

Mainly About People

N.S.W.

The Rev. K. H. Short, due to be brought together in a parish mission to be held in Armidale this month. The Rev. John Turner from Sydney will join with the Rev. John Chapman of Armidale as co-missioners in "Operation Faith and Trust" to be held at All Saints', Moree, from September 12 to 20. Mr Turner goes to Armidale diocese after participating in the annual Sydney diocesan clergy school and in Camp Howard's program.

The Rev. R. C. Clout, formerly curate at Nowra, has been appointed rector in the parish following the appointment of the Rev. B. C. Wilson to Christ Church, Bexley. New curate-in-charge of the provisional district of All Saints', Albion Park, is the Rev. R. N. Beard, formerly curate-in-charge of South Coogee.

The engagement has been announced of the Rev. Barry Rainsford to Miss Jennifer Chambers. They are to be married at St Anne's, Ryde, in January. The catechist at St Anne's (Mr John Livingstone) has also announced his engagement, to Miss Joan Reid, from Holy Trinity, Kingsford.

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The Rev. K. H. Short, due to arrive in Sydney on September 9 to take up his appointment as general secretary of the N.S.W. Branch of C.M.S., is to be commissioned by Archbishop Gough at a service in St Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 15. The service will commence at 7.30 pm. and a meeting will follow in the Chapter House. Incidentally, Mr Short has kindly consented to open A.C.R.'s annual Sale of Work on September 25.

The Rev. W. R. Wade, rector of St Mary's, Guildford, has accepted nomination to the parish of St Philip's, Auburn.

The Rev. F. G. Taplin, acting rector of St Philip's, Church Hill (Sydney), has accepted nomination to the parish of Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls.

Victoria

Archbishop Woods will commission the Rev. Dr Maxwell McNeen Thomas to the work of Chaplain to the University of Melbourne at a service in Trinity College Chapel on September 10. Dr Thomas (whose appointment was announced in ACR, April 23) is a graduate of St. John's College, Morpeth, and for the past five years has been studying at the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Miss Ethel Clifford, of CMS, is expected to arrive in Melbourne on September 29 from Malaysia for a period of furlough.

MELBOURNE COMMENT

In a letter to "The Age" Canon L. L. Nash welcomed the new N.S.W. religious syllabus, which, he said, "may go far to make it a more efficient system than ours in Victoria."

"It means," said Canon Nash, "that the State as a whole accepts responsibility for the inculcation of a basic morality throughout its whole area."

"In Victoria, on the other hand, morality is limited to the teaching of the Church according to the varying dogmatic standards of each denomination, almost a private affair."

"The churches could rightly welcome this State acceptance of a fundamental ethical standard based upon the humanitarian doctrine of man and his mutual responsibility. This is practically the natural law of conscience upon which the teaching of Christ builds its own unassailable structure."

WANTED!
FRESH FLOWERS
For ACR Sale of Work

Mr F. L. Gaunson

THE death occurred in Melbourne last month of the well-known Melbourne layman, Mr Francis Leslie Gaunson, a lay canon at St. Paul's Cathedral for the past 20 years.

Mr Gaunson was a dentist in Prahran and was well known in his profession as a long-term member of the Dental Board and an honorary dental surgeon to the Alfred Hospital.

Mr Gaunson was active in many fields of Christian service and was said to have held almost every office possible for an Anglican layman to hold. He was vicar's warden at St Mary's, Caulfield, a member of the Archbishop's election board, a member of Melbourne Synod and a member of General Synod.

The funeral service was conducted by the vicar of St Mary's, the Rev. C. C. Cowling. The Bishop of Bendigo read the opening sentences and Dean Thomas read the lesson.

Preacher was former Melbourne Archbishop J. J. Booth, who paid tribute to Mr Gaunson's parish work and his various diocesan work, including activities in connection with Church schools. The Archbishop referred to his part in framing the new constitution and his work with C.E.M.S.

Not least among his interests was the work of C.M.S. and its branch work in the local parish.

The prayers were read by Archbishop Woods and a large number of fellow-parishioners and friends including a former vicar, the Rev. T. Langley.

Mr Gaunson is survived by a wife and daughter.

WORLD PARISH

With the theme "The World — our Parish" St. Michael's, Vaucluse (Sydney) is holding its first International Conference from Friday, September 18, to Sunday, September 20.

Chairman is the rector, the Rev. H. W. Guinness, and speakers include Canon A. J. Dain, Pastor Phan Xuan Tin (South Vietnam), the Rev. Manasses Kuria (Kenya), Mr Jacob Roberts (North Australia), Miss Kitty Go (Philippines), the Rev. Dudley Foord and Miss Anita Meggitt.

First meeting on the Friday evening will have as its theme: "This Seething World." The address, by Canon Dain, will be followed by a forum.

NEW SITE — Camberwell Grammar School has purchased a site for a new Junior School. It is expected that the new Junior School, to be located on a sixteen-acre block at Blackburn, will accommodate 250 boys. It will have three sports ovals and rowing facilities on a nearby lake.

MULGOA — Bishop J. S. Moyes, Bishop of Armidale, is to be the Guest Preacher on the occasion of the 126th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas', Mulgoa, on Sunday, September 13 at 11 a.m.

Church school teachers told: "Join Party or be dismissed"

TEACHERS at Church schools run with Government financial aid in Zanzibar have been told to join the ruling Afro-Shirazi Party or face dismissal.

Zanzibar, now linked with Tanganyika, has made this move following the decision to nationalise all grant-aided schools on the island. The immediate result of the new order is that all teachers are now subject to the recently introduced salaries scale for Civil servants, with an upper limit of £1,200 (3,360 dollars) a year. They will not be entitled to passage allowances.

Birthday rally

AFTER 16 years of gospel broadcasting, Campaigners for Christ continue to find that radio is a very effective medium of proclaiming the gospel and reaching large numbers of people with the message of life from the Word of God.

The occasion of the sixteenth anniversary is to be marked by a Birthday Rally to be held in the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday, September 16, between 12.30 and 2 pm. when an inspiring program has been arranged.

Mr Gordon College will be at the console of the grand organ with Shirley Holman, Fred Grice and the Gospelheirs Quartette presenting vocal items.

Testimonies will be given concerning blessing received through this program whilst the guest speaker for the occasion is the Rev. Geoffrey Fletcher, previously C.M.S. Secretary and now rector of St Mark's, Northbridge.

All friends and listeners who are interested in maintaining this vital witness for Christ throughout our city and country areas are invited to be present.

A special Afternoon Tea has been arranged to be held in the C.E.N.E.F. Auditorium between 2.30 and 3.30 pm. when friends who have attended the Birthday Rally will have the opportunity of meeting the radio personalities of the "Gospel Message for Today"

Revised Lectionary

Sept. 13: 16th Sunday after Trinity.
Mt. Jer. 5: 1-19; Luke 11: 1-28, or Titus 2: 1-3, 7.
E: Jer. 5: 20-end, or Jer. 7: 1-15; John 8: 12-30 or Ephes. 5:22-6:9.
Sept. 20: 17th Sunday after Trinity.
1 Peter 1: 1-21.
E: Jer. 18: 1-17, or Jer. 22:1-19; John 8: 31-end, or Eph. 6: 10-end.
Sept. 27: 18th Sunday after Trinity.
Mt. Jer. 26: Luke 12: 1-34, or 1 Peter 1: 22-2: 10.
E: Jer. 30: 1-3, 10-22, or Jer. 31: 1-20; John 13, or 1 John 1: 1-2, 11.

Representatives of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches in Zanzibar have begun consultations with Government authorities. The Assistant Bishop (the Rt. Rev. R. N. Russell) of the Anglican Church in Zanzibar, stressed in a statement that relations between the church and the Government have always been good and that in the long run he believes the action may well prove to be "a very good thing."

Canon John Kingsnorth, general secretary of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, which supports two schools in Zanzibar, commented in London that it was too early to know what the effects of the order would be, but that the Government of Malawi (Nyasaland) and Tanganyika had taken over school control with no ill effects and that "it seems to be the natural process for this sort of thing to happen in the newly integrated countries."

(E.P.S., Geneva)

50 YEARS AGO

"... the Church of England should not lag behind in making provision for the spiritual and social needs of our soldiers. It has been decided to spend at least £150 in providing a large tent. St. Stephen's, Richmond, has generously come forward with the offer of the seats required. Rev. F. W. R. Newton has been doing splendid service among the men as a Church of England Chaplain... Crowds are visiting the camp, especially on Sundays. Some of the suburban churches are feeling the effects in depleted congregations. Churchmen should not make the duty of visiting friends in camp a substitute for public worship."

"My friend next door is for ever dining into my ears the virtues of his model son. You know he keeps his accounts at school, and sends us a detailed statement every month of what he spends. And, would you believe it, most of his money is spent on the S.P.G.' 'S.P.G.', I said, 'what is that?' 'Why the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Look, here's his last account. S.P.G. 6d., S.P.G., 9d., S.P.G. 7d. Don't you think that is very good of him?' I agreed, but felt a little bit suspicious. Later the boy came home ill and I asked him what S.P.G. meant. 'Something — probably grub,' he replied, wistfully." (From "The Church Record," September 11, 1914.)

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"SAFE CONDUCT" WAS FORGOTTEN

IN 1415 John Huss appeared before the Roman Catholic authorities at Prague, having been granted "safe conduct" for the occasion.

The "safe conduct" soon forgotten, John Huss was committed to prison and, on appearing before the council, called upon to recant doctrines considered heretical.

He refused and was condemned to the stake, meeting a martyr's death with great courage on July 6.

Reformation observance

The story of John Huss, precursor of the Reformation on the Continent, will be seen in a film to be shown at the forthcoming Reformation Rally in Sydney on Friday, October 9.

The film, to be screened at 7 p.m., will open the thirty-sixth annual Reformation Rally, being held this

year in the Chapter House, next to St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Late-comers

A novel feature of the film showing will be the provision, for those who are unavoidably late, of a duplicated summary of the early part of the film story, thus enabling such folk to "catch up" with the film on arrival.

At 7.45 two addresses will be given under the title, "Reformation — Past, Present and Future," the speakers being the Rev. E. D. Cameron, B.D. Th.Schol., rector of St. Stephen's, Bellevue Hill, and the Rev. E. G. Mortley, B.A., Th.L., rector of St. Philip's, Eastwood.

Chairman for the occasion will be Dr A. M. Bryson, M.B., Ch.M., from Roseville. An offertory will be taken up towards the expenses of the rally.

(Those who will be in the city prior to the meeting are reminded that tea is available in the coffee lounge of the CENEF Centre, on the corner of Kent and Bathurst Streets.)



John Huss before the Council of Constance

Bishop Goodwin Hudson's thrust

AN evangelistic thrust into the business world of London is to be undertaken by St. Paul's, Portman Square, under the leadership of Bishop A. W. Goodwin Hudson, formerly a coadjutor bishop of Sydney.

Under the title, "Christian Certainty" the campaign will be held from October 18 to November 1 and will replace, just for this year, the usual autumn Keswick convention held in the area.

Organisers feel that the moment is ripe for a big evangelistic approach, chiefly at lunch hours, along lines proclaiming the certainty and relevance of the Christian faith.

Bishop Goodwin Hudson will be assisted by Prebendary Colin Kerr, retiring rector of St. Paul's. This Friday, September 25, St Paul's is the centre of a world-wide Day of Prayer for Revival, arranged by the Revival Fellowships of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Anglican Churches.

Nights of Prayer for world-wide revival are held on the first Friday of each month. At St. Paul's the meetings are run from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Those who would like to be linked with this prayer fellowship, either in groups or as individuals, are asked to contact Mr George Ingram, Flat 5, 49 Hallam Street, London, W. 1, England.

Methodist group against church union proposals

THE Methodist Revival Fellowship, which claims a membership of three hundred English Methodist ministers, has issued an open letter opposing the findings of the Anglican-Methodist Report.

The Report is condemned as "inadequate and inconsistent in its treatment of the relationship between Scripture and tradition."

Signatories further claim that the doctrine of justification by faith is compromised also "by the insistence that all future ordinations must be carried out by bishops standing in the historic episcopate."

The Methodist Revival Fellowship was founded just after the end of World War II and in addition to its clerical members numbers about 1,200 laypeople of evangelical outlook in its ranks.

In a further reference to the doctrine of justification by faith the fellowship draws attention to the fact that, "The statement that the Gospel 'turns on justification by the free grace of Christ, received by faith' is seriously compromised by the doctrine of ministerial priesthood."

The group would, it says, be unable to accept the proposed service of reconciliation and has grave doubts about the desirability of union along the lines of the Church of South India scheme.

CHURCH RIFT ON PEACE CONGRESS

THERE is a sharp division of opinion in the Christian community over the Australian Congress for International Co-operation and Disarmament being held in Sydney next month.

THE congress, which will be held from October 25 to 30, numbers among its 500-odd sponsors many churchmen, including three Anglican bishops.

The Bishops acting as sponsors are the Rt. Rev. J. S. Moyes, of Armidale, the Rt. Rev. G. F. Cranswick, formerly of Tasmania, and the Rt. Rev. D. A. Garnsey, of Gippsland.

Last week the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia passed a motion unanimously declaring its support for the congress and requesting its Church and Nation committee to appoint one or more of its members to attend the congress and participate in the churchman's section.

Accusing the Federal Government of using intimidation to prevent free discussion, the Rev. A. M. Dickie told the Assembly that the congress offered "an immediate opportunity for Presbyterians to enter into conversations with those who are not in the Church, but who yet are concerned with the destiny of our society."

Public opinion

One of the important aims of the congress was to formulate in Australia a better informed and articulate public opinion on international co-operation and disarmament, Mr Dickie said.

"Certain benefits" would accrue to the Church if the resolution was carried.

"A clear image of a concerned and serving Church would come through to the world," he said.

A "responsible committee" would suggest to the Victorian State Assembly of the Presbyterian Church that it become a sponsor of the congress.

Seconding the motion, the Rev. N. McLeod said: "Peace has become a dirty word. It has become almost the copyright of Communists."

The Church was strangely silent on the subject of world peace and international co-operation.

"It may be the Church has accepted the slogan 'how I learned to stop worrying and love the bomb,'" Mr McLeod said.

When announcing support for the congress Bishop Moyes said he believed it would be planned more wisely than the Australian

and New Zealand Congress held in Melbourne in 1959.

Whilst claiming that the October congress would emphasise more strongly the Christian approach Bishop Moyes admitted that the 1959 congress "was handled badly" and that there was a "strong Communist influence exercised in it."

Communist influence

(A number of prominent people withdrew their sponsorship from the 1959 congress because of alleged Communist influence.)

They included Professor Sir Mark Oliphant, Professor A. K. Stout, of the University of Sydney, and the former Dean of Melbourne, Dr S. Barton Babbage.)

At the time Bishop Moyes' statement was released a spokesman for the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr Gough, said that there was no official Church of England support for the October congress.

This guarded statement was described by "The Anglican" as "irrelevant." "It will be enough," said that newspaper, "for most of us that three Australia-born bishops are sponsors."

"The Australian Church Record" believes it reflects the opinions of a great many Anglicans when it dissociates itself from support of the congress.

SALE OF WORK

SYDNEY church people are reminded that the annual Sale of Work, held to assist the work of this paper, takes place this Friday (September 25) in the Chapter House.

The Sale will be opened officially by the new general secretary of the N.S.W. Branch of C.M.S., the Rev. K. N. Short, at 11 a.m.

Well-stocked stalls will feature such items as baby-wear, books, cakes, flowers, groceries, sweets and jams. Luncheon will be available from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and tea and scones will also be available.

Half of the proceeds of the sale goes directly toward the maintenance of A.C.R. and the other half goes into an endowment fund providing continuing income in the years ahead.

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The "Peace" Congress

Whilst we do not, for one moment, doubt the sincerity and high purpose of a great many of those who are sponsoring the forthcoming Sydney "Peace" Congress, we have serious doubts as to the outcome of the gathering.

Last week "The Sydney Morning Herald," commenting on A.L.P. participation in the congress, drew attention to the fact that "since World War II, so-called 'peace' congresses in Australia have either been dominated by Communists or have served the interests of a foreign power inimical to Australia's welfare."

We cannot help feeling that there is more wisdom shown in the "Herald's" attitude than in the attitude of the Anglican bishops and other churchmen supporting the congress.

The 1959 Melbourne congress ought to have shown the futility of participation by churchmen in such gatherings. This congress culminated in the withdrawal of a number of prominent sponsors, including the then Dean of Melbourne, Dr S. Barton Babbage.

It seems, says the "Herald," that the A.L.P. has not learnt a lesson from history. It seems to us that the same can be said for the churchmen supporting the October congress.

Sponsors have been quick to point out that there are many safeguards but in spite of these we think the words of the late Sir William Gilbert, "things are seldom what they seem, skim milk masquerades as cream," are not inappropriate.

Things are never what they seem when one is dealing with the Communists. This has been seen thousands of times over in the decades since the Russian revolution.

A few, sometimes a very few, dedicated Communists can achieve spectacular results from their efforts. They remind one of those few dedicated men who fought in the Battle of Britain, referred to elsewhere in this issue by Canon Douglas Webster. And they remind Christians, incidentally, of what they ought to be.

Nobody really believes that the vast army of people living under the Red flag are all Communists, far from it. They are under Communist rule solely because of the dedicated efforts of a few.

Against such a well-organised and well-disciplined group what safeguards can be devised that will work? Do churchmen think they can outwit the subtle manoeuvrings of the Communists? Have they ever succeeded before?

Our Lord reminded us that "the sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of the light." These words seem to be borne out time and again in the relationship of the Christian Church to the Communists.

One of the most telling exposures of the role of such congresses has come to us from the pen of a Communist, W. E. Gollan, writing in "Peace, Freedom and Socialism," in July 1963.

"It is, of course, obvious," said Mr Gollan, "that large numbers of people who support the movement for peace do not realise that in backing peaceful co-existence and in calling for disarmament they are, in fact, engaged in a political struggle against imperialism." Mr Gollan is a congress sponsor!

We are glad that the Archbishop of Sydney dissociated the Church of England, in Sydney at least, from the action of other Anglican bishops in supporting the congress, although we would like to have seen a more positive statement from His Grace.

Although we received notice of the function too late for inclusion in our last issue we would like to draw the attention of Sydney church people to the Day of Films which has been organised by the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade for this Saturday, September 26. Details appear in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Christians need to be much better informed on Communism than they are and, in spite of some of the criticisms levelled against it, the Crusade is performing a worthwhile function.

ANGLICAN WITNESS IN LATIN AMERICA

From the general secretary of SAMS, the Rev. Henry Sutton, writing in the "English Churchman".

WHY Latin America? Must Anglicans import yet another denomination into this great sub-continent? Such questions are frequently posed to me and, having recently returned from my fourth visit to Latin America, I feel more confident than ever to answer them.

Such questions imply that Anglicanism is new to Latin America, which is by no means true.

The South American Missionary Society has been at work in the continent since 1844 and the Episcopal Protestant Church of the United States has been established in Brazil for about 60 years, with a fine witness too in Mexico and several other Central Latin American Republics.

We believe that the Anglican Church has to offer something which is needed and wanted, above all the contributions of other denominations to the spiritual life of Latin America.

Warmly welcomed Throughout my recent visit I was warmly welcomed and generously received in various Republics.

Several times I was asked by members of the Christian Brethren and Pentecostal Churches how long it would be before we moved into certain areas to share with them the tremendous spiritual challenge in city, suburb and country area.

The question to be asked is not, "Why?" but "What?" — What must be our contribution as a Church to Latin America? In the first place I believe our Liturgy which appeals not only to the emotion but to reason is of utmost value. The Liturgy of the Church of Rome, read for

so long in Latin, has proved inadequate and unintelligible to countless thousands.

The rather excessive freedom of Pentecostal worship is, on the other hand, too extreme a contrast. The Bible-based Anglican Liturgy bridges the gap. I sincerely believe that too ornate a form of worship will not impress Latin America today.

Preaching must likewise be simple, direct and Biblical. The prime importance placed upon the Bible in Latin American worship needs to be seen to be believed.

The pentecostals tend to go to the extreme of over-simplification and to remain simple at all stages of the Church's life and growth.

I believe there are many in this continent today who are ready to welcome a balanced Liturgy in conjunction with a reformed theology such as Anglicanism has to offer.

Secondly, the benefits of the Anglican Ministry may also be witnessed. Many of the evangelical bodies in Latin America including the Pentecostals have no ordered Ministry such as we know it and they consequently lack a certain stability.

The tendency to splinter into small groups of unattached worshipping communities is a constant weakness.

Spiritual home On the other hand the ineffectuality of the Ministry of the Church of Rome has been caused by the fact that, until recently, the Priesthood has remained aloof and separate caste and has not therefore found lasting favour with very many. Such doctrine and practice is today being seriously reconsidered.

Thus it is not our order alone, but also our more evangelical

interpretation of "the Priesthood," which appeals to those who have found no "spiritual home" among all those which Latin America has to offer.

As a result of Anglican order and unity within this Continent, we are privileged to be able to bring other Protestant bodies closer together.

Already in several towns and cities we have had the privilege of bringing together on occasions Christians of widely divergent traditions for Christian fellowship of the most helpful nature.

Anglicanism is, of course, purely the channel through which the South American Missionary Society obeys the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

I must not give the impression that our Churches are full to overflowing, but I must testify to a desire to know more about God which is most refreshing.

Alongside our spiritual ministry, we have an important contribution to make in the realms of medicine and education and, to honour God, these must be services of a first-class quality.

If the spiritual harvest from such social service is not all we should desire, then we should rejoice at the joy and privilege of sharing and serving in the Name of Christ.

Undoubtedly it seems that Anglicanism has distinct contributions to make to the spiritual welfare of Latin America, but we must be prepared to see some changes in Latin American Anglicanism if it is to make its full contribution.

Any form of purely Anglo-Saxon Anglicanism must be lost and gradually, as they are able, Latin Americans must play a far more responsible part in the affairs of their own Church.

The Pentecostal Church thrives as more members and leaders are drawn from the people to whom they minister.

We are late in the field, in the towns and cities and we have much to learn, but we may go forward confident that we have a very definite contribution to make to the spiritual life of Latin America and, perhaps most encouraging of all, I gain the impression that we are sincerely wanted.

PRESBYTERIAN CONCERN OVER SUNDAY SCHOOLS

"IS the traditional form of Sunday school sufficient to meet today's situation?" is the question posed by a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. R. J. Duffy, in a report presented to that Church's Christian Education Committee.

"Are there not changing patterns in family and community life that we need to see and understand so that the Church may make the most effective ministry to and with the family?" The report then says—

The spotlight has been turned on the Sunday schools of three denominations of N.S.W. The Church of England in Australia during 1963 celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of their first Sunday school.

The Methodist Church in N.S.W., in preparation for their Operation Outreach 1964, has made a survey of their Sunday school work in N.S.W. and made the following figures available—

Of every 100 children entering the Sunday school in the Primary Department—
90 enter the Junior Department.

65 enter the Intermediate Department.
52 enter the Senior Department.

15 enter the Adult Membership of the Church.

This means that of the 5,800 children that enter each year some 4,350 drop out. On any given Sunday 17,000 scholars will be absent (25 per cent) and 1,329 teachers (14 per cent). Would our statistics be very different?

Weekly injection

Turning his attention to the relationship of Sunday school to parents, Mr Duffy said: "Sunday School is most effective when it assists parents in the Christian nurture of their children."

"The modern outlook of many parents is to dump the children off for their weekly religious injection until the child is old enough to make up his own mind (anywhere from 10-14 years).

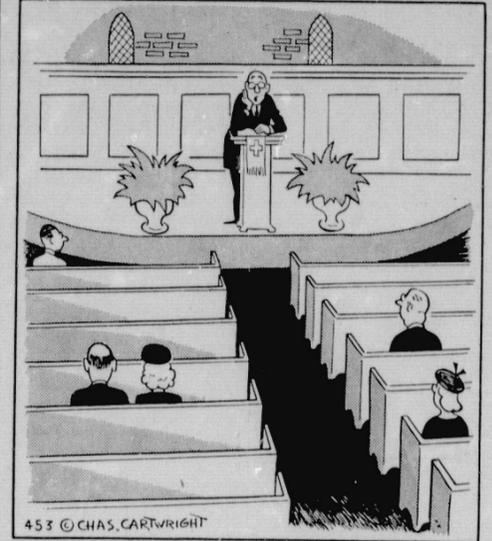
"Can we in our present set-up effectively teach the child of non-worshipping parents? One of the basic issues here is that many of the parents not involved in the life of the Church left their own Christian nurture behind when they themselves left Sunday School."

In an editorial comment on Mr Duffy's report, the "N.S.W. Presbyterian" said:

"Sunday School work in many Churches—and we just don't mean Presbyterian either—is a dishonour to God, because although it is a school, it generally meets in a wrongly designed building, has the meanest of equipment, sits children on chairs without desks and conducts its lessons with each class teacher fighting a losing battle against the nearby distraction of noise and movement from a nearby group. Its standards are bad."

"At the teacher level, many Sunday Schools dishonour God not because they mean to do so, but out of sheer ignorance of the basic elements of what they are doing with the art of teaching."

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"My sermon today deals with the danger of giving in to self-pity . . . oh, what's the use!"

Layman's viewpoint

The views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of "The Australian Church Record."

Married or single?

I AM surprised. I am surprised by some comments from the Archbishop of Sydney, appearing in the current "Southern Cross," on the need for men to offer for the ministry.

I am surprised because the Archbishop referred only to young men and made no reference whatever to the need for older and (preferably) married men for this work.

Although Paul was anxious that no man should despise Timothy's youth (I Tim. 4:12) the comments he made in the preceding chapter on those being chosen for the ministry leave little doubt that he had in mind a married person with children. Not that this would exclude the unmarried younger men, but it does seem to me that it was more usual for the person to be of more mature years and experience.

Laypeople who have lived all their lives in a well-established parish where the ministry comes from the cream of older men know little of the problems experienced by their fellows in smaller and newer areas who so often have to be ministered to by inexperienced younger men, sometimes single.

Barrier between

For while it is true that of first importance in the ministry is the man's spiritual calibre and theological depth there is a great barrier between a young minister, with little experience of rubbing shoulders with the man in the street, and his flock.

People with marital problems will hardly feel like talking them over with a young unmarried man (even if this is done in Rome) and the man who has not had the experience of keeping a family and paying endless bills will not always be careful with material things that are the parish's financial responsibility.

It seems to me that, rather than trying to encourage more younger men to apply for the ministry, we should be seeing what can be done to help more married men to enter the ministry. The problems of study, money and family are very great and little is done to ease these burdens for the man who feels a call from God to enter college.

As an example of what could be done it used to be the practice in the Baptist Church (it may not be so now) to provide an accepted married candidate with a part-time pastorate during his college period and with a modest income, sufficient to keep himself and his family while studying.

The older, married man may not always be so bright as his younger brothers, but he has much to offer the Church and we should do more to encourage him in his vocation.

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HISTORY has many illustrations of the Biblical truth that "a few skilled and dedicated men may be far more effective than a half-hearted and undisciplined majority," said Canon Douglas Webster, preaching in Melbourne at an Air Force commemoration service.

Canon Webster, C.M.S. theologian-missioner, took as his text, "Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few" (I Sam. 14: 6) as he referred to the Battle of Britain when, "for less than a month the fate of the whole world depended on those few fighter pilots and their crews."

"And," said Canon Webster, "under God it was the few who saved the day and rescued mankind from tyranny. They were highly trained; they were deeply dedicated; their courage was magnificent."

"When Jesus was on earth He chose 12 men—not 1200—just a few. They were ordinary working men, none of them outstandingly gifted, but they were completely His. When St. Paul founded the Church at Corinth he described its members as 'not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble.'"

"This is our mission, and we cannot contract out of it without breaking our own oath of loyalty to our lord and Saviour."

"Some months ago I read an account of the Kenyan indepen-

dence celebrations written by a distinguished Anglican layman who was present. He admitted that the future of Kenya was uncertain, and of Christianity in all Africa.

"And then he added these two sentences: 'What is certain is that a cause, even a worthwhile culture, is made by those who give their lives for it, and the absence of something to give life for makes the vacuum in modern world society. In such a situation if we Christians can still find in the Gospel that for which life may gladly be given, the Church may conquer in Kenya and elsewhere.'"

"Where are the young Christians today who love Jesus Christ so much that they regard the Gospel as that for which life may gladly be given? In every part of Asia and Africa the leaders of the Church are asking for such people, missionaries and others, to come and live and work and if necessary die alongside them, offering whatever skill they have in the service of God and of men."

"In every place the few can make a decisive difference; the few can win immense victories; the few who belong to Christ can bring healing and teaching, love and hope, as they lead others out of darkness into God's marvellous light."

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Religion out?

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The following review appeared in "The Church of England Newspaper":

If orthodox Christians had not allowed the Christian religion to become a very dull business, religionless Christianity might very possibly not have emerged. Nowhere does Dr Morris actually say this, but his book is a welcome and refreshing defence of orthodox doctrine combined with a recognition that orthodox Christians must commend their faith by the creative contribution they make to their own generation.

Dr Morris approaches religionless Christianity sympathetically. Speaking of its advocates, he says: "We ought to be provoked by them to think out afresh the meaning and the implications of Christianity."

He distinguishes between the theologians generally lumped together as exponents of religionless Christianity and introduces the name of Barth to the discussion. The demands of Bonhoeffer's position are shown in their uncompromising severity.

"Coming of age" terminology is handled severely. It is, says Dr Morris, nothing more than another form of man's selfishness and pride. It may result in a transformed religion; it does not result in the abolition of religion.

Dr Morris has some useful things to say on worship. The stress by critics of conventional Christianity on the secular as against the sacred sphere has properly exposed sterile pietism, but it has also devalued common worship.

The claim of worship as an activity that needs no utilitarian justification is robustly championed by the author. So is the belief that true Christian faith always issues in religious practices.

The gospel of repentance and faith in Christ must still be preached, says Dr Morris, but he recognises that the poor quality of life shown by many Christians is a genuine hindrance.

He handles this issue sensitively. It is true that men are sinners and the fact must be insisted upon, but at the same time this is not the only fact about human nature found in the Gospels, and repetitive statements about sin can make the Gospel very much duller than it is in the New Testament.

This book should encourage orthodox Christians not only to measure the worth of religionless Christianity; it should result in the recovery of a more truly Biblical and considered evaluation of what the Christian life is all about. Here is a "must" for every church book-stall.

—J.C.K.

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25th birthday WOMEN'S GROUP TO MEET SOON

THE C.E.N.E.F. Memorial Centre and Sydney Diocesan Churchwomen's Association will celebrate their twenty-fifth birthday and annual meeting in the C.E.N.E.F. auditorium on Friday, October 9. The meeting, which commences at 11 a.m., will be presided over by Bishop Kerle.

The establishment of the Youth Centre and its work, the Students' Hostel at Randwick, the Gilbulla Conference Centre and the Mowll Memorial Village have all grown from the C.E.N.E.F. huts in the cathedral grounds during the war years.

All voluntary workers from those years are asked to be present on this special occasion when an address will be given by Archbishop Gough.

Also on the program is a film, depicting youth work in the diocese, and Mrs Gough will receive birthday gifts for the C.E.N.E.F. Centre from the parishes and from individuals.

Parishes are asked to both support and publicise this event in the life of the diocese.

CHURCH IN FESTIVAL

CHURCHES in the Sydney city area are actively participating in this year's Waratah Spring Festival. At St. Andrew's Cathedral two official Waratah Festival services will be held on Sunday, October 4. The 7.15 p.m. service will lay particular emphasis on youth.

It is planned that Sydney diocese will enter a float in the Festival procession on Saturday, October 10, as was done last year.

However, at the time of going to Press there was some doubt about this.

During the week of the Festival historic items will be on display at the Cathedral and on Thursday, October 8, a lunch-time organ recital will be given there.

Further down the city, at St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, Macquarie Street, conducted tours will be made of historical items in the church each lunch-hour at 1.45 p.m.

Another interesting, if controversial, feature of the Festival is the Exhibition of Religious Art on display at the Commonwealth Savings Bank, corner Martin Place and Elizabeth Street. This will be open for inspection daily, from 8.15 a.m. to 6 p.m. (The Commonwealth Banking Corporation sponsors the Blake Prize for Religious Art.)

Notes and Comments

An official church newspaper?

The idea of publishing an official Church of England newspaper is mooted from time to time. Latest suggestion has come from the new Peter, writing in "Southern Cross."

He complains about both "The Anglican" and "The Australian Church Record" which, he says, "seem only to reflect the lunatic fringe in some of their editorials."

If Peter II is right then what are we to say of the hundreds of new readers who have been added to our mailing list during recent months? Are they being attracted by editorials reflecting the "lunatic fringe"? We think not for we believe that A.C.R.'s distinctive evangelical witness is appreciated in days when theological distinctions are being blurred and apostasy is rife.

Peter laments the absence in Australia of church newspapers such as are seen in England. So do we. But if we had a similar population in Australia we could have as good here. Mass production is the answer in the publishing industry no less than in any other. That is why Australia cannot produce a "Life" or a "Time" or a "Look."

But doesn't Peter know that by praising the English church papers he has demolished his own arguments for an official Australian paper? There are no official papers in England, all three being produced by independent publishers!

One of them has a circulation of nearly 70,000 and another is backed by a large industrial combine — no wonder they are bigger and better than their poorer Australian cousins!

And what does Peter think he will get if there is an official Church of England newspaper? Would he countenance abolition of a free secular Press? The faults of newspapers are many but who would like to see our Australian newspapers replaced by "Menzies' Mouthpiece" or "Calwell's Clarion"?

Are we in the Church of England to be subjected to the spectacle of seeing, as happened in N.S.W. not so very long ago, the editor and the head of the denomination at loggerheads over a statement in the publication?

No, we must retain a free Church Press if we are to retain any semblance of democracy in our Church life. To lose it would be to leave the door wide open to autocratic control in our Church and there are quite enough influences working in that direction already.

"Dei Gratia, F.D."

It is to be hoped that the Anglican clergy who have accused the Commonwealth Government of a sinister plot against true religion and virtue on the ground of the projected abandonment of the words "Dei Gratia, F.D." on the new decimal coins will think again.

The plain fact is that understanding of the Latin tongue has declined so much that Latin inscriptions are anachronistic. When a few years ago the Government omitted "F.D. (for 'Defender of the Faith') from the coinage there were strong protests, culminating in the restoration of the letters, because the other Latin titles were retained.

Now that even "Regina" (Queen) is to be left out, there seems to be little reason for singling out any particular part of the Queen's titles as meriting retention more than any of the others.

Christians should try to preserve a sense of proportion in matters like this.

No doubt there is a widespread erosion of Christian belief and behaviour in Australia today. But not every change in traditional practices is therefore bad, and even where it is it would be better to let minor trivialities go and concentrate on defending the things that really matter.

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INFANT BAPTISM ABANDONED

ACCORDING to a report in the English "Baptist Times" an Anglican vicar, the Rev. Christopher Wansley, of Chelmsford, has stopped baptising infants and is "naming and blessing" them instead.

"In the Church of England we are in an awful tangle over the question of baptism," he declared, adding: "This new service is really coming around to the Baptist position."

"The blessing of children goes back to New Testament times and always makes good sense. Infant baptism seems to have been introduced into the Church much later," said Mr Wansley, who is vicar of St. Peter's, Roydon, in Essex.

"When even regular church parents begin to quake and quail about the promises they undertake for their children, the time has come for the Church to make some alteration."

The Rev. Donald Tytler, vicar of St. Mark's, Smethwick, and director of religious education of the Birmingham diocese, said that in cases where the parents do not clearly understand the significance of the baptism service for their children, he suggests it be

postponed and a service of blessing be held instead.

He said this service of blessing was one way of meeting the problem of "indiscriminate infant baptism" and that in his parish and several others special efforts are being made to help parents to comprehend the meaning of baptism.

Article 27, to which Mr Wansley would have given assent at ordination, states that: "The Baptism of young children is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ."

REDS WORRIED BY RELIGION

AN article in a recent issue of the Soviet atheist periodical "Nauca i Religia" (Science and Religion) illustrates some of the problems the U.S.S.R. Government is having in promoting atheism.

It tells the story of a journalist assigned to report on the effects of an atheistic campaign in a certain village.

"On the bus ride from the city," the periodical reported, "the journalist realised that the public transportation facilities were overtaxed; the reason for this was that the Church in the city had been transferred to the village and the inhabitants from the city were going en masse to the village to take part in worship services there."

"Next the journalist visited the city of Volzhsk to contact the local atheistic propaganda society. He found the office closed because the clerk was studying for admission examinations for the theological academy . . ."

The publication said this state of affairs had led the Government to step up its campaign and that in 1963 it distributed 660,000 atheistic propaganda brochures as compared with 84,000 in 1956. Four new, full-length, anti-religious films are also in production, two of which are directed especially to youth.

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Christian Christmas

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sir,
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We in these isolated corners of our Lord's vineyard tend to get absorbed in our own little world and be forgetful of the great task of evangelism being carried out in the world around us.

With sincere thanks,
JACK SCHATZ,
Groote Eylandt,
Northern Territory.

Oppose Sunday Liqueur trading

Dear Sir,
The recent attack by the Rev. Bernard Judd on the liquor interests is worthy of comment and support.

Sunday liqueur trading, if legalised, will upset the tranquillity of this holy day. Industry will also be affected by absenteeism and the domestic life of the average worker will be of a much lower standard.

Let us then join forces to stay the advance of these twentieth-century Philistines and their deadly brew.

Yours, etc.,
BERNARD WALSH,
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Queensland comments

Dear Sir,
Please find enclosed a cheque to cover my subscription to A.C.R. for next year plus £2 to cover the cost of subscriptions to some other readers less fortunate than myself.

Thank you once again for another year's good reading. It is always a pleasure for me to receive the copies of A.C.R. each fortnight. My only criticism is that the paper is not big enough, although I suppose "good things come in small parcels."

VICTOR MCNAMARA,
Toowoomba, Qld.

Educating our children

Dear Sir,
Your article by John McIntosh (10/9/64) brings out clearly the difference between the emphasis in secular education, with man as part of the mechanism of a material environment, and the emphasis in Christian education, whether the true end of man being to love and serve God.

The true purpose of education has been clearly stated by Mr McIntosh and is most welcome. The tragedy that we are witnessing in secular education is clearly demonstrated by the complete lack of challenge to modern materialism from the products of our church schools. Also it is self-evident that the objective, as laid down by God, to love and serve Him daily, is not understood by even those spokesmen for the churches in the current debates on the ethics of Government aid.

Clearly, one important principle, emphasised by Mr McIntosh, is that the prime responsibility for the education of children in all the ways of the Lord rests with their parents. We should appreciate also

Profit or loss?

Dear Sir,
Take a bus at Chatswood Station for French's Forest (not Forestville) School. Opposite the bus when you get out you will see a hive of activity. This, until 1961, was to furnish the site for a central church in French's Forest or alternatively to provide a nucleus for carrying on work in the old Soldiers' Settlement. (The value of that acre of land today is in the region of £15,000.)

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Despite old age (87) and defective sight and hearing, I am willing to attend before any board of inquiry and produce such evidence as I possess. I took this matter in hand when the veil of secrecy was broken by building operations being started by the Education Department.

(Rev.) W. J. OWENS,
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These translations are taken from 13 revised science films that the Institute is producing. These titles are being revised, updated, and shortened to 28-minute length.

The longer editions of the "Fact and Faith" films continue to be available in sixteen languages.

The organisation states that the advantages of the shortened films are that they can now be used more widely for general, school, or television showings thus reducing the ultimate language version production costs to about one-third; that fewer prints (copies) will be required as one type of film will serve all three (i.e. general, school, television); and that prints will be cheaper because the average length will be reduced.

Many awards

The film "City of the Bees" has attracted more attention than, perhaps, any other Moody film.

It was selected by the Committee of International Events (CINE) as one of the nineteen films to represent the United States abroad and in this way earned a Golden Eagle award.

It was given a First Award by the Biological Photographic Association, and an Honour Certificate by the Freedoms Foundations at Valley Forge (Penn.).

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Overseas

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LUTHER "IN"—A new American Roman Catholic hymnal, "The People's Mass Book," contains a modern English version of Luther's famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

The volume, published by the World Library of Sacred Music, has an official imprimatur.

BIG GAINS

Big gains have been registered in the membership of the Korean Methodist Church in the last 10 years. Membership jumped 72 per cent in the last 10 years, 11 per cent of this increase being registered in 1963.

FROM MOSCOW

Patriarch Alexei of Moscow will lead a 10-man delegation of Orthodox leaders on a visit to England at the invitation of Dr Ramsay. The visit, to last five days, takes place at the end of this month.

WITH POPE

Three leading American Presbyterians were received in Audience by Pope Paul in mid-August. The Audience lasted about 20 minutes.

NUNS DOWN

According to the Paris Roman Catholic weekly "La Croix Dimanche" the number of sisters and nuns in France has decreased in the past four years, dropping from 123,736 in 1959 to 117,760 in 1963. In the same period 600 convents have been closed in France's 90 dioceses.

ATOMS TO CLOTH

Dr Ian Campbell, an atom scientist who was a Communist for 20 years, was ordained in Chester Cathedral on September 20. Dr Campbell will leave Manchester University, where he is senior lecturer in radio chemistry, to become a curate.

THEOLOGY STUDENTS

Figures prepared for the Archbishop of Sydney's Commission show that 383 students have entered Moore College during the past 15 years.

Of these, 10 per cent were educated in Church of England schools, 10 per cent in other independent schools including overseas schools under their own board of governors, and 80 per cent from State schools.

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Entries close on Friday 9th October, 1964. Conditions and form of entry will be supplied on application. H. W. G. Claridge, Headmistress.

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Entries for Scholarships, 1965, including the Keith Lindsay Sandars Scholarship for the sons of clergy of the Church of England close on Saturday, November 7, 1964.

Information may be secured from the Headmaster's Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Dog collars" and religion

HAT have 'dog collars' to do with religion?" was the question posed by a young teenager during an impromptu debate at southern Sydney fellowship earlier this month.

The debate, prompted by recent reports in ACR of clergymen advocating the abandoning of clerical collars and special dress for services, produced some interesting comments from the young people.

"People should stand out because they act and behave as Christians, not by special dress," was another comment, and yet another teenager felt that "a minister should not be apart from his congregation."

At the close of the debate those present were asked to register their views by a show of hands. The result was fifty-fifty.

School building will continue

It is now certain that the new St. Andrew's Cathedral School building (Stage One) will be completed.

Building work is being carried out by the firm of McConnell and Fear Pty. Ltd., which is being wound up.

During the period when the new building is being joined to the old, the primary school is being housed in the front section of the ground floor and all secondary classes are now on the top floor of the old building.

The first floor of the old building is being redesigned and four temporary science laboratories are being set up. The Cathedral Choir is now using portion of the Chapter House as a practice room.

Sydney death

We record with regret the death of Mrs Isabel Richardson, wife of Well-known Sydney layman, Mr Justice A. Richardson, and mother of the Rev. Arthur Richardson and Sister Gwenth Richardson.

Mrs Richardson passed away on September 18 after an illness that had continued for some time. She was buried from St. Andrew's, Summer Hill.

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PETER HUDSON FAREWELLED

Almost 200 people gathered in the CENEFA auditorium, Sydney, on September 8, to farewell the Rev. Peter Hudson (and his well-known guitar!), who left for the U.S.A. the following evening.

After about two months in the U.S.A. Mr Hudson will return to England to work, with particular emphasis on youth.

His work with the Youth Department and C.E.B.S. during his stay in Australia has included piloting the 17 meetings and the

ski camp work, as well as making a great contribution to Camp Howard and C.E.B.S.

Appreciation of Mr Hudson's work was expressed by Miss Joan Ash (G.F.S.), Mr B. R. Nunn (C.E.B.S.), the Rev. John Turner (Youth Dept), and Archdeacon Delbridge, as chairman of the Youth Department Council and on behalf of the Archbishop.

Mr Hudson was then presented with a kangaroo-skin wallet and a sum of money.

In replying, Mr Hudson said that he could claim little credit for the achievements of his time in Australia and went on to stress the advantages enjoyed by Australians with their great climate.

Young people should use the outdoor activities such as surfing, skiing and camping as opportunities to witness for Christ, said Mr Hudson.

Melbourne help to Gippsland

LEAGUE of Youth in Melbourne diocese has undertaken to assist youth groups in Gippsland diocese.

The planned assistance will cover a period of from three to five years and will involve camps and missions for many people who will visit Gippsland areas.

The Bishop of Gippsland, Bishop Garnsey, wishes a "total mission of the Church" to be presented and ABM is being consulted.

First work to be done in the diocese will be over the weekend of October 18 to 20 when the Rev. Ian Ellis will be taking a team to the parish of Yarram. The rector of Yarram is Canon Hipkiss.

GIRLS ACTIVE

GIRLS who are members of G.F.S. in N.S.W. have an active time ahead of them.

The Annual Service of Sydney's G.F.S. was held in St. Andrew's Cathedral on September 20. This event is being followed by a Garden Party on September 26, organised to help meet an anticipated deficit in the 1964/65 Budget.

Then, on September 29, G.F.S. members unite with their fellows all over the world in the G.F.S. World Day of Prayer.

From October 9 to 11 a Provincial Workshop and Council Meeting will be held at Morpeth. This weekend has been designed to provide opportunity to discover the immediate needs of leaders attending and to seek to solve some of these problems.

During November Sydney G.F.S. girls will participate in the annual Diocesan Rally at Gullulla, Menangle, presenting a program under the name, "Living in the out-of-doors."

Later in November two Swimming Carnivals will be held, one at Thirroul (on November 21) and one at Auburn (on November 28).

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Mainly About People

N.S.W.

Canon A. J. Dain, C.M.S. Federal secretary, will be visiting Latin America next month for consultations with the Bishop of Chile, Bolivia and Peru (Bishop Howell). It is expected that Canon Dain will visit Chile, Peru and Bolivia. At Cochabamba, in the latter country, the first C.M.S. missionaries will undertake their language studies.

Incidentally, the first C.M.S. missionary to Peru is Miss Gaye Mercier, originally coming from Christ Church, Gladsville, Miss Mercier, is now in training at St. Andrew's Hall, Parkville (Melbourne), the new C.M.S. Federal Training College.

A recent Sydney engagement is that of the Rev. John Lance, curate at St. Andrew's, Sans Souci, to Miss Heather Copeland, one of the "Chesalon" nurses.

Mr Ian Burnard, general secretary of I.V.F. in Australia, left Australia earlier this month en route to a meeting of the executive committee of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Unions, meeting in South India from September 25 to 30. Mr Burnard is calling at Djakarta and Singapore and then at a number of places in India prior to attending the meeting.

The Rev. J. R. Henderson, immigration chaplain, is due to arrive back in Sydney on October 13 as voyage chaplain on the "Fairsea." Whilst overseas Mr Henderson conducted inquiries into migration procedures in the United Kingdom.

The Rev. E. G. Mortley, B.A., Th.L., is to resign from the parish of St. Philip's, Eastwood, in December, to take up an appointment as rector of All Saints', Woollahra, left vacant following the death of Canon Conolly. Mr Mortley went to Eastwood in 1956 after having resigned from the principalship of the Sydney Bible Training Institute.

We send greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery to the Rev. Brian Black, curate-in-charge of Yagooa, who has had to take extended sick leave following recent illness.

The Rev. A. L. Glennon, assistant minister of the Cathedral, earlier this month addressed a gathering of Melbourne Methodists on healing. Mr Glennon addressed a similar gathering some months ago.

Victoria

This Sunday, September 27, the Rt. Rev. M. L. Wiggins, Bishop of Victoria Nyanza, will be the preacher at the 10 a.m. service at St. Thomas', Essendon. St. Thomas' has had and is having visits from a number of well-known people at the present time. Earlier this month Bishop Sambell addressed the Men's Dinner Club and the October 20 meeting of the club is to be addressed by Mr Justice Gillard. On Sunday, October 4 the Rev. Ian Ellis, C.M.S. youth secretary in Victoria, is to preach at the youth service.

Canon R. M. H. Hudson, at present vicar of St. James', Ivanhoe, has been appointed vicar of St. Martin's, Deepdene, and chaplain at the Mount Royal Special Hospital for the Aged. He will be inducted at Deepdene on November 4. The Rev. L. R. Brasington, at present rector of West Goulburn (Canberra-Goulburn), will take up his duties as assistant chaplain at Royal Melbourne Hospital on November 1. The present assistant chaplain at Royal Melbourne, the Rev. W. G. A. Jack, has been appointed assistant at St. Peter's, Eastern Hill.

Sth. Australia

Recent B.C.A. moves in South Australia have seen the coming from Sydney of Mr and Mrs Harry Rich who have taken responsibility for the Port Lincoln Girls' Hostel following the resignation of Mr and Mrs Wiggins. Mr and Mrs Rich have been associated with the work of Teen Ranch at Cobbity, southwest of Sydney.

Another note from Port Lincoln is that Mr and Mrs Roy Avery have intimated their intention to resign from the staff of the Old Folks' Home at the end of the year. The Averages have worked at Port Lincoln for the past six years.

Finally, a South Australian, Sister Val Gameau, has joined the staff of the Flying Medical Service network. Sister Gameau comes from Two Wells.

The Bishop of Adelaide, Dr Reed, has announced the appointment of the Rev. E. L. Randall as first warden of the revived St. Barnabas' Theological College. The college is due to re-open in the first term of 1965. Mr Randall, an Englishman by birth, has been chaplain of St. Francis' College, Brisbane, since 1960.

Overseas

Those who remember the long and fruitful ministry of the late Rev. John Deane, who was principal of the New Zealand Bible

Training Institute at the time of his death in a motoring accident, will be interested to learn that his younger son, Mr H. Hudson Deane, has joined the staff of the Institute. Mr Deane will become assistant secretary late in 1965. A graduate of the Institute, Mr Deane is at present engaged in a fulltime university arts degree course.

Dr Philip Hughes, well-known editor of "The Churchman," a quarterly journal of Anglican theology, has taken up an appointment as guest professor at the Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. While absent from England Dr Hughes will continue to edit "The Churchman."

Missionary Convention

Canon A. W. Morton will be one of the speakers at a missionary convention being held in Holy Trinity church, Miller's Point (Sydney) on October 3.

First address at the convention will be given by the Rev. Arthur Williams of B.C.A. at 4 p.m. He will be followed by the Rev. Norman Bissett (Borneo), of C.M.S., at 5 p.m.

A basket tea will be held (cups of tea provided) at 5.45 p.m., followed by a SAMS film, "Foothold on the Andes" at 6.30 p.m. Final address will be that of Canon Morton at 7 p.m.

ST MARK'S REVIEW, Number 37, August, 1964. This issue carries, among other articles, an interesting and thoughtful contribution to discussion on Prayer Book Revision by the Rev. Hugh Scott, rector of Holy Trinity, Wentworth Falls (the last page of which is missing in our copy of the "Review").

Laddered nylons fill stomachs

"Don't throw your laddered nylons away. Send them to South Korea to help war widows and orphans," said the Rev. Robert Sprackett, Secretary for Inter-Church Aid of the Australian Council of Churches.

"One hundred war widows and orphans are really helped by discarded nylons from Australia. They unravel and dye them. They weave them into socks, ties and scarves. They also make rope and mats.

"The six weaving projects employing 100 people use 2,040 wool bales of nylons a year.

"So, don't throw your nylons away, send them to Inter-Church Aid, 511 Kent Street, Sydney. Your old nylons can mean a full rice bowl for people in need in South Korea," said Mr Sprackett. "Tell your friends about nylons for Korea."

Revised Lectionary

Sept. 27: 18th Sunday after Trinity.
M: Jer. 26; Luke 12: 1-34, or 1 Peter 1: 22-2: 10.
E: Jer. 30: 1-3, 10-22, or Jer. 31: 1-20; John 13, or 1 John 1: 1-2, 11.
Oct. 4: 19th Sunday after Trinity.
M: Jer. 31: 23-37; Luke 12: 35-end, or 1 Peter 2: 11-3: 7.
E: Jer. 35, or Jer. 36; John 14, or 1 John 2: 12-end.
Oct. 11: 20th Sunday after Trinity.
M: Ezek. 2; Luke 13, or 1 Peter 3: 8-6.
E: Ezek. 3: 4-21, or Ezek. 13: 1-16; John 15, or 1 John 3.

Overseas entrants win exam honours

TWO of the three top places in the August term examinations conducted by the Church of England Bible College were won by overseas students.

First place, with a 91 per cent pass, went to Miss M. J. J. Gibson, of New Zealand. An Australian student took second place and an entrant who took the exam in Scotland was placed third.

Full results for the term examinations are:—

DIPLOMA COURSE: M. J. J. Gibson 91, T. Moss 88, J. A. Nisbett 87, M. Dodds 86, E. Barnes 84, S. Hall 79, B. P. Barbour 78, G. McCansh 77, P. Rowland 74, M. Grantham 70, K. Winnett 68, P. Watson 66, B. C. Perry 61, P. R. Storey 51 (one failed).

ADVANCED DIPLOMA COURSE: J. Morley 74, G. Scrivener 70, J. Campbell 66, D. Garner 63, E. Rogers 53, E. G. Hampel 51, G. B. Gill 50, V. J. W. Austin 50.

The third term of the college which opened on Monday, September 7, will see the completion of the first 10 years of the college's life. During that time over 1,000 people from all walks of life, in Australia and overseas, have availed themselves of opportunities to study the Bible and fit themselves for better Christian service.

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50 YEARS AGO

(On the movement for the enfranchisement of women.) "One of the greatest causes of the present unrest is the bitter cry of the children. Mrs Bramwell Booth, in her housing report, says that 316 girls under sixteen years of age within the last twelve months have been criminally assaulted; in the annual report of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, it is stated that 400 girls have been criminally assaulted; and the Church Penitentiary Association, from 56 of its rescue homes, reports that 793 girls under age came under its notice within one year.

"When we know the conditions under which the poor live do not make for lives of purity and chastity, and in the cramped spaces self-respect is well-nigh impossible, it is futile to tell women that the matter is of no urgency..."

(The Bishop of Kensington, quoted in "The Church Record," September 25, 1914.)

Teachers needed

Two fully qualified male teachers are being sought by Sydney's Board of Education.

The Board wants the men to join its staff at the beginning of the first term of next year. Their work will involve teaching Scripture in various high schools throughout the diocese, assisting in the preparation of lesson notes, and conducting training courses.

Further details appear in the advertisement on page 6 of this issue.

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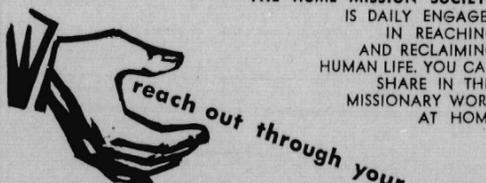
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MELBOURNE LAYMEN QUESTION FINANCES

A GROUP of laymen in Melbourne diocese have submitted a Motion to Synod, in session this week, calling for a radical re-assessment of the whole diocesan financial policy.

The Motion sets out five points on which action is sought, the first of these calling for conformity with Scriptural precept and authority in the determination of financial matters.

"Diocesan funds," says the Motion, "to be loaned to Parishes, schools, and organisations for developmental purposes rather than investing them commercially."

The Motion further calls for the discontinuance of capital grants to the parishes in favour of interest-free loans from a "Rolling Fund" to be established partly by means of "borrow short and lend long" advances, "for consolidation of the Church's banking arrangements and for simplification of the diocesan accounts."

This is the fourth consecutive Synod at which motions on this subject have been submitted.

The movers are Mr Eric Burgess, J.P., commercial manager, Electricity Supply Industry; Mr John Bishop, a company secretary and past lay president of CEMS, and Mr Lawrence Brown, business manager and senior executive of G. J. Coles and Co.

Dealing with the Spiritual aspects of their claim the movers say that "Scripture does not require distinction between capital and revenue in administering God's money, nor does it demand to keep capital intact."

Further, they say, Scripture warns against hoarding wealth and encourages people to lean upon God in faith for material needs.

Referring to Acts, chapters 2 and 4, the men point out that the believers turned their fixed assets, their real estate, into cash and gave it to the disciples who disbursed it to the needy. "No mention is made of their investments and the whole emphasis is on giving to the common pool."

Turning their attention to the Parable of the Talents they say that "by conserving God's capital, by burying His money in Government bonds, debentures, etc., we are in exactly the same position as the idle steward in the parable."

"Vast projects for the extension of God's Kingdom are left untouched because we have buried our resources in the ground."

"130 years ago the Church of England in Melbourne diocese had nothing, today it has assets worth more than £12,000,000, over £3,000,000 of which is in Trustee Investments. We are a rich Church financially but spiritually the situation is not promising."

Turning their attention to what they describe as "a lack of faith" they say that the diocese has so ordered its financial arrangements that it has minimised its need for any help from God.

Summarising their statement they say: "We believe it is possible for a Church to be a slave to its own possessions."

"God's money should be available in full for God's work, and... the man-made distinctions between Capital and revenue should be abolished in favour of a policy in which His guidance is sought by prayer; and all our resources are used for the extension of His Kingdom with not too much concern for the future; posterity will honour spiritual zeal, not our financial acumen!"

GOD WAS NOT LEFT OUT



PHOTO: Left to right — Sir Edgar Coles, Archdeacon H. G. S. Begbie, Sir Kenneth Coles.

GOD was not left out of the thanksgiving celebrations to mark the jubilee of G. J. Coles and Co. Ltd. Special services were held at the end of September in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the first stage at Collingwood, Victoria.

On Sunday, September 20, at the 11 a.m. service in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, lessons were read by Sir George Coles, founder of the company, and Mr Robert B. Coles. The sermon was preached by Archbishop Woods.

In Sydney, on Sunday, September 27, at the 11 a.m. service lessons were read by Sir Edgar Coles, chairman of Coles', and Sir Kenneth Coles, Sydney Director.

At this service more than 1,500 staff members were present. The preacher was Archdeacon H. G. S. Begbie, Diocesan Registrar, who took as his text Proverbs 3:6—"In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths."

Famous firm

Referring to G. J. Coles as "a famous and remarkable firm," Archdeacon Begbie said it was an occasion to thank God that those at the head of the Company had arranged that thanksgiving services... were focal points of the jubilee celebrations.

"They could have celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in many other ways, but they made this point of thanking God for the Company's success," the Archdeacon said.

Archdeacon Begbie reminded his congregation that Her Majesty the Queen had honoured four

Churches meet on board ship

A DANISH ship is being used for the meeting of the Conference of European Churches now taking place in the Baltic Sea.

Conference leaders decided to hold the session on board ship to permit the participation of a 15-member delegation from East Germany.

The Danish government refused permission to the East German delegation to enter the country without the allied travel document required for East Germans on visits to NATO-member countries.

At the same time the East German Government refused its permission to the delegation to apply for the allied travel documents.

Dr Glen Garfield Williams, Conference executive secretary, said it was decided to use the ship for the meeting because it was "clearly impossible" to hold the sessions without East German representatives and because the Conference leaders were convinced the churches have a responsibility to surmount the difficulties caused by political disputes and provide the opportunities for Christians from the East and West to meet.

Some 200 persons from almost all European countries are taking part in the meeting. Roman Catholic observers are also present. The Conference first met in 1957 and includes members of Protestant and Orthodox churches in both East and West Europe.—(E.P.S. Geneva).