

# BISHOP CROTTY DEAD

**Right Rev. Horace Crotty, Dean of Newcastle from 1919 till 1928 and Bishop of Bathurst from 1928 till 1936, died in London on Wednesday.**

Dr. Crotty, 65, took ill at a meeting of the Lower House Convocation of Canterbury in Church House, Westminster. He died on the way to hospital.

He was Rural Dean and Vicar of Hove (Sussex).

The Bishop of Newcastle (Rev. F. de Witt Batty) will conduct Requiem Eucharist for Dr. Crotty in the Warriors' Chapel at Christ Church Cathedral at 7 a.m. on Tuesday.

## Bishop's Tribute

Bishop Batty said last night that it was a great shock to hear of the death of Dr. Crotty.

"Dr. Crotty and I had been in fairly constant communication," he said. "He always took the greatest interest in the Cathedral, and he and I had been friends for more than 30 years.

"He was a preacher of great distinction, with a gift for picturesque phraseology. He was at his best in large churches and speaking to large congregations.

"His ministry at St. Thomas's, North Sydney, where he was rector for six or seven years, will make him well re-



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membered, and also his time at Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle, in which he did probably his best work in Australia.

"The Warrior's Chapel was conceived by his heart and mind, and he would probably regard this as his best visible memorial in Newcastle.

"Although it is nearly 25 years since he left Newcastle, he still has a host of friends here. The news of his death will bring for many keen personal bereavement."

Dr. Crotty was born at Bleasby, near Nottingham, England, where his father, Rev. E. C. Crotty, held a rural living. When his father volunteered for overseas service in Australia, the family came to Newcastle. Dr. Crotty's father held several posts in this diocese.

## Brilliant Scholar

Dr. Crotty was educated at the Melbourne Grammar School and Trinity College, Melbourne University, where he won two open scholarships. His university career was meteoric. He gained first place in the first-class honours list in every year of his course, being successively exhibitor in logic and in philosophy, and the university's final scholar in the school of mental and moral philosophy, graduating at 20 with a brilliant B.A. degree. In his theological training he was again awarded first position in the first-class honour list for the Th.L. examination. He was subsequently awarded his Doctorate of Divinity by Toronto University, and the Fellowship of the Australian College of Theology.

Dr. Crotty began his career as resident master under Bishop Long at Trinity Grammar School, Kew. Thence he rapidly passed to the headmastership of the Church of England Grammar School, St. Kilda, which he left in 1911, becoming vicar of St. James's, Ivanhoe, Melbourne. After a year's ministry there, he was

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ing of St. Peter's, Ballarat, but refused preferment.

In the next year, a call came from the parish of St. Thomas's, North Sydney, one of the most important parish churches of Australia. There he exercised a memorable ministry for six years, restoring the fabric of the magnificent parish church at a cost of many thousand pounds.

In 1917 he was called to the living of St. John's, Toorak, Melbourne, but again refused, and enlisted as a chaplain in the A.I.F., in which he saw active service with the 10th Brigade, being with them through all the later operations on the Somme.

He subsequently was associated with Bishop Long, occupying a position on his staff when Bishop Long was Director-General in charge of the education service. Shortly after his return to his charge of St. Thomas's, Dr. Crotty was elected Dean of Newcastle,

a position which he filled till his appointment as Bishop of Bathurst on January 31, 1928.

