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John Raw letter to Archbishop Wright

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SOCIAL QUESTIONS COMMITTEE
(Melbourne Anglican Synod.)

CATHEDRAL BUILDINGS,
SWANSTON STREET,
Melbourne, 20th March 1911

My Lord,

The Social Questions Committee of the Melbourne Diocese summoned a conference of representatives from the P.A. Committees of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Methodist Churches to consider the question of Picture Shows. Temp. Burrows & Impoftos, and what action should be taken regarding them. The Conference decided Melbourne should submit its report to be visited by representatives who will present a report upon the Picture Shows in each of their districts to the Annual Conference on 23rd April.

So much by way of introduction.

Our S.R.C. is very anxious to secure the co-operation of the S.R.C. of your Grace's diocese. Might I, therefore, take the liberty of asking that your Grace would kindly place this letter before your S.R.C. or in the hands of some person leading in your Church, with the view of co-operation with us in the following directions:

1. Secure and forward to us from informants andulet of the Picture Shows in Sydney. [(c)] The effect of such Shows upon the Public generally. [(c)] Adversely on the morality of the attendance of children at the same. [(d)] Appointment of a Visitor. [(e)] Memo to Censor to make Picture Shows of value to the Church, and hence valuable to the public.
2. Of having and receiving from you a report upon the Tampio Bathers, I am together with suggestions as to means of checking their progress or suppression.

May I, lastly, your Grace, ask that these reports should be possible be provided one before the 23rd April, that we may be in a position to consider them with our own. Or as soon as possible.

It is our intention to forward a copy of our report to each of the Bishops of Australia and New Zealand, with the view of Council action being taken if necessary.

Thanking your Grace, and anticipating your reply.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

The Most Rev.
J.C. Wright D.D.
Archbishop of Sydney

Bishop of
Sydney

The Most Rev.