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LORD FISHER ADVOCATES MORE BIBLE READING KINDLY CANDOUR SHOWN IN TWO ADDRESSES

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Adelaide, December 16

With the kindly candour for which he has become noted during his stay in the Diocese of Adelaide, Archbishop Lord Fisher of Lambeth gave two important addresses here last week.

In one he stressed the value and importance of the Bible; in the other he made some pertinent remarks about the Church of England in Australia.

Preaching in S. Peter's Cathedral on December 8, Lord Fisher spoke of the part the Bible had played in his youth.

He said that in those days he did not ask what the authority of the Bible was.

"I enjoyed reading it," he said, "but I did not understand parts of it. This was true of other books I read, too."

He traced the development of his understanding of the Bible and referred to two questions which have occupied the attention of scholars here for centuries: how far have they conveyed the actual historical facts of what Jesus said and taught, and directed the apostles to do? How far have they conveyed the personality of Jesus Himself?

He said that while there is never to be a final answer to the first question, we should not take the scholars too seriously because their efforts have established more firmly two basic truths — that the New Testament takes its directly back to the original (Pentecost) inspiration of the apostles, and that those men who conveyed that inspiration to us were honest men.

NEW PERIOD

Lord Fisher said that in his younger days the clergy preached almost always from the Bible and expounded it.

"When came the impact of modern scholarship," he said. "Many of the clergy felt that they had no longer the old security on which to preach and teach."

"Some took their sermons, some talked about things in general, others took refuge in what the Church teaches as a substitute for what the Bible teaches, forgetting that the teaching must be checked by the Bible."

When there came a period when the well of truth seemed to have dried up, from that period are new happily and gloriously emerging.

He said that the ecumenical movement and the World Council of Churches were due to a return to the New Testament in a common possession.

SINGAPORE ORDINATION

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Singapore, December 16

On Sunday, December 22, the Bishop of Singapore, the Right Reverend Kenneth Sumbury, will ordain Parson Smith to the priesthood and send three others to the diocese, at S. Andrew's Cathedral in Singapore.

The Reverend Yen Chin Chye, Curate of S. Paul's Church in Penang, will be ordained priest.

The three men for the diaconate will be Mr. Adam Ibrahim, curate at the Parish Church of S. Hilary at Katong, Singapore; Mr. Abel Chang, to serve in the Parish of Seremban, with special responsibility for Rashed New Market, and Mr. Pooh Tin, to serve in Christ Church in Malacca.

tion shared by all other Churches, that there is a common message of common life in the New Testament.

He suggested two ways in which we can give "this apostolic creed its rightful place in our lives": through regular daily Bible reading and by placing in a Bible the lessons read in church each Sunday. In order to do this we should go to Matts or Evensong — or both.

He said that he had found only a few churches where the congregation had Bibles to follow the lessons regularly.

He was struck by the attentiveness of the congregation at the cathedral in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, where lessons had been followed in his youth.

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which said what they meant and meant what they said.

He pointed out that the term "Anglican Communion" referred to Churches in different countries and of different races derived from England but belonging to it.

Following Lord Fisher's address the secular Press reported the Bishop of Adelaide, the Right Reverend T. T. Reed, as saying that he "entirely agreed" that the name of the Church of England in Australia should be changed.

He was reported as saying: "I proposed this when the new constitution came in in 1960, but I was in the minority."

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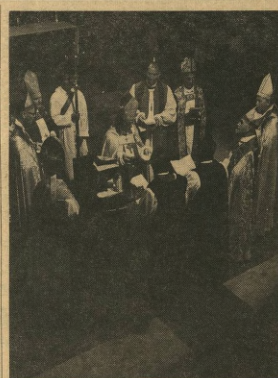
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An impressive scene during the conversation of the two Assistant Bishops of Melbourne, the Right Reverend Leonard Ahtal and the Right Reverend Dudley Telford, at Frontara on November 30. ("The Anglican", December 12).

GEELONG VICAR TO BE A.B.M. HOME SECRETARY

The Reverend J. N. Bagnall, Vicar of Christ Church, Geelong, Diocese of Melbourne, since 1960, has been appointed Home Secretary of the Australian Board of Missions.

The Home Secretary is the number two executive officer of A.B.M. under the chairman.

The present Home Secretary, the Reverend D. E. Taylor, is retiring temporarily because of eye trouble. He will complete his work with A.B.M. at the end of January, and will live in Brisbane.

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Canon F. W. Coldrick has announced the following staff changes at the Missionary Training College:

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CHRISTMAS DAY TELECAST TO MAKE TELEVISION HISTORY

A religious telecast will make Australian television history on Christmas Day when a Holy Communion service from S. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, will be telecast simultaneously by all A.B.C. stations in South Australia, Victoria, the A.C.T., and New South Wales.

The Bishop of Adelaide, the Right Reverend T. T. Reed, will be the celebrant; the service will begin at 11 a.m. in the eastern States.

The picture will be beamed over nine microwave links from where it will be transmitted by coaxial cable to Canberra, Sydney, and N.S.W. regional channels.

Preparations for the telecast began several months ago, with A.B.C. engineering teams studying maps to select suitable sites for the first ground microwave relay between Adelaide and Melbourne.

The sites were then visited on

check accessibility, for lines of sight between the transmitting and receiving stations, and living accommodation.

On December 22, 19 members of the A.B.C. TV engineering division will leave their bases in Adelaide and Melbourne to travel to the nine remote sites chosen.

REMOTE SITES

All will use four-wheel drive vehicles, because their journeys will take them over rough sand dunes, through gorges, or over rough mountain tracks over which orthodox vehicles could not travel.

Work on the sites will begin

CHANGES IN EDUCATION

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Adelaide, December 16

"There have been more changes in education in Victoria during the past twelve months than for many years previously," declared Mr J. J. Leppitt, Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, in his annual Speech Night.

He pointed out that the school leaving age has been raised; the Intermediate Certificate has been changed and the Leaving Certificate will follow; the third of the boys after the 2nd will be eligible for State Government scholarships; and the Federal Government is now entering the field of secondary education.

The Speech Night was held at the Kew City Hall on Wednesday, December 11, and a large hall was overcrowded by the boys of the school, their parents and friends.

The junior school Speech Night will be held the previous evening and a break-up gathering for the boys of the first two forms will follow at 10 p.m.

The Headmaster's Report outlined the progress and achievement with an enrolment of 840.

SCHOOL POLICY

Although there are three streams in the secondary course, at Leaving and Matriculation level it is necessary to have four streams because of the increasing demands of the University.

This will be helped by the opening next year of extensions specialising before Leaving Certificate and then to demand from the boys their highest and best.

An old boy of the school is included amongst the first graduates of the new Monash University, and the school is a training school for Mercer House and the University School of Education.

The policy of the school is to give a wide range, with no specialisation before Leaving Certificate and then to demand from the boys their highest and best.

In sport, a record year placed Trinity Grammar first in four competitions.

The prizes were presented by Mr. H. Smith, Chairman of the National Parks, who also gave an address on the national parks of Victoria.

A fine musical programme was arranged by the music master, Mr. Thompson.

Work on the sites will begin

the following day, with the in-control police, fire, and television nets, receivers and aerials.

A complete relay will be established by December 24, and television test signals will be sent from Adelaide and Melbourne.

Crews will be on duty at dawn on Christmas Day to set up communications between the link stations and between capital city control points.

They will then establish the A.B.C. relay stations, and the P.M.G. coaxial cable relay to Sydney, in preparation for the Christmas Day telecast.

INTERESTING MODERN CHURCH DEDICATED AT BOGGABRI

A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Boggabri, December 16

All Boggabri appeared to have turned out for the dedication of S. Barnabas' Church, here, on Friday night, December 13, by the Bishop of Armidale.

The church grounds were about with festoons and coloured lights. The Vicar of Boggabri, the Reverend Harry Taylor, accompanied by his churchwardens, met the bishop at the west door and requested the dedication of the church.

A procession of visiting clergy preceded the entrance of the bishop. The Archbishop of Brisbane, the Venerable R. D. Dutton, and the Rural Dean of Murrumbidgee, Canon R. F. Kirby, followed.

FINE MEMORIALS AT RYDE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT
Further history was made at the historic S. Anne's, Ryde, Diocese of Sydney, during the month of December, 1963.

At the 8 a.m. service of Holy Communion on December 15, Mr Ogden, the rector, the Reverend David Livingston, dedicated a solid silver plate to mark the 35th wedding anniversary of the Reverend Ralph Ogden and the late Mrs. Dorcas Ogden.

Mr and Mrs Ogden were married at S. Anne's, Ryde, in 1928. Presiding the occasional service on December 15, Mr Ogden, who is Chaplain at the 11th A.C.H., at Concord, based his thoughts on the subject of memory and remembrance.

At the same service, the rector voiced the thanks of the congregation to the Wives' Evening group for their making possible to refurbish the brass lectern, which was given in 1912 in memory of Florence Muller. This valuable memorial has been polished and repainted, and is now guarded by James Castle and Sons, of Newtown, who are the original makers of the lectern.

On December 22, a former member of the Reverend K. L. Lang, now of S. George's, Hurstville, will dedicate a new carved solid cedar flower stand given by Mrs. I. G. L. Sene, a member of the church, to Mr George Smith, who rendered much service at S. Anne's until his death in 1962. These practical gifts all form a part of the future of S. Anne's and with the recent rearing scheme, enhance an already beautiful parish church.

The impressive service of dedication, during which the bishop and the archdeacon led prayers at the various parts of the church, culminated in the pronouncement from the altar by the bishop that the church was now duly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, and to the honour of His Apostles and Saint Barnabas.

Before delivering his sermon, the bishop congratulated the project of the prayers and labours of many years, and paid tribute to the long list of faithful priests and laity who had served God faithfully in the old house, and whose memory was enshrined in the hearts of the people of Boggabri.

Particular mention was made of the late the Reverend A. F. James, during whose ministry the church was founded, and of whom the bishop said, "He was a man of prayer, and whose eldest son, Mr Francis James, had recently set the foundation stone."

Two former vicars were present, the late the Reverend H. J. Mills and B. Thomas. The present vicar had laboured in the church for 12 years, and had inspired his people with zeal to go forward with the building programme.

MANY GIFTS

Mr Taylor's skill in the art of church consecration was evident in the new altar frontals and a cope worn at the dedication service.

The bishop preached on the text, "I will be a Father to the fatherless, and a merciful Father to the widow," and Christ and members in particular, reminding the congregation that the church is not only for the church, but for the world.

The new church has a permanent fund of additional gifts, totalling more than £1,000. The new church was given by Mr R. L. Skinner, of Sydney, and the building was given by Mr P. and Mrs. Moore, of Tamworth.

With careful thought for the climatic conditions of the area, and the imaginative use of

modern building materials, the architect has combined contemporary architectural insights with proper liturgical sensitivity.

While content in basic outline, the building gives a feeling of spaciousness not often found in country churches of moderate size.

An interesting feature is the ceiling, which is small, all-glass, and sanctuary approached by a large chancel arch with chancel seats set well back to avoid obstruction of the sanctuary view.

Large sliding glass doors cover the ample concrete lattice ventilators, and the whole of the inside of the nave is of large glass.

Examinating the east end is a large cross of slender design and decorated with abstract panels of glass.

LORD FISHER AT DEDICATION OF GIRLS' SCHOOL CHAPEL

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Adelaide, December 16

A large gathering of parents and friends attended the dedication on December 1 of the striking new Chapel of S. Margaret of Scotland at Woodlands Church of England Girls' Grammar School in the Adelaide suburb of Glenelg.

Archbishop Lord Fisher of Lambeth gave the address. The service, amplified to the overflow congregation outside the chapel, was conducted by the Bishop of Adelaide, the Right Reverend T. R. Hood.

The chapel is of circular design, with extensive use of glass, and a centrally mounted cross rises high into it.

The bishop, who approached the chapel, some verses from Psalm 124.

The bishop knelt upon the closed door with his pastoral crozier, and, at each of which a lesson was read.

During the service he moved to the altar, and the Archbishop Lord Fisher referred to the dedication at an occasion of great joy and thanksgiving.

He posed the question: "What is this chapel for?" He said that the indicative answer was "worship."

He said: "There is a great danger of confusing worship to what happens in church. It is true. But to do this takes away its true meaning. Worship is that which any person offers to the whole of his being, with reverence, in the service of Almighty God."

"This chapel is for corporate worship, which differs from the worship of our lives which each of us does."

Referring to corporate worship he had attended in many places, he said, "I have seen that while one service may be weak in services, others are strong; some services are weak in liturgical strength, others strong; some congregations know how to sing or say a prayer, while others do not."

He said: "But the people who come out of these services are the same sorts of people in that they all share one common sense—that there is a good life revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and we are called to Him."

He said that through worship people receive grace and power to serve Christ. Some services of corporate worship greatly help, others hinder; some uplift, others depress; some teach error, others truth. It is the Church's duty to see that all of the services are true and thereby assist corporate worship.

"TOP EXCITING"

The Lord Fisher warned of the dangers of trying to make church services too exciting or "luminous." He said: "Wherever that is done, it is so very easily overcome, so that the services are put off and not up."

"There can be too much beauty, doctrine, devotion, emotion. It is not that there has been a real discovery that in the Church this betrays its own purpose."

"Another danger is to make services too academic. I am aware, but I've found it unwise to ignore things because they are too academic. I've found that we get all the good things. No matter how many things we get, there is no harm in that. There is so much to engage the attention or interest."

Lord Fisher said that when he led the service duty in the words used in the service to see that it can be improved. He said that the words of the service are glowing with meaning. If other people were to be the same

thing, there could be corporate worship even in a dull service.

He spoke of how he had been impressed by the attentiveness of the congregation during a Presbyterian service he had attended in Scotland. He contrasted it with some services in the Church of England where "we go to sleep during the lesson or critique the sermon."

He said that the purpose of corporate worship is that in it we may experience the things which we may experience in our lives. In his concluding remarks, he said that the quietness, because in the world outside there is so much noise, and "new transmitters have made it certain that noise will be there."

Y.A.F. CONFERENCE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The Young Anglican Fellowship in the Diocese of Newcastle will hold their next conference at the Mersop Conference Centre over the Australia Day week-end, January 24 to 27.

The Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Reverend Philip Street, will conduct the conference. The chairman will be the Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend J. R. Hood.

There will be the need to love God in our various groups and organisations, and to be placed on the fact that the failure of these groups is usually the result of the lack of love.

PRESENTATION TO LIBRARIAN

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The Reverend Sydney Smith, Mollison Librarian at St. Paul's Cathedral, was presented with a book and a cheque by members of the Church of England House of Clergy for the Diocese of Melbourne at the final meeting for 1963, on November 27.

Mr Smith was 81 years of age on January 1, 1964. The presentation was a recognition of his valuable services as chairman of the society since its inception.

The vice-chairman, Mr C. W. Tate, made the presentation.

LENT IN SYDNEY FOLLOW-UP TO TORONTO

Arrangements are being made to relay a broadcast service from S. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on the First Sunday in Lent, February 16, to all churches in the Diocese of Sydney.

This was announced by the archbishop last week in a letter to the clergy of the diocese. The service, which will be broadcast by the A.B.C., will follow an order of service which will also be used in the parish churches.

The archbishop will preach the sermon based on the general subject of the follow-up to the message which came from the Anglican Congress held at Toronto, Canada, last August.

The archbishop will preach the sermon based on the following subjects: The Listening Church (February 23), The Serving Church (March 1), The United Church (March 8), The Obsolete Church (March 15), The Sacrificing Church (March 22).

The rural dean of the diocese are planning rallies to be held in strategic centres in the diocese at which the archbishop hopes to be the speaker and will again present the Canadian challenge in person.

Lenten pastoral study groups for the purpose of studying the subjects suggested for Lenten preaching have been suggested by the archbishop.

The new branch of the Toronto Movement gets down to the parochial level and is faced by our people individually and as a church.

NEW BRANCH OF R.S.C.M.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Newcastle, December 16
On January 16, the new branch of the Royal School of Church Music, the "Northern N.S.W. Branch", will come into being. This new branch will comprise the Dioceses of Armidale, Newcastle, and Grafton, and will be administered from Newcastle.

The formation of this new branch has been made necessary because of the phenomenal growth of the R.S.C.M. during recent years.

The new Newcastle diocesan representative, Mr Keith Nooks, has been appointed branch representative for the new area. A special meeting has been called for January 16, at 10.15, to elect officers and study the constitution of the new branch. The meeting will be held at the Newcastle Cathedral.

An intensive survey of the three dioceses will be held during January and later in 1964, and an announcement re general policy will be made early in the new year.

SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE PROPOSES TO FORM COUNCIL

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Honiarā, December 13

The South Pacific Anglican Conference has held here from December 1 to 3 with delegates from the dioceses of Polynesia, Melanesia, New Guinea and Carpentaria.

The Bishop in Polynesia, the Right Reverend J. R. Hood, was elected chairman. After the conference he said it was hoped this would be its last meeting, as it had produced a draft Constitution for a proposed South Pacific Anglican Council.

The draft will be submitted to the dioceses concerned, and if it is approved by all the appropriate ecclesiastical authorities, the first meeting of the new council will be called as soon as possible after approval has been given.

Bishop Vocker said it was anticipated that the proposed council would have a dual of synodical authority, enabling the four dioceses to plan and work together as a form of province, looking forward to the ultimate establishment in the course of a Pacific Province, eventually a self-governing province of the Anglican communion.

Conference members, he said, with the permission of the archbishops, hoped to find a full

time regional officer whose job would be to coordinate the work of Polynesia, Melanesia and New Guinea, and the Torres Strait Mission of the Diocese of Carpentaria, to plan their life together.

It was hoped to put into operation at once some things planned by the conference which did not require outside authority, including the New South Wales diocese.

NEW AWARENESS

These included the extended use of the Melanesian Brotherhood for the formation of an indigenous religious order for the Melanesian people, and the reception into the brotherhood of people from other dioceses. The formation of an indigenous religious order for the Melanesian people, and the reception into the brotherhood to which it was hoped that the Melanesian people of Polynesia and Melanesia might also be admitted, and the use of the facilities of St. John's College, Suva, for higher theological education, were also discussed.

Bishop Vocker said it was clear from conference proceedings that there was a new awareness on the part of delegates

from all areas of the need to work towards the Pacific as a whole, and what the Pacific churches could do to help other countries, such as Asia and Africa.

The conference, he said, had been a time of working out a sphere of equality between members: clerical and lay delegates, Europeans and Pacific Islanders exchanged views freely, and the members of the conference had all been made members of all the members.

The delegates included seven bishops, the Bishop of Carpentaria, the Bishop of Melanesia, and Bishop Alford and Bishop Tuti, and the Bishop of Honiarā.

Others were Canon J. W. Chisholm and Mr Kinsley Gagey, from New Guinea; the Rev. Canon J. S. P. and Mr George Mye, from Carpentaria; and the Rev. Canon J. S. P. and Mr S. Halpau, from Suva.

The chairman of the Australian Society for the Study of M. W. Coadre, attended as an official observer.

BISHOP G. A. CHAMBERS

F.J. writes—

George Alexander Chambers, first Bishop of Central Tanganyika, was rather more than a great figure in the life of the Anglican Church and the Anglican Commonwealth.

He was of that dazzling company of Australian clergymen which included Maurice Hankey, Gordon Childe, Francis, Gilbert Murray, John Hunter and a dozen others—many still living—who achieved eminence in the great world of the Commonwealth and the Empire, far from the world to be the most sluggish of Antipodean backwaters, by his life, like the others, he drew lustre upon his native land and impressed upon it the reality of our oneness with the rest of the Anglo-Saxon world.

"Jerry" Chambers, to most people, was also a bit of a

preaching was often questionable in style, sometimes woolly and diffuse, so that the hard point he was trying to make frequently escaped his hearers. He was on his own admission not a good man with figures and accounts, and he denied that he had any gifts of organisation. He was not particularly an intellectual of any kind, and, least of all, a theologian.

BORN LEADER

I think what he had were qualities not of intellect, but of heart. Not that he was not a highly intelligent person; but he was one of those who went far beyond mere logical reasoning to the spirit of things.

These qualities of heart meant two things: he had the courage to be a very long, and he was the most friendly and approachable of men. What appealed to people, one imagines, was his simplicity and his humanity. He was a born leader of the kind which sees an objective clearly, and decides to achieve it. The difficulties are there only to give a bit more zest to the task. The details can be worked out by experts—and Chambers was a master at getting "experts" to work for him.

His inabilities (judged by ordinary standards) included an inability to write straight-forward English prose at any length.

On and off, for ten years, he acted as an honorary correspondent-at-large for THE ANGLICAN. His occasional "news" despatches were remarkable during all that time for their imprimitivity. But his letters! Here was something different! He met everyone, knew everything, and was an invaluable source of both "back ground" intelligence and hard news through his private letters. His own personality shone through those letters: cheerful, boyish, always charitable, always forward-looking, and above all completely unselfish.

He was born in Sydney in 1877, and educated during his most impressionable years at the nursery of Australian birth and character, Fort Street Model School.

Fort Street, which then occupied its original buildings near the Sydney Harbour Bridge, had then become a "new school", although it offered post-primary education.

WIDE INFLUENCE

Chambers went on to what was then known as "The High School" in 1901. He was established in Mary Ann Street, Ultimo, on the site of the present Sydney Technical College.

He preceded here two friends, the late Mr. E. A. Alder and W. G. Hilliard, by precisely ten years.

To a younger generation, accustomed to regarding men like Hilliard and Alder as "old", this demonstrates how much more long-lived Chambers was.

In due course he went to St. Paul's College within the University of Sydney, whence took a first degree in Arts, followed by an M.A., in 1904.

He only spent a year at Moore Theological College before being made deacon in 1901. He was priested in the following year.

The tangible indication of Chambers' future greatness became apparent during 1904 to 1911, when he was vice-principal of Moore College. It was in these years that he most intensely directed a number of men, mostly in the Diocese of Sydney, not merely to seek Holy Orders, but to equip themselves the better for ordination by proceeding to university degrees.

For the next thirteen years, even if not necessarily a "learned" ministry of the kind which the United Kingdom boasted for so many years.

From 1914, and for the next seventeen years, he was Rector of Holy Trinity, Dulwich Hill, which the United Kingdom boasted for so many years.

The tangible memorials to his occupancy there are such things as Holy Trinity Church, St. Stephen, Hurstville Park, and St. Aidan's, Dulwich Hill.

For the importance that these buildings was his impact on an ever-increasing group of young men, some of outstanding ability, whom he inspired and trained.

To name only a few, such things as the Anglican Church as W. G. Hilliard, W. Wynne Jones, W. J. Edwards, F. N. Cash and E. J. Davidson were "Chambers men".

He started Trinity Grammar School, with thirty-six boys, in his rectory Dulwich Hill in 1910.

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