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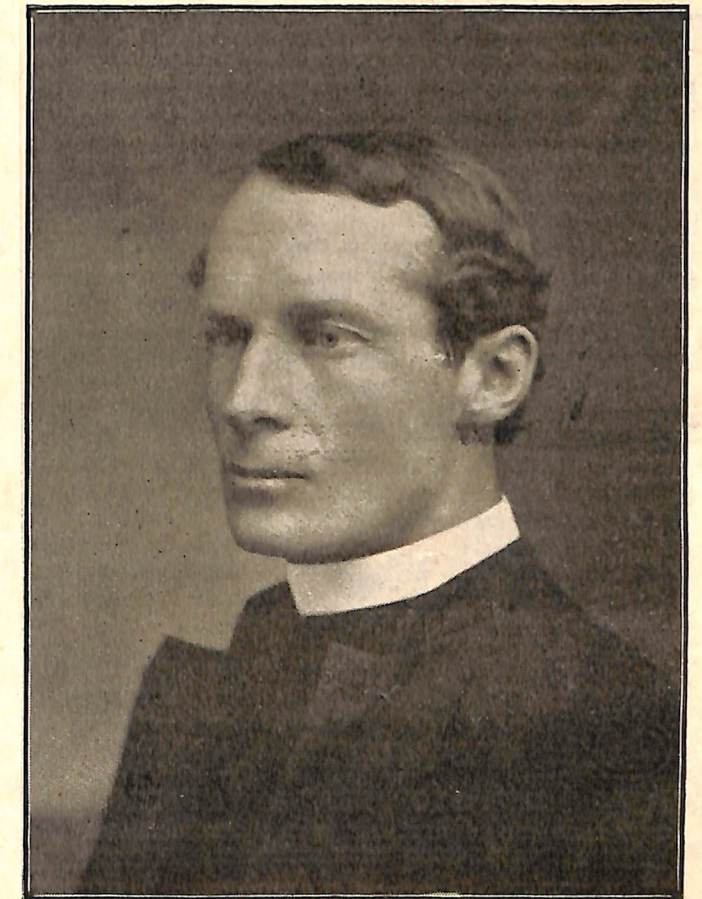
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At the time of the recent appeal for the Australian Board of Missions we were promised that such steps should be taken towards the greater efficiency of the Board as should make any recurrence of its present troubles impossible. That this was no idle promise is proved by the welcome news that the Executive have appointed the Ven. C. E. C. Lefroy, Archdeacon of Perth, as organising secretary to the Board, and have further decided that he shall be assisted by a travelling secretary and by a competent office staff. The Archdeacon's appointment is, in some senses, the most important which has been made in the Australian Church for many years, and it is a hopeful sign that the Church is thus able to secure the services of one of her ablest and most devoted priests for the organisation of her foreign missionary work. Archdeacon Lefroy brings to his new work qualities which, humanly speaking, should be a guarantee of his success, and we may hopefully assume that under his direction a new era is opening out in connection with this, the most important part of the Church's work. He will begin his new work in February, and we trust that before very long his secretarial duties will carry him as far as Queensland, so that we may hear from his own lips of the plans he has for the future.



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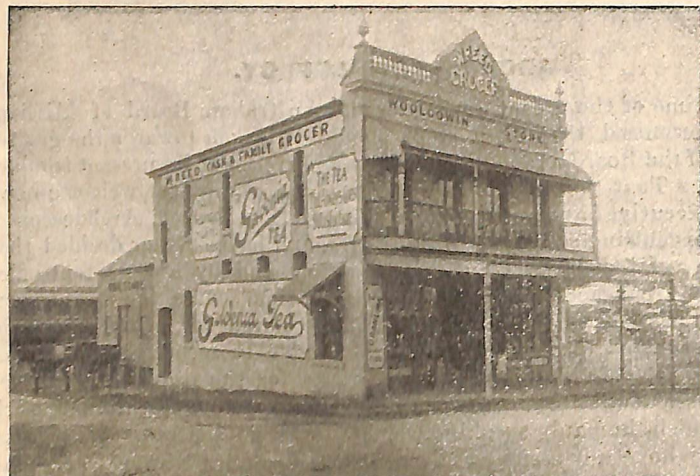
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### THE ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY.

- 19—Preaches Downs Choir Festival, Toowoomba.  
20-21—Attends Conference of Downs Clergy at Cabarlah.  
22—Dedicates Church at Lake Clarendon.  
29—Confirmation, Sandgate, 3.30 p.m.  
30—Preaches St. Luke's, Brisbane, 11 a.m.

### PREACHERS AT ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL FOR JANUARY.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11 a.m.                     | 7.30 p.m.               |
| 2—Rev. E. A. Selby-Lowndes. | Archdeacon of Brisbane. |
| 9—Archdeacon of Brisbane.   | Minor-Canon Simmons.    |
| 16—Archdeacon of Brisbane.  | Rev. F. Wilkinson.      |
| 23—Rev. F. de W. Batty.     | Rev. H. H. Green.       |
| 30—The Archbishop.          | Rev. D. J. Garland.     |

### Editorial Notes.

In wishing all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year we would like to couple with our good wishes the hope that they may be practically reciprocated. In two ways our readers could help to make the New Year a happy one for those responsible for this paper. First, by helping us to increase our circulation. At present the circulation is a little over four thousand: we want immediately to increase it to five thousand, and we have vague and distant hopes of a considerably larger figure. If each of our present subscribers would endeavour to secure one new subscriber these hopes would be realised. Increased circulation means increased profits, and these profits will be devoted to the improvement of the paper. And secondly, our readers can themselves help in the actual improvement of the *Church Chronicle*. Our aim is to publish the sort of thing which people like to read, and only the reading public can inform us what sort of thing that is. A member of our honorary literary staff offers to contribute a monthly column on subjects to be suggested by our readers themselves. May we cordially invite them to let us know what they would like him to write about? We cannot of course promise to adopt all or indeed any of the suggestions since the ingenuity even of our literary staff has its limits. But we can promise that every suggestion received will be most carefully considered.

From the standpoint of an Australian Churchman, 1910 promises to be a year of exceptional interest in more than one respect. Before the New Year is THE PRIMACY very far advanced we shall know who our new Primate is to be. Hitherto the Primacy has been permanently attached to the See of Sydney, but in view of the creation of the two new Provinces of Victoria and Queensland it has been decided to make each of the three Australian Archbishops (Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane) eligible for the high office. The election is made by the Bishops of Australia, and will take place, we understand, early in the present year. Some system of preferential voting, which will ensure that the new Primate is elected by a clear majority, will probably be adopted. This is important since the Primate is *ex officio* President of General Synod and of other bodies representative of the whole Australian Church, and it is essential therefore that

he should represent the choice of at least a majority of its leaders. The result of the election will be awaited with considerable interest.

For the whole of Queensland 1910 will be memorable as the year in which the University became an accomplished fact. Whatever may be our opinion as to the site chosen (and, personally, we are among those who think the choice a very unwise one), we are all agreed in acknowledging that the Government have done honour to themselves in deciding to devote so large a sum of money to the promotion of higher education. But we must confess to a doubt as to whether some of our leaders have quite grasped the nature of the purpose which a University is intended to serve. There has been rather too much stress laid on the fact that our University will give a "practical" education. In itself, the word is, of course, blameless; but we suspect that in some minds "practical" is thought to be equivalent to "technical," and no education is recognised as practical which does not immediately bear on some trade or profession. But this view represents a most disastrous fallacy. True success depends upon a man's capacity to take a broad and just view of life as a whole; and whatever studies tend to accurate thinking and the widening of his mental horizon are in the truest sense practical. It is such studies (as distinct from merely technical education) which a University exists to promote, and it would be a national disaster if our University curriculum were framed so as to exclude or belittle them.

For our own Diocese, the supreme event of the year will be the long-awaited opening of the new Cathedral. It has been long necessary to postpone the official opening and consecration until September, in order to secure the presence of as many as possible of the Bishops of the Australian Church. But it is probable that the Cathedral will be in use before then, possibly even as early as June. That the building will be a most beautiful addition to our city buildings needs no further argument, for the fact is now patent to every eye. This in itself would perhaps be sufficient justification for its existence, for it will undeniably be a splendid thing to have the most beautiful building in Brisbane dedicated, not to any material interest, but to the worship of the Unseen. But the Cathedral will do much more than this. Brisbane is the nerve-centre of Southern Queensland, and the influence of what is done in the capital will, sooner or later, be felt in the furthest borders of our State. And the Cathedral will stand for a strong and living central organisation from which life and inspiration will radiate throughout the Diocese. It is in this way that the older Cathedrals have abundantly justified their existence, and we do not doubt that the experience of Brisbane will be the same.

The *Worker* of December 4 last, in an article on the forthcoming Referendum, advises Queensland to "keep the THE 'WORKER' AND THE REFERENDUM. box by all means. Let us have no cloven hoof of bigotry in the polling booths. To introduce into a political contest a referendum on opening the school-doors to the parsons and their creeds would be nothing short of calamitous. Sectarian passions would be aroused. The unbalanced fanaticism which lighted the fires of the stake in days gone by, and spread the glad tidings by means of the rack, the thumbscrew and similar instruments of persuasion, is not dead but only lying dormant." We have no time here to discuss the curiously paradoxical spectacle of the organ of advanced



Democracy opposing a proposal to refer a public question to the judgment of the people. But the charge of sectarianism in this connection is so ludicrously beside the mark that it calls for a passing comment. It is most emphatically not the case that sectarian passions have been aroused by the campaign of the Bible in State Schools League. There are of course differences of opinion as to the League's objective, but these differences have never been allowed to degenerate into strife, nor has any attempt been made to conduct the campaign along denominational lines. The League has deliberately chosen to make no appeal whatever to sectarian passion, and thanks to the courtesy and self-restraint of both the supporters and opponents of the League, the campaign has been conducted on lines in no respect unworthy of the Christian name.

#### ORDINATION SERVICE AT THE CATHEDRAL.

It was a happy thought on the part of the Diocesan authorities to depart from the usual course, and hold the Ordination Service on a Sunday instead of a week day. For though this necessarily caused some dislocation of the work of the Brisbane Churches, yet it gave a congregation of Churchpeople, far larger than could be gathered on a week day, an opportunity of taking part in what is undoubtedly one of the most impressive and inspiring of the rites of the Church. And this particular service had a special interest of its own, inasmuch as the candidates ordained represented the first fruits of the Nundah College. Messrs. J. H. Steer, L. Ayscough, F. H. T. Lane, and J. R. Stotten were admitted to the Diaconate, and the Revs. G. H. Dunbar and G. L. Hunt (former students of the College) were ordained to the priesthood. The service had been preceded by a two days' Retreat at Bishopsbourne, where the candidates had had the privilege of listening to a series of earnest and helpful addresses from the Rev. H. J. Raymer (Rector of Pittsworth), who also preached the Ordination sermon. In this latter Mr. Raymer spoke first of the position of the clergy in the Church, laying emphasis on the fact that their ministerial authority was derived from above and not from below, from God and not from man, and could be traced in unbroken succession back to Christ Himself. This fact, of a divinely authorised ministry, he said, was of the utmost value in binding the Church of all ages together in giving to the ministers themselves courage and assurance to face their tremendous task, and in affording to the members of the Church an effective guarantee of the validity of the Church's system. He then spoke of the duty of the laity towards the clergy, pleading most earnestly for consideration, and especially for the recognition of the fact that the clergy need time for the preparation of themselves for their ministry, and for the cultivation of their own spiritual life. He then addressed a few words to the candidates themselves as to the high duties and responsibilities of the career that lay before them.

After the sermon the Ordination Service proceeded. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Canon Tomlin, and the Gospel was read by the Rev. J. H. Steer, one of the newly-ordained deacons. The service (which lasted just two hours) was followed with the closest and most reverent attention by an overflowing congregation, of whom the greater part remained to the end. Some, however, left before the prayer for the Church Militant. It was a pity that this should have been the case. The Holy Communion affords us—whether we are present as communicants or not—a unique opportunity for prayer and worship, and we trust that an increasing number of our Churchpeople will come to realise this more and more.

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### THE BIBLE IN STATE SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

We have now definitely entered upon the last round of our great fight for religious freedom in our State Schools. On December 21st, the Premier announced in Parliament that the proposal to postpone the Referendum till June or July had been abandoned, and that it would be taken, as provided in the Act, on the day of the Federal Election. **The date of the Referendum will thus be April 6th.** We have got just three clear months in which to rally our forces for the winning of a great national victory, and we must use every bit of these three months towards the securing of an overwhelming majority. Of all our sympathisers we ask three things:—

(1) **Work.**—In this campaign everyone can take a part. The particular work before us all is to try and convert the indifferent. And remember that indifference in this matter is only another name for ignorance. Nobody who really understands the issue can possibly be indifferent, because the issue is so tremendous. If it be true—and most men believe it to be true—that the Bible is God's chief lesson-book for mankind, then it cannot be a matter of indifference whether that Book is recognised or slighted by the curriculum of our State Schools. If it be true—and we most of us hold it to be true—that religion is the only stable basis of conduct, then it cannot be a matter of indifference that the children of our State Schools are at present being taught that religion is of no concern. These are the plain issues, and once they are seen and grasped indifference becomes impossible. We have got, then, to bring them before the indifferent, and convert their indifference into intelligent sympathy. In this we can all help—men as well as women; women in some ways better than men. We must all be canvassers, soliciting votes—not for a particular political party, but for God and His Holy Word. If you are already a worker, you must work harder than ever these next three months; if you are not yet a worker, you must write to or ring up the Rev. D. J. Garland (Holy Trinity Rectory, Woolloongabba. Telephone No. 2171), who will tell you what to do and supply you with literature which explains the objects of League, and, incidentally, answers every objection, however futile, which has been raised against our proposals.

(2) **Financial Support.**—The campaign costs money, and will cost more and more as the time of the Referendum approaches. Here again we can all help. Every donation, however small, will be most gratefully welcomed. Even a few stamps will come in handy, for the League will require a good many thousands of them in the course of the next three months. But better still, if you can afford it, send along a really substantial donation. You could hardly spend your money better. And remember too to go to Church twice on Sunday, January 30, which will be Bible in State Schools League Sunday in all the Churches of the Diocese. You will then hear the case for the League stated by someone who has a right to speak on the question, and you will probably have an opportunity of contributing to the funds of the League. If so, take it. We are looking to that Sunday to provide us with a solid contribution towards the Campaign Fund.

(3) **Prayer.**—It would be a terrible thing if we failed in our objective for lack of work on the part of those who ought to have helped us; and it would be a terrible thing to fail for lack of funds. But the most terrible thing—and the most grievous thing in the sight of Almighty God—would be for us to fail for lack of prayer. We believe our cause to be God's cause, and we believe that God looks for the

co-operation of our prayers for the coming of His Kingdom and the doing of His Will on earth as it is in Heaven. So let us all fall to earnest prayer in this matter. Pray that God will raise up workers for His Cause, and prosper their work with good success. Pray that He will guide the minds of the electors to a right decision upon the issue. Pray that He will overrule the deliberations of the Executive of the League that no false step may hinder our progress in these three precious months. Pray that He will use our efforts, if it is His Will, towards the establishment in Queensland of that righteousness by which alone a nation is exalted.

"SIMULTANEOUS SUNDAY."—The Executive of the Bible in State Schools League having requested that the last Sunday in January be observed simultaneously throughout Queensland by those Churches in sympathy with the movement as a day of prayer for Divine assistance and when the movement shall be brought before the congregations, intimations have been received that the proposal has been approved by the Archbishop of Brisbane, the President of the Methodist Conference of Queensland, the President of the German Lutheran Synod of Queensland, Bishop White of Carpentaria, Bishop Frodsham of North Queensland, Bishop Halford of Rockhampton, Brigadier Winter (Commanding Officer of the Southern Province of the Salvation Army), and Major Ross (Commanding Officer of the Northern Province of the Salvation Army).

It is understood that the date to be chosen for Federal Polling Day will probably be Saturday, the 6th April. The Federal Minister for Home Affairs has handed the Prime Minister a memorandum on the question of the arrangements for the elections. This will be the date on which the Bible in State Schools Referendum will be taken in Queensland, as provided in the Act passed by the Queensland Parliament.

The Right Rev. Pastor Frank, newly elected President of the German Lutheran Synod, has been elected a vice-president of the Bible in State Schools League, in the place of Pastor Langebecker, deceased.

The Rev. James Mursell, of the Baptist Tabernacle, Brisbane, has been elected a member of the Executive of the League, thus continuing the tradition of the Baptist Tabernacle, a former Pastor of which, the Rev. William Whale, having been one of the founders of the Bible in State Schools League.

Mr. Herbert W. Scott, Secretary of the Congregational Union of Queensland, has also been elected a member of the Executive.

At the recent meeting of the German Lutheran Synod expression was given to the continued support of the members of the Synod to the Bible in State Schools League, and members of the German Lutheran Church were urged to work in support of the Referendum.

Dr. Sherwell, in his recent work on "Industrial Efficiency," says of Germany, "In Germany the function of the elementary schools is to train up the young in religion, good conduct and patriotism by education and teaching, and to instruct them in the general knowledge and the requirements requisite for civil life. Character and conduct are the primary objects. Religion, therefore, comes first, as the indispensable foundation of morality and conduct. The German people have decided that morality cannot be efficiently taught apart from religion, and further, that religious teaching to be effective must be dogmatic. For this the law carefully provides. The children receive religious instruction from teachers of their own confession."



## Missionary Notes.

The chief subject of Missionary interest has of late been the appeal to Australia for £5000, which sum it is estimated will wipe off the debt of the A.B.M. and place the finances on a sound footing. The Brisbane Diocese as a whole has responded well, £434 6s. 8d. having been raised for the Special Emergency Fund, and as all parishes have not yet sent in contributions it is possible the amount will be still larger. But we cannot afford to rest on our oars. It is imperative that, as a Diocese, and this means as parishes, and as individuals, we *increase our annual subscriptions to Missions*. The want of wise administration, which for a time characterized the A.B.M., has no doubt been well criticised and deplored; but the blame by no means rests entirely with that body. The subscriptions have not been sufficient to meet the necessary expenditure, and there has been as much failure in duty on the part of the majority of Church people, as mismanagement on the part of the A.B.M. Doubtless the sum required (£5000) will be raised throughout Australia, and we have reliable assurance that the A.B.M. office will be reconstructed upon a sound business basis, but this will be of little avail if we do not determine to give more help to Mission work in the future. How many of us recognize our obligations towards Missions and devote a fixed portion of our income—no matter how small if it is all we can afford—to the cause? Instead our Lord's command—definite, direct, indisputable, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"—is continually disobeyed. Mr. Spurgeon once said: "The question is not, Will the heathen be lost if they do not hear the Gospel, but, Will we be saved if we do not take it to them?" The whole subject is momentous and vital. But "the past is a story told, the future may be writ in gold"; and surely we are going to endeavour to turn over a new leaf and rise to a newness of life concerning Missionary matters. Is it not possible to bring some good from the evil of the past? The literature, which it was found necessary to distribute throughout the Diocese in connection with the appeal was a means of disseminating a wide knowledge of the New Guinea and Yarrabah Missions, and of arousing interest in the work. Cannot we increase that knowledge and sustain that interest? There are many ways in which both objects may be attained. The following means of helping, which are sufficiently varied to be brought within the capacity of all, even the young, are commended to the practical sympathy of Church people.

1. By prayer. Intercessions are published each month in "Missionary Notes," and Intercession Papers may be obtained each quarter from the Secretary, Church House, Brisbane.

2. By organizing Parochial Missionary Associations with Secretaries.

3. By reading Missionary literature and encouraging others to do so.

4. By subscribing to "Missionary Notes," which can be supplied by the Secretary for 1s. a year, or 1s. 6d. per annum post free.

5. By talking about Missionary matters to friends and obtaining their practical interest.

6. By sending to the Church House for a Mission box, and putting into it a small sum each week, even if only one penny.

7. By subscribing a definite sum annually, and getting promises from others to do likewise. These contributions could be collected at stated intervals and sent to the Church House.

8. By organizing Work Parties and arranging an annual Parochial Sale of Work, or else sending articles to be disposed of at the Annual Sale of Work in Brisbane.

9. Sunday Schools can help by giving £5 a year for the support of a child in New Guinea—2s. a week will accomplish this.

10. By collecting used postage stamps, separating them from the envelope, and forwarding them in bundles of 100 to the Secretary, who will dispose of them.

11. By sending old linen well washed and boiled to the Church House to be sent to the Missions for bandages.

In connection with St. Andrew's-tide, a Lantern and Gift Service for children was held in All Saints' Schoolroom on the evening of Saturday, November 27th, and a Mission Service, at which His Grace the Archbishop was the preacher, took place at St. Luke's on November 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

The pupils of the Glennie Schools, Toowoomba, have undertaken to support a girl at the Half-caste Home in New Guinea.

A treadle sewing-machine is badly needed at the Home at Gaungaunana. The Singer Sewing Machine Co. have promised to supply a new £14 machine for £7. The offer is a good one. The secretary has £1 8s. 6d. already in hand for the purpose and would be glad to receive subscriptions. Even contributions of 6d. or 1s. in stamps or money would be acceptable.

The Rev. G. W. Morrison, whose health was very much improved by his stay in Brisbane, left for Yarrabah on December 4th.

Two cases of Christmas gifts—one an exceedingly large one—were forwarded to Yarrabah early in December. They contained purchases made from the proportion of the anonymous donation of £25, which fell to the share of this Mission, contributions from various individuals and parishes, and Yarrabah's share of gifts from a "Pannikin and Gift Tea" for Yarrabah and New Guinea (but chiefly for the former) which was organized by Mesdames Miles, Holmes a'Court, and E. W. Walker, and held at Mrs. Walker's residence on November 20th. About 250 people were present, and each brought a gift or gifts, besides which £4 5s. was given in money. The gifts included 286 pannikins, bats, balls, toilet soap, pipes, tobacco, bread tins, fishing lines, hooks, fishing knives, 2 dozen plates, a tomahawk, 5 dozen and 10 metal spoons, many dozen yards of material for sulus and dresses, singlets, cottons, needles, pins, etc. The money given was expended upon hoes, axes, hatchets, adzes, pocket and fishing knives, razors, iron spoons, baking dishes, nails, fishing lines, hooks, and sinkers.

A Concert and Tableaux in aid of the Special Emergency Fund, arranged by Miss Moseley and Mrs. Miles, was held in the Protestant Hall on November 29th, at 8 p.m., and again at All Saints' Schoolroom on the evening of December 14th. A cheque of £27 has been sent in as the result. The thanks of the Committee of the A.B.M. are offered to Miss Moseley and Mrs. Miles for getting up the entertainment, also to the ladies and gentlemen who helped. Those who witnessed the performance can appreciate to a certain extent the time and labour which must have been required to ensure such a successful result.

The following are acknowledged with thanks:—

FOR NEW GUINEA.—Books, dolls, exercise and note books, etc., from the Church Mission. Material for sulus

from Mrs. Boyd. Clothing and a doll for Gaungaunana from the Swan Hill M.C.L., received last month, but not specified in the acknowledgments.

FOR YARRABAH.—Singlets from Mr. G. C. Wilson, Gin Gin. Stationery from Miss I. Mosely. Fifty slides of the Oberammergau Passion Play from Mrs. Müller. Nails from Miss Burrows. Old linen, bandages, razor, ties, etc., from Mrs. Weedon. Toys from five little children at New Farm. Old linen and material for sulus from Mr. Board. Copper from Mr. Highland. Six prayer books from All Saints' M.C.L. Toys and frocks from Pittsworth (result of gift service). Pipes, knives, toys, etc., per Mr. Oakes. Toys from New Farm M.C.L. Toys, exercise books, pencils, material for dresses, cotton, tape and other articles from Warwick (result of children's gift service). Large quantity of table delicacies, material for sulus and dresses, and toys from Toowong. Toys from St. James', Enoggera. Later gifts for the Pannikin Tea from Mesdames H. Stephens, Hudson, Wright, Blundell, Osborn, Cope, Caine and Misses Caine and Parry-Oakden.

FOR TRUBANAMAN.—Five dresses and seven sulus per Miss U. McConnel. Toys, exercise books, pencils, material for dresses, cotton, tape, etc., from Warwick (result of gift service).

The box from Toowoomba acknowledged last month contained a large number of children's dresses, some books, groceries, etc., which were divided between New Guinea, Yarrabah and Trubanamam.



THE WOMEN'S SHELTER.

The Archbishop has appointed Miss Hagger to be Matron of the Shelter in the place of Mrs. Downward, whose resignation was reported last month. The new Matron has been connected with the Shelter for some years, and is thoroughly familiar with its working. Miss Kellett, another of the former workers at the Shelter, has again taken up her work there, and her advent is a further guarantee that the objects for which the Institution exists will be effectively fulfilled. During the past month the staff have been kept busy in catering for the needs of the many women who have availed themselves of the Shelter's accommodation, and the fact that the Institution has been generally full is a proof that the need for which it provides is a very real one. May we once more remind our readers that the Shelter represents one of the many good objects supported by the Home Mission Fund, a fund which has a very great claim upon the generosity of Church people.

## DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS, 1909.

The following reports have been received from the Examiners:—

### SCRIPTURE.

A large number of the Senior papers are very satisfactory. About two-thirds of them are carefully done, and, with few exceptions, are correct in their historical facts. A tendency to answer the questions which required short answers at some length increased the bulk of the paper, but not the marks. The first four papers are excellent.

The Intermediate papers are disappointing. The time allowed—one hour and a half—was evidently too short for those who knew anything of their subject. The conclusion of many papers is either a scramble or a blank, which an extra half-hour might have remedied. Nearly two-thirds of the papers, however, are very poor, and very incorrect, and could not have required even the limited time to write.

The Junior papers are good. Allowing for the difficulty the Juniors would have in writing descriptive answers, the answers to the two questions (Journey to Emmaus—the Parable of the Ten Virgins) are distinctly well done in most cases. It is quite astonishing how many Juniors, even those well up in the mark list, are hazy about such simple questions as, "Who betrayed our Lord?" "Who denied Him?" etc.

Some answers are startling—Well might the Jews on the day of Pentecost "be amazed to hear the disciples talk French and German;" Nicodemus is not one of the Canticles sung at Evensong; "Geremias an David" were not present at the Crucifixion; The Governor was not a sea faring man called Punch the Pilot.

A. R. RIVERS.

### REPETITION.

The bulk of the work in the Senior Division reached a very high standard, and it was most gratifying to note how much interest the scholars had taken in their work.

The work in the Intermediate Division also shewed that the teachers had taken great pains with their pupils, and the whole of the papers were of a fairly high standard.

The papers in the Junior Division were hardly so satisfactory, a tendency to carelessness on the part of the pupils being very evident. The teachers of the lower classes in our Sunday Schools would do well to try and instil into the minds of their pupils the need of verbal accuracy in their repetition.

HENRY WHITEHEAD.

### CATECHISM.

The papers were on the whole fairly well done, a large proportion of those who failed to pass not being very far behind the required number of marks.

A very few candidates did really bad papers, and these were either in the Junior or Intermediate Divisions.

The best taught were those in the Senior Division, the knowledge of passages of Scripture bearing upon the statements of the Catechism being very good.

The weakest spot in most, but not in all, cases is shewn when some simple explanation is required by the question or some phrase in the Catechism to be given in their own words by the children; very few answered correctly, e.g., the question "What is meant by the Kingdom of Heaven?"

H. C. BEASLEY.

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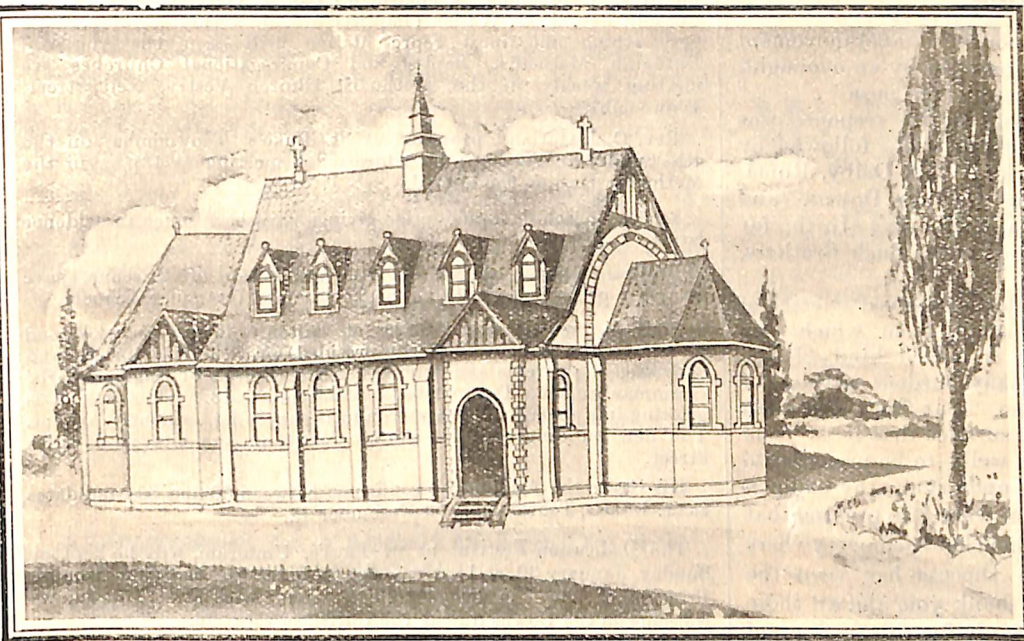
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LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR'S, LAIDLEY.

The foundation stone of what will be an unique Church building in Australia, was laid on Monday, November 15th, by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Toowoomba, at Laidley. The walls of the Church will be of reinforced concrete casings, set in steel frames. The roof will be composed of asbestos tiles ; and due regard has been given to the proper ventilation of the building. It will be of early English Gothic style of architecture, having a chancel, baptistry, vestries, and porches, and large crosses on the gables. The length will be 64ft., and the width of the nave 28ft. It will accommodate about 250 people. The architects are Messrs. J. Marks and Sons, and the contractor Mr. H. Andrews, both of Toowoomba. The contract price (exclusive of furnishing) is £800. It is estimated that the cost of furnishing will be about £100, consisting of seats of silky oak, reredos, altar, altar rails, pulpit, lectern, prayer desk, credence and font, of cedar and beaunwood, all of natural polish. The inscription on the foundation stone is : "To the glory of God, and in the name of our Holy Saviour, this Stone was laid as the foundation of the Parish Church of Laidley by the Venerable A. R. Rivers, M.A., Archdeacon of Toowoomba, on the 15th day of November, 1909, A.D. Rector, Z. A. Higgins. Church-wardens—J. Cook, A. H. Wright." After a celebration of the Holy Communion in the old church at 7 a.m., the ceremony of laying the foundation stone took place at a service held at 11 o'clock, at which there was a good congregation of parishioners and friends from near and far, the clergy present being—Archdeacon Rivers, Rev. A. Higgins (rector), Rev. H. Gradwell (late rector), Rev. T. L. H. Jenkyn, Rev. S. Lewis ; also Mr. L. Ayscough, who has recently been appointed to the parish. The music was well rendered by the choir, assisted by the organ and the band of St. Saviour's Gordon Club. The collection at the service, for the Building Fund, amounted to over £96. After the service, those present sat down to a luncheon kindly arranged for by the ladies of the congregation, for which the provisions had been generously given by friends

in town and district. Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. Canon Hay (who was unable to arrive until the afternoon), H. C. Beasley, Canon T. Jones, Canon Tomlin, Revs. H. T. Molesworth, A. E. Attkins, W. P. Glover, H. J. Raymer, and V. Whitehouse ; His Worship the Mayor of Laidley, and W. D. Armstrong, Esq., M.L.A. A large congregation again assembled for the evening service in the open air, when the Rev. Canon Hay preached ; and a collection was made for the Building Fund, which brought the total up to £103 12s. 1d. To this has to be added promises of donations amounting to £100, to be paid on the completion of the church, and also the receipts on account of the luncheon and tea. A sum of money was previously standing to the credit of the Building Fund in the Bank ; and it is confidently hoped that when the church is opened, within four months, it will be dedicated to the glory of God free of debt. This day will long be thankfully remembered by Churchpeople in Laidley. We pray that these outward evidences of progress are an index of real spiritual vitality, which will manifest itself in the lives of our people in more earnest devotion and faithfulness to Christ and His Church.

**THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE NOTES.**

*Ordinations.*—George Herbert Dunbar and George Leney Hunt were ordained priests, and John Howard Steer, Leonard Ayscough, Frere Henry Tremayne Lane and John Reginald Stotten were ordained deacons on the Fourth Sunday in Advent at St. Luke's. An account of the service is given elsewhere in the *Chronicle*.

*Vacation.*—The College broke up on Monday, December 20, and will meet again on Tuesday, February 8. All students are requested to be in College by 7 p.m. on that day. Two new students are expected next term.

*New Quarters.*—Eight more student's rooms are being erected at the College by Messrs. Attewell & Proctor. This extra accommodation will make it possible for us to take in altogether twenty-three students.

*Local Secretaries.*—An enquiry from a Local Secretary of the Theological College has suggested to us the idea of giving a few hints about the work which they have undertaken :—

1. Any number of cards can be obtained from Mr. Briggs, State School, South Brisbane.
2. These cards can be given to anyone who wishes to take them. A register of the names of those who possess them should be kept. But we want the cards to be held even by those who cannot contribute. They can still be helpers. Let the cards do their own work.
3. Be active at the Ember Seasons, and ask your Rector to bring the Helpers' Card forcibly before their congregations each Ember Season.

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Official Notes.		
CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIOCESAN FUNDS.		
DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION.		
Marriage Fees	59 6 2	
Assessments	11 9 10	
	£70 16 0	
HOME MISSION FUND.		
Brisbane—Christ Church, Milton	1 0 0	
St. Mary's, Kangaroo Point	7 11	
Beaudesert, St. Thomas' (Woodhill)	1 3 5	
(Tambourine)	4 0	
Boonah, Christ Church	17 6	
Bundaberg, Christ Church	10 6	
Charleville, All Saints'	4 1 3	
Cleveland, St. Paul's	17 10	
Gayndah—St. Matthew's	1 0 0	
St. Mark's, Eidsvold	1 8 6	
St. Mary's, Gin Gin	18 2	
Goondiwindi, Holy Trinity	1 7 0	
Jondaryan—St. Augustine's, Oakey	1 5 2	
St. Gregory's, Kingsthorpe	14 0	
Laidley, St. Saviour's	10 11	
Lutwyche, St. Andrew's	10 7	
Maryborough, St. John's, Pialba	5 0	
Nundah—St. Francis'	10 0	
St. Colomb's, Clayfield	4 0	
Rosewood—St. Luke's	17 11	
St. Mark's, Fernvale	1 8 2	
Southport—St. Peter's	17 0	
Holy Rood, Upper Coomera	2 10 0	
Toowong, St. Thomas', and St. Paul's, Taringa	2 3	
Warwick, St. James', Pratten	18 4	
	14 6	
	£15 3 11	
THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE'S FUND FOR MISSION CHAPLAINS (Income A/c.)		
Brisbane—All Saints'	3 8 1	
St. Michael's, New Farm	4 3 4	
St. Peter's, Wynnum	1 10 4	
Jondaryan—St. Mark's, Goom-bungee	2 0 0	
St. Jude's, Gowrie Little Plain	2 1 9	
St. Augustine's, Oakey	2 12 6	
Maryborough, St. Matthew's, Howard	19 5	
	£16 15 5	
CLERGY CENTRAL SUSTENTATION FUND (Income A/c.)		
Anonymous (per St. Luke's Cathedral)	£5 0 0	
CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND.		
Miss Holmes	10 0	
Mrs. H. May	10 0	
Mrs. Tufnell (special donation for Sanctuary carpet)	60 0 0	
	£61 0 0	
ORDINATION CANDIDATES FUND.		
Miss A. Fortescue	5 0	
Mr. N. Michael	10 0	
Mrs. G. T. Tomlin	5 0 0	
	£5 15 0	
DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.		
A.B.M.—Special Emergency Fund.		
The Archbishop of Brisbane	100 0 0	
"A Friend of the Mission"	2 6	
Anonymous	5 0 0	
Anonymous	10 0	
Anonymous (per St. Peter's, West End)	2 6	
Rev. A. D. Baker	10 0	
Mr. C. Baldwin	1 1 0	
Mr. F. S. N. Bousfield	1 1 0	
Mr. J. J. Chamberlain	5 0	
Mrs. H. M. Court	10 0	
Mrs. J. W. D. Graham	1 0 0	
Messrs. R. S. Hews and Co.	1 10 0	
Miss Hawkes	10 0	
Mr. Kerr	5 0	
Mr. E. H. King	2 2 0	
Mrs. J. D. Lane	1 0 0	
Colonel King and Messrs. King and Radford	1 0 0	
Mr. J. Roberts	5 0	
Mrs. Tufnell	50 0 0	
Rev. W. V. G. White	1 0 0	
Rev. V. H. Whitehouse	10 0	
Brisbane—St. Luke's Cathedral	23 0 11	
All Saints'	6 0 6	
Sunday School	4 0	
St. Michael's, New Farm	12 10 2	
St. Andrew's, S. Brisbane	20 0 0	
St. Paul's, East Brisbane	4 0 0	
St. Peter's, Wynnum	1 6 6	
Church Mission (Yeronga)	10 0	
Charleville—All Saints'	2 15 8	
All Saints' Sunday School	4 6	
All Saints' Children of Bush	5 0 0	
Brotherhood Districts	2 8 0	
All Saints', Mitchell	2 8 9	
St. Andrew's, Yeulba	1 11 9	
Ogilvie's Creek	20 0 0	
Dalby—St. John's	1 4 0	
St. Cecilia's, Chinchilla	1 0 0	
Drayton—St. Matthew's	2 8 6	
All Saint's, Cambooya	16 0	
St. John's, Umbiram	42 12 11	
Esk, St. Agnes'	1 5 0	
Gayndah—St. Matthew's	2 0 0	
Wylarah	3 11 6	
Goondiwindi—Holy Trinity	1 11 9	
St. David's, Mayfield	16 9	
All Saints', Texas	11 6	
Silverspur	1 8 8	
Gympie, St. Andrew's	2 7 7	
Jondaryan—St. George's, Crow's Nest	1 0 0	
Holy Trinity, Geham	2 10 3	
St. John's, Gowrie Junction	1 16 6	
St. Jude's, Gowrie Little Plain	8 6	
St. Augustine's, Highfields	5 4 0	
St. Augustine's, Oakey		
Maryborough—St. Matthew's, Howard	9 0 0	
St. John's, Pialba	4 11 10	
Nanango—St. Anne's	5 0 0	
St. Anne's Sunday School	5 0	
Nundah, St. Matthias', Zillmere	1 0 0	
Pittsworth—St. Andrew's	7 5 9	
St. Augustine's, Leyburn	15 6	
All Saints', Yandilla	12 9	
St. Michael's, Yarranlea	12 3	
St. John's, Springside	14 3	
St. Peter's, Milmeran	15 10	
St. Mary's, Southbrook	10 0	
St. Philip's, Mount Tyson	10 3	
Grass Tree	1 0 6	
Kincora	4 0	
Pine Creek	11 6	
St. Ronan's	13 2	
Sherwood—St. Matthew's	8 6 6	
Moorooka	3 0	
Stanthorpe, St. Paul's	1 0 0	
Toowong, St. Paul's, Taringa	1 12 6	
New Guinea Mission.		
F.M.S.	1 0 0	
Gift Tea (per Miss I. M. Walker)	1 3 6	
Glennie Memorial School (for child)	1 5 0	
"In memory R. Prout"	1 1 0	
Brisbane—Christ Church S. S., Milton (for child)	4 9	
Tufnell Home	1 0 0	
Jondaryan, St. Augustine's, Highfields	8 6	
Toowong, St. Paul's, Taringa, S.S.	4 5	
Yarrabah Mission.		
Mrs. K. H. Adams	7 6	
Gift Tea (per Miss I. M. Walker)	3 8 0	
"In memory R. Prout"	1 1 0	
Nurse Sugden	10 0	
Brisbane—All Saints'	4 15 10	
St. James', Enoggera	1 11 0	
Holy Trinity, Woolloongabba	10 0 0	
Tufnell Home	1 10 0	
Nundah—St. Francis'	1 11 5	
St. Colomb's, Clayfield	6 3 9	
Stanthorpe, Girls' High School	3 6	
Toowong, St. Thomas' Sewing Guild	5 0 0	
General Fund.		
Brisbane, Sale of Work (additional)	6 8 0	
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**A CORRECTION.**

In the account of the Bishopsbourne Chapel movement given last month two lines were omitted by an oversight. The sentence beginning "a most cordial response . . ." should have read thus: A most cordial response was received from the Logan and Burnett districts, followed by the Brisbane River, also Warwick, Allora, Dalby, Roma, and the smaller townships of the Darling Downs, and elsewhere, with some of the Brisbane suburbs. In the far West the matter was left in the hands of the Bush Brothers, etc.

The Secretary of the movement has received a letter of acknowledgment from the Archbishop, from which the following extract is taken:—"It is indeed kind of the ladies of the Diocese among their many burdens to think of the Bishopsbourne Chapel and of me. But far more than the money collected I value your assurance that it is from friends. One ought—as I know well—to be prepared to do one's duty without depending upon sympathy or upon friends. But it would be affectation were I to pretend that it is so with me. The sympathy which has been everywhere afforded me by the ladies of the Diocese has been the greatest possible help to me. I thank you, and all those who have acted with you, most sincerely for this fresh proof of your kindness and goodwill."

**Doings on the Downs.**

The Downs Clerical Conference is to meet on January 20th, at Cabarlah, and on the 19th the Downs Choir Festival will be held at St. Luke's Church. Two anthems—"O Taste and See" and "Judge Me, O God"—are being practised by the several choirs.

The A.B.M. Emergency Appeal is being well responded to on the Downs. Pittsworth parish has vindicated its right to its dedication to the Missionary Apostle St. Andrew by giving the whole of the collections at every service in every Church in the parish throughout the whole of November to the Emergency Fund. The Dedication Festival at Pittsworth was celebrated on St. Andrew's Day. There was a Children's Service in the afternoon, when the children brought to the church gifts for Foreign Missions. There was a Festal Evening at night, when Rev. H. C. Beasley, rector of Drayton, preached.

The Bazaar in aid of the Rectory Fund at Pittsworth was an unqualified success. The Rectory at this place is a very well built and most comfortable house, and a credit to the parish.

St. Andrew's Parish (Pittsworth) henceforth is issuing a parish magazine of eight pages, apart from the *Church Chronicle*, although the *Chronicle* is still to be circulated in the parish. Great improvements have been made to the sanctuary at St. Mary's, Southbrook. A new font has also been obtained for this church. Coloured glass has been put in the east window at St. Peter's, Milmeran, and a vestry has been built at St. Paul's, Grassree.

The C.E.M.S. is still much in evidence on the Downs. On Saturday, December 11th, the Archbishop addressed both branches of Toowoomba at St. Luke's Church, in preparation for Communion, and a Corporate Communion was held at 8 a.m. on the third Sunday in Advent at St. Luke's, when numbers were present from St. Luke's and St. James', Toowoomba, and from St. Matthew's, Drayton. Canon Oakeley read a paper before the Drayton branch on December 18th, and on the 8th good meetings were held—both at St. Luke's and St. James'—and a special service was held on the 16th by the St. Luke's branch. Meetings in October and November were held by the Dalby branch, and Canon Hay, of Warwick, is to visit this branch early in the New Year.

Several new members have joined the Mothers' Union in Dalby.

The communicants of Warra are presenting communion vessels to their Church at Christmas-time.

A strong committee has been formed in Toowoomba in connection with the coming Referendum (Bible in State Schools League). Rev. H. C. Beasley is the secretary; Rev. E. Dyer, Methodist

minister, Toowoomba, is chairman; Canon Oakeley, Rev. T. W. Cockell, Rev. A. G. Weller (Baptist) are all keenly working, and a very strong and most representative body from the Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches are meeting weekly in the Methodist Church Vestry, Neil Street, Toowoomba.

Rev. D. J. Garland preached at St. Luke's, Toowoomba, on the 4th Sunday in Advent; he addressed a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Methodist Hall on the same day.

School speech-days and prize-givings have been much in evidence lately.

Professor David, brother of late Archdeacon of Brisbane, gave away the prizes last month at the Toowoomba Grammar School.

Lady Morgan presented prizes at Milton College, Warwick, and his Grace the Archbishop (who presided) presented the prizes and addressed the parents and scholars at the Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Toowoomba, on December 13. This school is growing in a remarkable manner, and is supplying, evidently, a want. The new buildings will be shortly ready on the site in Herries Street.

His Grace the Archbishop confirmed between 50 and 60 candidates at St. Luke's, Toowoomba, on December 12.

The Dedication Festival at St. Paul's, Umbiram, will be kept on Sunday, January 30, at 11 a.m.; the preacher will be Canon Tomlin, Principal of the Theological College, whom, with Mrs. Tomlin, we welcome on the Downs during the Christmas vacation.

On Christmas Day St. Matthew's Church, Drayton, appeared in new garb: walls cleaned and calcimined, east wall freshly painted, new dossall and wings, new prayer desk, new cross and altar vases, and new sanctuary carpet. These will all be dedicated by Archdeacon Rivers during January.

Mr. Carr and his family have presented a brass cross to All Saints', Cambooya, in memory of Mrs. Carr, an earnest Church worker, who died last year.

New choir stalls are shortly to be placed in St. Matthew's Church, Drayton, as a memorial to Mr. Robert Handley. Mr. Handley died quite suddenly, in November. He was well known on the Downs, and is a great loss to the district. He represented the Drayton Parish in Synod; for many years he was people's warden; he filled the office, too, of parochial nominator. He was chairman of the Shire Council and chairman of the School Committee. He was married to a daughter of Mr. Springall, of Ipswich, well known in Synod for many years.

On the King's Birthday the foundation stone of the new Church at Laidley was laid by Ven. A. R. Rivers. The new Church is the first to be built of reinforced concrete in this Diocese. Mr. Marks' plan is an attractive one.

Early in November the Rev. Z. A. Higgins was instituted Rector of Laidley.

The Rev. V. Whitehouse has left Warwick to take charge of the parish of Redcliffe. The Rev. S. Lewis has been licensed to the curacy of Warwick.

The Rev. A. E. Hockey has been appointed to the living of Killarney, and left Stanthorpe on November 25.

The Rev. L. Ayscough (ordained Deacon on December 19th) has been licensed to the curacy of Laidley.

The Archbishop spent several days in the Oakey parish in November administering the right of Confirmation at Oakey, Gowrie Little Plain, Goombungee, and Crows Nest.

The Rev. A. E. Henry is leaving for a year's holiday in England. The Rev. H. Henry will act as his *locum tenens*.

The foundation block of the Bell Church is to be laid on January 23rd.

The Rev. C. Mayhew conducted a short mission in the Allora parish last month.

**WOODY POINT.**—To Let, Furnished, Lizmar Cottage, near Ch. of E., Scott's Point, 12 min. walk from State School. Apply "Lizmar," Rigby St., Woolloowin, or W. S. SILVESTER, 220 Queen St., Brisbane.

**DIOCESAN NOTES.**

The Archbishop will conduct a Quiet Day for the Clergy at Bishopsbourne on Tuesday, February 1st. It is requested that those of the Clergy who propose to attend will communicate their intention to the Rev. F. de W. Batty not later than Thursday, January 27th.

The following licences have lately been issued by the Archbishop: The Rev. J. R. Stotten to an assistant-curacy in the parish of Gayndah, the Rev. J. H. Steer to an assistant-curacy in the parish of Milton, and the Rev. L. Ayscough to an assistant-curacy in the parish of Laidley.

**DISTRICT NURSING SCHEME.**—All members of the Mothers' Union are invited to attend a meeting to be held in St. Luke's Hall, Charlotte Street, on Wednesday afternoon, January 26, at 3 p.m., when his Grace the Archbishop will preside.

**APPOINTMENT OF A SUB-DEAN FOR THE NEW CATHEDRAL.**

Although the ceremonial opening of the new Cathedral seems likely to be deferred beyond the date originally estimated, it is important that arrangements should be made for it to be opened in a fully equipped condition. Consequently it is good to hear that the Archbishop has already made an appointment to the post of Sub-dean. The Rev. J. A. Pattinson, Vicar since 1907 of Hope, near Manchester, has accepted the Archbishop's offer of the charge of the new Cathedral, and hopes to arrive in Brisbane with Mrs. Pattinson some time in May. Mr. Pattinson was a scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in mathematical honours in 1884. He was ordained deacon in 1884 and priest in 1885 by the Bishop of Manchester. He has held assistant-curacies at Salford and Chorley, and from 1903 to 1907 was rector of St. Bartholomew's, Salford. He has the reputation of being a diligent parish priest and a preacher of more than ordinary ability. In preparation for the new Sub-dean's arrival, Adelaide House (the old Diocesan Registry) is now being transformed back to its original purpose as a dwelling house.

**ETON HIGH SCHOOL.**

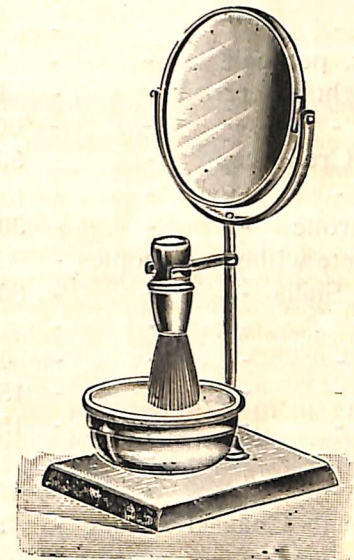
The annual prize giving of the school was held at Toorak House on December 9, when the Archbishop of Brisbane kindly presented the prizes. His Grace gave an interesting address, in which he spoke of the tremendous importance of girls' education. Miss Lyon (head mistress) read her report. She said that steady satisfactory work had been done during the year, and that the Examination results were very good. Three of the girls obtained passes in the Sydney Junior Examination held in Brisbane in June last, and the two who sat for the Senior last month were also successful in securing passes. Miss Lyon laid special stress on the evils which she believed to accrue from too many home lessons being given. She also referred to the formation of an Old Girls' Association in connection with the school. With the prizes was presented the I.S.G.S.S.A. Pennant for Basket-ball, which had been won by the girls during the year. About 100 guests were present. Tea was served in the class rooms. The girls sang their school songs, and several other songs and piano solos were rendered by them during the afternoon.

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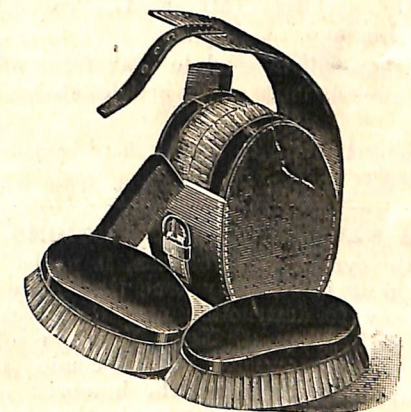


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## Furnishing of the New Cathedral. FITTINGS REQUIRED.

	CHANCEL	CHAPEL
	£	£
Altar - - - -	*150	50
Altar-Rails - - -	70	30
Cross - - - -	60	*20
*Candlesticks, per pair - -	*60	20
Standard Lights, per pair -	150	
Carpet - - - -	*60-150	25
Sedilia and Credence - -	500-700	
*Credence - - - -		10
Bishop's Throne - - -	300-500	
Stalls complete without Canopies -	1000	
Canopies to Stalls - - -	80 each	
Litany Desk - - - -	40	
*Pulpit - - - -	400	
*Font - - - -	150-250	
Font Cover - - - -	150-250	
Priest's Desk - - - -		30
Reredos - - - -	1500	500
Iron Screens to Chancel Arcade -	50-80	

There is also need of a Temporary Belfry (wooden) to accommodate the fine peal of bells belonging to St. John's. It is impossible to state the exact cost of this, but a rough estimate puts it at £300.

The revised prices given are in accordance with the estimate of the architect (Mr. F. L. Pearson), recently received from England.

The Archbishop will be glad to hear from anyone who desires to give one or more of the articles still needed.

\*The articles marked with an asterisk have been definitely promised by various donors.

### ON NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

Hell, said the cynical Dr. Johnson, is paved with good intentions, and it is certainly true that many a man has trodden his way to destruction over the wreckage of fair resolves. The fragility of New Year's resolutions in particular is a commonplace of the comic papers, and provides an unfailing topic for the humorist and cynic. And yet the instinct which bids us make them is irresistible. The New Year is such an admirable opportunity for turning over a new leaf—it seems almost to be turned over for us. And though there lie behind us in our life's book many leaves, once fair and new, which have been smudged and spoilt through the clumsy carelessness of our living, yet—such is the unquenchable optimism of the human race—with this new leaf we feel that is going to be different: we are going to paint such a picture on it as shall be worthy of our best resolves. And so we may confidently predict that despite the comments of the cynic, and despite our own consciousness of past failure, there will be this New Year's Day a great rustling in the lives of men as the clean

new leaves are turned over and smoothed out, and men set themselves to decide what manner of picture they shall paint thereon.

And who will assert that they are wasting their time? In truth this business of New Year's resolutions helps to keep alive in our hearts two great facts about life and duty which it would be ill for us to forget. First, that life affords us an opportunity for choice, in a word for the choice between selfish and unselfish living. Each New Year's Day brings before us the great and eternal alternative, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. If the Lord be God follow Him, but if Baal then follow him." But each New Year's Day reminds us, too (and this is the pathos of it), that the opportunity is daily diminishing. Some of us are still breasting the hill of life with the sun high in the heavens: others have passed the summit and are on the downward track with their sky flecked with a deepening sunset tinge. But for all alike "the night cometh when no man can work." What opportunities await us the other side of the veil we do not know. Here and now, we know, is the power of choice—

"Our wills are ours, we know not how  
Our wills are ours, to make them Thine."

And then again, our New Year's resolutions should remind us that duty is a positive thing. Avoidance of what is wrong is neither the whole nor the first duty of man. Duty means something more than the mere negative triumph over low desires, it means also the positive achievement of high ones. We most emphatically do not exhaust our duty to our neighbour by merely abstaining from killing him or stealing his goods, nor our duty to ourselves by not yielding to the more insistent of our passions, nor our duty to God by not being an idolater. We must win our way to the positive virtues which lie at the opposite extreme, and we must not always be so much occupied with self-control as to have no chance of self-sacrifice. Only so shall we have anything to show as the result of our years of living. To say merely that he has not done much harm would be a ludicrously inadequate account for a man to render of his life.

So, then, let us make our good resolutions, and let us aim at some positive achievements. We must have our negative rules, too, of course, for we are all of us too prone to self-indulgence. But let us take as our standard not merely the Ten Commandments, but also the Sermon on Mount. In all of us, to take a case, there is room for vast improvement in the great positive duties of the Christian life, prayer, worship, alms-giving, Bible-reading, and the rest. Let us try and achieve that improvement in 1910. We can afford to forget that we have failed before for, as has been truly said, the Christian life means beginning over and over again, and the only failure is to cease to try.

### A BISHOP FOR NORTH-WEST AUSTRALIA.

One of the surest proofs that the Church of to-day is a living society is to be found in her continued readiness to create new dioceses. For Bishops are expensive articles, and cannot be provided except at the cost of real self-sacrificing effort. But the Church believes—and has always believed—that her organization is not complete until all her people are brought within reasonable reach of a Bishop who shall minister the grace of Confirmation, confer the grace of Holy Orders on those whom God is calling to the Ministry, and give effective supervision to the work of the Church within a compassable area. Hence, in a growing country, new dioceses are a perpetual necessity, and we may well

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The Examination for Sunday School Teachers will take place on April 25, 1910. Names of intending candidates must be sent to the Rev. J. W. Ashton, St. Andrew's Rectory, S. Brisbane, *not later than January 19*, together with particulars as to the division of the Examination for which candidates are entering, and the entrance fee of 1/- for each candidate. It is important that names should be sent in not later than this date, as the list has to be forwarded to London that the papers may be received in time for the Examination.

J. W. ASHTON,  
Acting Secretary.

### THE BISHOP-ELECT OF NEW GUINEA.

After many months of wearying delay the patience of the Diocese of New Guinea has been rewarded by the news that the Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. Gerald Sharp to the vacant See. Mr. Sharp, who is at present Vicar of Whitkirk, Leeds, where he has been for the past eleven years, served his first curacy at Newborton in Somersetshire from 1889-1893. In this latter year he went as assistant-curate at Holy Innocents, Hammersmith, where, by a curious coincidence, Dr. Stone-Wigg had filled an identical position until he came to Brisbane in 1889. The Bishop-elect was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, whence he graduated with classical honours in 1886. A man of about forty-five years of age, he is accounted to possess many of those qualities which gave Dr. Stone-Wigg's work its value both in Brisbane and New Guinea. Of intense personal devotion and tireless energy, he has won amongst those best qualified to judge a high reputation, and he will leave behind him at Whitkirk a parish which sincerely mourns his loss. New Guinea in particular, and the Province of Queensland in general, are to be congratulated on what appears to be an excellent appointment. It is not known when the new Bishop will arrive in Australia, but it is hoped that it may be arranged for the consecration to take place in Brisbane. We hope shortly to be able to publish a photograph of the new Bishop.

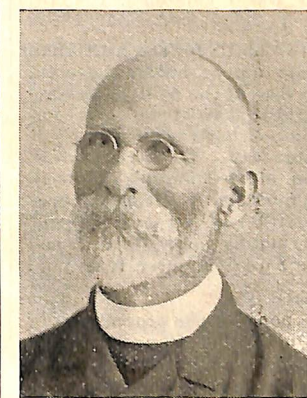
### THE NEW RECTOR OF HARRISVILLE.

The Rev. Carl Hermann Fischer, who succeeds the Rev. S. Baggaley at Harrisville, was ordained Deacon in 1896 and Priest in the following year, by the late Bishop of Brisbane. He secured his first curacy at St. Barnabas, Ithaca, and then, after five years at Nanango, he was appointed, in 1905, to Childers, where he has been working until his recent appointment to Harrisville. Wherever he has been, Mr. Fischer has earned the reputation of being an indefatigable worker, and we venture to predict that the excellent traditions created at Harrisville under his immediate predecessors will be safe in Mr. Fischer's hands. We wish him and his parish all good things at this opening of a new chapter in the history of them both.



DR. TROWER.

thank God that the Church in Australia has not been slow to recognise this. It is barely eight years since Victoria electrified the ecclesiastical world by creating no less than three new Sees (Bendigo, Gippsland and Wangaratta) in one year; and two years later came the creation of the Diocese of Bunbury, in West Australia. And now the number of Australian dioceses is raised to twenty by the creation of the See of North-west Australia and the appointment of Dr. Trower (now Bishop of Likoma) to be its first Bishop. Dr. Trower is no stranger to Australia, since he was rector of Christ Church, Sydney, from 1895 to 1901, and still retains a warm place in the affections of that congregation. Since 1902, as Bishop of Likoma, he has been labouring in the Nyassaland district of Central Africa. He will thus bring a ripe experience of missionary work to the task of dealing with those tribes of aborigines who will form the bulk of the population of his new diocese. It is a lonely and difficult task to which the new Bishop goes, but he will be supported by the prayers of all who have the cause of the Church at heart. In the name of the Diocese of Brisbane we would respectfully join in the welcome which greets the new Bishop on his return to Australia.





## Notes from the South.

Our Southern Correspondent writes:—

The Archbishop of Sydney has already been called to preside over the Synod of his Diocese, which met on December 6th. His Grace's presidential address had been looked for with the utmost interest, and it proved worthy of the high expectations which had been formed. A verbatim report of the address may be found in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of 7th December: but in view of the special circumstances which have long characterised Church life in Sydney, it may be worth while quoting in this place some of the Archbishop's remarks on toleration and unity. His Grace said that the chief lesson of recent years in England was the possibility of deep spiritual unity beneath the diversity of theological standpoints. Differences were inevitable: and it was a man's duty to express his convictions. But it was a blunder for any man, and still more for any school of thought to assume infallibility, and to speak as though one expression of thought contained the whole counsel of God: and it was a sin for any man to utter, or even to think, suspicions of those who differed from himself. "I do not resent," said his Grace, "the mental attitude of a man who differs from me about great problems, though I may regret it; but the worst within me is apt to be stirred when I am accused either of insincerity in my expressed convictions or of disloyalty to my own Communion. . . . For myself, I do not hesitate to say that I am an Evangelical Churchman. I claim the right to interpret Evangelicalism in its positive and constructive aspect, with little stress upon the negative and controversial side, inevitable to any earnest thinkers, but allowed disastrously to bulk too largely in Evangelicalism, to the overshadowing of the great principles of the school. . . . It is no part of true Evangelicalism to object, for instance, to surpliced choirs, or to the turning to the East in the Creed, or to the introduction of many small brightnesses amongst the accessories of worship."

His Grace then went on to say that he would regard it as lamentable if a Diocese found room for none but Evangelicals. After stating the need for High Churchmen and Broad Churchmen side by side with Evangelicals in any healthy Church, since their divergencies were chiefly matters of emphasis, the Archbishop continued, "These three schools have all their right to exist, and their right to share the counsels of the Diocese, and it will be always my purpose to do what I can to secure adequate share of representation, though I do not promise to accept each school at its own estimate of itself, or of the proportion of representation due to it. I also advocate the great variety of ceremonial permissible under the regulations of the Book of Common Prayer. I shall strive, God helping me, not to be the Bishop of a party, but of the Church."

Comprehensiveness, however, must have its limits, the Archbishop went on to say. The Church had her vestiarian rules, which had been formulated as a compromise between those who wanted too much and those who would have been content with too little; and a compromise they still remained. On this subject his Grace saw no reason to depart from the opinion expressed by him in the Convocation of York earlier in the year. A self-governing Synod might be able to create new vestiarian regulations if such were really demanded by the well-being of the Church: but he counselled caution in such a course. His own duty, at all events, was to administer the law, not to make it.

His Grace concluded by expressing two ideals for the Australian Church. The first was greater corporate unity; but he suggested that following the analogy of State rights in the political sphere, each Diocese might be allowed the right to legislate on such comparatively minor matters as the regulation of its ornaments, subject perhaps to a maximum and a minimum standard. The second ideal, and the greatest, was the concentration of the Church's efforts on the spiritual task before her. The ranks must not be divided: there was no time to waste on mediaevalisms, either of cult or of polemic. Was it not possible to call a truce of God, and by sharing prayer and effort together to do something to make Australia purer, truer, and happier?

Apart from the presidential address, none of the proceedings of Synod were of a nature to interest Queensland Churchmen. A Select Committee on the need of additional officials reported that the appointment both of a Dean and of a third Archdeacon should be made without delay. In the opinion of the Committee, one at least of the Archdeacons should be free from Parochial duties, and it was not desirable that the office of Archdeacon of Sydney should be attached to that of Dean. The scheme suggested by the Committee

is that the Registry should be reorganised, and that the new Archdeacon should become Registrar of the Diocese when a vacancy in that office occurs. The question of the appointment of a Bishop Coadjutor was left to the Archbishop. Incidentally it may be mentioned that in his presidential address his Grace announced that he would defer making any appointments to the various official positions which are vacant until he had better acquainted himself with his clergy and with the special needs of the Diocese. The necessity of adequate representation of various schools of thought will doubtless have been brought home to the Archbishop by the result of the elections held at the recent session of Synod.

As a chairman, the Archbishop showed himself alert, firm, and quick to grasp procedure. His Grace introduced a new custom to Synod by the manner of his entrances and exits from the platform. His predecessor had been accustomed to make use unobtrusively of a small door at the back of the platform: but Dr. Wright, vested in purple cassock below the gown and hood of his Oxford D.D. degree, and preceded by a chaplain in cassock bearing the pastoral staff, marches with due solemnity the whole length of the hall, members of Synod standing respectfully in their places meanwhile. Many other indications serve to show that the Archbishop is not insensible of the importance of a dignified and orderly ceremonial; and it seems probable that his influence will be used to promote a much needed sense of the dignity of worship, both at the Cathedral and elsewhere in his Diocese. In minor matters of ceremonial and posture, he has already intimated that he intends to adopt the usage of the Church which he is at the time visiting.

In the parish of St. Oswald's, Parkside (Adelaide) during this Advent an open-air procession is made through the streets after Evensong, stations being made at several points, where addresses are delivered. On returning to the Church after the procession, a short mission service is held. The Rector is the Rev. S. J. Houston, at one time assistant priest of Christ Church, St. Laurence, Sydney.

The Archbishop of Sydney was to hold his first Ordination in St. Andrew's Cathedral on St. Thomas' Day, and at the time of writing the candidates for ordination are attending a retreat in the parish of St. Anne's, Ryde, conducted by the Rev. G. A. Chambers, vice-principal of Moore College, Sydney. The Archbishop has arranged to deliver an address to the candidates during the retreat.

On December 4th, St. Paul's College within the University of Sydney held its Annual Commemoration, followed by a garden party in the college grounds. The Warden (Rev. Dr. Radford) delivered one of those happy and forcible addresses for which he is already becoming famed, and the Archbishop of Sydney, who made his first appearance as visitor of the college, briefly addressed the gathering.

The Rev. H. S. Woolcombe is at present busily engaged in his campaign in Victoria. At the beginning of Advent he conducted a three days' retreat at Mornington for the clergy of the Diocese of Melbourne, which was organised by the Rev. James Cheong, M.A., and was attended by 47 priests. As was well said by Archdeacon Crossley in thanking the missionary, Mr. Woolcombe had done a greater service to Melbourne by conducting this retreat and firing the zeal of the clergy than by holding many meetings in city and suburban halls. Meetings, however, have not been overlooked, since Mr. Woolcombe's message is primarily to laymen. The Mass Meeting in the Melbourne Town Hall, on December 13th, was attended by about 2,000 laymen, being thus smaller by from 500 to 1,000 than the similar meetings in Brisbane and Sydney. Unfortunately, the Diocesan authorities did not avail themselves of lay assistance in organising to the necessary extent until the eleventh hour, and hence the results have been somewhat disappointing as compared with the well organised campaigns in Sydney and Brisbane.

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## Letters.

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### MOTHERS' UNION.

Sir,—The Mothers' Union District Nurses Committee having taken a house in Upper Roma Street as a home for the District Nurses and Lay Sisters, will be very glad to receive donations towards furnishing the Home, either in money or furniture. Five beds (single) will be required, two of which are promised. The Home will be opened (p.v.) in February (date to be arranged) and the work of the District Nurses will be started with two certificated trained nurses and three lay sisters; Nurse M. F. Cooper in charge. The Committee hope that all Churchwomen will take an interest and help, in however small a way, in this work amongst women and children, so that it may be carried on by straight giving. Up to the present date we have received the names of 103 subscribers of one shilling monthly, nine annual subscriptions of £1 1s., six annual subscriptions of 10s. 6d. or 12s., thirteen donations of sums from £10 10s. to 10s. 6d., making a total in hand of £46 14s. We have received many promises in addition, to be given when the Home is started. The amount raised by the concert given by members of St. Luke's Choir has enabled the committee to pay working expenses without touching money subscribed. The Committee hope to be able to raise funds by an occasional sale of work or concert, to assist probationers to pay their training fees in one of the hospitals, thereby supplying the need of trained nurses for district work from our own Church members. We feel that this will not only fill a great need in the work itself, but will open a branch of work in our Church for many of our young women. All donations and subscriptions, with your permission, Mr. Editor will be acknowledged from month to month in this paper.—I am, Sir, etc.,

ELIZABETH EXLEY,

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mothers' Union District Nurses Committee.

"Bardon,"  
Upper Paddington, 17/12/09.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Sir,—The Diocesan Sunday School Festival and Prizegiving, which was held in the Temperance Hall on December 14th, gives one the opportunity of calling attention to the Diocesan Examination, which was conducted on somewhat different lines this year. The examination was held in September instead of November, and the amount of work on which the candidates were examined was reduced in quantity —the work of the Sunday Schools for the first six months of the year forming the subjects for examination. Instead of the work for the whole twelve months. That this new departure proved successful may perhaps be gathered from an increase of 81 in the number of candidates this year as compared with last year. Doubtless this will encourage the Diocesan Committee to follow the same lines in 1910. The Archbishop, in his address at the Festival, emphasised the importance of this Examination, and expressed the hope that the Sunday Schools throughout the Diocese would avail themselves of it generally. The aim of the Committee is to make the Examination as useful as possible, and the secretary would welcome suggestions, which would be brought before the Committee and carefully considered by them.

It has been found, in some Sunday Schools, that the lessons on the Prayer Book, in the course of lessons now being taught, are too difficult—for the Junior classes, especially. It is suggested that when these occur in the present year's course, in schools where this difficulty is felt, the lessons on the New Testament given earlier in the year, should be repeated in place of them.—I am, Sir, &c.,

J. W. ASHTON,

Acting Secretary, Diocesan S.S. Committee.

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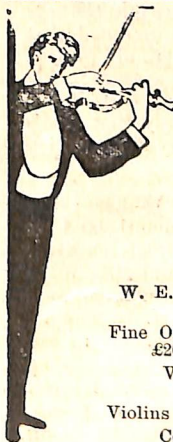
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## News from the Parishes.

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**Fortitude Valley, Holy Trinity** (Rev. E. C. GANLY).—The result of the Free-will Offering towards liquidating debts on the parish has resulted in over £21. This has enabled the Wardens to pay some very pressing accounts. The Church bell broke a few weeks ago, so that now the parish is in the proud position of owning two bells—one with a broken rod and the other badly cracked. A number of parishioners have decided to subscribe weekly 6d. or 1s. up to 10s., and thus raise the money for a new and better bell. We want about 8 or 10 more subscribers. The bell has been ordered and will weigh about 2cwt., and will be hung in a belfry erected at the north-west corner of the Church. During the month the Girls' Friendly Society held a Sale of Work, and are devoting the funds to provide proper furnishings for the sanctuary. Particulars of what they provide will be given next month. The Sunday School prizes were presented in the Church on Sunday, the 19th. A very pleasant little service was held, and the successful scholars did not seem disappointed at receiving their awards in the place of an address. Every prize had in it a picture of the Sunday School. We are sorry to have lost the services of Miss Mabel Kendrick. Miss Kendrick has been a faithful teacher for some years, and her fellow teachers presented her with a gold cross and chain at a friendly social. Dr. Winterbotham has also relinquished his Bible Class owing to his leaving Brisbane. Coming Events: C.E.M.S. Open Evening, January 18th; General Meeting of Parishioners for important business, January 19th.

**New Farm, St. Michael's** (Rev. W. THOMPSON).—The chief events during the month were: A Furnishing and Kitchen Tea to the Vicar in connection with the opening of the Rectory. A committee of ladies issued invitations to all the parishioners for the 9th December, when about 150 were present. Presents, numbering about 120, were handed in, and were most varied, useful, ornamental and valuable. Tea and refreshments were served after the usual speeches from the Wardens and Rector, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the National Anthem. The Vicar wishes to again thank very sincerely all those who have so kindly endeavoured to make his occupation of the Rectory so very comfortable. On 13th December, Mr. Pound (Bacteriologist) gave a very interesting and instructive lecture, with lantern views, on "Germs, Friendly and Harmful." Unfortunately this was the evening of a holiday and the attendance was not what it might have been, but a very fair number of parishioners were present. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by our Vicar, to which Mr. Pound suitably replied, and kindly offered to give a similar one at a future date. At a meeting of the Parochial Council it was decided to give £10 towards the A.B.M., but we are pleased to state that we have exceeded that amount, the response being £12 10s. 2d. The Wardens are pleased to notice the offertories are very satisfactory, a good average being maintained every Sunday, and this in spite of the several calls in the parish. We wish you all a Happy New Year, and pray that God's blessing will be working with us all throughout the year on which we are now entering.

**Lutwyche-cum-Grovely** (Rev. Canon OSBORN).—The prizes at our Sunday Schools have been distributed this month, and we heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Morgan for so kindly giving silver medals, at Albion and Lutwyche, to the highest boy and girls in the Diocesan Sunday School examination. The medals at Albion were won by Alice Hawkins and Hedley Hawkins, and at Lutwyche by Jessie Reed. We are proud of the success of our Schools in the Diocesan examination, at which Hedley Hawkins won the Bishop Webber prize in the Junior Division, and Alice Hawkins, Harriet J. Peel (Albion) and Caroline Brooks (Windsor) won first-class prizes. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan increased the value of their gifts by being present at the prize distribution and handing them to the successful

scholars. Eight members were admitted to the Grovely C.E.M.S. on November 21st, and a new branch has been started at St. Augustine's, Hamilton, the first admission service being on December 19th. The next admission service for the Lutwyche branch will take place at St. Marks' on January 9th, followed by the Corporate Communion at St. Marks' on January 16th, at 8 a.m. We heartily congratulate the Hamilton Fête committee on their very successful fête on November 27th, by which £76 was realised for the new Parish Hall. The services and social gatherings connected with the Alderley Anniversary were most successful, as was also the boat trip organised by the Windsor Church Committee. The Grovely Harvest Thanksgiving will be held on January 16th. The Rev. D. J. Garland will give an address at the next meeting of Alderley Mothers' Union on January 11th.

**Nundah-cum-Clayfield** (Rev. C. MAYHEW).—The Church windows broken by hail in November have been repaired, and paid for too, thanks to the energy of two members of the Parochial Council, who collected the necessary money. On December 13th, Mrs. Donkin passed away, and was buried on following Wednesday by Canon Jones, an old friend; the Vicar and Canon Tomlin were also present. A pretty wedding was celebrated on 25th November, when Miss Rose was married to Mr. Horace Quesnell. Our font has been renovated by Canon and Mrs. Tomlin in memory of the baptism of their little daughter, Monica Rosemary. We are indeed proud of the large number of prizes won by our Sunday School children this year. After addressing the scholars in a simple but very interesting manner on the duty of gentleness, the Vicar presented the prizes. He also thanked the teachers for the care and pains taken with the children during the year. We congratulate Douglas Bradbury on being one of the two scholars of Nundah State School who won Technical College scholarships. We are proud of the Nundah Cadet Company (many being Church boys); they won the silver bugle this year, also several medals for shooting, Douglas being a successful competitor in this also. Nundah and Chermerside people will be glad to know that Mr. Lane, who worked so long among them, was ordained Deacon on 19th December.

**CLAYFIELD**.—The general services have been well attended during the month. The collections, as provided for on Advent Sunday, were passed over to the Yarrabah Mission Fund. Unfortunately the evening was wet and stormy and the attendance consequently small. The offertories for the day were fairly satisfactory, but no doubt would have been still better but for these untoward circumstances. The golden offering on Sunday, 12th, was very satisfactory, and the Wardens desire to thank the parishioners for their ready response. On King's Birthday our Parish Cricket Club were at home in their grounds for dinner and tea. Several parishioners accepted the general invitation. Canon Tomlin and the Vicar were present, and a most enjoyable day was spent. A friend has presented a beautiful red silk stole to the Church. The late Superintendent of our Sunday School, Mr. Stratten, has been ordained Deacon, and is now Curate of Gayndah. Mr. J. W. Wood has kindly undertaken his work in the Sunday School. Our warm thanks are due to both gentlemen. Mr. Dennis, junr., has recently taken up the duties of organist, and we confidently look for a general improvement in our musical arrangements, but to assist and strengthen his endeavours we are in want of some extra boys' and men's voices. Cannot some of our parishioners help us in this direction? The Parochial Council, at their meeting on the 16th, welcomed back the Vicar's Warden, Mr. F. Tritton, after a trip to the old country. Before closing a resolution was passed congratulating the Vicar on the success of his connection with St. Colomb's, and whilst wishing him the compliments of the season, the hope was expressed that the very pleasant relations may long continue.

**Milton** (Rev. E. A. SELBY-LOWNDES).—The Annual Prize-Giving of the Sunday School took place on Tuesday, December 14, in the Parish Hall. The prizes were distributed by the Rector's Warden, Mr. A. D. Walsh. After the distribution the secretary read a report of the work of the Sunday School. On Sunday, December 19, most of our congregation attended St. Luke's, when the Revs. G. L.

Hunt and G. H. Dunbar were made priests, and Messrs. L. Ayscough and Steer deacons, all of them having done good work in this parish, especially Mr. L. Ayscough, who was for years a member of this Church, and his career will always have the best wishes from this parish. Mr. Thos. Hopkinson, local secretary for Milton of the *Church Chronicle*, will be pleased to receive subscriptions for the year 1910, as subscriptions are due in advance.

**ST. BARNABAS' ITHACA**.—The Archbishop will hold a Confirmation in St. Barnabas' Church in February. From Sunday, 6th February onwards the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays instead of the fourth; the mid-day celebration being on the second Sunday as at present. A Service of Preparation will be held on the Tuesday preceding the first Sunday in each month. In January, the present arrangement will continue—i.e., Sunday, 9th, at 11; and Sunday, 23rd, at 7.30; the Preparation Service being on Tuesday, 18th, at 8 p.m. During Advent, the Vicar preached each Sunday at Evensong. About £3 has already been given in response to the Archbishop's appeal for Yarrabah and New Guinea. At the Prize Distribution of the Ithaca State School prizes kindly given by the headmaster were presented to Victor Marshall and Dora Caselow as the best boy and best girl in the Religious Instruction Class, while 12 others were given by St. Barnabas' Sunday School for regular attendance. Our own Prize-giving took place on 14th December, when a short entertainment was given by some of the girls of Mr. Taylor's choir, who acquitted themselves so well at his entertainment on the 30th November. The Gordon Club is having a very successful cricket season with teams in the second and fourth grades of the Q.C.A., besides a "miscellaneous" team. The second grade team has not suffered a single defeat in the last 16 matches, including 13 Q.C.A. fixtures. The fourth graders have won three of the five fixtures played this season. The attendance at the hall on club nights is good, and a billiard championship and ping-pong handicap are in progress.

**Toowong** (Rev. P. P. N. NOTT).—The Annual Festival of the Ministering Children's League was held on Saturday, December 11, when there was a good attendance of children from the various local branches. Service was held at 3 p.m., after which there were games till 5 p.m., then tea and an entertainment; all of which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Canon Tomlin gave a very interesting lecture on Tuesday, December 14, the subject being "Our Future Clergy." The Annual Sunday School Prize Distribution was held on Thursday, the 16th: Hilda Mountcastle gained a First-Class Honours Certificate in the Senior Division in the recent Diocesan Examination, and eight scholars won the Rector's prize for never having missed a mark during the year, and for having attended Church once every Sunday. Sunday, the 19th, was observed as "Pound" Sunday, and a basket full of gifts, contributed by the parishioners, has been sent to the Brisbane City Mission.

**TARINGA**.—The Annual Prize-giving and Christmas Tree was held on Saturday, December 11. There was an excellent attendance of parents, and a most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent. The Ladies' Guild have generously contributed towards defraying the expense of putting in windows broken by the hail-storm.

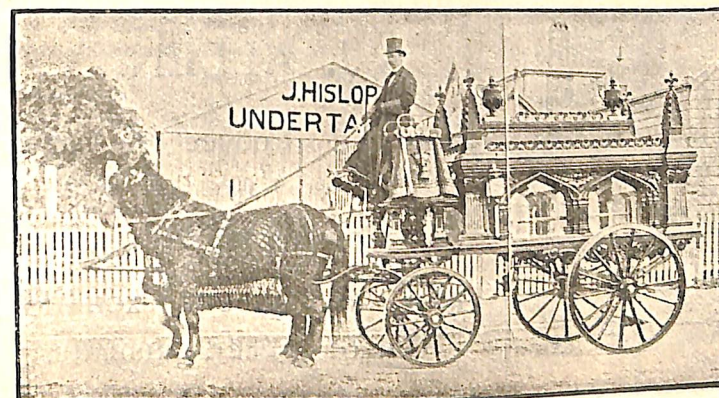
**St. Andrew's, Indooroopilly** (Canon JONES).—We have to record, with extreme regret, the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. W. Webster, after an operation. Mrs. Webster was an ardent supporter of and devoted worker for the M.C.L. One of her last actions on her dying bed was to send the League her usual subscrip-

tion. Mrs. Thompson Field, with her usual anxiety to help the Church, organised a very successful concert for the Yarrabah Mission. A thunderstorm unfortunately marred the financial success, but our thanks are as cordially due to Mrs. Field.

**St. Andrew's, South Brisbane** (Rev. J. W. ASHTON).—On Monday evening, November 29th, in the schoolroom, the Rev. C. Mayhew gave an interesting talk on "India" to a combined meeting of C.E.M.S. and the Mutual Improvement Society and their friends. On St. Andrew's Day, after a shortened Evensong at which Canon Tomlin preached, our choir gave an excellent rendering of the Cantata, "The Rolling Seasons." On Thursday, December 2nd, the Church choir met to bid farewell to two of its members (Mr. B. Cook and Miss Yearwood) who have left Brisbane. On Saturday, December 11th, the members of the Ladies' Sewing Guild held a Coin Tea in Dutton Park (kindly lent by Mr. Badger), and in the evening half the proceeds of the Garden Theatre were kindly given by Mr. Stephens, the proprietor: the result, a net amount of nearly £12, was given towards the new Sunday School Building Fund. On Wednesday, 15th December, the prizes gained by scholars attending morning and afternoon Sunday Schools were given by the Rector. A large number of parents, teachers and children assembled in the schoolroom at 8 p.m. The distribution was preceded by the secretary's (Mr. F. L. Board) annual report, also speeches, recitations and music.

**St. Peter's, West End** (Rev. A. E. SMITH).—This month has been an eventful one in our parish. On Friday, 10th December, the Archbishop held a Confirmation in St. Peter's, when 35 received the "laying on of hands." The Church was crowded, which was most encouraging. The Rector, Revs. Selby-Lowndes, Osborn, and Batty also presented candidates. We hope that the Archbishop's addresses will bear fruit. The Rev. E. A. Selby-Lowndes addressed the newly confirmed on the 13th and on the 19th, and was the celebrant at the Holy Eucharist, when the newly confirmed made their first Communion. On the Thursday before the fourth Sunday in each month we are going to hold a Communicants' Preparation Class. The Rev. M. Woods, M.A., has promised to give the address in January, and the Rev. E. A. Selby-Lowndes in February. It is to be hoped that the communicants of the parish will avail themselves of this great help in their preparation for the Holy Communion. On Saturday, 11th, a Christmas Tree and Fête was held in the Church grounds the net profits amounting to about £8. We have to thank the teachers and the C.M. Band for their willing help, and also Mr. Emery for lighting up the grounds. The distribution of the prizes took place on the evening of the 15th, and, though it was raining, a fair number came up.

**St. Philip's, Thompson Estate** (Mr. HARVEY).—Our Garden Fête was a great success; we were favoured with a beautiful day, and, so far as one may judge, everyone found it a pleasure to be there. The Churchwardens desire to express their thanks to all who contributed towards the success of the fête, the net profits amounting to about £40. We trust (at the end of the year) to see our church quite free from debt, after paying for the organ and other expenses. We hope to make final arrangements in the beginning of the New Year for the Admission Service for the members of St. Philip's branch of the C.E.M.S. Any man who has not yet given his name, and is desirous of joining the C.E.M.S., kindly communicate with the Catechist as soon as possible. Holy Communion was celebrated on the 28th November.



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**St. Paul's, East Brisbane** (Mr. C. KITCHEN, Catechist-in-charge).—On Sunday, December 5th, we held our Twenty-second Anniversary, which was well attended. Rev. H. Simmons officiated in the morning, and the Rev. H. Gradwell took the children's service in the afternoon, and Mr. C. Kitchen in the evening. The attendance was good, and the offertories devoted to A.B. Missions. Monday, 6th December, the Sunday School prizes were distributed to the scholars by Mrs. Le Fanu; the chair being taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Le Fanu. A silver medal, given by an anonymous donor, was presented to Master C. Irish for the highest number of marks. After congratulating the Superintendent on the successful gathering, the Archdeacon gave a few words of encouragement to the children, and pointed out the importance of religious instruction in State schools. During the evening several vocal and instrumental pieces were rendered, and refreshments handed round. The church was packed to the door, and a real enjoyable evening was well spent.

**Bulimba** (Mr. T. H. FALLOWS).—On Saturday, December 18, the Annual Christmas Tree Festival was held in the Parish Hall, when a large number of adults and children assembled. The evening passed off most successfully, and a substantial amount will be handed to the Wardens as the result. Mr. Hardcastle looked after the toy portion of the programme, Mesdames Storey and Hardcastle the refreshments, Miss M. Hardcastle the sweets, Misses Warwick, E. Parry and I. Cleves the dips, while Messrs. H. Manley, F. Cross and F. Stoodley were responsible for the management of the shooting gallery and soft drinks respectively. Thanks are due to all who assisted. The Morningside Sunday School prizes were distributed on Sunday afternoon, December 19, by the Rev. H. H. Green, in the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon, who had consented to come over for the occasion. A nice congregation of elders assembled, which showed that interest is taken by them in the work of the Sunday School. After a baptismal service had been completed, the Catechist-in-charge made a few remarks in connection with Sunday School work in Morningside, after which the prizes were distributed to the successful scholars. We are pleased to say that the communicants at this end of the parish are to have periodical Celebrations of the Holy Communion, the first of which was held on Sunday, December 26.

**Allora** (Rev. H. T. MOLESWORTH).—The only thing of interest to us in Church matters last month was the four days' Mission held by the Rev. C. Mayhew. We cannot judge of the results except from outward appearance. From what we see and hear a deep impression was made by the Missioner. The services were splendidly attended, especially the men's service on the Sunday afternoon. Forty C.E.M.S. members from the three branches in the parish met at the Rectory after the service, when, having partaken of afternoon tea, Mr. Mayhew addressed them specially. The weather was not propitious for outside people to come in, much to their disappointment. The parish is deeply grateful to the Archbishop for lending Mr. Mayhew, and to Mr. Mayhew for coming. It will be long before he is forgotten, and there will always be a warm welcome for him whenever he comes along this way.

**Esk** (Rev. T. ASHBURNER, assisted by the Rev. L. J. HOBBS).—A very pleasant social was held at the Rectory in the evening, 2nd December, when the choir members and Sunday School teachers invited the Church people to bid farewell to the Misses Peters (3). Games and music helped to pass the time pleasantly. Before breaking up the Rector gave a short address, thanking the Misses Peters for all they had done for the Church, and expressing regret at their departure from the parish. A presentation of a beautiful Church

Service was then made to the three sisters from the Church people as a mark of appreciation of their good qualities and labour for the Church. Mrs. Nicholson presented the gifts. The Sunday School prizes were distributed on the first Sunday of the month. Before presenting the books, the Rev. T. Ashburner gave a short address. Everyone was pleased with the result of the Sunday School examinations—four scholars from the Sunday School having obtained good passes. The Rector thanked the Superintendent and teachers for the good work they had done during the year. The departure of Miss Ferguson from the parish is much regretted. During her short stay here she has worked hard in all matters in connection with the Church. The Annual Christmas Tree and Sale of Work in connection with St. Agnes' M.C.L. was held in the church grounds on the 11th inst. A very successful and happy afternoon was spent; good business done by the children; about £20 being taken. The success of the undertaking is due to the Sunday School teachers who have worked so hard with the children all the year; and the children also deserve great praise for their labour and interest in the League. The Animal Quilt, for a child's cot, worked by the M.C.L. children, was very well done indeed. It has been presented to the Children's Hospital, Brisbane, and has been accepted for the Calder Memorial Cot in that institution. There will be an after-meeting to decide how the money made by the M.C.L. Sale of Work will be spent. The Christmas Tree afforded great excitement; the children were delighted with Father Christmas, who distributed the presents. The departure of the three Miss Peters is very much regretted. We now take the opportunity of thanking them for the good work they have always done in the Church, and wish them a Happy New Year.

**Goondiwindi** (Rev. E. BARSTOW).—The first Admission Service and Corporate Communion of our branch of the C.E.M.S. were held on the 20th Sunday after Trinity. At the last meeting the Bible in State Schools was discussed, and the members present undertook to do some propaganda work amongst men. A swimming Club has been formed in connection with the branch. Also, some of the members have undertaken to do some necessary work in the church and grounds. The Sale of Work and Concert held recently in aid of the Parish funds were very successful financially. Everyone worked tremendously hard, and it is estimated that when the accounts are finally closed something like £100 will have been netted. St. John's Church, Inglewood, has now been ceiled and painted inside, and also lighted with acetylene gas. The old fence in front has been replaced with a sawn paling fence, with hurricane gates. It is now one of the prettiest churches of its size we have seen. We have lately lost two of our oldest parishioners by death: Mrs. Droughton, Goondiwindi, to whom we owed the erection of our Parish Hall, and Mr. John Charles, Mayfield, who was a regular attendant at and a generous supporter of St. David's Church. Our sincere sympathy goes out to those who are mourning their loss.

**Howard** (Rev. C. C. COMPTON).—We have had a visit from the Archbishop during the past month. He was much disappointed at the few who attended the Confirmation Service, and so were we. The Archbishop came here at great inconvenience to himself. His address to the candidates is always so helpful, it grieved us to see so few realising the importance of our service when our young people need help and encouragement, too, which the presence of older Church members give. We hope (D.V.) to have early celebration at Torbanlea on Christmas morning. Mattins and celebration of Holy Communion midday at Howard. Some time in January it is proposed to hold a Moonlight Fête in The Wilderness grounds. All parishioners and friends are invited to help. We hope many will join that a happy time may be spent.

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**Harrisville** (Rev. C. H. FISCHER).—Services for January:—First Sunday: Harrisville (H.C. and sermon), at 10.45 a.m.; Peak Crossing, at 2.30 p.m.; Engelsburg, at 7.30 p.m. Second Sunday: Engelsburg (H.C. and sermon), at 11 a.m.; Roadvale, at 2.30 p.m.; Harrisville, at 10.45 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Third Sunday: Harrisville, at 7.30 a.m., Mattins and Litany at 10.45 a.m.; Roadvale, at 2.30; Engelsburg, at 7.30. Fourth Sunday: Engelsburg (Mattins and Litany), at 11 a.m.; Roadvale, at 2.30 p.m.; Harrisville, at 10.45 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Fifth Sunday: Harrisville, at 10.45 a.m.; ROSEVALE, at 3 p.m. or 7.30 p.m. First Sunday in February, just as on 1st Sunday in January. A week-day evening service will also be held in Rosevale every Wednesday on or before full moon. The Archdeacon of Brisbane held the Induction Service at Harrisville on the 16th. The Sunday School at Engelsburg will be opened again on Christmas Day by the Rector. The following are the teachers: Miss Ruby Nielsen, Miss Ellen Hine, Miss Georgina Moore and Mr. Norman Taylor. Mrs. Nutting, of Normanby, will shortly open a Sunday School on the station, which will certainly be a great convenience and blessing to the children at Normanby and neighbourhood. St. John's Ladies' Guild has gone into recess for a month. By the bye this is a very lively and energetic body, and has done a lot of work in the past. The visitor will be struck by two things—their unanimity and their spirit of enterprise. They are splendid workers. We wish them a pleasant holiday. We must increase the number of subscribers to the *Church Chronicle*. Why? Because everybody ought to read it; it gives such a lot of useful information every month for eighteenpence a year, posted. With the new year we must turn over a new leaf. We must never miss a service again. We wish you a very prosperous and happy New Year!

**Moorooka** (HERBERT J. LAYT).—The Prizegiving and Christmas Tree Entertainment was a great success. Over a hundred parents and friends of the scholars were present, and the respective items were creditably rendered by the children. The sum of £1 was realised from sale of Christmas Tree Gifts, and the song "Please Give Me a Penny, Sir." The amount has been donated to the Church Building Fund. A Garden Fête, to be held in April next, has been decided upon as a means of raising funds for our Church building. Already, considerable interest is being evinced in the project, but to make the undertaking a success we shall require the practical co-operation of all our members and their friends.

**Plaiba** (Rev. C. C. COMPTON).—The Annual Prize Giving and Christmas Tree for the Sunday School will be held this month, also the Concert and Dance in the Shire Hall on the 10th January, 1910, which we hope will be a great success. A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. John's on the 24th November, the contracting parties being Mr. T. W. Dineen and Miss Florence Taylor. The Church was nicely decorated by girl friends of the bride, who was very popular. Church services are held every Sunday, and we hope our congregations will improve now the holiday season has commenced at the seaside.

**Redcliffe-cum-Kilcoy** (Rev. VICTOR H. WHITEHOUSE).—By the time these notes are in print the Vicar hopes to have visited all the places, with perhaps the exception of two or three outside stations, in the parish. Then a quarterly plan of services will be drawn up. On Saturday, November 27th, a very successful entertainment was given in Caboolture, in aid of the Church. The hall was packed; the acting of the comedy, "Our Boys," was excellent; the audience was distinctly pleased, and everything went off with a right good swing. Our thanks are due to our Warden, Mr. Von Lossberg, for the untiring energy he displayed, and to those ladies and gentlemen, the great majority of them belonging to other Churches, who so kindly helped us. Our sincerest sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, of Waraba. Their thirteen-year-old boy, Leslie, met with a serious accident on St. Andrew's Day, was taken to the Brisbane Hospital, but died two days later, never having regained consciousness. Plans are being prepared for our Church at Terror's Creek. We hope to see the building erected by Easter, and free of debt. It is hoped, ere long, too, to have a Rectory at Kilcoy. Services for January will be as follows:—January 2nd: Kilcoy, 11 a.m. (H.C.) and 7.30 p.m.; Stanley River, 3.30 p.m.; Redcliffe, 7.30 p.m. January 9th: Terror's Creek, 11 a.m. (H.C.); North Pine, 3.30 p.m.; Redcliffe, 7.30 p.m.; Kilcoy, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Woody Point, 11 a.m. (H.C.); North Pine, 3.30 p.m.; Kilcoy, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. January 16th: Redcliffe, 8 a.m. (H.C.) and 7.30 p.m.; Woody Point, 11 a.m. (H.C.); North Pine, 3.30 p.m.; Kilcoy, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. January 23rd: Caboolture, 11 a.m. (H.C.) and 7.30 p.m.; Upper Caboolture, 3 p.m.; Kilcoy, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Redcliffe, 7.30 p.m. January 30th: Woodford, 11 a.m. (H.C.); Stanmore, 3.30 p.m.; Peachester, 7.30 p.m.; Kilcoy, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Woody Point, 11 a.m.

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**Rosewood** (Rev. A. E. ATKINS).—We have to chronicle, this month, the departure from this life of Mr. Wort, one of our churchwardens at All Saints', Marburg. His legacy to the Church is the splendid example of a consistent communicant Churchman. At a meeting of parishioners held at All Saints' on December 7th, Mr. Harry Linning was unanimously elected to fill the office rendered vacant by Mr. Wort's decease. The Lowood and Clarendon Sunday School Picnics were a great success. Mrs. F. Flewell-Smith kindly distributed the Prizes, in the absence of the Rector, who, much to his disappointment, could not be present. The Confirmation was held at St. James', Lowood, on Wednesday, December 1, by his Grace the Archbishop. The Rector presented 25 candidates from Marburg, Clarendon and Lowood. One candidate came from Esk parish. Being a week-day, the service was not so well attended. But, all things considered, the attendance was good and the service a very beautiful one. The East end of the church was beautifully decorated with flowers, which helped to mark the importance of the service. The simple addresses delivered by His Grace could be understood by all, and the illustrations drawn from life in Australia to emphasise the sad effect of the neglect of the Sacraments, should never be forgotten by the candidates.

**Sherwood** (Rev. E. OERTON).—A very successful Sale of Work was held on December 7th. The Ladies' Guild had been working vigorously for some months, and the result was most satisfactory to the members. The girls of Miss Tooth's Sewing Class had a Christmas Tree in a portion of the room by which they raised over £5 towards a new carpet for the sanctuary. The floor of the church has been made level. The "fiddle-back" shape of it was due to the 1893 flood. There are a few repairs to the fabric necessary, and these will be effected before the painting is undertaken. During the month Mrs. Marshall, who in olden times was a communicant at St. Matthew's, passed away at the ripe age of 91 years. A Confirmation will be held on March 15th. Candidates are requested to send in their names as soon as possible.

**Southport** (Rev. J. M. TEALE).—On October 28th last we organised a Motor Launch Excursion to Stradbroke Island in aid of the funds for the Bible in State Schools League. It was a huge success; over 100 people took the opportunity of going over to the Island. After the necessary expenses were paid, a sum of £4 was forwarded to the Rev. D. J. Garland. On November 15th last St. Peter's Sunday School had its Annual Picnic. The Rector being absent from Southport, the arrangements, etc., were left in the capable hands of a willing band of teachers. On Sunday November 21st, there was a Church Parade of the High School and State School Cadets, Captain H. H. Dixon was in command, and Captain Berry, Lieutenants Greer, Delprat, Jackson, and Bruhn were also on parade. On Monday, November 29th, His Grace the Archbishop held a Confirmation at the High School, when, in addition to those presented by the head master, the Rector of Southport presented two candidates from St. Peter's, viz., Francis Henry Smith and Kenneth Wallace Lavarack. The Confirmation at St. Peter's is fixed for Quinquagesima Sunday, February 6th.

**BEENLEIGH**.—On Monday, November 15th, we had a "Grand Fair" in aid of the "Restoration Fund of St. George's Church." It was a great success: we shall clear something like £40. This sum, together with that held in trust by the Diocese for Beenleigh, we hope will be sufficient to thoroughly restore the Church. Our sincerest thanks are given to all who gave and worked so splendidly for the cause.

**St. Peter's, Gympie** (Rev. S. BAGGALEY).—The present Rector was inducted by Archdeacon Rivers to the charge of St. Peter's on September 29th, and kindly welcomed by the parishioners in the Parish Hall on November 11th. The chair was taken by Ald. Niemann, who was supported in his well chosen words of welcome by Mr. J. F. Palmer, Mr. A. W. Hale, and the Rev. H. J. Henry, of the congregation, and a very pleasant time was spent. A house has been bought for a rectory in Fern street for £310, and improvements to the cost of about £70 have been effected already. Fifty-two candidates were confirmed by the Archbishop on December 6th from St. Peter's, and eighteen from St. Andrew's. At the request of the members of the adult Confirmation Classes, the Rector will continue his lectures on Church History and Doctrine on Tuesday evenings in the church at 7.30 p.m. These classes will of course now be open to any member of the Church. The Sunday Services at St. Peter's are continued as follows:—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. (choral); 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 12.15 a.m., Holy

Communion (first Sunday); 3 p.m., Children's Service and Catechism; and 7.30 p.m., Evening Prayer. Mr. J. F. Palmer acts as Superintendent of the Sunday School in the Parish Hall at 3 p.m.

**Tingalpa-with-Wynnum** (Rev. J. H. WHITEHEAD).—A Christmas Tree and Entertainment in connection with St. Peter's Church (Wynnum) and the Lindum Sunday School was held in the Shire Hall on Saturday evening. There were three trees, which were attended to by Mesdames Cummings (sen.) and Rendle, Misses P. Rendle, Champneys, Hacker, Davidson, Rich, and Thomason. The stall-holders were:—Refreshments: Mesdames Godé and John Marsh, Misses K. Hazlett and E. Hogg. Ice-cream Stall: Mrs. Coultis, Miss Senior, and Mr. Green. Sweets Stall: Mrs. Hambleton, Misses E. and V. Cummings. Bran Pie: Mrs. Kerr, Misses Rendle, Kerr, and Godé. Jumble Stall: Mrs. Atkins and Miss Hazlett. The first part of the entertainment was provided by the Lindum children (Misses Jane Whittaker, L. Tardent, Jessie Gregg, Masters John Gregg and James Hazlett). A children's chorus was also given by the Lindum children, Miss Flora Boulton acting as accompanist. The second part consisted of a Christmas play, entitled "Little Dewdrop and Jack Frost," organised by Miss Davidson, assisted by the Misses Bland and Mrs. Faine. The following children took part: Misses Olive Heymer, Lila Bland, Cora Wilkinson, Edna and Bertie Hall, Flora Bland, Eveline Waters, Dorothy Heymer, E. Seymour, Ivy Hughes, Kathleen Bolton, and Masters Willie Godé and Mark Stratford. Miss Bland acted as accompanist. The prizes were gracefully handed to the winners by Mrs. Cummings. The Archbishop held a Confirmation in St. Peter's Church, Wynnum, on Wednesday, December 15th, when 25 candidates were presented. We sincerely hope that the confirmands will lay to heart the remarks of the Archbishop.

One of the illusions is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the whole year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is Doomsday.—EMERSON.

In every part and corner of life, to lose oneself is to be a gainer; to forget oneself is to be happy.—R. L. STEVENSON.

This year, if you will only crowd it with generous purposes and virtuous efforts and noble sacrifices, you may make it equal to twenty years of ordinary life. For God will measure it, not by its months and days, but by the depth of its love and aspiration, and the earnestness of its work and service.—C. J. PERRY.

It is not by change of circumstances, but by fitting our spirits to the circumstances in which God has placed us, that we can be reconciled to life and duty.—F. W. ROBERTSON.

Bishop Marley, on one occasion when the servant was out of the way, requested his coachman to fetch some water from the well. To this, the coachman objected that his business was to *drive*, not to run errands. "Well, then," said the Bishop, "bring out the coach and four, set the pitcher inside the coach, and drive to the well,—but make haste with the water."

Dean Farrar tells the following interesting story of Dr. Cotton, head master of Marlborough, and afterwards Bishop of Calcutta: "He had a most incisive wit, which was very telling. Once he had let this wit play over a boy in the sixth form, who was far from clever: and the other boys had all laughed. After the lesson the boy stayed behind and said to the master: 'Sir, I know that I am not clever. I dare say that my work is intellectually poor; but I honestly do my best, and I do not like to be made a subject of ridicule.' The master frankly told the boy that he was sorry to have hurt his feelings; and never again was he known to use his playful criticism in such a way as to cause pain to the most sensitive of his pupils."

## Parish Register.

### BAPTISMS.

ST. PETER'S, GYMPIE.—October 26—John Frederick Croke. November 5—Russell Edward Bunworth; 20—Max William Reeve. December 1—Grace Margaret Lowe (Bollier); 3—George Aubrey Stanley, Leonard William Robert Stanley, Claude Corry Stanley; 12—Doris Vera Messer.

TINGALPA-WITH-WYNNUM.—November 28—Vivian Harry Whitaker, Arthur James Harold Harkey, Raymond Gratton Morris. December 5—Alice Morton, William Ellis Morton.

### MARRIAGE.

ALLORA.—December 15—Henry Francis Horton and Annie Budd (Spring Creek).

### BURIAL.

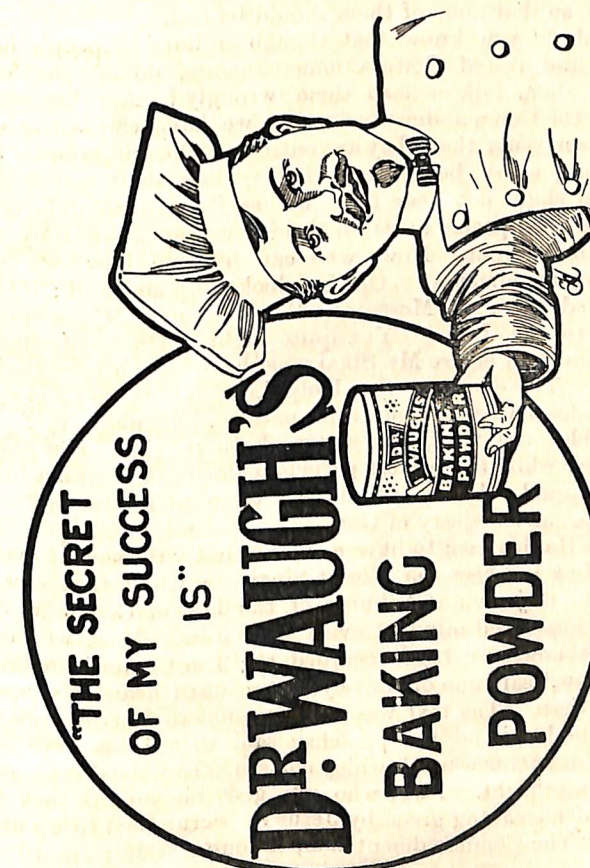
TINGALPA-WITH-WYNNUM.—December 8—Christina McCurley.

### GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, STANTHORPE.

The Breaking-up of the Girls' High School, Stanthorpe, took place on Thursday, December 9. The occasion was marked by a Garden Party, when the Sisters were At Home to a large number of guests from 3 to 6 o'clock. The afternoon was beautifully fine, and several ladies and gentlemen, lovers of tennis, indulged in their favourite game.

The work done during this first quarter has been satisfactory, and we are pleased to say there is already an encouraging increase in the number of boarders arranged for the next term, which begins on February 1, 1910.

The Sister-in-charge will be At Home at the school, during the Midsummer vacation.



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## The Children's Column.

Dear Children,—

Last month I wrote you a Christmas letter, and I hope it helped to make Christmas a happy time for you and all near and dear to you. In this letter I wish you all a very happy New Year. Always remember that God wants us all to be happy, but we cannot be really happy unless we all live as God wants us to live. Some little people think they will be perfectly happy if only they can have their own way; but it does so often happen that if you do have your own way in the morning, sorrow and tears come the evening afterwards. In the Collect for the Festival of the Circumcision, which we use from New Year's Day until the Festival of the Epiphany, we pray that we may in all things obey God's blessed will, and when I wish you all a very happy New Year I know that true happiness can only come to you by putting God's Will first; and if you will all try to do that, then I am sure the New Year will be a happy one indeed. And now let me go on and tell you about another of my talks with Scrub and his friends about the Catechism.

I asked them what was the third baptismal promise. One boy replied: "That I should keep God's Holy Will, and walk in the same all the days of my life." Then I asked what the word "Commandment" meant, and no one answered, so I told them that the word the Jews used was Torah, which means an instruction as to the right way to take. Its meaning is not unlike the finger-posts that you see put up to direct travellers when two or three roads branch off into different directions. Do not think of the Commandments as stern orders given by God, but rather as our Heavenly Father's loving "instructions" to His children on earth as to the right way they are to take in the journey of life, so that none of them should be lost.

And do you know that though millions of people have lived and tested God's Commandments, no one has ever found them fail, or lead them wrongly? Another thing about the Commandments is that we have the witness of our own souls that they are entirely right and true. For instance, every boy knows that "Thou shalt not steal," "Thou shalt not bear false witness," are absolutely true, and no good people question them, for they know they are true and right. Now, who can tell me how we got the Commandments? One boy looked up and said: "God revealed them to Moses on Mt. Sinai, and Moses taught them to the Jews." Yes, quite right. The gathering of the Israelites before Mt. Sinai must have been a remarkable sight. Travellers in the Holy Land tell us that the spot resembles a vast cathedral in nature: the plain in front resembles the nave, the approach to the Mount is like a chancel, while the almost perpendicular peak is like a huge altar;—and all this would help them to realise the near presence and majesty of God.

The Rabbis used to have a saying that "the soul of every good Jew has been on Mount Sinai," by which they meant that the majesty and holiness of the law of God was ever in the heart and mind of every good Jew. Now, who can tell me how our Lord regarded the Ten Commandments? "I know," said one of the boys, "because I heard a sermon about that. The text was: 'I came not to destroy, but to fulfil the law,' and the preacher said that Jesus gave the Commandments a much wider meaning than the Jews did." Yes, quite right. Now, who can give me an instance of the wider meaning given by Jesus? Scrub looked up and said: "The Commandment said, 'Thou shalt do no murder,'

but Jesus said we were not to hate or wish evil to anyone." Yes; that is what is meant by the terms you often hear—"The letter and the spirit." There was a great danger that people would be malicious, quarrelsome and uncharitable, and yet think they had kept the Eighth Commandment.

Next time we will study the Commandments separately. Now it is time to go in for prayers.

### NUMBER OF MARKS OBTAINED OUT OF 100.

*Senior.*—Rose Bennett 91, Sarah Dennis 88, D. Rosser 87, Ethel R. McIntosh 85, Gladys Day 84, Ida Hinton 80, Edna Nicholson 70.

*Intermediate.*—Violet Bennett 93, Florence Ashcroft, Elizabeth Butler 85, Lilly Hughes 80, May M. Moore 70, L. Warwick 60, Isabel Warwick 55.

*Junior.*—Daisy Bennett 95, Ruth Moore 90, Marion M. Moore 85, Blanche Langston 80, Ivy Hinton 75.

### PRIZE WINNERS.

*Senior*—Sarah Dennis.

*Intermediate.*—Ethel McIntosh.

*Junior.*—Blanche Langston.

### QUESTIONS.

*Senior and Intermediate.*

1. Write a short account of the life of King Saul, and tell me what you think was his chief fault.
2. (a) What is a missionary?  
(b) Who do you think was the greatest missionary in the New Testament times, and tell me why you think so?  
(c) What are the Ember Seasons?

*Junior.*

1. Read St. Luke II. v. 41 to the end and tell me what it is about in your own words.
2. Tell me what you know about St. Stephen.
3. What is the meaning of the following words:—Carol—Epiphany—Gospel.  
I am very sorry M. Bird's paper came too late to be corrected last month.

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(The New Year begins with *Hope*. During the past month three encouraging events have taken place. The Emergency Appeal for the Missions has been well responded to throughout Australia; six men have been ordained for the Queensland Church, and last but not least the foundation stone of a Queensland University has been laid. As we look into the future, two coming events stand out in relief; the long-looked for Referendum on the Bible in State Schools Question and the Opening of the New Cathedral. The General Synod also meets this year in Sydney.)

That it may please Thee—

1. To bless abundantly those who have recently been ordained.
2. To guide the deliberations of the University Senate in all their plans for the University.
3. To give to us all a keen sense of the importance of the imminent struggle for Religious Instruction in our Schools.
4. To save us from all ill-feeling and bitterness both before and after.
5. To uphold the Secretary and all the workers in the movement.
6. To guide the Bishops in making the choice of a Primate for Australia.
7. To stimulate the Foreign Missions of the Australian Church through the energies of the new organisation at headquarters.
8. To fulfil all our hopes for the coming year as may be most expedient for us.

We thank Thee, O Lord—

1. For the willing response made to the Appeal for Missions.
2. For the hopeful re-organisation of the Australian Board of Missions.
3. For the increase in the number of native-born clergy.
4. For the happy prospect of a University for Queensland.
5. For the renewal of goodwill and fellowship that the Christmas Season never fails to bring.



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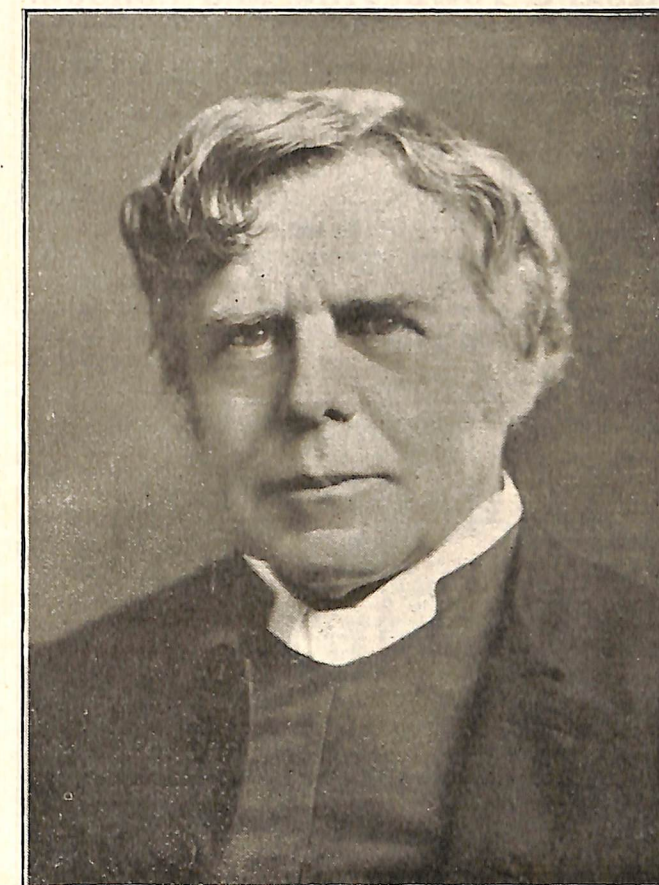
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