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C.E.M.S. SHOWS ENCOURAGING EXPANSION

VICTORIAN COUNCIL MEETING IN BENDIGO

FROM OUR C.E.M.S. CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, May 30

The need for linked branches, study groups, more social service work in hospitals and prisons, and the problem of child delinquency were among the topics discussed at the annual meeting of the Victorian Provincial Council of the Church of England Men's Society.

Seventeen delegates from all the dioceses except Gippsland were present at the meeting held at All Saints' Cathedral, Bendigo, on May 21. Observers from Melbourne, Bendigo, and Wangaratta dioceses also attended.

The Dean of Bendigo, the Very Reverend Charles Hulley, was elected provincial chairman.

Owing to the death of the provincial chairman, the Reverend C. L. Moyes, the Dean of Bendigo, as clerical vice-chairman, presided.

A letter from Mrs. Moyes, including some of the late chairman's notes on linked branches, was read.

The conference stood in silence in his memory.

Dean Hulley welcomed the delegates and stressed the late chairman's hopes for linked branches which, he said, were vital to the expansion of the C.E.M.S. and an increase in fellowship amongst members.

He commented on the growth of the society in Great Britain, which was largely due to the impact of the Bishop of London on the society.

The dean pleaded for a new vision of C.E.M.S. as a living reality in the Church.

The secretary in his annual report noted steady progress in the society, which although not rapid, was encouraging.

Reports received from diocesan secretaries showed that ten new branches had been formed in the province and several revived.

LEADERSHIP

Diocesan delegates, while reporting on the continued awakening of interest in the C.E.M.S., made a plea for consecrated leadership in the society and for concrete suggestions in running its affairs.

Archdeacon R. E. Richards, of Ballarat, mentioned the development of study groups in the C.E.M.S. to study the Holy Communion service, selected books of the Bible, and other literature.

The social service work in the Diocese of Melbourne, inaugurated some years ago by the present lay chairman of the society in that diocese, continues to expand and ways of assisting the chaplains of mental and other hospitals are now being explored, the delegates reported.

Plans for the forthcoming visit of the national president, the Bishop of Armidale, were mentioned and the successful meeting of the National Council at Axedale, near Bendigo, received favourable comment. Brother Clive Stoneham, M.L.A., the provincial treasurer, reported that all except one of the dioceses had paid the 1954 quota and after payment, for stationery, etc., a balance of £12/12/- remained.

NEW OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the year 1955 to 1956:—

Provincial chairman, the Dean of Bendigo, the Very Reverend Charles Hulley.

Clerical vice-chairman, the Reverend C. J. Colish of Yarra-wonga (Diocese of Wangaratta).

Lay vice-chairman, Dr. W. J. Denehy (Diocese of Melbourne).

Provincial secretary, Brother I. W. Serres (Diocese of Melbourne).

Provincial treasurer, Brother the Honourable Clive Stoneham, M.L.A. (Diocese of St. Arnaud).

With the concurrence of the Bishop of Ballarat, Archdeacon Richards outlined a scheme to hold the 1955 provincial conference in the city of Ballarat.

So that the bishop could be present, the date was fixed for October 16 and 17.

Amongst items of general business reference was made to the reports of C.E.M.S. activities in THE ANGLICAN; the use of this paper as a means of featuring C.E.M.S. was commended to delegates.

The work of the Inter-Church Council of Men's Societies (Continued on Page 12)



The Archbishop of Canterbury entering the Sanctuary of Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia, for the service of the Inauguration of the Province of Central Africa on May 8.

AFRICAN APPLAUSE FOR THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Nairobi, May 30

The Archbishop of Canterbury's African tour has been a marked personal triumph.

Everywhere his speeches have been punctuated by loud applause. His statesman-like addresses to Africans have been notable for their knowledge and insight of the country's problems.

In spite of an earlier cancellation, the archbishop visited the Great Lukiko of Buganda at an early hour on May 16 before boarding his aircraft for Nairobi.

The Lukiko hall and its approaches were crowded when the Katikiro (Chief Minister) welcomed the archbishop and recalled Buganda's long and fruitful associations with Christian missionaries.

In particular he thanked his Grace for the encouragement he had given the Baganda in their recent troubles.

Dr. Fisher thanked the Lukiko for the high honour of their invitation and remarked that he had always been interested

in Uganda since he had been a small boy.

God gave responsibility to the Church, he went on, and to secular authority. Christ did not mean the Church to govern, but by preaching its faith to help those who had a duty to govern to do so in a godly and wise manner.

So it was that when troubles arose in Buganda he had tried to help.

MANY BLESSINGS

He asked them to remember that Britain, by God's providence, had brought them many blessings—"the very fact that you meet here as a legislative assembly to discuss your common concerns together is a result of the British parliamentary system—a gift we have given to the world.

"It is not an easy system; no great things are easy, but what

it does mean is that representatives of the people shall always discuss their problems face to face in mutual trust and help."

He knew how greatly distressed they had been during recent months, but fortunately all were agreed on the main political object—the creation of an African State. (Earlier Dr. Fisher had said that it was only a complication to tack an adverb to this statement—whether "primarily" or "purely.")

He counselled patience in all these difficulties, and said that he rejoiced to hear that agreement on constitutional reform was within reach.

"I do pray," he continued, "that having come so far to agreement on the basic constitutional position, it will be quickly translated and brought into effect."

"There is a word in our scriptures, 'Let patience have her perfect work.' Patience has brought us so far.

"I pray patience will bring a settled constitutional basis and then will have her perfect work in the return here of your Kabaka.

MUTUAL TRUST

"May God keep us all in that trust between Great Britain and Uganda which has done so much in the last 80 years. May it keep us in that trust and lead us on together to the days to come in which in full power you here in Uganda shall show the world the beauties and glories of an African State."

On the eve of his departure for England from Nairobi, on May 19, the archbishop said that his general feeling was one of great hope.

In a message recorded at Government House for broadcast to Kenya Africans, he said that the difficulties he had seen

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MISSION WILL GO TO HOTEL

Talks with men in the bar of the local hotel is one feature of the seven-day Mission which started in the Parish of S. Alban, Epping, diocese of Sydney, on Whitsunday.

The Dean of Sale, Dr. C. B. Alexander, is conducting the Mission with the N.S.W. State Secretary of the Australian Board of Missions, the Reverend W. H. S. Childs.

On Whitsunday, 1,000 parishioners and their children took part in a procession of witness. Other activities included two celebrations of Holy Communion, a men's communion breakfast and a youth tea. The church was filled to capacity at Evensong.

At the request of parishioners, S. Alban's will have three celebrations of Holy Communion at 6 a.m. this week, as well as another at 7 a.m. each day.

Next Sunday the parish aims to sell a record number of copies of THE ANGLICAN for the State of N.S.W.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. We have received requests from parishes for 5,000 reprints of the Leading Article "Rome and Communism," which appeared in our issue of May 6. We have therefore had 10,000 run off, and they are available in minimum lots of 100 at 9/- per 100. Stocks will not last long, and we cannot guarantee to have further copies printed. Will parishes requiring the reprints therefore please order at once.

2. The entire First Edition of our booklet, "The Church of England—A Fellowship" is now sold out. A Second Edition of only 3,000 will start printing next week. Individual orders will then be accepted at 2/6 plus postage (3d.). Bulk copies will be supplied to parishes for orders of not less than a dozen copies at 2/3 each plus postage. We cannot guarantee that another edition will be published.



The Archbishop of Canterbury seen with the four new African bishops after the consecration in S. Paul's Cathedral, Kampala, Uganda, on May 13. (Left to right): The Right Reverends Festo Olang, Daniel Deng Atong, Yohanna Omari, and Obadiah Kariuki. In the background, on the archbishop's right, is the Bishop of Central Tanganyika, the Right Reverend Alfred Stanway, an Australian missionary of the Church Missionary Society.

CHURCH IN FINLAND'S 800th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT TURKU

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 27

The eight-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Church in Finland was celebrated on May 19 in the thirteenth-century cathedral at Turku.

Turku is the seat of the Archbishop of Finland, the fiftieth incumbent of the chair of S. Henry.

Turku (in Swedish Åbo) was the ancient capital of Finland, displaced by Helsinki only in 1819, 10 years after Finland had become a Grand Duchy of Russia.

During the 650 years of Swedish rule Turku was the political, cultural, and religious centre of Finland, and still has a deep claim on Finnish affections.

To reach Turku by train one travels across the Porkkala peninsula, which the Finns were obliged in 1944 to lease to Russia for 50 years as a military and naval base.

At the border of the Russian zone the train acquires a Russian engine and travels with shuttered windows for the next 77 minutes. In that time it covers less than 20 miles.

The whole journey from Helsinki to Turku by train takes four and a half hours; by bus it takes only three hours. The trains are almost empty.

ENGLISH BISHOP

This month is the probable anniversary of the crusade by which, according to tradition, Christianity was brought to Finland, here or thereabout, by Eric Jedvardson, King of Svealand, and the English-born Bishop Henry of Uppsala.

Both were later canonised, Eric as patron saint of Sweden. In the last century 1857 was confidently celebrated as the centenary year of the so-called first crusade.

Research since then has advanced the date by two years and greatly amended the significance of the crusade.

In an address at the national festival in the cathedral on May 19 Professor Jalmari Jaakola, of Helsinki University, who has done much work on the legend of S. Eric and S. Henry, stated the modernist view that long before S. Henry, who was killed by a Finnish peasant in 1156, Finland, like the other Nordic nations, had its own "barbaric Christianity."

The significance of the crusade, he suggested, was that it speeded the spread of the western Church from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Bothnia, forming a bridgehead that caused anxiety in Novgorod.

In 1155 was begun "a way of destiny" that led the Finns to all the sources of western freedom, faith and spirit, and to nearer fellowship with the other Nordic nations.

It meant also that the Finnish nation became the bearer of the heaviest cross in the

BISHOP PROSSER MEMORIAL

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 27

The memorial to David Lewis Prosser, Bishop of S. David's from 1927 to 1950 and Archbishop of Wales from 1945 to 1949, was dedicated by the Bishop of S. David's, Dr. W. T. Havard, at S. David's Cathedral on May 18.

The memorial, made possible by subscriptions from many individuals and parishes throughout Wales and farther afield, takes the form of the refurnishing of the chapel of S. Thomas Becket off the north transept of the cathedral.

The east end of the chapel floor has been raised, one of the medieval stone altars found in the cathedral re-used, and wooden reredos, kneelers and an entrance screen provided,

north, but this had after centuries been followed by blessing and victory.

PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

President Paasikivi and Mr. Kekkonen, the Prime Minister, were among the speakers at the national festival.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who was unable to attend because of his African tour, was represented by the Bishop of Chelmsford.

A recorded message from the archbishop was broadcast to Finland from London.

The Bishop of Chelmsford said that the Church of England rejoiced that England had been privileged to provide in Henry the apostle of Christianity in Finland; it rejoiced also that after centuries of separation the two Churches had been in close relationship since 1935.

Other greetings from abroad were brought by representatives of the Churches of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, and the Lutheran World Fellowship.

Since the Reformation the Church of Finland has been undeviatingly Lutheran.

It is a State Church. The President has the final say in the appointment of bishops and Parliament can postpone Church laws.

On the other hand there is a Church tax collected by the State which is one of the reasons for the many fine modern churches in Finland.

TWENTY YEARS ONLY IN AFRICA AND ASIA

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 27

The Bishop of Exeter gave warning, last week, that if the Church was not established among the African and Asian people within the next twenty years, the doors would be shut against it.

He was speaking at the annual meeting of the deanery of Christianity branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in his see city.

The rise of nationalist feeling among the races of Asia and Africa was proceeding at such a pace, he said, that in a very short time, the governments of those continents would say to the missionaries: "No, thank you. We do not like you and we will not let you in."

If Churchmen were not careful, they would be caught like the five foolish virgins.

EMBASSY CHURCH IN PARIS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Paris, May 27

The renovation and re-painting of the British Embassy Church in Paris began on May 2; 1,650,000 francs have been given for this work.

Two million francs will be needed in all.

Prebendary W. G. Arrow-smith has been acting as chaplain since May 8, owing to the retirement of the former chaplain, Bishop G. A. Chambers.

Before his departure, the bishop admitted a former Roman Catholic into the Church.

He paid tribute to the goodwill of the Roman Catholic Church, the Russian Orthodox Church and the Eglise Reformee during his ministry in Paris.

Bishop and Mrs. Chambers will visit Australia towards the end of the year after spending six months in England preaching for the Colonial and Continental Society.

APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

ADDRESS AT ARMAGH

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Dublin, May 27

The Archbishop of Armagh, in his presidential address to the General Synod of the Church of Ireland in Dublin, this month, spoke of Anglican relations with other Christian communions as well as with the movements towards re-union.

A question of principle, he said, was involved about which no compromise could be permitted. "The Church has maintained unbroken the stream of men carrying on the ancient ministry derived from apostolic times."

"For us, the apostolically-derived ministry, round which the Church grew up, is an integral and indispensable part of the life of the spirit-bearing visible Church."

THE MINISTRY

"For us," said the archbishop, "this ministry which has travelled in, and with, the Church down the ages, stands out as a concrete assurance of the mission and authority of those ordained as bishops, priests and deacons of the Church of God, and of the grace given to them for the performance of their work."

In a reference to the quarter-century of the martyrdom of Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer, the archbishop said that this was no time to stir up ill-will against those who to-day held the same religious views as did the men who condemned these three bishops and many others to a dreadful death.

"Rather," said the archbishop, "let us dwell on the magnificent courage of the men who knew the penalties to which the public profession of their principles exposed them, and on the high price at which the religious freedom we enjoy was purchased for us."

THE QUEEN HEARS DR. GRAHAM

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 30

Dr. Billy Graham, the American evangelist, preached on May 22 before the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they attended morning service in the private chapel at Royal Lodge, Windsor.

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret also were present.

On Saturday at the final meeting of this year's Greater London Crusade, Dr. Graham addressed 90,000 people in Wembley Stadium.

It was stated after the meeting that there were 4300 "decisions for Christ," bringing the total decisions in the meetings which began at Wembley on May 14 to 23,810.

The attendances totalled 450,000. Including the figures for the All-Scotland campaign held earlier, attendances have totalled 3,139,365 and decisions 77,352.

Dr. Graham announced that he would hold a one-week crusade at Cambridge next November, after his forthcoming meetings on the Continent.

DR. WAND TO EDIT CHURCH PERIODICAL

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 30

It is announced that arrangements have been made for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge to own and publish the *Church Quarterly Review*.

The Bishop of London, Dr. J. W. C. Wand, has agreed to edit the journal after his forthcoming resignation of his see. The *Review* was established in 1875. It was edited until his death in March this year by Mr. Paul Shuffrey.

It reviews subjects of inquiry and discussion in the field of theology, philosophy and social development.

"A MAJOR ADVANCE"

DR. FISHER'S COMMENT

AFRICAN BISHOPS CONSECRATED

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Kampala, May 27

The appointment of African assistant bishops to three C.M.S. dioceses was a major advance in Church life, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Geoffrey Fisher, told East African pressmen at Kampala this month.

The archbishop was commenting on the consecration of four Africans in S. Paul's Cathedral, Kampala, on May 15.

The archbishop said that developments in this direction had not yet gone so far in East Africa as they had in West Africa.

"It is a grand thing to see that for the first time there is to be an assistant bishop in the Sudan," Dr. Fisher said. "In Kenya, the Bishop of Mombasa advised that the time had come for two assistant bishops to work with him; one cannot tell what the future development of Kenya will be, but at least it is in the right direction."

"Already in Uganda there are assistant bishops."

GOODWILL

Asked his views on race relations, Dr. Fisher said he had found that in Africa the problem was being met with extreme common sense and goodwill.

"In Rhodesia the problem is how to create a multi-racial society as such, while here in Uganda it is how to develop an African state as such."

All the world's troubles had started through people getting too excited, instead of taking this quietly. "If you meet impatience with patience, the result becomes good," he added. "The archbishop said there was no likelihood of East Africa becoming a separate province of the Church in the immediate future."

NIGERIA MEMORIAL FOR BISHOP

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 30

An appeal has been launched for a memorial to Archbishop Leslie Gordon Vining, formerly Bishop of Lagos.

It is suggested that the memorial should be in the form of a stained glass window in Christ Church Cathedral, Lagos. The memorial will stand in the name of the young people of Nigeria.

The appeal is especially directed towards young men and women of Nigeria, wherever they may be, and to all those who knew the archbishop and worked with him before he went to Africa. The estimated cost of the window is £500.

OBITUARY

DR. C. A. ALINGTON

We record with regret the death at his home in Herefordshire, on May 16, of the Very Reverend C. A. Alington, the former Dean of Durham. He was 82.

Before being appointed Dean of Durham in 1933, he was successively Headmaster of Shrewsbury and of Eton. He retired in 1951.

He was a prolific writer, especially of religious fables, hymns, light verse and novels.

RELIGIOUS FILM TRUST

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 27

The Bishop of Jarrow, the Right Reverend J. A. Ramsbottom, dedicated on May 20 Greystone, Canford Cliffs, Bournemouth, as the headquarters of the Dawn Religious Film Trust.

The home is to be used as an hotel in summer and conference house in winter.

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DEDICATION AT INGHAM

PASTEL BLUE INTERIOR

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Ingham, May 30

On Sunday, May 15, the first brick parish church to be dedicated since 1926 in the Diocese of North Queensland was formally opened here.

The dedication of Holy Trinity Church was performed by the Bishop of North Queensland, the Right Reverend Ian Shevill.

After Eucharist in the old church at 7 a.m., at which the original chalice and patten dated 1892 were used, the parish prepared for the inrush of visitors from the sugar mills and district nearby, from Townsville and Charters Towers.

At 10.30 a.m. the procession moved from the old church to the new, and after the service of dedication conducted by the bishop, the Eucharist was celebrated by the rector, the Reverend W. Daniels, whose two sons served at the altar.

MODERN DESIGN

The church is of modern design with a tower on which stands a large illuminated cross. Sliding doors along the length of the nave provide for a passage of air necessary in the tropics.

The interior is finished in various pastel shades of blue, and the architecture leads the eye naturally to the altar.

Behind the altar is an 18 feet drop of English silver and blue brocade. The altar is of maple with eight pillars supporting the mensa.

BENDIGO C.E.M.S.

FROM OUR C.E.M.S. CORRESPONDENT

Bendigo, May 30

The monthly meeting of All Saints' Cathedral, Bendigo branch of the C.E.M.S., took the form of a parish Open Night, to which all male and female parishioners, members of the various parochial organisations and guilds, and friends, were invited.

Brother C. Barnes was master of ceremonies. The evening comprised varied entertainment and fellowship: Vocal items, dancing, novelty competitions, conversazione and supper.

Miss Betty Cullen, soprano, sang Edward German's "Dream O'Day Jill" and Herbert Hughes' "I Know Where I'm Goin'." and Mrs. Nancy McCarthy, soprano, delightfully rendered Christopher Hallast's "An English Garden" and Ivor Novello's "We'll Gather Lilacs," with Mrs. John Cullen playing the accompaniments. Mrs. Osborne provided the music for dancing.

The annual meeting of the C.E.M.S. Provincial Council of Victoria was held in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday, May 21, at 10.30 a.m., and there was an address by Dr. W. J. Denehy, of Melbourne, at 2.30 p.m.

The annual C.E.M.S. diocesan rally will take place at S. John's, North Bendigo, on Monday, June 13, commencing with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., and at the Communion breakfast the guest speaker will be Mr. P. J. Clarey.

BATHURST VISIT TO MELBOURNE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Bathurst, May 30

The Diocesan Commissioner, Padre Harry Thorpe, visited S. Nicholas' Boys' Home at Glenroy and S. Christopher's College while in Melbourne last week.

The Reverend John and Mrs. McAuley, formerly of Kando, are in charge of the fifty boys. Padre Thorpe visited the Bathurst candidate, Miss Joan Halloran, at S. Christopher's. In 1957, Miss Halloran will take up full-time duties in the diocese in Sunday school and youth work.

The D.C. has restocked his bookcase with many new publications from the G.B.R.E., which will be offered for sale at cost prices during his travels.

CENTENARY FETE

MOORE COLLEGE APPEAL

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

To raise funds for the re-decoration of the oldest building at Moore College, Sydney, a Bishop Barker Centenary Fair was held at the C.E.N.E.F. Centre on Friday, May 27.

In spite of the atrocious weather there was good support for the fair and £500 was raised. Archbishop Mowll welcomed Mrs. L. T. Ashcroft, who opened the fair. Her father, the Reverend Joseph Shearman, was formerly Rector of Liverpool, and lived for a period in the home of Thomas Moore, in which Moore College began.

It is intended to have a special commemoration on March 1, 1956, marking the centenary of the college which began with the Reverend William Macquarie Cowper as acting Principal. To-day the annual maintenance of Moore College costs £13,500. The primate stated that the college is now appealing for £65,000 as a centenary thanks-offering for new developments.

PERTH "MAY FAYRE"

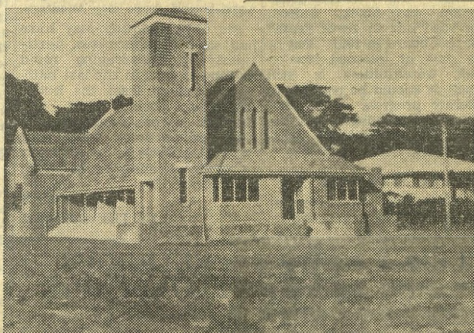
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Perth, May 27

The Fremantle Ladies' Highland Pipe Band made an attractive background for the dais, when the Honourable Lady Gairdner opened the "May Fayre" in the cathedral grounds on May 14.

The "fayre" was in aid of S. George's Cathedral restoration fund.

£400 was realised on the actual day. The organisers had previously collected £300, making a grand total of £700.



Holy Trinity, Ingham, Diocese of North Queensland, which was dedicated on May 15.

GREETINGS FROM BISHOP SHERRILL

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

The Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America, the Right Reverend K. Sherrill, has sent a special message to the Parish of S. Oswald, Haberfield, Diocese of Sydney.

It will be read by the rector, Dr. A. W. Morton, at a Golden Jubilee women's rally, on Thursday, June 9, at 2.15 p.m.

The Archbishop of Sydney will address the rally to which over eight hundred women have been invited. Bishop Sherrill says:—

"I am delighted to send my warm greetings and congratulations on this great anniversary with the prayer that God will bless you and your people abundantly in the years that lie ahead.

"Mrs. Sherrill and I are looking forward to our visit to Australia. At Lambeth, at Minneapolis, and in other places we have built up such warm friendships with many of the members of the Church in Australia that it will be a wonderful occasion to visit the Church of England in Australia, and to greet once again our dear friends."

RECORD YEAR IN BRISBANE

HOME MISSION WORK

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Brisbane, May 30

The annual report of the Brisbane Diocesan Home Mission committee, which is to be presented to the Synod on June 20, advises that it has been a record year for this branch of the Church's work.

The total income for the year is £8421, and with the proceeds of the weekly jumble sales amounts to £10,586.

Since the beginning of jumble sales in October, 1945, the gross amount realised was £20,306.

Distributions have been made to Toddlers' Home, Tufnell Home, Boys' Home, Women's Shelter, Nelson Home for Aged Women, S. Mary's Home, Church extension, Missions to Seamen, holiday homes, Food for Britain, and work amongst the aged, totalling £16,565.

During the year under review, at the request of the archbishop, the committee accepted the responsibility of making two new appeals to the diocese.

They were the Hospital Chaplain's Fund and the Theological Students' Fees Appeal.

The first appeal was necessary as a result of the appointment of the Reverend H. R. Orme as a full-time Chaplain to the Brisbane General Hospital.

The object of the second appeal is to enable the archbishop to give financial assistance to candidates for Holy Orders.

Two more homes for aged men and women respectively are being handed over to the Home Mission committee. These are Homes of S. John and S. Clare, previously administered by the Reverend R. B. Bates on behalf of the Brisbane Franciscan communities.

The report paid honoured tribute to the assistant secretary, Miss D. Wilson, and to Mrs. C. Lang. The Home Mission Secretary is Archdeacon R. B. Massey.

DR. BABBAGE IN NEW ZEALAND

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, May 30

The Dean of Melbourne, Dr. S. Barton Babbage, left by air on May 27 for New Zealand, where he will conduct missions at Canterbury University College, Christchurch, and Otago University College, Dunedin.

CHURCH WAS ONCE HUT

STAFFORD CELEBRATIONS

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Brisbane, May 30

S. Clement's Church, Stafford, Diocese of Brisbane, which has as strange a history as any in Queensland, will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary on June 12.

S. Clements-on-the-Hill, as it is familiarly known, began as two army recreation huts at an army camp in World War 1.

They were sold as surplus, carted to Stafford, and converted into the house in which well-known jockey, Billy Briscoe, spent his early years.

These former huts were converted into a church with an area 42ft. x 15ft., were dedicated by Bishop F. De Witt Batty on June 7, 1925.

In recent years Stafford has grown enormously, and by last year about 200 children were being crammed in S. Clement's Sunday School.

Volunteer parishioners took up the challenge, and added five squares to the church as a new wing, which will be dedicated during the thirtieth anniversary celebrations by the Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Reverend R. C. Halse, on the Sunday within the octave, June 12, at the 9 a.m. Holy Communion Service.

This service will be followed by Evensong at 7.30 p.m., when the Rural Dean of North Brisbane, Canon E. H. Smith, will preach.

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DEDICATION OF GIFT STONE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Adelaide, May 19

A gift stone, which formed part of the masonry of the Salisbury Cathedral, England, for 700 years, has been set in the northern wall of S. John's, Salisbury, South Australia.

At a ceremony last night, the Bishop of Adelaide, the Right Reverend B. P. Robin, dedicated the stone which was brought out from England by Miss Hadie Pittman.

Miss Pittman was present at the dedication ceremony.

The choir of S. Peter's Cathedral went up to Salisbury especially for the service.

Under the direction of the choirmaster and organist, Mr. J. V. Peters, they sang Orlando Gibbons' setting of Evensong, and Bach's "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates Eternal."

MISSION AT OAKLEIGH

NEW HOUSING AREA HELPED

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, May 30

The parish mission held from May 8 to May 15 has resulted in a remarkable spiritual revival at Emmanuel Church, Oakleigh, Diocese of Melbourne.

The missioner was the Vicar of Mirboo North, Diocese of Gippsland, the Reverend Walter Spencer. The vicar is the Reverend H. J. Neil.

The parish is situated in a new residential area of Oakleigh, ten miles from the G.P.O., Melbourne. The majority of parishioners are people with young families; there are 300 children in the Sunday school.

MISSION EXTENDED

On the final night of the mission, after a street procession "beating the bounds" of the parish, the church was crowded, and the response to the appeal so large that it was announced that the mission would continue the next night to help the converts.

A feature of the week was the women's luncheon, attended by 140 women.

Three Billy Graham films, "Lost," "Signs, Wonders and Miracles," and "What's Your Excuse?" were shown.

The vicar is following up the mission by personal dealings with all the converts, special "mission echoes" services monthly, and a new Bible study group.

BIBLE SOCIETY HEAD IN TASMANIA

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hobart, May 30

The Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society, the Reverend H. M. Arrowsmith, arrived in Hobart last Saturday for a 12-day visit in Tasmania.

On Sunday evening he preached in S. David's Cathedral, when he connected the coming of the Holy Spirit, on Whitsunday, with the spread of the Word of God, which is the Sword of the Spirit.

On Monday, he spoke at the United Nations' forum, in the Hobart Town Hall, his subject being the "Crucible of South-East Asia."

During the week Mr. Arrowsmith will speak at meetings, at schools, and at churches, while on Saturday night he is to address a youth rally, in Synod Hall, which is being organised by the Church Missionary Society's League of Youth.

THE PRIMATE'S APPEAL FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

£70,000 WANTED

The Melbourne Executive of the Church of England Men's Society invites all men of the Church to respond by

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND GIFTS.

Any Priest or Church Officer will accept gifts for the Appeal.

THE ANGLICAN

FRIDAY JUNE 3 1955

SECTARIANISM IN POLITICS

The chief lesson of the Victorian election is that Australian voters do not like sectarian political parties; not enough voters to count effectively, anyway. The result is a sharp warning to those hotheads in the Anglican Church, happily few in number and lacking influence in our own counsels, who have advocated the formation of a "Protestant" political party in which the Church of England, forsooth, with the purest Catholic tradition in Christendom, was to be involved. Direct participation in party politics is opposed to the principles and practice of the Church, so let us hope to hear no more from those who would abandon this sound tradition.

There will be no Roman Catholic "centre" party in Australia for many a long year to come, if ever. It is not a viable project. Instead, as the distribution of preferences indicates, the Liberal Party will receive that accession of the Roman *bloc* vote which has accurately been forecast in these columns, and for which the Prime Minister himself, from whatever motive, and whether or not he has worked out the full implications, appears to have worked hard for some time past, under the influence of secret and alien forces outside the Liberal Party.

It is of urgent importance now for all political parties, the greatest number of adherents of all of which are Anglicans, to present programmes and policies of a strictly political, if Christian, kind, with no suspicion of sectarian influence.

A Wise Change of Policy

It is good that the Government of China has released from wholly unjustified captivity four of the fifteen American airmen, whose detention has for so long been one of the greatest psychological obstacles to peace and mutual understanding in the Far East. The remaining eleven are still being held on what, to the Australian mind, is a patently tenuous pretext, and it is to be hoped that they, too, will soon be released.

There is something deeply shocking to the Anglican and British conscience about men being restrained or oppressed without adequate cause and after due process of law. The principle applies whether the facts concern bureaucratic restriction of personal freedom by a city council or a government department, or by a foreign country in its dealings with the nationals of another land.

One fact, rarely mentioned and certainly unknown to nine of every ten Australians, makes understandable the actions of the Chinese Government, though it does not excuse it. For years past, starting even before there was a single American airman imprisoned in China, the Government of the United States detained in America upwards of a hundred Chinese students, who had gone to America in all good faith to follow advanced university and technical courses in just the same way that Colombo Plan students now come to Australia. These students, their courses completed, were refused leave to return home on the disgraceful ground that to permit their return would "place their technical skills at the disposal of the Chinese Communists"! Most of them, at last, were allowed to return to China last month. The freeing of the four Americans can be taken as the first fruits of a sensible change in American policy.

Control of Education

The proposal of the Roman Catholic Archbishop in Brisbane, THE MOST REVEREND J. DUHIG, that the Commonwealth should take over from the States the control of primary and secondary education, is an interesting one; but it is not likely to be acceptable to many.

It is indeed unfortunate that standards should vary so widely from State to State in these days when families tend increasingly to move their homes from one State to another; but the remedy lies in closer co-operation between the State authorities, not in centralising control of education in a Commonwealth Government whose power has steadily increased over a widening area of our lives, whose power continues to increase, and ought to be diminished. The practical difficulties of administering education over the great areas of Western Australia and Queensland, from Perth and Brisbane, respectively, are already considerable enough. To attempt to control all education from Canberra would be lunacy. There are too many unsettled and sparsely settled areas of the Commonwealth for it to be practicable to vest the administration of public education in local authorities like the United Kingdom; on the other hand, geographical factors alone make it impracticable to impose the centralised system of France. Control of public education should remain where it is: in the hands of the States of the Commonwealth.



Victoria's Verdict

When Mr. Menzies and Dr. Evatt are both happy about the same thing, that is really news. The Victorian general election last Saturday achieved that singular result.

Noting the greatly increased strength of the Liberals in members elected to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Menzies went on record as being "delighted but not the least bit surprised."

Noting the rout of the anti-Communist Labour forces, represented in Victoria by the Barry group, and the only slightly diminished strength of the Cain Labour group (for whom he had campaigned vigorously), Dr. Evatt asserted that "the Australian Labour Party is being rapidly re-validated as well as reorganised."

With the Labour vote split between Cain-ites and Barry-ites in numerous electorates, it was inevitable that some seats should be presented to the non-Labour parties. In all the circumstances, the Cain group may be considered to have done remarkably well to hold so much ground.

But, for all Dr. Evatt's brave words, he cannot be happy about a breakthrough movement which polled 27.5 per cent. of the Labour vote, even though its Parliamentary representation in Victoria has been virtually wiped out. (These comments are being written before all preferences have been distributed and the exact state of the parties determined.)

Dr. Evatt's chief solace from the Victorian election must be the expectation that the ruin of the Barry group there will "encourage" Labour rebels in the other States to come to heel. But Dr. Evatt will have to endure the jibes of the Joshua-ites in the Federal Parliament at least until the next election, which now seems likely to take place in 1956 rather than in 1957.

Mr. Menzies could achieve two objectives by holding an election in about a year. He could synchronise Senate and House elections once again, and he could capitalise on Labour's disunity.

We expect him to be convinced of the wisdom of this from the Federal Government's point of view. But he is under no compulsion to announce a decision until early next year.

Misuse of Radio

Parliamentary broadcasts were blatantly misused in the past week or two for outright electioneering on behalf of candidates in the Victorian election.

A debate on the Supply Bill in Canberra allowed wide scope for discussion, and some members took full advantage of that fact to "plug" the party line.

How much longer are listeners to be obliged to endure Parliamentary broadcasts on the present basis? I think it is important that Parliamentary debates should be broadcast. But surely they should be edited, so that, unless the speakers or the occasion are unusually important, they do not monopolise the time of one national network.

Question-time is worth retaining. But surely debates could be confined to a set number of speakers from each party. And the dreary business of bills in committee could well be jettisoned.

Under present arrangements the A.B.C. often broadcasts the worst of both political worlds. Just when a lively debate may be expected in the House, one seems to find that that is the day for the Senate proceedings to be broadcast. And anything duller than a debate in the Senate would be hard to imagine. Even question-time there is barely worth putting on the air, for many

inquiries can draw only a promise of reference to the appropriate Minister in the House of Representatives.

Year after year the A.B.C. in its annual report makes a gentlemanly protest about the present Parliamentary broadcasting arrangements. But cannot something be done to revise and improve them? It is only a partial answer to say that no one is compelled to listen to Parliament. While Parliament "hogs" the air much less symphonic and similar music can be broadcast.

Homes v Munitions

With the housing shortage still acute, Australia is to embark shortly on a series of big defence building projects, of which the chief is a £23 million munitions works at St. Mary's, on the outskirts of Sydney.

Some building industry leaders take the view that materials and men can be marshalled to maintain home-building while these new defence commitments are in progress. It is devoutly to be hoped that their optimism will be justified.

Happy homes are the basis of a nation's well-being. But with many families pitifully housed and with many migrants obliged to live in hostel, Australia is still far from the goal it set itself after the war ended—to provide houses in sufficient number to overtake the war lag and to meet the subsequent expansion in population.

Unhappily, Australia cannot afford to neglect its defences. Whether it is still necessary to budget at the rate of £200 millions a year for defence. Admittedly, the international situation was black, indeed, when the "war in three years" scare was heard in 1951. But in these days of lessened tension (albeit watchfulness is still needed) it should be possible to accelerate progress on housing programmes to ensure that the shortage is substantially overtaken in the next few years.

Concert Manners

Coughs and late-comers at concerts must be distracting to

CLERGY NEWS

BRYDEN-BROWN, The Reverend W., Rector of Cook's River, Diocese of Sydney, to be Rector of Kiama, in the same diocese.

DAVIES, The Reverend R. E., Rector of Buseilton, Diocese of Bunbury, to be Rector of Boyanup, in the same diocese.

GILLMAN, The Reverend C. D., formerly Locum Tenens at St. Mary's, West Perth, Diocese of Perth, sailed for England on leave on May 24.

HOGGEN, The Reverend W. R., Curate-in-Charge at Warragamba, Diocese of Sydney, to be Curate at Liverpool, in the same diocese, as from June 1.

KING, The Reverend G. V., to be Youth Organiser for the Diocese of Perth. Mr. King will take up his appointment at the end of June. He will continue to serve on the staff of St. George's Cathedral for special duties.

OGDEN, The Reverend R., Rector of St. John the Baptist's, Milson's Point, Diocese of Sydney, to be Rector of St. Paul's, West Oatley, in the same diocese.

WILSON, The Reverend B. C., Curate at St. Luke's, Villawood, Diocese of Sydney, to be Curate-in-Charge at Villawood, in the same diocese.

CLERICAL ILLNESS

The Rector of Condobolin, the Reverend M. C. Battarbee, has been ordered to take a complete rest for several weeks owing to illness.

DR. GARBETT

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 30

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, who is recovering after an operation in a York nursing home, continues to make satisfactory progress.

artists. I was glad, therefore, to notice that the Italian tenor, Luigi Infantino, at a concert in Sydney last Saturday night took occasion to show that at least he disapproved of those in the latter category.

He paused several times before beginning a number when people were moving to their seats, and then, with a heavy frown, gave his accompanist the nod to begin. He even bowed ironically to one man, who seemed unaware that proceedings were being held up while he found his seat.

I expect that many a clergyman must often feel tempted to rebuke church late-comers in a similar way.

The coughing did not seem to annoy Signor Infantino so much as it did a section of the audience. At this season of the year some coughs may be excused, but many people make no effort to restrain or muffle their "barks." It is a form of selfishness against which I record this mild protest.

Saturday Night

"Drunks"

If anyone wants to see the seamy side of 10 p.m. hotel closing in New South Wales I suggest that he should visit Wynyard Station in Sydney about 10.30 on a Saturday night.

Wynyard, besides being on the underground train route, is also the city terminus for North Shore-bound trams. Into nearly every tram leaving in the hour or so after the hotels closed there staggered an average of three inebriated men, with pockets bulging with beer bottles and sometimes with other bottles in their hands.

They were not pleasant company for womenfolk homeward-bound from city theatres.

Six o'clock closing may have had some disadvantages, particularly in encouraging rapid swilling of beer in the last half-hour. But at least the hotels disgorged their tipsy and drunken patrons finally for the night at an hour when they were least likely to be offensive to women passengers in public transport.

—THE MAN
IN THE STREET.

RELIGIOUS BROADCASTS

(The sessions which are conducted by Anglicans are marked with an asterisk.)

DAILY DEVOTIONAL: 10 a.m. NATIONAL.

June 6: Miss Philippa Green.

June 7: The Reverend Arthur Weston.

June 8: School Service: Stories from the Old Testament, "Elijah is taken up into Heaven."

June 9: The Reverend A. P. Campbell.

June 10: The Reverend G. H. Codrington.

June 11: For Men: Dr. Manning Potts.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TALKS:

3.45 p.m. A.E.T., 3.15 p.m. W.A.T. NATIONAL.

June 5: "Great Christian Words I"—"The Cross": The Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, the Very Reverend W. R. Matthews.

PLAIN CHRIS: 7.30 p.m. A.E.T., 7.45 p.m. W.A.T. NATIONAL.

June 5: Brother Charles Preston. COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING: 6.30 p.m. A.E.T.

June 5: All Saints' Church, St. Kilda, Melbourne.

PRELUDE: 7.15 p.m. A.E.T., 7.30 p.m. W.A.T.

June 5: Oriana Madrigal Singers, Melbourne.

THE EPILOGUE: 11.20 p.m. A.E.T., 11.25 p.m. S.A.T., 11.25 p.m. W.A.T.

FACING THE WEEK: 6.40 a.m. A.E.T., 6.35 a.m. W.A.T.

June 5: The Reverend James Stekey.

EVENING MEDITATION: 11.20 p.m. A.E.T. (11.45 Sat.), 11.25 p.m. S.A.T., 10.55 p.m. W.A.T.

INTERSTATE READINGS FROM THE BIBLE: 7.10 a.m. A.E.T., 8.10 a.m. S.A.T., 8.45 a.m. W.A.T.

June 6: June 10: The Right Reverend B. P. Robin.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TALKS: 10 p.m. A.E.T., 10.30 p.m. W.A.T. NATIONAL.

June 8: "My Chief Difficulty is . . .": The Reverend G. E. Harcourt.

EVENSING: 4.30 p.m. A.E.T. NATIONAL.

June 9: St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

ONE MINUTE SERMON

THE EPISTLE FOR TRINITY-SUNDAY

The Text:

After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne: and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold: And out of the throne proceeded lightnings, and thunders, and voices. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory, and honour, and thanks, to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

The Message:

How glorious! All these months we have been dwelling on the wonder of God made Man, the life of Jesus, His death and resurrection, His forty days' teaching of the Kingdom, His Ascension. Then came last Sunday the wonder of the coming of the Holy Ghost and our being endowed with power from on high.

For what? What kind of life are we to live? And on this day, Trinity Sunday, we see the answer to this question. "A door was opened in heaven," and St. John sees not the life after death, but life as it is to be lived now, here and now, from now on.

And the Holy Spirit takes possession of him and he sees God on the throne surrounded by the angelic beings and before the throne is the light and fire of the Spirit of God.

Before the throne are the powers of nature as living creatures all offering themselves as to the angelic beings.

And what is their offering? The prophet Isaiah tells of the six wings that are to be found in his account of the angelic beings, here they are possessed by the living creatures.

Their purpose is threefold: with twin they covered their faces—there is the deepest reverence in their approach to God; with twin they cover their feet, there is an utter humility, a sense of unworthiness as they sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy"; and with twin they fly, they offer unceasing service.

Here is the heavenly life to be lived on earth, the life of reverence, of humble trust, and living service, the life we can only live where born from above, born of the Spirit, baptised, converted, and "walking in the Spirit" unto our life's end.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect our editorial policy. The Editor is always glad to accept for publication letters on important or controversial matters.

Letters should, if possible, be typed, and must be double spaced, brief and to the point. Preference is always given to correspondence to which the writers' names are appended for publication.

Parts of some of the following letters have been omitted.

DEACONESSSES

A WORLD-WIDE ORDER

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN

Sir,—In your issue of May 6, Dr. Felix Arnott, in his article, "Faith and Morals," made reference to deaconesses. At the All-Australian Deaconess' Conference, just concluded at Sale, Victoria, the members felt that his remarks were rather inadequate and somewhat inaccurate concerning the ministry of the Deaconess Order which is world wide.

From a recent statement issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, after the Convocation (1954), the following is quoted: "In the revising of Canon Law, the Convocations of Canterbury and York have recently re-affirmed their earlier resolutions that the Order of Deaconesses is the one Order of Ministry in the Church of England to which women are admitted by prayer and the laying on of hands of the bishop. Thus it becomes clear that while for men there is the threefold Holy Order of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, for women there is the one Order of Deaconesses. This fact has its origin in history, for it is clear that within the ministry of the early Church, deaconesses played an important part."

When the deaconess is episcopally ordained, these words are said: "It appertaineth to the Office of a Deaconess . . . to assist at the administration of Holy Baptism, by virtue of her office; to baptise in Church and to officiate at the Churching of Women; in Church to read Morning and Evening Prayer and the Litany, except such portions as are reserved for the priest, and to lead in prayer; with the licence of the bishop, to instruct and preach, except in the Service of Holy Communion."

Some bishops have given greater authority to their deaconesses than others, but throughout our Commonwealth there are some members of the order who are fulfilling all the above duties in their parish.

In Australia, there are deaconesses working in nine dioceses, and their work covers the following fields of service: General parish work, social service work, divinity teaching in Church and State schools, administration in diocesan appointments, hospital chaplaincies, parish nursing; three deaconesses are working on isolated mission stations under B.C.A., A.B.M., and C.M.S.; another has the entire pastoral care of a large country district which includes an aboriginal settlement.

It may be of interest to your readers to know that the order has been in existence in Australia since 1891, and a thorough course of training is given before ordination, the students attending the theological college of their diocese, with additional extensive practical training. As in the case of men, there is a minimum age required for ordination.

Inquiries from women and girls, who feel that God is calling them to a full-time ministry, will be welcomed by the head deaconess in each diocese, and especially in Sydney and Melbourne, where the Deaconess Training Houses are situated.

The work of a deaconess is a vocation to which one is called by Christ Himself, and those who are in the order find full

satisfaction in serving God in this active ministry of His Church.

Yours faithfully,
KATHLEEN A. N. SHEPPARD,
Head Deaconess,
Chairman, Executive
Committee,
Melbourne.

G. HALL,
Deaconess,
Hon. Secretary, All-Australian
Deaconess' Conference,
Sydney.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN

Sir,—As a member of a committee set up by the last session of the Perth Diocesan Synod to study the future of Church education, I am anxious to know just what the ordinary Churchman thinks about the value of Church schools, hostels, etc.

The view has been expressed to me that most of our schools think more of producing the "old school tie" type of person than in giving the child a sound education with a deep spiritual background.

The child who has a Church school training hasn't any greater love for his Church in later years than those who haven't, I am told. Is this point of view a widely held one? More important, is it true?

I would be very grateful to anyone interested in Church education who would care to express an opinion on any aspect of the subject—either through your columns or directly to me.

I am chiefly concerned with Western Australia, of course, but I would be interested to hear what people in other States think, and to know what plans are being made over there for providing additional educational facilities.

Yours sincerely,
RON. J. ELPHICK,
P.O. Box 3,
Watheroo, W.A.

THE THREE HOURS' SERVICE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN

Sir,—May I endorse the statement of the Bishop of Adelaide after 20 years following a Good Friday plan similar in purpose to that operating in his cathedral. There is no doubt about its general acceptability, especially in the three-hour period.

We start at 8 a.m. with a meditation following on the 1928 "Exhortation," 9 a.m. matins, 10 a.m. Children (using Brown Wilkinson's suggestion for Good Friday); then from 12-3, following a published timetable, a service of meditation, Bible readings, Litany, and ante-Communion (with three readers for the Passion and a dozen voicing the "people's" parts). There are two addresses.

The "Three Hours" is thus built around the services of the Prayer Book, while, with six capable laymen as trained readers, the congregational character is strengthened. S.P.C.K. "Good Friday" gave the inspiration. It certainly fulfils the need outlined by the bishop.

Yours faithfully,
A. T. PIDD.
Claremont,
W.A.

SYDNEY BOYS' CHOIR

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN

Sir,—After hearing the boys sing in St. John's Cathedral and in the City Hall, in Brisbane, I would like to express my unbounded admiration of their really splendid effort.

It was an amazing feat to sing so many pieces from memory. This entailed learning not only the music and words, but all the delicate shades of expression.

Of course, great credit must go to Mr. Long, who, in a comparatively short space of time, has built up a choir of such fine quality. It must be regarded as a fine example to all the Church choirs in Australia.

Yours, etc.,
H. VERNON-JONES,
Brisbane.

OBITUARY

CANON C. W. LEAVERS

We record with regret the death of Canon Claude William Leavers at Dubbo on May 27.

The late Canon Leavers was made deacon in 1906 and ordained priest the following year by the Bishop of Bathurst, Bishop Camidge.

His first appointment was to Dubbo, where he served as curate until 1910, acting as locum tenens in 1909.

He then went to Narramine as priest-in-charge until 1913, and was appointed rector that year.

From 1915 to 1918 he was Rector of Molong, then returned to Dubbo as rector, and remained there for the next thirty years, until his retirement in 1948.

In 1941 he was installed as a canon of All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst, holding the stall of St. Patrick. After his retirement he was granted the title of canon emeritus.

Whilst at Dubbo he established the boys' and girls' hostels for children attending local schools. After his retirement these hostels were taken over by B.G.S. and re-named St. Francis' and St. Faith's House respectively.

In his younger days Canon Leavers was keenly interested in sport, being a well-known football referee.

THE REVEREND G. M. NAPIER

We record with regret the death of the Reverend G. M. Napier at Thetford, U.K., on May 1, aged 80.

Mr. Napier was ordained deacon in the Perth Diocese in 1920 after studying at St. John's Theological College, and served in that diocese.

At the time of his death he had just officiated at the Sung Eucharist, and was in the vestry when he had a heart attack. He died almost immediately.

RETREAT FOR CLERGY IN PERTH

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
Perth, May 28

The annual retreat for the clergy of the Diocese of Perth was held at St. George's College, Perth, from May 24 to May 27.

Visitors came from Bunbury, Kalgoorlie and the North-West.

The arrangements for the retreat were made by the Rector of the Parish of Dalkettin, the Reverend A. F. J. Blain.

The conductor of the Retreat was the Very Reverend A. C. H. Lerpiniere, who was until just recently, Rector of Collie, in the Diocese of Bunbury.

He stressed the importance of the care of churches, and the need to stir up the congregations to a sense of Christian vocations in their everyday lives.

The retreat ended on Friday morning with the Sung Eucharist. Amongst those attending were the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Reverend R. W. H. Moline, and the Right Reverend W. E. Eisey.

GOLDEN JUBILEE WOMEN'S RECEPTION

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Eight hundred invitations are being extended to the women of Haberfield, Diocese of Sydney, by the Rector of St. Oswald's, Dr. A. W. Morton, and Mrs. Morton, for a golden jubilee women's reception to be held on Thursday, June 9, at 2.15 p.m.

The guest of honour is the Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend H. W. K. Mowll.

Musical items and afternoon tea will contribute to a programme of unusual interest.

Women of the Western Suburbs are warmly invited to attend.

FAITH AND MORALS

A WEEKLY QUESTION BOX

UNDER THE GENERAL EDITORSHIP OF DR. FELIX ARNOTT.

The Christian Doctrine of Baptism

An Adelaide student has written me a very long letter concerning Baptism which has eight points in it, but I think the best method of dealing with it is to quote his opinions and then make some comment upon them.

1. "Baptism must be thought to be more than a symbol of a devout wish of parents that their child be brought up to become a Christian, and Confirmation must be thought to be more than the occasion where the child takes on itself all the hopes and wishes the parents and God-parents expressed at Baptism, for all adults, too, must be baptised before being confirmed."

Almost no important branch of the Christian Church has denied the sacramental nature of Baptism and few would cavil at the statement in the Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer that "there are two sacraments generally necessary for salvation, namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper."

While Confirmation is not mentioned among the sacraments there is yet the rubric which demands that no one should normally be admitted to Communion unless he has received Confirmation. Consequently, the two are obviously closely connected.

The Prayer Book makes it perfectly clear that the significance of Confirmation is not the renewal of the candidates' Baptismal vows but the confirming or strengthening of the soul by the direct action of the Holy Spirit through the sacramental agency of prayer and the laying-on of hands. Therefore Baptism is a means of grace and not a symbol.

2. "If a person agrees to full membership in the Church and accepts the Christian Faith at Confirmation, what necessity is there for Baptism?"

As we have already seen it is Baptism, not Confirmation, which is the sacramental act. In the early church where Baptism under missionary conditions was normally ministered to adults, it was customary for Baptism to be administered by

the Bishop to the Catechumen after the latter had received full instruction.

The Laying-on of Hands in Confirmation immediately followed, and then early next morning the first Communion, followed by a drink of milk and honey in "oken that the newly-baptised had entered the Promised Land."

But Baptism remained the first and most vital stage indicating the beginning of a new life. Throughout, the emphasis was not on the catechumen accepting and proclaiming the Christian Faith but on God's act of giving new life and strength for which the catechumen's penitence and profession of faith were necessary preliminaries.

3. "What does Baptism hold for an adult that Confirmation does not symbolise?" I think that the comments we have already made answer this question also. If we realise that the sacraments are not symbols but means by which God acts in the Church and in the soul of the believer then we shall realise that Confirmation is the completion of Baptism, not really a separate sacrament. It is by Baptism, not Confirmation, by which we enter the Christian Church.

Original Sin

4. "I believe that a doctrine used to be held in the Church, that all men were born in sin, called Original Sin, and the water of Baptism washed this away and, as it were, gave the child a clean sheet, i.e., an equal tendency for good and evil to start life with. All who were not baptised were condemned to everlasting damnation or at least a life on earth governed by the original sin. Is this why clergy are generally keen to baptise babies on point of death?"

The Church of England still clearly teaches in its Baptismal service a doctrine of Original Sin. It should not be thought that original sin is in any way connected with the sex act or the actual act of conception, although at different times in the history of the Church there

have been suggestions of this.

Rather, the child is born into a world where, apart from Christ, sin seems to have the upper hand. It is not so much that a child is born into the world as a sinful being, but the bias towards evil is so heavily weighed that almost inevitably we may imagine the child to choose evil rather than good.

By our birth we become part of a great inter-related system of life which is coloured and warped by the effects of mankind from the beginning of the ages, though this is no fault of the individual who is born. Yet his membership of the sin-stained race and his inheritance of its evil capacities and tendencies means that he is in a state which is contrary to the will of God.

But the Church which is the redeemed family of God is that elect part of the human race which fully accepts Christ as Saviour and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit; hence the corporate mind and purpose of the Church is such that she is free from the guilt which attaches to the rest of humanity.

Baptism which admits a man into the divine society of the Church, admits him also into a share of that corporate life of faith and grace. It does not remove the sinful tendencies in man's nature as human experience clearly shows, but it does introduce man to a new spiritual environment with fresh possibilities of spiritual growth and health.

An imperfect analogy might be the transference of a child suffering from tuberculosis from slum tenements to a sanatorium in the country. Baptism bestows upon the recipient a new relationship with Christ and hence confers potential victory over the power of sin, a victory which is impossible except in the strength of the risen Christ.

The Unbaptised

Consequently it is not true to say that Baptism confers an equal tendency for good and evil with which to start life. Scripture and theologians at their best have rightly been reticent about the fate of the unbaptised. The Church has never officially accepted St. Augustine's doctrine of a Limbo, or special place for unbaptised infants between purgatory and hell.

On the other hand, the fact that the Prayer Book allows even lay people to perform the act of Baptism, and with the briefest formulae, suggests a survival of the idea that the souls of the unbaptised may be in some state of jeopardy. For similar reasons clergy tend to press Baptism.

Obviously, it is desirable that children should be admitted to the Christian Church as early as possible so that they may be part of God's family in a special sense, exposed to the beneficial results of his grace which belong to his covenanted society, the Church. The clergy should be as keen on this point of their ministry, as the social workers should be to remove the sufferer from tuberculosis or the delinquent from the slums.

As we shall see later, however, Baptism is not a magical form, and the sacrament demands some offering from ourselves. There is a sense in which, as the first questions of the catechism will teach us, we only become fully a Christian when we are baptised.

Hence parents and clergy alike do their best to ensure that any infant on the point of death is baptised. If they fail, the matter must be left to the judgement of God, and He is perfect love.

To this problem and the remainder of our Adelaide correspondent's letter we will return next week.

NEW HALL BLESSED AT AUCHENFLOWER

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
Brisbane, May 30

On Sunday afternoon, May 29, the new Memorial Hall at Auchenflower was blessed by the Bishop Co-adjutor of Brisbane, the Right Reverend H. H. Dixon.

Other speakers included the Attorney-General, Mr. W. Power, and the secretary of the R.S.S.A.L.A., Toowong, Mr. Linton.

As well as being for parish use, the hall will also be a district memorial to all those who gave their lives in the Second World War.

The foundation stone was set on November 1, 1954.

The building is of brick in modern design to fit in with the architecture of the church and it is painted inside with most attractive colours. String shade is used for the side walls with turquoise for the back wall.

A primrose ceiling set with acoustic tiles and recessed lighting, together with prospectum and doors in natural lacquer wood, completes a very fine colour scheme.

After the blessing of the hall, the whole assembly went into the church where six new pews were hallowed by the bishop.

A cup of tea was later provided for all present. Thus the new kitchen of the hall was able to give a good account of itself.

The rector of the parish is the Reverend D. P. Cassidy.

MELBOURNE WOMAN IN MALAYAN VILLAGE

A Melbourne C.M.S. missionary, Miss Ethel Clifford, who arrived in Malaya last month, is working at Guntong New Village.

The three C.M.S. missionaries there are the only Europeans in a population of 16,000.

Guntong New Village is unique among the new villages in that it has an Indian population as well as Chinese.

All the other new villages are Chinese only, but there was a Tamil settlement at Guntong originally, and the new village was built around it.

The head-man is an Indian Christian, Mr. Dhoss; the rest of the councillors are Indian and Chinese, mostly heathen.

Miss Clifford writes that Miss P. Kelly, of St. Nicholas' Blind Children at Penang, has been in the district demonstrating how blind children can be educated.

Her visit is sponsored by the Government, who want all blind children to be registered so that they can be made useful members of the community.

AMERICAN MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
Melbourne, May 31

The Governor of Victoria attended the American Memorial Day service held at St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday.

Members of the American Club of Victoria and of the Australian American Association attended, together with representatives of the three services.

The American Consul-General, Mr. Gerald K. Warner, read the Gettysburg Speech.

S. THOMAS' SCHOOL, KUCHING

By NIGEL HEYWARD

HAVING BEEN in Borneo just a month, these impressions of necessity will be rather fragmentary.

First a little about the town of Kuching itself. It is on the banks of the Sarawak River, about twenty miles from its mouth, and really quite a pretty town, despite the narrow streets and closely packed shops and dwellings of the Chinese. For an Eastern town it is clean and has none of the very poor areas of Singapore. Also life moves ever so much more slowly than in Singapore and we have not become "over-westernised" here.

Kuching is essentially a Chinese town. Although the Chinese form only 26 per cent. of the population of Sarawak, they comprise the majority of the capital's 45,000. There are six large Chinese schools with about 1,000 pupils each, only one of which is a secondary school, however; a large Malay school, two Roman Catholic secondary schools, and our own two.

THE POPULATION

The Chinese are the traders of this country. Although few of the native Dayaks live in Kuching, they comprise about 40 per cent. of the population and live chiefly in the interior.

The Malays, on the other hand, are more evenly distributed over the country, living mainly on the rivers and near the coast, and comprise about 20 per cent. of the population.

The actual population of Sarawak was estimated at the census (1947) to be just over 500,000; Brunei and British North Borneo have just under 500,000 between them, making a total for British Borneo of just over 1,000,000.

Our two schools in Kuching are S. Mary's and S. Thomas'. S. Mary's has about 600 girls, with 100 boarders, and S. Thomas' over 1,000 boys, with 150 boarders.

Altogether the diocese has 21 schools quite a number of which have up to 200 pupils or more. Of course S. Mary's and S. Thomas' are by far the largest.

Just last week-end I was fortunate to be able to go with the bishop for a Confirmation to Simanggang, the capital of the second division of Sarawak, which is 100 sea miles from Kuching and 63 miles up the Lupar River.

Here we have our largest Dayak school with 300 pupils, 150 of whom are boarders. Archdeacon Stanton, who has been out here 27 years, is the headmaster, and a fine school it is, situated on a commanding position just a mile from the town.

KEEN TO LEARN

Now a little more about S. Thomas' itself. One of the most important things about schools out here, from the teacher's point of view at least, is that all the pupils are exceedingly keen to learn.

In fact they are prepared to stay on at school until well into their twenties if they are permitted to, in order to advance their education as far as possible.

Many have been allowed to do this because they missed about six years' schooling owing to the war and the great difficulties involved in re-opening schools after it.

Of course this tremendous keenness about their work, whilst it is a most refreshing change from the general attitude of Australian school-children to their education, at the same time has its disadvantages.

It means that students have rather a narrow view of education, and the tendency is to think that the only things that matter are those which will help in the passing of examinations. So we have to encourage out-of-school activities for all we are worth.

In this regard we are most fortunate in having as house-master Mr. A. K. Leefe, an

This article is written in connection with the centenary celebrations of the Diocese of Borneo, which will be held on June 12 and 13.

English ex-Regular Army officer. He runs the boarding house extremely efficiently and knows all his 150 boys very well, having visited many of them in their homes during the holidays.

Our boarders come from all over Sarawak, but particularly from the north, and over fifty of them are from Brunei, the independent Sultanate between Sarawak and British North Borneo in the north-western corner of the island of Borneo.

This territory is quite small, and is ruled by a Moslem Sultan under a British Protectorate. Though small in area, Brunei is very rich, because it has prosperous oil-fields; yet at the same time it has a long way to go in the development of its schools, and there are no secondary schools at all, and so it is that we get quite a number of Brunei boys coming to S. Thomas'. There are also 25 boys from British North Borneo and about 30 Dayaks in the boarding house.

On the staff of the school, besides the bishop, Mr. Leefe and I are the only Europeans. There are two or three Indian graduates and the rest are Chinese.

We have quite a number who have been many years at S. Thomas', and very good teachers they are. On the other hand, of course, there are many teachers in the primary school who are only part-trained.

SCHOOL LIFE

The school is organised into houses like most Australian public schools, and these are named after bishops of the diocese—MacDougall, Chambers, Hose, Logie, Mounsey and Noel.

We play soccer, basketball and Badminton mainly, and athletics are also popular. The standard of soccer, and in particular basketball, is very high.

It may be as well just to end with a few words about the school buildings and site. S. Thomas' is separated from the rest of the Mission Compound by MacDougall Road, an important thoroughfare named after the first bishop. The whole compound is spread along the curve of a low hill, very close to the heart of the town and overlooking it.

As a result of the Japanese occupation one of the two boarding houses was completely destroyed and has not yet been replaced. All the other buildings suffered to some extent, as did also the vicarage (which had to be re-built), the bishop's house and the cathedral, which was used as a warehouse. We have only had one new permanent building erected since the war, and of course the old buildings need constant attention.

Our greatest need here is for

BOOK REVIEW

TWO BOOKS BY DR. GARBETT

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a priest with teaching and administrative experience and qualifications, to relieve the bishop of the burden of the Principal's position. He is having to cope with this responsible post along with his already onerous tasks of administering an extensive diocese in which expansion is going on all the time, and at the same time organising the diocesan centenary celebrations and the building of a new cathedral.

The mission schools are absolutely vital to the effective witness of the Church in this land. When checking with the bishop as to my impressions of their importance, he said that

TWO QUEENS LISTEN TO MRS. FISHER

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Kampala, May 27

Hundreds of Mothers' Union members from all parts of Uganda and neighbouring territories filled the Mengo Girls' School Hall, on May 14, when Mrs. Geoffrey Fisher, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, visited the school.

Among those present were the Nabagereka (Queen) of Buganda and the Omugo (Queen) of Bunyoro.

Mrs. Fisher was greeted by Mrs. Katie Kibuka, who told her that the Mothers' Union had been the first women's organisation in Uganda.

She asked Mrs. Fisher to convey the greetings of the Uganda M.U. members to members throughout the world.

In her address, Mrs. Fisher said that the Mothers' Union was the most important women's organisation in the world, because its members were the most important people in the world. It was in the home that future leaders of the world would have their first training.

Mrs. Fisher said she brought with her the "love and good wishes" of Mothers' Union members in England.

There were loud cheers when

KING'S SWORD FOR ABBEY

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 30

The Queen and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, have presented a sword which belonged to King George VI to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey.

The sword, which was given to the King by his father when he was a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Navy, is of the usual naval design.

It is to be placed in the Henry VII Chapel of the Abbey, the chapel of the Knights of the Bath, which has been chosen because it was with this sword that the King conferred the accolade of the Order.

sometimes he felt we were too dependent on our schools as a principal means of evangelism.

It is true to say that they are 100 per cent. important to the Church's work here; in fact the bishop said he sometimes wondered how we would manage if control of them passed out of our hands to the Government, as at a single stroke we would be deprived of the key to a great part of our evangelistic work.

It is significant that the bishop is himself Principal of S. Thomas' School at present, and does a good deal of teaching in the school. So then you can understand why we feel it is important to ask your prayers for the Church's work in Borneo, and in particular for our schools, in the centenary year of the diocese.



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AN EMBERTIDE CALL

The recognition again this week of the traditional Ember Days, is a reminder of the call to the sacred ministry, which is usually associated with these special days.

The Billy Graham campaigns in the United Kingdom have revealed a real hunger among ordinary people for peace with God.

Thousands have testified publicly of the commitment of themselves to Jesus Christ. Thousands more have sought the help of trained counsellors.

But the campaign organisers have made it clear that the key to the ultimate effectiveness of these campaigns is the ministry of the local church.

The same message which Billy Graham preaches is available to the parish priest.

The same power, though possibly in varying measure and operating in various ways, according to a man's gifts, is available to him also.

To the minister in charge of a parish is given the responsibility and privilege of winning the lost, feeding the flock and leading it into Christian service.

It is this office which we re-member at Embertide.

It is this office which is so sadly needed to-day.

Yet we know that the Church of England insists that a man be confident that he is called

of God before he offers himself for ordination. There are other conditions also, but this one outweighs them all.

In his future ministry, the ordinand, while taking care not to be constantly telling others of his own experience, will be expected to speak out of a full heart.

A second-hand faith, or even a religious upbringing are not sufficient to satisfy the spiritual needs of indifferent or seeking people.

The parson must speak of the Christ whom he knows. He must be able to speak to Christ of the people he knows.

His work will take him from door to door to local meeting-places, to the places where people are. That takes time. It may mean inconvenience. But then it is in people that God is interested.

Those same people will need to be taught more of God and His will as time goes on. They will have to be built into the structure and life of the Church.

They will have to be trained to win and instruct others.

Then, in times of sickness and perplexity, it is the leader of the flock who must be on hand to give his help and encouragement.

Young men, this is your work. This Embertide message is for you.

Get right with God yourself first by forsaking sin and committing your life to Christ as your Sin-bearer.

Then offer yourself to Him for whatever He would have you do.

Finally, if He calls you—and only if He calls you—give yourself without reserve to this vital work of the sacred ministry.

—THE YOUTH EDITOR.

MUSIC REVIEW

YOUNG PIANIST'S FAREWELL RECITAL

Technical dexterity and an unfettered conception of the works performed were evident in the concert given by Melbourne pianist Margaret Herm, prior to her departure for overseas.

Miss Herm competently presented a programme, ranging from Bach to Liszt, which was set to test physical resources as well as mental capabilities. She came through this test splendidly as far as technique is concerned, but lacked the capacity for emotional depth and the sense of drama a more mature pianist would have created.

For instance, the Initial Bach was virtually lifeless; the Beethoven Sonata Opus 109 did not possess the sense of urgency which lies beneath its fluid beginning, though this did to some degree emerge in the theme and variations.

However, Cesar Frank's magnificent Prelude, Choral and Fugue showed sounder imagination and had specific character; after the interval, four satisfying works by Debussy were charmingly played as was some difficult Liszt.

If this young girl can glean from the treasure of musical thought so abundantly available in Europe, as much as it appears she is capable of assimilating, then she may look forward to a future whose horizons have little to limit them.

—N.F.R.

[Margaret Herm is an Anglican who was educated at St. Michael's School, Melbourne.]

YOUTH ON PARADE

PERTH SERVICE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
Perth, May 27

Over 5000 youths were on parade in Western Australia on Empire Youth Sunday; of these well over 1000 were Anglicans.

Before the Queen's message was read on the Esplanade, a Canadian, a New Zealander, an Indian, a Malay, a Scot, an English boy (a member of the C.E.B.S.), and a girl from Singapore delivered greetings to the youth of this State.

The message from Her Majesty the Queen was read by Sir Charles Gairdner, who took the salute at the march past.

After the very colourful service on the Esplanade, the groups marched to their various churches.

The Anglican contingent filled St. George's Cathedral to overflowing, and the service was conducted by the Dean of Perth.

The lessons were read by the Diocesan Youth Director, the Reverend Gordon King, and by the Governor of Western Australia.

At the end of a short, but very impressive service, the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Reverend R. W. H. Moline, led his youthful congregation in an act of dedication.

The Anglican youth were better represented this year than in previous years, and the various clubs in Western Australia all report increasing attendances.

ADELAIDE SERVICE

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
Adelaide, May 30

The annual diocesan youth service will be held in St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, on Friday, June 3, at 8 p.m.

The Bishop of Adelaide, the Right Reverend P. P. Robin, will preach, and the office will be taken by the Director of the Youth Department, the Reverend E. P. Pfitzner.

There will be a procession, in which some of the diocesan youth organisations will carry their banners.

The lessons will be read by a member of the Church of England Boys' Society and a member of the Fellowship of Christ the King.

Members of diocesan and parochial youth organisations and parties of young people from Church schools and Church hostels will attend, and all young Anglicans, whether in organisations or not, are invited to attend the service.

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Now, there is one name which we can give to these three things—the spring, the petrol and the steam.

That word is POWER.

The power which drives the toy is the spring. The power that drives the car is the petrol. The power that drives the express is the steam.

The toy train, the car and

J.A. RALLY AT YOUNG

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Young, N.S.W., May 30

The Young Anglican group at Young, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, entertained one hundred J.A.s from Young, Wombat, Harden, Temora and Cootamundra on Saturday, May 14.

As soon as the visitors had been properly welcomed at St. John's Hall, they were treated to a warming morning tea of cocoa and biscuits, after which they were seated in the main hall to view both instructive and amusing films.

As soon as the clapping had subsided, the children streamed to the rear of the hall, where hot soup was ladled out to reinforce the picnic lunches, which were consumed in noisy groups in the rectory garden.

For the afternoon's activities, all the J.A.s and those Y.A.s who had not stayed at the hall to prepare tea, made their way to Rintoul Park, the local camping area, where they set out on a treasure hunt.

The relays which followed were run swiftly, but did little to decrease the seemingly unflagging energy of the children, so two teams arranged themselves at the ends of a stout rope for a tug-of-war.

The highlight of the afternoon was the obstacle race, which caused many amusing incidents.

The course was laid in a complete circle around the park and included a broad jump, a crawl through sugar bags, a

FELLOWSHIP CAMP

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
Hobart, May 30

The Fellowship of St. Paul's, Glenorchy, Diocese of Tasmania, met last week-end for a special youth camp.

Held at the Rotary Youth Club's camping area, at Taroona, about 25 young people enjoyed themselves in the four-square programme that had been arranged.

Three studies were conducted by the General Secretary of the C.M.S., the Reverend H. Buttery, who took some of the incidents in the life of the prophet Elijah, and connected them with the "I am" sayings of our Lord.

The camp ended in time to allow all members to worship at St. Paul's, Glenorchy, at Evensong.

EMPIRE YOUTH SUNDAY IN SINGAPORE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
Singapore, May 30

Hundreds of young people in uniforms belonging to the several youth organisations marched to St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on May 23, to celebrate Empire Youth Sunday.

The Governor of Singapore, Sir John Nicoll, attended the service.

high jump, crawling through loops of rope, skipping under a pegged canvas, squeezing through a ladder, and hopping back to the starting point.

After a short rest, the visitors were entertained by the Young J.A.s with a demonstration of the German clap dance. Then everyone joined in and they found the clapping very warming for cold hands.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in playing ball games, tunnel ball being particularly popular.

At half past four, the group returned to the hall to consume more soup and to prepare for Evensong, which was conducted in St. John's at half past five by the Reverend B. Ellerman (Young), the Reverend S. Holmes (Harden) and the Reverend D. Orange (Koorawatha).

Everyone joined in the singing which was led by the Junior Choir, and listened attentively to the address given by Mr. Orange.

Tea followed immediately, with much excited chatter. Then, shortly after tea, the visiting J.A.s and their Y.A. leaders boarded their buses for the homeward trip.

This rally was the first which has been conducted for the Junior Anglicans in this area, but we sincerely hope that there will be many more similar opportunities for inter-branch contacts. Congratulations to Miss Dorothy Oliver and the band of Y.A.s who made the day so enjoyable.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN BATHURST

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
Bathurst, May 30

Eugowra Y.A.s have now issued the invitations to all branches on behalf of the Youth Department for the Young Anglican Rally at Eugowra on June 18 to 19.

The main business event is the Youth Conference on Sunday afternoon, June 19.

It is now the Y.A. ball season and on Wednesday next, June 8, Mendooran (Coolah Parish) and Bathurst Y.A.s will hold such functions.

Branches are planning to send or bring donations for the Youth Department and Children's Homes Appeal to the Y.A. Diocesan Ball at Orange on July 22.

Plans have been made for another Commonwealth Anglican Youth Leaders' Conference in January, 1957, on similar lines to the Albury 1954 conference.

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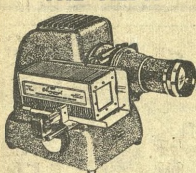
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MEMORIAL TO KENYA MARTYRS

ARCHBISHOP'S TRIBUTE TO KIKUYU CHRISTIANS

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Nairobi, May 27

The Archbishop of Canterbury on May 18 drove from Nairobi to Fort Hall, in the heart of the Kikuyu reserve, which has seen some of the bitterest fighting and most savage murders of the Mau Mau emergency.

He set the foundation stone of a church which will commemorate Kikuyu Christians who have boldly opposed the Mau Mau, many of them losing their lives.

By the archbishop's side was Kenya's first Kikuyu assistant bishop, the Right Reverend Obadiah Kariuki, who will take charge of the new church and live in a house built beside it.

The clergy robed in Fort Hall police station, surrounded by a high watch tower and surrounded by barbed wire.

Then they walked in procession, between lines of armed tribal policemen, to the site of the church.

After the service the archbishop walked slowly round, shaking hands, and the 4,000 Kikuyu present broke spontaneously into a Christian song in their own language, which has become the anthem of resistance to the Mau Mau.

DEVOTION

Dr. Fisher paid tribute to the Kikuyu martyrs and to others who had stood firm for Christianity in the face of terrorism.

"I have never had to face the kind of decision that some of you have faced, of life and death," he said. "It is very, very humbly that I speak to you, only praying that if such a decision ever came to me I might be as faithful as some of you have been."

They had given him far more encouragement than he could ever give them, and although he had been in many parts of the world nothing had so moved him as this gathering.

The archbishop spoke in English, and his words were translated into Kikuyu by the Bishop of Mombasa, the Right Reverend L. J. Beecher.

An appeal for £10,000 is being made to build the new church and a house for the bishop adjoining it.

Only a few hours before the archbishop's visit a British police officer was wounded when Mau Mau terrorists am-

bushed his patrol in the Aberdare forest, 17 miles from Fort Hall.

VISIT TO COLLEGE

Yesterday the Archbishop of Canterbury met a Kikuyu clergyman, the Reverend Samuel Muhoro, who told him how he refused to take a Mau Mau oath in spite of an attack by 50 terrorists who left him and his wife for dead in their home at Fort Hall in February, 1953.

Dr. Fisher, with Mrs. Fisher was visiting St. Paul's United Theological College at Limuru, near here, which is the only training institute in Kenya for African clergymen of four main Protestant denominations.

The archbishop told the students: "Not only those in Kenya but the whole Church has taken fresh courage from the way in which some of you have faced the trials of these days."

In the morning, at Limuru girls' school, where his niece, Miss Anne Fisher, is headmistress, Dr. Fisher said: "In England among young people there is a vast number who cannot say the Lord's Prayer, who do not know what Easter Day means, who never heard of Good Friday, and attach no importance to Christmas Day." He spoke of the need for the faith.

THEATRE REVIEW

OLD VIC. COMPANY IN "TAMING OF THE SHREW"

THE Old Vic. Company's "The Taming of the Shrew" is an unsatisfying piece of work, largely because too many concessions have been made to the principals, Robert Helpmann and Katharine Hepburn.

Whether these concessions were made from choice or out of necessity it would be impertinent to say—the truth is that Mr. Helpmann remains Mr. Helpmann and Katharine is being Miss Hepburn all night.

Mr. Helpmann being himself is considerable, though not as Petruchio. His voice is clear but lacking in variety of inflexion and this in a major part is a loss. He seethes where Petruchio should bubble, he is saturnine where ebullience is called for. Despite the laughter and pleasure in his part his mouth turns down at the corners.

By the end of the performance Mr. Helpmann's vocal deficiencies had become a matter for exasperation and it was curious, although not surprising, to note the way in which his entries became shaded, sombre, as though at any moment he might walk on as Faust. This, I submit, is not Petruchio.

Miss Hepburn began exasperatingly. Her opening lines were audible but perfectly unintelligible. Looking back, one can salute her intentions.

Kate is not (as she is sometimes played) a mere vamp but a shrew, and a hoydenish shrew at that. This the actress clearly saw, and there were times when she succeeded in fulfilling her intentions; the shrew was really in action.

"STEP TOWARDS UNITY" IN NEW ZEALAND

REPORT ON CONFERENCE

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

The New Zealand Faith and Order Conference held at Christchurch on May 11 to 17 had seen a great advance towards unity among the New Zealand churches, the Reverend D. B. Knox said this week.

Dr. Knox represented the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches at the conference.

The report recorded that no insuperable barrier was apparent preventing the evolution of a common Church order including Episcopal, Presbyterian and Congregational elements. The delegates requested the Churches to study the Indian and Ceylon schemes for Church union, to enable the New Zealand Church to take the next step forward.

A Faith and Order Commission was set up by the conference to consolidate and extend the work of the conference.

The view was freely expressed among the delegates that regional conferences would be most valuable for extending more widely among the clergy the effects and vision of the conference. The common worship and fellowship and friendliness in frank discussion of such a conference was regarded as the most powerful factor in helping towards unity.

110 DELEGATES

The delegates of the conference numbered 110; 50 theological students also attended. The Churches who sent delegates were the Church of England, the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church, the Congregational Church, the Baptist Church, the Churches of Christ, the Salvation Army, and the Society of Friends.

"The conference asked me to address them in plenary session," said Dr. Knox. In the discussion that followed, several speakers urged that Australia and New Zealand should

concentrate their missionary efforts to the lands of the Near North, withdrawing from other spheres of work if necessary.

"A second suggestion was that the executive committee of the central committee, at its meeting in Australia in February, might consider the evangelising of South-East Asia with a view to assistance through Inter-Church Aid.

"The New Zealand National Council of Churches organises annual schools of theology, held mid-week and attended by 60-70 clergy. This might be adopted in Australia.

"I would also suggest that the Australian Council endeavour to arrange regional Faith and Order conferences in the principal States, to be attended by as large a number of clergy as is possible, so that many of the parochial clergy might experience the fellowship and vision that these occasions provide."

FAREWELL TO RECTOR

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Lang Lang, Vic., May 28
More than 160 people from every part of the Parish of Lang Lang-Koo Wee Rup-Yallock, in Gippsland, attended the farewell by the parochial council to their rector, the Reverend M. F. Green, and Mrs. Green, on May 25.

Mr. Green was Lang Lang's first rector, Rural Dean of Korumburra, and one of Bishop Blackwood's chaplains.

Members of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches in the district were present.

The chairman for the evening was the parochial secretary, Mr. Maurice Super. Among the speakers were Archdeacon H. H. Ham, Cr. W. C. Greaves, and the Reverend W. G. Finch (Presbyterian).

The chairman presented the guests with a Ranelagh tray from the congregations, a set of silver teaspoons from the Sunday schools and Youth organisations, and a wallet of notes from residents.



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BAN ON LUTHER FILM

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, May 30

The motion picture "Martin Luther" has been banned by government censor boards from public showings in the Philippines, Peru and Egypt.

Announcement of these restrictive actions was made at a press conference in New York by Mr. Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions, Inc., U.S.A., composed of six Lutheran groups that sponsored the successful film on the leader of the Protestant Reformation.

The Luther film had been banned earlier only in the Canadian province of Quebec.

Meanwhile the Luther film has been duplicating its American box office success in public showings throughout the world.

With 20th Century-Fox as the chief distributor, the picture has been seen by millions of persons in Austria, Australia, British Guiana, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, England, Ethiopia, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Indonesia, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Formosa, and the United States.

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TWELVE BISHOPS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

Kampala, May 2

Nearly 2,000 people crowded the Cathedral of S. Paul, at Namirembe, Kampala, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, May 15, when the Archbishop of Canterbury consecrated four African bishops to be Assistant Bishops in three East African C.M.S. dioceses.

They are the first assistant bishops to be appointed to the Diocese of Mombasa (Kenya), Central Tanganyika and the Sudan.

Twelve bishops, seven diocesans, and five assistant bishops, eight European, and four African, joined the archbishop in the ceremony of the laying on of hands as the new bishops were consecrated.

The new bishops are the Right Reverend Daniel Deng Atong, of the Sudan, Obadiah Kariuki and Festo Olang, of the Diocese of Mombasa, and Yohana Omari, of Central Tanganyika.

The Acting Governor of Uganda and many heads of departments, the Queen of Buganda and royal heads of the other states of Uganda, were present at the service. The exiled Kabaka of Uganda sent his greetings to the archbishop.

Shortly before 9 a.m. the procession of the archbishop formed in the south choir aisle of the cathedral and proceeded to the West Door, where it was joined by processions of clergy from neighbouring dioceses, the clergy of Uganda, numbering some 120, having already entered.

After the long line of clergy had entered, the archbishop followed, dressed in the cope and mitre which he wore at the Coronation, and preceded by the Great Cross of Canterbury.

The four bishops-designate took their places in front of the choir during the first part of the service, and in the Nicene Creed, which was said by every man in his own language, were surrounded by a crowd from some thirty different tribes and nations witnessing to the universal appeal of the Gospel.

Hymns and other parts of the liturgy repeated in unison were sung or spoken in English, Swahili and Luganda. The choir rendered a beautiful anthem while the bishops-designate robed in the Bishop Hannington memorial chapel. Returning with their white rochetts over their purple cassocks, each in turn was presented to the archbishop by his diocesan and one other African bishop, after which the oath of allegiance and obedience was taken.

LOCAL SETTING

The litany was sung by the Buganda clergy and the Cathedral African clergy in Luganda, to a beautifully arranged local setting.

The examination of the candidates being completed, and while they were completing their robing in the chapel, the archbishop and all bishops assisting proceeded to the Sanctuary, waiting during the singing of an anthem. The archbishop enthroned with the twelve assisting bishops standing in a half-circle around him made an unforgettable picture. As each of the new bishops was consecrated, the hands of all bishops present were laid on his head, then all receded to their places around the archbishop while the charge of authority was given by the archbishop.

During the service of Holy Communion, which was then completed, the first to communicate were the four new bishops, each kneeling to receive his Communion with his wife, adding to the service an element which was probably without precedent, but which was most worthy and right.

The quiet reverence of the whole great congregation, within and without the Cathedral, the mastery of arrangement whereby the service proceeded throughout without faulting or hindrance, and the beautiful

rendering of the service by the 50 voices choir and African organist, ensured that this service should be memorable and worthy in every part, as it was momentous in the history of the Church in East Africa.

The consecration sermon was preached by the Bishop of Uganda, the Right Reverend Leslie Brown, whose text was Colossians 4, 2-4. He particularly emphasised the words, "The mystery of Christ."

He said the word "mystery" was a vital word in Scripture.

"There are many secrets in life, but the greatest secret of all is another person. Unless I meet you face to face, and have fellowship with you, I cannot know you. Unless we will open ourselves to each other, we remain mysteries to each other."

"S. Paul said he was in prison because Christ was no longer a mystery to him. He had thought of Jesus as a wicked Man, teaching false things and dividing the nation; and he thought such a Man should be destroyed. "But then he came into contact with people who knew Him—he saw Stephen praying for those who stoned him, and saw the joy on his face."

"Then one day Paul himself met Jesus, and all this was given meaning. The mystery was revealed; and from that day he described himself as a new creation; he knew, why he had been born, and he knew Whom he had believed. The secret was a secret no longer."

"This secret was not to be kept to himself. In the passage of our text, Paul is asking that all his friends should pray that he might make clear his secret to all men."

"We have come together today to pray for our brethren, that they too may spread abroad by life and word the truth of our only Saviour. I believe that bishops have greater temptations than other men, and we are giving these brothers a hard task, that they may feed and lead, love and serve the family of God."

"We consent by our presence here in their consecration; we assist in their consecration; and therefore we have a responsibility, as we have shared in their call, to pray for them, that they may have grace and strength for their tasks."

"My last word to you, my brethren, is that you take heed to these words, and come to

your consecration as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God.

"Bring men to know the fellowship of the mystery. Faithful is He that hath called you, Who also will do it."

Sixty-four representatives of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika attended the consecration.

These included 20 African clergy, a number of African laymen and women, and one Indian Christian.

Most of the Tanganyika contingent, which included a large number of Australian C.M.S. missionaries, travelled to Kampala by special bus. The bus had a narrow escape from a serious accident when it ran back down a steep escarpment. Fortunately it crashed into a bank, avoiding the mountain slope on the other side of the road.

AN IMPRESSION

The C.M.S. of Australia was officially represented at the service by Archdeacon Oliver T. Cordell, C.M.S. Secretary in Dodoma, Tanganyika.

Describing the service, Archdeacon Cordell said: "It was an orderly and inspiring service, which all who witnessed it will long remember."

"Immediately after the consecration each of the new bishops received Communion with his wife—something quite new and contrary to African custom."

"Then there followed more than 1,600 who received Communion, and so joined in fellowship at this great service."

"The first lesson was read by the Bishop of the Upper Nile in Bari, and the Gospel was read in Swahili. The Bishop of Uganda preached in English, which was translated into Luganda and Swahili."

"Beyond all doubt it was a most significant occasion: outside the cathedral were the graves of Mackay, Hannington, Pilkington, and other martyrs of the early Uganda Church; inside were men who had faced persecution in Kikuyuland, together with friends and relatives of many who had died for the faith of Christ."

"For Mombasa, Sudan, and for ourselves in Tanganyika, it was a very special day. History was made. We, too, now have African bishops. I am sure that this will be a spur to the desire for self-government in ecclesiastical affairs."

THEATRE REVIEW

"JUNIOR MISS"

This is a "Little Theatre" production at the Arrow Theatre in Middle Park, Melbourne.

For many years the discovery of new talent for the stage has been one of the features of the "Little Theatre" and brilliant teacher, Miss Irene Mitchell, and to assist in this the Melbourne Sun recently helped in a search for talent, with the result that 250 teenage boys and girls were auditioned for the 13 juvenile parts in this play—"Junior Miss."

It is obvious that an enormous amount of work has been put into the teaching and rehearsing of these young folk and the result is most gratifying.

The best of the youngsters are very little behind the adult members of the cast and they are very good.

The play is the story of an American lawyer and his wife's attempts to bring up their two extremely modern teenage daughters. The younger girl gets the idea that her father is in love with another woman and she tries to straighten things out and in doing so provides plenty of merriment for the audience.

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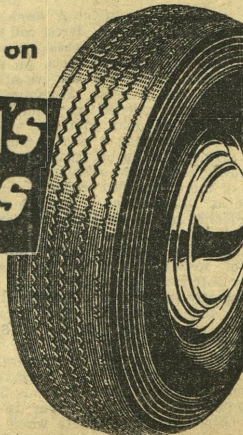
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NINE CHOIRS AT MORWELL

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Victorian branch of the Royal School of Church Music conducted a festival at S. Philip's-on-the-Hill, Morwell East, Diocese of Gippsland, on May 21.

The choirs of S. Paul's Cathedral, Sale; S. Mary's, Morwell; S. Philip's, Morwell East; S. Luke's, Moe; S. Thomas', Toora; S. James', Traralgon; S. Mary's, Trafalgar; S. John's, Yallourn; and the R.S.C.M. demonstration choir took part in the festival.

The musical director was Mervyn Callaghan, choirmaster of the R.S.C.M. choir, and a member of the Victorian Committee.

Participating choirs received copies of the music several weeks previously and had prepared it at their parish choir practices.

The final rehearsal for the combined choirs was held at 6.00 p.m. under the direction of Mr. Callaghan, and was followed at 8.15 p.m. by the festival which took the form of Evensong.

The music sung included:— Psalm 3: Sung to the speech rhythm pointing of the Oxford Psalter and a chant by Ouseley.

Office Hymn: A. and M. 301. Canticles: Martin Shaw in D. Ferial Responses.

Anthems: "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"—Sydney Nicholson; "Laudate Nomen Domini"—Tye.

Hymns: A. and M. 281, 705. The lessons were read by the Rector of Morwell, the Reverend K. B. E. Raff, and the Reverend C. M. Kennedy, who also preached.

The Festival Service was conducted by the rector, the cantor being John Matthews, of Morwell. Bruce Naylor, organist at S. Peter's, Melbourne, was the accompanist.

Speaking to the gathering of choirs after the festival, Mr. Callaghan congratulated them on the standard of work at the service, and reminded them of their responsibility to see that all the music they sang in their parish churches was "the best music, sung in the best possible way."

Participating choirs were invited to affiliate with R.S.C.M. and so support the work of a body which exists to assist choirs in the selection and worthy performance of the best in Church music.

It was at the invitation of the Rector of Morwell that the R.S.C.M. demonstration choir visited Morwell from May 19 to 22, the boys being billeted with parishioners.

GOLD IN CHURCH PLATE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hobart, May 30
A sovereign was found in the plate after the 121st anniversary service at S. John's Church, New Town, Diocese of Tasmania, yesterday morning!

The rector, the Reverend H. C. Cuthbertson, said that many previous parishioners, who had left the district, had returned for the special services.

The galleries of the church, which had not been opened since V.E. Day, when many schoolchildren had attended a thanksgiving service, had to be opened, to provide seating for a congregation of more than 600.

The theme of the sermon, which was preached by the Administrator of the diocese, Archdeacon W. R. Barrett, was that the people of to-day should take a greater interest in their church, particularly in view of the troubled times through which the world was passing.

Last night, a Hobart solicitor, Mr. J. R. Driscoll, preached on family life in the home and in the community. This service was organised by the Church of England Men's Society.

The Governor, Sir Ronald Cross, Lady Cross, and two of their daughters, Susanna and Karina, attended the morning service.

HULA NEW TESTAMENT

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FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Commonwealth Council of the British and Foreign Bible Society has published the new testament in the Hula language, which is spoken by some 3000 people in the Hood Peninsula, and environs, Papua.

This is the first time the New Testament has been published for these people. An edition of 2000 copies was printed.

The chief translator has been Mrs. L. M. T. Short, of the London Missionary Society. She was assisted by Ila Tiana, Tamate Jun, who are L.M.S. pastors, and by Kila Iga, a theological student.

The Hula people are a Melanesian tribe, light-skinned and very intelligent. Many of them hold responsible positions in Port Moresby. The work of translation was difficult in that no grammar or vocabulary was available for reference, and also because there is, in this language, an almost complete absence of abstract nouns, no relative pronouns, and no passive voice.

There were, however, some similarities to the Keapara language, with occasional resemblances to Motu.

Some advance copies of this New Testament were sent by air to Hula. An alert Papuan asked for a copy on the night of its arrival. He read it right through the night. The next morning he said to the missionary:

"This is the real language of my fathers. The world seems vaster, but God is nearer now."

PAST CHORISTERS' ASSOCIATION

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Brisbane, May 30

One of the objects of the S. John's Past Choristers' Association is to have a cathedral service as near as possible to the anniversary of the setting of the foundation stone of the building by the Duke and Duchess of York and Cornwall (later King George V and Queen Mary) on May 22, 1901.

With this object in view, Evensong was sung in S. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, on Saturday, May 21, by the present choir.

The service was sung by the Precentor with lessons read by Dean Taylor. Miss Louise Grimes directed the choral singing.

Amongst those present were Dean Barrett and the Reverend V. H. Whitehouse, former dean and precentor, and also as a special guest, Mrs. George Sampson, whose husband was cathedral organist for over 50 years, being with the pro-cathedral before 1901.

Mrs. Sampson herself has a connection with the cathedral. She is an organist and musician and often played the organ for services as well as helping in many other ways over the years.

A dinner was held at the Criterion Hotel after the service when over 50 members and guests were present.

Miss Louise Grimes proposed the toast of the "Brisbane Past Choristers' Association" and the precentor, who is the president of the association, welcomed those present. It was a good thing to see Mr. Carey, one of the members of S. Paul's Cathedral Melbourne Past Choristers' Association, at the service and dinner.

At the meeting after the dinner, Mrs. George Sampson was elected a life member of the association.

A.M.M. BRANCH FOR PARKES

70 MEN ARE INTERESTED

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Canberra, May 30

The S. George's, Parkes, Diocese of Bathurst, branch of the Anglican Men's Movement is to be constituted and the first admission service for members held on Sunday, June 12, at 5.30 p.m.

This was announced by the Rector of Parkes, the Venerable W. Chas. Arnold, after a unanimous decision "that a branch be formed" was given by more than seventy men who attended the inaugural A.M.M. dinner in S. George's Parish Hall, last Saturday night.

Those present included representatives from the S. Barnabas' East Orange branch, and from the parishes of Grenfell and Forbes.

Speakers at the function were the co-vice-general president, the Right Reverend K. J. Clements, Co-adjutor Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, and the honorary general secretary of the A.M.M., Mr. T. W. W. Pye.

Bishop Clements spoke on "The Anglican Communion," and Mr. Pye on "The Aims, Objects, and Progress of the A.M.M."

The catering which was of a very high standard was in the hands of S. George's Churchwomen's Guild under the leadership of the president, Miss R. Tanswell.

READERS MEET

SYDNEY ASSOCIATION

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The quarterly service and meeting of the Readers' Association in the Diocese of Sydney were held in the Cathedral Chapel and Chapter House respectively on May 24.

The honorary secretary reported on the retreat held at Gilbulla on the week-end, March 4 to 6, which was conducted by the Rector of S. George's, Hurstville, the Reverend R. F. Gray.

The death of Mr. C. A. Fairland, a diocesan reader since 1911, was reported and a vote of sympathy with his relatives was passed.

Plans for the future were discussed and these included: A Quiet Time, to be held at S. Michael's, Vaucluse, on May 28; and the celebration of the association's 80th anniversary in November.

The arrangements in hand provide for a retreat of re-dedication at Gilbulla from November 4 to 6; and the anniversary thanksgiving service in the cathedral on Advent Sunday, November 27, at 3 p.m.

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C.E.M.S. IN VICTORIA

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MELBOURNE

Meetings attended by members of the Melbourne executive during May included All Saints', Northcote; S. Augustine's, Moreland; All Saints', Footscray; S. Paul's, Fairfield; S. Mark's, East Brighton; S. James', Ivanhoe; and Holy Trinity, Oakleigh.

An admission service at this latter branch was well attended and four new members of the branch were admitted.

SURREY HILLS

Members of the executive visited Surrey Hills on May 15. They assisted in the formation of a new branch. The vicar, the Reverend John Coad, is an enthusiastic member of the society.

GIPPSLAND

The lay president for the Diocese of Melbourne, Brother W. Brady, with Brother R. Manby, immediate past lay president, visited Morwell to take part in a "Father and son night," organised by C.E.B.S. and C.E.M.S. Brother Brady was the guest speaker. He took as his theme "Active Witness and Service," part of the C.E.M.S. Rule of Life, and spoke of the social service work done by Melbourne C.E.M.S. The Vicar of Morwell, the Reverend Ken Raff, arranged for Brothers Manby and Brady, who are both licensed lay readers, to preach at S. Philip's, Morwell, and S. Mary's, Morwell, on the following day.

LEONGATHA

The national treasurer, Brother Frank Ganston, was the guest speaker at a communion breakfast organised by the Leongatha branch on Sunday, May 29.

BENDIGO

All Saints' branch is to be congratulated on the arrangements made for the annual meeting of the Provincial Council on May 21.

Brother H. O. Hillman, Bendigo diocesan secretary, who is a member of the branch, was congratulated by delegates on the job. Delegates came from Melbourne, Ballarat, Maryborough, Shepparton and Yarravong.

PYRAMID HILL

The provincial chairman, the Very Reverend C. Hulley, visited Pyramid Hill on Sunday, May 22, to assist in re-forming the branch of C.E.M.S. there. The vicar, the Reverend Norman Thompson, is a very keen member of C.E.M.S.

After discussion 17 men signified their intention of becoming members of C.E.M.S.

BOOK REVIEW

FAITH IN CAPTIVITY

IN SPITE OF DUNGEONS. S. J. Davies. Hodder and Stoughton. Australian price 15/6. Pp. 160.

This book tells of the triumphant witness of the Christian faith in a North Korea prisoner-of-war camp.

Its author is the only chaplain to survive of the four military chaplains captured by the Chinese communists.

He tells of the countless indignities inflicted upon the prisoners and especially, the resistance to any form of religious observance. On the other hand, the Chinese did provide Communion wine for the great festivals.

He gives an interesting study of the Chinese mind and the strong attempts made to indoctrinate the prisoners.

The ingenuity that went into the making of the patent, prayer book and hymnal under primitive conditions is typical of the men's spirit.

It was very fitting that on their return to England in 1953, the cross carried for the Christmas service by Colonel Carne was handed over to the Dean of Gloucester Cathedral for safe-keeping.

—J.M.S.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ADELAIDE

STUDY GROUPS

The Reverend Douglas Brown, S.M., from S. Michael's House, Crafoy, will conduct a series of study groups for the Adelaide University branch of the Student Christian Movement next term. His subject will be "The Incarnation."

HAMILTON

Electric light has been installed in the parish hall and Church of S. Matthew, Hamilton, South Australia. S. Matthew's is in the Kapunda district, whose priest is the Reverend G. C. H. Mellowship.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Commander W. R. Tapp, R.A.N., who is Captain of H.M.A.S. Arunta, recently visited the Institute of the Whylla branch of the Missions to Seamen. He was accompanied by Lieutenant-Commander H. R. Roberts, and the chairman of the Whylla Town Commission, Mr. C. L. Ryan.

RAISING FUNDS

The parishes of S. Saviour, Glen Osmond, and S. Stephen, Glenunga, are to investigate the work of the Wells financial organisation. U.S.A. However, no action is to be taken towards implementing the Wells system for raising parish funds until a representative meeting of laymen has been held to express their views on the matter. The rector, the Reverend Osmond Croft, will be asked to convene a meeting for this purpose.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Plans for the jubilee celebrations of the parishes of S. Barnabas, Crofton, and S. Edward, Kilkenny, are well in hand. It is hoped that there will be very good attendances of both past and present parishioners at the special 50th anniversary celebrations.

The S. Barnabas' Patronal Festival services will be held on Sunday, June 12. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m.; at 7 p.m. there will be a Festival Eucharist, with supper afterwards. The rector, the Reverend E. O. Auerich, hopes that this after-church social will provide an opportunity to meet many former parishioners. A jubilee concert, arranged by the Fellowship, is to be held at 8 p.m. on June 10, and on June 18 there will be a parish jubilee ball.

Edward's festival celebrations will be held on June 19 with a family Eucharist at 9 a.m., followed by a family breakfast in the hall.

CROYDON

Following a visit from a representative of the Wells organisation, the vestry of S. Barnabas, Croydon, has decided to adopt the Wells system for raising parish revenue.

RAFFLES

"The bishop of the church have clearly and definitely asked all church people to refrain from raising money for the church by raffles (and other guessing competitions)," writes the Reverend Peter Hopton, in a recent English paper. "The reason is that they are an unworthy method of providing money for the church," he continues. "People have to learn to live directly and generously." Mr. Hopton is the priest-in-charge of the Brixton-Barnes-Moorock mission district, River Murray, S.A.

TRIP FOR YOUTH

Ron Blackwell junior, of the Parish of Bordenmore, S.A., is in England as the district representative in the Youth Travel Scheme arranged by the Adelaide Advertiser. The son of churchwarden, Ron has been active in the Drama Club, as well as being a prefect at the highest primary school. Like his father, he is a good churchman. The people of the church have Ron a wallet containing £16/10/- at send-off present.

ARMIDALE

BISHOP'S MOVEMENTS

The Bishop of Armidale left Armidale on Wednesday for a series of visits to the parishes in the North West. His first call was at Little Plain (Wednesday), followed by visits to Mungindi (Thursday), Boomi (Friday), and Moree (Saturday). The bishop followed by an exceptionally large number of candidates are to be presented for confirmation. Next Monday the bishop is at Walgett (where a new parish hall is being put up), on Tuesday at Wee Wee and on Wednesday at Ashford, where he will introduce the Reverend Clive Evenden (Gunnedah), as the new priest-in-charge. Next week-end, Dr. Moyes has a series of meetings at Armidale and Tamworth before leaving for Melbourne and other Victorian outposts.

WHITSUNDAY

Many churches in the Armidale Diocese found congregations on Whitsunday larger than usual, as usual, the bishop was to be seen on the occasion to its rightful place among the great festivals of the Church is bearing fruit. At S. Peter's Cathedral (where the bishop preached morning and evening) congregations were above average although the University and the Teachers' College were still on holiday. Country churches reported a similar response in many cases to the bishop's Whitsunday appeal.

WARIALDA

The annual report showed an encouraging increase in the number of acts of communion per year now number 4,500. A deficit at the end of 1953 of £141 has been converted into a surplus of £765. Offerings for the year were £300; freewill offering for missions were £68. There are two Sunday schools with a total enrolment of 130

pupils. The parish has six centres outside the parish church.

BATHURST

UNGARIE

The annual S. Dunstan's Ball was staged in Ungarie on its now regular date, May 24. The Guild president, Mrs. A. E. Wells, presented seven debutantes to Canon W. E. Butler and Mrs. Butler, of West Wyalong. The ball was well attended and successfully staged, despite the fact that less than a month before, the S. Dunstan's Guild lost through death two of its most active members.

IN BRIEF

Greenfell takes place next Friday, June 10. Eugowra Y.A. Ball was held last Tuesday; Rockley ball is to-night, June 3; Hornedown Memorial Committee and R.S.L. Sub-branches at Geurie and Yeoval have donated the S. Michael's Children's Homes appeal.

CUMNOCK

The Church of All Saints, Baldry, has been thoroughly painted inside and out, as well as the fence. Voluntary labour also meant that the Church of S. Luke at Yeoval was painted on the outside. Plans have been drawn up for a church hall at Yeoval, and already some donations have come in for the necessary project. The church hall will be held last Friday. The rector, the Reverend L. Winton, has already put up the posters in his parish for "Homes and Youth" Sunday on October 2 next.

ORDINATION

Holy Trinity Church, Dubbo, is expected to be crowded for the ordination on Sunday next, June 5, at 7 a.m. Matins and Litany prior to the ordination proper will be held at 6.30 a.m.

BRISBANE

HAMILTON PARISH

For the first time in the history of the parish church of S. Augustine, Hamilton (except for a short period during a previous incumbency), altar candles were used at the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday morning, May 22. The candles were donated by the rector, the Reverend W. D. C. Dunbar, at the early service. They were the gift of Miss Constance Harding and were donated in memory of members of her family, Silas and Johanna Harding.

The ornaments are of beautiful design, standing at 18 inches high with octagonal stems. They are manufactured in Brisbane. The rector, who has recently been made the Rural Dean of Brisbane North-East District, also reports that at a recent jubilee sale in the parish, the amount of £125 was made for Home Missions.

S. FRANCIS' FETE

A musical luncheon was held in the Moorooka Church hall on Wednesday, May 25, to help towards the raising of funds for the S. Francis' College fete to be held in July. In spite of a very wet day, a good audience listened to a first-class musical programme arranged by the Brisbane musician, Mrs. Una Morgan. Arrangements were in the hands of Miss Ivy Gnatz and her sister, who advise that total proceeds approximate £18.

CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

BUNGENDOORE

The Rector of Bungendoore, the Reverend G. E. Pyke, is recuperating successfully after a major operation, and is gradually resuming the full responsibilities of his parochial work.

ADELONG

The centre of Mr. Adrah has returned to the Parish of Adelong after a number of years of association with the Parish of Tarcutta.

BRAIDWOOD

A programme of lay visitation evangelism has been launched in Braidwood. The Young Anglicans have been visiting the homes of prospective Sunday school pupils, taking with them a leaflet, "A Message to Parents," on their calls. Members of the Churchwomen's Union have commenced monthly visits to the local hospital, taking suitable Christian literature for distribution to the sick. They plan also to visit other aged and infirm people in their homes.

JUNE

S. Matthew's Church, Pikedale, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The service was conducted by the rector, Canon G. A. M. Neil, and the visiting preacher was the Reverend F. Staples, a former rector. The organist was Miss Ings, who had been present at the opening service 50 years ago.

BEGA

The High Commissioner for Ceylon, Mr. J. A. Martens, recently spoke at a meeting of the Anglican Men's Movement at Bega, and received debutantes at the parish ball. He was tendered a civic reception by the mayor and civic representatives. He was also the guest at dinner of the Bega Rotary Club.

TUMUT

The observance of the centenary of the Parish of Tumut has been postponed until the first week in November to bring it into line with the patronal festival of the parish church.

MELBOURNE

NORTH CARLTON

Archbishop Booth preached at S. Michael's, North Carlton, on

Sunday evening, the occasion being the seventieth anniversary of the church.

INDUCTIONS

The archbishop inducted the Reverend J. D. Sansom to the charge of Holy Trinity, Kew, on May 21, at 8 p.m. Archdeacon R. H. B. Williams is to induct the Reverend R. C. Lewis, formerly of Grafton Diocese, to the charge of S. John's, Healesville, on June 2.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

The archbishop will preside at the annual meeting of the Victorian Missions to Seamen on June 3, at 8 p.m.

RINGWOOD EAST

The Archbishop of Melbourne will dedicate the new church hall for Ringwood East in the Parish of Ringwood to the Holy Trinity, on June 4, at 3 p.m. The following day, Trinity Sunday, will be the second anniversary of the first service in the district, services and Sunday school in the meantime having been held in private homes. The building is of timber in contemporary design.

GUILD OFFICE

The next Guild Office of the Chapter of All Saints, Melbourne, Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, will be sung at S. John's Church, Tonbridge Street, Melbourne, on Friday, June 10, at 8 p.m., when Canon W. G. Thomas will speak on the place of a retreat in the life of a clergyman.

The fourth annual retreat for laymen has been arranged by the chapter to be held at the Retreat House, Cheltenham, on the weekend, June 17 to 19. The conductor will be the Reverend John Lewis, S.M. Further details may be obtained from W. A. Gibson, 4 Collins Street, Preston.

NEWCASTLE

MARRIAGE

The marriage of Edward King Bernays, of Cooma, and Marion Dorcas Moore, daughter and stepdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith White, was celebrated at S. Paul's Church, Murrumbidgee, recently by Canon M. C. Brown. A very large congregation of relatives and friends attended the service. Miss Helen Teys was organist, and was supported by the parish choir. The bride was given away by Mr. R. K. White, Messrs. John Alcorn and Dr. Geoff Bernays acted as groomsmen and Mr. Mac Bowman as best man. Miss Jeanette Ferguson, of Trangie, Miss Patricia Wright, of Blandford, and Miss Marion, of Murrumbidgee, were the bridesmaids. The future home of the newly married will be at "Maffra", Cooma. S. Paul's Church was beautifully decorated by the friends of the bride. Chimes were rung by the Cooma Chimes.

ORDINATION

The Bishop of Newcastle will conduct an ordination service at Coomook, on Wednesday, June 8, at 9.30 a.m., where the Reverend Harry H. Grayston will be advanced to the priesthood.

PERTH

NEW DEACONS

On Trinity Sunday, June 5, Mr. Antony Stott will be ordained deacon by the Bishop of St. Albans. He was from England at the end of June to commence work in the Diocese of Perth.

On Trinity Sunday, Mr. John Abraham, a West Australian, who has been studying at Wescott House, will be ordained deacon in the Cathedral Church by the Bishop of Liverpool. After ordination he will serve at S. Anne's, Wigan.

DEACONESSSES

On Tuesday, May 31, at the 9 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion at S. George's Cathedral, Miss Elizabeth Mickle and Miss Joyce Polson were admitted to the office of deaconesses.

SYNOD

The synod for the Diocese of Perth will be held this year from October 25 to October 27. His Grace will deliver his charge to the synod in the cathedral on Monday, October 24, at 8 p.m.

SYDNEY

ROSEVILLE-LINDFIELD W.C.C.

The Roseville-Lindfield branch of the Australian Council of W.C.C. will hold a layman's conference at S. Alban's, Lindfield, on June 4, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those present will separate into groups of six to eight with a leader and scribe in each. A layman, Mr. Maynard Davies, will read the summaries of the finding of each group.

The questions are:—
1. Is our community Christian?
2. By what ideals do people live?
3. Where do these ideals break down?
4. Why don't people go to church?
5. How can the Church bring people into its life?
6. What can the layman do in bringing the life of the church to the community?
7. How do we equip ourselves for this task?
8. Are faith and works separate?

HOMES MEETING
The annual meeting of the Church of England Homes will be held at the C.E.N.F. Memorial Centre, 201 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, on June 30, at 2.30 p.m. The Archbishop of Sydney will preside. The Minister for Social Services, Mr. W. McMahon, will speak.

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SNAPSHOT COMPETITION



The winner of our snapshot competition this week is Miss Yvonne Elliott, of Kelso, N.S.W., who sent in this picture of the church and grounds of the historic Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, Diocese of Bathurst.

THE C.E.M.S. IN VICTORIA DR. FISHER IN AFRICA

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ties in Victoria was discussed and a motion from this council on Christian groups in industry was submitted and accepted.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the lay vice-chairman, Dr. W. J. Denegy, introduced a paper on "C.E.M.S. and Child Delinquency," in which he spoke on the problems of child delinquency and how Christian men might face them.

Dr. Denegy made special mention of the splendid work of the C.E.B.S. and the C.E.Y.M.S., and showed how the Church and its societies could help in abolishing the problem of the delinquent child.

Dr. Denegy analysed the various types of delinquents, such as the mentally deficient, the braggart, and the spoilt child, and stated that delinquency did not exist only in slum areas, but many young people from good homes, who were victims of modern conditions, had drifted into delinquency.

The Church had the answer, but so many Church people were frightened to tackle the problem.

After discussion the following motion was moved and seconded by Melbourne delegates and carried unanimously:

"That, for the promotion of a higher standard of juvenile behaviour, members of C.E.M.S.

"1. Should take a more active part in the work amongst boys and young men.

"2. Should strive to improve the efficiency and power of the Church.

"3. Should increase the Christian witness of men in the community."

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in each country he had visited had been very real.

Only by a real spirit of patience and an increase in trust and co-operation, only by an overwhelming sense of partnership between all races, could they be solved successfully.

Dr. Fisher said: "There are plenty of people, of course, who, by their opinions or by their behaviour, make things more and not less difficult.

"There are Europeans and Asians who are poor examples of the civilisations which they bring here; there are Africans who betray that instinctive generosity of spirit and eagerness to learn which is so evident in most of them.

"But everywhere I have been it has seemed to me that those who believe in true partnership, those who have faith in and friendship for one another, are leading the way.

DEEPEST DIVISION

"I have seen enough in six weeks," he added, "to convince me that the deepest divisions are not those between Africans, Europeans, and Asians, but those between men and women, whatever their race, with co-operative spirit and creative goodwill on the one side, and on the other those who distrust change, distrust the future, and misdirect their qualities to unconstructive ends."

In a short space of time this society must race through the stages of cultural and social development which in England, proved troublesome enough over 200 years.

Because Europeans were contributing most in this, said Dr. Fisher, their responsibility was the greater.

G.B.R.E. ANNUAL MEETING FORTY DELEGATES REPRESENT EIGHTEEN DIOCESES

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, May 30

Following the Diocesan Sunday School Organisers' Conference, the annual meeting of the General Board of Religious Education was held at the Retreat House, Cheltenham, from May 23 to 26.

Forty delegates from eighteen of the twenty-five Australian dioceses attended under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Geelong, the Right Reverend J. D. McKie.

The clerical delegates included Bishop D. R. Blackwood, the vice-chairman of the Board, and Dean H. T. Langley, both closely associated with the beginning of this work; the Bishops of Adelaide and St. Arnaud; the Very Reverend D. Taylor, former director; and the Dean of Adelaide, Dr. T. T. Reed.

Among the lay representatives who came from as far afield as Perth and North Queensland, were a master builder, a police sergeant and the wife of a State school headmaster.

An address preceded the first business session on each of the three mornings. The opening devotional address was given by Bishop Blackwood.

Dr. John Munro provided many interesting details about religious broadcasting and television, and Miss Hilda Beaumont spoke about Sunday school administration and the work of a diocesan organiser.

In his report, the Director, Mr. V. K. Brown, told of his visits to several dioceses and also of a busy and interesting tour of the dioceses of New Zealand.

The Registrar presented a survey of the ever-increasing work of the Board throughout the past year.

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BROTHER CHARLES AT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

MISSION NEXT WEEK

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Reverend Charles Preston, S.S.F., will commence his mission to the University of Sydney on behalf of the Anglican Society on June 8.

Brother Charles will preach at the University service in S. James' Church, King Street, on the evening of June 12.

The dedication service will be held in St. Andrew's Cathedral on June 19, at which the Dean of Sydney, the Very Reverend E. A. Pitt, will preach.

The Society has been preparing for this mission since January. Brother Charles' arrival in January.

The series of addresses in the first term were preparatory and dealt with the Sevenfold Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Piller began this series, and succeeding addresses were given by Dr. F. R. Arnott, Dr. A. Capell, Dr. K. C. Westfield and the Dean of Sydney, the Very Reverend E. A. Pitt.

Prayer groups have been at work for a long time, and on March 13, many churches in the State prayed for the success of the mission.

A steady attendance has been maintained at regular Communion services held at St. James', King Street, and St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Brother Charles will be welcomed by the Society and its

friends in the Holme and Sutherland rooms of the University Union at 7.30 p.m. on June 6.

On June 8, at 1 p.m., his opening address will be given in the Wallace Theatre at the University.

The addresses for the first week are entitled "The Highway," "The Chasm" and "The Bridge," the theme, the Love of God. A Corporate Communion will be held on Thursday, June 9, at St. James' Church at 7.30 a.m.

Brother Charles feels his main work will be in meeting students personally. He hopes for many private interviews and will be available throughout the mission to meet and speak with students in the University grounds.

To augment this work a number of meetings have been arranged in the homes of students in the suburbs. Invitations are available for these meetings, which will be held in Artarmon, Mosman, Coogee, the City, Bondi and Hunter's Hill, on application to the Mission Secretary at Box 38, the Union.

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The church at Stafford, Diocese of Brisbane, which began as a hut, will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary on June 12. Recent additions to the building will be dedicated on that day by the Archbishop of Brisbane. (See story Page 3)

Church Mail Bag School, and the diocesan C.M.B.S. secretaries are to be warmly congratulated on their splendid work.

The Companionship Course, designed to hold the children during and after the Confirmation stage, is being used by approximately eight thousand children. Reports indicate that this course is filling a long-felt need and bringing the children into the full life of the Church.

The progress of a scheme for raising the status of Sunday school teachers was discussed. It includes a service of commissioning and a bishop's recognition certificate, which is to be signed by the bishop of the diocese.

On the Wednesday evening the Board received reports from the representatives of the various youth organisations at work in the Commonwealth. These all showed an encouraging increase in membership and interest.

The Board meeting concluded on a note of looking forward to its sixth All-Australian Summer School for clergy and Sunday school teachers, which will be held at Trinity College and Janet Clarke Hall in the University of Melbourne, next January.

The next meeting of the Board will be held during General Synod in Sydney later this year.

SYDNEY BOYS' CHOIR IN ARMIDALE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Armidale, May 30

The Sydney Boys' Choir made their return trip from Brisbane through some of the coldest weather that New England has known.

After their concert at Glen Innes they travelled over the snow-covered tablelands to Armidale, passing en route the stretch between Guyra and Armidale on which half a dozen cars (and occupants) had been marooned all night in the snowdrifts.

They sang the Ascensiontide Evensong at St. Peter's Cathedral, and later their programme of sacred and secular music at the parish hall.

It was the coldest night of the year so far, with temperatures well below freezing, but nevertheless a big audience turned out to hear the choir. The following night the choir sang at Tamworth to another delighted audience.

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