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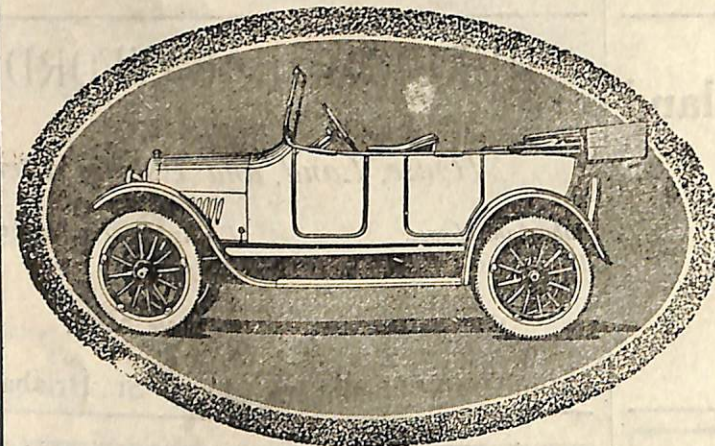
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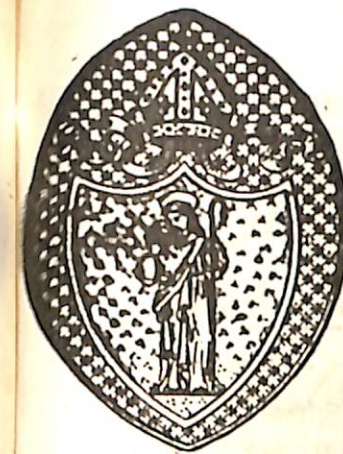
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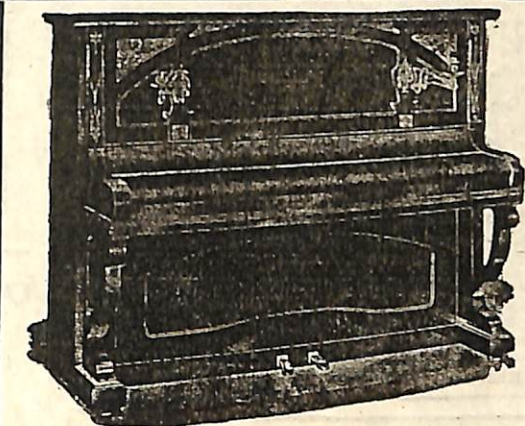
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Editorial Notes.

The Missionary School was very successful. The Preparatory School on the Range was kindly lent by the Head Master, Mr Gill, and there was an attendance of about 40. The leaders of the circles were Canons Davies and Campling, and the Revs. W. H. W. Stevenson, A. Duff, S. Watkin, Walter Thompson and G. F. Hanbury. Each evening there was a devotional service and addresses by the Rev. J. S. Needham on God's call to men for Mission work. No forty people could have harmonized more completely together in what was in very reality a happy family, and all came away feeling that not only had they had a very happy and refreshing time, but that they had learned a great deal both from the books studied and from each other. It is to be hoped that this auspicious beginning of a valuable piece of Church work is an earnest that it will grow and expand in delight and usefulness.

At the Southend Church Congress the Bishop of Chelmsford, himself of the Evangelical school, appealed for fair play to the Anglo-Catholic. He said there were four possible policies: To repress, to tolerate, to expel, to recognise. He favoured the last. "This," his Lordship said, "is a policy by which the gulf which exists should be bridged, and that the members of this great party should cease to be tolerated, but recognised as loyal members of the Church. A friend of mine, a strong Evangelical of a conservative type, after attending the Anglo-Catholic Congress, told me that at times he thought he was at Keswick. Could any finer Evangelical message be delivered than that which 'Father' Stanton gave at St. Albans? Said this Anglo-Catholic: 'Be an Anglican, Roman or Nonconformist, be what you like as long as you are Christ's and Christ is yours for ever and ever. That is the point, that is the kernel, that is the Eternal Salvation.' It is no exaggeration to say that hundreds, if not thousands, to-day are living in touch with their Lord through his ministry, but that ministry practically never received any recognition from the Church which had ordained him priest. The Church produced John Wesley and Edward Pusey, and both were priests within her fold. She persecuted and hindered both in their ministry. How long is this policy to continue? The question is this: Is there room in the Church of Christ for the Anglo-Catholic Congress and for the Islington Congress? If there is, is there room in the Church of England for both? If there is not, let us say so and let one depart, but if both are to exist, side by side, make it possible for both to be happy in their spiritual home."

The year 1921 has opened calamitously for the Church Missionary Society in New South Wales. On the evening of January 3rd the offices and rooms were completely gutted by fire. Nothing has been saved except a few charred papers and some deeds from the safe. Stock-in-trade, office appointments, records, rare and valuable curios, personal effects, splendid library, luncheon-room furniture—all have been reduced to ashes! The

difficulties of resuming work are many and might well daunt the most enthusiastic. The General Committee has determined that, by the Grace of God, there shall be no retreat, and confidently calls upon Church-people to assist in the work of restoration. Contributions may be sent to the temporary offices, Chapter House (lower hall), George Street, Sydney.

As there is considerable discussion about Spiritualism, we give as our Leader this month some extracts from the Lambeth Reports. A writer in the *Auckland Church Gazette* sums up in the following appropriate terms: "Many people seem to get their minds hopelessly tangled up about Spiritualism through loose thinking. It is necessary to distinguish between Spiritualism as an explanation of certain mysterious phenomena and Spiritualism as a religion. Now Spiritualism is not really a religion at all, but some people become so obsessed with it that they have neither time nor inclination for the services and sacraments of the Church, and Christian doctrine ceases to interest them. Spiritualism has nothing of real value to add to Christian teaching regarding the world to come, and it has many dangers. Still we must keep our minds open and alert to welcome new knowledge. The report of the Lambeth Conference reminds us that 'it is possible that we may be on the threshold of a new science, which will by another method of approach confirm us in the assurance of a world behind and beyond the world we see, and of something within us by which we are in contact with it.'"

MARRIAGES DURING LENT.

Church people are reminded that Lent begins this year on 9th February, and that from that time until after Easter, 27th March, marriages are not permitted except by special dispensation. The Feast of the Annunciation falls on Good Friday, and when this occurs it is transferred to Tuesday after Low Sunday.

ANGLICAN CHURCH MISSION.

It is some time now since the Anglican Church Mission has been able to report in the *Chronicle* owing to its work being so closely associated with the work amongst returned soldiers, but as the Anzac Club has now removed to new premises, the Mission will again be able to devote itself to its own Mission and Social work. We will not be able to report to what extent we shall be able to carry out our wishes, but we hope to report monthly our progress. A new department has been opened up by the appointment of Mr. Charles Kitchen as Visiting Chaplain to the General Hospital. This is a most important piece of Mission work and his regular visitations of five days a week are much appreciated by the many patients. Every patient is visited but the names of the Church of England members are noted and where desired, notification is given to the various Clergy. The Newsboys' Club which has been held during the past five years in St. Andrew's Mission Hall, South Brisbane, will now be re-instated at St. Luke's, and we are pleased to report that the boys have just spent a most enjoyable picnic and camp again at the Tweed. A number of young men have enlisted for the nucleus of a band and Mr. Kitchen is devoting his spare evenings to this work. The open-air services for 1921 will recommence on Friday, 4th February, at Boundary Street, Petrie's Bight.

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THE NEXUS.

Sir,—I notice in a recent issue of the *Chronicle* the Students of "St. Francis' College" are being educated in the arguments in favour of the severing of the Church. What I would like to know is, what is being done to place the other side of the nexus question before the Students. One would imagine from recent utterances and actions that it is the adopted policy of the Authorities that we should do all we possibly can to sever our connection with the Church in England, regardless of the fact that by an overwhelming majority at Synod it was decided otherwise.—I am, Sir, etc.,
Brisbane, 7th January, 1921. LAYMAN.

CRITICISMS OF THE "CHURCH CHRONICLE."

Sir,—I am glad to see from recent issues that some readers of the *Church Chronicle* are taking a live interest in the paper, and would like to add a word or two if you can squeeze them in. How many readers are really satisfied with the paper as it is at present? I am afraid the number is not large—if such is the case what is the reason? As your correspondent, 138 Bengal, states "too many advertisements, too little reading matter" about answers that question. As regards advertisements, every paper must have them no matter what its size, but the proportion in relation to reading matter should not be as large as it is now in the *Church Chronicle*. Naturally there are differences of opinion as to what the reading matter should consist of. Some are for Parish Notes, others instruction, articles on current events, etc. Well, why not have them all? It can be done if ??? Surely in this large Diocese there are enough church-people keen enough to support and read a really decent Church monthly, and for the sake of the Church do a little canvassing for new subscribers occasionally. It ought to be made possible for the management by the subscribers themselves to finance the production of at least twelve issues of a large paper, not necessarily limited to 80 pages, either by cash donations or guaranteeing a number of subscriptions. You, on your part, Mr Editor, I am confident would provide us with something worth reading. Perhaps the Diocesan authorities would help with the finances if their attention were directed to it. I should like to know what other readers think about this subject as I feel confident we ought to, and will have some day, a good magazine—the sooner the better. Our present paper has not grown in size during the last 20 years, so it is about time someone made a move to push it on. Publicity is what the C. of E. wants and this is one of the best ways of getting it to my mind.—I am, Sir, etc.,
READER.

Sir,—So far as I can understand the first important point to face is the financial side. It is stated in your notes of January 1st. that if 4,000 copies were sold at 2d. and there were no expenses of distribution the income would be considerably less than half the cost of paper and printing if it were decided to exclude advertisements. Would it be too much to suggest that the advertisements remain as they are, and that each parish be assessed according to the probable number of Church families so that the cost per month be assured, and that the paper be distributed free to all Church supporters? If one were to go into details I suppose it would be found that less than 40% of Church families are subscribers to the *Chronicle*. By adopting this suggestion the paper would have a wider circulation and its influence would be largely extended. No doubt some church-wards would object to any further assessment on their parishes, but the sum required would amount to only a very few shillings per month and it is probable that the wider influence which the paper would effect by entering so many more homes would assure the extra finance incurred.—I am, Sir, etc., J. W. HARVEY.
Ipswich, January 15th, 1921.

Sir,—Of course letter No. 2 in December issue is "foolish and un-business-like"; it is more, it is absurd! And no one was more surprised to read it in print than the writer. It has served its purpose well, in that it has "shocked" from an intelligent layman a thoroughly common-sense letter on the question at issue. And although Mr Flint's suggestion are outside "practical politics" under existing circumstances (vide Editor's notes "Journalism" January issue), is it too much to hope that letter No. 2 inspired his conclusion, which voices the one great thing lacking to make the *Church Chronicle* the success that it ought to be, viz., a right ideal.

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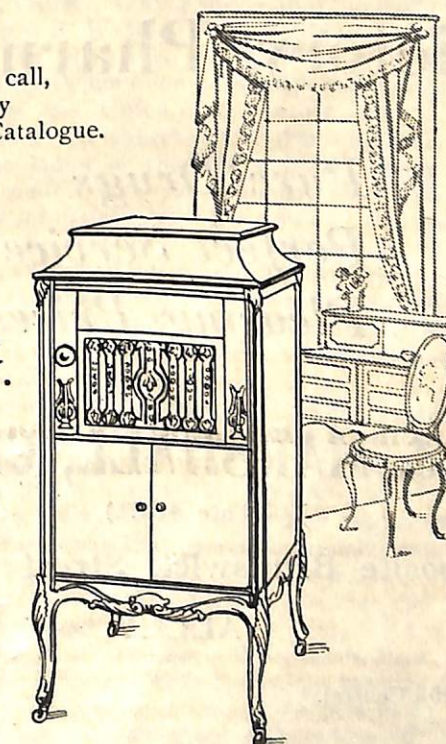
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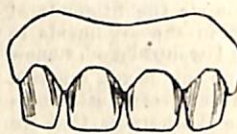
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"DE REBUS COMMUNIBUS."

Sir,—Doubling the price of the *Church Chronicle*, though no doubt necessary for financial reasons, will, I imagine, re-act upon itself, and when once more settled down, we shall be *in statu quo*, except that there will be half the number of subscribers at double the price. Price doubling has in its way shown the loyalty of some of its members towards the Church of England. In my own district I have lost more than twenty-five per cent, whose loyalty would not stand the strain of an extra penny per month, and I expect to lose more.

Here are some reasons given for the cut off:—

I. "Not worth the money." That is as may be, but I always thought they bought the paper to help support a Church Organisation as well as for a newspaper. Why they should be willing to pay 2d. for a daily, or 4d. and 9d. for a weekly, and object to a similar price for a monthly, is beyond me; perhaps one is a necessity and the other is a luxury, and comparing two papers, there is just as little or as much value in the daily as in the monthly. For the information of anyone interested, though the C.E.B.D. makes a speciality of Church literature, it is always willing to get any other if asked; that is my experience, so why not support it and its publications.

II. "I never read it." Rather a lame excuse. To buy a paper, even to help support an organisation, and not read it, shows no desire to get value for money. No matter what we read, there is always something to be learned, even if only what to avoid.

III. "I want to give all I can to the ——" The penny per month saved would be a drop in the ocean for the particular project named, and I am waiting to see among the list of subscriptions, "Saved from C.C." I fear I shan't see it.

IV. "No Parish Notes about ——" Well, there may not be regular monthly notes, first, because there is nothing of importance to send, and second, because the sender does not care to waste time over trivialities. But Mr. "Aliquis" and Mrs. "Nemo" rather like to see their names in print, and it is often a case of no name no paper. In this connection, let me say that the local secretary is often blamed for neglecting something over which he has no control.

The paper must be improved if it wants to hold its own at the increased price.

As for the suggested magazine, I believe a lot of people would prefer it, and be willing to support it, but they want value. We all know that it would not be able to get on without ads., but let them be limited to ten per cent, and trade ads. be avoided.

There is no need to go to the *Church Standard* for stuff; the Diocese has intellect enough in it to more than fill seventy pages monthly, if sufficient interest could be awakened.—I am, Sir, etc., 138 BENGAL.

SPIRITUALISM.

Sir,—I believe that the visit of Sir A. Conan Doyle to our country is a unique opportunity for the Church to show that orthodox Christianity is, and has been, committed for all time to witness to the world as essentially the spiritual religion. The foundation fact of Christianity is spiritual, or it is not a fact at all—"The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ." And from this flows in all simplicity and efficacy the sacramental system of the Holy Catholic Church, founded by the Holy Spirit of God on the day of Pentecost. If there is one thing needed more than any other in our time, it is to help mankind to believe in the spiritual. The great majority of Christians do not believe in either, but hold to crude fatalism, which is the essence of the worship of material things. So far we have looked in vain to Christian leaders to tell us just where the Church stands in relation to Sir Conan Doyle and his religion, called "Spiritualism." Surely it is not too much to hope that some of our Bishops have studied this question from the Church's point of view. Our ordination vows pledge us to be "ready to drive away all strange doctrines." If this is a "strange doctrine," the 'people,' not merely the clergy, ought to be told just where and why it is 'strange.' From the result of my own limited reading and thinking on the subject, I have gathered the following:—

1. That Spiritualism, as a system of spiritual investigation, cannot be ridiculed as imposture—but that its claim to communicate with the departed has been substantiated; and that the trivialities of such communications does not necessarily negative that fact.

2. That the sole purpose of the practice in spiritual phenomena, through 'media,' is to make proof, scientifically, that spiritual life exists beyond the grave. If it does this in a limited degree it would

seem to justify its existence. Its chief heresy is in wrong deductions, over-stepping this claim, and encroaching on the truths of revealed religion.

3. Sir Conan Doyle implied in his lecture that the character of the medium (good or bad) does not affect the power to communicate with the spirit world. There is great danger here in the possibility and probability of dealing with evil spirits and of coming under their influence. The ordinary Christian knows how easily he can be "drawn away by lust and enticed"; and how the devil can use one person to lead another astray; and how suggestion brings about murder, adultery, lying and such like. What an opportunity a spiritualistic seance must be for the suggestion of all kinds of evil things by evil spirits; and the acquisition of knowledge by the devil through his disciples trained in evil, to combat the work of God and His redeeming love.—I am, Sir, etc., A.

[If "A" will read the Lambeth Conference Report he will see directions such as he asks.—Ed.]

Sir,—The visit of a gentleman to Brisbane who has attracted so much public attention and commands much space in the Press has led to one good result, in that it has led people to think and speak. Many in speaking to me have expressed regret that we of the Clergy have not taught more fully the doctrine of the Communion of the Saints, at the same time some of those who have spoken to me have expressed the desire that we of the Clergy should teach more of the simple truths of the Faith. The conviction grows increasingly upon me that we should solve many of our difficulties by teaching more and more about our Blessed Lord Himself. The old Tractarians made this the great feature of their teaching. A story recently re-told was typical of them, and not exceptional; somebody more than fifty years ago was talking about the numbers and statistics of his new parish. He was asked "But how many of your people love our Lord?" He relates after half a century how much this question altered his outlook and methods for the whole of his long life. I can remember exactly the same thing being impressed upon me more than 30 years ago by the second generation of Tractarians. But I wonder if German criticism has become an obsession to the exclusion of those to whom the Church owes so much.—I am, Sir, etc., Brisbane, 17th January, 1921. DAVID J. GARLAND.

Two communications and Notes from two parishes came after the paper was made up.

MOTHERS' UNION IN AUSTRALIA.

On Thursday, November 25th, the closing function of the 1920 Session of the Mothers' Union was held at Holy Trinity Church, Valley. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the rector, Rev. S. Watkin, through illness, the service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. W. Stevenson, who administered Holy Communion to a large and representative gathering of the Union. At the conclusion of the service in this fine old church, an *al fresco* luncheon was partaken of, the ladies of the Valley Union doing their utmost for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors, of whom nearly a hundred were present, and who spent a most enjoyable time. Mrs. Exley, President of the Mothers' Union, expressed her pleasure at the result of the street collection that had been made in aid of St. Martin's Hospital by their representatives, whereby over £103 had been added to the fund. A suggestion, which was strongly supported, was made that a letter should be forwarded to the Central Executive of St. Martin's League, urging the expediency of a public ward, in connection with which there is a unanimous desire that in the immediate future "The Union" would be in a position to endow "A Mothers' Union Cot." In view of the impending return of the Archbishop, it was hoped that the first annual meeting of the New Year would be "graced" by his presence, when he would be enabled to review the progress that had been made during his absence.

With the advent of the New Year before us, a most earnest desire is expressed that the clergy, members, and friends generally of this Union would be present at that meeting, giving their whole-hearted support to a movement so fraught with the welfare of the children of our race.

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N.B.—The Editor is obliged to ask the Contributors of long Notes to reflect on the limitation of space. He desires thankfully to acknowledge that in the great majority of cases Notes from the Parishes come in by the day requested.

News from the Parishes.

All Parish Notes must be posted so as to reach the Editor not later than the first post on the 18th of the month. Otherwise insertion cannot be guaranteed.

NOTICE.

Contributors are asked to observe the rules as to amount of matter which were laid down some time ago. The exigencies of the present demand their accurate observance. By those rules the following standard was set:—

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Allora (Rev. J. BARRY-WILSON).—

SERVICE LIST.

	8 a.m.	11 a.m.	3 p.m.	7.30 p.m.
Feb. 6—Allora	Allora	Glengallan	Allora	
13—Allora	Spring Creek	Goomburra	Allora	
20—Allora	Allora	Glengallan	Allora	
27—Allora	Goomburra	Spring Creek	Allora	
Children's Service—February 6th, at 10 a.m.				
Talgai West, Thursday, February 17th, at 8 p.m.				
Inver-ramsay, Tuesday, February 22nd, at 8 p.m.				
Local Committee—Monday, February 14th, at 8 p.m.				
C.E.M.S.—Monday, February 21st, at 8 p.m.				

BAPTISMS.

Dec. 18—Bessie Laws.
Jan. 8—Thomas Edward Shannon.
" 8—Abram Weston Green.
" 8—Arthur Victor Green.
" 8—Doris Mabel Green.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. David's Church on Sunday, January 9th, when all the services were well attended. Over seventy people communicated at the 11 o'clock Choral Eucharist. After this service, the congregation adjourned to the Sunday School, where light refreshments were served and a presentation of a wallet of notes—from the whole parish—was made to the Rev. Elliott, on the eve of his departure for Maryborough. Mr. H. G. Deacon, Rector's Warden, made the presentation, and before doing so, called on Messrs. J. Reid (St. David's) and C. Y. Gillam (Spring Creek), to speak on behalf of their respective Churches. Mr. H. Weber (St. David's Choir) and Mr. R. Bain also spoke. All were unanimous in their regrets at the departure of Rev. and Mrs. Elliott from the parish. Mr. J. E. Nussey (Goomburra) wrote expressing his regret. Presentations were also made by the people at Inver-ramsay and by the Ladies' Guilds at St. David's, Allora, and Goomburra. We wish for Rev. and Mrs. Elliott every success and happiness in their work at Maryborough. By the time the *Chronicle* for February comes to hand, we expect our new Rector will be with us. We trust he will have a happy and successful time in our midst.

Biggenden-cum-Tiaro (Rev. J. HARDINGHAM, L.Th., Vicar; CHARLES HALL, Catechist).—St. John's Rectory Fund benefited to the extent of over £100 which was raised at a Fête and Christmas Tree, followed by a Concert at night, held at the end of November. The attendance at the Christmas Services was better than that of last year although many of our communicants failed to fulfil their duty of meeting Christ at His Holy Table. At the time of writing we turn our hearts to God in thankfulness for His gracious blessing of rain.

ST. PHILIP'S, TIARO.—Mr and Mrs Poole, long resident at Tiaro, are leaving us to reside with their daughters at Brisbane; we are sorry to lose them. A Christmas Tree Social was held on Christmas Eve under the auspices of our Ladies' Guild, £22 was cleared; a

donation of £19 being handed to the Churchwardens to help Church finance. St. Philip's Ladies' Guild thank the ladies of St. John's Guild for their kind gift of Christmas stockings for our Tree. The Rev. J. R. Stotten kindly celebrated for us on Christmas Day.

Christ Church, Milton (Rev. V. H. WHITEHOUSE, Rector; Rev. R. St. GEORGE).—We heartily welcome our new assistant Curate and Mrs St. George—also their son and heir. Various events of importance in the life of the parish occurred lately, viz, the Confirmation, the first communion (there were over 200 communicants at the early celebration), the Christmas Tree and supplementary Sale of Work (through which all repairs are paid for, £150), and £35 sent to Foreign Missions. All worked hard, and as a consequence the holidays were the more appreciated. Our Christmas Services were very happy, the choir giving a splendid lead to our praises, especially at the Choral Eucharist. We are happy to report that the churchwardens, acting on the advice of the Parochial Council, have since July increased the Rector's stipend to the amount urged by the laymen at the last Synod. The Gordon Club has commenced an in-door game tournament and interest is very keen. The billiard tournament held recently was won by C. Crossley, with L. Saunders second. A confirmation class for adults will commence in February. During Lent the Rev. J. S. Needham will give a course of addresses on Wednesday evenings, his subject being "An Introduction to the Study of Comparative Religion." On Sundays in Lent special courses of sermons will be given on "Sunday," (11 a.m.) "The Tempted Christ, and the Tempted Children," (7.30 p.m.)

ROSALIE.—The Rev. A. E. Taylor has left us after a year's work, and the Rev. R. St. George takes his place. We gave him and Mrs St. George a hearty welcome and extend to him our good wishes. A Christmas Tree, held during December, was very successful, and a further sum has been added to our Hall Fund. At this function, the Rector, on behalf of parishioners, the choir, Sunday School teachers, and band, presented Mr Kitchen with an arm chair and other gifts as a small token of appreciation of his eight years work among us. There can be no doubt of the good work done by Mr Kitchen, and nowhere is he loved more than at Rosalie. The Sunday School has re-commenced after the holidays. All teachers are at work, and we urge parents to see that their children attend regularly. Our hall is being put into order. The contractor is at work, and at last our dream of years is being realized.

St. Andrew's, South Brisbane (Rev. J. S. NEEDHAM, Rev. F. R. BARRATT).—Everything seems to have been suffering from "Holidayitis" (a very popular malady) during the past month, the Rector included, so that there is very little to chronicle. The Christmas Communions were well maintained, the number of communicants being slightly in advance of last year's figures. The usual watchnight service was held, but there was no celebration of Holy Communion owing to the Rector's absence. A new clergy stall, given in memory of George Griffith, an old and faithful parishioner and Councillor, has been installed. Of a handsome design, it makes a great improvement to the furnishings of the chancel. A service of admission into the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held during the month. Our thanks are due to the Clergy who kindly filled the breaches caused by the Rector's holidays.

St. Peter's, West End (Rev. G. L. HUNT).—Confirmation will probably be held in the early part of May, and classes are commencing at once. During Lent there will be an address at Even-song on Wednesdays. The Mothers' Union corporate Communion—the first held by the newly-formed St. Peter's branch—was celebrated on 2nd January at 7 a.m. The secretary of the branch is Mrs. N. R. Kirke, Dornoch Terrace.

St. Philip's, Thompson Estate (Rev. H. T. MOLESWORTH).—Our Vicar and his family have been taking a much-needed and well-deserved holiday at Redcliffe, and the Rev. C. H. Edwards has administered Holy Communion at the 8 a.m. service for the past three Sundays, Mattins and Evensong being served by Messrs. Wilkie, Dell and Kelly, and St. Philip's is extremely grateful to all these gentlemen for their administrations, which enabled the Vicar to secure his holiday. We sincerely hope that he will be much benefited by it, and come back in good health and with renewed vigour. The Sunday School will commence again on Sunday next, the 30th, after six weeks' holiday, and it behoves both teachers and scholars to work hard in order to overtake some of the lost lessons for this period. The Christmas Day services were well attended; at the early morning service (6 a.m.) the Church was nearly full. Over 140 communicants were present and communicated, and I

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NOTICE.—All matters concerning advertisements, and all orders, and payments should be addressed to the MANAGER, "The Church Chronicle," Church House, Ann Street, Brisbane. Only literary matter should be sent to the EDITOR, and this by the 18th of each month.

THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE AND SPIRITUALISM.

A correspondent in this issue asks for a lead from our Church authorities. No wiser lead can be given than the Report of the Lambeth Conference held last year. It is succinct, being under four pages in length, and charitable and sane. We can only give a few extracts of paragraphs directly bearing on some of the questions lately raised by the lectures of Sir A. Conan Doyle:—

"We say without hesitation that we welcome scientific investigation: we recognise the patience and skill with which members of the Psychical Research Society examine the mass of evidence of all kinds submitted to them, and above all the unmistakable desire to safeguard the enquiry against illusion or fraud, to arrive at truths, and to interpret scientific facts correctly. It is not for us to decide whether the scientific methods applied to these particular phenomena are appropriate, *i.e.*, whether the methods of physical science can be applied to psychical phenomena. Our desire is to understand what conclusions have been reached along these lines of research. These have been stated as follows:

(1) There is a conviction of the reality of telepathy, or communication between living beings by means which appear to be independent of the normal sense-organs.

(2) There is also a conviction of the reality of a sub-consciousness which may operate without the control of the normal consciousness and will (*e.g.* in dreams).

(3) This does not necessarily imply communication with beings no longer limited by the conditions of bodily existence as we know it here; but there are phenomena which appear to support that hypothesis.

(4) In investigating such phenomena great difficulties arise owing to the play, very imperfectly understood, of the sub-conscious self in the medium employed and in the enquirer."

"The outcome of these conclusions from the scientific side would seem to be:

(1) To give a serious warning against unregulated and undue exercise of an element of human consciousness which acts independently of the reason and the will, and against allowing reason and will to abdicate in its favour.

(2) To insist upon an outlook upon life which refuses to accept materialism as a sufficient account of phenomena, and to encourage belief in a spiritual explanation.

We welcome enquiry conducted in this reverent and scrupulous spirit."

"Under the stress of the horrors and anxieties of the War, particularly in our crowded areas, Spiritualism has affected in some instances even regular Church-goers, withdrawing them from the Church. But it has mainly laid hold of that large class amongst us who have been casual in religious observance, and have never grasped or made their own the Christian teaching which rests upon the revelation gradually unfolded in the Bible, summed up in the Creed, and realised for us here in Sacraments. It deals with man's fellowship with God, and therefore with immortality, eternal life, and the life we share with those who have passed from us. Many have felt and expressed dissatis-

faction with the consolations offered by the Church, have misrepresented—no doubt unconsciously—what the Church holds and teaches, and have imagined that Spiritualist doctrine supplies something which the Church lacks and which the spirit of man needs to strengthen and uplift it. This shews that we have failed to teach clearly enough or fully enough the great simple Christian truths about the supernatural, and the grounds upon which those truths are based. We think there is real need now and in the immediate future to use the opportunities provided abundantly by the Press as well as in other ways to make clear and definite statements of what Christianity holds and hands on about the life of the world beyond and our relation to it during our life here.

Spiritualistic religion and practice throw a wholly different emphasis to that of the Church upon the motive power of man's life: immortality is there concerned with the survival of human persons more than with God; the life beyond is represented largely as an extension of what is experienced here and now; and the fact is overlooked that survival is not necessarily immortality, still less eternal life.

But, further, the Christian Faith declares that the life in Christ after death is an advance towards a more perfect fellowship with God for those who have been seekers after God and have not alienated themselves from fellowship with Him. That fellowship we may enjoy imperfectly here through the eternal life on which we have entered and in virtue of which by the grace of God we are enabled to respond to Him. We insist that conduct and the working out of character in the ordeal of life here is of vital importance in determining the condition under which we may enjoy fellowship with God hereafter.

In its doctrine of the Communion of Saints the Church insists that we can and do have communion with the departed through the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. The mediation of Christ is the only medium which we recognise as the means by which we approach God: and it follows that all who strive and use the means to live in Christ are united to one another in Him—'neither death, nor life' can separate them. We are content to leave in His hands all who have passed from our life here, knowing that our communion with them through Him is intensely real.

The Christian Scriptures undoubtedly declare the existence of unseen beings who influence men for good or evil. We cannot, therefore, dismiss the possibility of communications from such beings of either nature. Such possibility will for Christians form an additional reason for precaution when they are invited to seek intercourse with the spirits of the departed. We cannot insist too strongly upon the known fact that the indiscriminate and undisciplined indulgence of subconscious activity may gravely injure character, and that the habit of recourse to *séances* and 'seers' leads to no spiritual benefit.

It is possible that we may be on the threshold of a new Science, which will by another method of approach confirm us in the assurance of a world behind and beyond the world we see, and of something within us by which we are in contact with it. We could never presume to set a limit to means which God may use to bring man to the realisation of spiritual life. But there is nothing in the cult erected on this Science which enhances, there is, indeed, much which obscures, the meaning of that other world and our relation to it, as unfolded in the Gospel of Christ and the teaching of the Church, and which depreciates the means given to us of attaining and abiding in fellowship with that world."

URGENT AND IMPORTANT.

Fellow Churchmen!

Your immediate sympathetic attention is desired in order that the following facts may be grasped, with a view to special prayer and united action throughout the Diocese:—

- (1) Synod in June last passed certain Resolutions proposed by a Laymen's Commission *re* Minimum Stipends for the Clergy and Grants for Married Clergy with Children. (See page 34, Diocesan Year Book)
- (2) "To meet the increased expenditure for the current year (*viz.*, to March 31st, 1921), the Treasurer of Synod was authorised to advance the amount required, and a special effort was to be made to reimburse the funds so used."
- (3) The estimated amount required is approximately £2,000.
- (4) The spirit that prompted the above resolutions will doubtless move many to send their quota without delay. (Try to send it in before March 21st, please!)
- (5) The Clergy Central Sustentation Fund is the Fund.
- (6) £2,000 is a lot just now; but it's worth it, isn't it? After all it's only a matter of 20 offerings of £100; or 40 offerings of £50; or ten offerings of £100 and 20 offerings of £50; and enough faith and prayer.

"Ask and ye shall receive."

- (7) Yours is the blessed part, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Thank you!

[We welcome back the Organising Secretary of the Home Missions. He will give us an article next month. Meanwhile he gives us this paragraph.—ED.]

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A.B.M. Notes.

THE CHURCH MUST STAND BEHIND ITS AUTHORISED WORK.—The Australian Board of Missions decided, after prolonged consideration, to ask the Church for £63,000 for its Missionary work in the year 1921. The sum of £33,000 is for work to which the A.B.M. is pledged, and includes about £800 expected from England for New Guinea. The sum of £30,000 is the budget arrived at by the C.M.S. of Australia and Tasmania for the work for which it is responsible. The budget represents an advance of about 20 per cent. on last year's budget, which amounted to £53,000. The Missions now expect the Australian Board of Missions to supply their needs as they arise. The Board can only do so as the Church responds. It is absolutely necessary that the work be undertaken by the parishes now, and not left until the closing months of the year, if urgent appeals are to be avoided. We shall need half of the budget by June 30. £31,500 must be the objective of the Church for the first six months of 1921, and this amount must reach headquarters by then. The Board, having gone carefully into details and having heard the Bishop of New Guinea, has decided that it must pledge the Church to the fullest possible support. The Missions in the Pacific call for immediate extension, unless ground already gained is to be lost and the Missions themselves are to be prejudiced in the eyes of the natives, Christians and non-Christian.

REUNION AND MISSIONS.—No schemes of Reunion will permanently succeed that are not based upon obedience to Christ's primary command to go and make disciples of all nations. As the Lambeth Conference declared, "The present critical position of the world calls, as perhaps never before, for the presentation of Jesus Christ and His Redemption to every race and individual. A Reunion brought about by the desire to save waste and overlapping, to conserve energy, and lighten the burdens of religious work, may have nothing whatever in it to fulfil the mind and purpose of Christ. The only Reunion which will be permanent, the only Reunion which is in accordance with the mind of Christ, is that which is based upon a living zeal and a fervent desire to extend the Kingdom of Christ to all men and to all nations. It is futile for anyone to think or talk Reunion who has not the spread of the Gospel at heart. Even if we could benefit ourselves by forming a kind of Christian Big Union, and it were a close co-operation for mutual advantage, it would have nothing in common with the mind of Christ. From Christ's point of view, selfishness and self-centredness mean death—a congregation which cares nothing about the Will of Christ. The opportunity for the spread of the Gospel to-day is unparalleled; the need for men and money for extension work is overwhelming, and at the same time the purchasing power of what we give has enormously decreased. The call is the call of Christ. It is He that commends His work to your care."

DIOCESAN INTERCESSION PAPER.—The Diocesan Intercession Paper which was formerly printed in the *Church Chronicle* is now published separately and will be posted each month to anyone who desires to use it by the Secretary, Mr R. C. R. Newman, Ballandean.

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think this constitutes a record for St. Philip's at one service. The Church looked very nice, good taste being displayed by the ladies of the congregation who decorated it, seeing the limited supply of flowers that were available; and the choir, under Mr Radford, added considerably to the brightness of the 10 o'clock service. May the New Year be bright and happy for St. Philip's and the whole Church.

St. John the Baptist, Bulimba, with Morningside (Rev. J. HOWARD STEER).—The Christmas services were well attended. Communicants for the day amounted to 113. During the month of February the Vicar will take Evensong at Morningside on the first and third Sunday, and at St. John's on the second and fourth Sundays; Mr Sydn on the first Sunday at St. John's, and on the second Sunday at Morningside; Mr Waller on the third Sunday at St. John's; and Mr Harcastle on the fourth Sunday at Morningside. Special Lent services will be held each week, on Wednesday at St. John's, and on Friday at Morningside, at 6.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 p.m. Lent Addresses. The Vicar asks intending candidates for Confirmation to hand their names in at once. The Special Effort, held at St. John's just before Christmas, to raise £64 to pay expenses of installing electric light and pay for sulky, etc., was a great success. The whole amount was raised; while the Special Effort at Morningside towards Church Building Fund resulted in £49 cash and £160 in promises. The Churchwardens are issuing service cards, which they ask the parishioners to sign and return. We are very sorry to have to record the death of Mrs Kingston of Morningside. Our deep sympathy goes out to her husband and family.

Christ Church, Childers (Rev. A. E. ATKINS).—We were able to give Booyal service last month; it is no easy matter, owing to petrol supply. Mr Arthur Dwyer, of Wiston, took the service, and the Rector preached. We thank Mr Dwyer for his help. The Rector is sorely handicapped, since Mr Brown left for England, in the matter of the monthly evening service at Cordalba. This service will have to go if someone cannot be found to read service once a

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month at Childers, so as to free the Rector. Mr Dwyer's example ought to count some! The Rector held service at Woorgate on first Sunday after Christmas under the "old oak tree" on the beach. The Guild Stall held in Main Street made upwards of £20. Repairs to the Church windows have cost £4. Painting the Church and erecting a new fence will cost over £100. We still owe £38 on Christ Church Memorial; a Tennis Tournament is being arranged to help towards paying up. It is with joy we chronicle the recovery from severe illness of Mrs Trevor, senior—due not least, we believe, to the Prayer of Faith in her Communion of "strengthening and refreshing." Our good wishes go with Miss Gladys Bosanquet, who was married to Mr W. Michel at Christ Church on December 29th.

St. Colomb's, Clayfield (Rev. D. MORGAN JONES).—The opening of the Church after its removal from one site to another took place Sunday, 9th January. There were three celebrations of Holy Communion, the one at 7.30 a.m. being sung, and the preachers were the Rector, at 11 a.m., and the Rev. S. Watkin, Rector of Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley, in the evening. A start was made Monday, 10th January, to remove the parish hall to the new site.

Clifton (Rev. JOHN HOPE).—SERVICES for February:—
7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 11 a.m. 3 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
6—Clifton Talgai Clifton Back Plains Clifton
9—Clifton — Clifton — Clifton
13—Clifton Back Plains Clifton Pilton Clifton
20—Clifton Pilton Clifton Back Plains Clifton
27—Clifton Back Plains Clifton Talgai Clifton

The Christmas services were well attended, especially the early Eucharist. People say the Church never looked so beautiful as it did on Christmas Day. We missed many of our Churchfolk, who were away in Brisbane and other places. A circular has been issued giving the list of Lenten Services and Instructions. Please read the circular and talk about it, and make use of the services. Hardly a month goes by without the parish losing one or more of its regular worshippers. This month we are to part with Mr and Mrs Marsh, who are two of our most regular communicants and devoted workers. We are very sorry to lose them, and wish them success wherever they go. Parents please note that the Sunday School re-opens on February 6th.

Crows Nest (Rev. S. ATHERTON).—Before these notes appear in print every parishioner will have received a copy of the Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal, together with a notice of the date of the service in his centre. In many centres, in fact, the service will have been held. We hope our people will really feel the spirit of thankfulness and give in that spirit for the carrying on of God's work. Truly we have many things for which to be thankful during the year that is past. There is every prospect too that the present year will be one of prosperity. We may then, in sincerity, say that since we have "freely received" we should "freely give." The Anduramba Sunday School picnic was held on Tuesday, January 11th, and was a most happy and successful day. We do appreciate the spirit of friendship and happiness existing at Anduramba. The Misses Burrell, with many helpers, worked hard to make the day a success, and the thanks of the gathering was tendered to them. During afternoon tea the Vicar presented the Sunday School prizes to the successful scholars. We anticipate that all our Sunday Schools will be in full swing again on the Sunday before State School starts, i.e., Sunday, January 23rd. Can we get helpers for St. George's, Crows Nest? The services for February are as follows:—February 6th—Crows Nest, 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; Pine Lands, 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving; Pechey, 3 p.m., Harvest Thanksgiving; Crows Nest, 7.30 p.m., Evensong. February 13th—Crows Nest, 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; Geham, 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon; Pechey, 3 p.m., Evensong; Crows Nest, 7.30 p.m., Evensong. February 20th—Goombungee, 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving; Haden, 3 p.m., Harvest Thanksgiving; Pine Lands, 7.30 p.m., Evensong; Goombungee, 7.30 p.m., Evensong. February 27th—Highfields, 11 a.m., Mattins and Holy Communion; Geham, 2.30 p.m., Evensong; Crows Nest, 7.30 p.m., Evensong. March 6th—Crows Nest, 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; Crows Nest, 11 a.m., Mattins and Holy Communion; Pine Lands, 3 p.m., Evensong; Pechey, 7.30 p.m., Evensong.

St. Mark's, Eidsvold (Rev. K. A. WATTS).—List of Services.—February 9th (Ash Wednesday): Eidsvold, H.O., 7.30; Communion Service, 7.30. 13th: Eidsvold. 20th: Boyne, 11 a.m.; Mundubbera, 7.30. 27th: Eidsvold. March 6th: Cania. 13th: Bill Bill, 11 a.m.; Philpott, 7.30. February 28th: Dalgangle. March 1st: Cannindah; 2nd: Dackiel; 3rd: Rosebank; 4th: Cania; 7th: Monal. We are sorry to have missed with last month's notes, partly

on account of services and because we wanted to record the success of our play "Facing the Music"; our amateurs have our best thanks. We nearly forgot to mention that the stage received its share of the applause; it looked most professional. Then there was the Christmas Tree; our collectors have done most excellently and banked £54. Our Christmas Services in all centres were very happy and well attended. Our sympathy goes out to the Brassell family in their recent bereavement. On Monday night, December 27th, the members of All Saints', Boynewood, held a Christmas Party in the School. Our new organ in All Saints' was used on Christmas Day and helped to beautify the service. A £4 deposit has been paid, also the first instalment of £1/9/7; there are £13 odd in the bank, and £1/16/- to come in. We wish everyone a good season and prosperous New Year.

St. Agnes', Esk (Rev. C. W. TOMKINS).—Mr J. T. Bowden, of Biarra, who had lived in this parish for 44 years passed to his rest in January. During the same month Mr and Mrs Thos. Patrick lost (for a while) their little son Mervyn; and a married daughter of Mr and Mrs Druery, of Deep Creek, also died in the Faith. May God comfort and sustain the sorrowing relatives. This parish has now subscribed about £1,000 towards St. Martin's Memorial Hospital, of which sum about £300 has been collected by Mrs N. G. Buchanan. The Rev. J. B. Armstrong, Rector of Hamilton, exchanged with Mr Tomkins for the 23rd, so parishioners were afforded a welcome opportunity of seeing their erstwhile parish priest again. Subscriptions continue to roll in towards the proposed Church at Coominya Soldiers' Settlement. There is to be an Old English Fair there in May in aid of this object. The parish was almost depopulated during the holidays, yet the Christmas Services were in many ways encouraging.

St. John's, Harrisville (Rev. A. D. BAKER).—Services for February: 6th, Harrisville, 7.45, Holy Communion; 10.45, Mattins and Litany; 7.30, Evensong; Roadvale, 11, Holy Communion and Sermon; Kalbar, 3, Evensong. 13th, Harrisville, 10.45, Holy Communion and Sermon; 7.30, Evensong; Kalbar, 7.30, Evensong. 20th, Harrisville, 7.45, Holy Communion; 10.45, Mattins and Litany; 7.30, Evensong; Kalbar, 11, Holy Communion and Sermon; Roadvale, 2.30, Evensong; Mutdapilly, 8, Evensong. 27th, Harrisville, 7.45, Holy Communion; 10.45, Mattins and Sermon; 7.30, Evensong; Kalbar, 7.30, Evensong. The bazaar was successful. It should now be possible to paint the church. Mrs Bell, of Coochin Station, declared the function open. Mr Fender, one of the English cricketers, was present. The Women's Guild and others who helped are to be congratulated on the result. At Roadvale we have lost Mr and Mrs Vervent. On their last Sunday with us they were presented with tokens of our esteem.

Ithaca-cum-Bardon (Canon GARLAND and Rev. A. E. TAYLOR). The first Eucharist on Christmas Day had an attendance which filled the Church; but it leads to the question "Why should this not be so every Sunday?" A parish with some 10,000 Church of England members and not more than 163 communicants on the roll is nothing to be proud of. The only good feature is that Christmas and Easter do bring people back to the Altar who neglect Church attendance the rest of the year. When will the standard be reached that every churchman and churchwoman will live up to the duty of attending the Lord's House on the Lord's Day, instead of leaving it to mere inclination? At the mid-day Eucharist the Altar Desk which has been given by the Sunday School teachers and Girls' Club in memory of Evelyn Mogridge was presented during the offertory, and used for the first time. This Altar Desk is given instead of spending the money on a perishable funeral wreath. The Girls' Club has been having a course of lectures during the warm weather when so much physical drill cannot be done. Doctor Gerard Anderson lectured on health, Captain Kilner on the teeth, and Major Sankey Fraser on the eyes. These lectures are much appreciated by the girls, and from remarks made, the parents also appreciate the lectures being given. The Girls' Club gave a social to the parishioners, in which the girls made excellent hostesses, and managed everything themselves. The Rev. A. E. Taylor on his priesting has come to the parish, with his assistance it is now hoped the parish will begin to move. The repairs and enlargement of the Rectory have been giving the churchwardens and Parochial Council a great deal of anxiety; it would seem that the Rectory has not been kept in repair for years; consequently a heavy outlay will be necessary, which the parish will have to undertake, and at the same time improve the Rectory. A Church Boys' Club has been formed, with much promise of success, the boys very willingly recognising the obligation of attending Church on Sunday mornings. Mr A.

Nicholson has been elected Secretary, and Mr H. Conlon Treasurer. The Rector called upon the Governor and on behalf of the parish offered His Excellency the assurance of the loyalty of that section of Church of England people.

Inglewood and Texas (Rev. J. D. PACKARD).—A very pleasant social evening was held at the Rectory on January 13th to celebrate the completion of the additions to the Rectory. A collection taken up during the evening amounted to about £3 which amount is to be handed over to Foreign Missions. Mr Young, of Luna, has kindly offered us £5 per year towards the petrol fund for which we are very grateful. If a few more people would do the same the Rector would be relieved of the responsibility of paying travelling expenses out of his own pocket. Church Almanacs for the ensuing year can be obtained from the Rector.

St. Mary's, Kilcoy-cum-St. Matthias', Woodford-cum-St. Andrew's, Peachester (Rev. F. W. WILKINSON).—The Christmas Festival in this parish was fairly well observed by our people. At Peachester the Festival was kept on the fourth Sunday in Advent, and the Church was nicely decorated for the occasion; here there was a good roll up of communicants. The choir was augmented by the addition of a couple of violins, which helped the musical portion of the service considerably. At St. Mary's the number of communicants was not as large as the previous year; in one or two cases our people were holidaying and a few were ill, leaving a margin to be made up. For the occasion the choir, recently organised, rendered Archdeacon Rivers' setting to the Communion Service in a very creditable manner. The music was donated by a keen Churchman, whilst another has given a substantial donation to choir funds. Owing to the shortness of time it was not possible to have the vestments for the choir completed for Christmas, but we are very hopeful that all will be ready for Easter. A Girls' Guild (Guild of St. Mary) is being organised; part of their work will be the care of sanctuary, flowers and brasses. Brasses remind one that the altar is still lacking completion through the absence of lights. The altar is a memorial, the cross a memorial, and the flower vases a memorial. It only means a pair of candlesticks to complete the ornaments. St. Matthias', Woodford, and St. Andrew's, Peachester, are likewise lacking in this respect. At St. Matthias' the Festival was held on the Sunday after Christmas (St. Stephen's Day). There might also have been more here than there were—more from the outside district. What excuse can we make only that it was hot. Here the faithful made the sanctuary more beautiful with some very fine pot plants, etc.

St. Saviour's, Laidley (Rev. A. W. ETHELL).—The Rectory is being thoroughly renovated and painted inside and out, and the woodwork of the Church "ditto"; whilst a movement is on foot to move St. Edmund's, Lake Clarendon, from its present site to a much more suitable one 2½ miles away. All these things take money, and that is being slowly gathered in. Mrs John Campbell organised an "Afternoon" at her residence and cleared £20; Misses Baulch ran an "Evening" in aid of the Jumble Stall at the forthcoming Fair and netted £7; Mesdames Marsden and Waller trained the kiddies for "Red Riding Hood" and got £12 for their Sweet Stall; the Fair (a two days' event), is to be held on the Friday and Saturday of Easter Week. The annual Christmas Tree in aid of St. Thomas', Forest Hill, yielded nearly £40; and a big Country Picnic and Sports at Lake Clarendon, in aid of St. Edmund's, brought £45. Christmas services this year were well up to the average. The Coadjutor-Bishop visited us on 16th December and gave Confirmation to 30 candidates. One sentence in the Bishop's address stands out, which deserves to be recorded and remembered: "There is only one of two reasons why men and women don't come to Holy Communion—either there is something in their past or present lives which makes them ashamed to come, or else they are so conceited that they think they can live without God."

Lutwyche (Rev. A. HAROLD OSBORN, M.A.; Rev. T. HUMPHREY CLARK); **St. Andrew's, Lutwyche**, and **St. Mark's, Albion**.—We were very happy in our Christmas services at both Churches. Some people tell us that Christmas is not "kept up" as it used to be in the Old Country thirty years ago; but surely it is kept in a much better way. The Christmas Feast at the Lord's Table is the chief thing, rather than the feasting and games in our own homes. We had a Watch-Night Service at St. Mark's, followed by the Service of Holy Communion to begin the New Year. Confirmation classes: it has been decided not to start till February. The Sunday School prizes were given in both Churches on December 12th; they were presented by Mrs. Osborn, senior (for thirty years the Superintendent), at St. Andrew's; by Mrs. Clark at St. Mark's. Both schools

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are dreadfully short of teachers; we want both men and women for this great and blessed work. C.E.M.S.—The annual meeting was held at the Rectory on December 13th. We are very anxious to increase our members; there are heaps of men in the parish whom we would be delighted to welcome. The Women's Guild has gone into recess till March. On January 12th they met together with members of Lutwyche branch of C.E.M.S. at Mrs Lloyd's, to present Miss Morgan (on her approaching marriage) with a gift. The annual meeting of the Gordon Club will be held about the middle of February. The nett proceeds from St. Mark's Fête, including £25 bonus from a parishioner, now amounts to £280; £225 has been paid off the debt, and with the remainder the electric light will be installed.

St. Matthew's, Groveley, and St. Mary's, Alderley (Rev. PERCY HUBBARD).—The Christmas Communion at Alderley were something to be remembered. Including the three subsequent Saints' Days, 72 communicated. The choir made their first appearance properly vested at the Sung Eucharist at 7.30 on Christmas morning. We thank all who provided and helped to make the vestments. There have been many expressions appreciating the improvements in the services. At Groveley, however, the only Xmas Communion was disappointing. Upper Kedronites turned out in force on the following afternoon (Sunday). The first Church Service was held at the Soldiers' Settlement, Waterworks Road, on Xmas night. A quiet morning was held at Alderley on New Year's Day, and although the attendance was not large it was by no means disappointing. It is our intention to conduct a quiet Afternoon at Groveley on the eve of Whitsunday, when we shall look for an increased attendance as the old Church and its beautiful surroundings will lend itself to meditation. The stone font and copper ewer in memory of the late J. G. Cole is now installed at Alderley and the Baptistry enlarged, painted, and beautified by a pair of pot plants. We need a suitable picture on the wall to complete the improvement. A piece of land has now been leased from the Government at the Soldiers' Settlement, and steps are being taken to have it surveyed, fenced, and cleared. Remember we enter upon Lent early this year, Ash Wednesday being 9th February. At Groveley there will be Mattins, Litany, and Communion at 11 a.m., and Evensong at 8 p.m., also Evensong each Wednesday throughout Lent. At Alderley there will be Solemn Evensong on Shrove Tuesday at 8 p.m. and on each Tuesday throughout Lent, also a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Ash Wednesday at 6 a.m., and on each morning throughout Lent at times to be announced.

St. Paul's, Maryborough, with St. Thomas', Newtown, and Christ Church, Granville (Rev. J. PARSONS PARKER, in temporary charge).—Our monthly notes have been somewhat irregular of late, but for the future we promise to do better and send them with the regularity of bills. Owing to the holidays and consequent absence of many of our parishioners, things have been slack; however, when they all come back invigorated, we shall live up. The outstanding event of the month was the departure of the Rev. C. S. Hamlyn-Harris. At a truly representative meeting on Monday, 10th January, he was given a wallet of notes (£100) as a mark of esteem and goodwill; the amount itself is indicative, and everyone agreed that no matter where he went he would be a power for good. In his farewell speech Mr Harris said "that the thirteen years spent in Maryborough was the longest period he had been in one place in his life" (Maryborough therefore will appreciate him), and also stressed the liability and danger of getting into a "rut" (we are all a bit inclined that way). The Rev. J. Elliott is at present at Pialba, and will be inducted to St. Paul's in February. The Sunday Schools all re-opened on January 30th. The new building is well ahead, but a lot of money (or an equivalent as security) is required to enable it to be opened free of debt—to the contractor at any rate. We have undertaken the task and must go through with it, and see to it that though the building will be a standing memorial to those who fell in the "Great War," it shall not also be a standing reproach to us and a perpetual millstone. The future cannot be forecast; changes must and will come. There is much to be done; the material is at hand to work on; the clergy are ready to do their part, and if the laity does its part the mutual co-operation will result in the Church of England in Maryborough being the spiritual power that it should be.

St. Luke's, Miles (Mr H. GLAZIER in charge).—My dear people, there is vast room for improvement in the attendance at our services. If you are not to make religion the principal thing in your life, don't go in for it. It is better and much easier to go in for it entirely than half-and-half—merely playing with it. If it is worth while being a Christian at all, it is better to be a down-right Christian.

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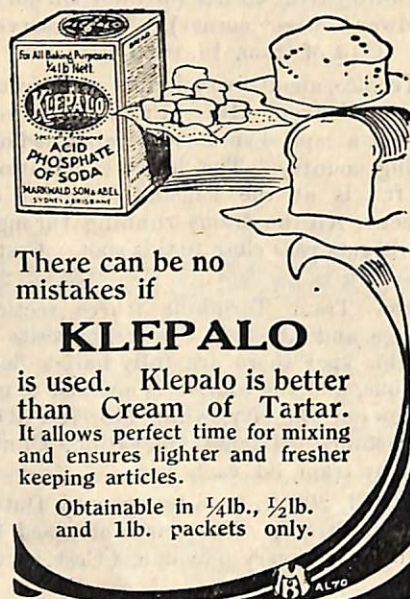
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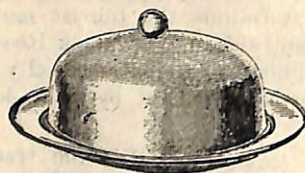


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"Give us men.

Men who never shame their mothers;

Men who never fail their brothers;

True, however false are others;

Give us men, I say again

Give us men."

Toowong (Rev. J. E. N. OSBORN, M.A., M.C.)—We are glad to report that Mr Churchyard has promised to undertake the work of superintendent of the Broughton Estate Sunday School in succession to Mr Ellis. In connection with the proposed Kindergarten branch of the Parish Church Sunday School, we have been fortunate in having the promise of a trained Kindergarten teacher who has volunteered to attend for a few Sunday afternoons to direct and guide matters and put everything in working order. Any children from 4 years of age should be sent by their parents. All the Sunday Schools in the parish commence work again on the first Sunday in February. The plans and specifications for the alterations to St. Thomas' Church have been completed by the architect, and as soon as the Parochial Council has approved of them we hope to call for tenders and proceed with the work. The Jubilee Committee will be called together again at an early date and they will arrange their programme of work for this year. Confirmation classes will be formed shortly, and the Rector will be pleased to receive the names of intending candidates in order that classes of preparation may be arranged.

Taringa, St. Paul's (Rev. J. E. N. OSBORN and Rev. F. H. HIGGINS).—We have sustained a loss this month in the departure of Mr Norman Fell, who leaves Taringa to take up business at Mapleton. The office of Treasurer-Warden, which he so ably filled, is a position not eagerly sought after by parishioners generally, hence our regret in losing Mr Fell, whom we had hoped to see long in the position, where his kindly courtesy and tact, as well as his keen business abilities, proved his sterling value. In bidding him farewell with his wife and family, we wish them every happiness in their new home, and trust that he will soon resume his work for the church in another parish. At a meeting of parishioners held on January 12th, Mr J. Todd was elected as Treasurer-Warden for the ensuing term. We wish him a happy term of office which the enthusiasm of the meeting augurs well for. There are big things ahead for the Church and Sunday School which will need the combined efforts of all to make a pleasing result. St. Paul's effort for St. Martin's Hospital on November 11th, collected in Taringa, resulted in £29/3/- being added to the funds. Thanks are due to the collectors.

St. Peter's, Wynnum (Rev. J. M. THAL and Mr. HARWOOD).—The Christmas Services were very fine—the 7.30 Communion at St. Peter's being fully choral. The Churches were beautifully decorated, thanks to the ladies of the parish. The season of Lent comes early this year; the Vicar will hold Lenten Services at St. Peter's on Wednesday evenings and at St. Paul's on Thursday evenings; also at St. Peter's, in addition to the daily celebration at 7 a.m., there will be an extra celebration on Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. We offer to Mr and Mrs Harwood and family and Miss Brooks our sincere sympathy at "the passing away" of Mrs Brooks, mother of Mrs Harwood.—R.I.P.

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HOME MISSION FUND.

Mrs Barnett	5 0
Mr and Mrs G. S. Murphy	...	3 3 0	
Mrs J. R. Tanner	...	10 0	
Auchenflower	...	3 3 2	
Beaudesert—St. John's, Mundoo-	...	...	...
lun	...	9 3	
All Saints', Tambourine	...	9 4	
St. Mark's, Slack's Creek	...	12 0	
Woodhill and Veresdale	...	8 6	
Knapp's Creek	...	5 3	
Biggenden—Lakeside	...	10 0	
Brisbane—St. John's Cathedral	...	1 19 0	
Holy Trinity, F. Valley	...	5 18 0	
St. Michael and All Angels,	...	...	...
New Farm	...	5 2 9	
Christ Church, Milton	...	1 10 9	
St. Martin's, Rosalie	...	2 10 6	
St. Andrew's, South Brisbane	...	9 5 3	
St. Peter's, West End	...	2 9 4	
St. Philip's, Thompson Estate	...	7 10 3	
St. Mary's, Kangaroo Point	...	9 1 11	
St. Paul's, East Brisbane	...	5 3 6	
Holy Trinity, Woolloongabba	...	12 0	
Bulimba—St. John the Baptist	...	1 1 0	

Bundaberg—Christ Church	...	3 12 11	
St. Mark's, Gooburru	...	13 6	
Charleville—All Saints'	...	1 9 10	
St. Alban's, Cunnamulla	...	2 14 3	
Christ Church, St. George	...	2 12 4	
Childers—Appletree Creek	...	18 0	
Cleveland—St. James', Welling-	...	...	...
ton Point	...	1 19 0	
Olifon, All Saints'	...	1 13 9	
Crows Nest—St. George's	...	9 0	
Holy Trinity, Geham	...	10 8	
St. Faith's, Pechey	...	15 9	
St. Mark's, Goombungee	...	1 5 6	
Dalby—St. Mary's, Kaimkillenbun	...	1 10 0	
Drayton—St. Paul's, Umbiram	...	2 1 0	
Harristown	...	1 17 1	
Kidsfold—St. Mark's	...	5 2 1	
Philpot Creek	...	1 1 0	
Esk—St. Agnes'	...	1 7 0	
Moombra	...	1 0 0	
Linville	...	1 0 0	
Coominya	...	1 12 0	
Gatton—St. Stephen's, Ma Ma	...	...	...
Creek	...	1 18 0	
Gayndah—St. Matthew's	...	1 14 2	
Winderah	...	2 0 0	
Groveley—St. Matthew's	...	1 18 6	
Cedar Creek	...	17 0	
Hamilton, St. Augustine's	...	5 19 9	
Harrisville—All Saints', Kalbar	...	1 0 0	
Howard, St. Matthew's	...	7 6	
Ipswich—St. Paul's	...	3 18 11	
St. Alban's, Goodna	...	1 0 3	
St. Thomas', North Ipswich	...	2 8 0	
St. Peter's, Pine Mt.	...	12 0	
Booval	...	2 10 0	
Ithaca—St. Barnabas'	...	1 15 10	
Jubilee Estate	...	1 10 5	
Inglewood—Omanama	...	2 3 0	

Kilcoy—St. Matthias', Woodford	...	1 0 0	
Killarney—Christ Church	...	1 3 4	
St. Aidan's, Tannymorel	...	2 5 6	
Laidley—St. George's, Thornton	...	10 0	
Lutwyche—St. Mark's, Albion	...	3 6 10	
Maroochy—St. John's, Nambour	...	2 0 11	
St. George, Eumundi	...	12 6	
St. Mary's, Montville	...	3 5 9	
Maleny	...	14 6	
Kenilworth	...	11 2 0	
Maryborough—St. Paul's	...	7 0 0	
St. Thomas'	...	1 3 0	
Morningside School Church	...	1 14 0	
Nanango, St. Anne's	...	1 1 8	
Oakey—St. Augustine's	...	2 10 11	
St. Lambert's, Brymaroo	...	12 4	
St. Jude's, Gowrie Little Plains	...	1 0 0	
Redcliffe, St. Mary's	...	15 6	
Southport—St. Peter's	...	3 11 0	
St. Margaret's, Nerang	...	1 10 0	
Sherwood, St. Matthew's	...	2 3 3	
Toogoolawah, St. Andrew's	...	18 11	
Toowong—St. Thomas'	...	3 0 10	
St. Paul's, Taringa	...	19 5	
Toowoomba, St. Luke's	...	11 11 0	
Warwick—St. Mark's	...	8 12 7	
St. Peter's, Yangan	...	3 3 3	
St. Luke's, Freestone	...	2 5 1	
Junabee	...	12 6	
Windsor—St. George's	...	4 9 6	
St. James', Kelvin Grove	...	1 8 8	
St. Alban's, Wilston	...	1 0 6	
Wynnum—St. Peter's	...	2 19 8	
St. Paul's, Manly	...	1 10 9	
Yeronga School Church	...	2 15 3	
Zillmere, St. Matthew's	...	15 8	

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Mrs Crombie ... £2 0 0

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Brisbane—St. Andrew's, S.B., S.S. 19 0
Warwick, St. Mark's ... 3 0 0
£3 19 0

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(Income A/c.)

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Brisbane—St. John's Cathedral	16 19 10
Holy Trinity, F. Valley	15 0 6
Christ Church, Milton	12 0 7
St. Paul's, East Brisbane	5 16 2
St. Andrew's, South Brisbane	15 14 6
St. Philip's, Thompson Estate	7 5 2
St. Peter's, West End...	4 2 3
Bundaberg, Christ Church	10 2 3
Clayfield, St. Colomb's	11 0 0
Dalby, St. John's	5 0 0
Eidsvold, St. Mark's	4 5 2
Gatton—St. Stephen's, Ma Ma Creek	12 10
Gayndah, St. Matthew's	6 2 7
Groveley—St. Matthew's	15 3
Soldiers' Settlement	6 0
Indooroopilly, St. Andrew's	10 0 0
Inglewood—St. John's	15 11
All Saints, Texas	1 5 0
Silverspur	1 6 0
Ipswich—St. Alban's, Goodna	1 1 6
Kilcoy, St. Mary's	2 17 7
Killarney—Christ Church	1 7 0
St. Aidan's, Tannymorel	1 10 3
Lutwyche—St. Andrew's	6 4 8
St. Mark's, Albion	10 4 1
Maryborough, St. Paul's	5 17 10
Mitchell, All Saints	4 0 0
Morningside School Church	2 1 0
Nanango, St. Anne's	15 0
Nundah, St. Francis	5 4 5
Toowong—St. Paul's, Taringa	3 13 11
Toowoomba, St. Luke's	22 5 9
Warwick, St. Mark's	16 18 1
Windsor, St. George's	4 8 7
Yeronga School Church	1 18 3
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Brisbane—Holy Trinity, W'gabby £10 0 0

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St. Philip's, Thompson Estate 2 13 6
Maryborough, St. Paul's ... 5 8 10
Oakley, St. Augustine's ... 5 7 2
Warwick, St. Mark's ... 7 9 9
£40 6 6

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Miss Page...	5 8
"Viola" ...	5 0 0
Mrs Hickson	6 6
Mr E. S. Waller	3 0
Mr L. Williams	3 0
Boonah, Christ Church	6 10 1
"Thank Offering"	1 19 6
Brisbane—St. John's Cathedral	1 7 0
St. Andrew's, South Brisbane	11 9 3
St. Peter's, West End	3 8 10
St. Paul's, East Brisbane	12 2
Holy Trinity, Woolloongabba	12 5 6
"S.S."	6 5 0
"W.A."	1 12 5
Holy Trinity, F. Valley	3 1 3
St. Philip's, Thompson Estate	2 5 6
"W.A."	3 7 6
St. Michael and All Angels', New Farm, S.S. Teachers	19 0
Bundaberg, Christ Church	1 16 0
Dalby—St. Mary's, Kaimkillenbun	2 3 0
Church of the Apostles, Duck- ponds	1 7 6
Drayton—St. Paul's, Umbiram	13 6
Esk—Moombra	2 5 0
Eidsvold, St. Mark's	15 6
Groveley—St. Matthew's	1 15 0
St. Mary's, Alderley	13 6
Hamilton, St. Augustine's	4 13 3
Howard—St. John's, Pialba	1 0 0
Indooroopilly, St. Andrew's	19 0 6
Ipswich, St. Paul's	12 0
Killarney, Christ Church	3 0

Lutwyche—St. Andrew's	11 0
St. Mark's, Albion	2 19 2
Maroochy—St. George's, Eumundi	12 0
Maryborough, St. Paul's	15 14 0
Oakey, St. Augustine's	2 11 5
Pittsworth, St. Andrew's W.M.A.	2 0 0
Toowong—St. Paul's, Taringa	4 6
W.M.A.	4 3 10
Toowoomba, St. Luke's	46 1 0
Warwick, St. Mark's	1 1 0
Windsor—St. George	1 0 7
"Thank-offering"	8 5
St. George S.S.	17 4
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Yarrabah Mission.
The Archbishop of Brisbane ... 5 0 0
Brisbane—Christ Church, Milton 4 10 10
All Saints' W.T. M.O.L. ... 4 18 4
Pittsworth, St. Andrew's W.A.,
"cart" ... 20 0 0
Sherwood, St. Matthew's ... 1 8
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"child" ... 5 0 0
£39 10 10

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Brisbane—St. John's Cathedral
W.M.A. ... 7 0 0
All Saints' W.T. M.O.L. ... 4 18 4
Lutwyche—St. Andrew's S.S.
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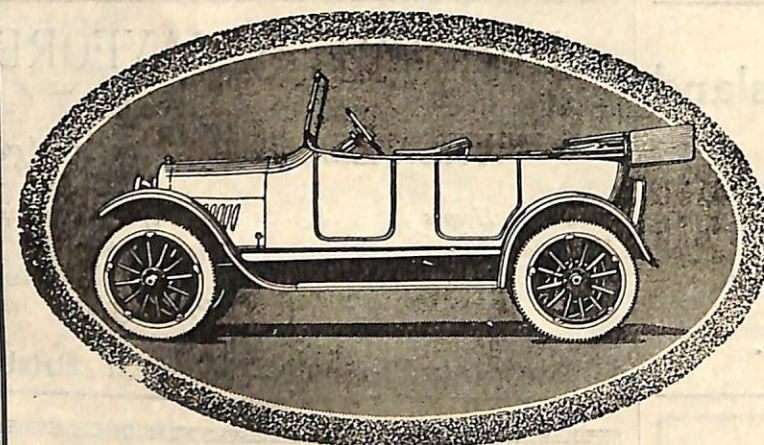
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