

GENERAL SYNOD DECIDES ON THE PRIMATE ALL DIOCESAN BISHOPS TO BE ELIGIBLE IN FUTURE

By last Monday evening, September 26, the 1966 Session of General Synod at its meeting in Sydney found it had taken more than half its allotted time to cover about one quarter of its business, and that it was unlikely to complete the rest by noon tomorrow, Friday, when it had resolved to rise.

On the surface, the Synod appeared to have laboured hard and got bogged down. As against this, however, it had passed several Canons the importance of which will become clear only as time goes on.

These included the Canon electing the Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Reverend P. N. W. Strong, to be the Canon under which future Primates will be chosen — all bishops will now be eligible, and not merely the four archbishops; Canons concerning New Guinea and the proposed Diocese of the Northern Territory.

There were good debates on the draft revised Prayer Book, on the status of assistant bishops, Long Service Leave for the clergy, and on the creation of a Council For World Mission and Unity. It must be admitted that up till last Tuesday the proceedings, with one exception, were pretty domestic and "churchy". The exception was the appointment of a Select Committee to report on Visi Nam this week.

The election of the Primate by all three House Bishops (Clergy and Laymen, gave universal pleasure. His Grace surprised not a few by his familiarity with the parliamentary procedures followed in the Synod. When congratulated on this, he laughingly pointed out that he had no sense of experience, and was a politician—in the Legislative Council of Papua and New Guinea.

The decision to make all diocesan bishops eligible for election to the Primacy was taken after lengthy debate. It was against the recommendation by the Standing Committee, which was that the Primate be chosen from among the four archbishops and the Bishops of Adelaide, Canberra and Goulburn, and Tasmania.

Two other important provisions under the new Canon are that future Primates could retire at 70 years of age, and that they be chosen by an electoral board comprising the House of Bishops, twelve priests and twelve laymen.

N.T. DICES
Provision is made for any possible deadlock; if the electoral board fails to agree, a special Session of General Synod is summoned.

The Canon for the creation of a new Diocese of the Northern Territory involves separating the Territory from the Diocese of Northern Territory, of which it now forms part.

It will be some time—at least two years—before the Canon can become operative, because the Territory must first be ruled by the Synod of the Diocese of Northern Territory, and the Queensland Provincial Synod to give effect to its provisions.

The election of the Primate of the new diocese will be in due course elected by the House of Bishops.

The debate of the greatest general interest to most Anglicans was of course that on the revision of the Prayer Book.

The Bishop of Grafton, the Right Reverend R. G. Arthur, moved the Report of the Commission set up by the last General Synod to explore the possibilities of revision.

He said that it had been pos-

sible for the 32-member Commission to meet only twice since it was appointed, because they had to come together from all parts of Australia and each meeting was an expensive affair.

Separate committees formed in each State had dealt with different aspects of the project, and much of the work had been done by correspondence.

Because of the Commission's difficulties, Bishop Arthur asked the Synod to be understood that if not grateful, and to be mindful of the needs of the commissioning which he had duly appointed last year.

The Bishop said that the Commission was unanimous that the 1962 Book of Common Prayer stood in need of revision.

"The language of 1662, being old and moving as it is, at times not only obscure but misleading," he said.

P.B. REVISION
"Fifty years after the Prayer Book, St. Paul's Cathedral, London, was described as 'amusing, amusing, amusing' by Sir Christopher Wren was highly pleased with the 'royal compliment'."

These three words, like so many others, had taken on different meanings since they were used in the seventeenth century.

At the same time, he explained, the Commission felt that "what is called for is gradual change, a pruning of the liturgical tree, a gentle lopping off here and there, cutting out some dead wood, and keeping the main trunk of the general structure and the words which are so dear to us."

In the event, the Commission had produced both a "conservative" revision, with the minimum

number of desirable changes, and "radical" changes.

It was in one of the latter that there appeared a version of the Lord's Prayer which had aroused considerable public interest.

Bishop Arthur asked the Synod to appreciate that all the forms of service which appeared with the Commission's Report were of a tentative character.

The Commission is not saying to Synod that this is what (Continued on Page 11)

CAUTIOUS MOVES ONLY IN CANADA ON UNITY

ANGELIAN NEWS SERVICE

The general council of the United Church of Canada, the largest Protestant denomination, has side-stepped, for the moment at least, a resolution put before it last week-end asking for the acceptance of the "principles of union with the Anglican Church of Canada".

The council, meeting at Waterloo, Ontario, has agreed in general terms, however, to continue talks with the Anglicans until the final goal of union is reached.

However, the resolution on the acceptance of union itself was referred to a special committee for further study when the commissioners on the council failed to agree on some crucial points.

"The principles of union" which the council was asked to endorse were embodied in two reports: one by the Anglican-United Church study on this subject, and another by the General Synod of 1964.

A former Moderator of the United Church told the meeting

that acceptance of the principles was doubtful, "union between the two churches could effectively bring together the priestly and prophetic traditions which, he said, had always 'been in tension'."

He suggested a "federal union" in which the two denominations would merge certain departments while retaining their respective autonomy.

This hesitancy comes at a time when the Archbishop of Canterbury is paying a month's visit to Canada and taking the opportunity to encourage ecumenical development here.

At Toronto last week he said he had been interested in the Anglican, "not that it will be union with Rome, and we will have the Pope over us."

"POPE NEXT"
A clergyman from British Columbia said that while he himself favoured union, he doubted whether the vast majority of his fellow clergymen were enthusiastic about it.

Another clergyman said, "Now is the Anglican, next it will be union with Rome, and we will have the Pope over us."

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HONG KONG ELECTION

CONSECRATION IN NOVEMBER

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hong Kong, September 26
The Reverend John Gilbert Baker, who has been elected Bishop of Hong Kong and Macao.

Mr Baker was general secretary of the Overseas Council of the Church of England in England from 1955 to 1964.

He served in China from 1947 to 1951, at theological colleges in Shanghai and Canton.

He was elected bishop on September 26 by the Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Conference (comprising the English-speaking churches) by order of clergy and laity.

The election has been confirmed by the Bishops of the Council of the Church in South East Asia by cable.

It is in accordance with the canon which holds the Diocese of the Church of South East Asia to be a continuation of the constitution and canons of the Diocese of Hong Kong.

STUDY CENTRE

Mr Baker will be consecrated in Hong Kong on November 3, Day, November 3.

He is at present in Hong Kong where he is working on the programme of the Christian Study Centre and theological education in the Diocese.

Mr Baker succeeds the Right Reverend R. G. Hall, who was Bishop of Hong Kong for thirty years.

Last January the former Archbishop of Cape Town, Bishop Joost de Blank, was elected to succeed him, and accepted.

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VITAMINS SENT TO LOMBOK

A.C.C. SERVICE

The Australian Council of Churches is supplying vitamin tablets and anti-biotics for a church-sponsored relief programme on the Indonesian island of Lombok.

The A.C.C. from the National Council of Churches in Australia has sent 40,000 people on the island had died as a result of famine and drought and that the situation had broken out in many areas.

The A.C.C. is sending a team to Diakarta of an Indonesian Government commission progress towards unity between the Anglicans and the United Church.

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TASMANIAN STUDENTS TO WORK

IN NEW GUINEA NEXT JANUARY

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Launceston, September 26
Four groups of Tasmanian matriculation school students from the north-west and south will attend New Guinea work camps in January.

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MISSION HAS MANY ACTIVITIES

SCHOOLS, PRISON, HOMES AND ADOPTIONS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, September 26
The annual report of the Melbourne Diocesan Mission to Streets and Lanes, presented at the annual meeting on September 14, reveals the widespread nature of the work of the Community of the Holy Name, which conducts the mission on behalf of the Diocese of Melbourne.

From the Mission House, the Sister with the Task Force moved to a new area, Airport West, in the parish of 'All Saints', Niddrie. This involves twelve classes for Religious Instruction, as well as intense pastoral visiting.

A new venture is joining with other denominations in a 'Recovery' group at Fairlea Women's Prison.

This is a voluntary association for group therapy for people who are maladjusted mentally, socially, or spiritually, and requiring rehabilitation.

The new Adoption Act has meant taxing the accommodation for unmarried mothers to the utmost, and more requests for the placing of babies for adoption are being received.

Despite a barrel drain and new road, pest remains intact at the Retreat House, which continues to be used extensively, not only for retreats, but also for ecumenical and church group conferences.

Some minor improvements have added to the comfort and elegance of the house.

Ellerslie Home for the Elderly has seen a quiet and comparatively uneventful year, with few changes in the household.

ELLERSLIE HOME

A small extension to the main building will provide additional accommodation for the Sisters.

New carpet and an outside staircase have also been provided. From time to time the guests have enjoyed film evenings.

The Children's Homes Committee records a successful year. One of the most outstanding events was the conversion of the Brighton Home for Girls into three self-contained flats.

The children now feel they have a home of their own to which to invite friends; they do so, and are cooking at weekends, and lead a more normal family life.

Holiday Hosts continue to invite the children to their homes for the holidays.

At the Home for Little Children, Darling, the capacity of 25 has remained the maximum, with 29 changes during the year.

All the children come from most distressing conditions; most of them from Allamby Reception Centre.

No record has been kept of the number of applications for help that have had to be refused, but this makes it obvious that there is real cause for alarm in the casual attitude to the responsibilities of marriage and family life by so many.

A group of boys from Wesley College spent their week of social service painting the cots, and cutting the hedge at the back.

The Organising Secretary, Miss Joy Carter, resigned during the year, and her place has been taken by Mrs M. L. Branch.

M.U. SPEAKER FROM CAIRNS AT SYDNEY CELEBRATIONS

The Trocadero, Sydney, was filled last Friday morning, September 23, when the Mothers' Union in the Sydney diocese celebrated its seventieth anniversary.

The Commonwealth Secretary, Mrs Desmond Stuart-Fox, came from Cairns to be the special speaker.

The Right Reverend F. O. Hulme-Moir presided and read greetings from other dioceses, including Portsmouth, to which Sydney is linked.

The Bishop recalled two important instances in which the Mothers' Union had done pioneer work in Sydney—children's court chaplains and marriage counselling.

Following the morning tea, flowers were presented to Mrs Stuart-Fox and Mrs M. L. Loane, and Miss Florence Taylor rose.

Mrs A. R. Miller then welcomed the new diocesan president, Mrs Leane, who spoke of the vital importance of a personal trust in Jesus Christ.

PRIORITY

Mothers needed the aid to stress this fundamental priority to their families in an age when material possessions could easily gain first place.

Mrs L. Davidson portrayed Mrs Sumner wearing the dress of the year, 1876, when the M.U. was founded.

Mrs Stuart-Fox spoke effectively on the words, "Ye are my witnesses."

She gave seven ways by which M.U. members could do this.

They could build Christian homes by love, self-sacrifice and sharing; give an example in daily prayer and public worship; forgiveness, service within the family and in the community.

Mothers, she said, should plan their days so that they had time for private prayer.

It was important for families to do things together at home and in the community.

Families should sit together in church, as a public witness to Christian service in the community should be based on the good neighbour concept, being generous and hospitable.

All M.U. members should use their talents wherever they could, in activities such as Sunday school and day school teaching, entertaining the lonely, and visiting in hospitals.

FRANCISCAN FESTIVAL IN BRISBANE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The festival of the Stigmata of Saint Francis is one that is widely observed outside Franciscan circles but it was the occasion at St. Christopher's Lodge, Brookfield, on September 17 of a warm and friendly gathering.

Some two hundred and fifty friends of the Society of Saint Francis met for Sung Eucharist and breakfast on the grass outside the old house now occupied by the Sisters.

The Archbishop of Brisbane, who sponsored the first brothers as migrants nearly two years ago, presided.

In his address the spoke of the fire that destroyed their home at Tarling in July, said pointed out that the best things are born out of tribulation.

This he said was a sure seal of God's hand in the life and fortunes of the community.

He compared it to the far greater disaster of the eruption of Mount Lamington while he was Bishop of New Guinea, showing how new and better things had risen out of the ashes.

He quoted Our Lord's words at the last supper: "You do not understand now what I am doing, but you shall know hereafter."

Brother Geoffrey, Deputy Minister of the society in the Pacific, spoke after breakfast.

TRULY AUSTRALIAN

He was grateful and encouraged, he said, at the great kindness and concern shown by people from all parts of Australia, but particularly in Queensland, for the brothers since the fire.

He rejoiced, he said, to realize that this branch of the society was now truly Australian.

Everything they now had was given them by the people of

Australia, including the three novices. In the trust some we now belonged here.

Brother Geoffrey referred also to the men now waiting to test their vocation in the Society.

There was evidence that the number had very considerably increased, and that was exciting, also presented problems.

FROM MELANESIA

They now had to find ways to accommodate and provide for these men during their years of training, and to persuade the Church, both leaders and people, to make this investment in the Church of tomorrow.

Brother Davis, a Melanesian brother with the society in New Guinea, spoke of his experience with Brother Geoffrey from the General Chapter in England, told of his journey to Europe.

The three highlights, he said, were his meetings with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Queen and the Pope.

The musical setting of the Eucharist was one written for the boys St. Francis School in Dorset by Brother William.

It had a youthful swing about it and it was fun to see the Archbishop's foot tapping like so many others, as he joined in the Gloria.

It was good, too, to see such a high proportion of the young people there to thank God for the saint who was truly young to the day of his death.

L.C.A. CARDS ARE SELLING WELL

Inter-Church Aid's four Hong Kong-designed Christmas cards selling at 5 cents each (19 for 51 posted) are proving popular in New South Wales, reports the Reverend Robert Sprackett, N.S.W. Secretary for Inter-Church Aid.

"We are having a busy time," said Mr Sprackett. "Seventy-two thousand cards have been dispatched. We are encouraged by the interest and demand. In 1967 75,000 cards were sold in N.S.W. This year we hope to sell well beyond the 100,000 mark."

"These interest people in the congregation and wider community in the peace which help refugees," said Mr Sprackett.

BOULDER CHURCH REBUILT

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Kalgoorlie, September 26
The newly re-constructed church of St. Matthew, Boulder, Diocese of Kalgoorlie, was consecrated during the week before the patronal festival of the parish.

The original church was dedicated exactly sixty years ago by the Bishop of Perth, the Right Reverend C.O.L. Riley. Constructed of wood and iron, it exhibited outstanding architectural features to which attention was drawn by the architect in charge of the present re-construction, Mr Macfarlane Clifton of Perth.

These have been preserved in the re-construction.

The cost, \$50,000 was almost entirely provided by the parishioners, who needed a loan from the diocese of less than \$2,000.

The consecration was performed by the Bishop of Kalgoorlie, the Right Reverend Cecil Mansbach, who was assisted by the Archbishop of the Goldfields, the Venerable D.W. Bryant, and a number of other clergymen.

Among these were two former rectors, one of whom, the Reverend A.N. Northrop, now Rector of Northam in the Diocese of Perth, was the occasional preacher.

DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR CANBERRA

The Bishop-Council has given its general approval to the sketch drawings of the proposed diocesan office building for Canberra submitted to it by the architect, Mr John Goldsmith, says the diocese's "New Release".

Investigations and drawings will continue for the next few months, aiming at the calling of tenders about March, 1967, and the completion of the building by the end of 1967.

The building, of three stories, will be situated in Constitution Avenue, Reid, near St. John's Church.

It will house all diocesan offices under one roof, and will provide for the likely expansion of office requirements, and the possible concentration of wider Church agencies in Canberra over the coming years.

Meanwhile, such space as is not required will be let out commercially.

The total cost of the building is expected to be about \$250,000.



NEW LIBRARY FOR S. MICHAEL'S

BISHOP DEDICATES RESTORED COACH HOUSE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Adelaide, September 26

The Bishop of Adelaide, the Right Reverend T. T. Reed, dedicated the new library at S. Michael's House, Crafter, on September 17.

Apart from members of the house, there were about sixty guests present including Mrs T. T. Reed, the wife of the Bishop of Adelaide.

The new library building was originally built in 1886 as stables and a coach house for "Koralla", then the home of J. W. Bakesell, Esq., to the design of Grainger and Nash; A. K. Cricknell was the contractor.

The Society of the Sacred Mission used it as a workshop and general store from 1940 until in June 1964 when the west wall collapsed during a freak storm.

Meers, Woods, Bagot, Laybourne-Smith and Irvin drew up plans to adapt the old building as a library and study block.

This restoration and adaptation has been carried out by Kenneths Bros. Constructors and by members of the house.

40,000 BOOKS

The bulk of the library is housed on the ground floor, where there are about 35,000 books in the main section of the building and a further 5,000 in a compact in the "study" room.

The original groom's room now accommodates a member of the library staff, and the harness room is used for book binding.

The hay loft has been converted by members of S. Michael's to a pleasant reading room where men can work in privacy at specially designed tables, and here the reference section and periodicals are shelved.

In his speech at the dedication the Prior of S. Michael's, Father John Lewis, said that the setting up of the library was a great privilege.

CONGO TRANSLATION

ECCLESIASTICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, September 26

The commission working since 1964 on a translation of the Bible into the Tshiluba language, one of the four main languages of the Congo, reports the completion of all books except the Psalms.

The group is composed of Roman Catholic and Protestant scholars and Bantu language experts of the American Bible Society.

It marked the first stage of the current building scheme.

The next venture would be that of building a kitchen-dining room block, which would adequately accommodate the increased numbers in the house. He said that the house and the policy had always been to build as the need arose for new buildings, and in this way the house and plant at S. Michael's had slowly grown.

The library would provide a lot of quiet, where members of the house could study in peace, and visitors to the house would find it a great help too.

Each year many visitors, students, clergy and others, came to S. Michael's for a day or for longer periods of study.



The first Bishop of Western Tanganyika, the Right Reverend Mosa Kaluzungwa, with his wife, after his enthronement at Kasingu on July 24. The new diocese was inaugurated the same day by the Bishop of Central Tanganyika, the Right Reverend Alfred Stanway.

1,000 PEOPLE CONFIRMED IN CENTRAL TANGANYIKA

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Dodoma, Tanzania, September 26

"We have confirmed as many candidates as miles we have travelled", said the Archbishop of East Africa, the Most Reverend L. J. Borecher, at the left Dodoma on September 10 on the last stage of his twelve-day Confirmation tour in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika.

Staying on in Dodoma after the meetings of the Synod of the Church of the Province of East Africa, the Archbishop and Mrs Borecher travelled with Diocesan leaders to several main centres, confirming more than 1,000 candidates.

Together with the Right Reverend Johana Madinda, assistant bishop of the diocese, the visitors were first welcomed by Archbishop F. N. Chidosa for a three day tour in the Mtwara Archdiocese, where Confirmation services were held at Chikwaka and Kogwa.

The tour continued with a Confirmation service at Mvumi, the main centre of the medical work of the diocese.

During an inspection of the hospital and nurses' training centre, the Archbishop expressed his interest and delight in the progress which is being made and the advancement in building operations.

On September 10, a Confirmation service was held at Buig-

tri and the following day, accompanied by the diocesan secretary, the Venerable N. P. Lauzide, the Archbishop officiated at the Confirmation service at Homboho in which parish is the Maji ya Uzima Leprosy Centre.

He was also able to speak to the 30 wives of pastors and evangelists who were gathered at Homboho for a training course.

A great welcome was given to the visitors at both Kilimindi and Mampuni, as they spoke at special meetings in their honour.

AT DODOMA

Archdeacon M. Mema accompanying the guests, showed them the various aspects of the work in his archdiocese.

Before leaving Dodoma, a Confirmation service was held at Nara parish, 11 miles from Dodoma.

Leaving Dodoma on September 16, the Archbishop and Mrs Borecher were accompan-

ied by Mr and Mrs W. Mahn of the Neukirchen Mission of Germany, who have special responsibility for evangelistic work on the Great North Road.

After visiting Cherepe, the party was joined by the Reverend James Mambi at Kondoa.

In the newly completed church at Kisaka, 38 miles from Kondoa, 22 candidates were confirmed, and the following day at Kondoa, five adults were presented.

During the whole tour the Archbishop and Mrs Borecher were very warmly welcomed and the congregations expressed their appreciation and thanks for the visit of the distinguished guests.

ENTHRONEMENT IN BURMA

ECCLESIASTICAL PRESS SERVICE

Rangoon, September 26

The Right Reverend Francis Ab Mya, a Burmese, was enthroned as the eighth Anglican Bishop of Rangoon Holy Trinity Cathedral here on August 29.

He succeeds the Right Reverend Victor Shearburn, who resigned his See and is returning to England following issuance of a repatriation order sending home all holders of foreign registration certificates. Roman Catholics, Methodists and Baptist missionaries were also affected.

"We are a national church overnight", declared Bishop Ab Mya, "and I find myself the first native bishop of the diocese". He told the congregation that meetings were being held between Christians and Buddhists "to discuss beliefs and doctrines for the purpose of mutual belief and respect" and to improve relations between them.

In the past Bishop Ab Mya has played a leading role in reconciling differences between the two groups on religious and political grounds. For this he was honoured by the Burmese Government.

NEARLY SOLD OUT!

PRAYER BOOK REVISION IN AUSTRALIA

The Report of the Prayer Book Commission appointed by General Synod, together with draft Revised Forms of Service, published by authority of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, has nearly sold out.

"The Anglican" has only 50 copies left, and these will be sold singly to individual readers.

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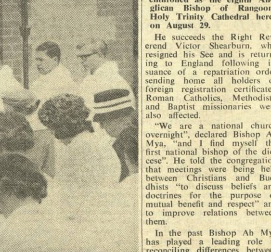
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