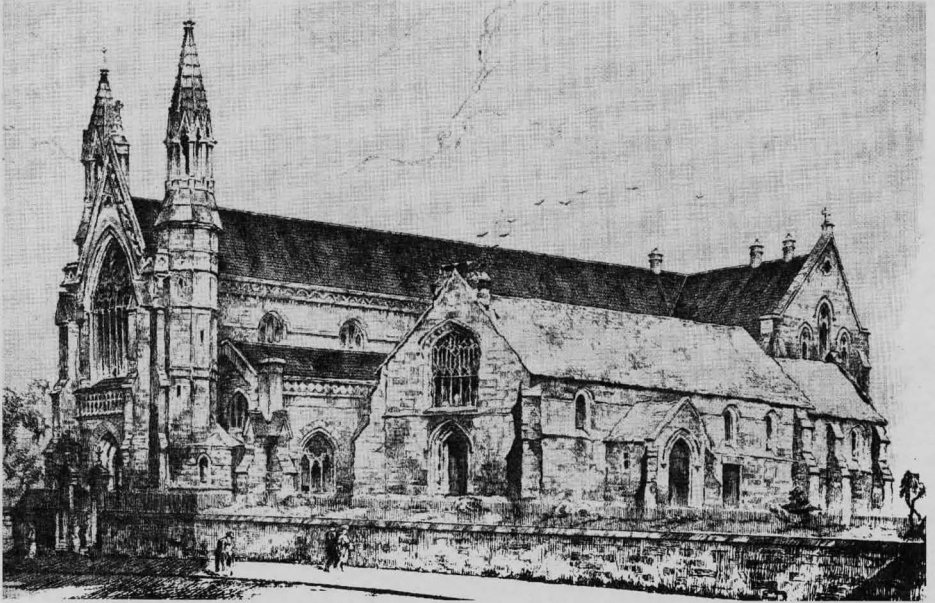


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## INTRODUCTION

Once again, the passage of time has brought forth another fine selection of papers presented to the Society. These are now set forth in print for your enjoyment. They cover the various fields of interest and scholarship undertaken by members of the society.

Early in 2002 an event long overdue took place: the dedication of a memorial in Nudgee Cemetery to three of our pioneering priests: Frs William Bowe, Patrick O'Grady and Giuseppe Pompeo. The address of Dr. Tom Boland on this occasion, begins this edition of papers.

Individuals of note also feature prominently in the papers selected. Denis Drouyn introduced John Murtagh Macrossan and his contribution to Australian Federation at the close of the 19th century; Dimity Dornan spoke of the career of the writer, Alice Guerin Crist; and Br Brian Steele outlined the life of Mr J.W. Long, that grand old man of Queensland education.

The work of the various religious orders is also treated here. Dr Tom Boland examines the early days of Gregory Terrace and Nudgee College with his presentation "Christian Brothers Education in Queensland 1875-1925"; Sr Carmel Coyle has given us an account of the work of the Sisters of Charity and Sr Margaret McKenna has outlined the history of the Sisters of St Joseph in the Clermont district in her paper "Copperfield - a Century without Interruption".

Parish histories are represented in the paper of Carol O'Brien on the Woodford parish. What a wealth of stories must exist in our parishes of the contributions of our predecessors to the living-out of the Faith as we have come to know it today!

Finally, there are those papers which might be described as attempts to evangelise and organise our local Church on a broad scale. As such they were products of their times and go beyond boundaries of parish and religious institutes to affect the wider Church community. Fr Michael Endicott, O.S.A., has outlined some significant moments in the history of the Cairns Vicariate; Geraldine Crane has presented a history of the NCGM and YCW from 1945 to 1970; while Mike Humphrys has given a postscript reflection on a more recent movement, “Jubilee 2000”. While comparing any one of these to another runs the risk of “comparing apples with pears”; some contrasts are nevertheless possible. Also, it will become apparent that each of these movements had both strengths and weaknesses, successes and failures.

And so, I commend this issue of the Proceedings of the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society to you, its readers. It would be remiss of me if I did not, before closing, thank those people who have made this work possible. There are, of course the presenters themselves. But there are also the many people who have given of their time to proof-reading the various texts, compositing and preparing them for publication. To them I extend my thanks and appreciation.

Like me, I am sure they wish you happy reading.

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