

DR COGGAN BEGINS TOUR FOR BBSE SOCIETY JUBILEE

SYDNEY SERVICES AT WEEK-END

The Archbishop of York, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable F. D. Coggan, arrived at Sydney Airport last Saturday from New Zealand to start a ten-day tour of Australia in connection with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the British & Foreign Bible Society.

His Grace, accompanied by Mrs Coggan and his domestic chaplain, the Reverend A. M. A. Turnbull, was met at the airport by Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. Gillespie, private secretary to the Governor of N.S.W., Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., with whom he stayed while in Sydney.

The Bible Society was represented by the Commonwealth Secretary, Canon H. M. Arounsmith, and by the Reverend Alan Scott, who arranged the Archbishop's Sydney programme.

Others who met the Prime Minister at the airport included the Hon. G. J. Fox, M.L.C. for Cornwall, Tasmania, who has been a member of the Commonwealth Council of the Bible Society since 1958.

His Grace told THE ANGELICAN that he thought sales of the Bible in recent years had led him to claim that although it was a best-seller, it was the least-read book. The enormous sales of the Phillips translation in the United States and the sales of the New English New Testament in England, he thought, were surely significant.

"People presumably do not buy it without reading it," he said.

Asked whether he shared the view of his predecessor at York on the relation between Church and State in England, and whether this might not stultify the witness of the Church, Dr Coggan said that although there were different points of view, "it is like the label on the bottle", and that it was the contents of the bottle that mattered.

On the relevance of "churchmanship" in appointments to high ecclesiastical office, Dr Coggan said that while as a matter of common sense it might be unwise to appoint an "extremist" to a post where his views would impede his work, considerations of churchmanship were otherwise irrelevant.

M.R.I. IMPACT

His Grace confirmed that the concept of Mutual Responsibility and Inter-dependence, which sprang from the Toronto Congress in 1962 had had little impact on the Church in England, by comparison with the Church in Canada and the United States. He was, however, keen to take into account comparative structures and financial organisation of the Church in both areas. For example, there existed in the multifarious mission societies and other bodies within the Church in England. In addition, the Church in England had the great problem of its architectural heritage — magnificent cathedrals, for whose upkeep no permanent assistance was forthcoming.

Last Sunday, the Archbishop celebrated Mass at an open Holy Communion service held in the Church of St. Philip, Church Hill.

He preached in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, later the same day.

PRIMATE'S MISSION

The Archbishop of Brisbane is visiting Adelaide at a moment where he is conducting a mission in the parish of St. Cuthbert's, Prospect.

The Rector of the parish, the Reverend Alan Day, was formerly a missionary who served in the Primeval area when he was Bishop of New Guinea.

morning, at the Third Jubilee Service for the British & Foreign Bible Society in Australia.

The Archbishop's sermon concerned S. Luke's "artistic account" of S. Philip's conversation with the Ethiopian eunuch.

The result of the encounter, he said, was intellectual enlightenment, commitment to Christ and the spread of the Gospel to Africa.

He said that the work of the British & Foreign Bible Society is identified with what S. Luke outlines in this story. "The world is full of enquiring minds, the growth of education and the new universities are reaching for anything to read in search of a philosophy of life."

OF THE ESSENCE

"We Christians believe that God has spoken, but we do not worship a book," he worshiped a Person, Jesus. We believe that the man, it is to live life to the full, he can only do so through contact with Christ.

"The work of the Bible Society should have the first call on the skill, the prayers and the generosity of all members of the church, whatever branch, to make available in whole or in part the Word of God to the whole world in language that the peoples of the world understand."

"We believe that God is here, willing to show the way to those who will, and that God has told the Good News. These were then

"We bid you join us in telling this news to the world."

Last Monday, Dr Coggan visited the Mount Pleasant Village at Castle Hill, near Sydney.

He attended a civic reception tendered by the Lord Mayor on Tuesday morning, spoke to clergy of the diocese on Tuesday afternoon and at a Bible Society Rally on Tuesday night, the Most Reverend M. L. Leane, leaving St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, to arrive in Melbourne on Wednesday morning.

OUR LENTEN APPEAL REACHES—

\$855 DESPITE BURGLARS!

Gifts to THE ANGELICAN's Lenten Appeal were included in money stolen from the offices of the Church of England Information Trust when it was burgled yet again during the night of Wednesday, March 1.

More than \$200 was stolen on this occasion, it included money sent for Tasmanian Bush Fire Relief, for the Free Fund, and for the Building Fund.

This was the eighth time the offices had been burgled in less than four months, and it was the most spectacular entry so far: the thieves entered by breaking through the roof and the ceiling. When the early staff arrived at 7 a.m. on Thursday, they found a large hole in the ceiling over the airway, through which rain was falling.

The rain, coursing down the stairs, had found its way to the storeroom at the rear of the building and had been entering through a small window giving on to the yard area behind the building, then by rear windows giving on to the staircase and the general office. These were then

covered by a grille of iron bars to prevent further breaking in by these means.

On the next occasion, the thieves broke down the stout rear door.

The work repaired and fitted with steel locks and shutters. Ironically, when the Insurance Company was informed of the latest steps taken to foil the burglars, the Letter from the Trust said: "We are satisfied that the only way these premises can now be forced to insure the roof."

All the Apostles' gifts, cheques and cash, had come by the late afternoon post. Fortunately, the names of donors had been recorded, and readers who had sent cheques were advised at once by telegram to stop payment on them. Unfortunately, the Trust's insurance policy covers only \$100 of any cash stolen.

PREVENTION

The Crime Prevention Squad of the Sydney C.I.L. has since given the Trust certain circumstances which would be burgled for any would-be burglar.

A cheque for \$172.00 was sent to the Bishop of Tasmania by which it was hoped that the readers will ensure it is possible to send him another cheque next week.

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fray the cost of sending copies of THE ANGELICAN each week by air freight to missionaries in the Diocese of Kuching, Jasselon, Polynesia and New Guinea.

We invite readers at the same time to help maintain our Free Fund by subscribing \$5,000 of the \$8,000 it costs to maintain each year, and to contribute \$8,000 towards the Trust's Building Fund, to alter and enlarge its present cramped premises.

In addition, we invite readers to support the work of the on-going ministry in Tasmanian parishes obliterated by bush fires.

Our Lenten Appeals — for the purposes listed on page 12 — meanwhile goes on, and the Trust acknowledges with gratitude the following gifts from readers received up to noon last Tuesday, March 7.

Previously acknowledged	53.50
Widdows & Kesteven and A. Rose	2.00
Mrs. S. Hughes	2.00
Stephen's Barbers Ladies'	4.50
Carlson	1.00
Ann, S.A.	1.00
W. J. Carter	1.00
Mrs. M. Kerline	1.00
J. and Mrs. Tuckwell	10.00
R. A. Goodfield	2.00
M. S. Gibson	2.00
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Mrs. S. B. Crockett	2.00
W. J. Carter	1.00
Ann, S.A.	1.00
G.D.	1.00
TOTAL	585.50

In accordance with the instructions of readers, this sum has been credited to the following accounts:

Cost of sending copies by air freight to Kuching	172.00
New Guinea	12.00
Polynesia	12.00
Asiatic	12.00
Building Fund	10.00
Insurance Policy	10.00
TOTAL	388.00



—Church Photography Australia picture, the Most Reverend M. L. Leane, leaving St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, last Sunday morning after the service held to celebrate the third jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

LENTEN GIVING DOWN

A.B.M. CHAIRMAN ON "BIG DROP"

"There has been a big drop over the past three years in the amount of money given to the Lenten Offering, says the Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions, Canon Frank Cook, Adelaide, on March 5.

"In 1964, the amount received through Lenten envelopes and boxes totalled \$35,532. In 1965, the contribution fell to \$33,917. Last year, it dropped still further to \$29,849," he said.

Canon Cook said that the drop in Lenten giving was significant for two reasons. It pointed to a slackening in the Lenten practice of fasting and self-denial. Traditionally, Anglicans deny themselves in Lent, then give to others.

LOSS OF INCOME

It also represented a loss of income to the Board that was not likely to be made up from any other source.

"Half-way through Lent is a good time to ask ourselves whether the following gifts from ourselves for the sake of others," he said.

He urged Anglican men, women and children to make full use of the Lenten envelope or mission box, and to return them in their church offertory with their gift to Missions by Easter Day.

BACK TO THE CENTRE

"Get away from the cold weather (after Easter) and enjoy Alice Springs' winter sunshine while you help rebuild the Parish Centre," urges Mr. Frank Koch, the story of whose venture there is printed in our issue of January 19. He reports a good response already but more people are expected to help rebuild the Parish Centre, the story of whose venture there is printed in our issue of January 19. He reports a good response already but more people are expected to help rebuild the Parish Centre, the story of whose venture there is printed in our issue of January 19.

U.S. SCHOLAR AT UNITY MEETING

STIMULATING ADDRESS IN MELBOURNE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, March 6
Nearly 100 people, representing the clergy and laity of all the major denominations, heard an extremely stimulating address from Fr Geoffrey Dickmann, O.S.B., at Newman College, University of Melbourne, on February 22.

The meeting was organised by the Committee of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Fr Dickmann has been editor since 1938 of the Roman Catholic liturgical journal "Worship" in the United States, and was a peritus at the Second Vatican Council.

Fr Dickmann said that following four centuries of scandalous rivalry between the churches in the post-Reformation era, the thrust was now not against each other, but in a common attempt to seek co-operation and service to man and his need.

The Catholic position in the last centuries could only be described as one of arrogance in its claim to be the visible Church, with the implication that Christian unity could only come about by a return to Catholicism.

The Decree on Ecumenism, which the Vatican Council had published, had radically altered this position.

POPE JOHN

The person of Pope John XXIII had done much to bring Catholics and Protestants into a new attitude one that particularly his recognition that all of us had sinned, and that we needed to forgive one another and to get on with the Christian job together.

Fr Dickmann expressed a conviction that the 45 non-Roman prelates at the Second Vatican Council exercised a far greater influence on the outcome of the council than a comparable number of any of the Catholic Bishops.

One of the great events was the prayer meeting at St. Peter's following the council, when Pope Paul and the leaders of the observers joined together in a great act of worship.

The Catholic Church had now written into its own understanding of itself the great Protestant proposition — *Eccelesia semper reformanda* — that the Church is always in need of reform.

He saw three great stumbling blocks — the insistence by Rome on the primacy of Peter, its attitude to Mariology, and the centrality of its ecclesiastical on the sacrifice of the Mass.

But even on these matters there was a deep growing together, the common use of the Bible as the source of truth, and the increased use of biblical language were instruments of growing unity.

AGREEMENT

"If one were to see somebody pouring over a New Testament in a train or bus today, the odds were so even that it might be a Catholic or a Protestant as to make a bet on the subject unethically."

There was deep agreement within Rome and beyond Rome with the proposition of the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission that worship is the central determinant of the Church's life.

He believed that Protestants had rejected the theology of the sacrifice of the Mass for good Catholic reasons, that is, their insistence that the God of Christ was a unique historic person, and could not be repeated; was in fact, good Catholic theology.

There was widespread agreement that what happens in the Eucharist is that God makes the past events present again, though the events remain historically unique, historical, once-for-all events.

Unless, when we take part in our Communion services or the Mass, our hearts are open to Christian brother everywhere, we have not really received the Mass in its fulness.

In this sense, although we will celebrate separately, the Mass and Communion bind the Church together.

It was not an accident that at the moment of deepest crisis at the time of the Lord's Supper, Our Lord prayed that they all should be one.

It is in the context of the great crisis in man's life that the unity that we have in Christ becomes most real.

The meeting was a valuable inauguration of plans for the celebration of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Ascension to Pentecost, during the month of May.

LITURGICAL COMMISSION MEETS: INVITES SUGGESTIONS

The following statement was issued at the conclusion of the first meeting of the Standing Liturgical Commission of the Church of England in Australia, held at St. Paul's College, University of Sydney, from February 20 to 23:

It has seemed important to us that some public statement should be made at this first meeting concerning our responsibilities within the Church of England in Australia as we see them.

"Clearly our first and immediate task is to continue the work already begun of revising the Book of Common Prayer for modern Australia."

"We therefore have arranged well in hand for the distribution throughout Australia of draft revised services, and for the collection and evaluation of reports on their trial."

"We very much hope the Australian Church will give these experiments whole-hearted support."

"In this first stage of Prayer Book revision, as General Synod has termed it, we shall of course continue our own private studies of Prayer Book services both in liturgy, and in preparation for the

later stages of the whole undertaking."

"We shall make use of special liturgical commissions, and the aid of musical, literary and dramatic experts."

"The resolutions of General Synod and the very name of our Commission require that we should concern ourselves with all those matters which have liturgical significance, and not merely with the texts of services."

"Liturgy, as Bishop Leslie Brown says in 'Relevant Liturgy', is fundamentally not a form of words to be studied by the activity of a living body: it is of 'people of God worshipping' as Dr Percy Jones says in 'English and the Liturgy'."

"Liturgy is concerned with everything that pertains to the corporate public worship of God. We plan, therefore, to promote in due course studies in religious music, art and architecture."

"We are already considering certain specific projects in these areas with which to make a beginning."

"Here especially, we shall be calling for the assistance of experts — of artists, musicians and architects themselves."

"Finally, it is in our intention wherever possible to work in close consultation with those who have similar interests and bear similar responsibilities to our own in other Christian churches both here and overseas."

"We recognise with gratitude that the study of liturgy is at the present day a most fruitful field for Christian co-operation."

The spokesman for the commission, Dr Robin Starwood, Warden of Trinity College, University of Melbourne, said that Dean Falkingham, the secretary of the commission, will be glad to receive comments, criticisms and suggestions on the work of the commission from anyone interested in the matters being discussed by the commission. His address is Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle.

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deacon of Northern Papua, and Headmaster of the Marist School, who has known the new bishop for twenty years.

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DEACONESS HOUSE COMMENCEMENT

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, March 6

Absence of a front fence made it easy for people to attend the annual Commencement Day of Deaconess House, Melbourne, last Saturday afternoon, March 4.

However, as the Principal's Report pointed out, this was the prelude to a new one, promised, but not completed in time for Commencement.

The report also drew attention to painting and furniture improvements made to the house during the past year.

The values of the Order of Deaconesses, the Right Reverend Felix Annot, president, and the chaplain, the Reverend A. W. Singleton, led the opening devotions.

The report presented by the Principal, Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred, disclosed successful results from the previous year's study, and later in the afternoon, Bishop Annot presented ThA, diploma to Miss J. Shaw and Miss M. Webster.

DIPLOMAS

Normal ThA, two-year course, but by special permission of the Australian College of Theology, both girls did the full course in the one year. Both students were graduates of the house.

Deaconess Elizabeth also drew attention to personal contacts that mean so much to the house, especially the hard working auxiliary, and the Associates of Deaconess House, together with support from Lady Gurney.

She herself had visited 84 parishes during the year.

The address was given by Deaconess Marjorie McGregor, a former student, who recently returned from two years overseas, where she was engaged in parish work.

She described a Diaconia Conference held in Edinburgh last July, and some of the results of the discussions from this

INDUSTRIAL SERVICE

FROM AN INDIVIDUAL COMPANY display their products in or around St. Bede's Church, Drummeville, on Sunday, February 26, 1967.

The service was conducted by the Rector of St. Bede's, the Reverend Kenneth Routledge, and the preacher was the Reverend Ken Chisholm, Chaplain-Director of the Inter-Church (N.S.W.).

Before the service, which was attended by representatives of the various companies involved, more than 100 people were entertained at tea in the parish hall.

Displays, in or about the church, included motor vehicles, engines, paint, motor tyres, carpets, towels, car batteries, wire netting, glass, petrol and colourful posters.

Miss Angela Kim.

BISHOP BEVAN MEREDITH CONSECRATED IN BRISBANE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

All the bishops of the province of Queensland, and all assistant bishops of New Guinea, were present at St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, on the Third Sunday in Lent, February 26, for the consecration of the Venerable Bevan Stanley Meredith, as a third assistant bishop for New Guinea.

A petrocr cross of annual design was presented to the new bishop. It is of an irregular, roundish shape, with Latin signs of the Mass, people etched on the plain gold.

These are symbols of the Trinity, and one is the sign meaning "read," so that it is in a certain sense a crucifix.

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NAKURU...THE NEW SETTLERS

By CHRISTABEL M. BAKEWELL

THE third branch of help that the Diocese of Nakuru is able to give through the Rural Aid Mission is that of the Farmers' Training Centre, opened in mid-May, 1964.

This is an extremely valuable practical piece of community service, being led at present by a young English agriculturist, from the Friends' Mission, Mr. Michael Pittard.

There are African assistants and is training them to take over this work when he leaves after one more year's service.

A large farmhouse, which has been added to over the years, was bought, together with 60 acres of land, and has ample accommodation for the Principal and his wife and family, his African assistants, and also for the batches of up to 40 students who attend the courses.

The land comprises some 40 acres of grazing, eight acres of cultivation, three acres of orchard, the balance being for housing and gardens.

The whole area is an outdoor classroom. Students are instructed in the basic points of crop and stock husbandry and the provision of fodder.

Wherever possible teaching is carried out by means of demonstrations and visits to plots of better farmers.

Instruction is based on the assumption that some of the students in every course will be illiterate (hence the great value of the Adult Literacy courses carried on by the Home and Community Team of the Rural Aid Mission), and blackboard work is kept to a minimum.

There is a small herd of Friesian cattle and a flock of 30 Corriedale and cross Merina ewes. It is planned to build up a good-class flock of some 40 to 50 Corriedale ewes for wool and fat lamb production.

The main farming operations in the area served by the Centre are growing of vegetables, potatoes and cereals, dairy produce, and sheep for fat lamb production.

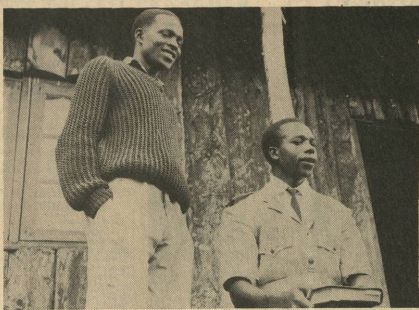
Delicious top fruit from tenderloin grow fairly well and parts of the area are well suited for the production of cut flowers for the Nairobi market.

In this area there are 16 settlement schemes totalling nearly 200,000 acres and comprising some 6,500 small holdings.

It is against this background of farming that the work of the Centre is planned.

The profitable outcome of the teaching of the Centre is easily seen on the farm plots of some of the ex-students of the courses.

One impressive section of the "outdoor classroom" is a small plot of land which has been procured about three miles away from the Centre itself, out on the poor-soil plains where coarse grass and shrubs make hopelessly



Church Army Captain Habel Gligoto (right) and evangelist, Njabisi, South Kinangop.

inadequate grazing for local cattle. Here experimental plots have been planned to show the results of using various fertilisers on fodder grasses and vegetable crops, and the growth on completely unfertilised soil.

This is the second of four articles on the Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya, East Africa, written for "The Anglican" by Mrs C. M. Bakewell. The third article on "Agriculture in the Service of God" will appear next week.

The results are obvious and are a lesson of encouragement to those who have holdings in less fertile areas.

At the Training Centre itself, the experimental plots in different types of pyrethrum, in cattle sheds, in different types of potatoes and so on, open a new world of scientific farming to the Kikuyu farmer, who must learn to face modern conditions and competition.

Lectures on animal husbandry, backed by the obvious health of the stock on the farm, all of which were bought from the same sources as those of local farm holders, speak volumes and clearly demonstrate the value of the teaching and practice of the Centre.

It was an interesting experience to "sit-in" on a lecture to 30 Kikuyu women - farmers' wives - and to watch the interest with which most of them absorbed the teaching on the care of sheep and cattle.

The atmosphere of the Centre may be gauged by the comment

God its Creator, and it is for us to make the best use of all His gifts.

Some of the Christians in the settlement schemes have taken up the idea of God's Acre, and make the returns from a certain section of their land their offering to God.

Heading up the Rural Aid Mission as its Administrative Secretary is Mr R. C. Tyers who with his wife and family lives not far from the Farmers' Training Centre.

His task of co-ordinating all the work of the three R.A.M. Teams (Medical, Home and Community Training, and Farmers' Training Centre), organising and maintaining the motor vehicles and equipment necessary for much of the work, coping with various financial problems, acting as liaison officer between various local bodies and the Mission, puts an impressive amount of responsibility on his shoulders.

His interest in the District Scout Troops, of which he is

—East Africa Venture pictures.

Commissioner, is another very valuable service to the youth of the community.

Here is a picture of something living and precious that the Church in the Diocese of Nakuru is doing in a community where the background is difficult, where great social and economic changes are going on, and where the rapid withdrawal of many Europeans has created problems of finance and management which are very acute both for Church and for Government.

There is much real need but also a spirit of optimism and courage, and in such conditions a stable, responsible, just and kindly Christian witness can have a great effect on the community and may win many into the Kingdom of God.

This is a time of great opportunity, and the writer makes no apology for suggesting that every reader of this article should ask himself whether there is any good reason why he should not now, and over the next few critical years, commit himself to some definite share in the forward-looking, onward-going task of the Rural Aid Mission.

It is easy to say, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled"; but how much better to put our hands to the task and humbly seek to follow the Lord who said, "He hath sent me to preach the gospel to the poor, to proclaim release for the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

AFRICA SEEKS BASIS OF UNION

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Tanzania, March 6

Representatives of five churches in Kenya and Tanzania have decided to negotiate a new basis of union since two of the denominations participating in union talks had been unable to accept the interim basis originally proposed.

Churches represented at a meeting of the Negotiating Committee on February 16 included Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Moravians.

The committee was chaired by the Reverend Yohana Mbugua, a Methodist minister who was formerly Deputy General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Kenya.

The task of formulating a new basis has been entrusted to a Liturgy and Doctrine Committee composed of four delegates from each of the five churches.

As each section of the new document is drafted, it will be widely circulated within the churches for study at all levels. Sub-committees will also concentrate on the ministry of women and a glossary of theological terms.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO INCUMBENTS

PRAYER BOOK REVISION IN AUSTRALIA

Please note carefully the following information about the new and revised forms of Service.

1. Separate, individual forms of service are in course of preparation. They will be available to parishes for use under proper conditions AFTER Easter.
2. Orders for these small books, each containing one form of service, MUST be placed with your Diocesan Registry. Orders should NOT be placed through booksellers, or direct with THE ANGLICAN.
3. The reason for this requirement is twofold. First, each diocesan bishop must approve the use of these experimental forms in each parish, and his Registry is the proper channel through which he should be informed. Second, the actual price of the booklets is dependent on the orders ordered, so that almost all parishes have been asked to transmit orders to the Primate's Registry not later than March 12.
4. The second edition of the complete Revised Prayer Book for the Diocese of Melbourne, together with the draft Revised Forms of Service and the new Forms of Service, is now almost completely sold out; our Book Department holds in fact a stock of fewer than 100 copies.
5. Preference will be given to orders for single copies accompanied by cash. Clergymen who have not yet obtained copies are requested to PLACE THEIR ORDERS IMMEDIATELY.

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G.F.S. LEADER FOR MELBOURNE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, March 6
15,000 girls are under the care of Mrs C. H. Egrton, Commonwealth Chairman of the Girls' Friendly Society, who is making her first visit to the Melbourne diocese this week.

She attended the corporate Communion of the society in St. Paul's Cathedral last Saturday, March 4, at 8.15 a.m., when the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend F. Woods was the celebrant.

Afterwards she mingled with girls and leaders as they shared a cup of tea in the Chapter House.

Later in the week she met committee members at a buffet tea in Jeram Hall and attended their meeting.

Other features of Mrs Egrton's visit are the opportunity of observing branches at work in outlying and new areas, a day visit to the Ballarat diocese, a garden party, and a service on March 12 at St. Paul's, Frankston, which will include the impressive G.F.S. Cross of Light in which a circle of friendship becomes the Cross of Christ.



—East Africa Venture pictures.
Archdeacon Manasse Kivia, who served for a year at St. Clement's, Mombasa, giving Holy Communion to African settlers.

TRUMPETS OF JUBILEE FOR THE BIBLE SOCIETY

By CANON H. M. ARBOWSMITH, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA

I began in a prison camp for 1917. That is what Sydney was in 1917. By that date nearly 20,000 convicts had come to Australia, most of them to Sydney.

They came, involuntarily, to pay their debt to society. There were then only 2,000 free settlers, chiefly military and civilian officers.

This was the general situation when on March 7, 1817, in the Court Room in Sydney Town, the "Auxiliary Bible Society of New South Wales" was constituted.

Governor Macquarie convened the meeting. Samuel Marsden (or was it the Governor himself?) moved the resolution to establish the Auxiliary. Marsden said:

"We are met together this day to promote one of the grandest designs that ever employed the thoughts of men or of angels; it is for no less purpose than to aid and assist in distributing the Word of God—the Bread of Eternal Life—to the poor perishing souls of our fellow-creatures."

Thus, to the day, thirteen years after the establishment of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, the society had a foot in Australia. One of those present was the Reverend W. Cowper. His name, later to be Dean of Sydney, wrote of this occasion and said:

"I have never forgotten the joyful spirit in which my father and I were home from the meeting at which it had been inaugurated. He seemed to have been found a great treasure."

FUTURE WORK

Rather prophetically, the pattern for the future work of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Australia was immediately established:

1. £150 was at once sent to London to assist in the world-wide work.

2. A local survey was soon made. The Scripture needs showed that "more than enough" of the dwellings and nearly three-fifths of the inhabitants who can read are without a Bible. This led to a vigorous programme of guided local distribution.

3. Scriptures were sent to Van Diemen's Land and to Tonga and in 1827 a Scripture in Maori was published in Sydney. (The Bible Society ignores the distinction of being the oldest missionary society in Australia.)

This general responsibility has been followed and enlarged as the years have gone by. The society in Australia has three areas in its outreach:

It is proud of, and intends to preserve, the nexus with London, and in this way to be integral with the whole Bible Society movement.

It is engaged in an active stewardship of the Word amongst its own people.

It has accepted an increasing responsibility for Bible Society work in the Pacific.

Bible work is always based on spiritual conviction. Born of gratitude to God for the reality of revealed religion, thankful for the Bible as the basic book about God, there is in a Christian an inescapable sense of debt to pay to all those who do not know the Gospel and who do not possess a Bible. In consequence the whole Bible Society movement, Australia has sought to do this.

Since 1817, the Bible Society in Australia has given itself in the single task of distributing Holy Scripture. Today, Australia has a significant nation, with her roots and traditions in the West, but her present influence and future destiny linked with the Bible.

The Bible Society has grown with the nation. The policy has been of decentralization.

We have Bible Houses in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, Launceston, Townsville and Port Moresby.



Memorial Bible House, Canberra, is the National Headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Australia.

In 1967 there will be new establishments in Darwin, Carnarvon and Lae. There will thus be a ring of Bible Houses around Australia.

Then we must open in Alice Springs and radiate out from there. For if, the demographers are correct, 60,000 there could be 100,000,000 people in this great South Land.

The society's organisation in Australia is impressive, its stewardship of the Word influential.

Motivated by unshakeable confidence, which we do not apologise, we have distributed millions of Scriptures in Australia. New Guinea and the Pacific.

We have penetrated the Outback with the Word; we have ministered in overtures of Divine Grace in hospitals and in orphanages, in institutions and goals.

We have tendered Scriptures to Servicemen going into battle, to theologians in their colleges, to migrants on their arrival, and to New Australians on their naturalisation.

We have filled the air with innumerable broadcasts of the content and the comfort of God's Truth; we have occupied the TV

screens with vivid portrayals of the world-wide circulation and efficacious power of God's Written Word.

A dedicated staff has preached in hundreds of churches every year, and has enlarged that annual ministry by the conducting of God upon our works throughout the country.

We have received the favour and the fellowship in prayer and in gifts, of tens of thousands of faithful Stewards of God.

And, best of all, despite a humbling record of our acknowledged imperfections, we have been more humbled by the confident awareness of the good hand of God upon our work.

We have been conscious of a Divine Guidance which has firm-ly shaped our timid progress, and of a Divine blessing which has strongly reinforced our weak endeavour.

The dimension of our involvement in the world programme of Scripture distribution is large and growing.

In recent years, under God, we have been privileged to share increasingly in the wider work outside Australia, and in the years 1961-66 have remitted a total of £650,000 (tip) cash to London

ANGLICAN BISHOP OF CUBA CONSECRATED

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Havana, March 6

The Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba, a meeting held on February 23-24, elected the Very Reverend Jose Agustín González-Martínez, Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Havana, to the office of Bishop of Cuba.

The Service of Consecration for the new Bishop was conducted in the cathedral on Sunday, March 5, by the Right Reverend Miguel Saucedo, Suffragan Bishop of Mexico.

He was assisted by the Most Reverend Howard H. Clark, Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada, and the Right Reverend John Cyril Swaby, Suffragan Bishop of Kingston, Jamaica.

Bishop Saucedo acted as the representative of the Ninth Episcopal Province of the Caribbean and Bishop Swaby represented the Archbishop of the West Indies.

The new bishop is a native of Cuba and received his undergraduate education here.

He studied theology in the United States and was ordained

Deacon in 1943 and Priest in 1945. His whole ministry has been in Cuba, and since 1962 he has been Dean of the cathedral in Havana.

Cuba has been a missionary district of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

As this relationship is no longer possible, the House of Bishops set up a Metropolitan Council for the Caribbean, the West Indies and the President of the Ninth Province of the Caribbean.

Cuba becomes an autonomous diocese outside the usual Anglican spiritual organisation, but linked to the rest of the Anglican communion through the Metropolitan Council.

for the general overseas missionary work of the society. This is in addition to the work done on the Church of South Guinea and in the South Pacific, for which areas we have published scores of editions of Scripture.

THANKSGIVING

Neither does this figure include the cost of English Scriptures purchased for sale in Australia. For this month and also this stewardship we praise God.

This Third Giving has a triple emphasis:

A Thanksgiving to God for the personal and an official for that Word.

For a strengthening of our Organisation in Australia to permit a greater outreach to the World with the Word.

This is not the time for pessimism nor for timidity.

Any failure of Christian witness, at any time, is regrettable. But to fall now, in this present crisis of world history, will be in this age of longing, would be shameful.

It is true that here and there the Church has lost her nerve about Holy Scripture.

But never the Bible Society. We are people of conviction. My Word shall not pass away. And neither will those who live by it.

The Bible Society in Australia, this year, will, under God, experience a Jubilent Jubilee.

CANADIAN CANOE TRIP

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE
Toronto, March 6
1967

Camp Pontiac, the Anglican youth camp of the Diocese of Ottawa, is participating in a canoe trip from Mattawa in Northern Ontario to Ottawa.

It will be the highlight of the camp's centennial activities and will be held in the heart of the original Voyageur route from Canadian settlers.

Young men of all denominations will be invited to take part in the canoe trip which will follow the original Voyageur route from Canadian settlers.

There will be excursions and guided tours of interesting projects along the way, including the Atomic Energy Plant at Chalk River.

At the end of the journey the boys will be greeted by the water's edge behind the Parliament Buildings by the Prime Minister.

CHURCH ASSEMBLY'S MOTION ON DIVORCE

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, March 6

The Church Assembly on February 16 accepted the view that breakdown of a marriage should be the only ground for divorce.

This was the recommendation contained in "Putting Asunder", the report of the group appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to consider divorce.

The amendment to the motion on divorce-law reform was moved by a lawyer, Professor J. N. D. Anderson.

The Assembly's motion also affirmed the Church's belief in the principle of marriage as a

lifelong partnership of one man and one woman; welcomed the report; "Putting Asunder"; emphasised the Church's concern for the disaffected and troubled; Conventions to consider ways in which the Church could better exercise its pastoral ministry towards them.

This was a result of a proposal tabled by Canon D. K. Dean of Southwark who said he believed the arguments for and against re-marriage in church should be reviewed from time to time.

LITURGICAL LECTURES

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, March 6
The Council of Adult Education is sponsoring a series of twelve lectures on the Liturgical Movement in various churches.

The series begins on March 9 at 7.45 p.m. and continues on subsequent Thursdays at 2.50 p.m. Flinders Street, Melbourne.

The programme includes two lectures by the Right Reverend Felix Arnot, "Liturgical Renewal in the Church of England" (April 6) and "Prayer Book Revision" (April 13).

Another Anglican, the Reverend David Warner, will speak on April 20 on "The Parish and People Movement and other contemporary movements."

Other lectures include those on Roman Catholic liturgical renewal on the Church of South Guinea, the Community of Taizé; Church music and architecture.

CHANGES AT S. GABRIEL'S

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Townsville, March 6

S. Gabriel's School for Girls at Charters Towers, Diocese of North Queensland, commenced this year with a record enrolment of more than 170 girls.

High tribute was paid on March 1 by the Bishop of North Queensland, the Most Reverend Morris Beale, the Headmistress, under whose enthusiastic hand the numbers have increased from the sixties four years ago.

This growth of the school has called for a great deal of re-planning, and naturally has taken considerable toll on the health and energies of the headmistress.

Miss Beale has therefore decided to go to Europe for further studies and recuperation, and a new Headmistress and Principal have been appointed who will be taking up their duties on March 1.

The Headmistress is Miss Jennifer Ward, who is also acting as acting Principal.

for the Women's College in the University of Queensland, has been teaching in the University in England, and has specialised in helping people to be adjusted through her work with the Migration and Repatriation Departments of the Commonwealth.

The Principal will be Miss Margaret Copeland, who is also a graduate of Sydney University, and is also gaining Honours in English.

She has taught one of the large girls' schools in Sydney, has worked on a cattle station as a governess, and is a fully qualified librarian.

The school will continue to be under the control of the Diocese of North Queensland, the Headmaster of All Souls' Church, Sydney, is also developing.

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