

# Pastoral Letter

## TO ALL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PEOPLE IN THIS STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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We, the Archbishop and Bishops of the Church of England in the Province of New South Wales, send greeting.

The freedom that characterises social relationships to-day marks a new era and we believe will result in a finer fellowship between the sexes and a comradeship based on a higher conception of ideals and status.

We are, however, deeply concerned lest these relationships be marred through the intemperance that frequently prevails, especially at dances and other functions where the sexes meet for social intercourse. The results of such intemperance are tragic and far reaching.

We write to you as Church people who not only value individual lives, their moral beauty and their happiness, but who also hold in your keeping the honour of Christ's Church and have the duty of safeguarding Christian standards and morals.

In the Name of our Saviour we ask that in all social functions connected with Church life where the sexes meet in fellowship, intoxicating liquor should not be provided nor countenanced, and that in all such social functions outside Church life, our people should use their influence to the same end, that ideal and wholesome relations between men and women in this happy freedom of social fellowship may be preserved and indeed enhanced.

We are,

Your friends and Bishops,

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