

Twenty-Second

Year Book

Of the

Diocese of Grafton

N.S.W.

For the Year 1936



Together With
Presidential Address at the First
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6. Tasmania.—Resolutions passed in 1887 and 1910, for introducing scheme. Nothing has come of them yet.

7. Melbourne.—Various resolutions table at Synod, but scheme not introduced, nor seriously considered.

8. Ballarat.—Has a Diocesan Central Fund, from which grants in aid are made to Clergy Stipends. This is only one of seven objects for which the fund exists.

9. Armidale.—Made full inquiries in 1933. Has done nothing further. This Diocese sent a summary of replies received in answer to inquiries from which the following is taken:—

- (a) Wangaratta.—Committee inquiring into scheme, 1933.
- (b) Sydney.—Stipends may be paid through the Registry. Where Parochial Districts receive grants in aid, the Parochial portion of Stipend must be sent to the Registry where grant is added and the whole returned.
- (c) Gippsland.—Practically the same as Sydney.
- (d) Riverina.—Pays Stipends through Central Fund, which was in debt £9000 in 1933.

10. Newcastle.—Scheme in operation since 1920. In general no payments are made to Clergy unless parish has sent in the money required. In the case of a minimum stipend of £300 the Diocese makes a grant of £50 towards the amount. The Diocese may make a grant in times of difficulty, but the money has to be repaid.

JOHN WILLIAM GRAFTON,
President,
Bishop of the Diocese:

WILL. B. KING,
Secretary.

Annual Report of Board of Education, 1935-36.

The Board of Education met four times during the year ending 30th June, 1936.

Diocesan Sunday School Syllabus.—Although a majority of the Rural Deaneries had expressed the opinion that the Church Mail Bag Lessons were more suitable to our Diocesan needs than those as published in the "Trowel," the Board again adopted the Trowel as the Diocesan Syllabus for the following reasons:—

- (a) After repeated requests from this Diocese the publishers have made the Trowel available in Sections.
- (b) In conjunction with each section a very valuable Scholars' Leaflet is now published.

Church Mail Bag.—As means for giving Religious Instruction to children in remote parts of the Diocese is still proving distinctly successful. At the 30th June there were 191 scholars on the roll. In many Sunday Schools where the teacher problem is acute the Church Mail Bag Lessons have proved most helpful.

Diocesan Sunday School Examination.—The number of candidates who sat for the 1935 Advent Examination was disappointing, only three Sunday Schools being represented. Of the 44 candidates competing 13 gained first-class honors, 12 second-class honors, and two a pass.

As in past years the Bishop donated a Bible for the candidate gaining the highest pass, and the Board a Bible each for the boy and girl with the next highest passes.

The awards for the Bibles were:—Bishop's prize: Phyllis Hooker, 91 per cent. marks; Board's prizes: Girls, Jean Chapman, 89 per cent; and boys, Roy Chapman, 87 per cent. All three prizes went to Belingen Sunday School.

In view of the manifest lack of interest in the Annual Religious Instruction Examination, it was decided that the Examination should be continued for another year and the future policy of the Board will depend upon the response of the Sunday Schools.

King George V. Memorial League.—The Board suggests that an endeavor be made to unite the children of the Diocese in a Bible Reading League, to be known as the King George V. Memorial, and agrees that the Bible Readings as published in the Heralds of the King Magazine would be most suited for this purpose.

North Coast Children's Home.—After some sixteen years of useful work at the original site in Leicester street, Lismore, the Home has been moved to a site in Keen street, between the Church and the Rectory, on land recently acquired. This move has consolidated the lands of the Parish Church, and has been the means of establishing the Home in permanent buildings, with ideal surrounds. The home is now in the care of Sister Bertha.

St. George's Hostel, Kempsey.—This Hostel has another year's useful work to its credit, and under the capable direction of the Matron and those assisting her, is now very soundly established.

JOHN WILLIAM GRAFTON,
President.

C. ROWE,
Hon. Secretary.