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**THEOLOGIANS CALL FOR A MORE LIBERAL POLICY ON INTERCOMMUNION**

DEATH OF ARCHDEACON T. C. HAMMOND

The death occurred in Sydney on November 16 of Archdeacon T. C. Hammond, one of Australia’s most distinguished churchmen.

Archdeacon Hammond, who died at St. Philip’s Revery, Church Hill, was 84. He was survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

Thomas Chalmers Hammond was widely and affectionately known, to come to Australia in 1922 as a missionary and later to spend more than 20 years as a teacher in the Anglican Church.

He gained admission to Christ Church, Oxford, in 1915. From 1919 to 1929, he was Supernumerary to St. John’s College, Oxford, and then a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

In 1930, he was Supernumerary to Eton College, and in 1932, he was a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

In 1934, he was a Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, and in 1936, he was a Fellow of St. John’s College, Cambridge.

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A Significant Event

The open letter to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York published last issue is a significant development. It is important because of the emergence of those who have signed it, including Dr. W. L. Butler, Bishop of Lincoln, and Bishop of Cambridge. Indeed, the thirty-two representatives signatory to it have been closely observed by those concerned with the situation, because of the importance of the issues which they have undertaken to address. The letters have no doubt that their own position is that of the vast majority of Anglicans. It is a clear statement that our Church endorses in these terms the right of dissent, and it confirms the position of Evangelicals who have always been committed to the tradition of the Anglican Church, and to the Church Universal.

Denominational barriers have developed in the course of the last century, and it urges that there should be more frequent inter-communion in the course of the next century. The letter also raises the question of the extent to which Anglicans can view with satisfaction the present state of Anglicanism, and particularly the nature of the Anglo-Catholic movement. It is significant that the letter, which comes from the Council of Social Service, is a significant event, and we are encouraged to take a positive view of the future of Anglicanism. The letter, which comes from the Council of Social Service, is a significant event, and we are encouraged to take a positive view of the future of Anglicanism. The letter, which comes from the Council of Social Service, is a significant event, and we are encouraged to take a positive view of the future of Anglicanism.

Dr. G. H. Knight, Director of the Royal School of Church Music in Great Britain, who is visiting Australia and New Zealand this year to April next year.

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We who sign this letter do not pretend to be of one mind in every respect. We sign it in our individual capacity only.

PARENTS NOTIFIED

OF STRATFORD

SCHOOL CLOSING

The Strathmore School for Girls at Lawson (Sydney) is to close. The announcement was made to parents of children attending the school on a letter dated November 9.

Chairman’s Comment

To his Credit, Dr. C. T. D’Arcy, Chairman of the School Board, said the statement, "The decision of the school was made after careful consideration and consultation with the Committee of the Diocese."

Alternative: The School Will be Closed

The School will be closed because of the financial difficulties that have been experienced over many years and the failure to attract a small number of students to the school, despite the efforts of the school administration.

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICE

The Metropolitan Synod and the Church of England Synod have decided to continue the monthly healing service. The service will be held at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Sydney, on the first Sunday of each month.

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP

The Archbishops of Sydney, Dr. Gough, has written the following letter to church members:

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Primate leaves for Delhi Conferences

The Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, the Most Rev. H. R. Gough, left Sydney on November 14 to attend the third assembly of the World Council of Churches in Delhi, India.

The Conference, which will be held between November 16 and 24, is attended by over 2,000 representatives from 130 churches in 65 countries. It is the first time that the World Council of Churches has been held in Asia.

The assembly of the W.C.C., based in Amsterdam, will study the problems of the present generation, with special attention to the situation in Asia. Among the topics to be discussed are: the relationship of the church to the state, the role of the church in education, and the problem of the church in the modern world.

The Roman Catholic Church, which has not attended previous assemblies, is sending a delegate to participate in the discussions.

The theme of the assembly is "Christ the Light of the World: Illuminating the Paths of the Modern World." The assembly will consider the role of the church in the modern world, and the challenges facing the church in the 21st century.

Extremes of Churchmanship

The Bishop of Adelaide also referred in his statement to the need for a "reasonable" approach to ecclesiastical affairs. He said that the Church must be careful not to become too extreme in its views or actions.

This suggestion is in keeping with the Church's stand taken by the Presiding Bishop of the Church of England, and is reflected in the new Constitution. The Constitution has now brought together the views of all the major elements in the Church, including the General Synod, the House of Bishops, and the House of Clergy.

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CONTROVERSY FOLLOWED BY A VIOLENT DEBATE

The English House of Laity had one of its most violent sessions for some time when it met early this month. The controversy raged over a vote on a churchwarden's case and this was followed by a violent debate.

The debate on the case was moved by Dr. H. W. M. M'Kee (Dublin), who was supported by Mr. G. H. Pulford (Birmingham, N.), Mr. H. E. Archdale (Dover), and Mr. J. W. G. Fuller (Chester) for the Church, and by Mr. A. E. L. A. Penn (Brighton, K.) for the Society of Friends.

Mr. M'Kee mentioned the case of a churchwarden whose case had been referred to the court for want of resources to meet important...
Third Assembly in Delhi

Russian Church admitted to World Council

Described by the General Secretary of the W.C.C. (Dr W. A. Visser ’t Hooft) as “a major event in the Ecumenical Movement,” the Russian Orthodox Church was admitted to membership on November 20.

One hundred and forty-five churches voted in favour of the move, there being four abstentions. The decision was not out of several made at the Third Assembly which concluded on December 5.

The Russian Church has been requested to submit an agenda for the next Assembly, in order that the Council may consider the proposals of the Russian church as to the representation of the Orthodox Church at the next meeting of the World Council of Churches.

Visit by Bishop

Bishop Neville Langford-Smith, M.A., Australian missionary bishop of the Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya, arrived in Sydney on November 29 for a five-month furlough.

Bishop Langford-Smith is the sixth Bishop Missionary of the Anglican Church of Australia to be appointed to a mission in Africa. His predecessors were: Bishop Nevill, Bishop Rawnsley, Bishop McIlraith, Bishop Maltby and Bishop Freeman.

Bishop Langford-Smith will spend the first six months in Kenya and the latter six months in Tanganyika. He will be working with the African Church at the time of the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Delhi in December 1961.

Preparation

Bishop Langford-Smith believes that the primary task of his work as Bishop Missionary is to provide a link between the Church in Australia and the Church in the mission fields. He plans to spend the first six months in Kenya and the latter six months in Tanganyika.

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