, Sydney; 2nd: Robyn Lee, Ashfield; 3rd: Ruth Kronenberg, Fivedock.

12 AND UNDER: Division "A" 1st: Dorothy Harkness, Earlwood; 2nd: Peter Whitney, Mosman; 3rd: Elizabeth Carr, Yagoona.

Division "B" 1st: Adele Brady, Ashfield; 2nd: Penelope Christy, Strathfield; 3rd: Geoffrey Wentworth, Mosman.

There were 21 entrants in the 17 and Over section, 16 in the 16 and Under section, 39 in the 14 and Under section and 114 in the 12 and Under section. Prizes are awarded by the N.S.W. Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.

CLOTHING DRIVE

A large number of members of St. Philip's, Eastwood, assisted in a Home Mission Society's Opportunity Shops' clothing drive on Saturdays September 11 and 18.

Some 900 clothing bags were distributed and the net result of the drive was some four vanloads of various types of clothing.

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Gibbulla's sheep will be shorn as one of the features of this year's Sydney Diocesan Rally at the Menangle centre.

The rally, on Saturday, November 6, will also feature youth displays and a youth exhibit, band music, a children's rally and many other activities. The Sydney Diocesan Churchwomen's Association will be running nine fete stalls.

Culmination of the day's activities will be a thanksgiving service at which the preacher will be the Archbishop of Sydney.

The program will run from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and many parishes have organised bus trips for the day.

A.B.C. Hobart post

An officer to care for religious radio and television programs in Tasmania is being sought by the A.B.C. Applications close on October 27, and further information may be had from any A.B.C. office.

Applicants are required to have a good educational background (preferably to tertiary level), an understanding of theological issues and a broad knowledge of sacred music.

The officer's duties will include aiding artists in the preparation and presentation of their material and planning of programs in a general way. A good knowledge of current affairs is another necessary qualification.

"We are looking for someone with initiative and enthusiasm" said the A.B.C.'s Federal Supervisor of Religious Broadcasts, the Rev. James Peter. "The position is a temporary one, but there is great reason to expect the successful applicant to remain with the A.B.C. for as long as he likes."

Bowl prayers

A Christmas Bowl devotional sheet providing seven daily quotations, Bible readings and prayers for people in need, for December 19-25 is available from Inter-Church Aid in N.S.W.

"The purpose of the Christmas Bowl devotional sheet is to encourage personal and family prayer for others," said the Rev. Robert Sprackett, the Secretary for Inter-Church Aid.

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Voss family take up Chad mission work next month

THE Rev. Hugh Voss and family, originally from Sydney diocese, together with Mr and Mrs Joe Penrose, are now ready to leave Switzerland for their first term as S.U.M. missionaries in Chad, Africa. They will arrive in Fort Lamy early in November.

Two newly accepted workers, Mr and Mrs Alan Richards, will leave Melbourne for Switzerland in March next year.

S.U.M. missionaries are settling quickly into vital ministries in the Chad. Mr and Mrs K. Black are working on the Mesme language at Kelo where they are responsible for the overseeing of a Bible School with 44 students, and a Fellowship Centre and two Bookshops. The Blacks comment that they could do with two more married couples to help with the work.

Other news from S.U.M. work comes from Nigeria and France.

Muslims converted

Mr and Mrs Wilfred Belamy working at Jos, Nigeria, are engaged as full-time workers for the new outreach of the "New Life For All" campaign. All missions and churches in Northern Nigeria are co-operating.

Here are some of the thrilling facts of the recent campaign in Northern Nigeria:

● The ancient muslim city of Zaria in central Nigeria has never in its history allowed anyone to preach inside the old city walls. For three weeks seven young men went to the city for prayer each day. Then they entered to witness. No one stopped or hindered them. Many heard the Gospel message and were saved.

● In the capital city of the Muslim north 10,000 Christians paraded through the city to the stadium for an evangelistic meeting. Six hundred people, some muslims, came to the Lord that day.

● Fifty muslim children from an Arabic school refused to go back to their classes after hearing about the new life in Christ. They were transferred to a government school which has a Christian teacher.

While Communist ideology is basically un-Christian, Mr Hyde acknowledged, if you "get beneath the armour plating of the Communist himself you will invariably find that his original motivation was an idealism that any Catholic should be able to share, and the hatred of real evils and injustices to which any Christian should be opposed.

"It may be that top Communist leaders still have their tongues in their cheeks when they call for a new approach to religion and the church, but the evidence suggests that a high proportion of followers accept the new line. . . And among the leaders in non-Communist countries, there are some who are genuinely modifying their Marxism in the light of a better knowledge of man and the world." (E.P.S., Geneva).

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WORLD REPORT

New Zealand evangelicals ask . . .

WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT?

Reporting on a recent visit to New Zealand, Dr Klass Runia, vice-principal of the Geelong Theological College, has said again and again he was asked by evangelicals there, What shall we do about the ecumenical movement?

"I was very glad to observe," said Dr Runia, "that there is growing awareness that something has to be DONE."

"In the past too often they contented themselves with quietly staying in their own evangelical corner, seeking the company of fellow-evangelicals and trying to be an 'ecclesiola in ecclesia' (a little true church within the big church). But they begin increasingly to realise that they cannot and may not go on in this way."

"There is a growing awareness that they must try to REFORM the Church from within and that, if this proves to be impossible, the day may come that they have to leave their Church."

"It is hard to make any predictions about the future. In many ways things are in ferment and the picture is by no means clear. Yet we should rejoice that so many are becoming aware of the problems involved and are getting ready to DO something about it."

Dr Runia said that most evangelicals in New Zealand show a deep-seated distrust of the development towards ever wider Church union. They know how the situation is in their own Church and are certain that this situation will only be aggravated, when similar Churches are united.

Speaking about the general situation in the Churches, Dr Runia said that "In nearly all

the older and larger denominations there is a liberty of opinion in matters of doctrine. Many evangelicals complained to me about the unscriptural preaching they often hear in their own Church. This does not mean that they hear many heretical statements; it is rather so that the preaching is heretical by default: so much of the truth is left unsaid.

"It is a reduced, superficial Gospel, that sometimes hardly can be recognised as the Gospel. Someone told me: 'I hear many sermons in which the name of Jesus Christ is not mentioned at all. They are nice talks, but they are not the authoritative proclamation of the saving Gospel. There is nothing of 'thus saith the Lord' in them."

PROTESTANT LESSONS IN BRAZILIAN SCHOOLS.

Under Brazilian law one hour a week must be given to religious instruction in schools. In Sao Paulo 100,000 children have registered a preference for evangelical training. The Child Evangelism Fellowship will be responsible for primary schools and the Word of Life Fellowship for secondary ones. 2,000 lay workers will be needed to meet the challenge.

CONSCIENCE MONEY

The Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. has temporarily dropped plans for a half million dollar building program at its national conference centre in Connecticut. The church says that demands on conscience required the funds to be spent for urgent world needs rather than to provide more comfort for participants in church meetings.

HONG KONG RELIEF

35,000 people received help — food, clothing, bedding — last winter from the West China Evangelistic Band. This is an evangelical group working in Hong Kong and seeking to meet the spiritual needs of the people as well as their temporal needs. The Band has about 80 workers, runs an old people's home, a children's hostel and three schools with over 2,000 pupils. A nursery school is also planned.

30 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR PASTORS

It is reported that the average salary of Baptist pastors in Yugoslavia is 30 dollars per month, plus social security payments and children's allowances. Recently heavy cuts have been made in the pastors' salaries because of efforts by Yugoslav Baptists to be self-supporting and not seek financial help from abroad.

IN BRIEF

A recent Russian survey reports one in five babies born in the Soviet Union during 1964 was baptised. The 1963 ratio was one in three.

Churches in Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya have agreed to form an Institute for Christian Education to co-ordinate preparation of Christian education material.

African paper says "stop Sudan murder"

IN a front page editorial headlined "Stop Sudan Murder," the East African Christian monthly "Target" has called on the Organisation for African Unity to place the Sudan issue on its agenda as 'a matter of extreme urgency.'

The people of the southern Sudan are going through hell," it said. "Surely the time has come to drop this myth that the troubles are internal matters for Sudan Government alone."

"Evidence is pouring in of a wave of savage repression by Government forces directed against civilians in the country. Thousands have been shot and many more have been forced to flee from their homes."

"Reports of the horrible massacre at Juba (in July) give the lie to the Sudan Prime Minister's bland contention that only a few lives were lost and these because 'outlaws opened fire and the Army fired back'. Eyewitness reports . . . show clearly that Government troops ran amok at Juba and slaughtered hundreds of people."

"The Sudan Government would like to blame the situation on the wicked plots of 'missionaries' and 'imperialists,' but few people in Africa will believe this . . . the basic problem is that three million people of African origin feel that they are dominated by those of mainly Arab blood who live in the North." "Target" said the Organisation for African Unity should place the issue on its agenda immediately, should offer to mediate between the Government and the rebels, and should conduct a referendum to enrole the Sudanese to determine their own future. (E.P.S., Geneva.)

PRESBYTERIANS REAFFIRM SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. has resolved that it is "completely committed" to the Bible "as the written Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice," and to the Westminster Confession "as faithfully setting forth the teachings of Holy Scripture." The Church's statement follows the recent move of the United Presbyterian Church to amend its doctrinal standards, abandoning the Westminster Confession as "the current and authoritative confession of its faith," and denying the Bible as the infallible Word of God.

SOUTH AFRICAN REFORM-ED CHURCH'S 300 YEARS

The Dutch Reformed Church of Capetown, the oldest congregation in South Africa, recently celebrated its 300th anniversary. On August 23, 1665, the Rev. Johan van Arkel was installed as the first minister in the first church building. Prior to his coming, services were held in the castle of Supreme Court for the civil servants of the East India Company.

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Mainly About People

N.S.W.

The Rev. G. A. Hook, at present rector of St. Alban's, Lindfield (Sydney) is to become rector of S.S. Simon and Jude, Bowral. Mr Hook was rector of Bowral for an earlier term, from 1950 to 1958. He will succeed the Rev. B. R. Horsley, who has gone to Christ Church, Lavender Bay (ACR, 23/9/65).

The Rev. John Baxter, formerly curate of St. Mary's with Rooty Hill (Sydney), has been appointed curate-in-charge of the new provisional district of Rooty Hill with Mt. Druiit.

One of the two secondary school prizewinners in the 1965 Health Week Essay Competition was won by Barbara Dodd (16), from Jannali Girls' High School. Barbara is the daughter of Mr Gordon Dodd of Dios Offset, and is an active member of St. Clement's, Jannali.

Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir, Dean of Sydney, has been appointed Liaison Bishop of the Church of England for the Ministries and Departments of the Armed Forces.

The Rev. Peter Tasker, from West Wollongong, has taken up his new duties as Assistant Minister at St. Paul's, Chatswood.

Victoria

Speakers have been announced for the Summer Conference of the Church Missionary Society (Vic.) to be held at Belgrave Heights from January 21 to 28, 1966. These include the Rt. Rev. A. Stanway, Bishop of Central Tanganyika, the Rev. Dr Alan Cole, of St. Peter's Hall, Singapore, the Rev. E. D. Cameron, C.M.S. Federal Secretary, and the Rev. K. Perry, Victorian C.M.S. General Secretary. Dr. Leon Morris, principal of Ridley College, is to be one of the speakers at the Belgrave Heights Easter Convention next year.

The resignation has been announced of Archdeacon L. W. A. Benn, Archdeacon of North Gippsland and Vicar-General of Gippsland and diocese. The resignation will take effect from March 9, 1966.

Two appointments announced recently in Melbourne are those of the Rev. D. Warner, at present vicar of St. Paul's, Ringwood, who is going to St. Faith's, Burwood, as from February 10 next, and the Rev. A. H. Pappas to St. Philip's, West Heidelberg.

In contested elections at the Melbourne Synod Canons T. R. H. Clark and W. Holt and the Rev. C. D. Maling were elected to the Council of the Diocese; Dr. C. J. Upton to the Dept. of Christian Education, and the Rev. G. A. Pearson to Melbourne C. of E. Girls' Grammar School.

Overseas

Mr Clark Bedford, an American who for the past three years has been organist-choirmaster at Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, has been appointed organist and choirmaster of All Souls Church, Langham Place, London. He will take up his duties at the end of August.

The Rev. Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter, a noted Bible teacher, who is now living in the U.S.A., has accepted an invitation to speak at the Belgrave Heights (Vic.) Easter Convention. This will be Dr Sidlow Baxter's third visit to Australia, his last visit being in 1960-61 when he spoke at Belgrave Heights.

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The writer has in his possession a copy of the Epistle to the Philippians by Principal Rainy presented to Mr Corish for regular attendance, dated November, 1897.

He often spoke of the value of this Bible Class and its big attendance, and of the influence and leadership of Archdeacon Martin.

Mr Corish was a member of St. Barnabas for many years. He was Secretary of the Protestant Church of England Union, which was held at St. Barnabas, before it merged into the Anglican Church League, of which he was lay secretary for a long period.

Protestant stalwart

During his P.C.E.U. days (as the organisation was briefly called), he came under the teaching of Canon Archdall, that Protestant stalwart and man of great learning who exercised a far reaching influence in the diocese and beyond, notably among those who read for the ministry and those already in it. Canon Archdall founded the Deaconess Institution.

After Mr Corish left St. Barnabas he was a frequenter of the Cathedral, and then became a parishioner of Eastwood, and his last days were lived in the parish of Gladesville. He died in the Home of Peace, Wahroonga.

He has often recalled United Reformation Rallies in the Sydney Town Hall, and also the strife that continually existed between Dr Bill MacKay, of the Scots Church, Sydney, and Cardinal Moran. We are now living in more peaceful days!

In business Mr Corish was for many years in a place of trust in the office of the N.S.W. Fresh Food and Ice Company. He was very interested in the Reformation Rally which began 37 years ago and was its first treasurer. He carried on until his health failed, but always concerned himself in its witness.

Mr Corish was a humble Christian man, kind and courteous and very knowledgeable, and was always ready to pass on books and pamphlets which he thought to be a help to others.

By his reading he kept abreast with the times and was always up to date in current affairs. He took a great interest in the "Church Record," which he carefully read and recommended it to others. He was married.

We shall miss him as a friend and brother and as a wise counsellor, and we extend to Mrs More, his niece, with whom he lived, and other relatives, our prayerful sympathy.

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The Mission to Lepers has changed its name to "The Leprosy Mission" because of the changes in treatment which have removed the stigma of leprosy.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has moved to be permitted to "circulate the Apocrypha" where requested by churches or mission fields. The matter is going before the Privy Council.

BISHOP DAIN

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- Monolithic structures and centralised control.
- Lack of missionary outreach. Examples were Ethiopia and Greece where evangelical missionary work was hindered by the Orthodox Church.

Bishop Dain went on to emphasise that while he felt co-operation was essential there was need to recognise that we could not expect the ecumenical movement to solve all the Church's problems. "We dare not put all our hope for renewal in the ecumenical movement," he said.

Speaking of the missionary cause Bishop Dain said that the ecumenical movement thought Unity and Mission belonged together. "But," he went on, "those most interested in Mission in the past have been those least interested in Union."

"I do not believe," continued the Bishop, "that spiritual renewal comes through any man-made plan for Church union."

Strategy needed

Bishop Dain drew his address to a conclusion by suggesting that there was urgent need for an "evangelical strategy."

Such a strategy, suggested the Bishop, would:

- Develop an evangelical ecumenicity, such as was demonstrated at the recent Evangelical Congress in the U.K. where representatives of more than 1,000 evangelical Churches of all denominations gathered together. Other examples were the growing number of evangelical fellowships throughout the world, such as the Evangelical Fellowship of India which had experienced much blessing over a period of some 10 to 15 years, and co-operative work in literature, radio and Christian Education.

• Foster and safeguard the right of free association of Christians through voluntary societies such as C.M.S. The speaker felt there could well be a united "C.M.S." within the Church of South India.

• Sponsor and deploy men and women in theological training colleges, evangelistic work, conventions and teaching missions.

Bishop Dain said in conclusion that there were opportunities as never before for those who had "a reason for the hope within."

Accompanied on the piano-accordion by their minister, the Rev. John Innesides, the people of Warilla (linked with Shellharbour) gather once a month to witness to their faith in Christ.

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To make known their presence the church people prepare sheets beforehand and these are delivered to surrounding homes the Saturday before the meeting.

Four meetings have been held to date and at the last meeting 36 people, both young and old, from the local church were present. On a previous occasion the local TV station, WIN4, televised the meeting.

Church people (men and women) are attending the conferences organised by the Anglican Church League

Will you be attending the next one?

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St. Coast Open Air Witness

CONSCIOUS of the communication with people in a new housing development with a rapidly expanding population the Anglicans at Warilla, south of Sydney, are running a regular open-air meeting.

He is the Rev. Roland Brown who for the past 15 years has devoted his life to training people around the world how to make prayer more effective and how to live victorious Christian lives.

Mr Brown visits Australia every second year and is conducting "Camp Farthest Out" at the Methodist Conference Centre, "Elanora," from Monday, November 15 to Friday, November 19.

He will also be speaking at the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon in the State Theatre on Sunday, November 14, at 3 p.m. (Further details of Camp Farthest Out from: Miss V. Dempsey, 1a Burns Road North, Beecroft.)

Other services at St. Andrew's Cathedral this month include a service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 21, when police will attend and the Dean, Bishop Hulme-Moir will preach and on the same day, at 3 p.m. an adult Confirmation service.

The next day, Monday, November 22, members of the Sunday Kindergarten Teachers' Association will attend a Communion service at 6.30 p.m.

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ADVENTURING FOR CHRIST IN THE NTHN. TERRITORY —page 2

Roland Brown at Cathedral

AN American Baptist pastor who has preached and taught the power of prayer in more than fifty countries will preach at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on Sunday, November 14, at 7 p.m.

He is the Rev. Roland Brown who for the past 15 years has devoted his life to training people around the world how to make prayer more effective and how to live victorious Christian lives.

Mr Brown visits Australia every second year and is conducting "Camp Farthest Out" at the Methodist Conference Centre, "Elanora," from Monday, November 15 to Friday, November 19.

He will also be speaking at the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon in the State Theatre on Sunday, November 14, at 3 p.m. (Further details of Camp Farthest Out from: Miss V. Dempsey, 1a Burns Road North, Beecroft.)

Other services at St. Andrew's Cathedral this month include a service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 21, when police will attend and the Dean, Bishop Hulme-Moir will preach and on the same day, at 3 p.m. an adult Confirmation service.

The next day, Monday, November 22, members of the Sunday Kindergarten Teachers' Association will attend a Communion service at 6.30 p.m.

400 SPANISH-SPEAKERS SEE FILM

THE Billy Graham film "Lucia," with its original Spanish-language sound track, was seen by slightly more than 400 Spanish-speaking people in the Wollongong Town Hall late last month.

Filmed in 1963 on location at Buenos Aires, Argentina, "Lucia" was the first Graham film to be produced in a foreign language.

Appropriately enough the Wollongong screening was on United Nations Day, October 24, and was part of a Combined Churches Crusade being held in the area.

It is estimated by the Government that there are some 10,000 Spanish-speaking people in Australia and various Christian groups and individuals are seeking to reach these people with the Gospel of Christ.

The film was brought to Australia by the Hour of Decision Ltd., whose Director, Mr Barry Berryman, was one of a number

of Christian workers who went to Wollongong for the screening.

With him was Mr Joe Lenton, of the Church of England Immigration Department, Sydney, who is a fluent Italian speaker, Mr Sid McLeod-Jones, who worked as a Missionary among Spanish-speaking people in Colombia and other Christians able to speak foreign languages.

The program was compered by Mr George Santos.

The Spanish folk queued outside Wollongong's City Hall from 4 p.m. onwards,

although the film was not to be shown until 6.45 p.m.

They had been drawn there by a series of advertisements in their own language placed in Wollongong papers.

At the conclusion of the screening several Christians rose and, speaking in Spanish, Italian, Maltese, Yugoslav, German and Hungarian languages, briefly invited interested folk to talk with them. A number of those present responded.

Effective use was made of

Gospel literature in several languages and Mr Lenton had on hand a good supply.

The Wollongong showing follows others in Victoria, notably at the Carlton Methodist Mission, which carries on an extensive work among migrant people.

"Lucia" comes to Australia following an astonishing ministry in Latin America. No less than 6,000 people attended three premiere showings in Caracas, Venezuela; 5,000 in Quito, Ecuador, and large crowds in a dozen other countries. It is also available for screening with an English sound track dubbed in response.

From N.S.W. the film goes to Whyalla, in South Australia.

SYDNEY: STIPENDS UP, TRUSTS APPROVED

INCLUDED in actions of this year's Sydney Synod was the approval of an increase in clergy stipends and agreement to two ordinances with far-reaching effects on diocesan financial policy.

Synod agreed to proposals to increase clergy stipends, involving an additional £45 going to rectors bringing their recommended minimum annual stipend to £1,305 (with house and travelling allowance).

Pro rata increases were granted to curates-in-charge, curates, deaconesses, parish sisters and catechists.

Whilst these increases were of the most immediate interest to parishes and districts, of more far-reaching interest were the moves to bring into effect some of the recommendations of the Archbishop's Commission.

In particular the Church of England Property Trust has been increased in membership to

14 and has been given wide executive powers.

The Trust will not in future be elected directly by Synod but indirectly through its Standing Committee and in addition the trustees will be able to carry out many functions without reference to either Synod or Standing Committee.

Synod also moved to set up the Church of England Investment Trust, to handle a wide range of investment activities on behalf of the diocese. (Limitations have been placed on the Trust, to avoid investment in such activities as tobacco, liquor and gambling.)

Another ordinance passed this year was the Rural Deanery Conferences Ordinance. This

sets up machinery whereby consultations on an area basis will be held prior to Synod meetings.

Synod also moved to set up a committee to examine the Marriage Act and passed a motion submitted by Canon D. W. B. Robinson expressing the view that Standing Committee should not increase substantially the amounts already approved by Synod in the current budget.

During the current period Standing Committee had budgeted for an amount of £14,000 over the amount approved by Synod.

This year's meeting of Synod proved one of the most exhausting for a long time and synodsmen were relieved when it finally rose late on the Friday night.

THE REWARD OF PERSISTENCE —



• Disembarking from the boat are members of the Church of England Historical Society (Sydney) who went to Bar Island, Hawkesbury River, on October 23, for the annual service there.



• The Rev. Peter Byrne conducting the service in the ruins of the Bar Island church. In the background is part of the wall of the original building.

CHURCH KEEPS ITS 3 ACRES

With characteristic British doggedness members of the Church of England Historical Society finally won through all difficulties one recent Saturday afternoon to stage a landing on Bar Island, Hawkesbury River.

In doing so they preserved for another year a three-acre plot on the island—site of a church built there 89 years ago—for the use of the Church of England.

The Bar Island adventure organised by Mrs N. Hastie and Mr J. R. Tuckerman experienced trouble from the outset.

An engine breakdown on the ferry booked from Brooklyn delayed the start of the journey. Arrangements were being made for alternative

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