A special missionary program was given for children, and tinies were cared for in a creche while the grown-ups inspected the col-lege and displays made by the

Over 200 missionaries have passed through St Andrew's since its opening in 1964 and are serving in countries as far afield as Iran, Afghanistan, Nepal, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Sabah, Singapore, Indonesia, India and Pakistan; and in South Sabah, Singapore, Indonesia, India and Pakistan; and in South America, Bolivia and Peru; with very many in the better-known CMS fields in East Africa and North Australia.

Mr Alan Kerr, chairman of CMS training committee, said CMS training committee, said that many candidates have been accepted for training next year from many States of Asutralia as well as New Zealand and the college will be filled to capacity.

The guest speaker at the service was Mr Howard Barclay, newly appointed Australian director of the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship. He gave a vivid picture of the present situation in Nepal and spoke of his recent visits to India, Pakis-

STOP PRESS

Bishop Donald N. Shearnan, 46, chairman of the Australian Board of Mis. sions since 1970, has been elected Bishop of Grafton

He succeeds Bishop R. Gordon Arthur, who has resigned the see from early next year.

Before his present ap-ointment, Bishop Shearman had been Bishop of

The special election synod met in Grafton on November 18.

tan and Bangladesh. Missionaries these days must be able to train others, he said, not only in the presenting of the great truths of the scriptures, but also in the many other skills needed in developing countries. They need to be able to communicate with others and for this a thorough knowledge of the local language is a first priority, along with the love and understanding which will minister to fellow missionaries and national christians.

The outgoing students received

After 28 years as Organis-

ing Secretary of Brisbane's Department of Christian

Education, Miss Hilda Beau-

mont will retire on 2nd Feb-

She holds a diploma in Christian education of St Christopher's College, Melbourne and commenced work with the Christian Education Department in 1931 when she took over the work of the Church Mail Bag School, which is a correspondence Sunday School conducted by that Department, for bush children.

In 1944 she was promoted to the position of organising secre-tary of the christian education department. In that position, she

Demolition and excava-tion for the St Andrew's

Scheme is expected to begin

this December and construc-tion work will not finish until

The new building will stand

on ground at present occupied by the Diocesan Church House and the Cathedral School. It will have a ground floor, six floors of office space, and the top two floors will be for the Cathedral School and the cathedral.

R e d e velopment

Sydney diocesan

many good wishes from their friends. Dr Peter and Mrs Margaret Keith and baby Christopher have been posted to Kilmatinde Hospital in Tanzania; Miss Elizabeth Maxwell, a social worker, will go to Nakuru Diocese in Kenya; they will all first attend language school in Nairobi from January to May.

Miss Maude Drewery, a book-keeper, and Mr Ted Robinson, pilot, returned to Arnhem Land shortly after term ended on November 17.

She has also been a representative of the diocese of Brisbane in the general synod of the Church of England in Australia.

In the field of christian educa-tion, she is well known as a lead-er throughout the Church of England in Australia, and has been a member of the general board of religious education of the Church of England in Australia since 1944.

Mainly About People

appointed vicar of Omeo me with Kenneth R. Long, organist master of the choristers at St Andre Cathedral 1953-1957, was killed accident in September in England, accident in September in England, Noel Pollard, precentor of the Cathewhen Mr Long was in Sydney, after the memorial service. His wife Elizathe

announced his returement 28 next.

Rev Timothy Pinneger, curate of Lea gatha (Gippsland), has been appoint curate of St John's, Bairnsdale in February next.

February next.

Auglican-Merbodist parish the Auglican-Merbodist

Rev Harry Reuss, curate of Ho (haliara), will serve as curate of many point (Coventry) for two leaving both (Coventry) for two leaving hall (Coventry) for two leaving hall (Coventry), since Rev William B. Newton in cha St. John's, Lurnea (Sydney), since has been appointed reverse of St. H. Kalcomba, from February next. Peter's, Campbelliour (Synay), 1970, has been appointed in charge John's, Lurnea, from February next. Rev Donald G. Anderson, on Rev

Hilda Beaumont retires from Brisbane Dept. Miss Beaumont is one of the leading lay officials in the diocese of Brisbane. She is also the first woman to have been appointed a member of the diocesan synod, diocesan council and cathedral chapter.

Q'land Uni. Senate may drop clergy

Queensland University Act which may include the dropping of church representatives from the university's Senate have agreed on by the Senate and now go to State Parliament.

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STUDENTS' VACATION WITNESS IN ASIA

The "New Wine" musical group from Armidale, N.S.W., will fly to Singapore on Boxing Day for a three-taining tour in Malaysia and Singapore at the invitation of Scripture Union.

Members of the group are all third year students at the University of New England.

d singers, became a Christian high school through a friend ing her along to ISCF. "I was surprised," said Sandra "to my science teacher there and hear what he had to say, that

my science teacher there and hear what he had to say, that fecided to keep coming. Some onths later, when I had disvered what the Christian faith a really all about, I accepted rist as my Lord and Saviour, nee then I have grown in my the through the teaching nistry of the chaplain here at it and through involvement in a Beach Mission team."

Another member of the group, mny Wotherspoon first heard out the Gospel at an SU ach Mission Coffee House, hat was January, 1969," said inny. "Then in June I went to Beach Mission training weekd for all those at Evans Head to had become Christians and at really was something. We ally learnt a lot that weekend out the meaning of our faith dhow it affected the whole life. I was in 6th Form then disnee I have been here at unit have learnt a lot from the EU die uni chaplain."

All the team members have en active in SU Beach Misms and they will be building a ing bridge of fellowship tween SU in Australia and itse.

They will sing and give their

They will sing and give their timonies at rallies in six Massian cities and in Singapore, cal Asian SU and ISCF sonnel will give the address at the stallies.

he group will also work with



Members of the group: Left to right—Back: Christine Rankin, Ruth Butler, Bruce Hooper. Front: Geoffrey Butler, Robyn Monckton, Sandra Williams, Danny Wotherspoon.

The group members have been working in their spare time to scrape together the money needed for their fare. Scripture

Union will provide all hospitality for them in Malaysia and Singapore. Fellow students at the uni have given \$300 towards their examinations before they leave.

Sunday services revision 15 Dec.

A further revision of the Sunday services of Morning and Evening Prayer, the Litany and Holy Communion will be published tomorrow, 15th December, by General Synod's Liturgical Com-

mission.

Final drafting of the experimental revision was done at a meeting of the Liturgical Commission in Melbourne 13 to 17th November. Bishop Gordon Arthur chaired a very hard-working Commission which met for 10 or 11 hours each of the five days.

The Sunday services are in the modern idiom but follow the lines of the 1662 Prayer Book. It will be in a booklet of 50 pages, priced at 45 cents.

Much of the meeting was given to this task and to further work on a draft for a modern communion service which will be known as Australia 73.

This will be a revision of Australia 69 and it will take note of certain features of the recent English Series III which in February will come into experimental use in England for four years.

Alan Cole visit to Brisbane

Rev Dr Alan Cole, lec-turer at Moore College and Master-elect of Robert Menzies College at Macquarie University, visited Brisbane 24th to 26th November for speaking and preaching engagements.

He addressed a meeting of the local branch of the Evangelical Fellowship of the Anglican Communion on Eriday, November 24, in the CMS offices in Brisbane. His subject was "The Reformers of the Old Testament," He was the guest speaker at a special youth rally held at St. Stephen's, Coorparoo, on Saturday 25. He also preached at all services at St Stephen's on the Sunday.

George Browning to Morpeth

Rev George V. Browning, Th.L., vicar of Warialda, NSW, since 1969, has been appointed vice-warden of St. John's Theological College, Morpeth.

He has since served in the diocese of Armidale at Inverell

Mr Browning trained at St John's, graduating in 1965 with first class honours in Th.L.

He was a delegate to the national conference on the mission and ministry of the Church, held in Canberra last year, and he is an army chaplain.

Mr Browning was born and received his early education in Sussex before coming to Australia about 12 years ago. He is married and has three sons.

His appointment to the staff of St John's College is part of a policy of ensuring that men in training for the ministry are well grounded in the pastoral as well as the scholastic aspects of their work.

Diocesan staff and organi-sations will occupy some of the six floors of office space and Canberra delays convention date

April 1975.

Organisers of the Can-erra Christian Convention will be held on the same date in all States. berra Christian Convention are waiting on a move by the Prime Minister before they can proceed with publicity for the 1973 Canberra Christian Convention.

It is held on the Queen's Birthday weekend and attracts a large number of people from NSW and other States. However, this year there has been considerable indecision over

"We cannot arrange for speakers, book an auditorium, or release publicity material until we have a firm date," lamented Mrs Ruth Perry, honorary secretary for the Convention Committee.

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offices re-located

some will be let to other commercial tenants.

While the redevelopment work is in progress the archbishop, the bishops, archdeacons and the registrar will be located on the sixth floor of the WEA Building, 72 Bathurst Street, between Kent and Sussex Streets. The secretarial, accounting and public relations departments of Church House will be located on the first floor of the Tomasetti Building at the corner of Bathurst and Kent Streets. It is hoped to accommodate Dios Offset in the former Belvedere Hotel (also on one of the corners of Bathurst and Kent Streets, which is now owned by the Glebe Administration Board, It is expected that these moves will take place before the end of this year.

Arrangements have been made to relocate the Cathedral School in the CENEF Building, where the necessary alterations are now being carried out. They will be completed in sufficient time for the 1973 school year.

Earthquake hits R.C. theology

HARDLY A DAY PASSES

HARDLY A DAY PASSES without reading of some new denial of Roman Catholic dogma by a Roman Catholic theologian or the rebellion of priests and nuns against traditional rules. The church is in such a state of flux it is impossible to pinpoint contemporary Roman theology.

So rather than try to sketch what the "new breed" (Kung, Congar, Haring, Schillenbeecks, etc.) is saying, I will attempt to show why Roman Catholic theology is in such turmoil.

The basic reason is that a "San Andreas fault" runs through Roman Catholic Theology. The entire system is suffering earthquakes today simply because many of its basic teachings were conceived, and made binding and infallible, long before the advent of modern knowledge. It was inevitable that as knowledge increased, violent tremors would result and shake the church to its foundations. (Bernard L. Ramm in "Eternity.")

Under the present University Act, the 33-member Senate in-cludes three clergy.

They are the Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane (Archbishop Arnott), the Roman Catholic

appointed by the Governor-Council.

Both the University St Association and the University Union have opposed the atmatic inclusion of church regisentatives on the Senate.

ACT AS IF

overlook the humble grace perseverance, what might call digging our heels

This thought has been with me ever since an encounter with Penny. We had been through a few traumatic experiences with

old).

People who do things often seem to "cop it" as children say. Perhaps that's why St Paul told us to pray for our leaders—they have a harder path, by and large, than the ordinary rank and file.

Penny and Rose had suffered.

large, than the ordinary rank and file.

Penny and Rose had suffered what the world would call a clash of personalities. We could see both sides and did our best to sort it out. The worst was over but somehow things didn't get off the ground. One day Penny was almost wailing at the other end of the phone.

"I saw Rose this morning." she said, "but it's just no good, Maggie; we just don't seem to click any more."

As is my custom these days, I firmly resisted this bit of anti-optimism! "Wait a bit now." I soothed her, "did you go along with your hackles half out?"

"Well, I suppose I was a bit on edge," was the grudging response. "But — what do I do now?"

A flash of inspiration come.

sponse. "But — what do I do now?"

A flash of inspiration came,

perhaps some half-forgo word from the past. "Act at Penny," I breezed back (try not to be too breezy I hop after all Penny was the going through this sticky bit spiritual convalescence). "Act if there's postiones." spiritual convalescence). "Act if there's nothing wrong at Act as if you've always been best friends in the world. A you know you have — that back was only a passing vapo

By Margaret

Anyway, act as if it was."

These two women have a greegard for each other deep dowled to the the streegard for each other deep dowled to the the streegard for each other who group did mourn this little upset (If even one member suffers, at the members suffer, how true).

The main difficulty had beed dealt with and put away; not was the time to put a braveno, a bold—face on it. To a as if

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A dialogue evangelism aceting held in our home mazed me by proving that parently disinterested non hurch attending neighbours, cally are interested in histian discussion.

Christian discussion.

My husband and I were intersted in the dialogue meetings lanned at Caringbah as part of the Jesus Mission 122, but we tere reluctant to enter into the rogram as we did not think myone in our street would participate in such a meeting. However after much prayer and consideration we submitted our tames as host and hostess, although still not convinced that the meeting would be a success. The first and greatest difficulty to be overcome was the personal sating of invitations. That was no easy talks! After the first attempt my husband returned home dejected at the lack of response. Believing that positive response would come only through the power of the Holy Spirit, my children and I prayed while my husband visited the next home. This time my husband returned rejoicing. We had been told that only a quarter of those invited would attend, and this

hristian discussion.

proved to be true. Of the 47 people invited, only 13 came to our home, but we were delighted that practically all our closest neighbours gave an affirmative reply and these people were all non church attenders.

A report from Mrs Rewa Bate, Caringbah, NSW

Prior to the meeting my fear was that no one would ask questions. As people arrived however, they were instantly at home, relaxed and talkative, in a way I have never before witnessed, in spite of the fact that I have attended many parties,

The directors and staff of the Church Record extend Christmas and New Year greetings to all readers and the hope that the peace and presence of Christ may be enjoyed by all at this time. The next issue of this paper will be January 11.

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results emerged from other such meetings. However several expressed a desire to attend another meeting of a similar nature, so we have one planned for three month's time. In this way, people who apparently just would not hear the gospel from any other source, are being contacted in a way which has sparked their interest.

They are the subject of prayer. demonstrations etc in neighbours' homes. Conversation ceased as the dialogue leader clearly enunciated the five basic steps of gospel evangelism.

He then invited questions. Vital, pertinent questions followed, showing that people were at ease, uninhibited and, praise the Lord, interested. Three Moore College students attended the meeting and during supper they conversed enthusiastically with our neightbours on the questions which the individuals themselves had raised earlier in the evening. One group, intent on discussion, refused supper, remarking that they were far too interested to eat.

The results? Only God knows. There were no instant conversions, no immediate church attenders, although more obvious

HAPPENED

They are the subject of prayer, and we know that God is work-ing his purpose out. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

and at St Peters' Cathedral, Armidale, and from 1969 as vicar

Moore College

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And now, State aid for religion

The great age of the Christian Church was unquestionably the 280 years between the day of Pentecost and Constantine's promulgation of the Edict of Milan in AD 313, granting toleration to Christianity.

In that time, driven on by the Lord's commission and enjoying a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ, its living head, the Church won a tenth of the population of the Roman Empire to a personal faith in Christ

of the Roman Empire to a personal faith in Christ, established small congregations throughout the mighty empire and beyond, fought error and hammered out the principles of a biblical faith. And all that time it was either barely tolerated or persecuted with often a savage

either barely tolerated or persecuted with often a savage and relentless fury.

Later in Constantine's reign, he established the Christian church in a favoured position, thus beginning the long history of church-state dependency which was to be its greatest weakness. In Australia, probably the last State Act to maintain this soul-destroying dependency was the Church Act of 1836 of NSW whereby the State assisted all denominations with buildings and salaries.

We have been free of direct State support for over a century until Mr Menzies in 1963 devised his vote-catching State aid for church schools policy. Succeeding governments have increased the amount of the handouts, calculated to rob the so-called "independent" schools of their independence.

A shire council in Western Australia took State support of religion a lot further in 1969 when it taxed ratepayers to build an interdenominational church building at Jerramungup. The Supreme Court and the High Court rejected citizens' appeals against the rate. A recent attempt by the WA Government to change the law to prevent this happening again was defeated in the upper house.

The most recent and most flagrant instance of State The most recent and most flagrant instance of State support of religion with public money is the Federal Government's grant of \$5,000 to the promoters of Melbourne's Eucharistic Congress for one of their events. Sad to relate, \$t Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, had to get on the band-wagon and in the same series of grants it was given \$1,000 for "rock-operas" in the Cathedral.

We believe firmly in the complete separation of church and state. Australia has no established religion and our Federal Constitution gives no power to a government to legislate in any way for the support of religion.

When governments see fit to use public money to support religions which they choose to support, Christians have already lost the right to be treated impartially and

other freedoms are immediately endangered.

The Christian faith would be far better off if not a cent were given to any denomination for any purpose whatsoever. Congregations which cannot operate in our society without State help are less than Christian in their

expectations.

If Christians are banded together to carry out our Lord's commission, to win souls for Christ, to follow the Holy Spirit's guiding and to build up believers, they have never lacked the resources and they will not lack now. Someone will say that pushed to its logical conclusion, we should refuse special rating and taxation privileges. There are important differences of principle here but we would take no great stand for the maintenance of such a privileged position for Christians. All that we stand to lose is money. Our gains in all these matters would be inestimable.

MR WILLIAMS SAYS..

is so tired and confused he fears a mental breakdown. He feels he must "get away from it all" for a complete

The writer to the Hebrews says "Consider him . . . lest you be wearied and faint in your minds." (Hebrews 12/3).

What a strange prescription of mental tiredness! And increase

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of thought has been prescribed; "consider him." I would have expected a mental rest cure. When my body is tired I try to get some sleep. When my mird is

By Ken Roughley

weary, why not rest it also? Because the weariness of mind needs an opposite cure from the weariness of body. The weariness of mind is cured by stimulus. Christ says, "Come unto me." He prescribes an irritant, not a sedative; not more sleep but more waking. To the man of the weary hand he says, "Cast your cares upon me;" but to the man of the weary heart he says, "Take my yoke upon you." Perhaps your body does need a holiday, Mr Williams; but when you are relaxing your body "consider him."

The plan provides for organic unity between Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians in Australian Assembly, while approving the basis 37 to 3, is going to ask the national General Assembly, to meet next May, not to proceed on a final yes-or-no vote.

Instead it proposes that the basis be put to another vote of communicant members and an official guide to voters issued to clarify matters. If this procedure were adopted, then the General Assembly would meet again in May, 1974, to determine whether the Presbyterian Church would enter the Uniting Church of Australia

No membership bar in Australian MU

The Mothers' Union has decided in principle that marital status will be no bar to membership.

This means that divorced women and unmarried mothers who agree with the general aim of Mothers' Union will be free to

Delegates to the Com-monwealth Conference held at Menangle in October debated a British report "New Dimensions" on the future role of Mothers' Union wordwide.

This report offered several al-ternative views to the issue of the membership of divorced

conference voted very strongly to admit them. They rejected an al-ternative to admit divorced women who had not remarried.

Mrs Lorna Oates, member of Mothers' Union executive in Sydney diocese, said today: "Members in Sydney have held for several years the view that

bar to membership.

"Now it has become Commonwealth policy, and this decision with similar decisions from Mothers' Union branches all over the world, will go to a world conference on the subject in England in July, 1973.

"We don't expect an immediate flood of applications from divorced or unmarried women but we do feel it is very important that they feel free to join."

Diocesan secretary. Mrs

Diocesan secretary, Mrs Marion Bernard, said: "There have been great changes in community attitudes on marriage, and we feel that any woman who agrees with Christian ideals in marriage should be able to join our organisation."

At the Commonwealth Conference the following officers were

Commonwealth President Mrs A. S. Jull (Brisbane); Vice-Presi-dents Mrs J. Pratt (Melbourne), Mrs B. Robinson (Tasmania);

Treasurer Mrs J. Bragg (Sydney); Mia Mia Editor Mrs M. Hawken (Sydney); Overseas Secretary Mrs V. Collins (Melbourne); Intercessory Prayer Circle Correspondent Mrs N. Miller (Sydney); Correspondent Social Problems Dept. Convenor Mrs F. Clark (Brisbane); Literature Secretary Mrs J. Donnelly (Adelaide) Y.M.D. Commonwealth Leader elected by the Y.M.D. Conference Mrs M. Sullivan (Melbourne); Mrs E. Stephens (Melbourne) was appointed Commonwealth Correspondent of the Lone Members; The Immediate Past President is Mrs D. Stuantfox (Nth Queensland); The Commonwealth Secretary will be Mrs E. H. Wilesmith (Brisbane); State Representatives: Queensland State Representatives: land Mrs Quaife (Rockha N.S.W Mrs Chiswell (Armidal Victoria Mrs Knife (Sale); Ta mania Mrs B. Robinson (Dev port); S.A. Mrs Verco (Jam town); W.A. Mrs Byfield (App

Godly children and godly homes

Smash! In an outer suburb of Perth at 11.30 p.m. On investigation, it was evident that the street light had been hit and a crate of milk bottles stolen from a nearby school. Glass splinters were all over

Broken trees, car aerials rip-ped out, smashed glass! Why? Sheer wanton destruction. Why? The West Australian featured the story of Jack Prescott, a member of Brtiain's angry bri-

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Despite the adverse vote

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approved the proposed basis

gations, all State Assemblie of the denomination hav

gade. His background was one of poverty, neglect, approved schools and finally a sentence in the Old Bailey of 15 years gaol. Why? Why?

Is it good enough for our society to shut away our problems inside a gaol? Shouldn't we rather go to the root of the problem and make a fresh start?

What does the Lord desire?
Godly offspring. (Mulachi Ch. 2 v 1).

By Sheila Hayles

We give thought to our chil-dren's education, physical fitness, we give them things but we neg-lect to follow the biblical instruction and teach the coming generation the wonderful truths of God.

of God.

We leave our children with somebody else while we go and make money or gain satisfaction in a job but we neglect to give them that most important thing — a godly upbringing.

We talk to our children — well sometimes — but do we talk to them about the things of God and do we spend time talking to God about them and their spiritual needs, their friends and their future.

How many homes in this land

How many homes in this land are places where true godliness is found? Love, unselfishness, ser-vice, security and hospitality. And parents who pray together for their offspring are hard to

desire, comes about hard work and example which far better then better than words.
ample of a parent who we
close relationship with Chi in close relationship with Chri an example in saying thanks it daily food, an example church attendance and worsh an example in consideration at care in the home; these example of consistent Christian behaviou and faith will produce god offspring.

Godly homes, godly neigh-ourhoods, godly countries. This what the Lord our God de-ires, godly offspring.

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THE HINGE OF HISTORY

The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."—I John 4:14.

Some one wrote of Him: "A child without a mother in heaven and without a father on earth. Lord of all flesh, yet born of it. Master of the sun yet dwelling under it. Maker of the earth, but living upon it. Robed in heavenly earments, yet wrapped in

rments, yet wrapped in addling clothes. The Word of

swaddling clothes. The Word of God yet now a speechless babe. Creator of the World becoming a creature. Ruler of the world becoming a subject. Omnipotence laid in a manger and later nailed to a cross. King of Kings but crowned with thorns. The sinless One living with sinners and dying for sinners. God with us, God for us, God in us."

Infinite love

He has always existed as God.

The impact of Christmas on he world is staggering. In magasines, on radio, television and in he stores, we will be reminded or weeks of the strange fascination which the birth of Christ as for the world. But why this miversal focus on such an unretentious fact of history which courred in such relative obscur-

The answer is concealed by he jingle of Christmas sounds and the colour and brilliance of he festivities. The fact of Christmas is that the Saviour promised of the colour so long entered history in preme redemptive strategy. Drantes Malik, eminent Lebanese attesman, truly described Jesus hrist as "the hinge of history." et us see why this is so.

Incredible cradle

When Christians speak of the nearnation of Jesus Christ they mean the clothing of the Son of God in flesh. That is to say, God ssumed our human nature in the person of Jesus Christ. This is the heart of Christianity. Christ was altogether God and logether man.

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Modern Australian monument

sort of monument to the Australian way of life — a twin stack of beer cartons filled with empty stubbies.

The stack was made up of at least 20 cartons which would contain 480 bottles. Surely it was the result of a drinking party, One man couldn't drink all that beer, could he?

Well now, there's a question. The cartons were outside a house occupied by a European in the Port Moresby suburb of Boroko. And in Papua New Guinea white people are supposed to be fairly heavy drinkers. It's their magnificent obsession. At least that is the impression gained by most native observers.

The birth of Christ at Bethle-hem provides us with the only way of salvation. Peter declared: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

At Christmas we discover the humiliating truth that our re-demption is dependent solely on the infinite love of God exthe infinite love of God expressed in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. If His love had lacked the power to carry Him all the way from the cradle to the cross, then there would be no hope for anybody. He came to rescue men from the bondage and penalty of the evil which had so successfully invaded their lives.

This He achieved not merely

God for us, God in us."

This is what makes the cradle incredible. When we look into that cradle we drop to our knees in speechless awe that God should love us so much as to penetrate our humanity with the humanity of His eternal Son. Our awe increases immeasurably as we see the cradle grow into the cross as He brings His humanity to Calvary to bear "our sins in His own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:24).

No wonder He is called "the hinge of history!" This He achieved not merely by sharing with us the flesh and blood of His human nature, but by offering up Himself in death as a sacrifice for our redemption. He Himself declared: "The Son The birth of Jesus was the moment when God gave His Son to men for their salvation. It was the moment when the Son committed Himself unreservedly to the redemption of men. Infinite, divine love constrained Him to trespond to the plight of rebellious men with self-sacrifice. So He laid aside His divine glory and was funnelled down into human flesh in order that He might sacrifice Himself for our salvation.

So let us never forget that coming as a babe to Bethlehem committed Christ to going to the cross which would stand just a few miles away. By all means let us worship the Christ-child in the cradle for He was truly Almighty God stooping down to pitch His tent of flesh amongst us.

Inescapable choice

But let us never forget for one moment that without the shedding of blood is no forgiveness of sins. Let us never forget those chubby hands were given to Him that men might nail them to a cross. That tender brow was destined to wear a crown of thorns. Above all, we must never forget that that babe when grown to magnificent manhood would cry out in the utter extremity of His anguish on the cross, "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsakem Me?" (Matthew 27:46).

It is not the habe that we wor-

It is not the babe that we wor his not the base that we worship, but the One who became a babe that He might die in such a way as to endure all that separa-tion from God forever would mean for rebellious men.

He was born to die. This was

the purpose of His coming. This was the goal of His Incarnation. The achievement of this goal means our salvation, and establishes His right to control our lives completely. We are no longer our own to live as we like. So God calls upon us to cease our rebellion and submit to Christ. If we do we will be forgiven. If we don't then we must be prepared to bear the terrible consequences of our rebellion ourselves.

So we are faced with an in-

So we are faced with an in-escapable choice. Our eternal escapable choice. Our eternal destiny swings upon our attitude to the death of Him who by His advent into this world cleft its history asunder to rightly become the hinge upon which everything in heaven and earth pivots. The vital question is: Does your life centre on His?

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Sydney diocese ignores its own ordinance

A press release from the diocese of Sydney on November 22 ignored a diocesan ordinance which makes it mandatory in notices to use Prayer Book terms for the Holy Communion.

The release concerned mission services at a city church and twice in the diocesan press re-lease the Holy Communion was referred to in terms other than those sanctioned by our formu-laries or by the Scriptures.

This is a small matter but one which is disquieting to those who want the Reformed and biblical position of the Church of England to be maintained.

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In the face of demands: moderation, of course. Another pressure is for the Christian solidarity

Christians are experiencing levels of anxiety today because various pressure groups are hard at work making claims for Christian acceptance of their demands.

Once the anxiety might have been about opposition or in-difference, but not today. We notice the new situation because of subtle changes in attitudes sponsored by the mass media.

A determined young gentle-man on national television reads snippets of Scripture and wags an admonishing finger at the church for not condoning homo-sexuality. "Gay" liberationists swelling with virtue are shown picketing a church. ("Gay" is the antithesis of how these unfortu-nates really feel.) nates really feel.)

Unmarried mothers are inter viewed by the dozen and some kind of maudlin sympathy is whipped up for them and hostil-ity for society which allegedly does not understand them.

Christians should be in the vanguard of freedom, we are told, so we must support ending all censorship. After all, pornography is only in the mind of the beholder. The creator of it is an artist and artists must have

rupts?
And in the name of freedom and of women's rights, Christians must get behind abortion on de-

The Murray averts return to the bad old days

ling of what had almost be-come an impossible situation in the diocese of the Murray has averted a return to those far-off days when the was propagated that ABM and CMS were rivals in a struggle for missionary

supremacy.

A letter to all diocesan clergy had laid down such rigid terms that it was seen by some of the diocesan clergy as completely preventing them inviting CMS deputationists or the CMS State Secretary to visit their parishes for any purposes.

Secretary to visit their parishes for any purposes. The clergy were told that the Church Missionary Society was not a missionary arm of the Australian Church at all. It was a nightmare time for

is getting along all right

It was a great shock for Mrs. Sanders

He did things for her all the timeto save her pain—to save her trouble.

When he died it looked as though she

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when her husband died.

He had always spoiled her.

would be completely helpless.

But Mrs. Sanders has friends.

couldn't live outside a nursing home.

her so well she is able to stay in her well-loved home.

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some rectors and for missionary bodies other than ABM. It seemed as though General Synod had never formed the Missionary and Ecumenical Committee. It seemed as though the fact that ABM and CMS see themselves as equal partners in the great missionary task, a task in which other Anglican societies like BCA and SAMS play an important part, was inadmissible in the diocese.

diocese.

But happily, through the friendliness of Bishop Porter, the good communications which had previously existed have been restored.

Yet another pressure is for a greater reliance on logic and the human intellect. Why rely on the Bible which is so out-of-date. Many pressures from within join those from outside just here.

Let's modernise the 39 Art es, re-vamp the creeds, draw o the common store of human w dom and religious experience enrich our rather limit Christian faith and we'll end with something to attract all men into a universal Christian bro-

therhood.

In his "History of the Expansion of Christianity," pansion of Christianity," Latourette has interesting things to say about the solidarity of the Christians of the earliest centuries. "Opposition was chronic, Christians apparently were heartily disliked by their non-Christian neighbours. They criticised and held themselves aloof from too many current features and institutions of the life about them to avoid ill will."

Without adopting a martyr

Without adopting a martyr stance, perhaps we need to take a leaf from their book in the face of current pressures.

A TIME TO REJOICE

We are coming to the most exciting time of the year — Christmas. Is that how you feel — or not?

> one's attitude. There's an awfulot of negative thinking around you know how "comercial Christmas is, and people only think of their Christmas dinner and there's so workers. there's so much to do, and Don't be tricked by it! Chris

mas is still the most wonderful time of the year, especially for the Christian. Take time to por der again that great mystery see the brilliant Star of Beth hem, hear the angel choir, s the shepherds with their wonder

By Margaret

As the days tick past until December 25, let us be full of praise and adoration and thanks giving to God, singing and making melody in our hearts unto Him. As you mix with your fellow humans, chat cheerfully and positively about Christmas, and your infectious joy will infect others, so that negative thinking won't get half a chance!

Of course it's a busy time, especially for mother, and this is when we should expect co-operation from the family. If you don't expect it, you won't get it, that's for sure. Your best ally is timely and intelligent planning. Decide which Christmas service you're going to attend, that's a priority, and then jot down the order in which you will cope with your extra tasks.

Find a suitable time to discuss your ideas and plans with the family. Young folk don't like to be over organised, and they don't like a fussy, fretful, overworked mum either. To carry this thought a bit further, Christmas is the ideal time to get alongside your family in a new way. Give yourselves a good time, so that this Christmas leaves a happy-fragrant memory.

And now, beyond the family is there someone whose Christmas would be a cheerless one unless you lent a helping hand? Children love to share in this. I remember when our youngest begged us to "have a little refugee"! It idn't come our way but the thought was there.

Happy Christmas!

Great giving

RICHMOND, USA. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its major meeting of the year, approved the largest budget in its history \$38.891,996 — elected a new slate of officers and appointed 11

N.T. must guide us

SIR — I write for two easons. Firstly, to congratulate il associated with the Church tecord on the publication of this

secondly, to say how intersted I have been in your report
the recent synod debate on the
ace of women in the church.
Now that women have been
mitted to synod the next step
ill be for women to seek ordilation to the priesthood.
The New Testament has much
say about women's place in

The New Testament has much o say about women's place in the Gospel and it is to the New Testament we must turn for guidance on this great question.

(Rev) W. G. Coller, President, Evangelical Fellowship of Contiuing Congegrationalists, Waterloo, NSW.

Who is my neighbour?

Sir — In reply to Rev J. E. vies' (16th Nov) "Who is my abour?" and "Am I my bro-r's keeper?" are questions ich have echoed down through

hich have echoed down through is centuries.

Jesus' great commandment hou shalt love thy neighbour thyself and his parable of the ood Samaritan must be consided seriously especially against a background of Jesus' deep iderstanding of the Scriptures the Old Testament.

Dr H. H. Rowley writes "The ndamental thought running rough the Old Testament is at man is created in God's own to the seriously of the seriously of the old Testament is at man is created in God's own to the seriously of the serio

In the biblical concept of man In the biblical concept of man re is a grandeur and a whole-s that excites ever new won-lt is the murderer Cain, who s, 'Am I my brother's kee-? In the true faith of Israel, ry man was his brother's kee-and his brother was every

Let us look at the teachings of

Jesus. The Jewish scholar, Klausner has written "If you take the teachings of Jesus separately you can find every one of them paralleled in either the Old Testament or its commentary, the Talmud. If, on the other hand, you take them as a whole, they have an urgency, an ardent, vivid quality, a complete absence of second-rate material that makes them refreshingly new."

What precisely was Jesus trying to say? Surely to focus man's awareness on God's overwhelming love for man and the need for man to receive this love and respond by allowing it to flow outward again to his reighbour. The reason the love Jesus proposed is so demanding is that it is to be absolutely free, geared entirely to our neighbour's needs not his due.

The answer Jesus gave to the laware (Jake 10/23/till) seeds

The answer Jesus gave to the lawyer (Luke 10:37) still should be valid for us today "Go and do thou likewise."

Gremlins at work

SIR — Alas, in the report of our principal's resignation (ACR 16/11/72), gremlins have been

16/11/72), gremlins have been at work.

The comment — "... the institute has grown to be the largest in Australia ..." should have read, "... one of the largest..."

Appreciating the ACR.

Matthew Francis,
Adelaide Bible Institute,
Victor Harbour, SA.

Working parents are victims

SIR—Geoffrey B. Simmons in his letter of November 16 "Neg-ligent working fathers" raises im-portant issues. Some of the fun-damentals in the situation need

to be understood.

Both mothers and fathers are the victims of the greatest perversion of means and ends in the

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history of Christianity. The means are financial, political and economic, in that order. They are fields in which the Christian and the church are loath to speak when it comes to challenging the forces aligned against the redemptive work of the church.

In this I believe Christians are gravely mistaken, although it must be rightly pointed out that ignorance rather than lack of integrity or courage are the main factors which inhibit sincere C h r is t i a n s. Where some Christian spokesman are speak-

factors which inhord sincere Christian spokesman are speaking out on social problems we invariably find them supporting the views of socialists and humanists whose only real objective is to complete the perversion of Christianity.

Usury is the basic financial policy which enslaves the major proportion of the community to all forms of useless economic activity, and establishes the pressures on family life mentioned by Mr Simmons. The great bulk of the populace, whether Christian, or non-Christian, degenerate, are innocent of understanding the nature of the policies which leaves all, little or no choice but to serve the forces of mammon.

The favorish activity engaged.

choice but to serve the forces of mammon.

The feverish activity engaged upon by all sections of the community to satisfy the demands of ever mounting indebtedness and inflation leaves the individual with less and less time to devote to the things of God, Recent front page news in the ACR of the financial plight of Moore College due to debt and inflation is symptomatic of the situation affecting the whole community. Laymen become frustrated when the clergy tend to argue that laymen have never had it so good and it is only greed which stops the church from obtaining a just portion.

Throwing the money changers

church from obtaining a just portion.

Throwing the money changers out of God's temple, and replacing usury with debt free finance is the first practical step the Christian with a social conscience should demand. If he does it will involve him in challenging the power structure through politics, with all the consequent repercussions, none of which are easy or restful.

Edward Rock.

Edward Rock, Greensborough, Vic.

Is fellowship possible between truth and error?

SIR —It is a grave matter that many Christians are disobeying God by having fellowship with those who preach another gospel, ie Roman Catholics. The Bible says those Christians are partakers of their evil deeds.

The Lord Jesus said — "Beware of false prophets that come in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matthew 7-15).

St John says (2 John 10-11) — "If there come any unto you and

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St John says (2 John 10-11) —

"If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine receive him not into your house neither bid him God speed For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evid deeds."

St Paul says (Galatians 1,8,10) — "But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. "For do I now persuade men or God? or do I seek to please men, for if I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ."

History clearly shows that the Roman Church is the harlot church of Revelation (Chaps 13, 14 16-19) on which God's fierce judgment is prophesied. She has persecuted Christians for centuries (Spanish Inquisition, slaughter of Huguenots, burning of those who refused to partake of their idolatrous Mass, and those who owned, distributed or printed Bibles, murder of thousands by Ustashi in World War II; IRA today).

She has brought Christianity into disrepute because she claims

to be the true Christian Church. The Pope has committed the unpardonable sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit in claiming to be Christ's vicar on earth. How can Christians have dialogue with those who pervert Christ's gospel, bring dishonour on his name, and give his glory to the Pope, Mary and the saints?

E. Rogers,

Synod or debating platform

SIR — Your comments on the functions of synods (ACR 2/11/72) make strange reading. There would be few synod members, if any, who would deny that the primary function

of synod is legislative. However, it would seem that we have reached the stage where additional time must be devoted to debating motions of national importance.

Letters to the editor

should not exceed 300

The inner city is no doubt important in its own way but there seems to be something radically wrong when 11 hours can be spent debating the inner city ordinance and motions on the business paper of far-reaching consequence being guillotined in a very short space of time.

The question which is exercising the minds of a great many synodsmen is "if these questions cannot be fully debated in synod then where else can they be debated." Rural deanery conferences are not the The inner city is no doubt im-

L. K. Wood West Pymble, NSW.

Continued on page 6.

Forget Remembrance Day say ministers

told the congregation of St John's Cathedral, Brisbane, that it was no wonder that no one observed Remembrance Day, November 11) any more.

Day, November 11) any mo

He said it was senseless to
perpetuate a day which had
passed into insignificance, and
Anzac Day was a significant
date on the calendar.

"The minute's silence that is
spent praying for the ones who
died in the war would be far
better spent praying for the
maimed, the wounded, the bereaved and the unemployable—
if these aren't worth praying for,
who is?" he said.

The Dean of Perth, Very Rev
John Hazelwood, also criticised
the day and the red poppies that
are used to commemorate it.

Under the heading "Poppy-

Under the heading "Poppy-cock" in the St George's Cath-

edral newsletter, Dean Haz-elwood criticised wars, war memorials and linked the poppy with "one of our deadliest enemies, namely heroin and mor-phine."

Victorian survey

Stand Committee of Provincial Synod in Victoria has decided to go ahead with a survey of the Province to be conducted by a professional townplanning firm to provide guidelines for planning for the future of the Church in Victoria. The survey is expected to take about a year and a half.

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Shared view of ministry not shared

SIR — In your editorial of 2nd November appears the following:—"Men and women with special skills or traiding exercise a ministry, once the sole right of the ordained man.

"The day is gone when a man entered the ministry to serve Christ and have job security, complete independence, the sole exercise of spiritual responsibility and the privilege of being looked to as a leader by virtue of his office.

"Today he is respected only for what he is, and for what he brings to the shared task. He may be the captain of the team, but he is also but one member, and others will probably have gifts and abilities which are greater than his own."

These are lessons we all need to learn. We are living in a changing world, when many of the old traditions and concepts are being swept off the carpet. I admit it is not easy to adapt one-self to alterations to those ideas and practices with which conand practices with which one grew up. But change we must, and the world is becoming more and more impatient with those who will not do so.

An extreme Anglo Catholic priest who, I believe, is out of touch with reality, once said to me, "No one is going to call me Torn, Dick or Harry. I am not one with the people: I am in a class apart."

With this type of self-assess-ment which, I believe, is not shared by the multitudes, but is still in existence, one may well ask of the Church, "Quo vadis?" H. R. Granville Smith, Ariah Park, NSW.

Just one day for missions

SIR — Your readers may be interested to hear of the remarkable response to our Gift Day Appeal for missionary work which was held last Sunday, 26th November. The total giving for the day exceeded \$3,100 including \$2,600 for missions. \$2,400 of this amount was given towards the special appeal and will be divided between the Board of Education, the Scripture Union, and the support of an evangelist working in the

(Rev) Reg Hanlon, St. Paul's, Chatswood, NSW.

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Brisbane given an historic property

the diocese should retain the property for some useful purpose connected with the Church, possi-

bly as a bishop's residence.

Mr St. John said that Anglican

The diocese of Brisbane has received many letters from Toowoomba authorities pleading that the Church preserve the historic old homestead "Clifford House," recently left to the Corpora-tion of the Synod under the terms of the will of Miss H. M. Lethbridge.

In a statement issued by the Diocesan Registrar (Mr R. T. St. John), it is revealed that Miss Lethbridge had directed that the property and some contents should be given to the diocese "absolutely."

She did express the wish that

Kelham to **close 1975**

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firector of the Society of the sacred Mission — which runs

Mr McKee refrained from taking this action until he had talked it over with the Society's Visitor, the Bishop of Southwell and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Royalty helps cathedral

of Edinburgh have donated an undisclosed sum towards the restoration and mainten ance of St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.

The Dean of Sydney (Dr A. W. Morton) said recently he had received notification from Buckingham Palace of the donation.

He said the appeal to help restore the cathedral had now reached more than \$130,000.

the Darling Downs.

"The Archbishop-in-Council will give every consideration to the wish expressed by Miss Letherbridge in her will," said Mr St. John. "Because of the difficulty in deciding upon an appropritate use for such a historic building, no early decision is likely to be reached as to in future use.

"It is, however, not likely the it will be practicable to use the property as a bishop's residence." Mr St. John said that Anglican authorities were gratified that the late Miss Lethbridge had made this gift to the Church, expecially as it had such strong sentimental ties with the Church of England through the Taylor, Boulton and Lethbridge families, who have been so closely identified with the early church life on MODERN KITCHEN FEEDS 2000 DAILY

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4. Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these — (3,5) Gen 27:36

10. and she sent the letters to the elders and the dwelt with Naboth in his city (6,3) 1 Ki 21:8 11. As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but — hated" (4,1) Rom 9:13

12. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in together until now (7) Rom 8:22

13. You were running well; who hindered you from — the truth? (7) Gal 5:7 14. to the praise of his glorious grace which he — on us in ne — on us in the Beloved (6,8) Eph

17. For those he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (4,2,8) Rom 8:29

21. when he enters your one enters a city which has been breached (5,2) Eze 26:10

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 and generous (7)
 Ti 6:18

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2:18 we would not have handed him over (8) Jn 18:30

27. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing — the market place (4,2) Mt 20:3

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ly (8) 1 Th 5:25 ly (8) 1 Th 5:25
a time to —, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose (7) Ecc 3:5
which are an abomination to him: haughty

15. letnt was prepared, the outer one, in which were the — and the table and the bread of the Presence (9) Heb

9:

16. and he who swears by

tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood (4,1) Pro 6:17

You, —, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is per-fect (9) Mt 5:48

7. These took — wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth (7) Ru 1:4

8. At the last it bites like 9. Every day and praise

a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the ____ and the table and the bread of the Presence (9) Heb

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18. I hate them with per-

the temple, swears by it and by him who 23:28

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biography he published in 1908, himself unsonsciously gives us the clues we need to what ultimately limited his achievement. Limited in education, sensitive about his deafness, origins, speech, and other limitations, he strove rather to provide what he found was wanted by Archibald, Stephens, and others, than to cultivate the talents and resources which were peculiarly his own.

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This is a sympathetic and understanding book and well worth reading.

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MELBOURNE STUDIES IN EDUCATION 1972. Edited by R. J. W. Selleck.
Melbourne University truth are involved.

It would have been interesting to have had a discussion of the Wycliffe theory of translation as an epilogue to this interesting book.

Melbourne University
Press. 1972. 267 pages.
These studies, which cover a
wide field, are mainly written by
Australian university professors
and lecturers and embody considerable research.

Society by Barbara Falk and "Education and the Economy of New Guinea" by J. D. Conroy.

There are two interesting historical studies — one on the beginnings of the University Extension Movement in Australia by Eric Williams and another on the Education Acts of the various colonies after 1872

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The editor's assessment of the Hadow Report is also of considerable interest.

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Key Books ACR'S REVIEW EDITOR INTRODUCES IMPORTANT NEW TITLES:

"EVANGELICAL ESSAYS ON CHURCH AND SACRAMENTS." Ed. Colin Buchanan.

S.P.C.K., 1972. 73 pages. UK80p. Professor Norman Anderson comments in his foreward that this publication of a conservative evangelical document by the S.P.C.K. is itself a significant event. Colin Buchanan admits that the title itself indicates a theological whirlpool and these six thought-ful papers show that despite the faithful biblical perspective of each, a representative group of evangelical scholars do not agree on all points about the sacraments, Nevertheless, we have here a very high view of the place of the sacraments in the life of the Church. Of some interest is Charles Hitchin's plea for 17 as the desirable age in England for Confirmation—the age of voting rights in the Church there.

"DIARY AND SELECTION OF HYMNS OF AUGUSTUS TOPLADY." Gospel Standard, 1972. 213 pages, Price not given. Rev Augustus Toplady (1740-1778) was an Anglican vicar for two parishes in Devon, who is known to most only as the author of "Rock Of Ages, Cleft Trinity College, Dublin. He was a powerful preacher, especially of the doctrine of grace, and only 38 when he died.

"YOU WILL NEVER BE THE SAME," by Basilea Schlink. Lakeland, 1972. 189 pages \$1.25. Basilea Schlink has found in her experience that victory over sin transforms a person. In this most helpful paperback, she shows how the believer can overcome sin and then sets out in some detail her prescription for 45 individual sins, from Absent-mindedness to Worrying. A pity she did not write with more understanding than she did in her brief chapter on Anger. She fails to mention that it is a natural human feeling, one which the Bible makes clear is not necessarily sinful in itself and a feeling which our Lord shared on one tempestuous occasion. A book to keep handy for frequent use.

ZWINGLIAN TREATMENT

THE LORD'S SUPPER by Ernest F. Kevan, Evange ical Press, London, pages, 1966, UK20p.

Dr Kevan was principal of the London Bible College for many years before his death in 1965. The four addresses published here were given in South India to a conference of missionaries and pastors of the Strict Baptist Mission. They form a very at-Mission. They follin a very air tractive discussion of the mean-ing of the Lord's Supper, under the four headings of Re-membrance, Covenant, Fellow-ship, and Hope.

ship, and Hope.

Dr Kevan espouses what may be called a Zwinglian position. He holds that while the elements of bread and wine are signs and nothing more, the ordinance, the partaking of the bread and wine, is more than commemoration. There is a true feeding on Christ in the heart by faith.

The chief attractiveness of these studies lies in the balance of the four aspects treated, and in the reverent biblical exposition which underlies Dr Kevan's treatment.

D. W. B. Robinson

SHORT NOTICES

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
H I S T O R I C A L SOCIETY
JOURNAL. Vol 17 No 3, Sept,
1972. Sydney, 28 pages. 50c.
Four excellent articles on historical churches in Sydney diocese
—country and city, one on old
Camperdown cerretery; two on Camperdown centetry; two on churches in Newcastle diocese and one on St Mary at Hill, London. The story of Old St David's, Arnelife is of special interest. The quarterly journal is free to members but well worth the 50 cents to all others.

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ANU seminar on pentecostal tenets

The H. C. Coombs Public Lecture Theatre, within the National University, Canberra, was the venue for an all-day Christian Leadership Seminar on Saturday ship Seminar on Saturday, November 11th.

November 11th.

Those who delivered papers were Australian author Robert Brinsmead, US university professor J. Zwemer and Bible College principal Geoffrey J. Paxton. The aim of the seminar was to critically examine some major tenets of the Pentecostal Movement and non-biblical subjective-ly based revivalism.

Mr Brinsmead delivered three papers on "The Objective Gospel of St Paul," "Distinctives of the Reformation: Imputare vs. Impartare" and "Protestant Revivalism, Pentecostalism and the Drift back to Rome" Mr Paxton gave two papers, "The Central Affirmation of the New Testa-

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150 years for St Matthew's Windsor

St Matthew's, Windsor, NSW, one of Australia's oldest church buildings, will be 150 years old on 18th December, 1972.

cember, 1972.

The fine old building, the showpiece of the historic town of Windsor, was opened and consecrated by Rev Samuel Marsden, senior chaplain of the colony of New South Wales, on 18th December, 1822.

Canon Donald W. B. Robinson will preach at the special service on Sunday 17th December and the Governor-General and Lady Hasluck will attend. Canon Harold Rawson is the rector.

The Deaconess House chapel was packed for the Ordination of Sister Ena Adams, to the Order of Deaconesses on Sunday

evening, 19th November.

It was obvious that as a Parish Sister, Deaconess Adams had left a mark on parishioners, by her life and witness, by the represen-tation of people who listened to a very thought provoking address

DEACONESS

ment" and "Sola Scriptura: The Authority of the Bible."

The basic thesis of the papers was that, notwithstanding its positive contributions, the Pentecostal and Neo-Pentecostal theology represents a serious departure from the biblical and Reformed position. This was shown not only from exegetical and historical perspective but also from the way that Catholic scholars are owning this theology as one that is in full harmony with their traditional faith and life, or as Rev Edward D. O'Connor says, "a conatural

development of their (Catholic) own (theology)."

Lively dialogue and discussion followed the papers as members of the audience questioned the respective speakers. One speaker (a Pentecostal "Protestant" leader) asserted, from the audience, that the imposition of hands constitutes a valid means of receiving the Holy Spirit, while another disowned any theological affinity with Roman (substantialist) theology despite the numerous citations from Catholic scholars. All in all it was a positive and profitable time.

STAMPS OF INTEREST



Top I, to r.: Norfolk Island 12c stamp for the centenary of the first Pitcairner church, St. Philip's, built in 1872. One of the recent Papua New Guinea stamps remembering pioneer missionaries. This 7c, designed by Graham Wade, shows Rev. Copland King, Anglican missionary who went out from Sydney in 1890. Stained-glass window designed by Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones (1833-98) for St. Philip's on the 7c Norfolk Island 1972 Christmas stamp. Bottom I. to r.: First two are Gilbert and Ellice Islands Christmas Stamps, 1971, showing the Pacific islands' version of the manger and the wise men and the star. The third is a Norfolk Island Christmas stamp, 1970, depicting the first Christmas morning service on the island, in 1788.

Church ban on Alf Garnett

The controversial British TV character, in the person of actor Warren Mitchell, has been banned by a church leader from collecting a cheque for charity for his blasphemy.

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on the Ministry of Women in the Old and New Testament, given by Canon W. Deasey, the chaplain to the deaconesses.

The service takes in the context of the Holy Communion, was conducted by the Archbishop of Sydney, assisted by the Rev S. Giltrap, the chaplain to Deaconess House, and the Rev A. McLaughlin the rector of St Thomas', Rozelle. Deaconess Ena Adams is assisting in the parish of Rozelle.

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God," a Baptist minister said recently.

This speech by Sir Mark followed one given some months ago when his statements that the late Rev Dr John Flynn, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Medical Service was a "racist" caused a furore in church circles in South Australia and brought many vehement denials in the press.

The minister is the Rev N. Porter, of the Adelaide suburb of Mitcham.

Mr Porter served 4½ years in the Northern Ireland Parliament before being ordained.

Why the one Christian Church bequeathed by the Apostles had been allowed to break up into many sects — each of which claimed to embody the true teaching of Jesus — was one of

Mainly About People

ney) has resigned from the end of year and will live in Cowra, NSW, Rev George W. Christopher, rect All Saints', Oatley West (Sydney) 1968, has been appointed rector of (2)68, has been appointed rector of the control of the control

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Mrs Elaine Cuttriss, recently elected deputy chairman of the ABM.

women's worker in the diocese has been appointed forganising Secretary of the Girls Friendly Society in the diocese of Bristane. Rev Canon John Lindsay, rector of Street's Southport (Brisbane) for 15 years with the control of the Carlotte of Sydney, except for three years as a B.C.A. missioner in the diocese of Sydney, except for three years as a B.C.A. missioner in the diocese of Wilchera, died after a brief liness in Sydney on the 18th sistence in the diocese of Wilchera, died after a brief liness in Sydney on the 18th sistence in the diocese of Wilchera, died after a brief liness in Sydney on the 18th sistence in the diocese of Wilchera, died after a brief liness in Sydney on the 18th sistence in the 19th sistence in relieving diocesan chaplains. Rev Statet L. Benson, curate of Cessnock (Newcastle), since 1971, has been appointed rector of All Saints, Terrigat appointed rector of All Saints, Terrigated who has been on leave in the USA, is focum teness of the parish of Terrigal. Mr John Williams, 34, who at 25 was may or of Essendon in Melbourne, has been appointed restored in the Williams, and the sistence of Heave the Bible Society in North Queensland and is stationed at Townsville. Rev Peter K. Brown, rector of Harvey Bunbury's hisce 1970, has been appointed in addition as precentor of St. Boniface Cathedral, Bunbury, has resigned and been granted sick leave. Rev Donald Finlays, rector of Kojonup Gunbury's since 1966, has been appointed in addition as precentor of St. Boniface Cathedral, Bunbury, has been appointed rector of Gnowangerup (Bunbury) since 1969, has been appointed rector of St. Honis, and the second of the part of the parish of the World Federatión of Deaconesses

Head Deaconess Mary Andrews, of Sydney, has been elected by the World Federation of Deaconesses as a vice-president to repre-sent the Pacific and South-East Asian region on the Executive.

The Executive will hold its not meeting at Central Deaconess House, Hindhead, England in May, 1973. Deaconess Andrews will also represent the World Federation of Deaco-

nesses at the Ecumenical Consultation on Service, to be held in Christchurch, NZ from 15th-23rd January, 1973.

Representatives from many SE Asian countries and Pacific Islands hope to be present, and over thirty deaconesses from the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Australia have booked to attend the Consultation.

Before the Consultation on 15th January all Australian Anglican representatives will med for their business meeting.

Fewer unmarried mothers helped

Over the past three months there has been a dramatic drop in the num-bers of unmarried mothers seeking admittance to the Carramar Maternity Home run by the Sydney Home Mission Society at Turra-murra, NSW

Mission Society at Turramurra, NSW.

Matron of the Home, Miss Anne Bingham, said: "Last month for the first time in nearbeds. Normally Carramar is full with 27 girls at any given time. "In the past we have had waiting lists of 2-3 months, but for the first time I can remember

there are immediate vacancies. We usually have to turn gifts away because we simply can't fit them in, as this table for 1972 indicates:

Unable to be admitted January, 8; February, 8; March, 10; April, 10; May, 12; June, 4; July, 3; August, 2; September, nil; October, nil; November, nil.

"I think this has happened because many more parents are repared to have unmarried mothers stay at home to have the baby.

"World-wide there seems to be a lessening of the stigma that his been associated with unmarried mothers for so long," Miss Bingham said,

The job of accepting the cheque on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Group has gone to Coventry and England Rugby player Dave Duckham. The cheque will be handed over at a charity concert in Coventry's Methodist Central Hall. When the Rev John Tudor heard Mr Mitchell was to accept it, he ordered the ban because of Alf Garnett's TV blasphemy. Mr Tudor said: "I wasn't happy about his receiving a presentation in the pulpit where the word of God is preached. "I just object to the character Warren Mitchell plays and I believe that actors are free to choose which parts they accept." He said he was delighted with the new choice. S.A. Governor in further the great puzzles of history, he said. clash with Churches

According to Adelaide press reports, the Governor of South Australia (Sir Mark Oliphant) had "insulted Oliphant) had "insulted thousands of Christian people with his references to God," a Baptist minister

Sir Mark told a United Churches men's dinner recently: "The terrible intolertance of the Orange bretheren to their Catholic minority, preached in the name of Christianity, is a filthy travesty of all that Jesus taught."

Mr Porter said further: "Si Mark has done more harm that good to the cause he is trying to espouse.

"His actions are strange in the has become involved in some thing which does not come und his domain.

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"His arguments have been used before but I object to a Governor's using them.

"I have never heard of a case of a Governor a representative of the Queen — entering into a religious row of this kind.

"I repudiate categorically what he has said about the Orangemen and the Catholics in Northern Ireland.

"He has misrepresented completely the Protestant people."

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