

S. FAITH'S SCHOOL TO CLOSE SPECIAL EFFORTS DID NOT SUCCEED

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hockhampton, November 11.
Heroic efforts by the pupils of S. Faith's School at Yeppon, Diocese of Rockhampton, to save the school from closing at the end of 1963 unfortunately has not succeeded in keeping the school open.

Although the Diocesan Council had decided earlier in the year that the school would close at the end of the last term this year, pupils, parents and teachers, friends and supporters, convinced of the great need for a Church school in the diocese, made special endeavours to retain the school.

Much depended on whether a religious order could come to the aid of S. Faith's, but teaching Sisters were unable to help owing to lack of numbers.

The diocesan synod debated fully and justly all the aspects concerning such a serious issue—the results of special appeals, the possibility of the pupils attending the High School for certain subjects so that the number of teachers could be reduced, requirements of maintenance for the school buildings, and so on.

Archbishop J. R. Grimford said that S. Faith's had given a real and active Christian service fully and justly all the aspects concerning such a serious issue—the results of special appeals, the possibility of the pupils attending the High School for certain subjects so that the number of teachers could be reduced, requirements of maintenance for the school buildings, and so on.

The pupils had had a rich experience of community life. Synod went into committee for about two hours to discuss Faith's report, and finally concluded that the Diocesan Council should make the final decision that the school should close at the end of 1963.

ONLY CONTACT
S. Faith's School has been a powerful influence for good in the lives of Church members, and through the diocese.

In scattered areas such as Central Queensland, there are many people whose only active contact with the life of the Church is the period of time spent at a Church school.

After leaving school, a girl may easily never be in a position where she can take an active part and worship regularly with a congregation (apart from during holidays).

In little townships and in larger centres, too, pupils are loyal members.

DUBBO CONFERENCE OF PARISH AND PEOPLE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Bathurst, November 11

The first meeting of the members of the N.S.W. "Parish and People Association" was held at the Brotherhood House, Dubbo, on October 28, under the chairmanship of the Rector of Nyngan, the Reverend Philip Grundy.

The Reverend Don McEwen outlined the history of the Liturgical Movement and how "Parish and People" has developed as part of this movement.

The areas of concern with which "P & P" has been associated itself were shown to be caused by dissatisfaction with the present attitude of the Church in England in relation to its work and its mission to the world.

A lively discussion followed on the basis of Church documents on the greatest study and reform.

Conference felt that the doctrines of "Man, the Gospel and the Church" needed much re-thinking, and that the most important pastoral needs of the Church today centred around this idea of:

PASTORAL NEEDS

the revival of the pastoral episcopate and reform of Church machinery in relation to the establishment of dioceses.

the whole matter of Christian Initiation;

the need for self-disciplined thought; the Church;

lay training for involvement in the total mission of the Church.

devoted churchwomen, members of Church Mat. Bag School children and Sunday school children, and it is particularly distressing to think of the school when the change in the State's education system to a three-year secondary system for the Junior Secondary would mean double enrolment, the diocese was forced, for financial reasons, to this decision.

Hope for a future Church school at Hockhampton remains.

The site purchased for the Anglican High School at College is being retained, though the project cannot be proceeded with at present.

W.A. RALLIES BENDIGO DIOCESE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Great enthusiasm and steady growth were shown when the Bendigo diocesan branch of the A.B.M. Women's Auxiliary held a series of rallies last month—at Daylesford, Bendigo and Tongala.

More than 200 women attended the Daylesford rally, representing 34 affiliated churches.

Mrs R. E. Richards, wife of the Bishop of Bendigo, and Mrs. J. M. Dore, wife of the Bishop of Melbourne, were special speakers. Miss Dorehouse, Federal President of W.A., who travelled specially from Tasmania for the rally.

Miss Dorehouse spoke eloquently of the urgency of the need for the diocese, stressing the dependence of the diocese on the support of laymen and Christians in Australia, their need for the help of the diocese, our "know-how" and our love.

Growth is a sign that God is using the efforts of the mission. The diocese is growing, and the growth of Christianity in New South Wales is a sign that God is using the efforts of the diocese. To illustrate this point, Mrs. J. Snodden, of Esplanade, gave the report of the Church Link, stressing the fact that it is within the capability of all guilds to provide and make it.

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SCHOOL MUSIC COMPETITIONS

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Melbourne, November 11

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ROAD SAFETY RELEVANCE TO RELIGION

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Perth, November 11

Reverence for the sacredness of life and Law, which was the supreme law of the Church, were the two great principles underlying the whole concept of safety on the roads.

The Venérable T. B. MacDonald, Archbishop of Perth, who was the special preacher in Christ Church Cathedral, Perth, said this during road safety week last week.

These were principles which had to be recognised, and by which we had to be governed if we were to play an effective part in the saving of lives, hours and ourselves.

Reverence for life as a gift of God had to include reverence for one's own life.

A person who had seen this could no longer say that as long as it did not endanger the life of others it was his own risk.

One accepted the principle that life was sacred, one had a far more powerful motive than any other to preserve the safety of all, including himself.

CHORBOYS IN LEAD

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, November 11

When a boy crosses a church in the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, he is awarded a scholarship which takes him to Trinity Grammar School, New South Wales, as long as he leaves the choir.

As the school council makes a concession to former choirboys, most of them continue at the school, and in many cases play a leading part in school activities and disciplines.

At the present time the captain of the school, D. G. Lew, and the vice-captain, R. Henry, are both former choirboys of the cathedral, and it has been announced that their former choirboy, R. K. Watson, is this year's director of the choir.

C.M.S. HEADQUARTERS STAFF

FROM OUR C.M.S. CORRESPONDENT

Perth, November 11

The general secretary of the N.S.W. branch of the Church Missionary Society, the Reverend G. M. Fletcher, has resigned upon the resignation of St. Mark's, Northbridge, Diocese of Sydney, 31, 1964.

In 1955, when Mr Fletcher became general secretary, the society was entering a phase of growth within every aspect of its life and work.

The subsequent nine years have seen an acceleration in this forward movement, demonstrated in a tripling of the society's budget together with a notable increase in the number of missionaries and in the number of churches.

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BOOK REVIEWS

A SOLDIER, TEACHER,
AND CHAPLAIN

SOMETIMES, A SOLDIER. The Reverend G. B. Woodford. Ernest Benn. Pp. 195. 3s. 6d.

If you begin to read this book you will not want to stop it. For you would have crowded to much activity, achievement and adventure into a life of 70 years.

Little is said about early days. The author obviously was not strong, though he played cricket, football and lives with fair to good success.

He was 22 when the First World War began and was given a commission at once, with the strength of his association with the Oxford Officers' Training Corps.

He served with immense distinction in the War gaining the V.C. for his gallantry in the defence of Hill 60 and ending up as a Captain and head of a trig Army Corps.

The war over he returned to Africa for further training in preparation for ordination and became a master at Rugby. His elder brother was the famous Dr David, later Bishop of Liverpool.

Ordained in 1920 he was soon a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Ordination Candidates. In 1923 he became Vicar of North Shore-borne in Hampshire.

In 1926 he took a party of the schoolboys to tour Australia and the chapter on this is delightful.

Returning he became a master and chaplain of Harrow School and from there led the first schoolboy tour to Canada and Newfoundland.

He took part in the "Way of Renewal" campaign and in this

connection has a very acute estimate of the "Oxford Group" movement and its aims.

Anyone trapped by this quest movement would be much benefited by reading what Woodford has to say. (See pp. 99-102).

The Second World War found him in charge of refresher courses for soldiers and being on his experiences in England in camps is full of good stories. There he wrote (about 80 years old) on active service to Africa, opening doors to the soldiers (24 in all) with remarkably good results in troop behaviour. His description of the use of the Bible Reading Fellowship notes are quite inspiring.

At the end of 1943 he was appointed Vicar of Harrow where he remained for 10 years, then Rector of West Grinstead till he retired in 1953. A great soldier, an able schoolmaster, a distinguished chaplain and an influential preacher. A really wonderful life.

—J.S.A.

SCHOOLS MUST FORGE
LINKS WITH CHURCH

THROUGH A BLACKBOARD DARKLY. Ray Williams. Faith Press. Pp. 91.

In a world of relativism, our need, according to the author, a teacher of many years' experience, is to lead a satisfactory integrating element.

But this also requires a power to make this matter most potent. Obedience to, and co-operation with, the Creator is

PREPARATION FOR
CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS. Harold Ellis, C.B. S.P.C.K. Pp. 140. 16s. 6d.

There are books a plenty suggesting what should be taught in a Confirmation class, but seldom have they the opportunity of showing how it can be done, especially in these times of "let it or not exist—let it be."

This book will be welcomed by many as providing the opportunity of listening in to a priest engaged in a task he loves.

Father Ellis refers to such aims as a general instruction in the Christian faith revolving around the Catechism, including the great promises, a concentration on teaching morality, a time to Confirmation preparation in the meditation of pious habits.

This is seen as enabling the children to "take up the gift that is in him and so eventually lead to and result in the conversion of his soul (p. 17).

And this aim requires private interviews. "You may instruct or muse but you can never form a habit in a class when dealing only with numbers."

Ellis suggests a small class of one instruction each week and an interview with each candidate separately, following each class. The interview is a method of himself in a parish of twenty thousand souls with classes of no more than 12 and separate interviews for 150 candidates each year.

The present book is a revision of the original 1920 edition and presents the results of interviews recently conducted with a 17-year-old boy and a 16-year-old girl. Subjects covered are the need of kindness, prayer (2), bodily observance, Bible study, forgiving, almsgiving (Communion) (2), the duty of service.

In the search for a better way of preparing candidates for Confirmation it is good to have this earnest plea for a greater attention to persons of the Church and all clergy, however they may differ from one of the author's instructions, can be grateful for one who has courageously enabled us to look over his shoulder and learn from a brother priest at work.

—G.R.F.

CHURCH ARMY
STORY

COLLATERAL AND WITNESSED. John Cowland. Frontier and 2nd Federal Secretary of the Church Army in Australia. Pp. 121. 8s.

This binding element, worship is the power to make this integrating principle vigorous.

For as William Temple insisted, "The heart of religion is not an opinion about God—it is a personal relation with God. Its closest analogy is not found in our study of astronomy or other sciences, but in our relation to a person whom we love and trust."

Writing after experience in a large mixed Secondary Modern School, Mrs Williams recognises the absolute necessity of links with the worshipping life of the Christian community.

Excellent though the English Agreed Syllabus may be, "the link with the Church of Christ is well below the mark at which denominational differences arise, and more often than not the majority of the children have no affiliations with any worshipping community."

Unless these links are forged of the youth's own desire before he leaves school, the Christian faith will wither and die for there are no sustaining roots in the future.

How often this has been emphasised, but re-emphasised by the Church that one cannot be a Christian outside the Church. Modern educators are being driven to consider the validity of this truth.

When the school is pervaded by this spirit of worship, then the members breathe it.

It begins to colour their thinking, and gives them standards to which they can appeal as they move out into a world dominated by the spirit of materialism.

For it is through service rather than the intellect, that things go deeper and pervade more effectively.

This is a courageous and refreshing book for, although its background is English, the situation is not dissimilar to our own where the Church is a small group of children attending government schools have no links with the worshipping community.

—A.V.M.

BIBLE STUDIES

THE LORDS PRAYER. C. F. Evans. S.P.C.K. Pp. 100. 6s. 6d.

Ten addresses given in Durham Cathedral by the Rev. Canon Evans, D.D., on the Lord's Prayer, but of very real value to the clergy as Bible studies and a basis for teaching.

—J.S.A.

V.O. TEACHERS
IN UGANDA

ANGLICAN NINE MONTHS

Nairobi, November 11. Sixteen young women and two young men, all from England, last month to teach in Church of Uganda schools and teacher training colleges.

They have come under the Voluntary Service Overseas scheme.

The first Church Aid Department of the British Council of Churches paid their fares.

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HOW TO EVANGELISE

METHODS OF MISSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. John Carter. S.P.C.K. Pp. 128. 12s. 6d.

THE Church of the Province of South Africa counted the Reverend John Carter, Anglican Chaplain to the University of Cape Town, to undertake an investigation into methods of mission in the province.

He offers his book as a contribution to the subject, "Southern Africa" rather than "South Africa" as the province bounds are wider than those of the Republic.

Although written against the South African background, the book would prove equally valuable in Australia where

many of the same problems are met. One merit of the book is that it is written by a man who has seen in its totality, whatever in the parish, the diocese, or what is more, the province, the majority of the children have no affiliations with any worshipping community.

Mr Carter states frankly some of the criticisms levelled at the Christian Church by educated Africans, outside the Republic being as well within it.

The Australian churchman might well find what is said, as the peoples of New Guinea and the Islands may have cause to say for the future.

We do not learn from the methods of our forefathers.

The writer emphasises the laymen's part in mission to the "Evangelists", "Preachers", "Communicators", "Dialogues" are some of the headings in the book.

He has not nothing new to say he has at least a compelling way of saying it.

In coming with most writers on this subject he does not face the question of this world has blinded the minds of them which

All the same it is a good book, and could be recommended for the parish. —C.M.G.

ADUKU CHURCH IS
LOCAL OFFICE

ANGRICAN NEWS SERVICE

Nairobi, November 11

The Prime Minister of Uganda, Dr Milton Obote, has given 25 acres of land for building a new church at Aduku, in Lango.

Already the walls of the church are complete. As well as serving as a place of worship, the church will be the headquarters of the West Nile District Council.

The whole cost has been raised by the local people here in 1950 years before the roof is completed.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

CRISTIANITY. Stephen Houston. S.P.C.K. New Book. 6s. 6d.

"Experience," says the author, "for most of us our imagination. Our minds are adjusted to a stage between 20 and 30 years ago."

"On the Christian side, we are laboriously answering questions people give up asking a lifetime ago. Equally, the Christian is attacking the Christian positions of three lifetimes ago, with militant arguments at least two lifetimes old."

With such an introduction the author follows on with a most careful study of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, leading the reader through a study of the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Gospels, the Acts, the Epistles, the Creed, and their relationship to the Holy Spirit.

He follows with studies of the Holy Spirit in the Gospels, Acts to Corinthians, Galatians to Revelation and the Experience in the Historic Church.

Then follow practical applications of the work of the Holy Spirit in Worship, Individual Life in Human Community. There is little that is new but the book is readable and useful.

—J.S.A.

