

Mainly About People

Rev. William J. Lawton of the Bush Church Aid Society has been appointed rector of Christ Church, Gladesville (Sydney).

Rev. David S. Scott-Halliday, rector of Atherton (N. Q'land), has been appointed rector of All Saints', Charleville (Brisbane).

Rev. Peter Peters of the diocese of Armidale has been granted leave to read for a Ph. D at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Rev. Raymond G. Smith, vicar of Uralia (Armidale) since 1966, will commence his ministry in Armidale at the end of May.

Head Deaconess Mary Andrews (Sydney) will be installed as President of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council on 23 May at St. Philip's, Church Hill.

Mr C. W. H. Barnes, registrar of Melbourne diocese, has been elected to the Standing Committee of General Synod.

Bishop Graham R. Delbridge, Bishop in Wollongong, has been elected interim chairman of the Federal Council of the Bush Church Aid Society until the annual meeting on Thursday, June 12. He replaces Canon Ernest Cameron who has resigned after 18 years in the office.

Leaders for Evangelism Congress

REV. F. J. NILE has announced the names of leaders and speakers for the Seminars at the N.S.W. Congress on Evangelism which will be held at Chapter House, Sydney, on 30th and 31st May, 1969.

The Seminar leader-speakers are widely experienced in their various fields and will provide challenging leadership in the 12 elective seminars.

GROUP A (Simultaneous):
1. "The New Theology," Rev. Bruce Smith, Lecturer, Moore College.
2. "The New Evangelism," Rev. Geoffrey Fletcher, Director of Evangelism, Sydney diocese, Director of L.I.F.E.
3. "The New Morality," Dr J. Kleinig, Lecturer in Philosophy, Macquarie University.
4. "The New Evangelism," Rev. Neville Anderson, Principal, N.S.W. Baptist Theological College.

GROUP B (Simultaneous):
1. "Evangelism and the Inner City," Rev. Bernard Gook, St. John's, Darlinghurst.
2. "Evangelism and the University," Rev. Dudley Foord, Chaplain, University of Sydney.
3. "Evangelism and Drugs," Det.-Sgt. Fred Kitto, Drug Squad, N.S.W. Police Department.
4. "Evangelism and Youth," Mr David Claydon, N.S.W. secretary, Scripture Union.

GROUP C (Simultaneous):
1. "Evangelism and Social Concern," Mr E. Spencer Collier, Lecturer, University of N.S.W.
2. "Evangelism and the Aged," Rev. Harry Orr, French's Forest Baptist Church.
3. "Evangelism and the Local Church," Rev. John Mallison, Liverpool Methodist Church.
4. "Evangelism and the New Australian," Rev. Ron Macready, Leichhardt Mission.

New Guinea theological schools associate

Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea (EPS) — Twelve theological schools in the Solomon Islands and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea last week formed an interdenominational organisation known as the Melanesian Association of Theological Schools (MATS).

The inaugural meeting was held at the Roman Catholic Holy Spirit Regional Seminary at Bomana, a suburb of Port Moresby, with Rev. Dr Patrick Murphy, S.V.D. as host.

Funds provided by the Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches made possible attendance by church leaders from throughout this widespread island territory.

The decision to form the association followed the Theological Consultation at Lae, New Guinea, in April, 1968, attended by representatives of Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and United Church theological schools. Observers came from the Evangelical Alliance and the Salvation Army.

The new association aims to improve the standards in member institutions, facilitate the exchange of ideas and theological information, foster research and act as liaison with other groups.

Lord Fisher at consecration

LORD FISHER of Lambeth, former Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted at the consecration of Very Rev. L. E. W. Renfrey as assistant bishop of Adelaide on May 1.

The Primate, the Archbishop of Brisbane, the Bishop of Willochra and Bishop Donald Redding also assisted the Bishop of Adelaide at the consecration in St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

Lord Fisher is spending a holiday in Adelaide with his son who has been headmaster of Scotch College, Adelaide, since 1962.

At a meeting of representatives of nine churches held at Bishop's Court, Adelaide, agreement was reached on a standard form of service to be used at united services.

The agreed form obviates the need for drawing up a special form of service for each occasion when churches combine for a special service.

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Round-up of church press comment

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NEWSPAPER draws attention to an article in the British Journal of Psychiatry giving the findings of a recent study of clergy breakdowns. The authors found no environmental stress which was a common factor in clergy breakdowns although 69 per cent of the clergy blamed their work wholly or partly. The sample divided equally between clergy with two much work and too little work. Australian bishops could, if they wish, draw some pastorally useful conclusions from this.

"The Christian" (U.K.) carries a strong protest from Lady Birdwood on its front page—against the increasing display of violence on TV. New Australian series are now invading our homes with nightly violent physical aggression. It has got to the stage where it is sickening. We need to complain to the A.B.C., TV stations and the sponsoring advertisers—loud and long. The president of the Methodist Conference in "The Methodist" touches a responsive chord in his weekly message. He wants to form a group of "angry old men" to take issue with much that is said about "the irrelevance and unwisdom of Age as opposed to the profundity and insight of Youth." Up you joiners!

"Australian Presbyterian Life" carries an editorial headed "Death Rides Our Highways." Last year 3,500 were killed on our roads—more than in years of fighting in Vietnam. Who is going to organise the massive public protests against this massive killing? "Church and People" (N.Z.) reports that Bishop Eric Gowing of Auckland has been disappointed by the Maoris. The N.Z. Maori Council has decided to support the 1970 Rugby tour of South Africa. In a sermon to Maoris he told them that their decision was in support of South Africa's racist policy and he urged them to reconsider it. So far, they have not done so. Perhaps coloured peoples see whites as bending over backwards in

Hospital visitation training

Church members at St. Matthew's, Marysville, Adelaide, are attending a five-week program of training for hospital visitation.

The program is being conducted by the Women's Inter-Church Council and is being held in St. Matthew's vestry. A charge of \$1 is being made for the course.

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THE FIRST woman minister in the Church of Scotland is Miss Catherine McConnachie, 66, ordained recently by the Presbytery of Aberdeen. She had just retired as a deaconess after 37 years' service. The ordination was a direct outcome of the decision taken at the General Assembly last year to lift the centuries-old ban on women ministers.

Atlanta, Georgia, (EPS)—The proposed merger of the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) was defeated when the proposal failed to receive the approval of two-thirds of the Reformed Church's 45 regional classes. The Southern Presbyterian Church had enough of its presbyteries voting in favour of union to meet the required three-quarters positive vote.

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Bible colleges serve all the churches

BIBLE COLLEGES and institutes in all States of Australia are playing an increasingly important part in training men and women of all churches for full-time service at home and abroad.

A survey just completed by the Australian Church Record shows that over 500 men and women are now training and an important proportion of them are Anglicans. Many of them are gaining a solid grounding in biblical studies before offering for training for the ministry or for deaconess work.

A recent trend in these institutions is the provision of courses for degree; and diplomas of the Melbourne College of Divinity, the University of Queensland and the University of London.

Five of the eight surveyed offered such courses but it is significant that some do not offer external courses as a matter of policy. Sydney Missionary and Bible College, for instance, has all its students doing the college's Diploma in Divinity and Mission. The full-time staff there is academically qualified to give tuition for tertiary degrees, but the college feels that it can best serve the gospel by offering Bible centred studies. However, it has set up a panel of external examination assessors to help ensure that the academic standard is high.

An attempt was made in the survey to find out the eventual location of students after graduation. The vast majority were still uncertain as to whether they would serve at home or abroad or in a particular denominational ministry.

Another recent feature is the offering of more options to students. In addition to the basic two or three-year college diploma and external diplomas or degrees which may be taken in conjunction with these, some colleges offer an extra year for further work, either practical or academic. Perth Bible Institute offers both a college diploma and a certificate of studies, according to levels chosen. Other options are special courses in

missionary studies and evangelism.

Considerable numbers of Anglican clergy and some of our bishops began their training at one of the institutes.

All of the institutions surveyed are conservatively evangelical, a tradition which they intend to preserve, while at the same time training their students to make the gospel of salvation vital to modern man.

Principals of the six out of eight colleges had tertiary qualifications of some sort, four being university graduates and some having post-graduate qualifications. Two staff members have earned doctorates, including one Cambridge PhD.

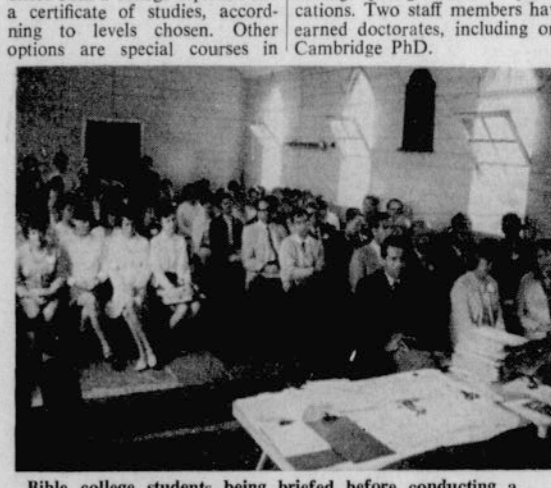
BLOWN-UP CHURCH



Outreach to Industry in the U.K. takes the gospel into the workaday world. Illustration shows how they minister to construction workers on a motorway. Fifteen minutes and just two men and this revolutionary plastic church is up and open—no poles or ropes required, just God's free air. (Photo by courtesy Outreach to Industry.)



Bible college students interviewing a householder.



Bible college students being briefed before conducting a community survey.

Anglican-Methodist unity plan supported

BY an overall majority of 241 out of 326 votes cast — or 73.85 per cent — the Convocations of Canterbury and York, meeting jointly in London, affirmed that the Anglican-Methodist reunion scheme was, in effect, the right way forward.

They agreed that, though there were problems to be resolved before entry on Stage Two, there was "evidence of sufficient agreement in doctrine and practice" between the Church of England and the Methodist Church for entry into Stage One of the scheme.

By an even larger overall majority — 312 out of 328 votes cast, or 95.12 per cent — the Convocations affirmed that "the proposed new ordinal and its preface will ensure the continuance of the Catholic ministry."

By another big majority — 266 out of 343 votes cast, or 77.55 per cent — they agreed on Wednesday that "the service of reconciliation is theologically adequate to make the ministries of the two Churches mutually acceptable."

OVER TWO-THIRDS

In the case of all three votes majorities of over two-thirds were recorded in all four Houses of Convocation. In the case of the first and third votes only two bishops voted against — Peterborough and Ripon. There was a unanimous episcopal vote for the ordinal.

In the final Convocation vote in July two-thirds majorities in each of the four Houses, in addition to an overall majority of seventy-five per cent, will be required to enable the Church of England to proceed to Stage One of the reunion scheme.

NEW BISHOPS AT B.C.A. RALLY

The newly appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, the Rt. Rev. Graham Delbridge, will be the guest speaker at a Jubilee Rally of the Bush Church Aid Society to be held in Christ Church Hall, North Adelaide, at 8 p.m., on Friday, June 20.

Bishop Delbridge who has had a long association with B.C.A. is chairman of the council.

At the rally in Adelaide accounts of the work in the outback will be given by the Rev. Ernie Carnaby, of the Leigh Creek Mission, and Miss Kaye Skinner, a primary schoolteacher formerly stationed at Coober Pedy where B.C.A. has a hospital.

The newly appointed Assistant Bishop of Adelaide, the Rt. Rev. L. E. W. Renfrey, will chair the rally.

The outback atmosphere will be heightened by a program of bush songs by Graham and Robyn Jenkin.

The latest development of B.C.A. work has been in the new mining and agricultural towns of the north-west of Western Australia where an important pastoral ministry is being developed.

The Bishop of the north-west, the Rt. Rev. Howell Witt on a recent visit to Adelaide said: "Without B.C.A. I'd die. There would be no pastoral work in the north-west. Wherever there is development, there you will find a B.C.A. priest."

The Society has a second hospital at Cook, and it runs three hostels for school children at Moree, N.S.W., Broken Hill and Port Lincoln.

New Spanish edition of The Institutes

(Grand Rapids, Michigan). The last Spanish edition of The Institutes of the Christian Religion by John Calvin was published in 1859. Since that edition was sold out many decades ago, the great work has not been available to the large Spanish speaking world of Spain and Latin America. Now, however, thanks to the initiative of Stichting Uitgeverij Reformatorische Boeken in Rijswijk, the Netherlands, it is again available. The Stichting is an agency for the Spanish Committee of the Reformed Churches (liberated) in the Netherlands.

The appearance of the new edition has been hailed in Mexico and in Argentina as a significant addition to the growing supply of evangelical material available in Spanish. (RES NE).

GUEST EDITORIAL
The Guest Editorial in this issue has been written by the Rev. G. C. Bingham, Principal of the Adelaide Bible Institute.

