

Twentieth  
**Year Book**  
Of the  
**Diocese of Grafton**  
N.S.W.  
For the Year 1934



Together With  
Presidential Address at the Second  
Session of the Tenth Synod, 1934

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## INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS.

It has been decided to ask the clergy to use the lessons contained in either the Trowel or the Church Mail Bag School papers for religious instruction in State Schools.

## NORTH COAST CHILDREN'S HOME.

The Home has to its credit another year of excellent work on behalf of the children who have been placed in its care. The capacity of the building is constantly taxed to the utmost, and the pressing need is for larger and better quarters. The Committee of Management, with the Secretary and Treasurer, members of the professions who give so freely of their services, and the people in the various centres who work so splendidly to supply money and gifts in kind, are deserving of the best thanks of the community.

## HOSTELS.

St. George's Hostel, Kempsey, is carrying on with its most useful work in catering for the needs of High School students, and reports a successful year from a financial standpoint as well.

Owing to circumstances beyond its control, brought about by the multiplication of High Schools, and the increased facilities for travel, St. Andrew's Girls' Hostel, Lismore, closed down during the first half of 1934.

C. ROWE,  
Hon. Secretary.

JOHN WILLIAM GRAFTON,  
President.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE, 1933-34

Four meetings of the Committee have been held since the last session of Synod.

The total contributions towards Missionary work for the period, July 1, 1933 to June 30, 1934, was £500/8/3, as compared with £445/19/ for the corresponding period of the previous year. In considering these figures, it may be mentioned here that the Committee has accepted the figure of £550 as the diocesan quota for Missions this year as against the £1000 of last year, in the hope that instead of falling short of our quota we shall succeed in raising a sum far in excess of it. The committee has also determined that in future the financial year, as far as the committee's efforts for Missionary work are concerned, shall end on November 30, instead of June 30, as heretofore.

In accordance with the terms of a resolution passed at the Clerical Conference, 1933, the committee has occupied itself mainly, during the period under review, with attempts to secure a greater degree of co-operation between the parishes and the

committee and to bring about some effective organisation for Missionary effort in the parishes of the diocese. Various suggestions and recommendations were sent out from time to time, but the members of the committee feel that their efforts in this direction have been only partially successful owing to the difficulty of establishing efficient contact with many of the parishes of the diocese. It is hoped, however, that parishes will definitely organise for greater Missionary effort in the future, and especially that "Stir Up" Sunday—near St. Andrewstide—will be marked in each parish as the culminating point in parochial Missionary activity as suggested by the committee.

In order to secure more frequent contact with the Missionary work of the diocese, the local (i.e., Grafton) members of the Missionary Committee meet for discussion every month. They deal with any business requiring immediate attention, and also make suggestions and recommendations to the full committee.

The work of the Women's Auxiliary in the various branches has been fairly well maintained. Various parishes have sent Missionary material, bandages, etc., to the Mission field and have contributed through the Women's Lenten Envelopes appeal. A special effort has been made during the year to raise a sum of £10 to assist the Epping Training Hostel. £7 of this sum was contributed by seven parishes, each contributing £1.

The work of the Heralds of the King has been most encouraging. There are eleven full branches, and most of the Sunday Schools are affiliated to Heralds of the King. Returns from the Children's Lenten Offering amounted to £113/3/3. This sum would have been larger, if the U.L.O. money from all the parishes had been kept separate from the other Missionary money and the returns sent in to the Secretary, and the Registrar. The amounts sent in for Missions by some of the smaller parishes reflects great credit on their work and organisation. It is to be hoped that the larger parishes which have given up the "Herald," the Children's Missionary Magazine, owing to the depression, will see their way to taking them again, in order that children may learn and understand about the Missionary work to which they are subscribing.

F. S. DUTTON,  
Hon. Secretary.

JOHN WILLIAM GRAFTON,  
President.

## MOTHERS' UNION ANNUAL REPORT, 1933-34

Of the seven branches in the diocese, 5 sent in reports. The membership is as follows:—Casino 25, Coff's Harbor 15, Dorrigo 27, Grafton 17, Kyogle 12, Mullumbimby 35, South Grafton 35, a total of 166. This is an increase of six on last year.