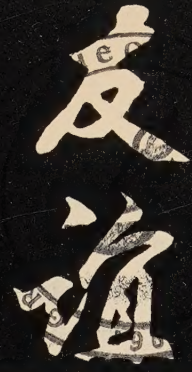


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BISHOP'S CONVOCATION ADDRESS, 1972

II Cor. 12:9, "And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness....."

In my Institution Sermon and first Convocation Address last year, I said that I came to work in Taiwan somewhat like St. Paul went to preach at Corinth "in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling" (I Cor. 2:3). I had no experience as a bishop (my predecessor, the late Rt. Rev. James C. L. Wong, had been a bishop for five years before he was trans-



Bishop Pong & the Clergy

lated to Taiwan). I had had very little experience in raising large sums of money (The Diocese was and still is very much in debt), my spoken Mandarin was very poor, and I was not familiar with the local situation in which the Church works, etc.

Again like St. Paul, God answered my prayers in granting sufficient grace and strength to me to begin my episcopal duties inspite of all my weaknesses. God has also taught me a similar lesson through the Chinese sage, Mencius, who said that Heaven would never have charged us with anything without giving us the power to accomplish it. (Mencius, Book 6, Part II, Ch, 15, Art. 2). "故天將降大任於是人也，必先苦其心志……空乏其身，和用其他方法，曾益其所能" (孟子告子章句下十五章二節)。

With this brief theological introduction, let me review the work of the Diocese in the past year.

Despite the financial difficulties (huge debts to the S. E. Asia Revolving Loan Fund, etc and later also to a local bank at a high rate of interest), we managed to complete several small but much needed projects which were planned several to ten years before I came. In June, 1971 we bought some land near Kaoshiung to build the Christian Cemetery in the South (a Christian Cemetery for our Church members was planned by Bishop Gilson as far back as 1961). In September 1971 the Nursery in St. James' Church, Taichung, was opened to serve the neighborhood 400 families (again this project was planned three or four years ago). In September, too, the 4th Student Dormitory accommodating 400 students and the extension of the Work-Shop

and Dining Hall at St. John's and St Mary's Institute of Technology were completed for use at the beginning of the new academic year. Again it was in September, 1971 that the St. Andrew's Clinic, at Chading was re-opened for service to the local fishermen. Another Clinic, a dental one, was opened in November at San Di Mun, south of Kaoshung for service to the aborigines.

The latest project to complete was the new St. Peter's Girls Hostel building at Chiayi which was formally opened only this morning. Of these 6 projects, 2 are ecumenical..... the Christian Cemetery and the Dental Clinic in which



Opening Eucharist at St. James' church

three to four churches cooperate. These projects were made possible through the generosity of MRI, UTO, CCSEA, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of PECUSA, and donations from Dioceses and friends in America, Hong Kong, Canada Japan and Taiwan.

In my last Convocation address, I proposed an increase of local giving by 8% a year, so that we shall be about 50% self-supporting in 5 years' time. The total 25% assessment from each mission and unorganized mission (we still have no self-supporting parish yet) for 1971 has far exceeded the proposed 8%. I hope this can be continued for next 4 years. But it will become more difficult, unless our Church membership also increases, for most of our present Churchmembers simply cannot increase their giving continually by 8% a year for five consecutive years. The hope of self-support will have to depend more on our service projects like the Kindergartens, student hostels, clinics (with license to treat labour-insured workers) etc. which bring in some income and on development projects on some of our present land and buildings.

In numbers, too, there has been some increase during the year. Confirmations totalled 147 and is the highest in record so far. But the increase in baptisms and church attendance is not significant, and in a few cases showed decrease, especially in the English-speaking services. The Taiwanese services also increase very slowly.

There was one Ordination Service last year when the Rev. Stephen K. H. Hu and Rev. Jason Ke were ordained priests on St. Peter's Day (June 29th) at St. John's Cathedral. Rev. Hu continued to be curate at Good Shepherd while Rev. Ke continues his work at the Diocesan Office and Epiphany Chapel as well as takes on the vicarship of Holy Trinity Church, Keelung, concurrently.

However, we should not lay too much emphasis on numbers. (I Chronicles 21 records that David was once tempted by Satan to number Israel and God sent a pestilence as punishment). If our churches are now small and attendance poor, we shall emphasize more on quality and performance. In this respect, I am glad to report on some progress. During the year, the lay people's interest and involvement in the

work of the church showed a marked increase. Many present members attended church more regularly and increased their financial contributions and voluntary service to the church. A joint retreat and conference of clergy and lay leaders was held in April for the first time. During the conference the lay members made some very constructive and practical suggestions for the improvement of the work of the diocese. In more than one church they have asked for the opening of Bible classes and discussion groups. On the whole there are signs of spiritual growth in their lives.

Before I came, the Strategy and Planning Committee of the Diocese had made a recommendation for the further training of clergy in order to increase the effectiveness of their service. During 1971, two were sent abroad for study--Rev. John Ling will finish his STM Course at the Virginia Theological Seminary in May and the Rev. Henry Pan did a three-month course on the Bible and Comparative Religion at St George's College, Jerusalem from Sept. to Dec. 1971. Locally, several clergy learn English and Taiwanese and one takes refresher courses at Taiwan Theological College.

In ecumenical work, our Diocese continues and in certain cases also increases our support for the Ecumenical Co-operative Committee (I am serving on its Executive), the Taiwan Christian Service (one of our layman, Mr. F. T. Ley is Chairman and an Episcopal priest Rev. Robert Burch is Associate Director.), The Bible Society (our Ma Shou Wah is Vice-Chairman), The Tainan Theological College (where our ordinands are trained), the Tunghai University (which has asked for our Diocese's support for expanding its Social Work Department), The Christian Tribune (to which several of our Clergy regularly contribute articles and editorials), the Catholic Institute for Social Action in China and the South Taiwan Ecumenical Industrial Ministry of which there are quite a few Episcopalian members.

I also encourage my clergy and people to support the Ecumenical Centre for the Study of Chinese religious and culture at Chung Hwa Rd. Taipei, for dialogue between Christianity and the Non-Christian religions.

The Chairman of the Strategy and Planning Committee, Canon Edmund Der, will later in the Convocation report to you in detail on our plans for development in the next few years, and so I will just briefly mention here what we hope to accomplish in 1972. First and



TEA PARTY & FELLOWSHIP

foremost will be the building of the Bishop James C. L. Wong Memorial Chapel (a two and a quarter million N.T. project) at St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology which we hope will be completed in September when we shall invite Mrs. Wong and her children to

return for the Opening. There will be no more major building projects this year unless we are sure of the need as well as the money.

The further training of the clergy will continue as usual with one going to General Theological Seminary in New York and alone as well as jointly with the clergy.



Photo-Exhibition & Ecumenical Guests.

another going to St. George's College, Jerusalem.

The Stewardship Campaign will continue as usual, with the hope of another 8% annual increase. More lay people will be mobilized for voluntary work, and conference and retreats will be arranged by them (not for them)

This report on work in 1971 and plans for 1972, already quite long, is not exhaustive and I have made some important omissions such as the Diocesan Women's Work under Mrs. C. C. Hsu and the college and University student work was revitalized during the year.

Personnel changes during the year 1971 include Archdeacon Patric Hutton and family who left our Diocese after ten years of fruitful service. We miss their valuable help (Laura gave me voluntary help with English Correspondence and Timothy was Chief acolyte at my Consecration), but are happy to know that Pat has a flourishing parish in Arlington, Texas. Rev. James Ling and family will soon leave (awaiting visa) for Mauritius to serve the one thousand Chinese Anglicans there. Our Diocese is glad that we have contributed two missionaries to serve the Chinese overseas. In March this year we shall lose our only American missionary Miss Louise Reiley, who has devoted 40 years of her life in serving the Chinese people first in mainland China and finally in Taiwan. May God bless her with a long and happy retirement.

With this total loss of full time American personnel, we are most glad that the new Associate Director of the Taiwan Christian Service who came in Feb. 1971 is an Episcopal priest who is giving us invaluable help with our English services and advice on our Diocesan welfare work. Two C.M.S. missionaries, Rev. Geoffrey Johnson and Rev. Roy Taylor, were studying Chinese language here for service in Singapore or Sabah. Rev. and Mrs. Johnson left for Singapore in March, but we are delighted that Rev. Taylor, M.A. (Cantab.) decided to stay on in Taiwan, and he has since been a great help to us in our English work and College student work (in Mandarin) first in Taipei and now in Tainan. Father Walter Morse, S.S.J.E., D.D. was in Taipei doing splendid welfare and relief work as well as conducting a Sunday English service at Yangmingshan Chapel long before the Episcopal Church came to Taiwan in 1954, and he courageously continued his work despite advancing age (80 in June) and ill-health.

In concluding my report, I wish to quote from the English novelist and poet, George Meredith, who said in one of his poems, "Who rises from Prayer a better man, his prayer is answered." God has answered our prayers for financial and personnel help in our work in the Diocese for the past year. However, God has given us such material help not as an end in itself, but for the better fulfilment of His purpose. In St. Paul's case, God's answer was the assurance that his grace was sufficient for all his need---- physical, material and spiritual. It is the same in our case, and we give thanks to God granting us sufficient grace to meet all our need in our witness and service for Him and the Taiwan Episcopal Church.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVOCATION

First time in Taichung: This 12th Diocesan Convocation was held at St. James' Church and Teacher's Hostel. The ECW of St. James' had really been working hard to host the Convocation

with four tea parties, lots of coffee and hundreds of good cookies. The St. James congregation is a small one but very close and hospitable. They even bought a beautiful red carpet for the altar and so gave the delegates a 'Red Carpet Treatment,



Chancellor-Prof H. Ma explaining the canons

Eucharist and also the tea party afterwards. Representatives from the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran and TEAM-Far-East Broadcasting Co. subsidiary, YMCA were our guests.

Photo-Exhibition: Back in 1968 when the 8th Convocation was held in the Church of the Good Shepherd, a small Diocesan Photo Exhibition was held. This time, Mr. C. C. Tsu and his family put in a great effort in collecting photos from every Church and organisation and departments of the Executive Council to hold this excellent exhibition. Prizes of the First Diocesan Photo Contest were also given by Mrs. J. Pong to the churches participated. All the entries were exhibited. It was very interesting to find in some historical pictures the younger days of the viewer. We certainly miss our missionary friends too.

Convocation worship: We started with a Convocation Eucharist, in which the Bishop celebrated and gave the charge (see front page). Many clergy took part in the service. The other two days we have Communion at the conference Hall, also our noon day prayer and evening prayer. For the latter, one regret is no music,

Ecumenical Dinner:

Since this is the first time we have a Convocation in Taichung the Executive Council had planned to invite leaders of the other churches & church organisations to come and join us for a 'love feast' and to see the photo exhibition, attend the Opening

New Canons: New Canons had been passed to formally establish the Diocesan Finance Committee and the Commission on Ministry. The DFC had been in operation for three years under the Executive Council with their own by-laws, but now it will have its legal status. The Bishop is chairman and the appointed Treasurer, Mr. William Wang-General Manager of PAA-Taipei, is ex-officio and three other members, for this year one clergy Fr. Chun-Shi Ou, and two laymen were elected. The members of the Ministry council consists of 4 lay and 4 clergy.

A Taste of Democracy: In the last Convocation, request had been made by delegates to reform the canon so that all the Convocation staff could be elected and not appointed by the Diocesan, as we also elected our Bishop. So this year, the Bishop relinquished his authority and let the Council of Advice and the Diocesan Finance Committee be elective. It was a good and healthy sign towards a more responsible church.

Interested and interesting: In the past, reports were all written and no oral reports or questioning from the floor. This convocation we have both and many good ideas had been shared and corners plucked out.

Issue of the Schools: There was a heated debate on the debt of St. John and St. Mary's Institute of Technology and on when the Boone College be built. Patience, and careful budgeting are the only ways to help. A young struggling Institute needs careful nurture and maturing besides financial output. But the academic records and achievements of SJSMIT had certainly won admiration. Mrs. Vivien Yen-the President. came in person to give the report to the Convocation for the first time.

Excellent Record: The Finance Committee had very effectively controlled the financial crises of the past years. Now, the total increase of last year in giving to the Diocesan 25% of the pledge and loose offering of all the churches had an increase of 27.56% over that of 1970. The total diocesan balance of 1971 was: \$193,737.36 NT or nearly \$5000 US, though New York had cut back the subsidy to \$88,650 US.

Distribution of Expenses:

	1971	1972
Personnel Expenses	60.92%	54.42%
Program & Administration	36.40%	42.47%
For Outside of Diocese	2.68%	3.11%

We are moving towards better program with fewer personnel

Women in the Council: Mrs. Cho Chin Tsu, formerly Diocesan ECW Chairman and delegate to the 1970 Houston Women's Triennial had been elected the first Woman in the Council of Advice. She had truly been dedicating much time and effort in the ECW.

The Diocesan ECW had been promoted again into a department of the Executive Council.

Clergy Stipend: The Finance Committee proposed and Convocation passed a resolution to extend the clergy annual increment to 15 years, five years longer than the old scale.

Noon-day prayer: Led by Rev. Roy Taylor, CMS missionary, with good Cambridge Chinese. It was a meditation from St. John's Gospel the 'I am' theme. It was most appropriate for a Convocation.

Bishop Ran off: The delegates were quite surprised to find the Bishop dressed un-clerical on the third session and ran off. He purposely let the house of clergy to discuss questions like 'comments on the Bishop's Charge' issues on clergy appointment further study, clergy sacrifice and discipline. The laity also had a good bull session with bold questions-Group Therapy?

A Gift for Miss Louise Reiley: Miss Louise Reiley had served 40 years for the Chinese people first in Hankow and then in the Philippines and the last 6 years in Koashiung. She will be retiring in March and at the Convocation, all the delegates joined in sending her a cross made of jade. At the presentation Miss Reiley said that she had served some 9 Bishops and loved every one of them. Very often people thought bishops are magicians who can make money but they are also men who need our prayer and love and support.

IMPRESSIONS FROM REV. ROY TAYLOR:

This first meeting was held in the newly built St. James' Church in Taichung; but the rest of the meetings took place in the Teachers' Hostel. This building, constructed in ancient Chinese style with an abundance of red pillars, was undergoing extensive redecoration at the time of our stay; but the comfort of the soft beds was very welcome after long hours of listening and discussing.

From the reports that were given it was obvious that there was an abundance of activity within the diocese, despite the smallness of its size. There are, however, many problems to be faced, and it is obvious that great wisdom is going to be needed in assessing priorities for the future. Above all our church needs men and women who are Spirit-led, well instructed in the faith, and concerned to share their faith with others.

Catching up with the Past-November & December News.

Bishop Pong Brought Good News

From Preaching Trip in the U. S. and Hong Kong

During his two months tour in the U. S. for the House of Bishop's meeting, Bishop Pong visited and preached in many places for the 150th Anniversary of the Foreign & Domestic Missionary Society. In an interview with the "Friendship"

correspondent the Bishop summarised his trip with the following points:

1. The New York Episcopal headquarters notified us of the good news that there will be no cut in the budget for 1972.
2. The Episcopal Churchwomen UTO granted our Diocese \$5000 US to help St. Peter's Church to build a Hostel for high school girls, also \$20,000 US for the building of the Bishop Wong Memorial Chapel.
3. Loan of \$17,000 US to build the Chapel. Was negotiated and approved.
4. On Oct. 30, 1971 the New York Times and the Washington Post reported Bishop Pong's Protest against the the UN illegal action.
5. Visited Fr. John Ling at Virginia Theological Seminary, Fr. Ling will be coming back in June 1972.
6. Talked to Fr. Peyton Craighill on the phone and heard that he and his wife had a new baby boy. Hoping that they will come back to Taiwan in July 1972.
7. Preached at the historic Ordination of Women Priests in Hong Kong on Nov. 28th, 1971. Sermon quoted in many world famous papers.

\$902 US collected for 150th Anniversary

Our Diocese had been designated as one of the 6 recipients of the 150th Anniversary Fund (for helping the Younger Churches Towards self-support) and we were the first overseas diocese to send in contributions to New York. We collected a total of \$36,101.00 NT or \$902.75 US. This is the first time such a large sum had been donated from our various churches for a missionary purpose. The US dollar devaluation and the subsequent NT devaluation does not affect any of our love for missionary work. The Episcopal Church cut-back of the last three years has really been a healthy effect on us. We have grown much stronger in selfhood and stewardship.

More lay participation in the Chinese Bimonthly Diocesan News

This last year had seen a real boom in lay participation in many Diocesan events including the clergy conference and the writing of articles and donation of money to support Diocesan Communication work. Every issue of the Episcopal Diocesan News has several articles by laymen. Recently the College students have also written three essays. They had always been behind the editor's desk to help.

Bible Study not only for Women in Good Shepherd

At the Parish Annual Meeting on Dec. 20th, 1971, Sunday, the young people were decorating the Tree while the parents at coffee. The Vicar mentioned a wish of holding a weekly Bible Study next Spring and specially for the ladies. Protests were made not for women only but for men & women together. So, Good Shepherd started in January weekly study on Bible Words and Christian Meanings by Bp. S. Neil and had been enthusiastically attended.

Diocesan College Fellowship Revived

After the September Northern Deanery meeting Canon E. Der and Fr. C. Chen had been assigned to help reorganise the Northern Deanery College Fellowship. We counted about 80 Episcopal students studying in various colleges in Taipei and about 20 recent graduates now working. There are about 25 Episcopalians teaching in the Universities and Junior Colleges. So, the students were organised into a fellowship. Miss Kwei-min Chin and Mr. James Y. C. Chen were elected presidents. They have been meeting twice a month at Epiphany Chapel, Advent Chapel, the Cathe-

dral and Good Shepherd. There is still a lack of cohesion and fellowship because they all come from various colleges and it is planned that each group will still run its own meetings next semester but have two joint meetings as in the Spring Conference and summer conference.

Taichung College Students Retreat

About 20 students (many among them catechumens) joined Fr. H. C. Wang on Nov. 11-12 at the Ku-Kuan Retreat House. For many of them this was the first taste of a Christian fellowship. The Candle-light service was certainly the climax of the Retreat. They also invited a Kuomintang official to come to analyse international appeasement and our attitude. This helped the students to learn something about Christian citizenship and responsibility.

Mrs. Delinger recalled Founding of St. James' Church, Taichung.

Mrs. Delinger and young Paul 14 are now staying at Friendship House for this year so that Paul can really learn his mother's tongue, the Chinese language. Fr. Delinger was professor at Tunghai University, Taichung in 1961 and he gathered a few American MAAG officers to use a small room as the chapel at the MAAG compounds. The attendance was very good at that time. The small seed that was sown now bears fruit in the work of St. James Church. Fr. Wang the Vicar reported recently that the nursery has 26 children and the Christmas celebration called out 200 neighbors and friends to come. School bus to be in service in February.

All Saints Church Pre-X'mas Clothing Drive for the needy

More than 100 pieces of clothing were collected by the ECW of All Saints Church and sent to Taiwan Christian Service. The Associate Director, Fr. Robert Burch is an Episcopal priest. Many churches are also planning to help raise fund for TCS which is now trying to be self-supporting.

Epiphany-1st Anniversary Bishop Pong Consecration

Epiphany is the memorable 1st anniversary of Bishop James Pong's consecration. He celebrated Communion at his own chapel that morning and then entertained Mr. F. T. Lei, Canon & Mrs. Der, Mr. & Mrs. Brewster Campbell at breakfast. The



St. James' Church College Students Retreat



Ecumenical Students Winter Conference

Campbells arrived recently from Kuala Lumpur and Mr. Campbell is now Manager of the Bank of America Taipei, attending the Church of the Good Shepherd regularly.

The Cathedral parishioners held a Eucharist at 6 p.m. and also a tea party for the Bishop. A big cake was cut and as Bishop Pong reminisced about the past year, there were appreciative smiles. He certainly is loved and respected.

Cathedral ECW-Busy and charitable

Mrs. Tsu, the Diocesan ECW chairman reported that the Cathedral ladies were very busy preparing for the Annual Rummage Sale which netted over \$250 US. proceeds were used for the purchase for orphanages and old folks homes for Christmas. Canon M. C. Chia led the team on Dec. 18th, 1971 to distribute presents for the veterans old folks homes.

Northern Deanery

On. Dec. 10th, 1971 at 8:30 a.m. the Northern Deanery meeting opened with Holy Communion at the Epiphany chapel and then discussion. Five churches plus the Epiphany chapel are included in this deanery. Monthly workshops for lay readers, acolytes, altar guilds and teachers will be held next Spring.

Second Missionary from Taiwan

Fr. James K. F. Ling bound for Mauritius

Mauritius, the island nation out in the Western Indian Ocean has quite a sizable Chinese congregation (Hakka speaking) and they had no priest for thirteen years. Mrs. To, wife of the former priest carried on the work very bravely and now Fr. Ling of Holy Trinity Church, Keelung has answered the call to go. He will leave Taiwan immediately after the convocation for Hong Kong via India to Mauritius. The Rev. Jason Ke, the Bishop's chaplain is now Vicar of Trinity and he and Mrs. Ke go to Keelung at weekends while the Epiphany chapel will hold evening services in Taiwanese (Min-nan dialect).



Special Activities in Tainan

During the winter vacation three special activities are to take place under the auspices of Grace Church. The first is a conference for senior young people, to be held from 30th January to 1st February; there will be Bible Studies on the subject of stewardship and lectures on psychology given by Dr. Alan Cole. The second is a Music Camp from 1st to 3rd February at which Dr. Beeby will speak on the Psalms, Rev. R. W. Taylor will speak on "Music and the World", Miss Kathleen Moody will talk about "The Enjoyment of Music" Mr. Loh will lecture on Chinese and folk music and Mrs. Tan will conduct sessions on choral singing; there will also be opportunity for the singing of modern Christian music. The third is a conference for Junior Young People to be held from 3rd to 6th February, when there will be opportunity to study the faith of great men, to take part in a Bible knowledge contest and two other contests. All will be held at St. Michael's House.

Taiwanese Services at Grace Church

After the Convention it is proposed to start Taiwanese services at Grace Church on Sunday afternoons. This will be in addition to the usual morning Mandarin service.

News from St. Michael's

The work of the student hostel in Tainan gives much cause for encouragement:

there is a great bond of friendship amongst the students, and some are looking for a faith of their own. A choir of eleven students sang at our first carol service on 24th December. We have a basketball team which up to now enjoyed moderate success. At the time of going to press most of the students are away on holiday; but with trips to the students' homes and the events mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, the warden has no time to put his feet up. A table tennis table is under construction; this was made possible by a kind gift from members of St. John's Hensingham in England. The new term begins at the start of March, and your prayers are asked for a great work of God.

Important Visitors to the Diocese in February

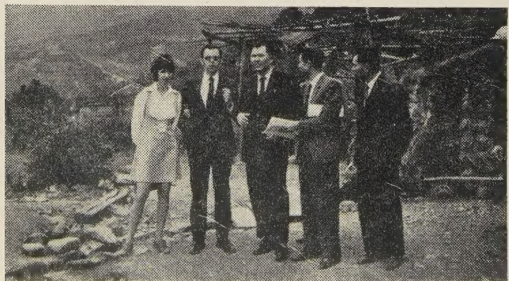
The Rev. John Carden, Asia Secretary of the Church Missionary Society of the Church of England which is supporting the work of the Rev. Roy Taylor in our Diocese, will be in Taiwan on February 13-15 to acquaint himself with the work of Rev. Taylor as well as that of the Diocese.

The Rt. Rev. E. Lani Hanchett, Bishop of the Diocese of Hawaii, and Mrs. Hanchett will be in Taiwan on February 16-18. At the House of Bishops meeting in America last October Bishop Hanchett suggested to Bishop Pong and Bishop Benito Cabanban of the Philippines that a closer relationship should exist among the three Episcopal dioceses in the Pacific, and he is coming out to promote this new relationship.

We extend to them both our warmest welcome.

Last Word

- What did you think of the missionary meeting?
- It was great. -Did you like the speaker?
- Of course. He put it all so vividly. It was just like being there yourself.
- Yes, I thought so too. He really made you feel you wanted to do something to help.
- That's just the trouble. For a day or two everybody feels keen; but soon they are just as indifferent as always.
- It's a pity we can't have more missionary speakers.
- Do you think that would help?
- Can you think of a better way?
- Yes, I can. why can't we have a regular meeting-say every month? A sort of do-it-yourself meeting. people could collect information and report. And we could pray together.
- Do you think it would work?
- It's up to us to make it it work. Let's go and see the minister and talk about it.



The Burches inspecting
Self-help projects.



Episcopalians in the Taiwan Christian Service:
From left: Rev. M. T. Kwang, executive director
(Presbyterian)
Mrs. R. Burch, Fr. Robert Burch, assistant director,
Mr. F. T. Ley, chairman of the Board