TASMANIA PLANS MISSION

Following the acceptance by last year's Tasmanian synod of the concept of a

the diocese has taken the

first steps to initiate an

The Diocesan Council has appointed Canon R. D. Tyson, as organising secretary of a steering committee and its first meeting was held on 11th December last.

MOVE

evangelistic campaign.

cleaning?

chaplain to the University of Papua New Guinea, has been appointed secretary of the Commission on Overseas Mission of the Australian Council of Churches.

Rev Rodney I. Kellam, rector of Sorell with Tauman Pennisula Clasmania) since 1968, has been appointed rector of Wontard Commission of the Bible Reading Fellowship as assistant to the Extension Secretary, She was formerly Field Officer, Newcastle Diocesan Department of Christian Education and parish worker for two years in the diocese of Bathurst. and divorce which published in March is likely to be one of the most contentious issues to come before the synod in May next.

The majority report, if adopted and acted on by General Synod, could have far-reaching effects on existing Anglican attitudes to the re-marriage of divorced people in churches. Bathurst.

Rev Dr Bryan Hardman, at present vice-principal of the Adelaide Bible Institute, has been appointed acting principal from June 1 next.

divorced people in churches.

This report includes a draft canon to come befere synod which would allow diocese who wish to do so to set up a Matrimonial Commission. This Commission would consider applications from ministers to remarry divorced people in their churches. The Commission shall approve or dismiss such applications but will not give reasons for any dismissals.

The report of the General

The setting up of these church courts which will directly affect the personal actions of Anglicans is something quite new in this century at least and already some are challenging the con-

Marriage and divorce contentious report

canon before General Synod.

Some who are in general agreement with the majority report are critical of the requirements that applicants to the commissions for re-marriage would have to satisfy. The commissions would need to be satisfied, for instance, that those previously married "sincerely regret the breaking of marriage vows made in earlier marriage."

The minority report is from

the church should not change the nature of marriage, a God-given institution, because man today wants the church to be more accommodating to his weakness. They underline the pastoral responsibility thrown upon us by the present situation.

They are unable to accept the findings of the English Commission on this same question, findings which influence to some extent the majority report. They are not in agreement with "the novel doctrine of the death of marriage." The minority report is from two Adelaide men on the Commission — its chairman, Judge G. E. H. Bleby, and Dr Thomas Reed, Bishop of Adelaide. They state firmly in their report that

Finally, the minority report recommends that both the majori and minority reports be sent the Australian dioceses for the consideration before any can consequent and the consideration before any can

100-knot winds damage CMS Angurugu

Detailed reports which came in from the CMS mission at Angurugu, north Australia, at the end of March, reveal that while the damage caused by cyclone Madge was severe, it not as bad as originally reported and nobody on the station was hurt in any way.

A full report was sent to the CMS secretary for Aborigines, Rev Stanley Giltrap, by Rev Jim Taylor, superintendent at Ang-

Taylor, superintendent at Angurugu.

Cyclone Madge hit the station on Monday, March 6 with 90 to 100 knot winds and 12 inches of rain fell. The major damage was done by the exceptional force of the winds.

At 2 am on the Tuesday morning, the Angurugu River began to rise and two missionary families were evacuated. The wind dropped in the morning and it was found that none was hurt or injured. One third of the trees on the station were blown down and the orange and banana. down and the orange and banana crop was ruined. Twenty Abori-ginal bark huts were destroyed and severe damage was done to

The first to arrive with help was the Groote Eylandt Mining Company, a subsidiary of the BHP, and they provided 15 huts to rehouse the Aboriginal people, Bulldozers and other equipment were also used to help with the damage.

Although details of the cyclone's effect at Numbulwar Station have not yet come through, possibly because the airstrip was put out of action, it is believed that damage there was

not as severe as at Angurugu.
Rev Stanley Giltrap told the
ACR that CMS is now faced
with a formidable program
of repairs and reconstruction of
the Aboriginal homes.
He said that this work will be
largely undertaken by the Aborigines themselves but that the
society could well do with at

Help where it's needed

The diocese of Rockhan ton sought help recently from a church body which has re ceived more than its shar of criticism from the mas Bishop John Grindrof wrot about the help in his March "Church Gazette."

"Church Gazette."

The Glebe Administration
Board of the diocese of Sydney
has come in for its share of pub
licity and candid criticism at
times as it exercises its responsibilities in the administration of
property. Some of the good
things it does for others are for

louvre windows. The rectory at Nightcliff has 700 Anyone for window This comment comes from Mrs Phillipa Hoskin, wife of the Rector of Nightcliff in Darwin, which is partly supported by BCA. BCA. An additional member of staff in the person of Deaconess Pam Eagleton has been added by BCA to help cope with the problems of this vast growing community. Miss Eagleton has been working at Woomera in South Australia and is a capable youth worker. She commenced duties at the

chapter. At the annual clergy conference to be held this year at Christ College, Hobart, 14 to 17th May the main topic will be "Evangelism." The discussion will be led by the warden of St Michael's House, Crafers, Gilbert Sinden.

Looking through the louvres at the Nightchiff rectory.

DARWIN

Death of two leading laymen

laymen died in March -Mr E. Lindsay T. Evans, of Dapto, and Layton A. Langsworth, of Killara.

Lindsay Evans, 76, died on March 20 after a brief illness and the funeral service was held in St Luke's Church where he was treasurer, churchwarden and synod representative. His father and grandfather had a lifelong association with St Luke's before him. His widow, Netta, survives him.

Layton A. Langsworth, 69, died suddenly on March 10 while playing in a golf match. Only two days before he had been reelected to the council at St Martin's, Killara. He leaves a widow and three married children.

A former captain of Fort Street High School at a most dis-tinguished period in its long his-tory, he rose to great prominence in the financial affairs of the city. His great gifts of wisdom, integrity and friendliness he gave fully to the affairs of the Sydney

He was on the Standing Committee and its Finance Committee. He was a member of the Church Property Trust, the Glebe Administration Board, the Finance and Loans Board, the Public Relations Committee, the Car Finance Board, the Diocesan Superannuation Fund, the Church of England Provident

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Fund and the Retirement Villages Board. He did not speak often but he was always heard with great respect.

His funeral service was held at St Martin's, Killara, a parish were both he and his family have had close and active asso-

Marriage counselling

Large audience for counselling

Zerof said but the type of intervention depended on the real needs of those being counselled. Those who called the loudest for help were not necessarily the most in need of it. counselling in crisis, Prof-essor Herbert Zerof told a large audience of many of the helping professions in the Callan Park Hospital Conference Room, Sydney, on Wednesday 21st March. His subject was "The minister's role in marriage coun-

in crisis

most in need of it.

The Professor is an expert communicator and did not speak for long before he sought feedback from the participants, testing their needs and trying to meet expressed needs rather than filling the time with what he thought ought to be their needs. He was relaxed and low-keyed as a speaker and carried his audience with him. He was warm and personal to a degree that few speakers can be.

When one minister asked him

selling."

Dr Zerof is Assistant Professor at the College of Human Development and Learning at the University of North Carolina. He was speaking at a seminar arranged by the NSW Council for Clinical Pastoral Education under the chairmanship of Canon W. K. Deasey.

The audience included ministers, Salvation Army officers, theologians, medical students, doctors, psychiatrists, marriage guidance counsellors,
Crisis counselling calls for When one minister asked him about pastoral interviews with couple who come to arrange a wedding, he said that few see themselves as having a problem. Most feel that getting married is to be a solution to their problems.

gregation.

The 25th World Conference on Mental Health is to be held in Sydney next October and the Council for Clinical Pastoral Education is helping organisone segment of this World Conference — Religion and Mental Health.

urried with two children, for-riely part-time pastor of an poriginal congregation at Well-tton, NSW. He commenced at month in the parish of St ul's, Redfern, based at St ul's Community Centre.

The diocese of Sydney is appointed a full-time boriginal worker with a

ponsibility for Aborigines

He is Mr Ben Bird, who is

ng in the inner city.

A diocesan spokesman said recently: "The diocese has been conscious of the 15,000 Aborisines living in inner-city suburbs and we have been looking for some time for someone to work on our behalf among them.

"We hope that the presence of a Aboriginal worker might re-bill in an openness to Abori-mes in churches in the area and greater awareness among the boriginal community of the kial service resources of the thurch of England available to tem

use of them."

The Anglican Church has for over 60 years had a heavy commitment to work among full-

ern Territory, but this appoint-ment is seen as a step forward towards meeting the needs of Aborigines in the city.

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He said the extensive movement of people in the area around Dodoma, involving 300,000 people moving into Ujamaa villages, was creating an impossible task for the local Bishop to provide churches.

Training centre

He also made a special plea for assistance in establishing a training centre for agricultural mechanics. Such a centre, located close to Dodoma, would train people in the mechanical know how that would be necessary in the Ujamaa villages. He made this plea in a special meeting with executives of the Church Missionary Society, an Anglican voluntary agency with a long-term commitment in Tanzania.

zania.

Mr. Malecela said: "Only three weeks ago the Tanzanian Cabinet decided that missionary doctors should be allowed to continue their medical work and that Churches should continue to run hospitals throughout the country. To this end, doctors will be needed for a long time to come.

Tanzania's Foreign Minister's

call to Australian Church

The Foreign Minister of Tanzania, the Hon, John Malecela, while in Sydney

recently, challenged the Australian Church to undertake aid projects in his

country. Mr Malecela is an Anglican and has had close contacts with C.M.S.

Bishop Chandu Ray on Asian mission strategy

Bishop Chandu Ray, director of the Office for Asian Evangelism in Singapore, said in Perth last month that one of the faults of early missionary activity in Asia Christianity had been padded with aspects of Western culture.

Bishop Ray said that the church would probably have been more successful if it had not been padded with colonialism and attitudes of domination and pride.

He said that the church had to rethink its position and see how much of what it taught was faith

Many minor aspects had caused conflict in the missionary activity. For example, the traditional Hindu position of worship was a seated position on the floor, but the church had introduced pews into its buildings.

individualism, whereas in Asia there is very little individualism, he said. We have also tended to stress

he said.

The church had not generally accepted the need for conversion of the whole family if only some members wanted to become Christians, he said. This tended to break up the family unit which was very important in Asia.

He also said that there was an opportunity to develop radio work, and that people with training in electronics would be needed as missionaries in the Diccese of Central Tanganyika.

He also spoke of the oppor-He emphasised the urgency of the task and suggested that the Australian Church, through the Church Missionary Society or other agencies, could assist by providing the money to purchase corrugated iron for the church roofs. tunities that would be provided for the Church by the possible resiting of the national capital at Dodoma.

at Dodoma,
While in Australia, Mr Malecela met the Prime Minister and
officials of the Foreign Affairs
Department. In Tanzania he is
known as an Anglican and is
well known to Australian missionaries working there.

1500 WAYS TO SAY LOVE

LATEST statistics from the United Bible Societies show that at least one complete book of the Bible has now been published in 1,500 different languages and dialects.

During 1972, 43 new languages were added to the list to give the grand total.

Complete Bibles appeared for the first time in two Indian lan-guages (Paite and Thado) last year, and were published by The Bible Society of India.

WCC meet change to Geneva

tion" being faced by the World Council of Churches because of the world monetary crisis and devaluation US dollar has brought about a change of the Central Committee in August.

Originally set down for Hel-sinki, Finland, it will now be held in Geneva, Switzerland.



Dr Phijip Potter.

The WCC Central Committee meets yearly and its members are drawn from many parts of the world. The WCC now has 263 member denominations.

State Governor opposes Bible

The Governor of South Australia, Sir Mark Oli-phant, told a public meeting at Port Adelaide Town Hall recently that the trouble with people holding strong religious beliefs was that they wanted to "stuff them

About 900 Asian missionaries were now at work in South-East Asia and India.

China today

And today, not even the aging chairman, with all the power, propaganda, and persuasion at his command can stand against what God is doing in China.

down somebody else's throat."

Sir Mark said this in answer to a question after he had spo-ken on "Science and Christian Faith."

He said he thought of himself as a Christian, but did not go to church.

After explaining how science was used to determine ages of rocks, he said the methods gave an age of about 5,000m years for the oldest rocks.

That time was far longer than the 5000 to 6000 years since genesis occurred according to the Bible.

Sir Mark then spoke of space, its complexity of stars and planets and "the stupendous size of the universe."

"If God created all this, he

"If God created all this, he is clearly a far greater God than is the man depicted in the Old Testament, unlikely to single out from the millions of planets which exist this insignificant earth," he said.

Dr J. H. Court, senior lecturer in psychology at Flinders University and a member of the Research Scientists Christian Fellowship, commenting on Sir Mark's address, said there was a "conspicuous gap in the case presented."

"The Bible is not, and never claims to be, a scientific text book," he said.

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The triumph of His death and resurrection

The curious crowd settle by the rocky slope on that Friday about noon to see the last of a drama which had started early that morning and had involved the whole city of Jerusalem from Pontius Pilate down to the beggars in the streets.

The cross having been raised, the best of the spectacle was over and as the day darkens, most wend their way homewards. A few watch and hear the occasional word, edged with pain. The soaked sponge is proffered and refused. Some words are addressed to the stricken mother and the protecting John. Nothing to see really.

Then at three o'clock the great cry comes from the heart-broken Saviour, "It is finished!" And so He dies.
Only in retrospect would these simple words assume a significance which the world ever since has not ceased trying to discover.

To those who stayed, brutalised by many such spectacles, it was just another death. To a few, it was the high point and the end of the pain of the one they loved

most.

For that few there remained but the soldiers' proof of His death, the arrangements for the taking down and the entombment of the body and then home and the attempts to console the inconsolable.

"It is finished" seemed unremarkable to all of them.

"It is finished" seemed unremarkable to all of them. So insignificant in fact, as to be quite ordinary.

The same on the Sunday morning. The bereaved often like to be busy and busy they were.

Courtesies left undone in deference to Jewish custom late on Friday remained to be done on Sunday morning and little wonder that the sleepless women were about their final tasks early.

The garden was deserted and they were troubled by the sight of the open tomb. Their anxiety was boundless when they saw the grave clothes but no body of their loved Master. Amazement, concern, bitterness, anger—these would be some of the feelings they experienced at the thought of people acting in such a dastardly way. They had stolen His body from the tomb.

Mary's feelings were so strong and her eyes so dimmed with tears that she saw a gardener, not her Lord.

"He is not here. He is risen." Words to be pondered

"He is not here. He is risen." Words to be pondered over later. Words to be appreciated and savoured only when Jesus came and stood in their midst. Words which the ages have uttered, proclaimed and will continue to proclaim until He comes back again.

"It is finished." "He is not here. He is risen." Simple, factual words, but applied to the Son of God, man has ever tried but never fully succeeded in plumbing the depths of the great truths they set forth.

"It is finished" tells sinful man that God's great saving work for all mankind is complete. Calvary has gone and needs no repetition. The death of Christ covers the sin of every soul who comes to God through Him. He is our substitute. He died for you and for me.

What a triumph God worked out that day when He turned the anger of men to His praise. How great and how gloriously leving is our God.

"He is not here. He is risen." As the first simple words tell of our special relationship with God now through the finished work of Christ, so these latter words are full of promise of the final triumph of every believer with Jesus Christ. As death could not hold Him, neither will it be our destiny.

While it is true to say that the believer is saved to

meither will it be our destiny.

While it is true to say that the believer is saved to serve, God has an even greater destiny for him. He is saved to be with Christ in the presence of the Father. Here truly is triumph.

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A competitive examination for the Jubilee Scholarship will be held on Saturday, July 28th, 1973. The Scholarship is tenable for four years and is open to girls under 13 years of age on November 30th, proximo, who are daughters of Abbotsleigh Old Girls. Entries close on Thursday, May 31st 1973. Conditions and form of entry will be supplied on application.

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TAKE UP

This special article for our Easter issue was contributed by Rev Maurice Betteridge, Federal Secretary of the Church Missionary Society.

Some things need to be said many times. On the first occa-sion, Jesus, aware of the un-thinking enthusiasm of the crowd, sounded a warning note.

The next time was when Jesus as facing His twelve disciples with the realities of the mission He was committing to them. Lastly, it was at Caesarea Philippi when Peter protested that it was intolerable that the Messiah should suffer and be put to death.

Each time Jesus said to the man who would follow Him: deny yourself, take up your cross, lose your I'fe for My sake. We are guilty of trivialising his demand. It mans a great deal more than bearing patiently with the p-tty irritations and frustrations of life.

We may go deeper. We may

We may go deeper. We may say that hardship and suffering are frequently part of the Christian's lot. The Christian is never surprised by suffering. Jesus certainly to'd His followers to expect it. Like Master, like servant, they would be hated without a cause.

without a cause.

But I do not believe that this was primarily what Jesus was talking about when he challenged His would-be followers to take up the cross. It is true that the consequences of bearing our cross may be that we will have hardship but I believe we need closely to distinguish the act itself from its results.

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Jesus said to those who would ome after Him: deny yourself nd take up your cross. These re decisive acts.

and take up your closs. These are decisive acts.

To deny is not to know. Peter denied Jesus; he declared he did not know the Man, When Jesus asks a man to deny himself He is asking him to sever all relationships with the man he once was. It was a forceful and dramatic way of saying that there is absolutely no place for self-interest in the lite of a Christian. Jesus offered no material securities—He himself had nowhere to lay His head — and He required uncompromising loyalty—there was no time for protracted farewells.

Indeed, such discipleship was

Indeed, such discipleship was both costly and dangerous as

Jesus reminded men when He spoke of the need to weigh up the consequences before building a tower or going into battle.

To take up the cross is to accept the implications of such self-denial. The man who carries his cross is the man who is seen publicly to be as good as dead. He is on a one-way road. The image is unmistakable and the truth it conveys is stark and uncompromising. There can be no place for self-interest in the life of a follower of Christ.

Had Jesus said no more it might well have appeared that discipleship is a grim and cheerls business. But He doesn't. He links this cemand for the end of the self-life with the paradox that the end is in reality the beginning.

The man who is prepared to

beginning. The man who is prepared to

lose his life for Christ's sake will in fact find life. It is to see the emptiness of our self-interest, our ambitions, our securities and to find out the source of true happiness.

Christ then demands a radical re-ordering of a man's life if he wishes to be a disciple. Is this something we may achieve by ourselves?

A superficial reading may

ourselves?

A superficial reading m make it appear so. Jesus su that the one who does not de himself and take up his cross not worthy of Him. Does t imply that we can in any wearn the right to discipleship the pathway of asceticism a suffering?

To say this would be to experience.

To say this would be to con-tradict the clear teaching of the

More on page three

Perverted order of means and ends

The perversion of the order of means and ends had led to a decay of the conscience in personality, Archbishop Geoffrey Sambell told the congregation at the Corper's Cathedral George's Cathedral. Perth, recently.

Rather than remaining neutral, technology had taken over the human will. Technology had become an end in itself rather than a means to an end, Dr Sambell said. He was preaching at a special service for indurstial Safety Week.

Safety Week.

Though science and technology had entered more and more into the practical activities of mankind, there was nothing new in technology itself.

However, bihnu the technical evolution there had been a spiritual devolution, and man now saw modern techniques as his own product. He wanted to owe

his existence to nobody but him-self.

The task of the Church was not merely to provide services to the devout but to relate religion to life.

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MR WILLIAMS SAYS...

Mr Williams says he's very bitter about things at the Church and if the people who are causing the trouble don't pull out - he will.

I have always been very impressed by the way God changed bitter water into sweet water at Marah (Exodus 15/23 and 25). Moses was to throw a tree into the water! I would have been inclined to think it would have been better to take something out rather than put something in.

Williams; one added piece of knowledge will chase them away. Look for the "tree" in your bit-ter situation, Mr Williams, and you may be surprised just how beautiful the scene is after all.

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By Ken Roughley

What people need for bitter-ness is not the removal of things (or people) but the seeing of them in a new relation.

The Psalmist speaks of a tree planted by rivers of water. A tree makes a great difference to our view of the water; it may change it from a monotonous scene to one of beauty; it adds a new fact to the old thing.

So it is with your problems, Mr

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YOUR CROSS

w Testament and to deny the ndamental tenet of the Grspel that it is good news for men to cannot save themselves. Our oblem here is in the use of the rd "Worthy."

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—to do only what pleased His Father. He is looking for similar obedience in His disciples.

At this point we might wonder whether the demand to take up our cross is an impossible requirement. But God's demands are God's gifts.

To take up the cross is to understand the radical re-ordering of life which Christ brings about in the believer. It is a death and resurrection which links our lives to His death and resurrection. It is the change which the Holy Spirit works in the heart of the Christian which

es a man to turn from sin to

causes a man to turn from sin to faith.

It is a new spiritual relationship which must be worked out in daily living. It is Luke who records that Jesus said we must take up our cross daily.

must take up our cross daily.

Luther expressed it this way:
"True it is that I live in this flesh but this life, whatsoever it is, I esteem as no life, for in very deed it is no true life but a shadow of life under the which another liveth, that is to say, Christ, who is my true life indeed."

So then we say that to deny

ourselves and to take up our cross is a forceful and negative way of emphasising the fact that the Christian life is a life in which the risen Christ is a at the centre, a life which despite all its sins and shor.comings aims to please Him and more and more is learning to let Christ work out His purposes through us.

St John has not recorded Jesus' teaching on self-denial and cross-bearing but only the choice of saving and losing life. However, it is an important statement because in its context John is making it crystal clear that there

must be no confusion between Christ's cross and our cross.

Certain Greeks had asked to see Jesus. The event foreshadowed the world-wide significance of His coming death and resurrection. It was in these events that the full significance of Jesus was to be declared.

His death would be like the planting of a seed and His resurrection and the work of the Spirit in raising up a world-wide Church would be its germination and harvest. Notice then how John justifies the necessity of Christ's death and the necessity for there to be a dying and ris-

Christ's death and the necessity for there to be a cying and rising, a losing and finding in the life of the believer.

Characteristically, St John sees this new life in terms of fellowship with the risen Christ, insignificant in the eyes of this world but honoured by the Father.

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To take up the cross is a gro-

To take up the cross is a grotesque notion to propose to
Christians in Australia in 1973,
It is the antithesis of that spirit
of self-seeking which has warped
the lives of disciples then and
now. It is a concept so contrary
to the spirit of this age that it
has no popular appeal.

Nevertheless for the Christian
the words of the Master leave no
option for, "If any man would
come after Me, let him deny
himself and take up his cross
and follow Me," and let no one
forget that, "whoever would save
his life will lose it, and whoever
loses his life for My sake will
find it."

Let the risen Lord Jesus stand
tt the centre of work life.

Let the risen Lord Jesus stand at the centre of your life.

Letter from Massachusetts

In a further letter from the USA, Rev Charles Barton, vicar of St James', South Groveland, James', South Grov Massachusetts, and Massachusetts, and formerly on the staff of Holy Trinity, Adelaide, gives some deta'ls about the Protestant Episcopal method of filling a vacancy in a parish.

in a parish.

If your rector was about to leave to go to another church and you had to choose another person to take his place, how would you go about choosing? There are a number of things which you might do.

You might go and talk with the bishop or archbishop of your diocese to ask him for suggestions. His response would be affected by his knowledge of your parish, and his knowledge of the men who might be available. He might also confer with one or two others who might be able to give good advice. You might ask around some of your friends in their parishes. You might remember some clergymen

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who preached a dynamic sermon at a convention. And so on.

Then let us say that you have some possibilities to consider. You would consider his churchmanship, how successful he is in his present parish, whether he is good with youth, or old people.

Then you might you and here.

good with youth, or old people.

Then you might go and hear him preach, and then talk with him. And then depending on such items as the attractiveness of your parish, stipends, availability, a sense of call, you might get yourself a new rector, sooner or later.

or later.

This would be the practice in a large number of parishes in this part of the world. However, a new trend is beginning, which (with all its limitations) will help parishes and clergy to more responsible decisions.

In the new approach, the first thing that happens is that the parish evaluates itself and its community. It usually does this with the aid of a consultant.

community. It usually does this with the aid of a consultant.

The committee responsible for making the choice fills out a form which helps to evaluate the parish, the community and the needs of the parish in that community, plans for the future, leadership needs, and remuneration for the rector. Each member of the committee fills out the form before the committee meets to discuss the opinions of committee menbers.

The life of the congregation

This section of one sample form seeks to evaluate such issues as: how many of the congregation texe responsibilities work — individually, waiting for the rector to tell them what to do, take responsibilities work — individually, how are new issues dealt with in the parish; how is the rector viewed by the congregation; relation of the parish to the community; the chief values which guide decisions; how are leadership skills in the congregation used; how well known are the actions of committees.

The community.

The community.

The issues under this section

Is the community growing, static or declining;
The problems of the communities

The areas the Church should be involved in in the community; Programmes sponsored by the Church to meet community needs;

Future predictions for the community, such as highways, shopping complexes, etc.

Planning.

The issues here are: What efforts have been made to establish goals for the parish;

What are the five rein cocle

What are the five main goals for the parish in the future;

What is the congregation going to have to do in the light of changes in the community.

Compensation of the rector.

Here all the compensation be paid to the rector is set out. Leadership needs of the parish.

Then there is a separate sec-tion to be filled out which lays

out in order of priority the leadership needs of the congregation. Examples are: Children, Youth, Adults, Visiting, Crisis visiting, Counselling, Administrative leadership, Evangelism, Inter-Church co-operation, Social Ministry, etc.

When the committee meets each member has done quite a deal of preliminary thinking. The committee as a whole then works towards trying to get some sort of agreement with the assistance of the consultant.

Then and only then does the

of the consultant.

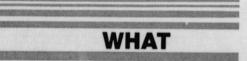
Then and only then does the search begin for the person who will most nearly meet the requirements.

They are aided in their search by a Personal Profile which it is intended that all the clergy in

the Episcopal Church fill out. (At present only about half have.) This sets out their specialities, experience in both secular and ministerial professions, special interests and training, plus job-type, geographic and salary preferences. This is filed in three places, one of which is a computer. By pressing the right buttons on the computer the parish will be furnished with a list of prospective candidates.

After this list is received, the

After this list is received, the more traditional methods of choice begin. The result is more likely to be more satisfactory to both parish and minister, because both have looked at themselves and each other more carefully.







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A fixed date for Easter

There does not seem to be any very good reason for maintaining the traditional method for calculating Easter Day and retaining it as a moveable feast. Nor for that matter, any other Christian

The calculations are manmade and may be altered for man's convenie

While on Easter Day, another usage is creeping in, encouraged some ministers, of calling ster Day "Easter Sunday." It sounds as bad to Anglican ears that misnomer for Easter Eve "Easter Saturday."

A mystery appointment

his colleagues will be mistaken if they imagine that his move will not be watched very c osely. Why did the Whitlam Govern-

not be watched very cosely. Why did the Whitlam Government make this appointment?
Governments are opportunist about such matters. Something for everyone is their not overscrupulous motto. The recognition of China and diplomatic relations with Commun.st East Germany plus the abuse of the United States by some Federal Cabinet Ministers called for some counter-balancing gesture to please the right-wing elements in the community.

Perhaps we could send an Ambassador to Spain — that should satisfy the right-wing crowd. Take it easy, Mr Whitlam, we already have an ambassador in Franco land. All right, let's send an ambassador to the Vatican — that really should satisfy the Roman Catholics and those who look to them for right-wing leadership.

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To solve the problem of whom to send, the Government simply switched its ambassador to Spain, one Dudley McCarthy who is obligingly enough — an Anglican. As we said — something for everybody.

The spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church in Sydney, Dr W. E. Murray, is quite satisfied. He said "It is not essential that the ambassador be a Catholic, and I certainly do not think the fact that he is not will be in any way detrimental."

way detrimental."

What difference does this appointment make in a nation where Church and State are constitutionally separate and where militant secularists are always like crusaders preparing for a holy war? Will it make Mr Whitlam oppose abortion on demand, for example?

holy war? Will it make Mr Whit-lam oppose abortion on demand, for example?

He has said he favours abor-tion on demand, Will it cause the Federal Labor Party to drop its virtually no-censorship policy? I really don't think it will have any such effect. But it will cause more people to watch out for more people to watch out for what they may consider to be special treatment for the Roman

special treatment for the Roman Church.

When in 1870 the Papal States were invaded by the forces of Italy's first King, Victor Emma-nuel II, the Pope, Pius IX (a man who proved, incidentally, that no nineteenth century Pope could be a genuine liberal) retired within the walls of the Vatican enclosure.

Vatican enclosure.

In 1929 Benito Mussolini, the fascist dictator of Italy, signed a treaty with the Pope and recognised Vatican City as an independent secular State with all rights of sanctuary, diplomatic exchange and immunity. The Vatican City State is exempt

It has its own tiny railway and It has its own tiny railway and post office and newspapers and powerful radio station. The Vatican diplomatic machinery is the most extensive in the world, surpassing even the international ramifications of the communist

S i m p l e-minded Christians

S i m p 1 e-minded Christians, whether Roman Catholics or Protestants, find all this difficult to understand. Many Roman Catholics are repelled by the old fashioned imperialism and triumphalism of Vatican diplomacy.

It all smacks too much of the sixteenth century papacy with Pope Julius II resplendent in his armour, sword in hand, astrice his war horse leading his army into battle. The Church militant with a vengeance. Cardinal Richelieu was Louis XIII's Chief Minister in seventeenth century France, Cardinal Mazarin succeeded him.

Minister in seventeenth century France. Cardinal Mazarin succeeded him.

Devout people shrink at the thought of an ecclesiastical CIA. A type of ASIO dressed in a cassock. Is Vatican diplomacy just as cynical as secular State diplomacy? Very probably it is.

Two weeks ago "Newsweekly," the journal of the National Civic Council (of which the DLP is the political party outreach) asked the question "Has Vatican diplomacy lost more than it has gained?" "Newsweekly" was referring to the fact that the Pope has done a deal with the Government of Czechoslovakia enabling him to appoint four new bishops. "Newsweekly" has grave doubts about the suitability of some of those to be appointed.

Rev Richard Wurmbrand's monthly paper "Jesus to the Communist World" has a picture of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro in happy conclave with Cardinal Enriquez of Chile. No, we wouldn't trust Vatican diplomatic methods above those employed by the ordinary secular State. The Australian Prime Minister has simply made a gesture to please Roman Catholics.

Certainly it will be a break for Anglican Duciley McCarthy to leave the medieval darkness of Madrid. By contrast, Vatican City is quite a progressive place.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the US is to take steps at its next General Convention to put its theological education house in order.

house in order.

In a land where free enterprise runs riot, theological colleges had also sprung up like mushrooms, each competing with the other for the limited number of theological students offering.

Now it seems that all this will end. General Convention will be asked to approve the closure of all except four seminaries.

Fortunately, we in Australia are not frustrated with a highly centralised bureaucratic national structure. Few would like our General Synod to follow the US model.

The soul-sound Jesus re-ig "Bread," written and

will be televised by the ABC in all States of Australia on Easter Day,

produced by Jeff Carroll of

April 22.

Jeff Carroll wrote the revue 12
months ago, and has produced it
to a number of live audiences.
He joined the staff of the
Church of England Youth Department six months ago to promote Christian use of drama.

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Rationalising

"Bread" on ABC-TV

A plea for simple English

deaf ears.

What Mr Ogden rightly compolysyllabic modern jarged may seem to its perpetrators be either profound, scholarly educated. In fact, it is none these. It is deliberately obscut We have today a decided prefence for "utilisation" instead "use" and "transport" or "car."

Writers still tell us to "elected for the professional transport of "car."

Writers still tell us to "pleafind enclosed" when all the mean is "enclosed is."

mean is "enclosed is."

Rudolf Flesch invented if famed "fog index" to meass the obscurity of much mode writing. Flesch would find happy testing ground for his findex in some General Syn and diocesan reports. Many them make the person with a gard for the natural strength at simplicity of the English lanuage shudder.

To some, their boorishnes and failure to grasp the basics of the mother tongue is an insulto the intelligence.

Burmese Church

Bishop Chandu Ray says Christian Church in Burma is the march. New parish patte are emerging. Laymen have much greater say and share worship and witness with you worship and witness with you people "very much the driv

Conversion movement in Africa

A Sudan Interior Mission release declares: "What may we be one of the greatest conversion movements in Africa's history taking place in the mountains couth-west Ethiopia. Thousand for pearly of people are coming to Christ

as we have seen in recent ye or from sheer economic nece

or from sheer economic necess as in some other recent cases.

We still have some smal colleges which are enclaves to out-moded traditions and whi must fail to attract the best the logical educators to their facties. They do not represent go stewardship of the church's limed resources of means.

He has also written and produced "Gifts," a Christma revue, which was performed la Decomber at several Sydney le cations, "Bread" is an enthusia tic revue along the theme of the spiritual bread which God surplies, compared to the "Bread which men are often workin for.

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Private interpretation

SIR — The letter written by fr W. A. Dowe (March 22) is ororthy of consideration. I am fraid that too many of us are pt to accept institutions and ractices as we find them, with-ut inquiry. So accustomed have a become to observing and

In my own little way I have In my own little way I have seen conducting a campaign to duce people to do just what Mr owe advocates. The results, rough your valuable paper, eve not been encouraging, as it pears that most people, parularly those in authority, just fuse to defend the stand they ve taken. They are blase and If-satisfied. I think I know the ason which, if I am correct, es them no credit.

It is appropriate, however, to

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It is appropriate, however, to ssue a warning. Private interretation leads along arduous aths to unease and mental disurbance. Those of us who hoose this course must be preared to face up to its conquences, so often distasteful and destructive of much we have rown to admire in our earlier and informative years.

H. R. Granville-Smith, Ariah Park, NSW.

Not St Luke's property

- Sorry to inform you in "Church Record" has

The front page heading is 'Adelaide City Council stops thurch plans."
It then lists "Plans for pulling lown a shop . . . and attached o St Luke's Mission . . "
This property is not attached of St Luke's Mission, and is word by another organisation

Letters to the editor words.

did not make any submission to the Adelaide City Council con-cerning plans for a three-storey block. (Rev) G. C. Bennett, St Luke's, Whitmore Square, Adelaide.

Not a true presentation of the gospel

ther, and St Luke's Mission

SIR — Following the first performance of the soul sound Jesus Revue "Bread" by the Youth Department of the diocese of Sydney last September, the Youth Department has obviously embarked on a policy of definite expansion in this field. This is evidenced by three more performances of "Bread" last year with a further three to come after Easter and a performance with Australia-wide coverage on ABC television on Easter Day.

This field is a new venture for

This field is a new venture for Sydney's Youth Department. As the production has been claimed to be a gospel presentation, there are very important principles of the gospel involved, both as to its content and method of

To my knowledge the promo-ters of "Bread" have never put forward a rationale of what they are doing and as some of us are concerned for the gospel prin-ciples involved, it is time the

should not exceed 300

matter was brought out into the open. Following the original performance I was asked by the Youth Chaplain to prepare a submission for the department's Youth Council but the submission has received no acknowledgment.

Regretfully I must charge the Youth Department that, however different may be their intentions, through these productions they are in fact leading the youth of our diocese away from the gos-pel and helping blind them to its essential nature. This is a serious accusation but I would not make it if I did not believe the situ-ation to be so serious. ation to be so serious.

I therefore challenge the Youth Chaplain or any person he may appoint to a public discussion at a time and place he may choose that "Bread" is not a true presentation of the gospel in both content and method.

(Rev) Maxwell Bonner, Croydon Park, NSW.

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R. Ctercteko,

R. Ctercteko, Hon. Secretary, Sydney.

Gippsland has news service

The diocese of Gipps-land has become the first small diocese in Australia to provide an Anglican press service.

press service.

The diocese of Sydney has provided a news service and has a telex link with all the national media. The diocese of Melbourne has just begun to operate its own Anglican press service under the direction of Rev Barry Huggett.

The editor of the Gippsland Anglican press service (GAPN)

The editor of the Gippsland Anglican press service (GAPs) is Rev Frank Lowe, rector of Morwell and editor of the Gippsland Church News. Mr Lowe has breathed new life into the layout and content of the diocesan paper and he will no doubt handle press releases with competence. The first two were issued late in March.

French Bible

An ecumenical French trans-lation of the New Testament was published in Paris, More than 100 Protestant, Catholic, and Or-thodox scholars worked on the

Is love obscuring truth?

SIR — It is enormously encouraging to read of Kairos 73, the massive Christian demonstration in front of Parliament House, but is it enough to demonstrate "love of Jesus" without getting down to specific issues?

For instance, Dr Jim Cairns suggested that a poll be taken to see whether the public still wanted the Prayer before Parliament. This was taken up by several Christian correspondents in Queensland's "Courier-Mail."

In another item you quote Dr G. Aitken Taylor from The Presbyterean Journal, "concerned Christians put their armour down prematurely and no longer sense the need to engage in the battle against the evil one."

With all today's emphasis on With all today's emphasis on Love, practical truth is being swept aside, yet never was there more need to engage in various fields of conflict. Christians under-estimate their power to influence governments in writing to their local MPs, press and television.

Regarding pornography on TV, this can be done by lay Christians in an authoriative way by referring to official publications of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board — Broadcasting Programme Standards and Televions Programme Standards, both obtainable from 373 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Armed with these rulines, the Christian voice can be effective.

We must also insist on the

voice can be effective.

We must also insist on the National Anthem being retained for important functions, and the Australian flag remaining unchanged. The Union Jack has a deep Christian meaning. We see in the white cross of St. Andrew the symbol of the new convenant placed over the broken cross (St Patrick) of the mosaic covenant (our sins blotted out) while underneath both is the everlasting Unconditional Abrahamic covenent (cross of St George).

I do believe our God has been

watching over us through the centuries in ways we had not realised. The idea dies hard that He only moves in churches and leaves the political world to look after itself. The conflict today has moved into a world-wide arena. Will we awake too late to find that our traditional institutions, our Standards, our education, our Christian society has been demolished, leaving the church completely vulnerable?

We know that Christ will triumph, but will it be alone or with us?

(Mrs) P. Creasey, (Mrs) P. Creasey, Clontarf Beach, Q.

Locking into a report on ministry

ministry

SIR. — Would it might please, God, by renewing Bunyan's gift of talking theology and evange-lism in lucid English prose, to deliver his church from polysyllabic modern jargon!

The verbosity of this Report is hard to take; so is the puerile informality of the cover picture, centring on the collection plate on the holy table.

But what is really incredible in a formal Report on parish life and work, and the nature and functions of the Anglican clergy, is lack of any reference to administration of the sacraments (or even to their existence), or to even to their existence), or to

the occasional services so much debated just now.
So our Church "adopted" an ordained ministry? Just who did so? When? Where? By what authority. thority? The Report is highly selective

The Report is highly selective in references to the NT church, omitting, eg, I Thess. 5.12, I Tim. 4.14 and II Tim 1.6, Acts 8. 17/19 and 19.6, and John 20, 22/23. Nor does it quote the Orcanal where it makes clear that "our Church" has always taken those Scripture passages at face value, and as of a continuing validity to be appropriated by faith.

One fears that the aversion to

One fears that the aversion to One fears that the aversion to such a view of the episcopal and priestly ministry, which is a growing trait in this diocese, is now logically extending to the Prayer Book as well.

In time past, this same line of thought and procedure did of course lead to the total abolition of the Prayer Book and, as it was assumed, of the Anglican Church as well.

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SA parties lack moral issues' policy

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"A very serious situation has developed in our State when neither leader of the major pol-itical parties has made any clear

Province of Indian Ocean inaugurated

dian Ocean was inaugurated on March 27 by the Right Rev John Howe, Secretary-General of the Anglican Consultative Council, acting under a mandate from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The inauguration, postponed from December of last year, took place in Port Louis Cathedral, Mauritius, where the Archbishop of the new province the Most Rev Edwin Curtis) has

The new province consists of five dioceses — three in Madagascar (Tamatave, Antananarivo and Diego Suarez); Mauritius; and the Seychelles.

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"The failure of the Premier (Mr Dunstan) and the Attorney-General (Mr King) to give a clear moral lead in the recent 'Stud' issue should not be allowed to become a precedent for future Governments in this State."

Mr Shilton said Governments in other States had acted responsibly and not thrown the onus for action on private indi-

"All concerned people should find out if local candidates will take a stand against pornogra-phy," he said. phy," he said.

Mr Dunstan said in reply:
"The Government is very conscious of the problems of public"The ALP has put forward a firm and specific policy on such publications in its policy state-ment for the election. "We believe adult citizens should be free to make their own

decisions about what they read and see, and free from the dicta-tion of others on what is a mat-ter of adult, personal judgment.

"The Government will in-troduce a restricted classification for publications dealing with sex and violence."

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6:17

9. There he broke the flashing arrows, the

— sword, and the weapons of war (6,3) Ps

selfish ambition—, there will be disorder and every vile practice (5) Jas 3:16

1. to pre-ent your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy—————God,

which is your spiritual worship (3, 10, 2) Rom 12:1 12:1 12. and do not fear what they fear, nor be in —(5) Is 8:12.

13. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one—other, so will the Son of man be in his day (4,2,3) Lk 17:24

(4,2,3) Lk 17:24

Which of you, having an ass or an ox that has fallen — —, will not immediately pull him out on a sabbath day? (4,1,4) Lk 14:5 17. And the Father who sent — himself borne

witness to me (2,3) Jn

19. I urge that supplications, prayers, interces ions, and —
made for all men (13,2)
1. Ti 2:1
21. But I say to you that
every one who is —
with his brother shall be
liable to judgment (5)
Mt 5:22
22. Mend your ways, heed
my appeal, —— one
another, live in peace,
and the God of love
and peace will be with
you (5,4) 2 Co 13:11
23. But striking a shoal

DOWN

19. I urge that supplica-tions, prayers, inter-

23. But striking a shoal they ran the vessel—; the bow stuck and remained immovable (7) Ac 27:41

Ac 27:41

24. Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may between good and evil (7) 1 Ki 3:9

1. For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are for-

and instruction of the Lord (8,2,5) Eph 6:4
3. Do you not tremble before me? — the sand as the bound for the sea (1,6) Jer 5:22
4. Idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot — or hear or

stone and wood, which cannot — or hear or walk (6,3) Rev 9:20
5. For out of the heart come evil throughts, murder, adultery, fornication, — false witness, slander (5) Mt 15:19
6. Truthful lips endure for — a lying tongue is but for a moment (4,3) Pro 12:19
7. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be — — and the two shall be one (6,2,3,4)
Mt 19:5
8. Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour

Mt 11:27
Better is a dinner of herbs where love — — — fatted ox and hatred with it (2,4,1) Pro 15:17

has not ——" (3,4) Jn 17, when I was with 2.4 14. All things have been — to me by my Father (9) Mt 11:27 —— were supplied the brethren (2.5) 2

20. the Lord is faithful; will strengthen you as — you from evil (5)
Th 3:3

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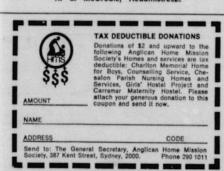
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The Vietnam War and the publicity it has received and the divisions which it has caused must rate as one of the most significant political events in the second half of the twentieth cen-

Interpretations and assess-ments have appeared in numbers and will continue to appear. Kenneth Grenville's contribution, from this point of view, is one among many. It deserves our at-

ber of its competitors. The author is an Australian who displays a thorough familiarity both with the country of Vietnam and many of its leading political personalities.

personalities.

Furthermore Kenneth Grenville has been a communist activist and is therefore no stranger to communist ideals and methods of achieving them. When to these qualifications is added the author's very readable style of writing and the book's pleasing presentation the result is an impressive one.

If Grenville is right, and the arguments he presents are very

persuasive, the saving of South Vietnam from the Communists is vital to the world balance of power and the future of the western democracies. This is no thesis to be dismissed without crutiny or treated as relevant only to the past. Australia's in-volvement in Vietnam has been a serious one and its implications for the future, on Grenville's showing, are no less serious.

By including an "addendum" (dated 7th February, 1973) we have the benefit of the author's views on the 1972 Easter offensive and the more recent "ceasefire."

B. L. Smith.

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HEALER OF THE MIND Paul E. Johnson (ed.). Abingdon, 1972. 270 pages. \$6.25. Dr Johnson is a professor emeritus of Boston State and a pioneer in the field of pastoral care. The growing number of men and women in Australia who are reading widely and training in this field will enjoy this very fine symposium. All the contributors, except the editor who was a professor of psychology and pastoral care, are psychiatrists who stand at the top of their profession in several lands. They come from differing schools of psychiatry but all owe a common allegiance to the Christian faith. It is fitting that the final chapter should be contributed by Paul Tournier.

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Young's best work

A COMMENTARY ON DANIEL, by Edward J. Young, Geneva Series Commentary, Banner of Truth Trust, 1972, 320 pages, £1.50 (UK).

pages, £1.50 (UK).

E. J. Young had a highly deserved reputation as an outstanding Old Testament scholar. Any of his works are characterized by a very careful attention to detail and he was well enough equipped to handle any philological or textual difficulties.

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If we are to find fault with this book it will be that his ability to expound the text does not this book it will be that his ability to expound the text does not
keep pace with his eagerness to
score a conservative point. For
all that, it is an excellent work
and comes highly recommended
from this reviewer.

W. J. Dumbrell.

Minor prophets for layman

COMMENTARY ON THE MINOR PROPHETS. by Homer Hailey, Baker Book House, 1972. 428 pages, \$6.95 (U.S.).

This book is a one volume commentary on the Minor Prophets, written especially for the layman. There is some brief discussion of the historical context of each prophecy, an analysis of the contents, and then a thematic exposition of the material.

More factual than devotional, it is lucidly written and this.

it is lucidly written and this, together with its non technical together with its non technical nature encourages continuous reading. There is much to be said for this latter approach to biblical literature, especially in the case of the Old Testament.

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New house for bishop

Goulburn at Campbell, ACT, has been finished and the Bishop and Mrs Warren moved in on April 16.

Bishop Warren says that it will become a centre for meet-ings and gatherings for the dioc-

He is hoping that the house will be dedicated on Saturday, 19 May, by Bishop John Howe, Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion. A missionary luncheon will be held to cater for the crowd that is expected from all over the diocese and also to raise extra money for the diocesan missionary effort.

with a deficit of \$15,000 in 1973 with the

possibility of a very much larger one in 1974.

Christ Church St Laurence, Sydney, with special responsibility for Aboriginal people.

Capial Michael Tobin. Church Army on the June parish has been appointed parish wangelist at Cootamundra (Can-Goulb).

Captain Ronald Wallis of the Church Army, has been appointed to the parish of Holy Triatiy, kinssford, and will continue his regular visitation of Long Bay and the Church of Education, has been appointed full-time transing officer with the Diocesan Board of Education, has been appointed full-time transing officer with the Church of Education, has been appointed full-time transing officer with the Church of Education, has been appointed full-time transing officer with the Church of Education, has been appointed for Church of Kunnaura (NW Aust) since 1969, has been appointed to Rockhampton.

Rev Norman Polgen. curate of Holy Cross Cathedral, Geraldton, since 1970, has been appointed to Rockhampton.

Rev P. L. Harrisson of Perth has been appointed curate of St Boniface Cathedral, Banbuty, Rev P. L. Harrisson of Perth has been appointed to Rottlesco (Perth) since 1966, has retired and is living at Clarencon.

Writers, young and old from all parts of Sydney

and all denominations, from

Canberra and from Bris-

bane, gathered in Sydney on Saturday, March 31 for yet

another Seminar for Christ-

Fifty-six people enrolled for the Seminar, organised by Evangelical Literature Overseas (Australia) with the co-operation of the "Decision" Writers'

of the "Decision" Writers' Group. The feature of this year's

Seminar was the workshops which began at 10.30 am and with breaks for dinner and after-noon tea, went on until 5.30 pm.

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Rev Fred Nile, evangelist and
youth worker with the Central
Methodist Mission, opened the
day with prayer and a Bible
study, setting the day's theme. All
sessions were held in the
spacious buildings of the Stanmore Baptist Church, close to the
City yet easy of access from
most points and with plenty of
parking.

most points and with plenty of parking.

The participants then went to their workshops, each meeting in a separate, quiet, enclosed area. Most workshops had about ten people but "Writing for youth" proved most popular and sixteen-people, mostly young people, chose it. This workshop was led by Mr Jim McLennan of Canberra and editor of "Scope." He was helped by Ken.

Other leaders and workshops were Mrs June Bosanquet, editor of "Christian Woman" (Writing for women); Mr Ken Harrison of the Home Mission Society (Writing up church news), Rev Vernon K. Turner, director of the Christian Broadcasting Asso-

Financial difficulty

in Melbourne diocese

State land tax is likely to add \$50,000 to diocesan expenditure in 1974 and following years. The Diosesan Council has de-cided to change from yearly budgeting to a budget for a three-year period. When the

"The public has been duped into believing that abortion is a simple, safe operation," said Dr E. G. Cleary, reader in pathology,

He was commenting on a newspaper disc) sure in March that the first death occurred after an abortion operation without the Minister for Health, Mr Shard, or his department being aware of it.

A mother of three, who was in

Christian writers

SA public duped

on abortion

Dr Cleary went on to say that it is not a simple operation and there are a significant number of complications, none of which are notified in the annual report of the committee appointed under

e Act. The Right to Life Association organised a march through Ade-laide in March and it was led by Anglican rector Rev John Flem-ing. He addressed the 2,000 marchers at a rally in Victoria

Square.

The demonstrators carried placards objecting to SA's abortion laws.

Some placards said: "Vote 1 for life," "Abortion is legal murder," and "Shall we kill grandma next."

Mrs Philip Pike, of Aldgate, ho is expecting a baby, took who is expecting a baby, tool part with her husband and two children, in the hour-long

RCs may join Vic Council

nounced that Catholics would study the possibility of applying for membership of the Victorian Council of Churches.

The Cardinal, who is the first Roman Catholic leader to address the Assembly of the Council said that co-operation achieved over the past years had led to the possibility of closer relationships. He would ask the Ecumenical Affairs Commission of the Melbourne Archdiocese to prepare material for study on the issues involved in the V.C.C. application.

Cardinal Knox stressed the

application.

Cardinal Knox stressed the importance of the dialogue faced by Christians in today's Western society. There is a need to stand together, he said. In this way we will be able to stem the tide, and enable the gospel to penetrate Western society. We need to work on questions of morality with greater intensity, he said, studying and finding out how close our programs can be.

In responding to Cardinal

In responding to Cardini Knox's address, newly re-elected Chairman of the Council, Mr. R. N. Gilmore said that he was delighted with the indication of closer co-operation. He hope that the issues involved in an application by Roman Catholic for membership might also be studied by member churches.



ciation (Racio and television and Rev Rex Meyer, editor of the ACR (Devotional writing).

Since the workshops were essentially practical, each contributed one or more items for a seminar newspaper "Impulse" which was printed by the Stanmore Missionary Press, complete with some pictures taken during the day and handed out at tea.

the best possible re-investment of funds, increased costs and last year's 11 per cent increase in sti-pends, the diocese has had to find ways to cut costs.

A substantial proportion of the diocesan budget is met by voluntary assessments from the parishes and the diocese hopes that there will be a generous response to the need this year.

Dioces an Council has not been happy hout the need to prune many parts of its budget and a number of home mission departments have had to suffer. \$10,000 has been cut from the budget for hospital chaplaincies.

The diocesan paper, "See," has been subsidised for some years with a grant of \$6,000. Steps have been taken to substantially

reduce the grant and eventually

During the dinner break, Rev

During the dinner break, Rev Graeme Ascough gave a presentation on the work of Evangelical Literature Overseas.

After tea, a panel of four answered questions from participants on problems of Christian writers and Rev David Morley, editor of the "Australian Baptist," in a most able way, brought together the threads of the whole day and challenged all Christian writers to get to work to write

Gippsland appointments

Rev Geoff Ross, Th.L., A.A.I.I., is to be the Arch-deacon of the Latrobe Valley, diocese of Gippsland.

He is resident in the Valley as rector of Traralgon He replaces the Ven. J. Knife, who has held this position for 12½ years. Archedeacon Knife was formerly rector or Morwell and is the Vicar General and Registrar of the diocese.

He will now be Archdeacon without territorial jurisdiction.
At present, Archdeacon and Mrs Knife are planning an overseas trip which will include Israel, parts of Europe and Britain.
Mr Ross was ordained in 1958 at Bendigo. Before coming to Traralgon in 1965 he was vicar at Eaglehawk.

Mr Lowe has been in Morwell for 2½ years. Before going to Morwell, he was vicar of New-borough from 1968 to 1970 and of Bruthen from 1964 to 1968. He served as assistant at St

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Education's religious dimension

A Christian educator said Perth recently that the religious dimension of education could not be ignored

cation could not be ignored.

Rev. Peter Wellock said it was a fact of life that our civilization had been established under the influence of certain aspects of Christianity.

Art, music, laws and customs had all been shaped by religion. To ignore this was to ignore part of life.

Mr Wellock is the first full-time executive officer for the Council for Christian Education, which coordinates the work of a number of denominations in State schools.

The Australian

Church Record

Bangkok not an enjoyable affair,' says Bp Muston

Nobody could say that ngkok was an enjoyable air, said Bishop Muston cently. He was reporting the Victorian Council of urches on the recent "Sal-Today" Conference World Council of urches. The conference ce, but it was at the same disturbing and frustrathe said.

Bishop Gerald Muston is assistant bishop of Mel-

Bishop Muston drew attention the Asian majority at the 326-ember conference. Domination the Third-World countries was most complete during the first w days. Their representatives loke angrily about the Western burches, and saw them as tents of oppression. Strong rentment was felt over the real ower still in the hands of the der sending Churches. This led the sectional report to recompused an moratorium on sending issionaries and money.

Single woman

become the first single oman to be Central Secreits London headquarters.

Unlike previous secretaries, diss Johnson was appointed from outside the Union. A former Matron of Guy's Hospital, er interest in the Mothers' union followed on from her inolvement in community care.

At its conference in July the interest in the Mothers' condition will overhaul its condition will overhaul its condition and make a decision on the ther divorced women should admitted.

The Union has 429,000 mem-

The Union has 429,000 mem-rs throughout the world, of hich 308,000 live in Britain, d they are losing about 15,000

100 years too late

The Church of the Good epherd, Hadspen in Tas-inia was begun in 1868 pherd, Hadspen in at it had to wait until 1973 efore it could be conse-

Built in blue ironstone with freestone dressings and reliefs, it was not completed for 93 years and then it took a long time to pay it off.

Debate on Frankfurt Declaration.
Bishop Muston drew attention



to the endeavour by Dr. Peter Beyerhaus to introduce the Frankfurt Declaration as a major issue. Reaction had come from two quarters. Debate between Beyerhaus and Dr Philip Potter of the World Council of Churches had tended to sub-merge the issue.

merge the issue.

In addition Third-World spokesmen objected to what they saw as the intrusion of Western theological differences which appeared to them as irrelevant.

The Frankfurt Declaration was rejected, not so much for the issues it raised, as for the way it was introduced, he said. Reactions to the Bankok

way it was introduced, he said. Reactions to the Bangkok Conference were beginning to appear in print, and it would be a pity if these were allowed to polarise understanding of Salva-

history of the Ecumenical move-ment is studded with people such as William Temple and D. T. Niles, who were able to hold evangelism and activism together.

Bishop Muston spoke with ap-preciation of the Bible Study at Bangkok. It showed us how im-portant scripture was to the understanding of the missionary task of the Church, he said. The worship in plenary sessions ten-ded to be gimmicky. There was however very real worship in the sectional groups occupying the six middle days, he said.

Western way of conceptualising.
The "parable-type" theology
emanating from this region could
be of value to Australian
Churches in breaking out of
traditional patterns.

He was supported by Prof. Norman Young who drew attention to the fact that Western the-

Eminent city pastor to be Dean of Sydney

rector of Holy Trinity, Adelaide, since 1957, has acceptted nomination as Dean of

It is the focal point for evangelical work and witness throughout the State. Its annual budget is of the order of \$50,000 and in addition, missionary support, which for years has exceed-ed five figures, is given by its

ed five figures, is given by its people.

For many years Mr Shilton has been the leader of a team of ministers, each having a clearly defined role in the work of the parish. He has been able to choose men as his colleagues whom he could trust to handle youth, evangelistic, educational and other programs.

In addition, he has used large numbers of men and women with special gifts or training to train and help others, leading in Bible studies, home meetings, prayer meetings, missionary meetings, music, drama, confirmation classes, visitation and much other work.

firmation classes, visitation and much other work.

Mr Shilton was born in Melbourne and trained at Ridley College, graduating with honours in Th.L. in 1948 and was ordained in 1949, serving his curacy at St Columb's, Hawthorn. While in charge of St Jude's, Carlton, he gained his Melbourne B.A. in 1954.

He was Commissioner for the Ridley College Appeal 1954-55 and while on leave in England 1955-57, he gained his B.D. at the University of London. He returned to become rector of Holy Trinity, Adelaide.



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Ralph Wicks to be asst bishop

Ven. Ralph Edwin Wicks, Archdeacon of the Downs in be Assistant Bishop of the

son who retires in June. Arch-deacon Wicks who is Organising



ecretary of the Home Mission und, will be consecrated on St ames' Day, 25 July in St John's athedral Brisbane. Ralph Wicks was born in Too-

Kaiph Wicks was born in Too-woomba and trained for the ministry at St Francis' College where he gained a second-class Th.L. He was ordained in Bris-bane in 1944. He has been rector of Goondiwindi (1949-54), Forti-tude Valley (1954-63) and of St James', Toowoomba from 1963 until his present appointment last year.

year.

He is married and his son has a Ph.D. in history and lectures at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education. His daughter is married and is a trained librarian.

Fact & faith

The Worcester Diocesan news-etter reported on a local rector's

"That you are sitting in front of me in church is a fact. That I am speaking to you from the pulpit is fact. But it is only faith that makes me believe any of you are listening."

Lili Kraus says 'pop music This had been done from time to time at the request of younger members of the church. "But we have not allowed it to displace the traditional music of the church," Dr Reed said. anti-religious

"Pop music is as antireligious as anything can be," Lili Kraus said recently on her arrival in Adelaide to give a series of piano recitals for the ABC.

She went on to say that "churches were luring young people to destruction" with pop music and ginger beer. "Using it to get young people to come to God is seducing them," she said.

"Pop music stimulates the body."

The pianist said she was a deeply religious person who could not exist, "even for a minute," without her faith.

"I am a Catholic, but we have regular concerts of classical music — mainly chamber music — in the local Baptist church at home in North Carolina," she

home in North Carolina," she said.

"It's spiritual music — that's the way to bring people to God.
"Pop music is the way to destruction — where else?"

Dr Thomas Reed, Bishop of Adelaide has disagreed with Lili Kraus. He said that mod music used in Anglican Churches was composed with a religious purpose and message.

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