New appointment for communist work



om left: Penne 11, Daniel 3, Gordon 14, Benjamin 5.

Open Doors with Brother Andrew, has announced the appointment of Ben Kil as representative for Queensland and orthern New South Wales.

Australian Director for Open Doors, Mr. Greg O'Connor said: "As Brother Andrew founded the work in Holland some 27 years ago, it is appropriate that Ben Kil, a fellow-countryman of Brother Andrew, should join our ministry."

Ben Kil was assistant pastor at Trundle Baptist Church, N.S.W. whilst running his mixed farm at Tullamore. He said: "The whole family is behind me in this move to Queensland. However, it was a big step, as the farm was bought for the children to make a living in the future. The Church members at Trundle have been faithful friends throughout the decision-making

in Holland. As a youth I was always very conscious of the fear of Russian invas As children we were aware of the restrictions of Communism. But I understand that these Communist countries that are isolated to the Gospel are our mission field and my prayer and heart's desire is that all may come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The message I take to Christian groups will always be positive."

lived the first twenty years of my life

'However, when I see the affluent lifestyle of Australians, compared to families in Europe, I must point this out. My job is to represent the cause of the Suffering Body of Christ in restricted countries. God's children often pay a high price for their faith. Many are willing to be

Visit of the **Very Reverend George Reid** M.C.

Outstanding Scottish preacher and Church-leader, the Very Reverend George Reid will be occupying the Scots Church pulpit from Sunday, 1 August to 30

Dr. Reid is a Chaplain to Her Majesty

the Queen and a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

He has occupied major pulpits in the He has occupied major pupirs in the three principal cities of Scotland, namely, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. He is an arresting and powerful preacher with the gift of colourful illustration and a penchant for relating the Gospel to modern man, his problems and needs in contributions and colours and colours. a convincing and scholarly way.

In World War II he served as a Chaplain in the Scots Guards in the Western European campaign during which he was awarded the Military Cross. He was eventually made Senior Chaplain to the 15th Scottish Division.

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Keith Green missed, but ministry continues

The sudden death of leading contemporary Christian singer, Keith Green, has left a space in the ranks of The Last Day Ministries, but the work continues. Formerly under a three prong leadership, the work continues today. under the direction of the two other elders, Martin Bennett and Wayne Dillard



Meetings previously arranged for Keith Green are to be taken by his wife,

On Wednesday, July 28, at 7.20 p.m. Keith Green (aged 28) together with his two eldest children, Josiah (3½) and Bethany (2) were killed when the Cessna 414 in which they were travelling, failed to clear the trees at the end of the runway near the Last Days Ministries ranch, in

The flight was to be a joy flight, to tour the surrounding countryside and property. A fellow worker, Don eister was the pilot. He is survived by his wife Jannette and two young

Sydney scholar overseas

The Vice Principal of Moore Theological College has left Australia to spend the northern academic year in Canada. The Rev. Dr. William Dumbrell will join the staff of Regent College, Vancouver.



elical training institutions on the nent. It's staff North American continent. It's staff includes Dr. J. I. Packer, W. Ward Gasque and Australian John Nolland, Old and Australian John Nolland. Old Testament lecturer Bruce Waltke, well-known as a contributor to American evangelical publications, is on Sabbatical leave and the College has invited Dr. Dumbrell to replace him.

Whilst at the College, Dr. Dumbrell will lead a special seminar on "Aspects of Old Testament Theology relating to Covenant Theme". He has been asked to lead such a seminar because of his book, due for sublication in 1983, "The Old and New

Dr. Dumbrell's friends can write to him c/- Regent College, 2130 Wesbrook Mall,

Understanding the socially disadvantaged

Most of us live reasonably ordered and predictable lives and therefore we have difficulty understanding the many socially and materially disadvantaged people in our community.

If you are not in touch with people so disadvantaged, bear with me as I describe some of the issues which are commonplace for then

UNEMPLOYMENT resulting from personal sickness, injury, lack of relevant skill and

PROBLEM-PRONE FAMILIES who try, but just don't get themselves together because of the lack of intellectual and nal stabilit

LACK OF ADEQUATE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS. When accepting the provision of government housing, disadvantaged people are often forced to move away from family and long-standing friends. This can cause great loneliness and distress, especially in times of trouble, because the emotional and physical support is lacking.

RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS arise because the disadvantaged have great difficulty making and sustaining relationships. Marriage break-ups and fights with neighbours, although common in any community, seem to be more common and more disastrous among disadvantaged people.

LACK OF PLANNING SKILLS. This often leads to financial problems. Money is not set aside for unforeseen sickness or other problems. Bills go unpaid and financial

OPEN TO EXPLOITATION. Disadvantaged people are often easy prey to the slick salesman. Some so-called Christian groups play upon the disadvantaged person's desire to escape the real problems of life by promising a "religious package" which will give immediate and miraculous solution to deep and longstanding problems.

Can we help?

So much for some of the proble Can the Christian Church offer real and substantial help to disadvantaged Australians?

YES. The Church does have something to offer. What I now wish to identify comes from reading and reflection, but more importantly from working with disadvantaged people over the past ten years in different geographical areas.

We have the gospel which points to a great God who can save anyone, irrespective of social need. But, if the Church is to effectively communicate this gospel, three issues need to be highlighted.

FIRSTLY, the Church must be prepared to recognise that we must express our love and concern in tangible ways. Only in this way will the Church be seen as credible. This will involve us all in sacrifices of time

SECONDLY. Disadvantaged people are real human beings and must be given real human beings and must be given respect and dignity — they are NOI "cases", but people for whom Christ died. I have seen disadvantaged people blossom and grow because a Christian was prepared to build a genuine relationship with them. Christians have differently decided to move house so. deliberately decided to move house so that they might be in a position to offer such friendship to needy families. Maybe God could use you in such a ministry.

LASTLY, the Church at large needs to act with patience and perseverance towards parishes where there is a large number of disadvantaged people. Financial and numerical growth is very slow in such parishes and a high ratio of staff is eeded for a greater length of time. Clergy need extra support, as it is devastating to work in an area for years and see little "normal church progress:

Prayer

Understanding is needed when new and relevant ways of reaching the disadvantaged are engaged. Instead of calling into question the spiritual credibility of such clergy, support them with prayer.

It is a long hard battle to realise ministry to the disadvantaged but God is pleased to bless the weak and foolish efforts made by many Christians.

(From Australian Baptist, by Rev. Don Anderson of the Anglican parish of Airds,

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Can we legislate morality? **American** scholar asks

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question posed by Dallas Professor, Dr Norman Geisler at the end of the sixth annual Moore College Lectures delivered at the College over five nights in the middle of September.

Sydney, in the grip of a serious petrol dispute, is not the place to get large crowds to a series of theological lecture yet the Moore College auditorium was packed for each of the five letures Dr.

The Moore College Annual Lectures are held each September and bring to Australia leading overseas scholars.
Previous lecturers have included F. F.
Bruce and J. I. Packer. Australian lecturers have included Dr. D. B. Knox and the present Archbishop of Sydney. The 1982 lecturer was Dr. Norman L. Geisler, a leading evangelical theologian in

Dr. Geisler's series was entitled "Ethical Christianity". He dealt with the basis of Christian and Humanist ethics, the conflict between them and the problems of co-existence. The lectures were notable for Dr. Geislers ability to illustrate his material in such a way that it was easily understood. This was evidenced by the large number of lay people who came to each lecture.

Dr. Geisler's material was related to the situation in America where there is a more open conflict between the two systems. For example he spent a lecture outlining their collision over the issue of teaching evolution in the schools. He shared from first hand experience an account of the recent Arkansas Creation Evolution trial in which the humanists were victorious and which showed the conflict clearly.

"The consequences of the conflict are serious", Geisler stated. He characterised serious", Geisler stated. He characterised modern secular humanists as bigots who were happy to allow all points of view to be expressed except non humanist ones. Stating that there were only really two points of view possible — either a system of belief based on a Creator or a system of belief based on a Creator or a system. of belief based on natural causes and 'chance — he went on to claim that the consequences of a humanist victory were fourfold -

Academic - a loss of real freedom Scientific — a loss of progress Religion - the establishment of

Ethical — the dominance of relativism.

He also stated that Secular Humanism was "philosophically inconsistent, ethically parasitic and spiritually depraved."

In his final lecture Geisler discussed the co-existence of the two systems in a pluralist society. He stated that we cannot legislate morality. Only change from the inside is really lasting. He concluded that Christians must do four things:

- 1. They must proclaim absolute standards from the pulpit — based on the ethical principles set out in the Scriptures.
- 2. They must model the absolute standard in the Church.
- 3. They should legislate the optimum ethic possible in a pluralist society. This he defined as an ethic that gave the maximum freedom for all with the minimum infringement of freedom for

CHRISTIANITY IN THE CLASSROOM



In the context of the down-to-earth Christian Option program, Tasmanian secondary school students are getting a chance to put things straight.

Topics ranging from 'Who is Jesus' and The Bible' to 'Ageing and Death', 'World Inequality' and 'Human Nature and Aggression' are dealt with in normal classes, where staffers can work closely with studen, and answer their question

Lorraine Heazlewood, one of the three full-time members of the Christian Option team, describes one of their aims:

'Allowing doubts, confusion, prejudice and experiences to be expressed and responded to from a Christian perspective, is a major part of the program. Hazy thinking, erroneous ideas and new insights can be brought into the

Christian Option in Tasmania is closely co-ordinated by Scripture Union and staffed co-operatively with Fusion Tasmania. The program began in 1977 and since then around 200 schools have

taken part each year. Following evaluation of the venture in Tasmania, the idea has been launched this year by Scripture Union in Victoria and Queensland. In South Australia, a wider group incorporating the United Christian Forum and John Smith's Truth and Liberation team have been successfully developing a similar concept for a

Interested schools invite the Christian Option team to work with their students on a fulltime basis for periods of two days to two weeks. The actual subject content of a C.O. program is negotiated with school staff; it may be slotted into an existing subject area, such as social science, or it may be a separate 'religious

Although all students are expected to take part in the program the Christian Option perspective is not forced on them, S.U. State Director, David Reeve explains: 'Our team doesn't intend to
'shove Christianity down students'

throats'. But we do challenge them to make sure that they know what the Christian Option is, before they decide whether to accept or reject it."

From the start the team aimed to design an educationally sound program incorporating simulation games; audiovisuals; panel discussions; worksheets; music; group work and arrange of other activities. Their success was acknowledged by the Australian Schools Commission in 1979. An Innovations grant was provided so that a Project Officer (Heather Ferguson) could be employed for one year.

But the proof of the program lies in the students' response, described here by David Reeve: 'We've had students from a non-Christian background reading Bible passages for the first time ... and being startled at the life and teaching of Jesus. Students from Christian homes are realising that Christian belief can be challenged — and defended — in the cut and thrust of the classroom."

They must evangelise the world to change people from the inside so that the optimum will begin to approach the maximum — ie. the Biblical

At the conclusion of each lecture there was lively questioning and debate.

The lectures were recorded and cassettes are available from Moore College. The Committee who organised the lectures expect that the lectures will eventually appear as a book (one of the conditions of the lectures is that the lecturer arranges to have the material published.).

The Principal of Moore College announced at the end of the series that the lecturer for 1983 will be Rev. Dr. W. Dumbrell, the Vice-Principal of the College who is currently lecturing at Regent College, Vancouver.

The lecture series Dr. Geisler delivered was important. He provided for his audience an insight into the more open confrontation of humanism and Christianity in America. This should serve as a warning to Australian where the conflict is subtle rather than open and therefore, possibly even more dangerou

1981 Census — Religion

The Zadock Centre has issued the following statement on the 1981 Census figures.

"The final 1981 Census figures on religion now released, show a further decline in affiliation with chri churches in Australia. Only 74.6% of the Australian population now claim affiliation with Christianity in some form. While this represents a 2.2% drop between 1976 and 1981 it is considerably less than the 7.6% drop recorded between 1971 and 1976.

Non christian religions were up .4% to 1.4%. The largest non-Christian grou was the Muslim community at 0.5% of the population.

Those claiming no religion increased 2.5% to 10.8% of the total population while 11.4% did not state their affiliation iming an even split of the Not Stated between Christianity and No Religion the national breakdown would be -Christianity 82.1%, No Religion 16.5%. Nationally, the Anglican Church was

hardest hit, suffering a loss of 1.6%. The other significant loss was from churches involved in the moves to union which lead to the formation of the Uniting Church. Here the overall national I from all those churches was 1.4%. Ironically, however, in the Northern Territory with the lowest Christian affiliation anywhere in the Commonwealth (58.8%) combined church membership of all the churches involved in the union increased by 1.2%.

Apart from the Northern Territory, WA and VIC now have the lowest christian church allegiance at 73.5% and 73.8%; NSW has the highest at 79.6% of population. NSW also shares with Tasmania the lowest No Religion figure at

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Synodical Government

The Anglican Church in Australia is governed by a Synodical system that has mpressed others and has been copied elsewhere in the world. It is democratic, giving the maximum opportunity for congregations to participate in the decision-making of the Church as a whole. Synods work slightly differently in each Diocese but the basis

The General Synod is made up of representatives from each of the Diocesan Synods and requires assent from them before major legislative changes are made. As in the political area there are problems which arise as a result of the tensions of autonomy for each individual State — Diocese as against the power of the Federal Government — General Synod. In the Constitution of our Church this has led to the situation where any individual Diocese can veto a change to that Constitution.

At the moment many Diocesan Synods are being held and problems are aris here are three controversial pieces of legislation from General Synod which need to be discussed and bitterness, ill feeling and division are the possible outcomes of these discussions. There are those who believe that General Synod has fully debated these issues and that a rejection of any of them by any one Diocese is "irresponsible". are others who believe that a Synod ought to vote on the proposal put to it from General Synod and that major changes should either be agreed to by every Diocese or should not come into effect. The situation is a disturbing one. Inevitably those Synods which decide first can influence others who have yet to decide. We have heard ome say — "well Adelaide rejected it so it can't happen therefore there is no real need to debate it". Others have spent much time attacking the decision of another Diocese rather than deciding for themselves

Already there have been National headlines over the "Bill to alter the Constitution of the Anglican Church in Australia with Respect to the Ordination of Women Adelaide Synod has rejected it. Voting figures released to the Press show that 73 laity and 36 clergy were in favour of the Bill and 110 laity and 70 clergy were against it. That in our view, is a very resounding defeat for the Bill. The issue of women's ordination is a divisive one and clearly the Church is not at a point where agreement can be reached.

The Canon for the Admission of Children to Holy Communion is far less ewsworthy to the secular press but strikes at the very heart of Churchmanship disagreements in Australian Anglicanism. However its defeat in both Adelaide (because there was a tied vote in the house of laity) and Wangarratta seem to be on separate issues. Wangarratta saw it as unnecessarily restrictive because they already ave an early Confirmation age.

The Marriage of Divorced Persons Canon was passed at the Adelaide Synod by a

Sydney Synod is to meet soon. (It will already be meeting by the time many subscribers receive this edition of A.C.R.) In the past there has been a tendency for the rest of Australia to see Sydney as being isolationist and to tend to disregard its decisions insignificant because Sydney Anglicans somehow are "different from the rest". That, hopefully is changing. The difference in Sydney is that it is a centre of evangelical Anglican thinking in a way that probably no other Diocese in the Anglican Communion is. As such Sydney has a very great responsibility. To be obstructionist for the wrong reasons would do nothing for Anglicanism in Australia. Alternatively, to agree to changes without good reasons would be equally disastrous.

Sydney will not be debating the Ordination issue as far as we can see. Their Standing Committee has suggested the postponement of that Bill until the 1983 Synod. Sydne will be debating the other two controversial issues.

We would, therefore, like to make a plea to the members of Sydney Synod. Both of these Canons will bring forth a great deal of emotion. Many will want to cite individual examples — from both sides — to support their position. There will be much rhetoric. But that is not what we need. Since these issues are so potentially livisive Sydney's Synod must concentrate on seeking to make its decisions in accordance with Scripture. The Remarriage of Divorced Persons Canon should involv careful consideration of the Biblical injunctions and of the pastoral application of these. This is an issue where people are hurting — and where church practice is currently in a state of chaos. The teaching of Scripture is vital on this issue

The 'Admission of Children to Holy Communion is not as straightforward. We onder how many understand the significance of the issues at stake. We wonder if the whole concept of Confirmation is rightly understood and if the debate will tackle the very important theological issues involved.

In short, we call on the Sydney Synod to give a lead in debating these issues with nent to Biblical truth and without concern for what other Diocese have or may decide.

Synodical government should be used to ensure that, whatever happens elsewhere he Anglican church in Australia is at all times consistent with the Word of God.

Letters to the Editor

I refer to your editorial of the 6th of mber and, in particular, to your nent regarding 'wealthy' and 'poor'

What is a 'wealthy' parish? What is a 'poor'

Why should some parishes (where the members of the church give generously) be forced to subsidise diocean activities to a greater extent than other parishes (where the members of the church are miserly in their

The Christian practice is to encountry the christian practice is to encountry the funds to give them to the need as you advocate, to expropriate the

A flat rate of assesment is a fair rate. The A flat rate of assesment is a fair rate. The same proportion of every dollar given goes to help diocean activities. It is quite unfair to demand of one Christian that a greater proportion of the dollars which he puts in the plate must go to support diocean activities than the proportion of the dollar which another Christian may give.

With regard to expenditure on Diocean Services, which particular service or services do you wish to dispense with? All the services which exist are there because the Synod, at some point, has asked for them.

Thank you for your editorial in A.C.R. Aug. 23, 1982. The questions you raised must be exercising many people's minds in these time

Thirty years ago God showed me that He wanted me to invest money in His kingdom as well as in the material world. In this connection, surely we Christians in Australia could think of a way of giving the hungry people of this world something 'to eat' in His name, investing our money in this project.

But capitalism as an econcannot be wrong, as I see it. If you plant a fruit tree or a field of wheat, you cannot help making a profit. This is true of Communist and Socialist countries also, the difference there being that in those countries there is only one capitalist — the government or state.

In our country, there are many capitalists, the government being one of them. It is the dream of some that each able person should have the opportunity of being a capitalist.

have the opportunity of being a capitalist.

Capitalism does not necessarily mean greed. St. Paul enjoins on Christians who had been thieves, Tabouring with their hands in the thing that is good, with the purpose of having or owning. This is capitalism. But the owning is only 'in order to give him that hath need'. (Eph. 4:28) Giving, however, must be carried out wisely. Prov. 22:16 says, 'He that giveth to the rich shall come to poverty', and on-one wants to do that. John the Baptist also spoke of sharing with the 'have-nots' as a sign of repentance. (Luke 3:10-11).

repentance. (Luke 3:10-11).

In the Old Testament, God's people were always to keep the poor in their thoughts. They were not allowed even to put a sickle through the corners of their fields, so that the poor would have something (Lev. 19: 9-10). This idea of helping the poor was carried into New Testament instructions, viz. the apostles' instructions to Paul and Barnabas (Gal. 2:10). Even though our Lord had so little, it was so normal for thim to give something to the poor that the disciples assumed Judas may have gone out to do that.

Because the human being since the Fall of Man is selfish and greedy, capitalism must be restricted by law. It cannot be unrestricted. Isaiah, speaking of God's Word, pronounce woe for those who lay house to house and field to field until there be no room (Isa. 5:8) This selfishness does not please God, who declares that all the earth is His and its fulnes

DIOCESE OF CANBERRA-GOULBURN

The Rev. Dr. James McPherson, who has been on study leave at Durham University, England, on the Lucas-Tooth Scholarship for the past two years, to Priest in Charge of the Special District of St. Simon's, Giralang/Kaleen.

The Rev. John Corson, formerly Assistant Priest at St. John's, Canberra, will be Associate Priest in the Parish of Pambula.

The Rev. John Griffiths, presently Rector of Turvey Park, Wagga Wagga, has been appointed Rector of St. Paul's, Manuka, A.C.T.

Archdeacon of Canberra, and the Rev. David Durie, becomes a Canon of St. Saviours's

DIOCESE OF RIVERINA

Rev. T. Primrose retired as Rector, Ariah Park and Ardlethan 31st August, 1982.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

ADELAIDE

The Rev. J. Taylor, Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, has been licensed as an honorary Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity Church. He will be assistant to the Rev. R. J.

Church. He will be assistant to the Rev. R. J. Piper, Rector.
The Archbishop has advised that (D.V.) Mr. D. J. Williams will be admitted to the diaconate on Sunday, 24 October, 1982. The Right Reverend L. E. W. Renfrey will carry out the ordination in All Saints' Church, Colonel Light Gardens under Latters Dimissory from the Archbishop. Mr Williams will commence work as Assistant Curate at St. David's Church, Burnside as from 1 November, 1982.

of the Parish of Yankalilla in the Diocese of The Murray, and is to be instituted as Rector of that Parish on 3rd December, 1982.

live (1 Cor. 3: 6-7). It is still His and must be

St. Paul instructs us, 'Look not every man or St. Paul instructs us, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others (Phil. 2-4). Our own selfish profit should not be our aim, regardless of the profit (or loss) others will make from our moves. The only sin Dives seems to have committed is that he did not notice Lazarus' need and help him when he could.

Perhaps when our Lord is ruling there will not be a proletariate, but each will work his own little holding. (Mic. 4:4)

Dear Sir,

"Why is it so hard to take God at His Word?"

Mr. Barron asks in ACR 23/8/82. His question
pinpoints our difficulty. Is God's word poetry
in Genesis I and, in Genesis 2 and 3, parable? If
fso, should we take it straight-forwardly, like
a statement of science or history? If we read it
perversely, against the way it was intended, we
shall distort its meaning. The Bible uses a
dozen literary forms. We should read each
piece in its chosen form. The Bible says it will
begin with parables and a riddle in song. (Ps.
49.4 and Ps. 78.2)

In its halance of ideas Genesis I resembles.

In its balance of ideas Genesis I resembles the Hebrew Pslams. Thus —

Day I balances Day 4

Day 2 balances Day 5 Day 3 balances Day 6

Days 3 and 6 pair as double creations. Day 7, in which we live (John 5.17), encircles all. If we count the pairs of days contemporaneous most difficulties disappear

It is only the prose statement view of Genesis I that excludes evolution; the poetic view tends to support it. Evolution is not opposed to God; rather it seems from the fossil record that it could not have occurred without God.

Why should the word "day" daunt us when to God, a millenium is an hour in the night (P 90:4)? There is something improper in measuring the time God takes (Acts 1.7 and Ps. 95.9). Perhaps that is why in Genesis I it is hidden in a riddle.

May I provoke a little discussion on the subject of flowers in church.

Recently a friend of mine had an attack of hay fever in church and then noticed some Jasmine in a vase at the end of the pew. This person has been treated over many years by specialists along the lines of Mark 5-26. Partial relief is available with tablets whose side effects.

My information is that almost one person in every three in Sydney is adversely affected in varying degrees by pollens.

Springtime brings its notorious offenders — asmine, Wattle, Privet, Stock, Daisies, Jonquil, Poppies. Autumn brings Chrysanth

I am very fond of flowers but if their absence gives freedom from wheezing sneezing, swollen antrums, itching eyes, coughing and headache, then I will forego the

Perhaps churches should follow the lead of

Is not this matter of heavily pollened flower one offence that w sake of the Gospel.

DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY

DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Rev. I. D. Pennicook, Curate-in-Charge, Kenthurst, has accepted the position of Rector, St. John's, Keiraville.

Rev. J. W. H. Squires, Curate-in-Charge, Putney, has accepted the position of Rector, St.

Rev. A. M. Blanch, Rector, St. Barnabas', Broadway, has accepted the positon of Rector,

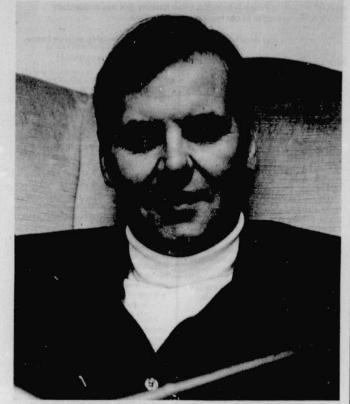
Rev. A. T. Pattison, died on September 6th,

Canon Don Miller has resigned from the parish of O'Halloran Hill and has accept appointment to the parish of Fullarton in

Yours sincerely, George Wilton

Rev. R. Opie died 1/7/82

AMERICAN EVANGELICALS



Australian Christians often find hemselves in a dilemna. Culturally they are influenced very much by America through the television, movies, music Yet theologically, especially for Anglica ologically, especially for Anglicans, the major influence is English. This is tempered by the importance of some American evangelicalism, most notably nerican evangelicalism, most notable ough the Billy Graham organisation

But very few Australians can understand American Christianity seems to belong to a different world. This causes confusion, especially since American authors seem so prolific and more and more of our books are from the States. We read these books without ully understanding the milleu fro which they have developed. And we do

During the visit of Dr. Norman Geisler to Sydney for the Sixth Annual Moore College Lectures, the Church Record spoke to him about contemporary American evangelicalism. Dr. Geisler is Professor of Theology at Dallas Theolical Seminary. He is the author of eighteen books, widely respected as a writer and teacher and is well qualified to commen

We chose the major areas of conflict amongst evangelicals and others in the U.S.A. as a framework. Whether you agree with Dr. Greisler or not, we have no doubt that his comments will go a long way to explaining the contemporary scene. For that reason we will be publishing his interview in full but, because of size, we will do so over three

ACR: Dr. Geisler, we hear the terms fundamentalists and evangelicals used in ways that are not familiar to us. Can you explain the distinction between the two?

Geisler: In the United States you have to distinguish between historic fundamentalists were Warfield, Hodge Machen — the old Princetonians — the people who fought the battle between liberalism and orthodox Christianity.

That battle revolved around six basic fundamentals. These were:

- 1. The Inspiration of the Bible

- The Deity of Christ.
 The Substitutionary Atonement.
 The Bodily Resurrection. . The Second Coming of Christ.

These six were the controversy points and the people who defended these fundamentals were called Fundamentalists.

denominational people, highly educated and cultured, not separatists. But over the years Fundamentalism has evolved to

nean someone who has separated himself from the culture, from oth groups, and is very narrow minded and anti-intellectual in his approach.

The result is that what we now call

shift in the U.S. and respectability is being given to the word "Fundamentalist". Indeed, there's a broad coalition forming between moderate fundamentalists and evangelicals. This has occurred because Jerry Falwell has taken many fundamentalists out of their separitist, isolated, non-involved stance, they are becoming better educated and has produced what you might call a kind of neo-fundamentalism. It is politically, socially, morally and educationally involved and is gaining a new respectability

Right now, in the U.S. there are meetings going on between evangelical leaders and Jerry Falwell and the neo-Fundamentalist group. The attitude is, "look, we agree doctrinally and on many basic moral and social issues so let's no fight each other". They are joining together to fight the "enemy out there' the influence of humanism on our

ACR: A highly controversial issue that we don't fully understand in Australia is the debate over the Inspiration and Authority of the Bible. How does this divide American Evangelicals?

GEISLER: The basic issue is "Is whatever the Bible affirms, what God affirms?". Is the Bible man's word about God or God's word to man? This is one of the historic fundamentals

and I see it as the fundamental of the fundamentals. All of the other fundamentals come from the Bible so you have to accept this first. Psalm 11:3 destroyed what shall the righteous do?" So this is essential and in the U.S. there is a move to call the Evangelical movement back to its fundamental base in Scripture This means affirming the full inspiration and authority and inerrancy of Scriptu as opposed to those who would devia from it and say, "well the Bible makes Bible makes mistakes in some places the the Bible cannot be the Word of God

So the basic issue is "Is the Bible the Word of God?" If it is the Word of God it cannot err in anything - no matter how small and unimportant it is. To say that it errs is to say that God errs and

But there are two groups in the U.S. One I would call the neo-evangelicals

An interview with Dr. Norman Geisler

orthodox position following Barth and Brunner that the Bible is functionally the Word of God serving to save people but that it is not essentially the Word of God. This view has representatives like Jack Rogers and Paul Jewett of Fuller Semina They believe that there could be minor and insignificant errors in the Bible; factual, historical, geographic and scientific type errors. However they stil believe it to be the Word of God. They hold what they call infalliability of function but not inerrancy of fact. The

The anti-inerrancy movement has been so strong that it has caused a coalition of evangelicals in opposition. Called the International Council of Biblical Inerrancy it got together 300 scholars who made a 19 point statement defining precisely what is meant by the authority of Scripture. This included such influential people as J. I. Packer, John Wenham, Robert Preus, Francis Schaeffer, and Dr. Kenneth Kantzer, the Editor of Christianity Today. They took a strong stand saying that this is a doctrine that cannot be forsaken or neglected.

A few months ago we had a Conference in San Deigo attended by over 3000 evangelicals who gathered together in a rally in support of the Authority and Inerrancy of Scripture. This was the greatest conference I have ever led and was perhaps the most

significant event on the Bible in this generation in the U.S.

It is now the mainline doctrine amongst evangelicals to believe in the nnerrancy of Scripture. Those who deny nerrancy now need to proclaim in what sense they can call the

In our next issue Dr. Geisler will explain to us the conflict over Creation-Evolution. The interview will then include discussion of other areas of conflict such as the Charismatic Movement, women and ministry, divorce, the Second Coming and the television evangelists.

SHORT NOTES . . .

iberian Seven Bill passes Senate WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A. (EWNS) — The United States Senate July 13 unanimously passed a bill which would allow seven Pentecostals who have been living in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow for more than four years to become resident aliens. This says Sen. Carl Levin (D—Mich), who introduced the measure, would pave the way for the group. known as the 'Siberian Seven' to emigrate to the United States.

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Rev. D. Owers is to be Curate, St. Matthew's, Beulah Park in February, 1983.

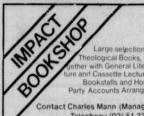
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More on prisons

In our last issue we stated on the front page that we had included an interview with John Craik of Prison Fellowship. Unfortunately this was accidentally tted. We apologise to our readers and to Mr. Craik.

The Interview and details of the work of the Prison Fellowship appears below

The Prison Fellowship in Australia

As a result of Chuck Colson's visit to Australia in 1979, the Australian Prison Fellowship was formed.

Seminars were held in various gaols, including Bathurst and Goulbourn, at which prisoners and others met to look at issues such as Who is God? What makes us unique? What went wrong? How can we live within God's plan that we live in harmony with Him? The significance of lesus. How do we live in prison in the light of this?

Delegates dispersed to many other prisons, where prison fellowship groups began. In NSW, groups formed at Cessnock, Long Bay, Parramatta, Bathurst,

There have been mixed reactions to this development. One prison officer said after the first seminar, "Had I not seen what I have over the last three days I would never have thought possible that men — particularly these men — could experience such change." Others are highly sceptical, feeling that prisoners are using it as a ploy to con the Parole Board.

Rehabilitation by new life in Christ

"One of the things that comes out of involvement in prisons work is realising that most human relations are traded in when one person lets another down. We see that by responding to the Biblical command to love unconditionally positive results will come", said John Craik, National Executive Director of Prison Fellowship.

"Notwithstanding the gravity of the crime committed, Christ died for our sins. Guilt can only be dealt with by God. A person, whether in or out of prison, must have a clear idea of who Jesus is, and having a personal relationship with Christ; the only liberating hope is Christ in you — whether you are a prisoner or

The church has failed

"In a real way the Christian church has failed to respond to the Biblical

command in Matthew 25:36. 'lesus said "Then the King will say to those on his right 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; I needed clothes and you clothed me; I was sick and you loked after me; I was n-prison and you came to visit me.

"Now through Prison Fellowship and other prison ministries the Christian conscience and consciousness has been raised.

"At this early stage we are not organising a concerted plan for prison reform. But we find that as we develop friendships with prisoners, we are becoming involved in case by case actions for justice.

Prisoners need you

Prison Fellowship is organising volunteers to work with prisoners in various ways. These include:

- writing to prisoners who request
- penfriends;
 visiting prisoners;
- attending Bible studies in prison
- attending 'In prison seminars'
 Prisoners on release need help, too, particularly in finding jobs, churches and occasionally short-term accommodation.

Prisoners' families can be helped by someone writing to and visiting them and providing transport.

- Prison Fellowship hopes to establish community care groups where you can
- help coordinate programmes; · be a church representative or member
- the a church representative or member of a prayer group;
 Prison Fellowship is developing a department of criminal justice that will provide volunteers with information on the criminal justice system and efforts for prison reform in their states.

Prison Fellowship has recently opened a National Office at Chatswood, NSW and would be delighted to answer any enquiries you may have.

The Aboriginal Issue

Commonwealth Games in Brisbane will be almost over. Almost certainly the Daily Newspapers will be full of reports about Aboriginal protest and the Games.

As a background to this we feel it is important that we share with you material that has arrived at the Record prior to the ement of the Games.

A.C.C.

In a Press Release headed "Queensland Government Legislates For Confrontation At Brisbane Games" the A.C.C. states:

'For the Aborigines of Australia and particularly the Aborigines of Queensland, the Brisbane Commonwealth Games beginning September 30 are a once-in-a-lifetii opportunity to expose the racism of Australia to the rest of the world'.

In a policy statement, the Brisbane based Black Protest Committee has said 'Black Australians have been in a state of crisis since the whites first invaded our land. We have been the victims of exploitation, genocide and racism for two centuries. There is no indication of conditions improving for us. Black Australia has to take the initiative for her own survival ... to expose Australia to international scrutiny is one positive aspect of peaceful and dignified protest at the Games.'

Peace plans, but talk of violence

The main issue of the Aborigine protest is Land Rights. And they have made it quite clear that the protests planned at the Games will be peaceful and dignified. We plan to register our

protest peacefully,' says Ross Watson, coordinator of the committee. The people who attempt to create more racial disharmony in this country by spreading unfounded rumours of violence are exposing themselves as the irresponsi perpetrators of violence' he explains.

Yet, in spite of Aboriginal ination to stage peaceful protests and the call of many organisations including the churches for the Games to proceed without confrontation between black and white Australians, the talk of

The Press Release goes on to criticise the Commonwealth Games Act of the Queensland Parliament and to suggest it has been framed to create unnecessary

It continues: 'Thus' the Queensland Government has in this Act virtually unlimited power to deal with its political opponents or anyone whom it wants to keep quiet during the Games. This Act clearly has substantial power to stifle freedom of speech and ensure that the participants in the Games and visitors to the Games do not hear any dissenting voices. The legislation is so broad in its definitions and powers that the Government can easily prevent the exercising of legitimate rights of protest in Brisbane during the Games.

By banning normal legitimate rights of protest, the Queensland Government is slamming the door on non-violent protest and setting the scene for violent repression of the freedom of speech. In the wake of this deliberate decision, the Queensland Government has provided

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WHAT A W®RLD

In July this year the report of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board on Discrimination and Homosexuality was released to the public. It is a 650 page volume covering such areas as Definition, volume covering such areas as Definiti The Case Against, Public Attitudes, The Law, Employment and Education, and making 35 far-reaching recommendation for State Government action to counter what is seen as discrimination against

Discrimination and

Homosexuality

The investigation by the Board which has resulted in this report follows action by the Legislative Council in 1977 which eleted homosexuality from the original Anti-Discrimination Bill and passed an amendment which required the board to conduct research relating to discrimination on the ground of homosexuality. During the interval, as is well known, four bills seeking to amend the Crimes Act to decriminalise the sexual activity of adult male homosexuals were defeated in Parliament. However the legislative programme of the present session includes 'amendments to the session includes amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Bill', which presumably refers to the re-inclusion of homosexuality in the provisions of the bill, along with race, sex, and marital

Reading the report is a painful exercise for a Christian committed to the Bible's position of prohibition of homosexual acts as 'detestable to God'. From start to finish the report is equally committed to the secular humanist and gay liberation position that homosexuality is a valid alternative lifestyle, which in every respect must be given equal standing

Irreconcilable Viewpoints

Every recommendation flows from that basic standpoint. Every caution, every warning about sinfulness, unnaturalness or health risks, every implication that it might be in any way undesirable to encourage that lifestyle, is regarded as springing from irrational prejudice, as unjust as if it were on the groud of race. Moral objections are dismissed in the first chapter (p. 30) where it is acknowledged that 'once all the facts are in, there is still a choice to be made between two irreconcilable moral viewpoints'. Being committed to the view that homosexua acts constitute neither sin nor disorder, the report proceeds to ignore or dismiss all facts which seem to indicate

Gav Plague

This is glaringly so in regard to health risks. Because sexually transmitted diseases are associated with heterosexual niscuity too, they are dismissed as

irrelevant, ignoring the extent to which cruising and promiscuity is characteristic of the male homosexual lifestyle. But there is a tragic new factor — the killer disease known as the 'gay plague', in which a breakdown of in responses even in quite young male homosexuals is causing death from cancer and pneumonia, and which is reaching epidemic proportions in the U.S.

Aiming to overcome anti-homosexual prejudice, the report concentrates particularly on how this may be done through education. It demands that at all levels, homosexuality be dealt with in a "non-prejudgmental and nondiscriminatory manner", and that private educational authorities should not be exempted from the Board's rulings. This could mean, for instance, that a church school could not refuse to employ a

Proselytising danger

This report is at pains to stress that no possible danger to children could result from an association with homosexuals, but fails to consider the complex nature of the psycho-social sexual developmen and the fact that adolescence is a crucial period in that development. In one breath the report tries to maintain that parents have no need to fear recruiting or proslytising of their children by homosexuals, and in the next to say that this is only a bad thing if homosexual

this is only a bad thing it nomosexual behaviour is a sin or a crime. It advocates censorship from school libraries of books saying anything adverse about homosexuality (the Bible would have to gol) and recommends a list of "sympathetic" books including "Young, Gay and Proud" which is at present the property in NEW cohole. It is blatantly to the period of the post of the property in NEW cohole. It is blatantly to the period of the period of the property in NEW cohole. It is blatantly to the period of ned in NSW schools. It is blatantly directed at persuading teenagers of both sexes to experiment with homosexual acts, and is by almost any definition

ornographic. In its unqualified rejection of homosexual relationships the Sydney Anglican Diocese, together with the Roman Catholics and the Festival of Light, is regarded by the report as illiberal and unenlightened amongst Christians. So be it; we cannot join those who call good evil and evil good. When it comes to sin, we must continue to discriminate. This report must not be implemented!

NOTE:

Regular readers will note that What a World did not appear in our last issue. We apologise for this. The article was ted prior to Lesley Hicks leaving on holidays and was caught up in the recen mail strike. At the time of printing it had not arrived.

1981 Census — Religion Continued from page 1

1981 CENSUS

		SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	QLD	VIC	NSW	TRALIA
Total Christian	1976 1981	78.3% 74.5	76.4% 73.6	80.5% 75.8	74.0% 74.1	61.8% 59.8	79.8% 77.3	75.9% 73.8	81.0% 79.6	78.6% 76.4
Non Christian Religion	1976 1981	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.7	3.9 1.5	0.3	1.4	1.1	1.0
Not Stated + Inadequately	1976	10.0	12.4	12.5	13.4	19.8	12.4	13.3	11.4	12.2
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	1976	1981	SERVICE STATE
Baptist	1.3%	1.3%	
Brethren	0.2	0.1	Total Christian
Catholic	25.7	26.0	
Churches of Christ	0.6	0.6	Non Christian
Anglican	27.7	26.1	Buddhist
Congregational	0.4	0.2	Hebrew
Jehovah's Witness	0.3	0.4	Muslim
Latter Day Saints	- N	0.2	Other
Lutheran	1.4	1.4	
Methodist inc Wesleyan	7.3	3.4	Total Non-Chi
Orthodox	2.7	2.9	Total Non-Chi
Pentecostal	0.3	0.5	Other
Presbyterian	6.6	4.4	Indefinite
Salvation Army	0.5	0.5	
Seventh Day Adventist	0.3	0.3	No Religion Not Stated
Uniting Church	_	4.9	Not Stated
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Other Christians	1.7	1.7	

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Buddhist		0.2
Hebrew	0.6	0.4
Muslim	0.3	0.5
Other	0.2	0.2
Total Non-Christian	1.0	1.4
Other		
Indefinite	0.4	0.5
No Religion	8.3	10.8
Not Stated	11.8	10.5

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Family disturbance — who's to blame?

are highly complex and can be enormously satisfying or can very easily be highly damaging to the people involved. When faced with damaging consequences it is tempting to interpre the cause of the problem in over-simplistic terms. The way in which we over-simplify the problem is often an expression of our own attitudes and emotions. That is, we interpret what is happening in a way which suits us. What suits us may be something which reduces our own fears or confusion, and which reflects no accurate understanding at all.

In the early 1950's a series of psychological reports claimed to have found a causal relationship between parental rejection or parental over-protection, parental disharmony and aggressive behaviour in young adolescents. All three parental factors were seen as frustrating a child's needs. Parental rejection frustrates a child's need for acceptance and love. Parental over-protection frustrates the child's need for an increasing degree of personal freedom and autonomy. Parental disharmony frustrates a child's need to enjoy the companionship of parents, for when parents fight a great deal they have less lable to play with the child and

to enjoy leisure time together as a family.

to enjoy leisure time together as a family. This interpretation was seen as plausible in the light of Freudian theory which claims a link between frustration and aggression. However, once the reports were published it became clear that many alternative interpretations of the relationship were possible. For example, it is possible that the adolescents studied were difficult and hostile children even very early in their lives. If this was the case, it could be argued that the parents' behaviour was caused by the behaviour of the children!

The new interpretation suggested that parents responded to their disturbing children by either becoming rejecting or over-protective, and in some other cases the parents fought a great deal over the way in which their child should be handled. Hence hostile children arouse and increase parental rejection or over-protection and parental disharmony.

I would argue that both interpretations are plausible, but to settle for one in favour of the other is to over-simplify the situation. One interpretation places blame on the parent, the other on the child. This operation of laying blame is cot belight in seeking to undestand or to not helpful in seeking to understand or to help families in this kind of situation

More recent research would suggest that it is more appropriate to see families as systems rather than merely a collection of distinct individuals. Families are composed of individuals, but these individuals are closely connected to one another and continually influence each other. For example, a car engine is composed of distinct parts but a complete understanding of its operation comes only when the total system of connected and interacting parts are examined in action.

So it is with families. Disturbed parents develop disturbance in their children, who then increase disturbance in those parents. Disturbed children disturb their parents who can increase the disturbance in their children. A cause is not always a cause It can become an effect in a circular fashion. Thus families can interact as a system to become locked into a disturbance. It becomes unrealistic and unhelpful to attempt to identify first causes and to anchor blame to the first

It is far more helpful to operate in the here-and-now. The system is malfunctioning because some unhelpful rules and habits have taken over. These

particular and complex factors, which are unique to a given family, need to be identified and modified with the co-operation of all family members. They all share in the responsibility of helping to make their family interaction more satisfying for the family as a whole Blaming and over-simplification will seriously impede such a process.

Christians are not always comfortable with such ideas. Some Christians enjoy standing in judgment upon others, especially family members whom they regard as proper targets for blame consider nowever, that unreasonable condemnation can lead to resentment and a self-fulfilling prophecy occurs. You falsely blame someone of anger, and they now become angry! The rules here are unhelpful and righteous indignation has thrust a gap between the two parties which widens with every word exchanged.

The attitudes needed for parents and children, which provide more helpful rules, are contained in Ephesians 6:1-4. Mutual respect and loving service are th key features rather than disrespect and provocation. The earlier passage (Ephesians 5:2) sums up the position: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us . . .

Aborigines continued

police to deal with what it sees as the inevitable violent confrontation.

Once again the Queensland Government seems determined to deny justice to the Aboriginal citizens of the state in order to create a situation of confrontation in which it believes it can win electoral success in the forthcoming election by exploiting the issue 'law and

'For the Churches, this cynical use of power and manipulation of the just and reasonable demands of Aboriginal people, must be denounced and opposed in the name of Him who came that all may have life in abundance!"

The Church Record, whilst in no way ondoning the treatment that has been given to our aboriginal people, does not believe that statements such as this are helpful. They appear to be condoning a possible confrontation by shifting the blame to the Queensland Government. We do not believe that this will do events are a legitimate occasion for this

type of protest - no matter what the

Monitoring Group

More positive is the decision to set up a group to monitor the Aboriginal/police relations. Again the A.C.C. announced:

The national Churches Committee on Aboriginal Concerns has agreed to establish an office in Brisbane and to send church representatives to monitor Aboriginal/police relations during the Commonwealth Games. This decision was made at a special meeting in Sydney of the Australian Council of Churches Committee to discuss the Church's role at the Brisbane Games.

The monitoring group will include the Rev. Fred Wandmaker, Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs with the Anglican Board of Missions; the Rev. Bernie Clarke, National Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs withthe Uniting Church; Mrs. Jean Skuse, General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches and Mrs. Julie Council of Churches and Mrs. Julie Sawkins of the Society of Friends.'

As long as this is done without bias it could prove to be valuable in correcting wrong impressions given by those involved should trouble occur.

BOOK REVIEWS

Till Armageddon Billy Graham Hodder and Stoughton

224 pages People nowadays sometimes have peculiar names and from the cover of the book it might be though than an author named "Till Armageddon" had written Billy Graham's biography. The sub-title, "A Perspective on Suffering", does little to clear up the confusion. However, despite its unfortunate dust-jacket and despite its tenuous connection with the subject of the last days, Billy Graham's

latest hard-back makes good reading

It's an uncomfortable book. It reminds us again of those things which we understood so clearly and in which we even rejoiced when we were first converted to Christ but which, sadly, as the years roll by tend so easily to be thrust into the background of our consciousness. We are told that if we are consciousness. We are told that if we are not to some degree suffering for our Lord there is perhaps something lacking in our commitment to Him. Billy reminds us that Jesus has warned that suffering will come and the fact that we are NOT being persecuted is an abnormal condition. The norm for Christians is that they should suffer persecution and in the end. suffer persecution and, in the end, persecution will come. The chapter in which this suffering is predicted is one of the best in the book.

We are told what to do with our pain. We are shown what place prayer ought to have in our suffering and we are urged to repent of our prayerlessness. We are reminded of the promises the Lord gives to those who do suffer and we are told to those who do suffer and we are told how to prepare for the persecution to come. The current popularity of evangelicism in the U.S., Graham feels, will not last and God's people everywhere, by walking with God and by practising the presence of Christ ought to make themselves ready for the critical and testing times that lie ahead.

In a sense the book is vintage Graham, sensible, simple and direct. It is full of little insights and as with all Billy Graham publications it is excellently researched. Again and again the deepest theological truths are expressed in the simplest way
— and they are made interesting, too! We
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World Home Bible League news

'Bibles for Africa' merges with **World Home Bible League**

An independant organisation called Bibles for Africa', merged recently with the W.H.B.L. The previous founder of 'Bibles forAfrica', Mr Francis Grim Inr. recently made a trip to Mozambique to assess first-hand the need for Bibles in that country. He spoke in various churches from Beira to Maputo and had consultations with 29 church leaders in the North. Mr Grim's findings are as

* At the moment there is more religi * At the moment there is more religious freedom in the country than there has been for many years and Christians outside Mozambique should make the most of the opportunity while it lasts. * One hundred thousand Gospels of John and Acts are urgently needed in various languages especially in the Northern areas. * There is a desperate need for Bible Study material in Portugese and the tribal

languages.
From his observations he was happy to report that the church in Mozambique has survived and emerged strong from a time of severe persecution and

The largest unevangelised area in the Southern hemisphere — Mozambique — is opening to the Gospel for the first time in history!

Reformation Sunday Covers

The W.H.B.L. is offering, free, covers for Reformation Sunday (Oct. 31). These Bulletin covers are attractive and can be obtained from P.O. Box 464 Penrith, N.S.W. 2750

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Flying Bible Distributor Needed for Outback

The Bible Society in Australia is seeking a licensed pilot to take the Word of God into the towns and isolated communiti of the outback.

For the past 14 years the Society's aircraft has been taking the Scriptures to cattle stations, mining towns, railway settlements and aboriginal communiti The present Aerial Colporteur, Mr Ian Sexton, has also worked in close co-operation with the churches in Northern Australia. This month Mr Sexton tendered his resignation with a view to taking up full-time Theological Studies early in

The person appointed will be the Society's Northern Australia Regional Representative based in Darwin with responsibility for distributing the Scriptures in the Northern Territory, the Kimberleys of Western Australia, and western Queensland. He or she will fly a Cessna 206. Applications for the position close October 15.

The Bible Society uses an aircraft for this ministry because it is the most efficient and economical form of transport for the type of work.

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WHICH **SCHOOLS?**

The Australia Teachers' Christian Fellowship has announced that their National Conference will be on the me: "Which School for Which Child?"

The Conference, to be held in Wesley College, University of Sydney, from Wednesday 19 January to Sunday 23 January will attempt to answer some of the urgent questions that the present ferment in education is raising.

Professor Brian Hill, Professor of Education at Murdoch University and Editor of the Journal of Christian Education has recently published an article "Deschooling Christianity" and received and published a spectrum of responses. He will develop thoughts coming out of this modern controversy while **Professor Edwin Judge** of Macquarie University will provide an historical background to the discussion by examining the attitude of Christians to education in the first three centuries AD. Other contributors will give lectures and conduct seminars which may be attended on a voluntary choice basis.

The Conference is open to teachers, administrators, parents and others interested in educational issues. Attendance may be on a part-time or a full-time accommodation basis and some of the lectures will be open to the public

Brochures can be obtained from the Secretary, Australian Teachers Christian Fellowship, 129 York Street, Sydney 2000

Mr Payne said that despite the massive programs sponsored worldwide by the United Bible Societies, the plain fact is that outreach is curtailed and limited because God's people are not supporting the work of the Bible Society as they

CURTAILMENT

He said that at least 80% of the world's people depend upon the Bible Society for Scriptures and that 80% can only afford to pay a fraction of the cost of a

(one Gospel). So the Bible Societies heavily subsidise the Scriptures in hundereds of languages and depend upon the generosity of Christians in favoured countries, such as Australia, to

bridge the gap between the cost of production and of distribution.

Mr Payne said that the Bible Society is indispensable to the Christian Church. The sooner this is realised by the leaders of the churches and the rank and file of congregations, the sooner the Bible Society can regain that ground which at present is being lost to it by the global increase of population and the growth of

PETTY CASH

The Australian General Secretary said that a small army of Christians across the country support the Bible Society generously and many of them sacrificially. However, he said that it is a nelancholy reflection that the Bible Society is the Cinderella when it comes to support from many churches and individual Christians. Mr Payne said that a great many Christians in Australia give the Bible Society petty cash or nothing at all.

Mr Payne said that the time may come when many Christians may become deeply and bitterly ashamed that they never helped to provide a Bible or New Testament for people overseas who have a 'hunger for the word of the Lord', when they might have become excitingly involved in the greatest of all enterprises, to provide the Word of God to all people in thier own language and at a price they can afford.

Temperance Alliance Centenary

AUSTRALIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Australian General Secretary of the Bible Society, the Reverend James Payne, left Canberra for Stuttgart, West Germany, on September 16, where he will preside at a meeting of the United Bible Societies World Executive Meeting.

This Committee co-ordinates Bible Society translation, production and , distribution programmes in 160 country

and administers a global budget in excess of 20 million dollars for Bible work, mainly in the third world. Mr Payne said

that the major matter confronting the committee was to find the resources to

adequately respond to the unprecedented worldwide demand for

the Scriptures. Although support has risen substantially in several countries in recent years, including Australia, there is

still a very serious gap between demand and supply. Mr Payne said that the spectacular growth of the Church in Africa; the solid development of the

Christian cause in Central/South America and Asia Pacific and growing opportunities for effective Scripture

circulation in Eastern Europe, had stretched the resources of the Bible Society Movement well beyond it's capacity to fully respond.

The Centenary Banquet of the New South Wales Temperance Alliance was held in the Dining Hall of Moore Theological College, Sydney on Saturday, September

The principal speaker was Rev. Bernard Judd, M.B.E., whose interest in the work of the alliance spans two generations.

Mr. Judd, a former President, and for a period its Honorary Secretary, traced the history of the Temperance Movement within Australia with special reference to New South Wales. .

Among other things he said . . . "At this joyous Centenary Commemoration I do not have to argue the Temperance Case in such an audience of what our its used to call "Professiona Drys". TO DRINK OR NOT TO DRINK IS STILL A MORAL ISSUE, no matter how unpopular it is to assert this fact in some quarters. We must not consider that quarters. We must not consider that remembering past leaders and previous campaign victories constitutes a substitute for hard campaigning in the immensely more difficult climate of 1982. The history of our Movement should inspire and encourage us."

Mr. Judd referred to the enormous nity outreach of the Alliance Redfern who campaigned to secure votes payment of old-age pensions.

"Sagacious, resourceful and far-seeing, he was an excellent general."

In the 20 years following its foundation, the Temperance Movement by its Local Option vote victories wiped out 355 publicans' licences and 55 wine licences and reduced the per capita expenditure on liquor by 34%.

Mr. Judd referred to the leadership of Archdeacon R. B. S. Hammond and Mr. Oscar Piggott. "It is more difficult to be an effective Temperance leader today than in former times not because the problem has diminished but because the spirit of compromise has eroded much of our Church constituency. THE PERMISSIVE SOCIETY THRIVES ON SUBMISSIVE CHRISTIANS!

The comparative silence of the pulpit on the issues of Christian Social Action means that the clergy consider that their congregations prefer to be tranquillised rather than challenged concerning the distinctive standards of the Gospel. It is not only about Temperance that we have become so shy but over a wide range of social issues."
"They say: 'If you must raise social questions, please raise only the "safe" ones like apartheid in South Africa or human rights in Albania — the more remote the better'.

WCC Announces 1982 Rare **Grants Totalling \$489,500**

The World Council of Churches has announced its 1982 grants from the Program to Combat Racism to groups in 19 countries around the world. The grants total US\$489,500, with almost half US\$210,000 going to Southern Africa and US\$58,000 coming to groups in Australia.

The largest grant is to be the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), the national liberation movement of Nambia recognised by the United Nations and the Organization of

Grants to Aborigines

Australian Aborigninal organizations have received grants totalling US\$45,000 in the 1982 WCC grants. The largest grant of \$11,000 is to the Alice Springs based Federation of Land Councils. Two Queensland organizations, the Brisbane Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander

Research Action and Townsville based, North Queensland Black Publishing Company have received grants of US\$10,000 and US\$6,000 each.

In Western Australia, the Derby based Kimberley Land Council and the Yiyili Community School at Fitzroy Crossing have each received US\$6,000. The Sout Eastern Land Council in Victoria has also received a grant of US\$6,000.

A grant of US\$3,500 went to the Campaign Against Racial Exploitation (CARE), an Adelaide based national organization campaigning for the end of apartheid in South Africa and for the recognition of Land Rights for Australian Aborigines. The Institute for Aboriginal Development in Alice Springs also received a grant of US\$3,500 to assist the Institute in its program of educational and political support activities for Aboriginal Land Rights against mining

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Sydney's Dull Synod

Despite the many controversial bills and ordinances which were discussed, the Sydney Synod turned out to be extremely dull.

The animated debate came on motions put to the Synod rather than the bills and

Marriage of Divorced Persons Synod withheld assent from this

provisional canon on grounds which included —

"It is administratively and pastorally undesirable for a bishop of a diocese to be given the powers proposed to be conferred upon him by the Provisional Canon."

The motion to withhold assent was passed by a large majority after two substantial amendments to the moti

the bishop in this matter. The Diocesan Chancellor suggested that if the Archbishop were to carry out the canor conscientiously it would place an impossible load on his shoulders. Many other Synod representatives were more concerned with the theological mplications of centering the decisionmaking process on the Archbishop when he is not involved in the face to face pastoring of the couple.

Ministry to the Sick

Synod requested that amendments be made to this canon. Problems arose over the prayer related to the anointing with oil. Canon Peterson suggested that James 5: 14-16 really meant that we should pray in faith and then use the ordinary medicinal methods of the day. The amendment suggested an alternative prayer as suggested by the Diocesan Proceedings Commission which reads ssion which reads, Doctrine Commission which reads, "Almighty God, your apostle James encouraged the sick to call for the elders of the church, that they may pray over them and anoint them with oil; grant that your servant may be strengthened by your Holy Spirit, healed and restored, ugh Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Godparents Canon

overlook this canon which came from General Synod in 1977. The Synod passed it as other diocese have done. This allows parents to be godparents for their own

Solemnisation of Matrimony

It was expected that this canon would pass without problems. However, in the initial debate two major objections were raised. The first was that the canon would prohibit lay people in the future from being allowed to perform the marriage ceremony. It was thought that this could

be considered to give backing to a sacramentalist view of marriage. The second objection was based on the requirements that only one of the partners needed to be baptised. This would lead, Canon Lamb suggested, to people being pushed through baptism i order to be married when they are not ready for baptism. Further, he suggested, requiring only one partner to be baptised gave support to being unequally yoked together. When the Synod voted on this

matter, the canon was rejected.

However, the mover did not give his speech in reply. Later in the session he sought leave to give this speech and to have the vote taken again. On this occasion the canon was passed. This procedure caused questions to be asked about the final vote since the Synod had almost twice as many present the second time and those extra members had heard none of the original speeches but only the speech in reply.

Whilst in this matter the issue is not an important one, the Record believes that this is a dangerous precedent to set.

Admission of Children to Holy

Communion

Regional meetings held in the diocese ecommended that assent be withheld from this provisional canon. However, Synod chose to give assent after some debate. Discussion centred on the statement that children who think in concrete literal categories and not abstract ones, would not be able to hold a proper understanding of the sacraments i.e. they would not be able to discern the difference between the sign and the thing signified. This was removed before it was

Women and Ministry

Synod chose not to deal with th matter. There is concern with constitutional problems and so a committee was set-up to report on this matter before the next session. This was not as the secular press reported "a means of getting out of debate on the matter". It is a prior issue that needs to be resolved before debate on women in the ministry occurs

Family Report

Synod rejected a motion adopting a report on the family but received the being too terse and it is to be expanded by various groups who have an interest in

First Australian produced Gold Gospel Album



Pictured here with the arranger and musical Director Graham Steele is Bob Goodfellov holding the Gold Record Awarded by CBS Records for the Album 'With My Hand Lifter Up'. It is a collection of Favourite Scripture Songs

Bob Goodfellow has been pioneering gospel music in Australia for a long tin now. Since forming the Christian Music Centre and Spotlight Music in 1968 and Genesis Music in 1977 he has produced 43 albums and several single

In 1972 he produced an album for Roger Thwaites which won the Federation of Commercial Broadcasters Award for Best Country Album.

Bob and Graham have also worked together on a second project, this time a double album released by Genesis Records called Trilogy. It has one record that is filled with praise songs, and the second are quieter worship songs.

Bob has also just completed an exciting project in conjunction with Barry Chant of the House of Tabor. It is a childrens musical based on the Spindles Series of Australian Stories. Written by Barry Chant and Fred Grice it features Robert Comand as Redgum and Hippie the Emu. A music book has also been released including directions for staging, making the heads for the animals, choreography and patterns for costumes

Feminists vandalize R.T.L.A. office

way into the York Street Office of the Right to Life Association (N.S.W.) recently and smashed valuable office equipment in a frenzied spree of destruction The Feminists harassed the Executive

Secretary, Mrs. Kath Harigan and the office secretary as they wrecked an electric typewriter and an electric copier before turning their attention to Pro-Life material. Literature and pamphlets were speedily departed from the office afterwards thrown everwhere by the women, who

Mrs. Harrigan, who witnessed a break in by a much larger group of feminist extremists several years ago, was stunned by the break in. "We must be really hurting the Pro-Abortion Movement for them to resort to such destruction", she

Mrs. Harrigan pointed to the Association's recent successful campaigning leading to the closure of the Arncliffe abortion clinic and the deletion of abortion advertising fro the next Yellow Pages telephone book as reasons for the feminists' anger.

Archbishop — new emphasis on training for ministry

"The key to the effectual worship, work, and witness of the local church is the minister", Archbishop Robinson told the Sydney Synod in his Presidential Address." What can we do to see that the men whom God calls to this work are adequately prepared for its demands and opportunities?", he asked.

Speaking at the opening of the Synod the Archbishop gave an account of his first six months of office. He told the Synod that there was a problem when a new Archbishop had to begin work immediately, rather than having a lengthy period between his election and the actual beginning of his work. This problem has to some extent, been dealt with in a new Ordinance for the election of the Archbishop of Sydney which Synod passed later in the session.

The Archbishop also spoke of the importance of regionalisation in the Diocese. He said that much more work needed to be done to make the regional later passed motions relating to regionalisation and backed the Archbishop in strengthening this process

But it was the issue of training for the ministry which was most important. The Archbishop suggested that there are four stages in the preparation and training of a



minister. The first is "that basic preparation which it should be our aim to give every young member of our churches." The Diocese is well served in this respect the Archbishop suggested.

The second is the "special training of a theological course". Suggesting that this needs to be to a graduate level the Archbishop continued, "We have long believed that such training can best be given in a residential college under a theological faculty, and we are most fortunate in having in Moore College a place of training which has established its

It was in the third and fourth areas that It was in the third and fourth areas that the Archbishop saw problems. The third level includes all the stages of apprenticeship, beginning before College as a readership, including the work of a student catechist, and then the whole period of being an assistant curate. The Archbishop stated, "Whatever help it is to a Rector to have these kinds of

assistance, it is the effect on the apprentice that needs special examination in connection with ministerial training and I believe that the present system is too haphazard and variegated to be satisfactory."

The fourth area of training is "in service training". This the Archbishop said should "include such preparation as may be necessary (but seldom available) when a man enters a new form of ministry, such as school or hospital chaplaincy and finds not only new tasks but a new set of relationships or 'dynamics' which are often the most difficult area to understand and adjust

The Archbishop said that he believed that this ought to be a special area of concern for him and announced the appointment of a small commission to assist him in investigating this fully. Bishop Harry Goodhew will be chairman of the Commission.

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