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From Church of England Newspaper. Will they say that the clergy only work on Thursdays then?

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Little Boy: So he could go outside if he didn't like the sermon.

REFORMED ATTITUDE TO APARTHEID

A recent Dutch Reformed Newsletter from South Africa sought to answer some of its critics briefly. It said, among other things:

The description of the attitude of our church as "endorsement of apartheid" is an oversimplification. On the one hand the state has been urged by us to apply a policy of separate development...

On the other hand the attitude is not one of uncritical endorsement of everything the state does. The state is in particular urged to act and proceed in a manner causing the least possible hardship.

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The problem as we see it is not one of ideals and aims but of the best method of achieving them. In the light of the above, the suggestion of outside intervention will be seen to be utterly foolish.

The Bible at the Centre of life

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of salvation, to appreciate developing themes, as well as to study details. Take time to read whole books at a time...

(iii) Be methodical. Discipline yourself in setting aside regular times for study...

(iv) Study the background. Become acquainted with the biblical world, its history, its geography...

A quote from Rev. N. K. C. Spohr of West Wallsend in New-castle's "Anglican Encounter". The Primate's in real trouble.

What has happened to the traditional "Sung Eucharist" at the Synod Service?

Question posed by Canon R. F. Kirby in Armidale's "Link" Cathedral choir off key?

I see that the congregation of the United Church of Christ at Excelsior, Minnesota, U.S.A., has decided to switch its Sunday worship to Thursday...

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The Young Evangelical Churchmen's League

has arranged a meeting for young men, to be held on Saturday, 6th July, at Moore College, Newtown, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

SUBJECT: "Is the Ordained Minister an Unbiblical Anachronism?"

SPEAKERS: Rev. Peter O'Brien, Rev. Harry Goodhew (further details from Rev. A. Blanch, 89-4549)

LEADERS HIT UNION PLAN

(London). — Two noted churchmen — the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Fisher of Lambeth, and Dr Leslie A. Newman, a Methodist minister — are among the first critics of the plan for union of the Church of England and the Methodist Church.

The plan, providing for union in two stages, was published recently by the Anglican-Methodist Unity Commission. It provides for full communion in the first stage...

Lord Fisher, who made a speech in 1946 which is generally regarded as initiating conversations between the two churches, declared from his home in southern England...

Dr Newman expressed his objections as chairman of the Voice of Methodist Association which had consistently opposed the earlier proposals for union...

Dr Newman made clear there was a lot in the report he approved of, but he said the main stumbling block in his opinion centred on the Services of Reconciliation...

An evangelical Anglican on the Unity Commission who declined to sign the report was Dr J. I. Packer, who said he could not endorse the central proposal that full communion between the two churches should depend on the integration of their ministries as prescribed in the Services of Reconciliation.

Dr Newman, echoing this criticism, said "I am entirely with him (Dr Packer) when he says that the historic episcopate is entirely without foundation in the New Testament. I cannot conceive many Methodist ministers not agreeing with his position, and I am staggered to notice that not one Methodist on the commission had the courage to agree with Dr Packer on this."

(vi) Pray and meditate. Bible study is a means to an end; it is the way to the knowledge of God. What the Bible says God says. Meditate on it; think through the implications for your own situation.

Books

PHILOSOPHICAL RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT Ed. P. Le Fevre, Abingdon 1968, pp. 142 Aust. \$2.80.

Four prominent American scholars have combined under the editorship of Professor P. Le Fevre to produce this volume which aims to show how various contemporary philosophical schools of thought can be relevant to Christian theology.

The introduction by Le Fevre is a very clear summary of how four theological "giants" of the twentieth-century—Barth, Brunner, Bultmann and Tillich—view the relationship between philosophy and theology.

This conference continues in the tradition of theological exploration which characterised the original conference in 1921. To the conservative Christian who is convinced that the orthodox formularies are profoundly true there is little comfort to be drawn from this tradition...

Professor John Macquarrie's essay on the contribution of existentialism to Christian theology is, apart from the introduction, the most useful part of the book. The author's preface for Heidegger is clear and his observations instructive.

If one looks for positive guidelines from this book there are few to be found. It is a pity that Ferre's essay is so negative and not on a par with Macquarrie's. One continues to hope that linguistic analysts may yet find themselves reciting the Apostles' Creed with a clear conscience!

pursues his earlier themes in "Soundings" (1962) and dismisses substitutionary atonement and settles for a combination of the theological positions of Abelard and Pelagius!

Prof. Caird's essay on "The Development of the Doctrine of Christ in the New Testament" is excellent and Parrinder's review of various non-Christian religions' views of Jesus is interesting.

The subject of this memoir was Dean of Oriel College Oxford, Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College, and Bishop of Brechin in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

A lively correspondence between the Principal and Bishop Headlam of Gloucester, on the subject of their respective responsibilities in regard to ordinations, is quoted in full.

A more balanced issue than some recently. Oram gives us a clear and concise account of New Guinea: the land and its people which gives Australians a much-needed perspective.

PRAYING TOGETHER by Rosalind Rinker Zondervan, 1968, pp. 128, U.S. \$2.95.

Emphasis is placed upon the importance of corporate as well as personal prayer. Many examples of answered prayer are given in Church organisational and pastoral problems.

CHRISTIANITY AND OTHER RELIGIONS, E. O. James, Hodder and Stoughton, 1968, pp. 191, \$2.30

The purpose of this volume (in the series "Knowing Christianity") written by an expert in his field, is to help us to know the Christian faith by comparing it with other religions.

The reader may not always be happy with the writer's understanding of truth in other religions, and with details of his interpretation of Christianity.

SHORT NOTICES

THEY CAME FOR SANDALWOOD by Dorothy Shineberg. Melbourne University Press, 1967, pp. 299, \$7.50.

Another first class production by M.U.P. and one which is of considerable interest to all concerned with the South-West Pacific from missionary or other motives.

UNDERSTANDING AND COUNSELLING THE ALCOHOLIC by Howard J. Clinebell, Abingdon, U.S.A. 1968, pp. 336, \$5.40.

Those who are familiar with Dr Clinebell's "Mental Health through Christian Community" or "Basic Types of Pastoral Counselling" will welcome this revised edition of a work published first in 1956.

ST. MARK'S REVIEW. No. 52, May 1968, Canberra, pp. 32, 40c.

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Mainly About People

Rev. Canon Tom Gee, vicar of St. John's, Toorak (Melbourne) since 1955, has been appointed to the charge of St. Peter's, Ocean Grove, from September next.

Prebendary Hugh Jordan, who succeeded Dr Donald Cosan as principal of the London College of Divinity 12 years ago, is to resign in September, 1969.

Rev. Robert M. Davis, rector of All Saints' Ouyen (St. Arnaud), has been appointed rector of Mildura.

Ven. Hugh Girvan has been appointed administrator of the diocese of St. Arnaud during the absence of the Bishop at Lambeth.

Rev. Gordon Hewitson, rector of Kadina (Willochra), has been appointed priest in charge of Holy Trinity, Whyalva West, from August next.

Rev. D. A. R. Pugh, rector of St. Augustine's, Port Augusta (Willochra), has been appointed an honorary canon of the diocese.

Rev. Dr John S. Nurse, Dean and Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, since 1961, has been appointed warden of St. Mark's Institute of Theology, Canberra. He expects to take up duties in October. Dr Nurse is a historian and is married with four children.

Like father--- like son

In the Queensland University survey on drinking, it was reported that "there was found to be no significant measurable difference between students who attended lectures on the dangers of alcoholism and those who had not. Approximately half the students had attended such lectures, and only one third of these thought that they were effective in reducing excessive drinking. The most important group factor was found to be the family. The students drinking closely followed the parents' example. In the group in which one or both parents did not drink and who disapproved of drinking, there was a very high proportion of non-drinkers."

Rev. John Southernden has taken up duties as priest in charge of the new provisional district of Belconnen "A" (Canberra-Goulburn). He will minister by arrangement to Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists and members of the Church of Christ.

Rev. P. J. Tate of St. Alban's, Pearce-Torrens (Canberra-Goulburn), has been appointed rector of Bunsendore.

Right Rev. William Glyn Hughes Simon, Bishop of Llandaff since 1957, has been elected Archbishop of Wales. He is 65 and bi-liturgical, a graduate of Jesus College, Oxford, and has spent all but four years of his ministry in Wales.

Ven. Inayat Mashh, archdeacon of Lahore, West Pakistan, has been appointed Bishop of Lahore.

Rev. E. H. Arblaster, associate secretary of the A.C.C. Division of Inter-Church Aid, has been appointed Director of the Division.

Rev. John C. Chapman, Director of Christian Education for the Armidale diocese, has been appointed Missioner for the Board of Diocesan Missions (Sydney). Rev. Geoff. Fletcher is now Director of the Sydney Department of Evangelism. Mr Chapman commences his work on October 1.

Rev. Norman C. Crowe has been appointed first full-time chaplain of the University of Papua and New Guinea. He is at present Education Officer for the Presbyterian Church in Queensland. The appointment was made by a board representing the Melanesian Council of Churches and the Evangelical Alliance, with Professor Max McKay as chairman.

Mrs E. S. Taylor

The death has occurred in Sydney, on May 7, of Mrs Elizabeth Schofield Taylor, wife of the late Rev. Stephen Taylor.

Mrs Taylor's late husband was Editor of the "Record" for a number of years and was often assisted in his work by Mrs Taylor, who retained her interest in the "Record," reading it through each issue right up until her death. She passed away at the age of 96 years.

Mrs Taylor is survived by five daughters, Elizabeth, Joy (Mrs T. Gee), Allyn (Mrs I. Mann), Stephanie (Mrs C. Pollard) and Margaret, and three sons, Hugh, Philip and Ian. She was buried at Castle Hill.

The sympathy of the staff and members of the Board of the "Record" goes to the Taylor family at this time.

Rumour scotched

The Rev. Canon Jesse E. C. Seago, Vicar of St. Saviour's, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex writes in his April parish magazine:

"I have it on the highest authority that those insidious rumours and insane statements which have reached you recently are entirely without foundation. God is not dead, the Church is not dying and there is no need to be anxious about her survival. Mind you, there are all too many clerical hypochondriacs who seem to be forever looking into the mirror of public opinion and humanistic propaganda, and what they see there convinces them that it is nearly time to lie down and die."

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WHAT'S A PARISH FOR?

NOTHING very exciting happens at St. Paul's Chatswood, N.S.W. It covers part of a thickly populated, partly industrialised suburb on Sydney's lower North side and it is not much over 50 years since it was established. But its annual financial statement gives an important part of the answer to the question, "What is a parish for?"

\$9,682 was sent out of the parish in 1967-68 to missionary causes of all kinds, \$2,873 was paid to the diocese for assessments. They kept \$20,244 for running the three-church parish and paying off considerable property indebtedness.

It is the \$9,682 which helps us get an answer. Some 54 missionary causes were helped, ranging from A.B.M. to W.E.C. Indeed, the list looks like a directory of missions. Twelve of these received gifts of over \$200. Naturally, for St. Paul's, Chatswood, \$3,038 went to C.M.S. St. Paul's income dropped by \$4,000 last year. Its missionary giving went up \$2,000. What's a parish for? About 31 per cent of parish income went out to missions. It looks as though they don't like the percentage to be so small.

MISSIONARY LINKS

The parish has had 11 rectors in its fifty odd years. The first two, Rev. George Cranswick and Rev. Pat Walker, were former C.M.S. missionaries in India. Cranswick became Bishop of Gippsland and later Chairman of A.B.M. Rev. David Knox came to St. Paul's from Holy Trinity, Adelaide. Holy Trinity gave away \$10,000 last year, so there's something about an evangelical tradition which links it to missionary outreach.

One of Mr Walker's daughters married Rev. Len Sutton, later Archdeacon of Launceston. One of Mr Knox's daughters married a young man converted to Christ at St. Paul's, the Rev. Marcus Loane, now Archbishop of Sydney. One of Mr Knox's sons is now Principal of Moore College. A daughter is on the mission field in Nepal.

Rev. R. B. Robinson became rector of St. Paul's and his son Donald is now Vice-Principal of

HUMANISTS AND R.I.

The U.K. Government's new Secretary for Education (Mr Edward Short) has announced that he will not bow to the requests of Humanists who want the religious provision clauses of the 1944 Education Act abolished.

The clauses lay down that religious instruction shall be given in State-controlled schools as a matter of course, and that there shall be daily acts of worship.

A former headmaster of the Princess Louise County Secondary School, Blyth, Mr Short commented "There has been a great deal of pressure to remove religious instruction. I am against that, and it won't happen while I am here."

"I am not a particularly religious person, but perhaps one thing wrong with society today is that we are neglecting the spiritual side of human life."

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Dr Niles to preach at Uppsala

(Geneva)— A widely-known Asian Christian leader who preached at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches 20 years ago will give the opening sermon of the Fourth Assembly this summer, replacing the late Dr Martin Luther King Jun., the assassinated U.S. Civil Rights leader and minister.

Selection of the Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles, of Ceylon, chairman of the East Asian Christian Conference, to fill the vacancy created by Dr King's death on April 4 was announced here by World Council officials. The sermon will be on the Assembly theme, "Behold, I make all things new," and will be delivered in the historic Cathedral of Uppsala, Sweden, on the morning of July 4.

Attending the Assembly will be 1,500 Christian leaders from around the world, including 800 delegates from the 232 Protestant, Anglican, Old Catholic and Orthodox churches belonging to the World Council.

Approximately 2,250 people will attend the Uppsala sessions. Almost 800 will be official delegates from the 223 member churches of the Orthodox, Protestant and Old Catholic confessions. Twenty will represent member churches in Australia — the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Greek Orthodox, Churches of Christ and Salvation Army.

More than 100 of the delegates will come from Asia, more than 80 from Africa, and about 20 from Latin America. Some 40 will be Australasians, while Europe will be represented by more than 300 and North America by 180. These figures reflect the numerical strength of member churches on each continent.

W.C.C. MEETS AT UPPSALA

CHRISTIAN leaders from all over the world will gather at Uppsala, Sweden, for the most widely representative meeting in the history of the ecumenical movement.

From July 4 to 20 the ancient university town of Uppsala, 41 miles northwest of Stockholm, will be the scene of the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. This is the major policy-making body of the World Council, which meets every six or seven years.

The last Assembly met in New Delhi, India, in 1961. Earlier gatherings were at Evanston, Illinois (1954) and Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where the World Council was officially constituted in 1948.

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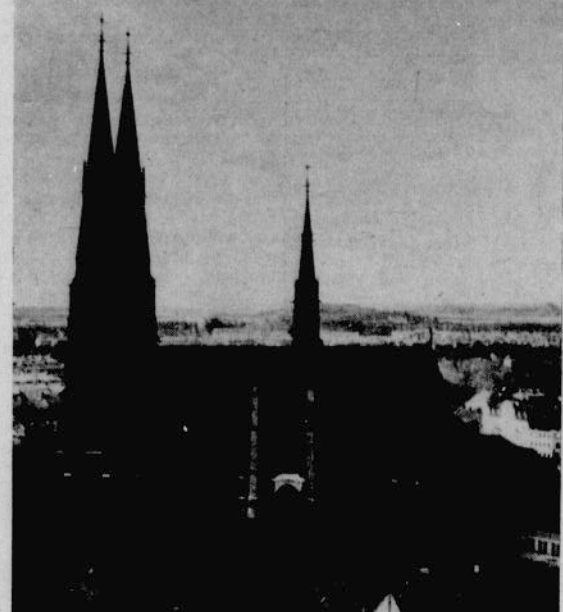
The balance of those present will be advisers (165), youth participants (150), fraternal delegates (85), observers (65) and special guests (65). The observers and advisers will include representatives of the Roman Catholic Church (15) and some of the conservative evangelical groups that are not members of the W.C.C.

A ceiling of 750 has been set for accredited representatives of the Press, radio and television. The Uppsala Assembly will be the first at which representatives of Orthodox Churches will outnumber any other confessional "family." By 1963 practically all churches of the Eastern Orthodox tradition had become W.C.C. members.

Within the broad outline of the main theme, the church leaders — both clergy and lay men and women — will focus on six major topics, though these are not the final formulations. In six sections they will consider: The Church's Unit in a Shrinking World; The Church in Mission; The Churches' Role in Social and Economic Development; The Churches' Role in International Affairs; the Worship of God in a Secular Age; Towards a New Style of Living.

On the basis of reports prepared by these sections, the Assembly will seek to point the

SCANDINAVIA'S LARGEST



Uppsala Cathedral, begun in 1280 and consecrated in 1435, is the largest in Scandinavia. With a seating capacity of 3,000, it provides an appropriate setting for the fourth Assembly's opening and closing worship services.

MINI-CATHEDRAL FOR NEW DIOCESE



Darwin Harbour with bulk ore carrier loading in the foreground. (Photo: Australian News and Information Bureau).

Christ Church Cathedral, Darwin, in its tropical setting.

Founded this year, the diocese of the Northern Territory has what is possibly the world's smallest cathedral. Bishop Kenneth Mason has established Christ Church, Darwin, which seats 95 people, as his cathedral church.

Built and consecrated in 1902, Christ Church cost \$5,435 and its first rector was the Rev. H. P. Gocher. There have been 25 rectors in the past 65 years, including Bishop Mason and the present bishops of Bathurst and Newcastle. The present rector is Archdeacon Gerald Muston.

Efforts are now being made to increase accommodation. Despite three Sunday morning services, there are usually more people outside than inside at the main service.

Christ Church has another distinction unique for an Anglican church on the mainland. It was damaged by enemy action in air raids in 1942-43.