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NEAC STUDIES GO OUT

Over a thousand copies of the Preparatory Studies (Series 1) for the National Evangelical Anglican Congress—Melbourne 1971 have now been posted out from Adelaide.

NEAC 1971 will be held at Monash University, Melbourne, from August 23 to 28 and delegates from all parts of Australia will be in residence.

The Series 1 study course was drawn up by a group of South Australian evangelicals and published in an attractive booklet by Trinity Publishing Society, an organisation of Holy Trinity, Adelaide.

The present course, which will be used throughout 1970, has been distributed all over Australia and will be used by individuals or by groups of people gathered together for study and prayer. With the 32-page booklet are printed forms for sending in the results of discussions to the Rev. Peter Newall of Glenunga, S.A., who edited the studies.



The NEAC study booklet

It is expected that from the finding of many such discussions, Congress planners will be able to draw up the study agenda that the Congress itself will handle. A Series 2 booklet will be issued from Sydney early next year and it will deal with further questions about which evangelical Christians need to be well-informed, and on which they should be able to express a common mind.

There are six studies in Series 1: 1. The Church and Its Message by Rev. Dr Bryan E. Hardman; 2. The Church and Its Mission by Rev. Geoffrey C. Bingham; 3. The Church and the World by Rev. Philip H. E. Thomas; 4. The

Unity by Miss Irene F. Jeffreys.

Each study is set out simply and clearly for easy reading and comprehension. At the end of each are given scripture passages, questions for group discussion and booklists for the questions raised.

PERTH ANGLICAN AWARDED ITALIAN KNIGHTHOOD

Mr Roland Zar, a member of the vestry at Christ Church, Claremont, W.A. and State Manager of Flotta Lauro shipping company, has been made a Knight of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity by the Republic of Italy.

The award was conferred on Mr Zar for the co-operation he gives to the Italian Consulate in assisting Italian nationals; for his part in promoting the success of initiatives of the Italian community; and for the contribution given by him in the capacity as State Manager of Flotta Lauro (LAURO LINES) Australasia Pty. Ltd.

Roland Blaise Zar was born in 1926, and was educated at a French college in Alexandria, Egypt.

His family have been involved in shipping for several generations and he worked with a stevedoring company in Alexandria before coming to Perth in 1949.

After working with MacRobertson Miller Airlines Ltd., he joined the local office of shipping agents, George Wills and Company Limited, in 1950.

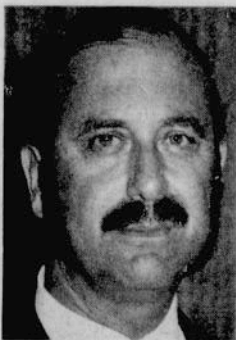
Speaking four languages, he was mainly involved with foreign shipping companies and in 1963 he became Passenger Manager with George Wills and Company Limited.

However, in 1966, Flotta Lauro opened a Perth office and he was appointed State Manager.

He joined the Citizen Military Forces in 1951 as a sapper in the Royal Australian Engineers and was commissioned in 1957. At present he holds the rank of Captain and is on the Reserve of Officers.

Roland Zar is a widower with two teenage sons and lives in Brae Road, Claremont. He became an Anglican when he married so that his family would grow up together in the same faith. Rev. Ron Edwards, rector of Christ Church, has said that this is just what happened.

Mr Zar is a regular communicant, a parish councillor and was also on the vestry of Holy Cross, Melville, before moving to Claremont.



Mr Roland Zar

Archbishop of Brisbane's retirement

Procedure for the re-election of a new archbishop of Brisbane and the election of a new Primate for Australia is set out in Dr Strong's letter in the Brisbane "Church Chronicle."

The Archbishop Election Committee will meet with the Bishops of the Province under the Chairmanship of the Senior Bishop of the Province (The Right Reverend David Hand, Bishop of New Guinea) on Friday, July 10, to elect my successor, and I feel sure that you will pray most constantly and earnestly that when they assemble, they may be truly and rightly guided by the Holy Spirit.

After a new Archbishop has been elected, and consecrated if necessary, and enthroned, a date will be fixed for the meeting of the Board of Electors provided for by the General Synod canon for the election of a Primate, which consists of (besides all members of the House of Bish-

Wipe out poverty says Dr. Loane

Poverty in Australia can and should be wiped out, Archbishop M. L. Loane of Sydney said in a Statement issued earlier this month.

Australia now stands at a point in time 200 years after its discovery by James Cook in 1770. No doubt to the eyes of the world, it presents the picture of a country of great material prosperity. This is in fact true; but there are qualifications. I want to draw attention to the fact that many people in our society are still exposed to the kind of poverty that deprives them of the basic rights of men.

I don't allude to the apathetic poor or the alcoholic poor when I speak of this particular poverty. I don't include the incapacitated, the institutionalised or even itinerant workers, but I refer to ordinary men and women who are trying to work hard and to make homes on a level that equates with conditions in the seventies.

Melbourne University's Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, which has pioneered research on poverty in Australia, now places 4 per cent of the normal population examined in their Melbourne sample in the crisis of poverty. Social workers employed by the Church of England in Sydney would not argue with this figure being applied to Sydney, as it would seem that the same major prob-

lems affect both Melbourne and Sydney.

Australian social services are inadequate to protect the poor in illness or unemployment.

That our social services are inadequate has been proved not only at various seminars conducted by such non-Government organisations as the Council of Social Services of New South Wales, but by the Immigration Planning Council investigating the potential for the 1968-73 period. Their findings showed that Australian social services do not attract migrants from more socially advanced countries...

Australia is not a poor country and the problem of poverty within the country is far from hopeless. In fact, while the percentage stands at 4 per cent, poverty can and should be wiped out completely. This century year is an excellent one for the Commonwealth Government to take a hard look at its social services...

And when we look at the problem of poverty from its worst angle, the plight of homeless men in this city, the figure of 6,000, which has been estimated by research over a period of some years, can only invoke compassion. Particularly when the latest figure suggested for the city of London is 12,000. In Sydney only about 1,500 can find hostel beds for the night.

These men are not all alcoholics. One graduate researcher who spent five months living with homeless men in 1968 classified less than half as addictive alcoholics.

Pensioners and those who are living on illness or unemployment benefits are not much better off than homeless people. They may have a roof over their heads but having paid for it, there is little left for food and all the other human necessities.

This year, country Australians are suffering deprivation such as they have not seen since depression days. The sight of farmers marching for "a better deal" in Melbourne served to remind us that if farm owners are in a serious position, the farm worker and the hired hand must be in a much worse plight.

We as Christians should show compassion for those in the community who need our prayers and our practical help. Let us in this 200th anniversary of our country seek ways and means to prove that we care.

A fine achievement

A single volume commentary on the whole Bible, twelve introductory articles on authority, revelation, inspiration, etc., and all packed into 1,310 pages selling at a reasonable price, is a fine publishing achievement.

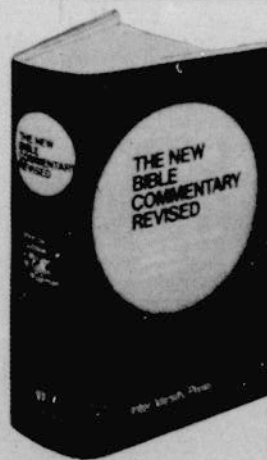


The editors of the New Bible Commentary from L. to R.: Dr Donald Guthrie, lecturer in New Testament and Registrar for Advanced Studies, London Bible College; Rev. Alec Motyer, M.A., B.D., vicar of St. Luke's, Hampstead, London; Rev. Alan M. Stibbs, M.A., tutor at Oak Hill Theological College, London; Professor Donald J. Wiseman, prof. of Assyriology, University of London.

The New Bible Commentary: Revised, published in April by the Inter-Varsity Press, London, has done just this. It sells in Australia at \$8.15 until June 15 when its retail price will be \$8.90.

The first edition came out in 1953 and since then, over 220,000 copies have been sold. This indicates the usefulness and precise scholarship of the volume. But seventeen years have seen important developments in biblical scholarship and a completely new edition was called for.

This is what we have now. Some of the articles and



The New Bible Commentary

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TRUDEAU IN AUSTRALIA

Mr Trudeau, Prime Minister for Canada, visited Australia this month as the guest of Mr Gorton, to discuss common national problems.

The Canadian Government for instance is offering prairie farmers \$140 million not to plant wheat this year. We also have some historical links. It was men like Captain Cook who ensured that both countries were to be British rather than French possessions.

Pierre Elliot Trudeau was swept to power two years ago on a wave of popular "Trudeaumania." Formerly the prime minister of Pearson was like the voyage of a once proud, now leaking excursion steamer. The Diefenbaker administration by contrast resembled the voyage of

by Rev. Brian J. Seers, of White Hills, Victoria

Robert Stanfield, opposing "swinging Trudeau" at the polls, was staid, plodding, slow-speaking and conservative. An Anglican (a supposed status denomination), his family fortune was made in underwear. He fought the election issues, while Trudeau promised nothing. After the election, Mr. T. Douglas, a preacher and leader of the small New Democratic Party said Trudeau's campaign was an appeal to mindlessness.

The question remains. Is Canada today in safer and wiser hands? When asked what Canada intended to do about the agony of Biafra, he asked, "Where is Biafra?" He has made it his policy to promote (in Canada) the "Just Society." Typically, he nominated the first Jew to enter Cabinet. Committed to sociological unity and to beat inflation, he faces spiralling unemployment. He has expressed a desire to overhaul Parliament. Much more can be anticipated from this dashing bachelor who stands on his head, swims, dives, skis and kisses pretty female strangers.

Little has been said of Trudeau's religious views. A Roman Catholic, he was once impressed with the leader of a Zoroastrian sect. He said: "I don't like religions which make people do things because the commandments say to do them." He has vocalised his support of legalised homosexuality, easier divorce and abortion in some cases.

Soon after the election Mr Trudeau cautiously announced he was considering a Vatican diplomatic link. The reaction was so bitter and overwhelming that it was generally assumed there would be no action. But last October he caught the country by

surprise with his appointment of the first Canadian ambassador to the Vatican, a man who has no formal church connections but admires Bahai and Unitarianism.

Canada is a land of churches John Cabot, sailing from England in 1498, landed on Newfoundland. Canada's first religious service was probably conducted by a Lutheran, Pastor Jansen at Fort Churchill in 1619.

Canada has five regions: Firstly, the Atlantic provinces which have always been warmly evangelical also with strong Roman Catholic settlement. Secondly, Quebec has been almost solidly French-Canadian and Roman Catholic. There are strong pressures for secession from the rest of Canada. Trudeau has had several violent attempts on his life by separatist French-Canadians. Thirdly, Ontario which is the main home of Canada's Protestant churches. Fourthly, the prairie regions, largely United Church and Roman Catholic. Fifthly, British Columbia which has a strong secular spirit.

The churches early received government support. The Church of England at first received chaplaincy assistance, while the powerful Hudson Bay Company conducted services from the Book of Common Prayer.

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Tasmanian healing mission

HEALING mission services were held at Coee, Launceston and Hobart earlier this month by the interdenominational Order of St. Luke.

The missioner was Rev. Roy T. Parsons, a London clergyman and a member of the International Order of St. Luke. He is rector of the Guild Church of St. Martin, City of London. In each of the three centres, members of all denominations were invited and the addresses were usually followed by discussion.

St. David's, Coee, St. John's, Launceston, and Holy Trinity, Hobart parishes were closely associated with the mission.

MOORE ACQUIRES PIPE ORGAN

SOON AFTER the Broughton Chapel was erected at Moore College, Liverpool, in January, 1873, an instrument built at Ulitimo, Sydney, by William Davidson of Harris Street was installed. Davidson was a good organ builder, who worked for a time with Fincham of Melbourne. The organ had 368 pipes in eight ranks.

Moore College was moved to Newtown in 1889, and for a time, "Moore College Grammar School" was conducted in the Liverpool buildings. When this was closed in 1893, it became expedient to dispose of the organ in the Broughton Chapel.

It has not been discovered who purchased the organ, or what has subsequently happened to it; it is presumably somewhere in N.S.W. (A similar organ built by Davidson for St. Paul's, Cobbitly, has recently been restored, and is a good example of Davidson's work.)

The Broughton Chapel was re-erected at Newtown in 1902. Many past students will recall the Estey reed organ which served the Broughton Chapel for many years until its demolition, and which is still in daily use in the John Francis Cash Memorial Chapel.

In 1960, following a Summer School of the Royal School of Church Music held at the college, Mr H. G. Pratt, of Newcastle, made a generous donation to initiate a fund for the purchase of a pipe organ. This

fund grew slowly, though it remained well short of what would have been needed for a new instrument.

In 1969, it became known that St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, intended to buy a larger organ, and was willing to sell its attractive one-manual organ. This organ was about the same size and age as the original Moore College organ, and indeed a notice had been affixed to it stating that it had originally come from the Chapel at Moore College, Liverpool.

A comparison of dates seems to show, however, that this identification is incorrect. Nevertheless, the college has now purchased the Liverpool organ for \$1,000.

According to parish records, "a very sweet-toned organ" was "imported and erected in place of the old one" in St. Luke's, Liverpool during 1878, and was used for the first time at Evening Prayer on September 19 that year. It was erected by William Davidson, but it appears to be an English make; the builder has not yet been identified.

It is a single-manual, tracker action, with pedal board and is in excellent condition. It was restored and improved in 1919, and cleaned and repaired in 1965. It has eight speaking stops and 7 1-8 ranks of pipes: stopped diapason (8ft), salicional (8),

EDITORIAL

NEAC 1971

NEAC 1971 is only 15 months off. The first National Evangelical Anglican Congress in Australia demands a high priority in our prayers, our personal planning and in the parish life and activities of the very large numbers of evangelical congregations in the Commonwealth.

The Congress organisers have sent out two printed bulletins and the 1970 preparatory studies have now been sent out to over 1,000 people throughout Australia. But with only 15 months to go, Congress preparations do not seem to have the impetus that such a significant event in the life of the Australian Church demands.

Hundreds of parish papers arrive in the editorial basket each month, but so far we have searched in vain for the regular mention of N.E.A.C., which is essential if interest is to be stimulated and maintained. A few diocesan monthlies have given it one mention, mostly last year, but there has not been a single mention a second time. The majority of diocesan papers do not regard the event as news or have chosen to ignore it.

We have purposely looked inside churches, evangelical and otherwise, in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney quite recently. We have seen no display material of any kind.

We have not attended a single service or seen or heard one on television where prayer was offered for N.E.A.C. Apart from the two bulletins, not a Press release or a line of news has come to this paper, our Church's only newspaper with a national circulation.

The Congress executive committee are all very busy men and women and they may be inclined to view N.E.A.C. as being a long time away. Fifteen months is not long to build up to an operation of this size and significance.

The first essential is that N.E.A.C. should be given immediately a place of priority in our personal and public prayers. If a Congress prayer has been drawn up, it should be sent to individuals, youth and adult groups, Bible study groups and for regular use in church services now. A nation-wide wave of prayer for the Congress must begin immediately.

Congregations everywhere should already be planning to send local representatives at their expense to Melbourne in August, 1971. It will be a residential Congress (at Monash University) and while the cost of \$40 will not worry most, the return fare for the large numbers of interstate members will. The local people must stand together to see that men and women and clergy can plan now to go without financial worry.

Some time ago the organisers were heartened by the initial response to the appeal for funds. We hope that a truly evangelical generosity will see to it that our first National Congress can be planned with the foreknowledge that we will all give a part of our means to ensure its success.

Perhaps it is time now to appoint a part or full-time paid officer to co-ordinate the work of the state committees and to do the hundred small jobs that need doing now. Time is running out and little is known about the Congress at the grass roots level. This is where the foundations for anything worthwhile must be laid. This is where the influence of the Congress must be brought to bear when it is over.

EVANGELICAL VIEWPOINTS

The New Birth

We are all filled with wonder about the birth of a baby into this world and even though we may understand the biology and mechanics whereby this birth takes place, we are still awed by such a miracle.

Through this great miracle of God man is brought into physical existence. He is brought by the miracle of "New Birth," an act of God's grace into spiritual life — "The Kingdom of God."

This new birth is spoken of explicitly in the New Testament and is seen to be the manner by which men and women come into a living and meaningful relationship with God. It was in conversation with Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, who obviously saw in Jesus much more than his contemporaries ("Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God."), that Jesus spoke of the need for this birth experience if a person was ever going to see (experience) the Kingdom of God. "Truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3).

As a child cannot be born by itself, no more can a man bring himself into right standing with God. As you cannot live, unless you are born, nor can you live spiritually unless you experience the new birth.

Every person who possesses human-ness is in real need of help to overcome his natural predicament. It is David who says, "I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin did my mother



Rev. Ken Drayton

womb and be born?" (Jn 3:4). Nicodemus is saying, do we need to have another crack at being people because we've messed up the first go?

The reply of Jesus is so clear, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, that which is born of the spirit is spirit." (Jn. 3:6). You are born physically by an act of the flesh, but you are born spiritually by the act of God's Spirit, who touches the lives of men and women anywhere and everywhere as He rightly chooses to do so. We cannot predict His pattern, but we can see where He has touched and transformed the lives of people.

Peter tells his friends, "That once they were no people, but now they are God's people. Once they had not received mercy but now they have received mercy." (1 Pet. 2:10). He tells them earlier that by God's great mercy "We have been born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Pet. 1:3). By the acceptance of God's tremendous acts for them they are in this new relationship with God. God has acted, man is left to respond.

Of course we will look the same, and mostly feel the same too.

It is not a physical birth but a spiritual — we are now in a new and living relationship with God. This new birth allows no pride on our part, for we have done nothing but respond to God's almighty love shown in Christ.

YOU CAN BE SURE

We can be sure though of this new living relationship with God. We can know peace from striving to find acceptance with God, and the only basis on which we can find this conviction, is on the promises and declaration of God's Word.

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, he that believeth on me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death to life." (Jn. 5:24). Because we are Christ's through this new birth, we can be sure that we do now have life, and that we will escape condemnation.

In the Nicodemus passage, Jesus says, "Whosoever believeth in him (Christ) should not perish but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16). This promise of life is conditioned by our belief in Jesus, who gives us this new birth when we trust in him.

The love of the brethren, according to John, is a mark of the born again believer. "He who loves, is born of God and knows God." (1 Jn. 4:7). Our changed interests, desires and aims all assist in assuring us of this new relationship we have with God, for we seek to please Him. "His spirit bears witness to our spirit that we are the Sons of God." (Rom. 8:16).

It is tremendously important to realise that the birth is only the beginning. Certainly a very important beginning but the point from which all growth must move.

Like its predecessor, this edition is likely to become the most widely used one volume Bible commentary in the English-speaking world. It has won this place not only by its careful scholarship but also by its treatment of the Bible as the Word of God to man.

Through the rectory door

I guess lots of wives have trouble finding a mealtime to suit everyone!

I would like to serve tea at 6.15 each evening, but sometimes it must be early to fit in before Frank's appointments, or late to give him time to return from somewhere, and sometimes we need two shifts to cater for everyone's arrangements.

by Ann Devereux

Usually we do try to all sit down together though, even if we do get a bit hungry waiting!

So I wasn't very amused last night when the doorbell rang for the fourth time during our 7 p.m. dinner. In fact my Christian patience was noticeably absent. Downing knife and fork, Peter ran to the door, returning in a

moment to say "Someone wants you, Mum." And there on the porch were three young men in smart black suits with white buttonholes — the bridegroom of an hour before, with his attendants.

As his two friends promptly dissolved into mirth the groom, a very refined and proper professional young gentleman, had to explain his mission himself. After the wedding, he said, they had visited an aged relative in hospital. Getting back into the bridal car to go to the reception he had somehow come to grief and — please, would I mend his pants!

Well, I've sewn on bridegroom's buttons before today, and given them Disprin, but never before have I escorted one to the spare room to hide himself while I hastily stitched up an eight-inch split in his trousers!

The ladies of the entourage waited patiently in the roomed cars outside, the groomsmen shifted from one foot to another on the porch, and my children giggled in a very unseemly manner over their pudding, while I just tried to make those stitches strong enough to last out the evening.

As we waved the mended party on its way I couldn't help thinking of St. Paul's words about being all things to all men if by some means we might win some — although I rather doubt that this type of thing was quite what he had in mind

A fine achievement

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some of the commentaries on the books have been retained but most are completely new. Many contributions have been made by the younger generation of international evangelical scholars.

Among the contributors are several Australians, including Alan Cole, Francis Foulkes, Leon Morris, Donald Robinson and John Thompson.

Perhaps the new edition shows more attention to careful exegesis than the old, with some playing down of devotional interpretation. The version used is the R.S.V., the most widely used of the modern versions, but the book can be used readily with any English translation.

With so many contributors, the literary style is far from even but its quality is generally very high and many write with both strength and precision. While the scholarship is conservatively evangelical, each writer exercises his individual judgment and is scrupulously fair to other views. Each draws the reader's attention to the relevant literature and in this way helps the student who wishes to pursue a matter further.

Modern versions other than the R.S.V. are often quoted when such alternative renderings are helpful. Books, journal articles and published lectures over the past ten years are also frequently quoted.

CHATSWOOD CONVENTION

The sixty-fourth annual convention will be held at St. Paul's, Chatswood, on the Queen's Birthday holiday, Monday, June 15. The speaker at the morning session at 11 a.m. will be Dr Hugh Farrell, former Roman Catholic Monk, from the U.S.A., who is in Australia under the auspices of the Bible Union of Australia. He will speak on the subject "Present Turmoil in the Roman Catholic Church." His gracious ministry will be greatly appreciated. The speaker at the three afternoon sessions at 1.45 p.m., 2.45 p.m., and 4.15 p.m. will be the Venerable J. R. Reid, Archdeacon of Cumberland. He will give three studies from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel. A basket lunch will be held for which tea will be provided. Afternoon tea will also be available. Films will be shown for the children of those attending the convention.

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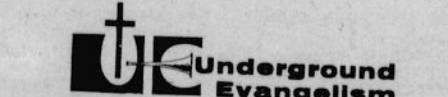
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Notes and Comments

CAMBODIA

It would be difficult to imagine anything more mischievous than World Council of Churches statements so strongly condemning U.S. actions in Cambodia. Christians who disagree with these utterances which come so frequently from Geneva cannot be blamed for greatly regretting that they belong to churches which are linked with the W.C.C.

Perhaps we ought to make it a lot clearer to the world that the officers and the commissions of the W.C.C. often spoke just for themselves and they rarely represent considered denominational viewpoints. The line they take is

usually so predictable that it is a pity they don't obey the biblical injunction to "learn to be silent."

The U.S. is charged with the "invasion of Cambodia" and President Nixon with "callousness." There is no reference to the invaders of Cambodia from North Vietnam.

Perhaps this kind of prejudiced statement is part of the price we are paying for the admission into the ranks of the W.C.C. of the large number of orthodox churches from Communist countries.

POLLUTION

The pollution of our natural environment is attracting worldwide attention. In Perth, Adelaide, Hobart and Brisbane, city dwellers may be scarcely aware of it. In Melbourne and Sydney it forces itself on the attention and it blankets the cities with dismayed frequency.

Visitors to Japan for Expo 70 will find even the night air thick over the Expo site some miles from Osaka with its six million population. It is much worse around Tokyo and Yokohama and the smog will prevent most from ever seeing the beautiful Mt. Fuji as it is pictured on the postcards.

Yet the most deadly pollution is in the heart of man and this is the great disaster we must fight. The pollution of the environment is but one more product of man's greed and selfishness, all cloaked by the name of "progress." The Bible has long told us that unregenerate man could only defile God's natural creation.

But as Bishop Ralph Dean has pointed out, "much of our present talk seems to have lost the dimension of eternity and put the eternity of creation in its place." Do we really believe that the greatest human disaster is the destruction of the environment?

The Bible tells us that the greatest catastrophe was the entrance of sin into the world, brought by man himself. All other evils proceed from that fact. St. Paul shows that "the whole creation groans and travails." Only the redemption that Christ offers can change the polluted heart of man and so the environment that he pollutes.

NO OTHER WAY?

Australia now has 27 dioceses and unless Anglicans can enlarge their thinking, we are in danger of setting up more in coming years, each with a top-heavy and expensive administration.

Each will require resources of money, man-power and plant, thus diverting these away from the essential work of the church of Christ.

All this is in the name of better "pastoral care." In the New Testament bishops are pastors, shepherds, their work is such as to require the finest spiritual gifts. But we do not read that they had charge of dioceses.

In the Church of England, godly bishops have served us well. We cannot say the same about the medieval concept of the diocese, with its jurisdiction and administration. It may well need radical modification.

The diocese of London is the largest in the Anglican communion. It has as many clergy as Melbourne and Sydney combined. London is now examining proposals that it should enlarge its boundaries to encompass several deaneries from the neighbouring diocese of Chelmsford. It is being argued that better pastoral care may result.

Are we Anglicans so tied by tradition to the concept of the diocese that we are unwilling to imagine that there may be other possibilities and other means of achieving the ends we have in mind?

A NEW PAPER?

Stockland (Holdings) Pty Ltd., a Melbourne publisher of "Stock and Land," a graziers' weekly, are seeking the views of all Australian clergy about what they believe an Australian church newspaper should attempt to do.

They say that they are approaching the matter "as a business proposition." The same company edits and publishes "See," the Melbourne diocesan paper and they must be acquainted with the financial hazards of religious journalism in Australia. Stockland is a private company in which the McKellar family have the controlling interest. They are in business to make a profit and they would not launch a new paper unless they anticipated profits after the first 12 months.

Stockland has the money, experience in publishing and the sound editorial skills of Gerald

Charles Davis (editor of "See") at its disposal. Business executives are also used to taking calculated risks in the hope of eventual profits and it seems likely that Stockland is prepared to take the risks involved.

It has announced that "our planning is now well under way, and we confidently hope to be publishing in the spring." Publication is likely to be either fortnightly or monthly. Experience has shown that Anglicans do not want a weekly and it cannot be made to pay.

The Australian Church Record has almost 90 years of publishing experience behind it. We have at times been a weekly. For years the Record was edited in Melbourne. At times we produced a Victorian edition. Quite recently we thoroughly investigated weekly publication. One thing alone has kept us alive and vigorous — God's blessing on the great truths that we have always maintained.

We could not hope to survive as a "business proposition." If any new paper can, we wish them well. Many thousands of readers all over Australia and beyond pray for the Record's ministry, support it, give to it, write for it and help to get others to read it. We carry on our newspaper ministry for the gospel grateful for what our readers, under God, have enabled us to do.

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No names are given so we are left in doubt as to what kind of scholarship they are distinguished for.

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Plain speaking by Bishop Hardie

Bishop Hardie of Ballarat didn't mince words on two important issues in his presidential address to the Ballarat synod early in May. These were parental failure in guidance and moral influence and press misrepresentations about the attitude of bishops to the Vietnam conflict.

Parents, he said, have failed not merely in guidance and teaching and moral influence. They have fallen short in that they have failed or neglected to make their families the kind of group where children in perfect frankness and expectation of being taken and treated seriously can confidently look for the knowledge that they now acquire sometimes at a bitter price, and in dubious circumstances.

The bishop went on to say that the crucial thing is not understanding or the absence of it, but

character, habits of life and thought, judgment and decision. And these things cannot be transmitted in a heart-to-heart talk. They are the result of long training and discipline in a constant atmosphere of patient and affectionate frankness and mutuality. Most parents are too preoccupied with other things to be able to lead the kind of life that will do most to safeguard their children against the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil.

Turning to the Church's relations to society, the bishop quoted from a national newspaper on Monday, April 27, which said: "We can forget it all — or like our Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops who have scarcely said a word about the tragic suffering in Vietnam we can ignore it."

This reference to bishops is simply not true. But it is not a misrepresentation based on lack of information. It is a downright lie.

It is true that the bishops have not been rushing into press repeatedly over the past few years. From time to time as it has seemed necessary and opportune, as a body and as individuals, the bishops have let it be known in no uncertain terms what they think of the Vietnam war and the sufferings it has involved.

He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Victor C. Hughesdon

Victor C. Hughesdon died in Sydney on May 3 after a brief illness. Only a short time before he had resigned from the Standing Committee of the diocese of Sydney on which he had served with great distinction since 1936. He was 73 years of age.

Vic. Hughesdon, as he was so widely known, was the son of the late Rev. Rex Hughesdon who was for many years a C.M.S. missionary in India and later rector of St. James', Croydon, Vic. was to serve for many years as a parish councillor, synod representative of St. James until he moved in more recent years to St. Alban's, Epping. Here he was similarly active and was for years a churchwarden.

He was a life-long convinced evangelical churchman and a strong supporter of C.M.S. He had a gift for making friends and clergy and laity of all opinions found in him complete Christian integrity.

He graduated in law from Sydney University and throughout his life he freely gave his legal

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Letters to the Editor

Passed over

Four years ago Francis James told Melbourne TV viewers that in Britain authorities were "scrapping the bottom of the barrel" in the appointment of bishops.

To make Lambeth and a good many other conferences more meaningful, it is surely time that all diocesan bishops were elected by democratic means. Laymen are not so naive as to believe that all moves up the ecclesiastical ladder are by divine prodding.

Australian Evangelicals need to protest much more about their lack of fair representation on the episcopal bench, that is in turn causing leadership to come from the "unofficial church." When outstanding Evangelical churchmen are regularly passed over for senior appointments the procedure looks more political than spiritual. Too often the only response to demands for more representation is the suggestion that Evangelicals should make the first concessions. They must make an unjust situation even more so!

If the 40 million U.S. Evangelicals of all denominations are "moving again" (see "Time" feature 19/9/69), then Australia's Anglican Evangelicals at least look better organised than for a long time. The future of most small dioceses could be bleak indeed if the overall "decline of the sixties" is not halted.

Already we have seen the beginning of pleas for substantial financial aid, and for a new look at diocesan boundaries. It is to be hoped that Sydney and Melbourne will reject any moves to create more dioceses, but instead say "yes" to a system of regional bishops, as is now to be adopted in London and Oxford. If Anglican Church departments cannot cope with large territory, then they should find out how the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches can.

Every churchman has obligations to the diocese in which he is privileged to serve. But what kind of stewardship is it that requires those of a particular theological stance to give financial backing to some fund or diocese elsewhere, when the year books of those places indicate that the giver's kind of leadership (at any level) is discouraged. To transfer evangelical parishes or large scale financial aid to such situations is to subsidise the demise of evangelicalism.

J. S. Goldney,
Hawthorn, S.A.

Christ supreme

A comment on Notes and Comments, re the "Tongues Movement," April 16th, 1970.

It is a pity that you speak from an uninformed or misinformed point of view. There are always two sides to the coin. There may be truth and honesty on the other side too.

Dr Strong to live in Wangaratta

WHEN DR STRONG retires as Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of Australia on June 30, he has indicated that he hopes to accept the offer of the Dean of Wangaratta, Victoria or the use of a house in the Cathedral Close in Wangaratta for his retirement.

The Bishop of Wangaratta, Dr Keith Rayner, made this announcement in his May letter to his diocese.

Dr Rayner was married by Dr Strong who also preached at his consecration last year. Before he left Brisbane, Dr Rayner was an examining chaplain to the Archbishop.

In going to Wangaratta the Archbishop hopes still to be of service to the church at large, and he will probably be away elsewhere for considerable periods of time. But he also hopes to have the opportunity for reading, reflection and writing which has been largely denied him in the busy years of his active episcopate.

You say, "... despite the wise handling of the situation by the bishop," etc. Yes, it was because of the "wise" handling by the bishop that it ended up as front page news in the Melbourne papers, resulting in it becoming national and world news, when it need not have been. Had it been handled wisely this publicity would never have happened.

When I mentioned how the

All letters should be limited to 300 words.

matter had been handled to several of the clergy of the diocese, they were amazed at the lack of commonsense and wisdom used in the situation.

Australia '69—Heart of the matter

The letter of Rev. Canon C. M. Gilhespy challenges us to see whether we are seeking something sinister or devious in what appear to be plain words.

The heart of the matter to us is simply this. The 1662 rite is crystal clear about prayer for the dead. We bless God for their faithful lives; we ask for grace to follow their good examples and anticipate sharing the life of heaven with them. That is all.

The words of Australia '69 do not seem inappropriate to use at a Burial Service and as Canon D. W. B. Robinson has pointed out, they were originally envisaged to be included in such a Service.

However as there is such controversy about prayers for the

You say we have drifted out of the ministry. Why not find the truth before you put such a statement in print? We have not left the ministry. Far from it. It is just that we minister, as do the various chaplains, only in a little different area than most.

We have not joined "... groups which give a high priority to the phenomenon" (tongues). Jesus Christ is the high priority, the only priority, not tongues, not money (raising it) or anything else, but Jesus Christ. He is supreme.

As a Christian Evangelical paper, surely it is of the utmost importance to be honest and truthful in what you print.

(Rev.) Ronald H. Wood,
Malmesbury, Victoria.

HISTORIC MELB. CHURCH



St. Stephen's, Richmond (Melbourne), one of Melbourne's historic evangelical parish churches. The vicar is Rev. George Pearson.

Discipline needed

You do well (A.C.R., April 16) to speak of the dangers of the Ecumenical Movement. As a member of the Church of England, nothing has given me more cause for concern than this movement in our Church.

We see men who should know the Scriptures fraternising with Rome, talking of unity of heart and of theology.

Well do the Scriptures speak of "spiritual wickedness in high places" as a sign of the latter days for we see local churches disobeying God's Word and the 39 Articles by going to Mass, sharing pulpits and denying God's Word.

We hear of discipline in the Church of England, but where is it?

N. Parker, Jun.,
Blacktown, N.S.W.

Computerised parish council

IT HAD TO COME. A computer has been elected to the parish council of Holy Trinity, Adelaide, making it the first church in the world to appoint an electronic brain to such an office.

"Holy Trinity News" for May announces the election results and ends with this announcement:

"The parish council has a wide range of representative occupations — surveyor, educationist, naval officer, engineers, company secretary, surgeons, accountants, bank officers, historian, building contractor, computer."

So now they're stuck with it!

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B.C.A. tries again at Mt. Isa

AFTER A LAPSE of some years, the Bush Church Aid Society is to try again to establish work in the outback of North Queensland diocese, with the missionary based on Mount Isa.

Rev Peter George, ordained in 1960 and in charge of North Dandenong in the diocese of Melbourne since 1965, has been appointed. He will live in the new housing area of Townview in Mt. Isa and will work the very extensive areas beyond this growing mining city.

Rev William Jobing pioneered the Outer Mount Isa Mission for B.C.A. in 1967-68.

Not common sense says Bishop Garnsey

IN HIS ADDRESS to synod last month, Bishop David Garnsey referred to criticisms of Australia '69 which have been published in the Record for some months past. He said:

We need to be ready to abandon old battlefields. By way of illustration, one phrase in the Intercession in "Australia '69" was strongly but, I think wrongly criticised on the ground that it involves prayer for the dead. The sentence cited praises God for his faithful servants in every generation, and includes the optional addition "and in faith and trust we leave in your keeping N." For protesting against the dangers of such a mild, not to say banal statement, we can commend the vigilance, not their common-sense.

Polynesia to elect its own bishop

From now on the diocese of Polynesia will elect its own bishop, the Bishop in Polynesia announced in Suva earlier this month.

In making this announcement Bishop J. T. Holland said, "This major step forward in local self-determination is most appropriate to this year of Fiji's independence and the 100th anniversary of Anglican work here."

UNANIMOUS

The bill giving Anglicans in Polynesia the right to elect their own bishop was unanimously approved in April by the General Synod of the Province of New Zealand, of which Polynesia is a member diocese.

In the past the Church in Polynesia did not elect its bishop directly but submitted the names of three men to the bishops in New Zealand, who could appoint any one of the three or, failing an appointment, call for further submissions.

EQUAL FOOTING

With the passing of this new legislation Polynesia is now on an equal footing with the seven dioceses in New Zealand.

Polynesia's representatives at General Synod were Bishop Holland, Bishop F. T. Halapua, Archdeacon J. L. Bryce, Dr E. M. Salato and Mr S K Singh.

Samoa & Tongan join Missions to Seamen

For the first time in its 114-year history the worldwide Missions to Seamen now numbers a Samoan and a Tongan among its honorary port chaplains.

Ven. Jabez Bryce of Samoa now serves in Lautoka, Viti Levu, and the Rev. Sossia F. Neunganofo of Tonga is at Levuka, Ovalau.

Both ports are in Fiji in the 11,500,000 square mile diocese of Polynesia. Their appointments were announced by the Rev. Roy Chalkley, Missions to Seamen Port Chaplain in Suva, capital of Fiji, and see city of the diocese.

MISSIONARY IN JAPAN



Rev. David Chamberlain, Australian A.B.M. missionary in Japan for many years, outside the Bishop's house, Yokohama, in April, just before he completed service in Japan.

It began in Oregon

In 1962 when the Rt. Rev. A. Stanway, Bishop of Central Tanganyika, was touring Oregon, he came to the parish of Rev. Douglas Burgoyne. He visited the sick with the rector, held a healing service and, in the way that these things happen when God is at work, the young rector and the older bishop were drawn to one another.

Rev. Douglas Burgoyne moved to St. John's Williamstown, W. Massachusetts and was visited again by the bishop. In the meanwhile Douglas had stirred his people to more giving outside the parish and an annual gift began to be sent to the diocese — first \$2,000, then \$4,000, as well as personal gifts from parishioners. The parish were interested in development along the Great North Road, in Lay Training at Msalato and in the Literature Centre that serves the whole Church in East Africa. Then, as a result of a casual remark about a visit, Douglas Burgoyne caught the vision of leading a team of fifteen or so (twenty-two as it happened) to visit the diocese, to see the work and have fellowship with the Church. The vision became a reality, and in July last year twenty-two members of the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. visited us for a period of eight days.

Here is an extract from a letter of a girl who was converted to Christ as a result of the visit: "I want to thank you for everything you did for me while I was there. You all started a whole new life for me with God and I'll always remember that."

One of two sisters who came wrote: "Our hearts are still 'singing' for joy that it was part of God's plan that we share with you all we did and feel Him so close, alive and such a powerful and loving Lord in our lives." Yet another girl wrote: "I asked God for guidance and strength and He gave it to me! I know now that I could never to back to drinking and hanging around on the streets because this time I'd not only be disappointing myself, but I'd be letting God down by my breaking the promise I made to Him."

Comments from Tanganyika on the Study Tour:

It was a great experience for our diocese to welcome such a group. They were receptive and interested in everything, whether it was work among the blind or among the lepers, a hospital or bush church, the dedication of a church or the beautiful new Chapel of St. Stephen at the Alliance School, all captured interest. The hospitality of the African people in a famine year moved them greatly.

Four of the group were converted while here. They came searching, and the Spirit always meets the searching ones. Others came to see and learn, and the Spirit of God is always ready to teach.

Crossword Prizes

Book prizes for Bible Crossword No. 16 have been sent to Mrs L. Field of Dymyrie, Tasmania and Miss P. Shaw of Croydon, N.S.W.

Trudeau in Australia

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Preaching provided the main thrust in early church life and community influence. Generally there was a clear-cut word about sin together with the warm evangelical call to be reconciled to God by accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

In the latter half of the nineteenth century, the laity had a large share in building Canadian churches. The Presbyterian catechist, the itinerant Methodist and the Anglican lay reader all rendered good service, aided by Bible Society colporteurs. The major lay contribution was made through Sunday schools.

Today, evangelical Protestantism is not as evident as it was by dominion confederation in 1867. Disparagement of biblical authority became increasingly popular, especially in Methodist circles.

In 1925 the ecumenical United Church was formed from Methodist, many Presbyterians and Congregationalists. Many evangelical members left the United Church to join the smaller denominations. The forty per cent Presbyterians who did not join the United Church were not all true-blue reformed theologians. Many remained Presbyterian through inertia or a dislike of the enthusiastic Methodists. The United Church has grown only by virtue of further merger; its missionary vigour has dropped.

GLACIAL MOBILITY

Canadian Anglicanism, sometimes described as possessing glacial mobility, may not have moved very fast but has generally moved along the lines laid down by Bishop Gore in "Lux Mundi" which might be described as a synthesis of high churchmanship and liberalism. Change is in the air. The Canadian Primate is to resign in August. An invitation has been extended for Anglicans to join the United Church. The small Canadian E.F.A.C. is gaining encouraging support.

Most Canadian congregations have been influenced by the "liturgical revival." Prayer meetings have largely disappeared. Cell groups that are supposed to have taken their place are not very evident. Modern Canadian Scholarship has not been conspicuous for biblical exposition.

Since World War II, Youth for Christ again made evangelism a live option. But it appears that it is men with social expertise rather than evangelical conviction who are charting the church's future course. Evangelism still draws Canadians of world ability, such as Legithon Ford (Presbyterian) and Marwood Patterson (Anglican).

Our political representatives reflect something of our respective national character. The communion of Australian and Canadian saints can not be shunned without loss (II Cor. 9:1, 2). The challenge is great. Trudeau's "Just Society" belongs to Jesus; only He can heal confused men and nations. The future is His.

Religious	1941	1961
Census	per cent	per cent
Roman Catholic	41.8	45.7
United Church	19.2	20.1
Anglican	15.2	13.2
Presbyterian	7.2	4.5
Baptist	4.3	3.3
Lutheran	3.5	3.6
Jewish	1.5	1.3
Greek Orthodox	1.2	1.3

Books

STUDIES IN THE FOURTH GOSPEL by Leon Morris. Paternoster, Exeter, 1969. pp. 374. \$5.40.

This volume gathers together material which has mostly appeared elsewhere in articles and lectures, but they form a valuable and coherent background to the study of the gospel, on which Dr Morris is writing a full-scale commentary. The essays deal with the relation of John to the synoptic gospels, the Dead Sea scrolls, the date and authorship of John, style, and the important question of John's historical interest in relation to his theological interest.

Dr Morris makes no bones about being a conservative evangelical, and he puts them to flight who think that he is bound to fudge the evidence. As a conservative, he does not discard prima facie or traditional positions without compelling reason, and as evangelical he accepts the scripture he is studying as inspired revelation. Now, what scope does that give him?

Some might think Dr Morris' conclusions to be unconvincing! He follows Gardner-Smith in thinking John to be independent of the synoptists, and holds that there is nothing to compel a date for the gospel later than A.D. 70.

Canon Robinson reviews some current New Testament literature

In short, it may well not be the Fourth Gospel!

Actually, Dr Morris displays a nice scepticism (and a matching laconic style) when handling data. He is not easily hustled into hypotheses, and the chief value of his book is the way he establishes certain limits within which the debate should be conducted, and argues for the viability of some older views (e.g. Westcott's views regarding authorship) which have been too easily pushed out of the ring.

Although he prosecutes his case with individual vigour, the book is very well documented, and in effect surveys a large area of the modern debate. We look forward to the commentary.

D. W. B. Robinson.

THE REVELATION OF ST JOHN: AN INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY by Leon Morris. Tyndale Press, London, 1969. pp. 264. U.K. 17/.

The Tyndale series draws to its close — only Luke is not with us yet — and Dr Morris again puts us in his debt with a succinct and informative commentary, his third in this series. Not the least valuable feature is the careful assessment of the opinions of others, especially as there is no unanimity in the interpretation of this biblical book.

Did the Seer actually see what he describes in his book? Dr Morris certainly speaks of the possibility that "the visions took place over a period of years." But he also assumes that John uses "a peculiarly Jewish form of literature," i.e. apocalyptic, and employs it deliberately as an apt vehicle to meet the need of a particular church, selecting his "imagery" with the skill of an artist.

20. And Pharisees came — and in order — test him asked, "Is it lawful for — man to divorce his wife?" (2, 1) Mk 10:2

21. And when the devil had — every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time (5) Lk 4:13

Key Books

ACR'S REVIEW EDITOR INTRODUCES SOME IMPORTANT NEW TITLES:



THE PROTEST OF A TROUBLED PROTESTANT, by Harold O. J. Brown. Zondervan, 1969. pp. 282. U.S. \$2.45. Dr Brown is the theological secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Lausanne, Switzerland. He gives us a very hard-hitting and critical analysis of much that passes for contemporary Christianity and shows the modern rebellion against God to be a rebellion against all authority. He claims that in history, rebellion against authority has often been followed by submission to tyranny. Much that passes as modern theological scholarship he says, is floundering on the shoals of intellectual tyranny. He feels that we are seeing treachery within the church on a grand scale. He is troubled and doesn't hesitate to say so. He has the intellectual equipment and training to handle the task with very considerable skill. He tackles it because of a deep conviction that the gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation."

NEW LIFE IN THE PARISH, by Kenneth C. Sniff. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, 1970. pp. 90. \$2.85. "The church is made up of congregations," says Sniff. Then he says, "congregations are in trouble." He agrees that "renewal," about which we hear so much, is essential, but that it must be a continuing process. But he goes further and insists that much, is essential, but that it must be a continuing process. But he goes further and insists that much, is essential, but that it must be a continuing process. But he goes further and insists that much, is essential, but that it must be a continuing process.

WHOSE WORLD? by A. N. Triton. Inter-Varsity Pocket Book, 1970. pp. 191. 95c. Triton argues that people who are Christians in the New Testament sense should be able to demonstrate most consistently a positive concern for this life and for society. To overvalue it is to eclipse the gospel and to undervalue it is a failure to honour God. A most valuable book with keen biblical insights which will help thoughtful people, both young and old, to develop genuine Christian attitudes to the material world, to culture, politics, science and society as a whole.

Can these views be reconciled? If John wrote down what he saw, where is the relevance of "apocalyptic"? If it is all a literary convention, must we demythologise the "visions," not only of the future, but of Christ Himself?

Dr Morris' temperament is academic rather than apocalyptic! Still, this is an advantage in clearing away fantasy which has too much clouded this book. He professes an eclectic approach to

SHORT NOTICES

PICKERING and INGLIS, 1969. Novels for children. "Power Point" by E. J. Warde, pp. 82, for boys 12-14. "Prairie Princess" by Margaret Epp, pp. 127, for girls 8-11. "Bumty and Peter" by Christine Hunter, pp. 64, for boys or girls 8-11. "Myer's Secret" by Enid D. Moffat, pp. 60, for boys or girls 8-10. "Wendy of Wynford" by Olive L. Groom, pp. 127, for girls 12-14. "The Warm Summer" by Craig Massey, pp. 184, for boys 12 or over. "The Princess and the Pelican" by Margaret Epp, pp. 127, for girls 8-11. Well-produced Christian fiction eminently suitable for school and Sunday School prizes or gifts.

IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD by Robert Flynn Hutchinson, 1969. pp. 270. £1/15 (U.K.). A well-written novel in which a clergyman is brought, through the death of a parishioner, to look searching at his ministry and his motives. Handled with force and integrity.

THE JEW AND MODERN ISRAEL, by Milton B. Lindberg. Moody, 1969. pp. 96. 50c (U.S.). Considers the past and present of the Jew and of the state of Israel in the light of prophecy. THE FRAGMENTED, THE EMPTY, THE LOVE, by Patti Bard Zondervan, 1969. pp. 154. Christian fiction in which we look at the tensions of urban society.

GUIDANCE AND WISDOM by J. I. Packer, Evangelical Press, 1970. pp. 23. U.K. 2/. Jim Packer looks closely at guidance — knowing God's plan for our lives, and wisdom — choosing the right course of action to please God and secure the best end. Most useful study booklet.

IS YOUR RELIGION REAL? by J. C. Ryle, Evangelical Press, 1970. pp. 12. U.K. 1/. Shows how we can test the reality of our religion. Enough to say it was by Bishop Ryle. KNOWING GOD by J. I. Packer, Evangelical Press, 1970. pp. 21. U.K. 2/. Dr Packer helps us answer important questions — what were we made for and what aim should we set ourselves in life?

NEVER PERISH by J. C. Ryle, Evangelical Press, 1970. pp. 36. U.K. 2/6. The biblical doctrine of perseverance is clearly explained. Communicating. THE GOSPEL by Derek Prime, Evangelical Press, 1970. pp. 19. U.K. 2/. An examination of five modern methods of communicating the gospel and how they stand in relation to biblical principles. Don't miss this one.

WILLOCHRA



Bishop Bruce Rosier, who will take office as Bishop of Willochra at Port Augusta, S.A., early in June.

Re-marriage in N.Z.

The remarriage of divorcees in full church ceremonies is now permitted by the New Zealand Anglican Church. There must be "good and sufficient grounds to believe that any divorced person in a new marriage sincerely regrets that the promises made in any previous marriage were not kept and both parties to an intended marriage vow to abide by the lifelong intent of the proposed marriage."

Ulcerless people

Washington, D.C. (E.P.S.). — "What we need is church people who don't get ulcers over conflict," Dr Cynthia Wedel, president of the National Council of Churches (U.S.A.), told a national seminar on legislation sponsored by Church Women United. "We need people who know what they believe and why, and don't get upset when challenged," she said.

NEXT MEETING
Sydney Revival Prayer Fellowship
Friday, 5th June, 1970,
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
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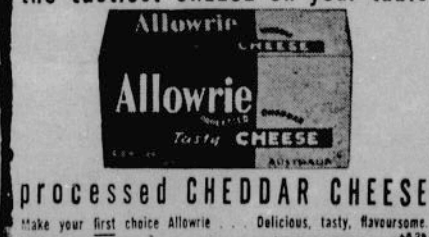
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Mainly About People

Rev. Wesley D. Girvan, rector of Christ Church, Kiama (Sydney) since 1967, has been appointed rural dean of the new rural deanery of Shoalhaven, recently separated from that of Wollongong. It includes the parishes of Shellharbour, Oak Flats, Kiama, Nowra, Milton, Albion Park and Berry.

Mr Bill Glen, of Mansfield, has been appointed advocate of the diocese of Wangaratta in succession to Mr Stewart Harris, who has been advocate for the past 10 years.

Rev. Ron Pattfield, rector of St. Paul's, Seaford (Sydney) who is a member of the Australian Council of the European Christian Mission, has been appointed Home Secretary of the Council. He will remain at Seaford.

Right Rev. James Wong, Bishop of Taiwan since 1964, died early in May after a heart attack at the age of 70. During the war years, he assisted at St. Jude's, Randwick (Sydney). He was Bishop of Kuching 1962-64.

Rev. John St. O. Howells, minister of St. Peter and St. Andrew, Braybrook (Melbourne) since 1965, has been appointed vicar of St. Matthew's, Cheltenham from 23 July.

Rev. David N. Morrison, vicar of St. Asen's Middle Park (Melbourne) since 1959, has been appointed vicar of St. George's and All Saints', Footscray from 22 July.

Rev. Edwin K. Robins, vicar of St. Dunstan's, East Camberwell (Melbourne) since 1964, has been appointed vicar of Holy Trinity, East Melbourne from 4 June.

Rev. L. W. Bagg, of the diocese of Truro has been appointed rector of Loch (Gippsland) from July next.

Rev. Charles D. H. Pilkington, rector of Toora (Gippsland) since 1965, has been appointed a chaplain to the Bishop of Gippsland.

Mr T. G. Philpott, B. Comm., Dip. Ed., was made dean by the Bishop of Gippsland this month and has been appointed curate at the Cathedral, Sale.

Rev. Owen Weaver, in charge of St. John's, Lurnea (Sydney) since 1965 has resigned from the full-time ministry, as from May 26.

Rev. William B. Newton, curate of All Saints', Nowra (Sydney) since 1968, has been appointed curate in charge of St. John's, Lurnea from May 29.

Rev. William J. Jobling of Cranbrook School (Sydney) has been appointed locum tenens of St. Matthew's, Centennial Park from May 10 to the end of January next.

Rev. Peter F. George, minister of St. Michael's and All Angels', North Dandenong (Melbourne), has been appointed B.C.A. missionary at Mount Isa (North Q'land).

hot line

Round-up of church press comment

THE BELLS in St. George's Cathedral, Perth, says the Anglican Messenger, are the only ones in W.A. suitable for change ringing. But they are a real headache and will have to be re-cast, lowered and structural modifications must be made to the tower. At present, five or 10 minutes on the tenor bell is all a man can stand.

Paan Ming-To reports in Christianity Today that the faith lives on in China in clandestine home-congregations or in "cell-culture" church groups, despite the violent purges during the cultural revolution.

The Church of England Newspaper reports "Target," the Kenyan Church newspaper as calling for an end to the boycott of South Africa by Africans. But Anglican involvement in all kinds of moves, including "prayer vigils," to obstruct the South African cricket tour of the United Kingdom, gets headlines in all recent issues of the Church Times.

The editor of the Brisbane Church Chronicle points out that Sydney has replaced its annual procession of witness on Good Friday with what proved to be a most popular Hyde Park service and asks whether Brisbane should take a hard look at its Palm Sunday parade. The Australian Baptist gives figures for ordination courses from 1966 to 1970. There were 118 in 1966 training for the ministry and 104 in 1970. The comment reads: "Theological leaders believe a healthy future is assured."

Australian Presbyterian Life draws attention to the 161st anniversary of the Presbyterian Church at Ebenezer, N.S.W. Worship was first held in St. Luke's, Liverpool, N.S.W., in 1819 — 151 years ago, and that's the longest period of continuous use for an Anglican building.

According to a report in Southern Cross (Sydney), the diocese of Sydney exceeded its quota of giving to A.B.M. by \$5,576. It gave \$40,576 for 1969. Shows what a strong C.M.S. diocese can do. In the English Churchman, Rev. C. C. J. Butlin writes that the Series II services of Infant Baptism and Confirmation represent "a betrayal of the whole Anglican position." Strong words in view of the praise given by some to Series II Baptism in Australia. He says they introduce "fundamental differences in doctrine."

Canadian Churchman reports the spread of uneasiness about the projected Anglican-United Church union. Three deaneries in Fredericton diocese have suspended indefinitely talks with the United Church after a year of united study of the proposals. One rural dean said, "We may have to stand alone."

The Rockhampton Church Gazette tells how the bishop's dilemma was solved. His secretary simply had to return to live in Sydney at the end of this year. A Rockhampton curate saved the day by popping the question and they plan to marry in August. Bishop Shearman is naturally delighted at the curate's initiative and says that instead of losing a secretary, he has gained an attractive clergy wife.

24,130 cups of tea/coffee

That was the exact number of cups of tea or coffee drunk at Holy Trinity, Adelaide, according to figures in the annual reports. And 5,512 meals were served also.



A recent picture of Holy Trinity, on Adelaide's busy North Terrace. The new expressway adjoining the church property can be seen on the left.

Other interesting statistics which tell their own story about this oldest and most active church in South Australia include: 50 per cent of the people on the parish roll were visited during the year; the parish roll lists some 1,500 adults and children or 1,080 units; weekly church attendances are 1,100; 147 new members were added to the parish roll and 89 were taken off; \$1,700 worth of books were sold on the church bookstall; 57-

000 copies of 36 Trinity sermons were sold; Bible studies are sent weekly to about 200 people in 21 different countries and to five Australian States; 20 sermons in Braille have been produced.

A record budget of \$44,500 has been set for the coming year, but missionary giving is over and above this. A very large slice of Holy Trinity's income goes each year to C.M.S. and other missions.

The Queen opens wing at Hobart Hospital

Her Majesty the Queen opened the new wing of the Royal Hobart Hospital on her recent visit to the island.

By arrangement with the hospital and Royal Tour authorities, a gift of new Bibles supplied by the Bible House, Hobart, was placed on the locker beside each bed.

While doing the rounds of patients, the Duke of Edinburgh was seen in a television news shot picking up one of the Bibles and making a comment upon it to the patient, "He gives health!"

Balloons have been used to sell Bibles.

The balloons had been released from Cambridge market place to celebrate the opening of a Christian literature bookstall, operated by the Cambridge Evangelical Association. The stall is open every Saturday, manned by volunteers from the churches.

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Ordained seventy years

ARCHDEACON Nigel D. Herring, of Bendigo, was 90 in February. On May 24 he celebrated the 70th anniversary of his ordination.

He entered Trinity College, Melbourne, in 1897 and was at the Bendigo Divinity Hall 1898-99. He then served at Kyneton and Werribee, Victoria, and Broken Hill, N.S.W. Then followed rectorships at Shepparton (1909-19), Benalla (1919-28) and he was a canon of Wangaratta 1924-28.

He became archdeacon and registrar of Bendigo (1928-49) and archdeacon of Kyneton and deputy registrar (1949-64). Since then he has been archdeacon emeritus.

During his retirement he has written a comprehensive history of the Bendigo diocese.



Archdeacon Herring at the Bethlehem Home for the Aged, Bendigo.

USED A TRACT LATELY?

by Don Howard

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Coligny's nurse (a Sister of Mercy) read the tract and handed it to the Lady Abbess at the hospital.

She was converted, and fled France to the Palatinate where she met and married a young Hollander. The influence which she had upon that man reacted upon the whole of Europe, for he was William of Orange.

Luther's pamphlet on Galatians influenced Bunyan for Christ, and "Pilgrim's Progress" now appears in over 130 languages.

In Nicodemia, in China and in India, churches have been founded through no other means than small Gospel portions and tracts.

Why neglect?

Why do we neglect them — through fear? — through failure to appreciate their value? Leon Trotsky said that the most powerful means of propagating Communism had been the small pocket pamphlet.

Voltaire said "Twenty-volume folios will never make a revolution. It is the little pocket pamphlets that are to be feared."

Missionary leaders today say that most converts in Japan and Latin America are the result of literature evangelism.

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Tore it up

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