

PEAL OF BELLS FOR ST PAUL'S

ROCKHAMPTON, February 28.

A movement has been started by the parishioners of St Paul's Cathedral Parish to instal a peal of bells in commemoration of the coming of peace. English firms of bell manufacturers have been written to and it has been ascertained that the cost of installing a peal of eight bells will be approximately £2500.

At a largely attended meeting of parishioners Canon Dale, Rector of St Paul's, in giving a comprehensive account of the scheme and of the preparatory work leading up to the meeting, said that a peal of bells would be a worthy and fitting thanksgiving memorial for victory and peace.

A spirit of progress was abroad in Rockhampton and the Central District and plans for development were being carried out. There was a general desire to beautify the city and extend its amenities. Central Queensland had a future. That future depended upon those who would work together, and, while a disruptive tendency showed itself in a minority, would steadily build-up and improve our community life.

Beautification was a matter not only of sight, but of sound. Amid the ugly noises of present-day life there was a need for melody. A good peal of bells would in this sense change Rockhampton. The chiming of bells was a joyful and beautiful thing, associated in most of the cities of our christian civilisation with the glad occasion of civic and religious life.

It had a spiritual value, lifting the heart of man above material things. It was said that religion

had lost its strength and vigour, that peace and a reasonable happiness for man on earth was impossible, unless man regained his faith and sense of spiritual values.

faith and sense of spiritual values. To set up this peal in Rockhampton would be to sound a defiance against pessimism and materialism.

It would be at least one act of faith, not only in Rockhampton as a worthy city for Central Queensland, but also in the future revival and strength of the Christian religion. It would express in cultural terms a firm belief that better and brighter days were coming.

The cost of the project, added Canon Dale, would be no more than that of a modest swimming pool for a boarding school. He believed that the church people of the city and neighbourhood, assisted by citizens generally who would appreciate and enjoy the amenity provided, could carry out the scheme.

The following committee to consider ways and means of furthering the project was appointed: Canon Dale, Dr D. Skyring, Dr F. E. Voss, Matron Greene, Mesdames Ash, Voss, Walker, Rigby and Cook, Messrs H. Jeffries, T. Macaulay, C. A. R. Luck, H. V. Happle, H. Chapple, G. Rigby, E. James and A. D. Jolly (hon secretary).