

## PERTH SYNOD DEBATES DIOCESAN BOUNDARIES ISSUE LONG AND LIVELY SESSION ON MANY PRESSING ISSUES

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Animated, no doubt, by the Archbishop's Charge to Synod, which was based on the text, "Son of Man, can these bones live?", Perth Synod last week was vitalised by the pressing home of points in debate and the sharp questioning by members of matters which were not obvious.

- The Diocesan Boundaries issue experienced a stormy passage, culminating in a resolution which requested the appointment of a Select Committee to make a thorough survey of the question.
- A Bill for a Statute to be known as the Cathedral Statute 1965 was postponed while in committee stage, synod voting by houses that the Bill be brought again to next synod.
- The Report on the Forrest River Mission came under heavy fire.
- Apologies were offered by one diocesan organisation for lack of submission of financial statement.

The young Chancellor, Mr. James Blackmore, performed effectively during his first appearance at synod.

Reports submitted to synod by various organisations were taken as read, but notices of motion requesting debate on these reports had to be presented with in a prescribed time.

Points of interest from the various reports were raised to a minimum of £1200 a year.

During the year 1964-65 the Diocesan Trustees approved building programmes totalling £218,319.

The Mount Hospital in the only Church of England hospital in Perth, treated 3,544 in-patients during the year and there were 2,947 operations.

There are presently 17 students of S. George's College on the University staff.

During the year Christ Church Grammar School boys have started up societies for creative thinking and activity in the fields of astronomy, mathematics, drama, literature, film criticism, public speaking and natural history.

### STIRRING LIFE

The "Flying Angel" Mission, no longer intends to start work in Albany about October, 40,000 seemed used the Fremantle mission in 1964.

There is a possibility of amalgamation between Parkville and Harewood.

During the year, Boris Harewood, the Anglican Farm School run as a remand home supplied and erected a school library for Glen Forrest School, supplied and helped to erect a clubhouse for the Mandurah Junior Football Club and reconstructed and repaired Sonceville Recreation Hall.

### BISHOPS' COUNCIL EXPENDITURE

Information about the Endowment of the See of Sydney, Fund, which Tm Anglican synod submitted 15 questions last week to the diocesan authorities, has been passed for the next week.

It is from this fund that current expenditure on "Bishopsgate" Sydney is to be met. Officially stated to be limited to £100,000 a year, the sum the sum will be very much more.

A great deal of detailed research is involved in answering THE ARCHBISHOP'S questions. It is suggested that for the next week the reason for the delay.

The Archbishop, in his address to synod, said that the past year had been one of travail, with signs of stirring life, and a growing desire that the Church, carrying on His living, saving, serving work.

At the same time there has been a realisation that the clergy need more time for quiet study, meditation, and preparation for their teaching, preaching, pastoral and priestly ministries.

This is being made possible by a growing initiative on the part of the diocese to encourage to take their share in the spiritual and practical work of the diocese and its parishes.

### CLERGY INCREASE

During the year seven new priests had arrived in the diocese, and three had left and one had retired.

During the course of the year ten men were admitted to the diocese, and six deacons were advanced to the priesthood. Of these, nine were trained at Wollajong, and three at the diocesan college. The contribution that the Church and its parishes of the diocese make to the highest possible priority of our thinking and support.

The numbers of the clergy were considerably better than in recent years. At the end of March, 1965, every living vicar filled for the first time for a long period, but two were already vacant, with the prospect of one more vacancy in the near future.

During his visit to England the Archbishop was able to make

contact with a useful number of priests who were prepared to come to the diocese when suitable posts could be found.

"I am somewhat concerned with two matters affecting the clergy: the inadequate provision for supporting any of the long bout of illness. In one recent case a struggling parish has found it difficult to

support its priests on sick leave and at the same time provide for the payment of his locum tenens.

"The second point is the cost of living in country parishes, which is considerably more expensive than that in the metropolitan area. I would like to see some extra allowance provided to meet this need, particularly

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## BISHOP YASHIRO ARRIVES TO VISIT THREE STATES

The Presiding Bishop of the Nippon Sei Ko Kwai (the Anglican Church in Japan) the Right Reverend Michael Yashiro, reached Australia from Fiji last Monday, and is due to leave for Tokyo at midnight to-morrow, Friday. Bishop Yashiro's original schedule was rather longer, and included a trip to New Guinea, where he was to have ordained a Papuan deacon on August 10.

Developments in Japanese universities have demanded his early return.

His schedule was rearranged to enable him to speak in Melbourne on Wednesday, in Adelaide on Thursday, and in Sydney on Friday and to-morrow. It was impossible to fit in the proposed visit to Perth and Brisbane.

Bishop Yashiro is making a tour of reconciliation of the Church in the Pacific, and is visiting Australia in particular at the invitation of the Prime Minister, the Most Reverend H. R. Gurney.

His arrival in Sydney last Monday was not without incident; he reached Sydney Airport at dawn, some four hours earlier than expected, and there was no one to meet him.

Unperturbed, the bishop had a meal in the airport restaurant and chatted with newspaper reporters, and later went to "Bishopsgate" by taxi.

Later, Bishop Yashiro went to the home of the well-known Sydney layman, Mr. T. A. B. Dakin, where he spent the night before flying to Melbourne on Tuesday.

### NEW GUINEA

He had just said Evensong, and was reading Father James Benson's account of the Church in New Guinea under Anglican occupation, when he was interviewed by Tim Anderson on Monday, in Mrs Batten's drawing room.

Reading Father Benson's book, he said, strengthened his hope

that he would be able personally to see New Guinea before long, and perhaps to take part in a pilgrimage to New Guinea which had been discussed for some time by Japanese Christians (The Bishop himself, in common with other Japanese Anglicans, had a difficult time in their own country during the War).

Bishop Yashiro said that the movement towards Christian unity has made impressive growth in Japan in recent years. The Japanese approach differed from that of other countries, however: "We are ready to accept no unity, reports, no committee meetings," he said.

"We are ready to accept such obstacles as mentioned were gradually being overcome by informal processes, and not merely legal means."

All Japanese Christians, Bishop Yashiro said, appreciated "Christianity is not just an other religion, but the Gospel of God, who has come to us in our despair."

"It is not just another religion but something unique. It cannot be compared with other religions. It is this, which we have in common, that unites us."

The Nippon Sei Ko Kwai Bishop Yashiro said, enjoyed much retirement in Japan through his educational services to the whole community.

"We have three universities, six senior colleges, sixteen senior high schools, primary schools and two hundred kindergartens with a total of more than 130,000 students in all," he said.

It was the settled policy to concentrate on the highest quality in education, and to maintain standards, rather than to lower them by quantitative over-extension.

## ENCOURAGING PROGRESS

We gratefully acknowledge on behalf of the Church of England Information Trust the following generous contributions towards the Trust's Appeal for £18,000 to broaden the basis and understanding of M.E.L. Girls reaching us on and after Tuesday of this week will be acknowledged next week.

Previously acknowledged	£	s.
Bishop Geoffrey	500	3
Mr. C. Maunders	1	0
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R. M. Brown	3	0
W. M. Jones	5	0
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M. M. Wornum	10	0
Amos	1	0
H. R. Harris	2	2
G. Southcombe	3	10
L. P. Penwell	10	0
G. White	10	0
C. M. Geer	10	0
Amos	3	0
M. L. Buckley	4	0
Amos	1	0
A. J. E. Done	2	10
W. H. Harner	5	0
A. G. James	1	10
G. White	10	0
T. D. Brooks	1	0
L. Madsen	5	0
L. W. Turner	2	0
R. A. W. Wotton	2	0

Total: 6684 5

Five more parishes have increased their bulk, orders for "The Anglican" during the past week. They are Holy Trinity, Miller's Point (Sydney), St. John's, Carrow (Bathurst), St. Vincent's, Penrith, St. Peter's, Broken Hill (Riverina) and All Saints, Preston (Melbourne).

In the same period, we have gained 74 new subscribers, 1000 letters from the U.K. and eight from the U.S.

## REPORT ON OUR M.R.I. APPEAL

By FRANCIS JAMES

Dear Readers,

Your response to our £18,000 Appeal is most heartening.

You have earmarked £176 (only £24 to go for Polynesia, and £152 to go for Kuching).

Meanwhile, THE ANGLICAN is now reaching many in those dioceses which are going to some Australian cities?

On page 5 of this edition, you will see a letter from a young Adelaide engineer, now working in Sydney, as much as it pleased us.

We also have the privilege of publishing this week an article by Bishop Alberty, now back in Kuching, after his Australian tour. Your comments had already been sent to Bishop Vocker,

who is in New Zealand en route back to Suva.

In column 6 on this page, you will see that our circulation campaign is well under way, so more parishes increase their bulk orders, and more money to meet regular subscribers.

There are still two more parishes which, for one reason or another, do not take THE ANGLICAN in bulk; we propose to circulate these in the near future.

Early orders for Bishop Vocker's booklet on the Christian Gospel in the Pacific had already exceeded 300 when this

went to press. We'll make no money out of this, but at least we shall cover our production expenses with a little to spare.

Mr. Ed. J. Madsen, who is encouraging to receive letters of support and gifts' cash, for the publication of Mr. Kenneth Cable's History of the Church of England in Australia, we had thought interest would be confined mainly to the clergy and to theological students; but many of our support comes from lay people as well.

In next week, I hope we shall have reached our targets for the year for Kuching and Polynesia. We shall then look at the next step.











































