

## THE CHURCHES.

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**Dr. C. R. L. Vawter.**  
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### LEADER OF MISSION PARTY.

Dr. C. R. L. Vawter, the leader of the mission party which is visiting Australia under the auspices of the Churches of Christ, is taking part in the annual conference of the Churches of Christ, now being held in Sydney.



Dr. Vawter is a native of Kentucky, United States, and is a graduate of Transylvania and Columbia Universities. He toured the world in 1912, during which he visited Australia. In his evangelistic work, Dr. Vawter has been most successful. He is accompanied by Mrs. Vawter, who is the soloist in the mission. Mr. Howard T. House, the third member of the party, is a pianist and "chalk-talk artist." The first mission of the party in New South Wales will be in the Enmore Tabernacle, commencing on April 7.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral to-morrow the Primate (Dr. Wright) will preach in the morning, and Dean Talbot in the evening.

The Bishop of Newcastle (Dr. Long) will dedicate five branches of the Church of England Men's Society at West Maitland on Sunday, April 7. The Rev. Arnold Conolly, of Gordon, chairman of the provincial council of the society, and other members of the executive will take part in the ceremony.

The Rev. M. A. Warren, secretary of the Australian Board of Missions, will leave Sydney on April 6 by the steamer Montoro, for

ney on April 6 by the steamer Montoro, for Rabaul. He will be absent on business of the board for five weeks.

The Rev. C. W. Clarke, curate of St. Stephen's, Newtown, has accepted nomination to the incumbency of Holy Trinity, Miller's Point.

A sub-committee of the standing committee of the Sydney Diocesan Synod was recently appointed to consider the circumstances of the parish of Holy Trinity, Miller's Point, and to report to the standing committee. Suggestions have been made in some quarters that the church should be closed, and the congregation amalgamated with that of St. Philip's, Church Hill.

The 1929 issue of the Year Book of the Diocese of Sydney has just been issued, and contains a mass of useful information regarding the diocese. The contents are arranged in a handy form. A feature of the volume is the section devoted to biographical notes regarding the clergy of the diocese. A special volume containing a full report of the proceedings of the special synod convened to deal with the proposed new constitution of the Church of England in Australia will be issued shortly.

Archbishop Kelly will preside and preach at High Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Dr. Sheehan, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney, will bless and open the completed portion of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, Drummoyne, on Sunday, April 7, at 3.30 p.m. The cost of the extensions is about £4000.

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly (the Right Rev. A. P. Cameron) is visiting the Hillgrove parish, and will preach at Ebor, Wollomombi, and Hillgrove to-morrow. He will leave Armidale for Glen Innes on Monday.

The Rev. W. Harrison, of Queensland, has been inducted to the Presbyterian charge of Molong.

The Rev. F. Charman, of New Zealand, will arrive in Sydney next week on his way to Broken Hill, where he will take charge of the Presbyterian parish on April 10.

The Rev. W. F. Gresham has left Yass for Brisbane, having accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Norman Park.

Bach's "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" will be rendered by the choir at the evening service to-morrow at the Woollahra Presbyterian Church, Ocean-street and Forth-street.

At the Central Methodist Mission to-morrow the Rev. A. J. Gould will be the preacher in the morning, and the Rev. H. C. Foreman in the evening. At the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon gathering an address will be delivered by the Rev. Victor Bell.

The Rev. E. Lewis Neilson, lately of Glasgow, has been appointed to the staff of the Central Methodist Mission. He will be particularly associated with the work at the Bourke-street church, which has been affiliated with the mission.

A conference will be held at Canberra next week to consider further the proposed co-operation between the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational churches in the Federal capital city.

About 300 boys—members of the Methodist Order of Knights—went into camp at Penrith on Thursday, and will remain there until Monday evening.

The Rev. Norman Dunning will commence his Sydney mission on Sunday, April 21, in the Locomot Hall. He will conduct the ser-

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his Sydney mission on Sunday, April 21, in the Lyceum Hall. He will conduct the services in connection with the Central Methodist Mission anniversary, and on April 23, at the Town Hall, he will be the special anniversary speaker.

At the Pitt-street Congregational Church to-morrow, the Rev. W. T. Kench will be the speaker in the morning. His subject will be "The Last Adventure." At the evening service, the Rev. T. E. Ruth will speak on "Menin Gate at Midnight," the sermon being based on Captain Will Longstaff's picture, now being exhibited in Sydney.

The Rev. R. A. Thompson has been appointed by the Congregational Union as organiser of religious instruction in State schools, including High schools. For the past four years Mr. Thompson has been unofficially engaged in this work.

The president of the Baptist Union (Mr. E. J. Phillips) is visiting Riverina, and to-morrow will preach at Leeton, Murrumbidgee, and Griffith. On Monday evening he will visit Arish Park.

The Church of Christ at Lidcombe has let a contract for the erection of a new brick church on a new site. The old property in Joseph-street has been sold.

At the Lane Cove Church of Christ to-morrow evening, Mr. H. G. Harward will conduct an in memoriam service for Mr. O. C. Rush, a prominent worker for the church, who was killed in a motor car accident at Longueville.

Dr. C. R. L. Vawter will preach to-morrow morning at the Chatswood Church of Christ, and in the afternoon and evening at the City Temple, Campbell-street.

Mr. Thos. Hagger, home missionary organiser of the Churches of Christ, will preach at the Falcon-street, North Sydney, Church, to-morrow evening. Mr. Phillip J. Pond, of the Young People's Department, will preach at Belmore to-morrow morning.

The Rev. W. Rutledge Newton, president of the British-Israel World Federation, will deliver a lecture in the Bible House, Pitt-street, at 8 p.m. on Thursday next, entitled "Light on Genesis." Mrs. Wilson will conduct the ladies' study circle on Thursday afternoon.

To mark the centenary of the King's College, London, an appeal has been launched for the endowment of a Maurice chair in the memory of Frederick Denison Maurice, who was deprived of his chair in the Theological Faculty in 1855, on the ground of his "heretical opinions." In a letter to the Rev. W. F. F. Dorph, of St. Peter's Rectory, Mount Victoria, the secretary of the appeal states that "the appreciation of Professor Maurice's importance in the development of Christian thought has steadily grown, and the action of the college is now un/versally recognised as having been one of those disastrous mistakes which are sometimes made by good and sincere men."