

# Mainly About People

Rev. Canon Alan E. S. Begbie, Chaplain-General of the Australian Military Forces, has been appointed an archdeacon by the Primate.

Rev. Charles H. Sherlock, rector of All Saints, Hunter's Hill (Sydney) since 1962 and director of the New Housing Areas Committee since 1967, has been appointed an honorary canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.

Right Rev. Chandu Ray, Bishop of Karachi since 1957, has resigned his see to devote himself to evangelism. He has been appointed the first Executive Director of the Co-ordinating Office for Asian Evangelism and will be initially supported by the Graham Crusade organisation and World Vision.

Right Rev. Moses N. C. O. Scott, Bishop of Sierra Leone since 1961, has

been elected Archbishop of the Church of the Province of West Africa. He succeeds Most Rev. C. J. Patterson, Bishop on the Niger since 1961 who has retired.

Professor Dennis Nineham, Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge since 1964, has been appointed Warden of Keeble College, Oxford. He is 47.

Mr Peter F. Johnson was made deacon by the Bishop of Oxford for the diocese of Melbourne on June 1.

Rev. R. E. Wallace has been appointed vicar of Belgrave (Melbourne).

Rev. Shirley A. Bagster, curate of St. Columba's, Hawthorn (Melbourne) since 1967, has been appointed vicar of Hastings.

Rev. Brian R. Kyme, vicar of St. Matthew's, Ashburton (Melbourne) since 1963, has been appointed Dean of Geraldton (N.W. Australia) from July 28.

Rev. Joseph Thomas Ross Border, vicar of St. Andrew's, Brighton (Melbourne) since 1966 and formerly of the diocese of Canberra-Goulburn, died in Melbourne on May 14, at the age of 54.

Rev. Canon Thomas H. D. Kitley, chaplain of The Armidale School since 1953, died in Sydney on May 17.

Mr Graham and Mrs Helen Gelding, together with two of their children, David (17) and Christopher (14) were killed in a car accident at Peak Hill on May 18. Mr Gelding was Parish Treasurer at St. John's, Tamworth, and had also been an active synodist in Wollongong.

Rev. Leslie G. Vitnell, curate in charge of St. John's, Asquith (Sydney), since 1963, has been appointed rector of St. Aidan's, Blackheath.

Rev. Alex. R. B. Morrisby, locum tenens of St. George's, Hurstville (Sydney), has been appointed rector of St. Peter's, Cook's River.

Rev. Tudno Rees, chaplain at Lord Howe Island (Sydney) since 1966, has been appointed Home Mission Society representative in Wollongong.

Rev. Arthur M. Savage, curate of Whyalla (Willochra), has been appointed curate of Christ Church, Warrnambool (Ballarat).

Mr Gordon Landreth, secretary of the Graduates' Fellowship of the I.V.F. (U.K.) since 1964, has been appointed General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance in Britain.

Rev. Leslie P. G. Smith, rector of St. John's, Merbeth (St. Arnaud) since 1960, will be inducted to the parish of Inglewood on July 25.

Rev. John H. A. Gibson (St. John's, Canberra) and Rep. Christopher R. Simon (Canberra) were ordained priests in St. John's, Canberra on June 11.

Rev. Duncan S. Richardson, curate in charge of St. Luke's, Northmead (Sydney) since 1964, has been appointed chaplain at Lord Howe Island from the end of May.

Rev. Clive Harcourt-Norton who is in the U.S.A. for a year of special study, has been appointed curate in charge of St. Peter's, Mortdale (Sydney) from July.

Rev. Adrian R. Hill formerly relieving at Merino (Ballarat), has been inducted as rector of Coleraine.

Rev. Frederick G. Phipps, curate of Warrnambool (Ballarat), has been appointed vicar of St. Luke's, Ballarat.

Rev. Wallace Kibikibi, a native of New Guinea, has been appointed Dean of Dogra Cathedral New Guinea from this month.

Rev. Reginald R. Hurd, rector of Gundah (Kendall (Newcastle)), has been appointed rector of Kendall (Newcastle).

Rev. Stuart L. Benson, curate of New Lambton since 1967, has been appointed curate of All Saints, Singleton.

Rev. George A. Parker, curate of All Saints, Singleton (Newcastle), has been appointed curate of Wallsend.

Rev. R. John Vincent, Director of Television (Bathurst), has been elected to a canonry of All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst.

Rev. Clyde J. Evenden, rector of Millthorpe (Bathurst), has been appointed rector of Grenfell.

Rev. Alexander J. Ralston, rector of Warren (Bathurst), has been appointed rector of Kandow and Portland.

Rev. John L. Mason, formerly curate of Dubbo (Bathurst), has been appointed rector of Warren.

Rev. Russell M. Hall, rector of Trundle (Bathurst), has been appointed rector of St. Barnabas, East Orange.

Rev. Desmond R. Egan, rector of Cumnock (Bathurst), has been appointed rector of Trundle.

## New head for Abbotsleigh



MISS KATHLEEN L. McCredie, B.A., Dip. Soc. St. M.A.C.E., founding headmistress of Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Wollongong, has been appointed headmistress of Abbotsleigh School, Warrongona, N.S.W.

She will succeed Miss Betty Archdale who has been headmistress since 1958 and who retires in 1970. Miss McCredie is 40 years of age and since 1954 has built S.C.E.G.S. Wollongong to a school of 311 pupils.

An "old girl" of Abbotsleigh, Miss McCredie graduated from Sydney University where she was a cricketer and a hockey blue and was closely associated with the Evangelical Union.

Abbotsleigh is one of the leading independent girls' schools in Australia with an enrolment of 1,100 pupils and it has a very distinguished academic record. It is a Sydney diocesan school.

## hot line

### Round-up of church press comment

**SOUTHERN CROSS** has a letter from the Archbishop of Sydney in which he states very clearly where he stands on a number of public issues. Among other things, he does not agree with the Australian bishops who favour legislation to exempt from National Service conscientious objectors to a particular war. He does agree with the option put forward some time ago by Mr Bury, Minister for Labour and National Service.

In an article on pastoral care headed "Who Ministers to the Minister?" **Church and People** (N.Z.) reports that N.Z. Theological Colleges and the Hospital Chaplains' Association will run a twelve-week full-time course in clinical pastoral theology some time this year. They've beaten Australia.

**Seek**, (South Africa) quotes Archbishop Clayton as saying to photographers: "Some people tell me to look natural, and some tell me to look pleasant, but I can't do both." The Bishop of Peterborough comments in the **Church of England Newspaper** on the apparent lack of interest in the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme on the part of the laity. Lay members of diocesan conferences failed even to turn up and vote on the question. He says that this indicates they are not enthusiastic about the scheme.

**English Churchman** in an incisive editorial points out that the Church of England rules out the practice of indiscriminate baptism of infants. Secular papers in London had raised the issue of the legal right of parents to have their children baptised in the Church of England. Of course, no such legal right exists.

Rev. C. F. Gribble, Methodist President-General says in the **Methodist** that he has attended the World Methodist Conference and admits that some Methodists doubt the wisdom of maintaining this world denominational link. So Anglicans with their doubts about the value of Lambeth are not alone. **Catholic Weekly** is taking great comfort from the utterances of two Federal Ministers, Mr Nigel Bowen and Mr Malcolm Fraser on the need for more State Aid in the next Federal Budget. It also comes out very strongly against the proposals for hotel trading on Sundays. Mr McInerney, president of the Hotels' Association (N.S.W.) in its letter columns says that Sunday opening will reduce the road toll.

**Anglican Messenger** (W.A.) features the Golden Jubilee of the ordination of Deaconess Dorothy Genders who is still very active in important Christian work.

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Further details from Rev. Allan Blanch, 89-4549.



Representatives of Australian and New Zealand Bible Colleges and Institutes at their meeting at Victor Harbour, South Australia in May. With the permission of their boards they formed the Australasian Association of Bible Colleges and Institutes.

# THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH RECORD

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND NEWSPAPER—EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

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## Radical R.I. change in Western Australia

A COMPLETELY new approach to religious instruction in State schools in Western Australia is to be introduced experimentally in 1970. An official release on the subject reads as follows:

Although much excellent work has been done over the years by the clergy and lay people to give religious instruction in the departmental schools, it has come to be recognised that the results

produced are in no way commensurate with the effort expended. The problem is a two-fold one. The Churches on their side have faced enormous problems in finding people to give the instruction; in some cases attendance by catechists and clergy has been irregular, and the quality of the teaching has varied.

The Education Department, on its side, has found the present system of religious instruction tends to produce "administrative chaos," due in some measure to the unavoidable irregularity of attendance on the part of the visiting clergy, to some unevenness in the quality of teaching and to the fact that a clergyman might have to face a large class of children drawn from several age levels (an altogether impossible situation).

In view of the present syllabus reorganisation in the depart-

mental high schools, the Director General, Mr H. Dettman, sought the views of the Churches as to the possibility of taking another look at the religious instruction situation. He asked the Director of Secondary Education, Dr D. Mossenson, to take up the problem as part of the overall reorganisation involved in the Achievement Certificate.

After a good deal of discussion proposals were made to the Churches which have met with a fairly general approval; the majority of the Churches have declared themselves in favour of the plan. In order that a clear understanding of these proposals may be obtained, a word on the Achievement Certificate is in place.

1.—The Achievement Certificate will cover the First, Second and Third years of the high school courses. It will replace the Junior and later on it may

extend to the Fourth year.

2.—There are three types of subjects:

(a) Core subjects which must be done by ALL students. These are FOUR — English, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics.

(b) A number of subjects of a peripheral nature to be done by ALL students. Among these subjects are Physical Education, Sport, Pastoral Care, Health.

(c) A number of subject in which the child has some choice. TEN periods a week will be devoted to these OPTIONAL subjects. There will be varying numbers of these subjects offered in each high school depending on such factors as demand, location, facilities available. These subjects will include Foreign Languages, Woodwork, Metal Work, Art, Music and Christian Education.

3.—The optional subjects are to be chosen by the student so as to add up to TEN periods per week. Christian Education will involve TWO periods each week. It must be noted that the student must choose to do the subject.

## Missionary statesman dies

DR JOSEPH H. OLDHAM, former secretary of the International Missionary Council, died in England on May 16 at the age of 94.

As secretary of the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910, Dr Oldham has been hailed as the architect of the modern ecumenical movement. He gave active leadership to the Oxford Conference on Life and Work in 1937 and played a key role in the formation of the World Council of Churches.

He was honorary president of the World Council of Churches from 1961 to 1968. His name will always be linked with the late Dr John R. Mott in drawing together the participants in the modern Protestant missionary movement.

linked to the NCC grows weaker: "Although no one answer can be given it appears that the erosion caused by theological liberalism, humanism, syncretism, and universalism, all of which are more evident in the NCC denominations, has contributed largely to missionary decline."

"One thing is quite clear from a study of the statistics: The claim that church union advances the witness of the Church and enlarges its outreach lacks historical support, both as it relates to missionary outreach abroad," the report concluded.

(From English Churchman)

## Unity and missionary decline

ECUMENICAL agencies and church-unionised groups suffer from missionary attrition. The data runs strictly counter to the often heard claim that ecumenism makes witness more effective. With these words Christianity Today summarised its analysis of the data of North American Protestant Ministries Overseas Directory.

A comparison of missionary activity of merged churches in the National Council of Churches in 1938 with that of 1968 reveals that the number of foreign missionaries of the United Church of Christ has dropped from 611 to 382, the United Presbyterian Church from 1,698 to 1,088, and the United Methodist Church from 1,552 to 1,415. Denominations in the NCC that have not merged have remained stable or have increased their missionary personnel.

During the same 30-year period some non-conciliar churches and non-denominational foreign mission agencies grew "by leaps and bounds." The Southern Baptist Convention advanced from 405 to 2,277; the Christian and Missionary Alliance from 447 to 859; the Evangelical Free Church from 32 to 167; the Assemblies of God from 230 to 815; the Wycliffe Bible Translators from none to 2,126.

At the present time more than 30,000 North American Missionaries are supported by Protestant agencies. Fewer than 32 per cent of these are related to the NCC with its 42 million constituency. A similar proportion obtains in the support of national workers: the NCC supports 8,305 and the agencies not related to the NCC 36,748.

Christianity Today suggested answer to the question why the missionary impulse of agencies

PROPOSALS

The departmental proposals to the Churches are as follows:

1.—That the teaching of Christian Education be done in the high schools by departmental teachers. These will be volunteers, specially trained and selected.

2.—That the students volunteer to do the subject Christian Education.

3.—That any Church which wants to continue under the old scheme be permitted to do so. In other words, the present Act granting "Allowed Time" and "Right of Entry" is to be in no way affected.

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## New diocese rejected

BY a vote of the house of clergy, the proposal to found a new diocese of the Murray from the diocese of Adelaide, was rejected at a special Adelaide synod. Two years ago the proposal had the support of the clergy and synod passed a canon last year to establish the diocese.

The rejection came as a surprise to most synodists for it was strongly supported by the Bishop of Adelaide and by the laity. Opposition to the move was led by the Archdeacon of the South-East, Ven. John Bley. He called for a straw vote on the Tuesday night of synod which resulted:

	For	Against
Clergy	15	10
Laity	27	15

When the motion was finally put the voting was:

	For	Against
Clergy	58	42
Laity	104	49

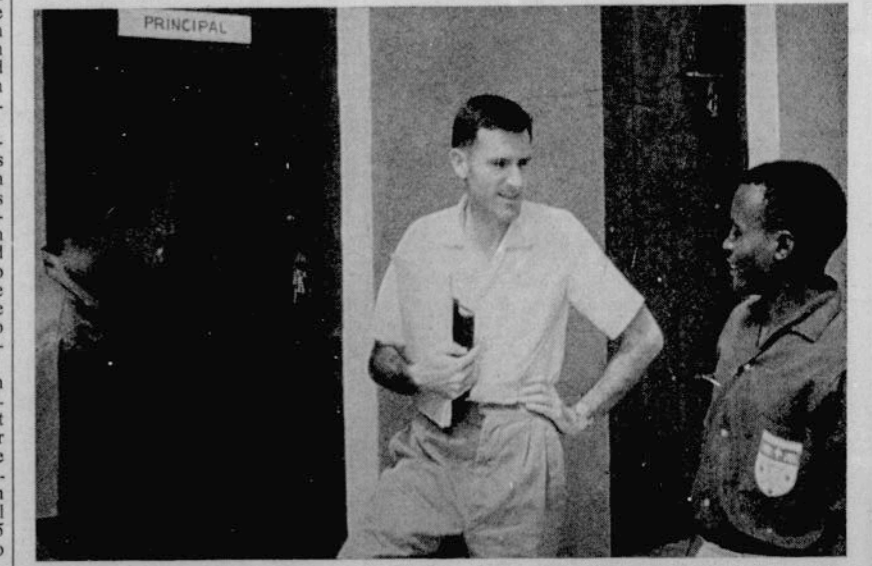
The next morning the vote was declared invalid because one member of the house of laity had voted with the clergy. After further debate and some emotion the final vote was:

	For	Against
Clergy	35	32
Laity	27	25

A two thirds majority was required in each house to pass the measure and this it failed to achieve.

The special synod was held primarily to have the necessary legislation passed so that it could be submitted to General Synod for approval in September.

Financial considerations were most strongly urged against the proposal and it was said that the proposed financial arrangements for settling the new diocese were most inadequate.



Rev. Peter Dawson, Principal of Msalato Bible School, chats with two of his students. The School is a department of the Literature and Christian Education Centre, diocese of Central Tanganyika (see article on page 3).



# Notes and Comments

## MORAL DECLINE

A recent poll of American opinion shows that most people feel that moral standards have declined in the past ten years. The same people by a clear majority attribute the trend to increased emphasis on sex, crime and violence in newspapers, books TV and films. A second major opinion was that "people are more materialistic." The survey adds that the most dramatic evidence in the entire poll "is the rise in what would surely have been considered highly serious moral infractions only a short time ago." Here is the great challenge to the preacher and theologian of today. The world is not asking about the particular doctrines of "our" church, but "How to Live?" and "Why we live?" and the reasons for "God's claim upon life."

## CENSORSHIP

Groucho Marx summed up his attitude to censorship and the permissive stage by saying: "I'm not strong for censorship, but there are limits. We no more want to see sex acts on the stage than bowel motions."

Professor Robert Quentin, head of the drama school at the University of N.S.W., stated in a recent newspaper article, "What happens on the stage is a kind of synthesis or selection, a sharpening or heightening of the events of real life. In real life, civilisation involves some kind of restraint or concealment of the uglier aspects of human attitudes and behaviour. The whole of civilised communication is based upon some form of restraint, dependent upon

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good manners. This is simply the basic concept of society as such. Deliberately to break down these restraints on stage is juvenile, vulgar and destructive."

Permissiveness flourishes when decent citizens become submissive.

## PACIFISM OUT

Pacifism has been the theme of many declarations of members of the A.C.C. particularly with regard to the Vietnam War. However, it seems that the W.C.C. is moving even beyond this position with the declarations made recently in London by an International Consultation on Racism sponsored by the World Council. There were objections but the final statement was that "the church and the world are filled with blatant institutional racism" and that "geurrilla fighters struggling against racist regimes must be given the support of the church if all else has been seen to fail."

## R.I. IN WEST AUSTRALIA

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way hindered. As before, the local clergyman can make his arrangements with the headmaster of the high school in his area.

4.—That at the end of each term time will be allowed in each high school for each denomination to have access to ALL the students of its affiliation not only those doing the subject Christian Education. It is anticipated that each Church will want to make contact with its own members in a manner suitable to itself. Arrangements as to the manner in which this would be done would depend on the local situation. It might be, for example, two half-days.

## THE COMMITTEE

5.—That a Christian Education Committee be set up comprising departmental representa-

tives (4) who are interested church people, a Teachers' Union representative (1), church representatives (4), a chairman and secretary both departmental. This committee has been active for about ten weeks.

6.—That the scheme begin in the Second Year only in 20 selected pilot schools in 1970. ALL departmental high schools will undertake the course in Second Year in 1971. In 1971 the pilot schools will begin a Third Year Course; and this will reach all high schools in 1972.

It would seem that two problems emerge as a matter of urgency from the viewpoint of the Churches. These concern the students and the teachers in whose hands will lie the real impact of the course.

1.—The Students: The success or otherwise of the new scheme will in the final analysis depend on the demand for it. Hence it is imperative for the parents to ensure that their children opt for the subject. Any of the clergy will be willing to discuss the matter with the parents and to advise. In addition the Church Offices will assist.

It will be necessary for departmental officers to find out numbers of students who will be taking the various subjects in the pilot schools in 1970. Christian Education is one of these subjects. Numbers will be ascer-

tained on or after October 1, 1969. Hence parents should be careful to advise their children and/or their High school before this date.

## THE TEACHERS

2.—The Teachers: On or after June 15, the department will be seeking volunteers among its teachers to teach Christian Education in the pilot schools in 1970. It must be recognised that in a Christian Education class in any High school might be Anglican, Catholic, Church of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian children taught by a teacher who could be any one of these denominations. The syllabus will be common to all schools and will be adhered to.

Obviously, some selection will be necessary and it is hoped that the clergy will encourage teachers whom they consider suitable and willing to offer themselves as volunteers when the department seeks them after June 15. Considerable inservice work will of course be necessary, but this as yet has to be worked out.

## PILOT SCHOOLS

Applecross, John Forrest, Hollywood, South Fremantle, Rossmoyne, Como, Bunbury Senior, Newton Moore, Margaret River, Manjimup, Harvey, Geraldton, Nannup, Pemberton, Waroona, Northampton, Wesley College, Iona College, Mercedes College, Christian Brothers, Leederville.

# Letters to the Editor

## Charter change

Many thanks for the series of issues of A.C.R. with such a good coverage of the Charter change of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It was very helpful to me. Having cut out the various references, I stuck them to two large sheets of paper and had photostats made of them.

May God bless A.C.R.'s witness for the kingdom of God.

J. H. Jones,  
Launceston, Tas.

## Book reviews

As a "church bookstore lady" who likes to think that she makes available reliable books at a reasonable price, I was somewhat surprised to read the review of "Coping with Crises" in your issue of 15 May. "Surprised" because we have just published this book at our church on the strength of a recommendation given by a Christian clinical psychologist.

To date we have sold just over 200 copies. This doesn't of itself mean that it is a good

book, but it certainly indicates a great interest in the topic by the ordinary man-in-the-pew.

As someone concerned to provide books for the man-in-the-pew, I am always on the look-out for reliable reviews and therefore appreciate your book pages, but am also disappointed to find so few of general interest and in the under \$1.50 bracket which is about the limit which people usually pay for books for their own use.

I selected at random, 20 copies of the A.C.R. from the past 18 months' issues. Of approximately 250 books reviewed, less than half were under \$1.50 and about a quarter of them I would have considered stocking in our situation which has a wide cross-section of readers.

One of your advertising slogans was "News for people in the pews." Would it be possible to make available more reviews of good books of interest to the not-so-academic and/or statistics of sales of Christian books in Australia, on a regular basis? This is available in some overseas magazines, but I don't know of this being done for the benefit of Australian readers and "bookstall ladies."

(Mrs.) G. E. Biggins,  
Prospect, S.A.

(Note: Like all other newspapers, the ACR can only review those books sent to them by the publishers for review. All books so sent are reviewed.)

## Wicked Sydney

In reply to Mr Milton ("A.C.R." May 29), I have indeed come across "some of our number" and also know that they would find a much warmer welcome if there was evidence of an equal welcome for all Anglicans of whatever churchmanship, in what he describes as the evangelical luxury of Sydney.

Who knows, we might find that we might all be using our muscles for Christ rather than for our own narrow vision of His church. As Mr Milton says, evangelicals . . . are accepted and respected . . . in other places, surely it is not too much to ask that the diocese of Sydney embark on a more liberal attitude to clergy trained at colleges other than Moore and to pay equal respect and give equal freedom to other traditions than their own.

Which, as Mr Goldney points out the report with the Roman Catholic church, would seem reasonable to expect. Also, in reply to him, may I say that, I

did not say that all evangelicals were confined to Sydney, rather I meant as far as dioceses are concerned, Sydney is the only diocese to take such a narrow and uncharitable attitude to fellow-members of the Anglican Communion of a different churchmanship, and that by a dispersion we might hope, all of us, to learn to live together in greater charity.

Lyll Cowell,  
St. Francis' College,  
Milton, Q.

## W. A. drops abortion bill

A BILL TO legalise abortion in Western Australia was introduced in the Legislative Council last September. In May it came forward in the Legislative Assembly, sponsored by Mr Burt, Liberal member for Murchison-Eyre.

Its constitutionality was challenged by Mr Tonkin, leader of the Opposition. He pointed out that it involved expenditure of public money. If passed, some hospitals would be unavailable for women seeking abortions and cases would further tax public hospitals, obliging the Government to meet the extra cost. The bill would thus involve a charge upon the Crown.

The Speaker ruled the bill out of order.

## England's oldest Lutheran church

This month Lutherans in Great Britain will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the first Lutheran congregation in the United Kingdom. In June 1669 King Charles II granted permission for Lutherans in the City of London to build a church, and the congregation was granted a Charter by the King in 1672.

Today the church continues its ministry to Lutherans in north London and the south of Essex. Its congregation is active in inter-Lutheran work through the Lutheran Council of Great Britain, and is involved ecumenically with the Dalston Council of Churches.

# Reformed research library

OVER THE PAST few years a Reformation Appeal for funds to purchase the writings of the great reformers of the 16th century has been conducted on behalf of Moore College Library. It is very pleasing to announce that by raising just over \$1,800, the purpose of the appeal has been achieved.

Gifts came from large and small donations. The Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Society gave some \$550. The Reformation Observance Committee gave a gift in memory of Archdeacon R. B. Robinson. Small gifts came from a rural deanery, the Cathedral Guild, various parishes and a host of individual donors, many of whom are former students of the college or users of its library.

With this appeal fund it has been possible to purchase the great 19th century editions of John Calvin and Philipp Melancthon. These have become available through the modern re-

print process in some 90 volumes of the Corpus Reformatorum. The Calvin volumes are, as far as is known, the only copies of this edition of his works available in Australia.

In addition to these two major works it has been possible to purchase modern editions of the works of Martin Bucer, Ulrich Zwingli and Theodore Beza. The small amount of money left over in the fund will enable the library to complete the purchase of the works of Martin Bucer as these continue to be published.

The success of this appeal has made Moore College Library an Australasian centre for Reformation studies. In conjunction with Fisher Library of the University of Sydney which possesses the greater Weimar edition of Martin Luther's works, it makes Sydney probably the only centre in Australia which can provide all the tools for serious Reformation research.

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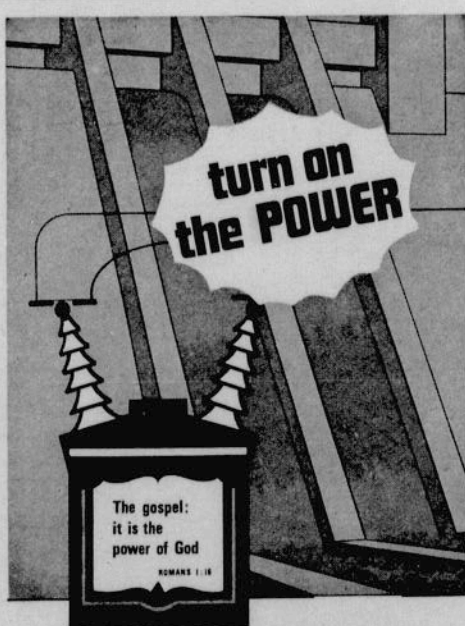
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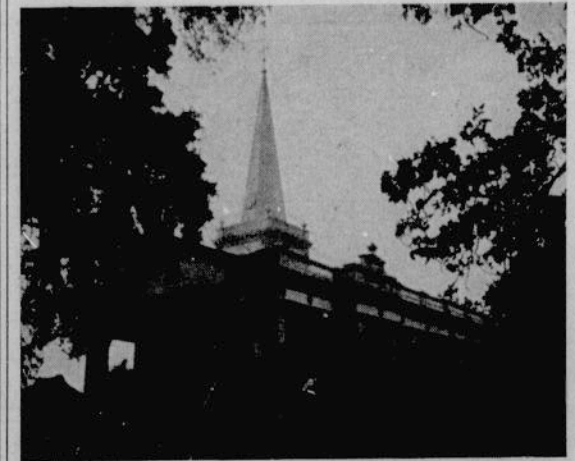
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# Mainly About People

Rev. Charles R. Miles, vicar of St. Mary's, Mount Eliza (Melbourne) since 1964, has resigned as from October 3 next.

Rev. Walford B. Andrews, chaplain at the Missions to Seamen, Bunbury, since 1967 left to return to England on June 15.

Rev. Arthur H. Horrex, rector of St. Mary's, Balmmain (Sydney) since 1967, has been appointed rector of Wingecarribee.

Rev. Noel E. Hart, Home Mission Society (Sydney) representative on the South Coast since 1965, has resigned.

Rev. Christopher Cooper, rector of Magill (Adelaide), has resigned from June 30 and will be locum tenens of St. John's, Norton Summit.

Rev. Anthony J. Taylor, of St. James', Mile End (Adelaide), has been appointed chaplain to Woodlands Grammar School of England Girls' Grammar School as from May. He replaces Rev. Charles R. Wheratt who had been chaplain since 1960.

Rev. Philip C. Blake from England was inducted to St. George's, Marsfield (Sydney) on 13 June.

Archdeacon Frederick W. and Mrs. Guest of Perth are overseas until September. Archdeacon Guest will study geriatric homes while on leave.

Bishop Felix Arnott of Melbourne has been appointed a member of the Lambeth Committee on Relations with the Roman Catholic Church. He is the first Australian to be so appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Rev. R. G. Nelson from England was inducted as rector of St. Margaret's Margaret River (Bunbury) on May 20.

Rev. Kenneth Drayton, formerly of

# hot line

Round-up of church press comment

**THE METHODIST** (N.S.W.) carries a letter from a young man who stayed up late with his fiancée to watch a C.T.A. program, "Cornerhouse." It opened with "Waltzing Matilda" and evidently continued in that vein. In dismay he asks: "Why is the church through C.T.A. trying to compete with 'Sound of Music' and 'Bandstand'?" He says: "We could see no point, aim or purpose about the whole performance." **Australian Presbyterian Life** carries an editorial headed "We Must Find Authority." We thought all the Reformed churches had one but it is not mentioned in this editorial.

**South India Churchman** tells of a new Kamma convert challenging the Bishop of Dornakal to give his testimony at a meeting for recent converts. The Bishop did so. **Adelaide Church Guardian**, which is greatly reduced in size but greatly improved in format with its new offset look, features the centenary of the beautiful St. Peter's Cathedral.

## "The Christian" closes

"THE CHRISTIAN," a leading British interdenominational newspaper, founded in 1859, announced in its May 30 issue that it ceased publication from that issue.

No previous hint had been given of a crisis and the "Church of England Newspaper" reports that Dr. Jim Douglas, its editor since 1965 and his staff of highly skilled journalists had been given no notice of the impending closure.

The paper was bought by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in 1962 from Marshall, Morgan and Scott. The association has been heavily subsidising for promoting the paper but its circulation was only 15,000 to 17,000. The association feels that the subsidy should be used more directly in evangelism.

"The Christian" was the largest and most skillfully produced of all the religious weeklies in Britain and made considerable use of illustration, art-work, youth supplements and colour.

Dr. Jim Douglas, a Church of Scotland minister and a conservative evangelical, had had complete editorial freedom.

The closure announcement was under the signature of Bishop Goodwin Hudson, as chairman of the paper's board in London. After the announcement, the "Church of England Newspaper" offered a cash sum to take over the moribund assets of the paper but it was refused. C.E.N. professes to believe that the board may bring out an alternative publication to The Christian but this seems to be only conjecture.

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## "Those... who bear the honoured name"

THE LONDON "CHURCH TIMES" devoted its whole editorial on June 13 to Evangelicals.

## Bishop Sambell to Perth

BISHOP GEOFFREY TREMAYNE Sambell, co-adjutor bishop of Melbourne since 1962, has been elected archbishop of Perth.

Before entering the ministry, Bishop Sambell was National Secretary of the Church of England Boys' Society. He was born at Broadford, Victoria in 1914 and was educated at Melbourne High School and Melbourne University. He trained at Ridley College and was ordained in 1940. He served curacies at St. John's, East Malvern and St. Mark's, Camberwell and was an A.I.F. chaplain.

He established the work of the Melbourne Diocesan Centre in 1947 and greatly expanded its outstanding work in the diocese, leaving it in 1962.

He was archdeacon of Essendon, 1955-61, senior chaplain, Southern Command, 1958-61. He has travelled considerably in Australia and overseas and has been closely associated with the ecumenical movement.

It is likely that he will follow the broad tradition of his predecessor, Archbishop Appleton. He is unmarried and his recreation is golf.

Anglo-Catholic opinion. For this reason, its honest endeavour to be objective about Evangelicals in England is of interest to us in Australia. The complete editorial is:

"Those in the Church of England who bear the honoured name of Evangelicals represent and embody one of the two great traditions of Churchmanship which together have always found their home within the one Church of Latimer and Laud, Cranmer and Andrewes, Simeon and Pusey. As is the way of like-minded men of strong convictions, the Evangelicals have often tended to keep themselves to themselves with an apparent exclusiveness which, among other ill results, has led to widespread ignorance among their fellow-churchmen of what they really stand for and what are the particular causes which they have chiefly at heart.

"It is to help, in some small way, to dispel this general vagueness about the Evangelicals and their standpoint that we have published, in the past two weeks, extracts from the new book by a former editor of our contemporary, the Church of England Newspaper, which sets out to give an inside view of the whole subject with a success justly prized by our contributor this week, the Dean of King's College, Cambridge.

### TENSIONS

"The important question is: Are the Evangelicals now able and willing to share as fully as possible in the general life of the Church and to make their maximum contribution to its work and witness in the world? The answer to this question must

clearly depend on the force of those distinguishing marks of Evangelicalism to which both Mr King and Mr Edwards draw attention. Both find much to criticise. Mr King has described the esoteric tensions between various brands and rival institutions within the movement, the ivory-tower remoteness of its theology, the negative puritanism of its views on personal behaviour, the clinging to the concept of a 'monarchical ministry' to the neglect of lay participation. These are serious criticisms, all in part justified, but all with another side to the coin.

### FUNDAMENTALISM

"Mr Edwards' major criticism is levelled against Evangelical 'fundamentalism.' Insofar as the term means an obstinate persistent belief in the verbal inerrancy of Scripture, then its presence among some Evangelicals is a weakness which must impair the chances of their co-operation with the rest of the Church. But it is a very different matter if, as Mr Edwards seems almost to suggest, the term is held to signify a tenacious fidelity to the great articles of the Catholic faith denied by some radicals but asserted in the New Testament and the Creeds. In that sense 'fundamentalism' is strength, not weakness, and it is the rightful possession of the whole Church.

"But we would draw chief attention to the eloquent phrase which Mr Edwards lavishes on the Evangelicals, near the end of his article, for their magnificent tenacity in standing for the things of the Spirit against the whole tenor of the age. Only in one respect may his long list

of virtues be queried. The 'burning and shining sense of mission,' once indeed the hallmark of Evangelicals, is not so prominent today; as Mr King sadly observed, little has been forthcoming from this quarter to have any effect upon missionary and evangelistic strategy in England.

"Many famous Evangelical parishes have congregations which put their neighbours to shame. All credit to them and to

their ministers. But is there not a danger that these congregations are looking inwards rather than outwards to the conversion of England? The chief reason for hoping that the Evangelicals will determine to come out of their fastnesses and play a full, vigorous part in the life of the whole Church is that they have it in them to make a sorely needed contribution to that urgent and neglected cause."

## Victorian L.O.Y. differs

WRITING in "Magnet," organ of the Victorian C.M.S. League of Youth, Mr Dan Octigan gave reasons why he differed from the recent statement of the A.C.C. Joint Working Group on sacrifice in the eucharist.

He said: "The statement of the Joint Working Group informs us that 'Catholic (Roman) members of the group said that when they spoke of the Mass as a sacrifice they did not mean that the death of Christ for men's sins was not being repeated.'"

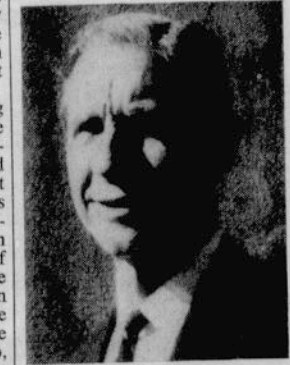
"In view of the foregoing prayers, it is obvious that the Roman Catholics offer a sacrifice in the first instance of bread and wine and then of Christ Himself. The sacrifice besides being one of praise and thanksgiving is also one of supplication—supplication for salvation. If Christ is being offered as the victim of a sacrifice for salvation it is difficult to reconcile the words of the Latin Rite with the statement of the Working Group, as destruction (i.e. death) as a pre-requisite for sacrifice.

"While I do not doubt the sincerity of the participants, I feel that under such circumstances, the term Eucharistic Sacrifice is being interpreted in two almost mutually exclusive terms. The resulting unity is of nothing more than words.

"Attempts at unity on these lines are doomed not only to failure but to a discrediting of our relative positions. Let us pray and work for unity but for true physical and spiritual unity based on scriptural truth alone."

## Val. Brown resigns

MR VAL. K. BROWN, general secretary of the Australian Council of Churches since 1967, has resigned from September 1 and will return to teaching.



Mr Val. Brown

A graduate in arts and commerce of Melbourne University, he was director of the General Board of Religious Education in Australia from 1953 to 1967 and rendered outstanding service in the field of Christian education.

Prior to his appointment to the G.B.R.E., Mr Brown was a master at Wesley College, Brighton Grammar, and then principal of Lady Northcote School for Immigrant Children from the U.K.

He intends to take up a teaching post at Wesley College, Melbourne, where he taught from 1934 to 1942.

The new general secretary is Rev. Frank G. Engel, who has been associate general secretary since 1965 and is a Presbyterian minister, aged 57, a graduate of Melbourne University and particularly interested in Aboriginal welfare. He has developed wide ecumenical and missionary interests since he was travelling secretary for S.C.M. in 1937 and he was general secretary of the National Missionary Council, 1962-64. He lives at Roseville, N.S.W.



The editor of the Church Record visited New Caledonia for two weeks in May. He stayed in Noumea, the capital of this French Pacific territory and at the invitation of the Bishop of Melanesia, ministered to the small group of Anglicans in that city.

Anglican services are rare in Noumea, the last being in August 1968. Services were held in the Protestant Temple by courtesy of Pastor J.P. Raison-Dadre of the Evangelical Church of New Caledonia.



Pictures show part of the congregation after a Communion Service in the Protestant Temple and a group of Melanesian children at the St. Louis Mission, some miles from Noumea.

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