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CHRISTIAN UNITY DISPLAYED

A CLEAR display of true Christian unity was evident once again during the Christmas-New Year season as church people of many shades of conviction rubbed shoulders together in numerous camps, conventions and beach missions.

At the two large conventions—Belgrave Heights and Katoomba—and at numerous smaller ones in other states Anglican sat next to Baptist, Methodist with Brethren, sharing together in the common heritage of the Word of God.

And many of those not present at the conventions were to be found in one or other of the camps and beach missions, there seeking to point young people to the Christ of Christmas.

Scripture Union, largest single organiser of such activities, is conducting this year over 70 beach missions and 40 school camps.

Varied Character

Here again the spirit of unity is manifest as young men and women of many shades of opinion and coming from many spiritual backgrounds find a common link in the proclamation of the unchanging Gospel of Christ.

Speakers at the conventions reflected the varied character of their audiences. At Belgrave Heights (Victoria) Christians heard the Word of God

expounded by a Presbyterian (the Rev. Arthur Gunn), two Baptists (the Rev. John Bird and the Rev. Neville Horn) and an Anglican (Bishop Alfred Stanway).

Houseparty groups also reflected the unity in variety. Largest of these was the C.M.S. League of Youth (with about 130 in residence). Other groups were organised by Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, the Churches of Christ and numerous inter-denominational groups.

At Katoomba a Baptist (the Rev. Francis Dixon) shared the platform with three Anglicans (Bishop Marcus Loane and the Revs. John Reid and Arthur Deane).

At Mount Breckan, in South Australia, the two principal speakers were an Anglican (the Rev. Geoff Fletcher) and a Baptist (the Rev. A. L. Burrows).

Keswick Tape Library—The tape library, with a number of excellent tapes available of addresses given at the Keswick Convention in England, is now in the charge of Mrs E. S. Every, 545 Whitehorse Rd, Surrey Hills, E.10 (The tape service will be closed during January).



• Christians leaving the large meeting hall following one of the morning meetings at Belgrave Heights.

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"GIVE YOUTH A FAIR GO"

This matter is urgent

CALL FOR NURSES

THIS is an urgent call to trained Christian nurses.

A critical situation has developed in the ministry of the Flying Medical Service of B.C.A.

An already understaffed nursing service, bolstered temporarily by help from four student deaconesses (who have given up their vacations to this work), will sink to a dangerously low level in mid-February.

At this point in time only 10 nurses will be carrying on a work normally handled by 21. Less than half—a situation of grave difficulty for the society.

The work is not easy. Each place has its own climatic and other localised problems. For this reason each post demands a very real sense of Christian vocation, coupled with capacity.

And the area is vast—by city standards. Radiating from Ceduna, South Australia, the society is responsible

for maintaining medical and hospital facilities over an area, the radius of which stretches out for some three hundred miles.

Beyond that radius there is yet more, for outside the reach of the flying medical work B.C.A. staffs another hospital and a nursing hostel. Because of both the isolation and the inherent problems of such a work it is desirable that staff are both general and mid-trained sisters.

Here is an opportunity for adventurous Christian service, for the work isn't only a medical one. The work gives opportunity for Christian witness through Sunday schools, youth groups, Bible classes and through religious instruction in schools.

Where are those prepared to share in the fellowship of B.C.A.'s ministry, in the practical demonstration of a faith in God and His redeeming love in Christ? B.C.A. would like to hear from Christian nurses at this time of great need.

YOUNG people today are no worse than they ever were. What is worse is the way they are encouraged, enticed and persuaded by commercial interests to do the things that spell monetary gain for those interests.

This comment was made by the principal of Wollongong High School, Mr J. E. Lenehan, during the course of a hard-hitting address delivered at the school's annual Speech Night in December.

Mr Lenehan went on to draw parents' attention to the flood of pornographic literature on the market. "I now refrain from advising youngsters to use the adult fiction library," he continued. "It is very difficult to find books that do not reek with sex."

"Have you ever noticed how bookstalls act like magnets to adolescents? But have you noticed that it is one section in particular which draws them? The section laden with sex magazines and pornographic books is easily located. It is where the crowd is."

"When protests are made about the ready availability of this low type of publication to youth, the cry immediately goes up—Liberty, Freedom, Art!"

"When does liberty become licence? Is there to be unbridled liberty for conduct which used to be regarded, and should still be regarded, as immoral? Why can't youngsters be shown that social advancement and acceptance

School Head's Plain Speaking

need not, and must not, depend on ability to drink intoxicating liquor and on sexual immorality?"

Posing the question "What does the community want of schools today?" Mr Lenehan went on: "The schools and the churches are foremost amongst the last outposts of decency, but we in the schools need help. We want to feel that we are not striving against the community—we want to feel that our efforts to turn out decent-living youngsters meet with the approval of the community."

Outposts of Decency

"I appeal to publishers generally, to television magnates as well as to writers of popular songs to give Youth a Fair Go. Their right is to be told often of the harm to body and mind that can result from immoral conduct."

"A country is only as strong as its moral fibre. I believe the strength of our country, the strength of the sacred institution of marriage, the strength of the home, the church and the school is being undermined by the onslaughts of selfish commercial interests."

"The results of the greed of such interests are very evident and we must determine to correct the cause of misconduct, that is,

provided we really want girls and boys to grow into decent young men and women. Is this what we want? If it is, let us say so and work for a Fair Go for Youth."

False Security

Turning his attention to the failure on the part of some parents to face up to their responsibilities, Mr Lenehan warned parents of being lulled into a sense of false security by the current "teenage cult" and advised them to ask the following questions:—

- When you allow your children to go to the pictures do you really know their companions and are you sure they are at the pictures?

- When your children go to the beach do you sometimes accompany the youngsters?

- When your children go to a party are you sure that the party is being supervised by responsible adults and that it is not an excuse for misbehaviour?

- When you allow your children to spend the week-end at a friend's place, are you sure the parents of the friend are there and that the week-end doings are innocent fun?

- When you go to the club at night are you sure your offspring has not planned a party during your absence?

- When your children say they are going to a church meeting are you quite sure they are not using the church as an excuse to be on the loose?

Jubilee Year

January, 1964, is an important occasion in the life of "The Australian Church Record" for it marks the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the paper as "The Church Record."

It is true, of course, that our title carries the statement that this is the eighty-fourth year of publication. However, this is because, like so many newspapers, both secular and religious, ACR has grown out of earlier publications.

More specifically, the present paper grew from the fusion of "The Church of England Record," first published in 1880 (hence our "eighty-fourth year"), and "The Victorian Churchman."

Thus, if we except certain diocesan papers, such as Melbourne's "Messenger" and Tasmania's "Church News," ACR is the oldest Church of England newspaper in Australia.

Later in the year a special issue will be published to mark this important milestone in ACR's history. However, it is not inappropriate that, at the start of our Jubilee Year, mention should be made of this occasion.

From its inception ACR has sought to pursue a policy of being (in the words of its first editorial) "a fair representative of the Church of England's Reformed and Protestant character."

If there have been times when ACR has not lived up to such a high calling these must be put down to human frailty or (because editors get tired like other people) to over-heavy demands being made on the time of the paper's editors.

Notwithstanding such lapses the aim still remains and any publication setting out with such an object in view must inevitably draw down upon its head criticisms. This is true no less of secular journals as of religious.

It is manifestly impossible to please all of our readers all of the time but a constant flow of letters expressing warm appreci-

ation and prayerful interest are testimony to the need for such a witness to evangelical truth within our denomination.

We thank God for the strong bonds of fellowship that exist between ourselves and many of our readers, bonds which have done much to ensure the continued publication of a paper which, as a purely commercial venture, would have closed its doors decades ago. Through times both of prosperity and adversity such folk have stood with us, not only with necessary financial support but with prayer support.

In many respects the need for such a newspaper is greater today than ever before. There is a growing movement within the Church of England, evident fifty years ago but gaining strength with the passing years, to dethrone Scripture as the supreme authority by which to test the Church's doctrines and forms of worship.

The directors and staff of ACR are not unmindful of the need that exists and covet the prayerful interest and support of our many friends as we consider how best, in this year of Jubilee, we might discharge our responsibilities as an independent evangelical church newspaper.

C.M.S. HQ.

PROVISIONAL plans for the Church Missionary Society's new headquarters, which are to be built in Waterloo Road, S.E., near the Old Vic Theatre, and are expected to be in use by the end of 1965, are given in the C.M.S. News-Letter for January.

The new headquarters will consist of a block of offices, a place of meeting and consultation and a place of prayer and spiritual renewal. Writing in the "News-Letter" the general secretary (Canon John V. Taylor) says:

"Our architect has expressed this three-fold function with integrity by allocating a separate building to each. But the long, six-storey office block, in plan like a Z that has been pulled out almost flat, curves through the whole lay-out, binding it all in one.

"Lying on a second axis at right-angles to this are the Chapel above the main entrance portico in front, the committee room wing at the back and the staircase hall of the office block between them.

In this article, reprinted from "The Church of England Newspaper," an English vicar, the Rev. Geoffrey Hart, gives thoughtful consideration to the problem of the absence of men from our congregations.

Where are the men?

THE Christianity of the New Testament was no milk-and-water stuff. It was a robust, wholesome, manly thing for red-blooded men.

The first disciples were fishermen and tax-collectors. Paul was a tentmaker by trade. Jesus Christ Himself had probably worked in a carpenter's shop.

A Martian visiting many of our churches today might be forgiven for imagining that Christianity is mainly for women and children. They are in the majority in most congregations, on a good many parish councils, at most church meetings, and in nearly all church choirs.

It is very often the wife who is automatically called to deal with the vicar when he visits the family, and who arranges baby's baptism. In most lists of missionary candidates the women outnumber the men. The shortage of men for both overseas work and for the ministry starts farther back — in the shortage of men in the pews.

Elemental Forces

Here are some considerations bearing upon this.

1. Generally speaking (and everything in this article must be in general terms, recognising that of course many exceptions exist) women are undoubtedly different from men temperamentally. Involved in this is the fact that women are naturally more religious than men. They have a keener sense of the numinous. Married women especially are physiologically more aware of the elemental forces of nature in their own physical processes, especially in childbirth. Women are guided much more by intuition and emotion than by reasoning. They "feel" rather than "believe" there is a God.

At times when intellectual Christianity is at a discount, women are far less disturbed than men.

Liturgical services in the language of the sixteenth century which can create real difficulties for men are far less of a problem for women, who go much more by the "feel" of a service, to which they are very sensitive. Although all this is generally true, there are exceptions, some women are masculine in their approach and some men are feminine.

Rugged Majesty

But (and this is especially important) because women are more religious does not mean that they are more Christian. Only God knows who are the true Christians in any congregation, but I doubt seriously if women outnumber men among true Christians.

2. The cult of sentimental Christianity is also to blame. Shorn of the rugged majesty of God's holiness, righteousness, wrath, and judgment, it consists of blessed thoughts from a Lake-land calendar and little stores of this and that, culminating in a mawkish invitation to welcome Jesus into your heart, or to come to Jesus now.

This is a pathetic caricature of the truth, containing enough to make it just about recognisable as Christianity (of a sort), but bringing Christianity as a whole in disrepute. On the whole it appeals to womenfolk more than to men.

3. Most of the parson's visiting (if he does any at all in this

age of the type-writing, tape-recording, telephoning parson) is done in the afternoon. This means that he visits the women and not the men. His evenings are filled with endless committees and meetings, so he never visits the men at all.

It is still true that the house-going parson makes a church-going people in most parishes, even if the process is a slow one, but if it is only the women who are visited it is hardly surprising if it is the womenfolk who come to the church and not the men.

4. Low standards in preaching seem to affect women less than men. Most women are less dependent upon the sermon for their church-going than most men, most of whom will simply not listen week after week to rubbish — even from a parson!

Christian men may — out of a sense of duty; but it is little good trying to tell the unconverted or half-converted man that he should go to church to worship God and not to listen to the vicar.

Preaching Parson

In any case, true preaching is part of true worship. Cosmo Gordon Lang used to say that a house-going parson makes a church-going people, but a preaching parson makes a church-staying people. It has also been said, a little unkindly perhaps, that there are so many old women in the pews, because there are so many old women in the pulpits.

5. It is also true that women like meetings more than men do. The housewife is often indoors for the greater part of the day and is glad to go out to a meeting.

The breadwinner is usually out all day and now that homes are so much more comfortable than they were 50 or 100 years ago he is glad to spend his evenings at home.

Women like talking and listening to other people talking; men prefer to do things. Political and other meetings are as badly attended by men as religious ones.

But in most churches men are treated as if the only things they can be trusted to do are giving out hymn books and tidying church gardens.

Even churchwardens are expected to do little more than attend to drains and gutters and

arrange the sidesmen's rota. This is an insult both to men's intelligence and to their Christianity.

6. With my heart in my mouth I believe that a further reason is that we have almost everywhere disregarded the teaching of the New Testament on the place of women in the life of the Church. Paul is dismissed as a prejudiced misogynist and no serious attempt is made to understand his teaching and to apply it to church life today.

It was New Testament Christianity that established the equality of the sexes in Christ (Galatians 3:28). It is also New Testament Christianity that makes it quite clear that men and women have different, though equal, functions in the life of the Church.

But if women usurp men's place (1 Timothy 2:12), perhaps that is why the men are conspicuous by their absence.

If this analysis is even partially true, then some of the remedies are plain — a Christianity of the same virile character as that of the New Testament, a ministry of visiting addressed to the whole family on a definitely spiritual basis (not crowded out of the parson's timetable by time-consuming visits to old ladies), a standard of preaching far more worthy of the message of the Gospel, and the proper enlistment of menfolk for responsible, spiritual work.

God grant that the men of our country may be reached and won for Christ as they were in the days of the Acts of the Apostles.

ENGLAND. — A set of six full-colour filmstrips illustrating John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" was published on January 1 by the Church Pastoral-Aid Society. The filmstrips, with artwork in a modern idiom by Gordon Stowell, attempt a "timeless" presentation in almost 300 frames, setting free the story from its customary historical background and from being linked with any one race, class, period or denomination. Instead the artist has used an imaginative, vigorous and colorful style, symbolic rather than realistic, while closely following Bunyan's account of Christian's spiritual pilgrimage, with its wealth of meaning and spiritual understanding.

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Christian Witness Alive in Sudan

CONTINUING fruit from Christian witness in the Sudan is reported in a letter from the Reverend Samuil Jangul.

Writing to the General Secretary of S.U.M., in Sydney, Mr Jangul has told of rich blessing throughout the Nuba churches as a result of a series of meetings conducted by African pastors and evangelists recently. In all some 311 commitments to Christ were recorded and 104 baptisms took place (these after a lengthy period of instruction).

It is 12 months now since the last group of S.U.M. missionaries were forced to withdraw from the Nuba Mountains work and such news has brought rejoicing amongst those who had to withdraw.

Public Commitments

News has also been received from the Chad field of The Sudan United Mission telling that in the past year 3,149 made public commitments to follow Christ as Saviour, while 2,232 were baptised and received into the membership of the African Church. There are at present 2,783 Christians attending catechumen classes and preparing for baptism and membership of the Church.

As reported in A.C.R., December 20, the Reverend Allan and Mrs Laing, from Sydney Diocese, have been accepted for field service with S.U.M. in Chad and will be going there after completing language studies in Switzerland.

SP REFERENDUM DEMAND

ACTING on behalf of its member Churches the N.S.W. Council of Churches has arranged a series of broadcast talks in support of its demand for a referendum on the question of increasing legalised gambling facilities in the State.

The first of these talks will be heard over 2CH on Wednesday, January 22, at 1 p.m., when the Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Rt. Rev. Mark McAlpine, will speak.

Broadcasts will continue each Wednesday through to Wednesday, February 19, on 2CH at 1.00 p.m. Speakers for later broadcasts will be:

January 29: President of the N.S.W. Methodist Conference, the Rev. Norman Pardey.

February 5: President of the Baptist Union of N.S.W., the Rev. Harry Orr.

February 12: Bishop R. C. Kerle.

February 19: The Rev. B. G. Judd.

These sessions will be introduced by Captain Cairns of the Salvation Army.

Two days before the State Parliament reassembles, an after-church rally will be held in St. Stephen's, Macquarie Street, Sydney. This rally, to be held on Sunday, February 18, at 8.30 p.m., will be addressed by the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Gough. Other speakers will also participate. This meeting will be broadcast through station 2CH.

Premier Invited

The Premier, Mr. Heffron, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Askin, and the Leader of the State Parliamentary Coun-

try Party, Mr. Cutler, will be invited to attend.

The Secretary of the N.S.W. Council of Churches, the Rev. Bernard Judd, in announcing these arrangements said that one of the main things to be stressed would be that the State Government has no mandate from the people to introduce legalised off-course betting agencies into suburban and country areas.

"Poker machines and other legalised gambling devices are already a grave threat to the moral, social and economic welfare of the community without adding another form of gambling to the temptations advanced by this parasitical industry. We believe that the law should be enforced against the 20 per cent minority who now bet illegally off-course. That this enforcement is practicable was convincingly demonstrated by the evidence of Inspector J. P. Brebner, of the South Australian Police Force, who appeared before the Kinsella Royal Commission," said Mr. Judd.

Footnote: On March 5, 1962 in a Press statement, two days after the 1962 State election the Campaign Director and General Secretary of the A.L.P., Mr. W. Colbourne said this concerning the Liberal Party's defeat: "People felt that Mr. Askin was going to foster gambling, not only Church-going people, but

other sections of the community traditionally opposed to gambling objected to the idea of an economy based on gambling."

DR WARD AT UK MEETING

A RECENT visitor to Australia and New Zealand, Dr Ronald Ward, gave the final address at the 130th annual Islington Clerical Conference, held at Westminster, England, on January 7.

The conference also heard addresses by the president, the Reverend R. P. Johnston, vicar of Islington, and the Rev. John Stott, rector of All Souls, Langham Place, London, and the Rev. Dr P. I. Packer.

Mr Stott spoke on "The Individual Christian and the Fullness of the Holy Spirit" and Dr Packer on "The Local Congregation and its Ministry."

In the afternoon, the new Anglican Hymn Book, to be published by the Church Bookroom Press in June, was introduced by the Rev. H. C. Taylor and Mr Robin Sheldon. There were also lectures on "The Local Congregation and its Ministry" by the Rev. J. A. Motyer and "The Country and Revival" by the Rev. H. M. Carson.

Victorian to Head Sydney School

THE appointment has been announced of the Reverend Stanley W. Kurrle as headmaster of the King's School, in succession to Mr H. D. Hake.

Though only 41 Mr Kurrle has made a mark in the educational program of the Church of England.

As Headmaster of the rapidly-expanding Caulfield Grammar School since 1955 Mr Kurrle has seen the completion of a £200,000 building program, the acquisition of a 300-acre country property to be used for training purposes and the admission of the school to the Public

Schools' Association.

A Victorian by birth Mr Kurrle was educated at Trinity College and at Oxford. He was ordained in England in 1952.

Mr Kurrle has travelled widely and studied schools overseas. He is married and has four children.

PILGRIM PRODUCTIONS—Melbourne artist Lance Stirling has returned to that city after nearly two years with Pilgrim Productions in Sydney. The firm, which engages in Christian art work, film production and general photography, is opening a Victorian Branch and Mr Stirling, Art Director with the non-profit organisation, will head the work from an office in the Degra Building, Degra Building, Melbourne (phone 63-4977).

CANADA — As a direct consequence of the Toronto Congress bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada have pledged themselves to give five per cent of their salaries — over and above their present giving — to the Church's work in 1964.

FINLAND — By 63 votes to 55 General Synod of the Church of Finland has decided not to open the convocation of clergy to women. During the debate it was made clear that the majority of bishops and theologians do not see any Biblical obstacle to the ordination of women. The Finnish press has accused the Church of being a conservative and reactionary institution.

Sydney Students Gain Diplomas

THE principal of Moore College (the Rev. D. B. Knox) reports that the following Moore students have been awarded the Diploma of Religious Education from the Melbourne College of Divinity:

The Reverend R. N. Beard.
The Reverend P. Kemp.
The Reverend A. R. Miller.
The Reverend R. T. Platt.
Miss J. Lawrence.

Twenty other students were successful in the preliminary sections of the examination.

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Observance of Christmas

A E1-1-0 C.M.S. book taken goes to Mrs P. S. Martin of Melbourne for the following letter—

I read with interest your article in the December 20 issue. When moves were first made in our country to introduce Crusades for a Christmas I thought the idea a good one. There is no doubt that Santa Claus has, in the minds of many people, displaced our Lord as the object of interest at Christmas.

There is also no doubt of the fact that most people in our community seem to think that Christmas means nothing more than a round of parties, holidays and "a good time for the kids." The real meaning seems to be far from their thoughts.

But lately I have been wondering whether our campaigns are tackling the problem in the right way. Are we not in danger of putting the proverbial cart before the horse—seeking to impose, as it were, a veneer of Christian observance upon a community which, as Dr Babbage reminded us so forcefully, is anything but Christian?

It seems to me, as an ordinary laywoman, that our campaign would be better aimed at Christians rather than at the world around us. By this I mean that if Church people were really being taught to witness as they ought (a much neglected teaching in our Church of England) our community would come more and more to realise the true meaning of Christmas.

As this witness made its impact upon the people "next door" and as men and women were converted to Christ there would arise a genuine sympathy for the Christian viewpoint on Christmas.

How about next Christmas seeing a "Crusade for Christian Witness"? I am sure such a crusade would have more far-reaching effects than all our efforts to "dress up" an essentially pagan occasion.

CHOIR SCHOLARSHIPS

A Cathedral Choir has a constant demand for boys with good voices and musical promise. Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, provides its choristers with scholarships available at the Cathedral School till the end of fourth year (Secondary).

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Books

THE LIFE OF RAYMOND RAYNES

By Nicholas Mosley, Hodder
and Stoughton, London, 1963.
Pp.238, Aust. price 18/9.

"The Life of Raymond Raynes" by Nicholas Mosley is a biography of the late Superior of the Community of the Resurrection. As a biography it is a somewhat disjointed series of episodes.

For the historian, however, it does contain two very interesting chapters. Chapters five and seventeen describe the Community of the Resurrection before Raynes became its Superior and after he assumed that office.

They display the transition from the "country-house" tradition of Gore, Frere and Talbot to the "more militant and Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church of England" of which Raynes was a leader. For this reason the book is a very revealing document.—N.S.P.

Also Received:

THE EVANGELICAL MAGAZINE, November-December 1963. Includes an article by Dr J. I. Packer, "He Became Poor": a study of Bishop J. C. Ryle by the Rev. J. Guthrie Clark, and an illuminating study of evangelical witness in Greece, "Report from Greece," by the Rev. Owen Thomas.

ST. MARK'S REVIEW, November 1963. Articles by Dr D. S. Kemsley, the Rev. P. Rudge and Mr P. Ferguson.

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Overseas News in Brief

NEW ZEALAND — The Bishop of Guildford (Dr George Reindorp) paid his first visit to New Zealand at the end of December when he gave a series of addresses at the second All New Zealand Anglican Youth Conference held in Christchurch from December 27 to January 4. The conference theme was "Who is my neighbour?" and it was attended by over 500 young people between the ages of 17 and 30.

ENGLAND — A report from the U.S.A. tells that Roman Catholics in Britain will be using a Protestant translation of the Bible this year. According to the report the American R.S.V. would be published in a special Roman Catholic edition, bearing the official imprimatur of approval "for general use by Catholics in Great Britain."

According to U.P.I. this will be the first time that Protestants and Roman Catholics will be using the same Bible translation. The Roman Catholic edition will carry "a few minor changes in the interest of Catholic usage."

MEXICO — Speaking at a W.C.C. meeting, Bishop Leslie Newbigen has drawn attention to the dangers of separating the Christian mission of the Church to the ends of the earth from the work of evangelism at home.

Bishop Newbigen said that "the help they need for their evangelistic task from the spiritual experience of the younger churches. Younger churches who visit the churches of the West are not primarily involved, as they ought to be, in helping the Western Churches deal with the pagans on their doorstep," he continued. "And foreign missions can become a mere form of inter-church aid which fails to give aid precisely at the point of evangelism."

ENGLAND — World Christian Books has published its fiftieth volume titled *Paul to the Colossians* by Bishop Stephen Neill, director of the series. The series, one of the first among the religious paperbacks, comprises short simply-written books dealing with Christian life, doctrine, and practice. The authors are leading Christian scholars of many nations and confessions. More than 500 translations of the series in more than 50 languages have been made since

the series was started in 1954. Publishers are the United Society for Christian Literature and Lutterworth Press, London.

SPAIN — The first consignment of Scriptures officially permitted to be imported into Spain by the British and Foreign Bible Society has arrived in Madrid. The consignment includes about 2,000 Bibles and 4,000 New Testaments but it is hoped that permission will be granted to import more.

ENGLAND — Early in December 40 to 50 Anglicans, clerical and lay, visited Tyburn Convent, London, in order to make "an act of penance" for the executions carried out near the place during the Reformation period. A clergyman, who is Master of the Society of the Holy Cross, recited prayers in the Roman Catholic chapel.

Personal

The Archbishop of Melbourne announces the following appointments and resignations in the Diocese of Melbourne:—

The Reverend A. J. Wagstaff has resigned the charge of the Parish of Holy Advent, Malvern.

The Reverend C. D. Malting, Vicar of All Saints, Northcote, will be inducted to the charge of the Parish of All Saints, Greensborough, on March 16, by the Archbishop of Melbourne.

The Reverend G. B. Lucas, Vicar of Charlton in the Diocese of St. Arnaud, has accepted the charge of the Parish of St. Matthew, Cheltenham, and will be inducted by the Archbishop on April 6.

The Reverend P. J. Hollingworth, at present Priest in Charge of the Parish of St. Mary, North Melbourne, will resign that Parish on February 17, to take up a new appointment as full-time Chaplain to The Brotherhood of St. Laurence.

Ordinations

SIX men were ordained priests and three deacons in St. Peter's Cathedral, Armidale, on December 21.

Priests ordained were: The Revs. J. Clarke, J. Croyle, K. Drayton, P. Peters, P. Smart and L. Trump.

Deacons: Messrs P. Lockyer, A. Mason and P. Swane. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. A. Marshall who had previously conducted a retreat for the men.

Notes and Comments

Papal Pilgrimage

While not doubting that Pope Paul is a good and sincere man, Evangelicals will find it difficult to join in the ecstatic welcome the secular Press has given to the news of his pilgrimage to Palestine, or to share its confidence in the practical results it will bring.

Like many other Roman Catholic activities in the past and present, it seems to smack more of the dramatic gesture to catch the eye of the world than of the self-effacing pointing to Christ which is characteristic of New Testament Christianity.

The only Christian motive for letting our light shine before men, is that they should see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven. And, as our Reformers recognised, it is more than doubtful whether pilgrimages can be regarded as good works, since no one is done good by them.

Orthodox Meeting

The only feature of the Pope's trip that might have some significance, is his meeting with the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople in Jerusalem, as this could be interpreted as the first occasion on which a Pope has left Rome to meet the leader of another Church.

However, it is noteworthy that the meeting could equally easily be treated as an insignificant accompaniment of what is primarily a pilgrimage, should it turn out to suit the Vatican better so to regard it.

And the experience of the Church of England in its relations with the Eastern Orthodox Churches show how little ecclesiastical summit conferences accomplish when there is no real agreement on basic doctrinal issues.

For despite all the pleasant things that Orthodox ecclesiastics and delegations have said about our Church (especially in its Anglo-Catholic manifestation), and all the meetings and get-togethers that have been held, the fact remains that any Anglican clergyman joining one of the Orthodox Churches is invariably re-ordained before being allowed to perform clerical functions.

Friendly discussion between members of different Churches, even when they are a Pope and an Ecumenical Patriarch, is a very different thing from real agreement and spiritual unity.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP.

The Bayside suburb of Frankston, out of Melbourne, was the location of a Holiday Workshop run under the direction of the Melbourne Department of Christian Education from January 2 to 8. The camp drew together about 70 youth leaders, Sunday school teachers and members of youth organisations who took part in Bible studies, discussion groups and "workshops" designed to assist them in the work of 1964. Chairman was Bishop Felix Arnott and chaplain, the Reverend W. R. Potter, vicar of St. Augustine's, Mount Albert North.

Riches for Ruby

It is reported that Jack Ruby, the man accused of killing President Kennedy's alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, is receiving thousands of dollars in the form of unsolicited donations from members of the American public. It is not surprising that the widespread public sympathy with a person who (if found guilty) took the law into his own hands had aroused disquiet in America.

This is a manifestation of the lawlessness that afflicts Western post-Christian society today. Abandonment of faith in the living God, who has ordained the powers that be and made them revengers to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil (Romans 13.1,4) leads inevitably to the conclusion that we are under no obligation to obey laws that do not suit us or appeal to us, and that breaking the law may be commendable.

It is important that governments discourage this attitude as far as they can by making sure that the law is certain and is strictly enforced, and that miscarriages of justice do not occur.

Gospel Muzzled

The breaking-up by the police of an open-air evangelistic meeting in Sydney on New Year's Eve constitutes a disturbing display of the hostility toward preaching the Gospel which is so prevalent, under the surface, in the Australian community.

Whatever other qualities Australians have, they are not, by and large, tolerant of opinions which imply that they need to be radically converted and changed in their lives.

However, in a democratic country religious freedom must include freedom to propagate one's beliefs. The alternative is the sophisticated Russian principle, enshrined in the Soviet Constitution, of freedom of religious worship and of anti-religious propaganda, which is interpreted to deny the adherents of any religion the legal right to propagate their views.

It is to be hoped that the prompt protest by the Central Methodist Mission, which was responsible for the open-air meeting (and which had previously obtained a police permit to hold it), will mean that there is no repetition of this kind of interference.

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IN the second commandment we are forbid den to make any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. We are forbidden to bow down to them or to serve them.

Now the question has been asked whether or not this commandment forbids the use of pictures of Christ. Naturally the commandment forbids the bowing down before such pictures and worshipping them. There can be no question of that.

But in many Protestant Churches and in many evangelical Churches, pictures of Christ are used in teaching and in the homes of Christians pictures of Christ are hung up to remind them, I suppose, of Christ. Is that Scriptural? Does it meet with the approval of God? Is it sinful? Is it another way of breaking the second commandment?

No doubt, if I state that the use of pictures of Christ is unscriptural; that it does not meet with the approval of God; that it is sinful; and that it is a breaking of the second commandment—I will be considered as a fanatic, a reactionary, and perhaps not quite normal.

But before you have such unkind thoughts, please hear me out. If we are Christians, our service and worship will be regulated by the Word of God. The Bible is our infallible guide in faith and worship.

Now here is the surprising thing. Nowhere in the Bible, either in the Old Testament or New Testament, is there a physical description of Christ. Isn't that strange if God wanted to use the picture of Christ in spreading the Gospel or in worship, that we are not told whether Christ was tall or short, fair or dark, light or dark hair, blue eyes or brown eyes.

Physical Description

With all their love for the Lord, you would think that Peter or John would have given a description of Him unless, of course, they were forbidden. They wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Surely it is significant that neither they nor any other of the Scriptures gave a physical description of the Lord.

Surely if God desired the use of pictures of Christ to further the cause of Christ, He would have had a physical description of His Son in His Word. Why should we consider ourselves wiser than God and provide what He has deliberately left out?

The second amazing fact is that in the first four centuries of the history of the Church, no picture of Christ was used. These were the years when the Church made her most astonishing growth. These were the years in which the Christians conquered pagan Rome. It is so frequently stated that we need pictures of Christ in order to teach people the Gospel.

The apostle Peter did not need pictures of Christ to instruct the young or bring the Gospel to adults. The apostle John did not need pictures of

Christ to convert the pagans and instruct the Church. The apostle Paul did not need pictures of Christ to convert Barbarians and Greeks. The early Church did not need pictures of Christ to conquer paganism. They accomplished it by preaching the Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.

When pictures of Christ were first introduced, they were opposed. The Church historian, Eusebius, who lived in the fourth century, declared himself in the strongest manner against images of Christ in a letter to the Empress Constantia who asked for such an image.

Imaginations Of Artists

If you want a picture of Christ do you want it as He was upon earth or as He is now in heaven? If you want a picture of Him as He was upon earth you have quite a problem. There was no picture of Him painted.

The so-called pictures of Christ which are present today are from the imaginations of artists. That is why there are so many different pictures. Not one of them is a true picture. So every time you say this or that picture of Christ you are uttering a lie. You cannot teach truth by a lie. Christ is THE Truth and surely He would not want the use of a false means to point to Him. Christ abhors lies and falsehoods.

By J. Marcellus Kik.
This article, which was reprinted from "The Banner of Truth," originally appeared in the "Southern Presbyterian Journal."

How would you like it if someone who never saw you painted a picture and told every one that it was a picture of you? Certainly you would resent it. And certainly Christ must resent all those counterfeit pictures of Him.

But supposing you wanted a picture of Christ as He is now. The disciples had such a vision of Him on the mount of transfiguration. We read in Matthew 17:2, "And his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." This was the glorified Christ.

No artist could give us a picture of Christ which would show the glowing of Christ's face as the sun and his raiment as white as the light. They would only rob Christ of His glory by miserably falling short of a true painting of Christ in His present glory.

But someone will state that at least we can depict the humanity of Christ as He appeared upon earth. But who are we to separate His human-

ity from His divinity? The Apostle John states in his Gospel, Chapter 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth."

Notice that the apostle states that even while Christ was in the flesh they beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. In other words, they beheld His divinity as well as His humanity. This one cannot paint. So one must behold His humanity as separate from His divinity. Then, one falls into the ancient error of Nestorius. He stated that Christ consisted of two persons: one human and the other divine. There was, according to Nestorius, a separation between the human and the divine persons.

"Let him be accused"

That was the ground on which the Council called by Constantine V condemned paintings of Christ. You see this question of pictures of Christ was the subject of controversy throughout the eighth century. So Constantine called a council in 753 of 339 bishops.

Their conclusion was this: "If any person shall divide the human nature, united to the Person of God the Word; and, having it only in the imagination of his mind, shall therefore, attempt to paint the same in an image; let him be holden as accursed. If any person shall divide Christ, being but one, into two persons; placing on the one side the Son of God, and on the other side the son of Mary; neither doth confess the continual union that is made; and by that reason doth paint in an image the son of Mary, as subsisting by himself; let him be accursed. If any person shall paint in an image the human nature, being deified by the uniting thereof to God the Word; separating the same as it were from the Godhead assumed and deified; let him be holden as accursed."

This council points out the difficulty and indeed the impossibility of painting a portrait of Christ. Christ is more than man. He is God-man. It is impossible to depict by a painter's brush the almighty power of Christ; the glorious majesty of Christ; the infinite knowledge of Christ. You cannot localise by a painter's brush the everywhere presence of Christ. When one considers the deity of Christ it is no wonder that the apostles did not attempt a physical description of their Lord and Saviour.

There is always, also, the danger of worshipping the picture of Christ and attaching power to it. Even a Protestant publishing firm stated that there is power in a picture of Christ.

It stated: "When one plants deeply and firmly in his mind the picture of Christ, it has a strong and powerful influence in his life." Thus, instead of attributing this influence to Christ and the Holy Spirit they attribute it to the picture they are trying to sell. That is a breaking of the second commandment.

But can it not help in the saving of souls, it is asked? But how? Looking at a picture of Christ hanging on a cross tells me nothing. It does not tell me that he hung there for sin. It does not tell me that He is the Son of God. Only the Word of God does that. And it is the word of God that has been given to tell the story of salvation through the blood of Christ. It is not through the foolishness of pictures that sinners are saved but through the foolishness of preaching.

It is amazing how slowly unscriptural practices enter the Christian Church. We must at all times go back to the Scriptures. The Bible is our infallible guide. And if our practices and doctrines do not conform with the teachings of the Scriptures then we must eliminate them.

God has ordained the foolishness of preaching to evangelise the world. He has promised to attend the preaching of the Word with the power of the Holy Spirit. The so-called pictures of Christ are a hindrance and a temptation to idolatry. Let us cleanse the Temple of God from them.

PICTURES OF CHRIST

A Child's View

Amy Carmichael once wrote:

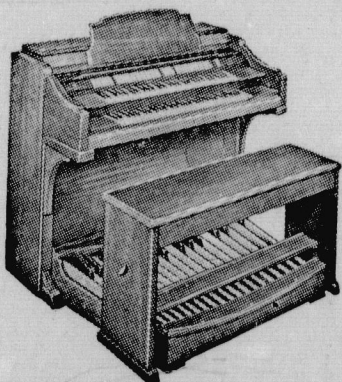
"When our first little girl, Pearleyes, had been with us for a few months a friend sent her by post a picture of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"We never use pictures of our Saviour. We ask the Holy Spirit to show Him to our children; for who but the Divine can show the Divine, and who but one that as seen can show unimaginable beauty?"

"So this picture was the first of its kind that Pearleyes had seen. She opened the parcel eagerly. It was a photograph of a noted painting, a thing of reverence. 'Who is it? Our Lord Jesus?' She gazed at it for a moment dismayed, then burst into tears. 'I thought He was far more beautiful than that,' she said."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

LENTEN ADDRESSES—The Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Woods, will give a series of Lenten Addresses in St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesdays in Lent, beginning on February 12. The addresses are timed for the lunch-hour and start at 1.15 p.m. On Thursdays, beginning on February 13, Canon C. H. Duncan will begin a series of Bible studies in the Cathedral, meetings starting at 1.15 p.m.

TEACHERS AT WORSHIP—The Annual Service of the Australian Teachers' Christian Fellowship was held at Morning Prayer in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on Sunday, January 12. Preacher was Bishop Goodwin Hudson. The Australia-wide conference of the fellowship is being held in Sydney this year.

VOLUNTEER BUILDERS—Forty-five young volunteers, both skilled and unskilled, are working this January at Newhaven, Phillip Island (Victoria) to build a holiday centre to

house needy migrant young people from Melbourne's inner-suburban areas. Leader of the camp is the Rev. David Cox, chairman of the Victorian Christian Youth Council, and the work is being supervised by Mr Robert Boys. Campers are being housed at St. Paul's Home for Boys, Newhaven.

MEN'S HOSTEL—Purchased and renovated by the Mission of St. James and St. John, a new 16-room hostel for men is being made available to the C.E.M.S. in the Diocese of Melbourne to make hostel accommodation available for some 20 guests. Apart from its normal usage the hostel will provide the opportunity to put into effect a plan to take in three ex-Pentridge inmates for a period of not more than three months, upon their release from prison. This over a year at least twelve men will be assisted back into community life in this way.

CHRISTMAS BOWL—More than 500,000 Australian families participated in the campaign this year, raising some £200,000 to support 80 aid and development projects in all parts of the world.

Hostel for Students

Of interest to Australian churchmen who may be visiting England in the future is the opening of a new hostel for students. Known as the Alliance Club, it is operated by the Evangelical Alliance and provides accommodation for about 85 students from many countries.

The aim of the organisers is to provide a Christian family atmosphere where students of other faiths will be brought into contact with Christians. The Alliance Club provides rooms with hot and cold water and central heating and has such features as a reading/writing room, gamesroom, TV-room, etc.

Further details available from the Warden, Alliance Club, Newington Green, London, N.16, England.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

League Camp

PROBABLY the best set-up of any of the camp sites associated with the Belgrave Heights Convention is that of the Victorian Branch of League of Youth (C.M.S.).

The editor paid a brief visit to League's camp during the recent convention. There he met Canon George Pearson, not long down from Sydney, and the Rev. Ian Ellis, who heads up C.M.S. youth activities in Victoria.

The camp facilities are now way ahead of what they were when the editor last paid a visit to Belgrave Heights—some eight years ago.

A large and well-equipped central building caters for recreational and dining activities. About 130 hungry young people were occupying places at the tables when the editor arrived. They had just returned from the convention morning meeting, some on foot and some by car.

(The editor started off on foot but gave up the attempt after travelling quite a distance without sighting the camp. He decided he had better return and take his car. He was very glad he did so, when he finally reached the camp after making numerous wrong turns along the way—it is quite a distance from the main convention area.)

Several other buildings provide sleeping accommodation, etc., and outdoor facilities include two tennis courts.

Footnote: Noticed in the last issue of the League of Youth Monthly (Vic.) the following news:

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Back from his extended overseas tour, Sydney Youth

Music School

OVER the Christmas-New Year period a group of boys have been attending a resident course organised by the Royal School of Church Music.

The boys spent part of their time at Queenscliff, Victoria, and the other part in Melbourne. The course for boys was run in conjunction with a parallel course for clergy, organists and choirmasters.

Whilst in Melbourne members of the Summer School formed a choir to sing at both services in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, January 5. The usual Cathedral Choir is on vacation at this time of the year.

FIRST POPE

THE Council of the Protestant Truth Society say in a recently issued statement that they wish to correct "the erroneous and misleading impression which has been conveyed to the British public in recent days, namely, that the Roman Catholic claim, that St. Peter was the first Pope, is generally accepted by Christians of all denominations."

"Millions of Protestants," the statement continues, "content that there is no factual evidence that St. Peter was the first Pope; (b) was a Pope; (c) was a 'Roman Catholic.'"

They regard the present Pope's claim to be the successor of St. Peter as utterly without foundation, opposed to the whole teaching and spirit of the New Testament, and contrary to the true history of the Christian Church."

BOYS' CAMP: The Golden Jubilee Camp of C.E.B.S. was launched officially at a ceremony on Saturday, January 11, attended by the Prime Minister and other distinguished guests, when the camp was opened by the Prime Minister, Dr Gough. A full report on the camp will appear in the next issue of A.C.R.

Director, the Rev. John Turner, was welcomed to the strains of music supplied by the 17+Choir and a band made up of a talented group of young players.

Staff worker Don Robertson, then interviewed the world traveller, probing into his experiences at Toronto (where he was a youth delegate), his studies of youth work overseas and his visit to some of the frontier areas of Christian witness.

Mr Turner stressed the great need for missionary workers of all kinds but especially teachers and doctors. These needs were brought before him forcibly in many countries. In England, he visited the parish where the Rev. Peter Goodwin Hudson served a curacy (he is now Assistant Director of the Youth Department) and learnt some secrets of Mr Hudson's past!

Outstanding
Mr Clifford Warne, of television fame, presented some outstanding and very entertaining items from his repertoire of magic. The audience were then given the opportunity of witnessing harmony at its very best, from the Peakhurst Trio. In the 1963 finals of the "Pick-A-Text" competition, which followed, South Coast beat St. John's, Parramatta, by 65 points to 40.

A very striking item, "When Light Shined In The Darkness," was then presented, showing the significance of the first Christmas. Next came a film "The Four Keys," which indicated four ways in which the Youth Department is working in Sydney. The audience was then invited to assist in this work by taking a "Key" and filling it with money for the Youth Department. The invitation was made by Archdeacon G. R. Delbridge, who was the first Youth Director in the Diocese.

A musical interlude of Christmas carols, played by the band and sung by all present, gave a chance to stretch one's legs in order that all would be comfortable to listen to the address of the Rev. Dr H. W. Guinness, Rector of St. Michael's, Vaucluse, and, indeed, it was worth listening to, for Dr Guinness was ably used of God in a very inspiring address, which, without doubt, stirred much thought in the minds of all present.

—KENNETH PETERS

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The conference, which started on January 9, heard addresses by Dr Alan Friend (the Presidential Address), Mr Harold Knight (president chairman), Bishop Loane, from Sydney, and the Rev. William Edwards, superintendent of the Presbyterian Mission at Ernabella, South Australia.

The program has centred around four activities. These have been:

- A series of Bible expositions designed to introduce the teaching of the Word of God and its relevance to the Christian life.
- A series of group seminars, led by speakers, I.V.F. staff, and recent graduates.
- A free afternoon each day to give opportunity for fellowship and relaxation.
- A series of themes introduced each evening.

The seminars were in two sections. The first centred on the significance of the nature and function of the early church. The second provided a wide variety of subjects of practical importance in Christian living, and some community and current theological issues.

Baptism in Death Cell

One of two men hanged in England just prior to Christmas for the murder of a farmer was baptised and confirmed in prison by the Bishop of Bristol (the Rt. Rev. Oliver Tomkins). The man received his first and last communion shortly before his execution.

Seventy anti-capital-punishment demonstrators were addressed by the Bishop who asked them to pray for the man and also for those "who hate having to carry out this unpleasant task."

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MEETINGS

THE MONTHLY Prayer Meeting for the South American Missionary Society (N.S.W.), will be held at 11.30 a.m. on January 20, at 6.15 p.m., in the C.E.N.E.F. Chapel.

CLERGY: The Sydney Clerical Prayer Union meets for prayer on the third Friday of each month at 11.30 a.m. in the Moore College Chapel. Lunch at College, 1 p.m. Details available from the Secretary, 75-2742.

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Personal

Adelaide

The Rev. Lance R. Shilton will be welcomed back officially at an evening entitled, "News and Views" to be held in the parish hall of Holy Trinity, Adelaide, on January 17, at 8 p.m. Mr Shilton has just returned from an extensive overseas trip.

Melbourne

The Rev. H. Shepherd, at present vicar of St. John's, Bentleigh, has been appointed vicar of St. Theodore's, Wattle Park. The Rev. Canon Millard, from Avoca, has been appointed priest-in-charge of the parish of Point Lonsdale.

The Rev. Alan Appleby, vicar of All Saints', Greensborough, is to join the staff of the Chaplaincy Department of Home Missions as chaplain to St. Vincent's Hospital and the Eye and Ear Hospital as from February 3.

The Rev. R. C. Brooks, formerly with B.C.A., is to be inducted to the parish of St. Paul's, Fairfield, by Archdeacon J. H. Brown on January 31 at 8 p.m.

The Reverend A. W. Singleton, at present vicar of St. Theodore's, Wattle Park, will be inducted to St. Jude's, Alphington, on February 3 by Bishop Arnott. On the same day the Archbishop will induct the Rev. J. G. Wight, vicar of Christ Church, Newport, to the newly-formed parish of St. Michael and All Angels', Bennettswood.

The Rev. P. J. Harradence, priest-in-charge of St. Jude's, Carlton, will be inducted as vicar of the new parish of St. Aiden's, Parkdale, on February 4.

On February 5 the Rev. N. R. Glover, curate of St. Faith's, Burwood, will be inducted as vicar of Christ Church, Newport.

On February 13, the Rev. V. L. Cohen, vicar of St. Matthew's, Cheltenham, will be inducted to Christ Church, Mitcham.

The Rev. E. K. Robins, chaplain to the University of Melbourne and the Canterbury Fellowship, will be inducted as vicar of St. Dunstan's, Middle Camberwell, by the Archbishop of Melbourne, on March 4.

Canon L. L. Nash has relinquished the post of editor of "The Messenger," after serving in that capacity for the past seven years. An early announcement of a successor is expected.

The Rev. W. R. Dowel, vicar of the parish of Inverleigh, has been appointed senior chaplain of the Missions to Seamen (Victoria), as from March 1.

Sydney

The Reverend W. E. Maltby, at present rector of Christ Church, Bexley, (where he has been incumbent since 1936), has announced his retirement, to date from February 2.

The Rev. F. D. Buchanan, at present curate-in-charge of the provisional district of St. John's, Girraween with Toongabbie, has been appointed curate-in-charge of the provisional district of Engadine.

Well-known Irish evangelist, Miss Monica Farrell, left Sydney in December, en route to England, from where she will proceed to Northern Ireland to

participate in a program of meetings during 1964, returning to Australia in January, 1965. Correspondence to Miss Farrell should be addressed C/o 1 Henry Street, Leichhardt, N.S.W.

The Rev. Peter Ball, formerly chaplain at Shore Grammar School, North Sydney, has been appointed curate-in-charge of the provisional district of Keiraville.

The Reverend J. N. Bagnall, at present vicar of Christ Church, Geelong, is coming to Sydney to take up the position of home secretary of A.B.M., following the retirement, for health reasons, of the Rev. D. E. Taylor.

Following the retirement of Canon E. R. Elder, as principal of A.B.M.'s House of the Epi-

phany missionary training college, to take effect at the end of 1964, his position will be taken by Mr Philip MacFarlane, B.A., at present on the teaching staff of St. Stephen's College, Hong Kong. The Rev. John Holle, at present chaplain and superintendent of St. George's Children's Home, Rockhampton, has been appointed chaplain and his wife, Mrs Moya Holle, as matron.

Newcastle

The Rev. Neville O'Brien has been appointed rector of the parish of Coopernook and was instituted at the evening service on Sunday, December 22.

Grafton

Archdeacon J. V. J. Robinson, rector of St. Andrew's, Lismore, together with Mrs Robinson, ex-

pects to leave Sydney on February 2 en route to England, via Hong Kong and Singapore. Archdeacon Robinson will return as a voyage chaplain on the "Orcaades," expected in Australia on June 17. During the rector's absence the Rev. R. W. Lewis will be in charge of the parish.

The Rev. Leslie Thompson has joined the staff of the Cathedral from the beginning of the New Year.

Overseas

A former CMS missionary, Bishop Usher-Wilson, of Mbale, Uganda, plans to resign next July. The diocese was until 1961, part of the diocese of the Upper Nile, to which the Bishop was consecrated in 1936. Bishop Usher-Wilson, who is sixty, told his synod that he has been asked from time to time to return to work in England but has not felt free to go until now, when the Church in Uganda has reached a stage where it can choose its own leader.

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Revised Lectionary

January 19: Second Sunday after Epiphany. M: Isaiah 49: 1-13; Luke 4: 16-30, or James 1: 5; E: Isaiah 49: 14-end, or Isaiah 50: 4-10; John 12: 20-end, or I Thess. 1:1-2:12.

January 26: Septuagesima. M: Gen. 1:1-2:3; John 1:1-18, or Rev. 21: 1-14.

E: Gen. 2:4-end, or Jeremiah 10: 1-16; Mark 10: 1-16, or Rev. 21: 15-22:5.

February 2: Sexagesima. M: Genesis 3; Mark 9: 33-end, or I Corinthians 6.

E: Gen. 6: 5-end, or Gen. 8: 15-9: 17; Luke 17: 20-end, or I Corinthians 10:1-24.

Reformation Truth

I am sorry if my calling your correspondent J. L. Bunton an extremist has offended him, but if he re-reads his first letter dispassionately, I think he will find that his extravagant language could be classified in no other way but extreme.

May I have my final word on this subject by reminding your correspondent that the Church of England did not begin with the Reformation, nor is it any more infallible than the Pope of Rome.

I believe we have much to learn from the Protestant denominations as well as from the Roman Catholic Church. What does worry me, is the fact that quite often the extreme language of some of the Evangelicals such as that of your correspondent in calling the Roman Church "the monster Anti-Christ," implies an altogether thoroughly unhealthy, not to say unchristian, attitude of hate.

All too often this attitude is disguised in statements about being uncompromising in vital matters of truth but the Church of England is no more the sole repository of truth than is the Roman Catholic Church. Fortunately, as your correspondent admits, it is only the minority which holds extreme views, and re-union may yet be achieved in time though that time may be a long way ahead.

Yours sincerely,
L. J. BRUTON.
Mt. Waverley, Vic.

Letters to the Editor

Tradition and Scripture

Dear Sir,
Congratulations to Archdeacon Begbie concerning his statement that "tradition was outliving Scripture". Surely a timely and necessary indictment. Who is going to take up the challenge? It demands a response.

May I offer, say, just two "ousterings"—due to traditional interpretations — or misinterpretations — of Scripture, Orthodox and popular, no doubt, but which I consider unacceptable. Take, for instance, the Kingdom of God. Most clergy teach that the "Church" and the Kingdom are synonymous. It must be borne in mind, however, that our Lord did not hold such a view. He taught the Gospel of the Kingdom with Himself as the central figure, as a personal Saviour, and the Holy Spirit as Illuminator and Life Giver, within its constitution. He only once mentioned the Church — at its institution.

It seems to me that an open-minded perusal of the word "kingdom" in any reliable concordance will make it impossible to confuse the difference. I repeat, a concordance, not a commentary. The former is Scripture, the latter reeks tradition.

Refer to the Lord's Prayer. "Thy Kingdom Come" — can this be applied to mean the Church? Further, the Kingdom is "at hand", "among you", "is like . . .", "is taken from you". Are these fitting to the Church as such? A great scholar and theologian, the late Dr Gore, advanced Churchman that he was, arrived at the conclusion there was a difference.

Now consider another "oustering", the "tradition" of a "New Israel" under a New Covenant. There is no such thing (except in the sense of a renewed "Old" Israel by Redemption). To describe the Church as a New Israel is completely wrong.

In Ephesians St Paul writes of his revelation that the Gentiles are to be "fellow-heirs" (not supplanters!) and "partakers" (not usurpers!) of the promise of Christ — to Israel. This Israel is the nucleus of the Church!

The saintly Bishop Ryle — of Evangelical fame — stated there was no warranty in Scripture for transference of the meaning of Israel to any other than the people of that name. In other words, no spiritualising was justified in this connection. Therefore the Church, the Kingdom, and Israel are separate entities, though interwoven. Each has its peculiar setting in "the latter days."

(Rev.) H. W. MULLENS.
North Richmond.

Evolution

I must quickly clarify my position for Mr Bryson (A.C.R., November 8) who says that in my earlier communication I appear to be "theorising without data" and approaching the subject "with the preformed judgment that Evolutionists do not believe in God."

Firstly, I am an "evolutionist," but a scientific one. By this I mean that I accept demonstrable biological facts after separating them as best I can from apparent facts, and do not allow myself to be deluded by vagabond biologists who forget that biology is only just emerging from the first stage of a primitive science, namely from a collection of classified facts.

These people often make statements which are not compatible with the facts but perhaps only with the theory. In a highly developed science like modern physics theoretical predictions are usually confirmed with remarkable accuracy; not so with younger brother biology.

The theory of evolution is very young and only just beginning to look like a good theory; so we see why some of its choicest features "frighten" many Christians. Let me illustrate: Some biologists say that life came from the inorganic; this is not compatible with facts (yet) but is certainly compatible with the theory; so also is the idea that we "came from the apes."

Time and again scientists say things like these very emphatically, suggesting that they have a factual basis when they have not. But when life is synthesised in the laboratory the theory will progress by a large amount and will be that much more factual in essence.

I certainly do not "theorise without data," but try to correlate the two. Mr Bryson's statements concerning the theory are shallow because he evidently does not realise the tremendous effort that is presently devoted to understanding "life" at the molecular level. Let Christians re-examine their exegesis of Scripture in preparation, if necessary!

Secondly, the books recommended by Mr Bryson are quite good, but none is written by a "top-ranking scientist" and they all suffer from the disadvantage that they become dated and inaccurate very quickly. This is because the authors more often than not try to fit the developing theory to the Biblical passages. (Hooykaas' work is an exception because he is a historian-cum-scientific philosopher and theologian, who realises the issues that I have tried to raise).

Lastly, what of your readers who are thoroughly befuddled by

the whole question—who don't know what it is all about? Let me say this: On page 528 and 529 of the greatest single contribution to Science ever published, "Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica," Sir Isaac Newton refers to many passages of Scripture to teach his readers of the greatness of God; and not in the remote manner of some modern persons. Newton trusted Christ as Saviour and Lord, and besides that, he did not see any discrepancy or paradox in his faith.

We Christians too easily forget that Christ is all—for in Him were all things created, in the heavens and upon earth, things visible and things invisible . . . "And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist . . ." We should remember that the Church is a body, and that Christian Bill Jones does not need to be able to give a perfect theological exposition of, say, Genesis 1-3; there are other parts of the body who have this as a specific task (I Cor. 12). We must recall the apostle's words that "Christ is the power and wisdom of God." Satan uses many subtle methods but he has made good use of evolution.

Yours sincerely,
John Cole,
Beverly Hills,
N.S.W.

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Historic St. Anne's, Ryde, Sydney, has received some additional ornaments during December. They included a solid silver paten, marking the 35th wedding anniversary of the Rev. Ralph Ogden (Chaplain at Concord) and the late Mrs Doreen Ogden. Mr and Mrs Ogden were married in St. Anne's. On December 22, a former rector, the Rev. R. N. Langshaw, dedicated two solid cedar flower stands given by Mrs I. G. L. Smece, in memory of her husband, Mr George Smece.

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TROLL DOLLS - CHARMS - TIKIS - LUCKY MASCOTS

AUSTRALIAN PAGANISM

AUSTRALIA'S essential paganism is erupting. The sore festered a few days ago in a Sydney newspaper. Winning entry in a sand-modelling competition depicted a tiki. What is a tiki? It is a lucky charm originating with the Maoris.

The girl who won the competition saw the tiki in a full-colour reproduction in a woman's magazine. Readers were told that the "lucky charm" didn't let the girl down.

We see it continually on our TV screens. Popular as a prize on a certain national TV children's show is a troll doll. What is a troll doll? The explanation comes from pre-Christian Scandinavian folk lore. Trolls were ogres "with evil powers exercised in darkness."

Trouble in Tanganyika

TROUBLE was still simmering in Tanganyika at the time of going to press.

In spite of the numbers dead and injured as a result of the army revolts there has been no word of any danger to missionaries working in the country.

Tanganyika has an area of about 360,000 sq. miles. This is almost that of South Australia and a little more than that of N.S.W.

For many years Australian C.M.S. missionaries have been working in the central area of the country. The Bishop of Central Tanganyika, Bishop Alfred Stanway, has been touring Australia over recent months telling of the work of C.M.S. in that country. Earlier this month he was Chairman of the Katoomba Summer School of C.M.S.

Revolutionary report issued

A REVOLUTIONARY report on "The Deployment and Payment of the Clergy" just published in England, calls for sweeping changes in some aspects of Church life and organisation.

Its author, Mr Leslie Paul, who prepared the report for the Central Advisory Council for the Ministry, calls for abolition of the traditional "parson's freehold," the reorganisation of parish units, the elevating of the work of rural deans and retirement for vicars at 70 (later 65).

The report has come forward with some 62 proposals and has caused much debate in England and elsewhere. A fuller account of the proposals, some of which have relevance to our Australian situation, will appear in the next issue of ACR.

We see it on our roads. Tiny dolls dangle in front of the eyes of countless Australian car drivers. Their purpose? To some they are mere decorations but to so many they are "charms," or "mascots."

And paganism peeps from the pages of popular magazines. "Be lucky!" cries a typical ad. "Win lotteries! Back winners! Win prizes!" Source of all this "luck"? A "lucky membership card" in a certain club.

Paraphernalia

Add to these the regular "bringers of luck" — the lucky horse-shoes, the pins that you see, and pick up "and all that day you'll have good luck," the spilt sugar, the St. Christopher medals and all the paraphernalia of lucky-this-and-the-other.

Well did Dr. Barton Babage say that Australians are a race of "attractive godless pagans."

And this outward manifestation of paganism only serves to highlight the underlying paganism of a people sunk in gambling, drinking and pleasure seeking.

Australia's gambling bill is fast approaching £1,000 million per year. Beer consumption stands at an average of 22½ gallons per head of population. Poker machines are eating into the economy of the household and the economy of the nation. Sexual promiscuity is on the increase.

The nation needs a revival of spiritual religion. And such a revival can only begin with its Christians.

Anglicans sign hanging petition

TWO girl members of the W.A. Anti-Hanging Committee earlier this month netted the signatures of three Anglican leaders on a petition aimed at stopping the hanging of condemned murderers Robinson and Cooke.

Supporting the move were Archbishop George Appleton, Archdeacon T. B. McDonald and Dean J. R. Payne.

The girls solicited signatures while standing behind a placard in the grounds of Wesley Church. Many women refused to sign when asked. They were not happy when they learned that a reprieve was sought for Cooke as well as Robinson. (Cooke was convicted of murdering an eighteen-year-old student and was also charged by police with three other murders.)

Hostility to police — is it justified?

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WHEN WEST MEETS EAST



Members of the forty-strong contingent of C.E.B.S. from Western Australia participating in a friendly tug-of-war with camp rivals. See report of the C.E.B.S. camp this page.

Boys vote camp big success

"MIGHTY," "Terrific" and "Tremendous." These were some of the words used by campers attending the C.E.B.S. National Camp earlier this month.

The camp was the biggest yet held by C.E.B.S. It marked the Society's Jubilee. It was attended by about one thousand young men and boys from all Australian states. Three young men came from Papua-New Guinea.

Victorian C.E.B.S. attending the camp numbered 450. This outnumbered the combined totals of the N.S.W. and South Australian contingents.

C.E.B.S. was founded in Victoria. It has functioned as a strong body within the Victorian Church for many years. It has held numerous large camps.

However, despite these advantages, the N.S.W. attendance was disappointing. With some 200 campers under canvas it only equalled South Australia's total. Population of N.S.W. exceeds four million. Population of South Australia is one million.

Other states had smaller contingents. Forty came from Western Australia, thirty-five

from Tasmania, twenty from Queensland.

In a statement made to A.C.R., Mr Kenneth Stephenson, C.E.B.S. National Secretary and Executive Officer of the camp, described the camp as highly successful. "The co-operation received from the officers," said Mr Stephenson, "has been most gratifying."

Statement

"This camp has proved how necessary it is — as a national body — to stage such camps regularly. I would recommend one such camp every three years, camp sites to be divided between N.S.W., Victoria and South Australia."

"I feel by holding such triennial camps we would strengthen the Society as a whole and we would be more united."

"The invaluable aid given by Sir Robert Menzies assisted me greatly in gaining the co-operation of the Services, the Prime Minister's own department, public bodies and business houses."

"The fellowship and witness achieved during the ten days was most gratifying."

Mr Stephenson also made reference to the food at the camp. However, the testimony of the boys was sufficient. "Cooking is

terrific," said one. His remark was warmly supported by a group of boys nearby.

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Mainly About People

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