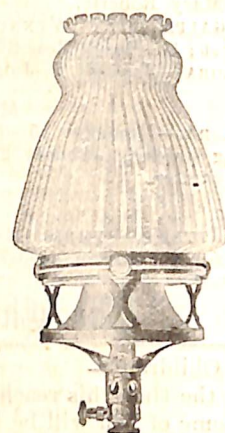


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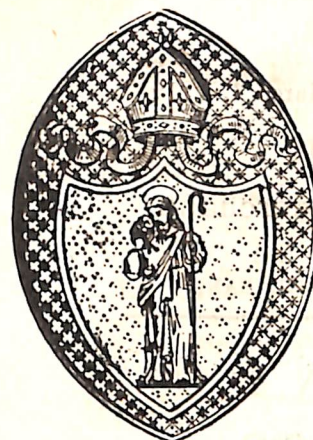


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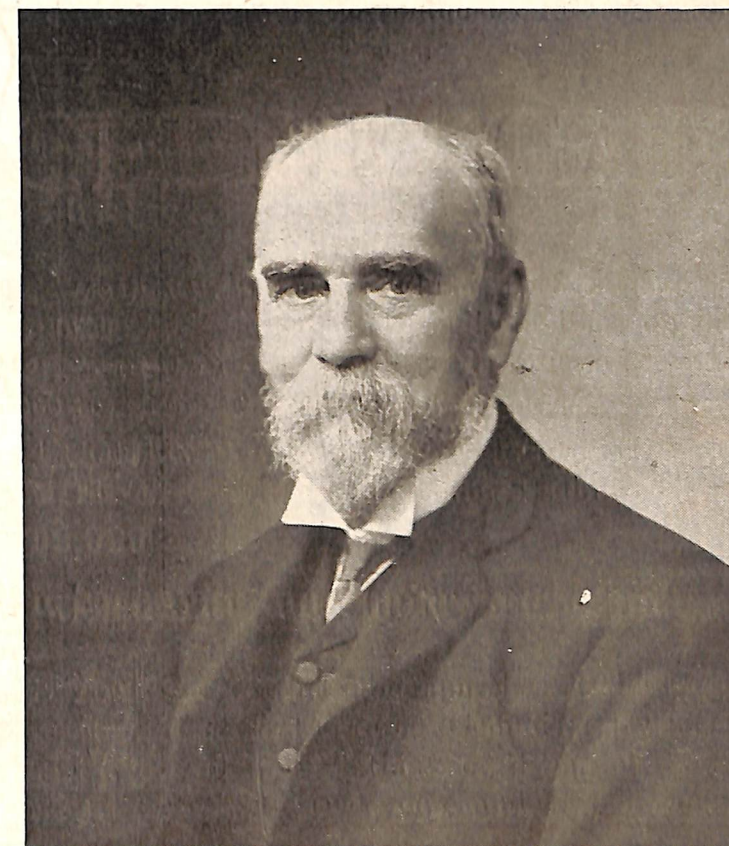


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The choice of a successor to Mr. A. L. Dawson in the important post of Treasurer of Synod was not easy, since Mr. Dawson and his immediate predecessors have by their diligent and self-sacrificing labours made the office an exacting and onerous one. But general approval was manifested when it became known that Mr. R. O. Bourne had seen his way clear to accept the Archbishop's invitation to undertake the important position. Besides qualities which have already raised him to one of the highest posts under the Commonwealth Government, Mr. Bourne brings to the service of the Church a leisure into which he has recently entered as part of the reward of a long and strenuous career. His services to the Church in the past are too well-known to need comment here. Suffice it to say that all those Churchmen who in the past have come into official contact with the new Treasurer will welcome his entrance upon his new and important task, and will congratulate the Church in the Diocese of Brisbane on her ability to secure the services of so loyal and competent an officer.

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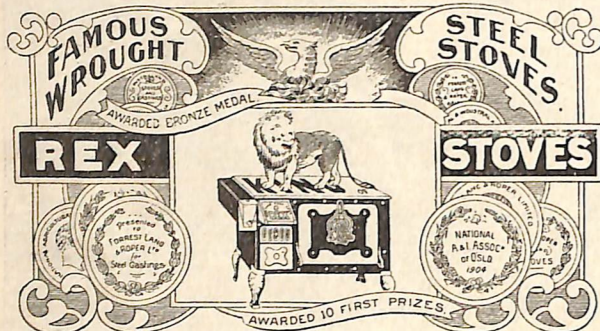
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### THE ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR MARCH.

- 2—Lenten Address, St. Luke's, 4.30 p.m. Confirmation,  
Kangaroo Point, 8 p.m.  
3—Presides Diocesan Council, 4 p.m.  
5—Leaves for Toowoomba.  
6—Confirmation, St. James', Toowoomba.  
7—Returns to Brisbane.  
8—Confirmation, Toowong.  
9—Lenten Address, St. Luke's, 4.30 p.m.  
10—Confirmation, Indooroopilly.  
13—Confirmation, Ipswich.  
15—Bible in State Schools Meeting, Toowoomba.  
16— " " " Ipswich.  
17— " " " Brisbane.  
16—Lenten Address, St. Luke's, 4.30 p.m.  
19—Leaves for Boonah. Presides and speaks Bible in  
State Schools League Meeting in evening  
20—Preaches morning and evening, Boonah. Confirmation  
in afternoon.  
21—Returns to Brisbane.  
25—Conducts Three Hours Service, St. Andrew's, South  
Brisbane.  
27—Preaches St. Luke's, 7.30 p.m.

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

- 11 a.m. 7.30 p.m.  
6—Rev. Percy Nott. Archdeacon of Brisbane.  
13—Archdeacon of Brisbane. Rev. F. de W. Batty.  
20—Archdeacon of Brisbane. Rev. F. de W. Batty.  
25 (Good Friday)—Three Hours Service, Rev. H. H. Dixon.  
27—Archdeacon of Brisbane. The Archbishop.

#### SPECIAL ADDRESSES IN LENT.

Tuesdays, at 1.20 p.m.—The Rev. Cyril Mayhew.  
Wednesdays, at 4.30 p.m.—The Archbishop of Brisbane.

### Editorial Notes.

As is already known, the attempt to elect a Primate for the  
Australian Church proved abortive, resulting, as it did, in  
THE PRIMACY. a tie between the Archbishops of Sydney  
and Brisbane. For every reason this incon-  
clusive result is to be deplored, especially in the particular  
circumstances of the Church at the present time. We have  
now been without a Primate for nearly twelve months, and  
the continued delay in the election is fraught with really  
serious consequences for the Church. Even to those of us  
who are in no sense behind the scenes it is obvious that  
there are at the present moment many matters of urgent  
importance to the Australian Church in which, however,  
she can only properly act through an official and permanent  
Head. One such matter is of course the arrangements in  
connection with the proposition for a General Mission to  
Australia: another is the presiding over the great work of  
reconstruction now proceeding in connection with the  
Australian Board of Missions. These are both vital  
matters, and alone would suffice to make the protracted  
delay little short of calamitous.

It is, of course, easy to criticise and to be wise after the  
event: but it would certainly seem to outsiders that matters  
in connection with the election might have  
been managed in a way that was at once more  
efficient and more consistent with the dignity  
of the event. In the first place, with sixteen Bishops  
voting (the three Archbishops abstained from exercising  
their vote), the possibility of a tie might surely have been  
foreseen and provided for in some way which would have  
obviated the necessity of a fresh election. And in the  
second place it seems hardly consonant with the dignity and  
importance of the matter that the full details of the voting  
should at once have been made public property through the  
medium of the public press. To us it has always seemed  
that the election of a Primate was a sufficiently weighty  
matter to justify the calling together of the Australian  
Bishops—even at the cost of the grave inconveniences which  
such a course would have involved—that after corporate  
communion and prayer they might proceed to the choice of  
their leader. And, apart from the higher considerations,  
this method would certainly have had the practical advan-  
tage of securing a decisive result. As it is, we understand  
that a fresh election by means of the postal ballot is to be  
undertaken and that this time the three Archbishops will  
themselves vote and so ensure a decisive election. We need  
scarcely point out the desirableness of Churchmen throughout  
Australia falling to earnest prayer that this fresh election  
may be overruled in accordance with the Divine Will.

The news that Archdeacon Rivers has met with a serious  
accident came as a shock to the whole Diocese, for there  
can hardly be any man known and  
appreciated over a wider area of  
OF TOOWOOMBA. Queensland than the indefatigable Arch-  
deacon of Toowoomba. It appears that the Archdeacon,  
who was engaged upon an official visitation of the Gympie  
parish, was riding back in the evening of February 17th  
along the Tewantin road to Cooroy, where he was "pro-  
specting" with a view to establishing Church of England  
services for that hitherto neglected district. He was ac-  
companied by Mr. A. E. Godwin and some other friends,  
and the party were cantering slowly home when the Arch-  
deacon's horse put his foot into a hole and fell, throwing  
the Archdeacon heavily to the ground upon his head.  
Luckily the ground was fairly soft, otherwise the  
accident must have proved fatal there and then.  
As it was, the Archdeacon was picked up in an unconscious  
condition and carried in to Cooroy by twelve volunteers,  
who took it in turns, two at a time, to be stretcher-bearers.  
When he arrived at Cooroy the patient recovered con-  
sciousness sufficiently to say a prayer and to give instruc-  
tions for the summoning of his relations. He then again  
relapsed into an unconscious condition, and in that state  
was brought by the evening train to Gympie, and was taken  
to Dr. Cuppage's private hospital, where he lies at present.  
The accident was a very serious one, and grave doubts  
were entertained at first as to the possibility of recovery.  
But a marked improvement in the Archdeacon's general  
condition took place in the course of the next forty-eight  
hours, and the doctor now expresses confidence that  
recovery, though likely to be slow, will yet be sure. The  
latest bulletin (Feb. 22) pronounces the Archdeacon to be  
out of danger. The prayers of the Churchpeople throughout  
the Diocese will, we feel sure, be readily offered that  
this confidence may be justified.



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**MR. A. L. DAWSON.**

The news that Mr. Dawson had been obliged to resign the office of Diocesan Treasurer was received with general regret, although only those more immediately concerned with the administration of the Diocese can recognise the full extent of the loss which the resignation involves. In losing him the Church loses one whose powers of judgment and counsel—powers which his tenure of the treasurership served to develop to a most marked extent—were a real asset to the Church. The difficulty and complexity of the treasurer's office cannot be fully realised except by those "behind the scenes" at headquarters. Besides the difficulty and responsibility necessarily involved in the handling of large sums of money and the management of considerable property, the treasurer must also be a man of infinite tact and almost inexhaustible patience. For the Church's income depends, as we all know, very largely upon voluntary offerings, and any friction between the parishes and the central office would necessarily have a serious effect upon the Diocesan finances. It speaks volumes for Mr. Dawson's aptitude for his post that during his tenure of office nothing has been heard of any such friction. But more than that by his sympathy with the parochial point of view and his willingness to respond to parochial appeals whenever it has been possible, he has, we believe, materially helped to remove prejudices which the parishes have sometimes felt against the central office, and to strengthen the tie which binds the parishes together into a Diocese. Mr. Dawson leaves during the present month for a well-earned holiday trip to England. In wishing him all good things and in recording our sense of the services he has already rendered to the Church we venture to express the hope that when he returns to Brisbane he will again be able as a member of the Diocesan Council to place his judgment at the disposal of the Church in this Diocese.

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# THE BIBLE IN STATE SCHOOLS

## REFERENDUM.

THE REFERENDUM will be taken on the same day as the Federal Elections. **April the Thirteenth is the day appointed.** There are to be separate booths and separate officers. This is probably quite right, and helps to advertise that the Referendum is a State and not a Federal question. But it is to be hoped that in every case the separate polling booths will be so close to each other that no votes will be lost.

At the last Federal Election the number of votes recorded was very small. At a small place, on the outskirts of Brisbane, only 34 votes were recorded at the Federal Election, as against 220 for the State Election. This state of affairs reveals the general lack of interest taken, as yet, by the people of Queensland in Federal affairs.

But, somehow, we must look for such a **spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm** over this vital religious question that the great majority of voters may go to vote for the Referendum and—being there—may pass on to the Federal Polling Booth. It may be that the Referendum will have the secondary result of arousing people's interest in the wider issues of Australian politics. History would teach us that there are very few causes which are capable of fanning popular enthusiasm into a flame.

**But one of those causes is Religion.** At times, the religious instinct may seem to be asleep, but only a religious crisis is needed to show that the people know full well that immortal beings cannot be satisfied without religion.

We believe that the taking of this Referendum is **a crisis in the religious history of Queensland**; and we believe moreover that **the people, as a whole, are beginning to recognise the fact.** If they become fully alive to the critical nature of the issue on April 13th, there is not much fear of the result. If they see with unblurred distinctness that a victory at the polls will mean **religious liberty** for the future, and **an extra opportunity for their children to grow up with some knowledge of God and good**, they will undoubtedly record their votes. If they can perceive the blasting effects of a defeat, how it will mean a continuation of the present slavery in which we are held (for it is a condition of slavery, if parents **cannot** get their children taught the religious truths, which they desire to have them taught, in the schools)—for a generation, or perhaps generations—until the children of many parts of Queensland have become completely heathen parents of other heathen children, they will surely bestir themselves to avoid such a calamity.

The people, as a whole, are to be trusted when they thoroughly grasp a situation. The words of the Gospel speak to us with a very great deal of consolation in this age of democracy: "The common people heard Him gladly." The Bible in State Schools League has endeavoured to bring the people face to face with the issues at stake. **There has been no attempt at concealment.** The one desire of the League has been to make everyone know exactly what it is proposed to do, and to meet objections as they arise. That all objections have been overwhelmingly answered would be the impression of any impartial man.

But will the great body of electors have learnt the lesson by April 13th? The people, it must be admitted, are slow learners, and there are many who are just beginning to ask "What is the Bible in State Schools Question?" Hence arises the **imperative need** of strenuous work during these next seven or eight weeks. More and more meetings need to be held in parts of the country that have not yet been properly worked. Canvassers need to ply their busy feet—pockets stuffed with literature—to visit every cottage in every nook and corner of the land. When all that can be done has been done, much will be left undone. It is hardly necessary to add (except that we need to be constantly reminded of the truth: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts") that prayers should be continually rising to the Throne of Grace from every Church and every bed-side.

Those who have been canvassing recently already know that the Spirit of God is working. There is visible a generous and a living interest in the subject. Men are answering to the question: "Are you in favour of the Bible in the State Schools?" with a joyful and ready affirmation, as if they thoroughly knew their own minds and were spoiling for the day when they were to record their votes. Such a result can only be produced by the Power of God. Some hidden force must be mightily at work, if opposition suddenly becomes dumb, and if the indifferent suddenly glow with zeal and march with a spontaneous impulse to claim their religious rights for their children and their children's children.

If the people of Queensland do, as we expect them to do on April 13th, there are many who will sleep the better, with the assurance that a right national decision must be fraught with future blessings to the State.

**BIBLE IN STATE SCHOOLS.**

The movement for the adoption of the system of Religious Instruction known as the New South Wales system has now been definitely taken up in New Zealand, where a motion was carried in the General Synod committing the Church of England in New Zealand to support the advocacy of that system by an Interdenominational League. Most of our readers are aware that the system already exists in Tasmania, Western Australia, and in Norfolk Island as well as in New South Wales. The Referendum on this question is to be taken in our own State on the 13th of April next. Victoria is asking for a Referendum on the same proposal at an early date. South Australia is advocating a similar course. Which means that every part of the Australasian Dominions either has this system or is agitating for it.

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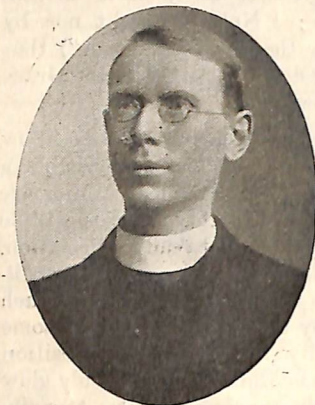
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## Round about the Diocese.

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### THE CHURCH'S WORK IN THE BAY.

The work is perhaps best described by outlining an average Bay trip and the work it entails. We will spare the reader an account of the trip down, as we would often gladly be spared the trip itself. Dunwich is reached about one o'clock, after five or six hours *en route*, and the Chaplain betakes himself and his belongings to "Bohemia," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Agnew, whose never-failing hospitality provides him with a temporary home for the next few days. After lunch, arrangements for work, request for conveyance and motor boat passage are made, notices of services issued, a list of the serious cases of sickness obtained from Mr. Dodds—another helper—and the



Rev. H. H. GREEN,  
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first real work is undertaken, a drive, ride, or walk to Myora, some two miles distant, where a service is held at the Aboriginal Station. At present, the work here is far from satisfactory. From twelve to sixteen children attend, and occasionally, a few adults; but the latter seem to prefer idling about or playing cards. It is hopeful that the children come, and listen well. Perhaps, with more time to devote to the Settlement, we would be able to do more with the adults. Unless there are candidates for Confirmation at Dunwich there is no further work that day. Next day begins with service at 10, in the Women's Dining Room. A good muster; many come who are hindered by physical infirmity from attending the services held in the Hall on Sundays. Our organist—patient, blind Polly—is always at her post, both here and at all the services, and astonishes the new-comer by the readiness with which she learns a new chant or hymn. After service, the women's wards are visited, and the blind grannies and convalescents on the verandahs. A few visits make many friends, and one often regrets the gaps that are made by the "reaper" between the monthly visits. So the morning goes—words of sympathy, prayer, a little reading perhaps, a cheery word, the acceptance of some little commission to carry out on return to town. The afternoon is a repetition of the latter part of the morning's work, but it is spent in the Men's Hospital wards—or rather in the few that can be got into the time allowed before ward tea and preparations for the night. The day ends with a choir practice of men inmates, in the pretty little Church, the gift of an anonymous donor. Just a word about the Church. It is substantially built, and what there is of it is good, but it only provides seating for fifty people, and at the ordinary services, we want room for two hundred, so the building can only be used for Holy Communion and the smaller services and classes. The quiet at those times, which is impossible elsewhere, is a great boon, but everyone looks forward to the day when the Church people whose lot is more comfortably cast will rise to the duty and privilege of supplementing this gift by money to enlarge the building, so as to provide accommodation for all the services.

Saturday is always busy. Motor boat to Peel Island, where shortly there will be a new sphere of work at the Inebriates Home; thence by buggy to the Lazaret. The coloured lepers are visited first; they love their services, and are quickly ready. We have over thirty communicants in their camp, and their monthly Communion is, with many, the great event. But first there is a little talk to some candidate or candidates for Holy Baptism or candidates for Confirmation. Eight coloured lepers were baptised and eight confirmed during the past year. Preparation is necessarily slow and the requirements have to be accommodated to the candidates; but the deep earnestness, the whole-hearted devotion to Christ, of these simple suffering ones can never be doubted by those who have ministered to them long enough to lose sight of the suffering in the manifest joy and happiness of the communicants. Perhaps some are too ill to be present and so the sacrament is taken to them in their little huts. A short visit once a month can do little, but the good work is always going on, they have their own weekly services, and classes are continually held, under the leadership of Tommy Moreton and Harry Wright, themselves companions in tribulation. Next there is a service with the white lepers, where there are signs of a growing appreciation of our visit. Then the return must be made to Dunwich—an afternoon's work in the other Men's Hospital Infirmary wards is waiting—and the day finishes with a short service for communicants.

Sunday's work differs little from that of a town parish. There are services at 7, 11 and 7, with a Sunday School, of which Mrs. Agnew is superintendent, to visit, for the children of the institution officers must be provided for. There is occasionally a baptism from Dunwich or Myora and a big slice is taken from the afternoon in visiting the consumptive camp, where some fifteen incurables are patiently waiting their end or hoping for a speedy recovery.

Monday begins with Holy Communion in the women's hospital; for the blind, bed ridden, or those otherwise unable to attend Sunday services—there may be a private celebration for some sick or dying man, later a few visits, and the settling up of things, and when the

"Otter's" whistle warns the chaplain that he must hurry if he is to reach town that night, he leaves with a feeling that much might still be done, but that the pace at which the work has been done could not long be kept up. Between the visits of the chaplain Mr. Agnew conducts weekly lay services, and Mrs. Agnew carries on useful work amongst the younger epileptic male patients and holds a Bible class for girls.

The long trip down the river is avoided, when St. Helena's turn comes. Train to Wynnum on Saturday morning, across to the Island, sometimes a delightful sail, occasionally very rough, and more often, a good stiff four mile pull for the warders. At St. Helena quarters are provided for visiting chaplains—not too comfortable, for fear we may stay too long on the pretty Island—but all that is necessary.

The chaplain is allowed to spend all Saturday afternoon in the stockade. The yards are visited and the prisoners given an opportunity of an interview or a friendly chat. A good relationship is thus established, a very necessary



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The time from morning service till dinner-time is again spent in the yards, when the men come and talk freely when once the shyness of a change in chaplains has worn off; and it is in these chats that the way to help a man is arrived at and (with the permission of the authorities) often brought about. Reconciliations are made or wrongs righted, or a helping hand held out. Much more could be done if the work was extended to help the men after the end of their long sentences, by providing a "home" where they might come and stay until they felt able again to face the world. Too often, with the very best intentions, stress of circumstances, the presence of old companions, and the absence of such a "home," drive men back to the old life.

In the evening a service for the warders is held, and on Monday the return is made to town.



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### C.E.M.S.

The Cathedral Branch of the Church of England Men's Society at their last meeting adopted unanimously a very practical resolution binding the branch to form a Hospital Visiting Committee whose members shall make it their business to visit any Churchmen (whether members of the society or not) who may unfortunately find themselves in hospital. The secretary (Mr. J. Tilley) wishes to call the attention of the clergy to the existence of this committee, and to ask them to be kind enough to communicate the names of any Churchmen known to them who would welcome such a visit. His address is "Sunnyside," Old Sandgate Road, Albion.

### ETON HIGH SCHOOL.

The E. H. S. Library has been slowly growing during the last year, and is now large enough to be divided into two parts—one for story books, which is open once a week, and one for books of reference, which is accessible to the senior girls at any time. We should be very glad of any donations of either new or second-hand books to help either section, and take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Phipps and Mr. J. Allen for the gift they have just given us of a large many-volumed Encyclopædia. Some authors whose works we are specially anxious to obtain are:—R. L. Stevenson, George Macdonald, David Lyall, Maeterlinck, Mrs. Molesworth, Ruskin, M. B. Synge, Foster Fraser, and Ralph Connor.

### Missionary Notes.

The total received towards the A.B.M. Emergency Fund from the Brisbane Diocese amounted, on February 21st, to £686 3s. 10d.

The Secretary asks the holders of Missionary boxes to bring in the contents of their boxes some time during the month of March. There are also some subscriptions for Missionary literature still due. Will those whose consciences accuse them in this matter kindly see that the subscriptions are paid before the end of the month.

The fund which is being raised to provide a new sewing machine for New Guinea now stands at £2 5s. 6d. The machine (which the Singer Company are most generously supplying at half price) is to cost £7. Thus there remains to be raised the sum of £4 14s. 6d. May we hope that this sum will be immediately forthcoming to enable the much-needed machine to be purchased and despatched.

The recent cyclonic storm in the North was, as usual, severely felt at Yarrabah. The cutter "Hephzibah" (despite the utmost precautions) was completely wrecked. The "Hephzibah" was purchased three years ago for the purpose of bêche-de-mer fishing, and paid for herself out of her own profits within one year. Consequently her loss represents a serious diminution of income to the Mission.

May we call attention to the letter published in another column from the Bishop of North Queensland appealing for clothing material for Yarrabah?

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Gifts from Toowoomba (for Yarrabah and Trubanam), books, pencils, dress material, cups and saucers, haberdashery, balls, bats, etc. Nails from Miss Minter; Esk M.C.L. £3 (for Yarrabah); St. Thomas', Toowoong, 7s.; Nurse Sugden 5s. (for Yarrabah); Mrs. Stevenson 5s. (for Yarrabah); Esk M.C.L. £2 10s. (for support of a child in New Guinea).

NEW GUINEA SEWING MACHINE FUND.—Per Miss Caine 7s. 6d., per Miss Board 6s., per Miss Hall 5s., per Miss Southall 5s.

## Official Notes.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIOCESAN FUNDS.

## DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION.

|                      |     |    |   |
|----------------------|-----|----|---|
| Marriage Fees ... .. | £35 | 8  | 4 |
| Assessments ... ..   | 45  | 6  | 3 |
|                      | £80 | 14 | 7 |

## ARCHBISHOPRIC SUSTENTATION FUND.

|                               |    |   |   |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Murphy ... | £2 | 2 | 0 |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|

CLERGY SUPERANNUATION & C. W. & O. FUND  
(Income A/c.)

|                                    |     |    |    |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Murphy ...      | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| Brisbane—St. Andrew's, S. Brisbane | 8   | 4  | 0  |
| St. Barnabas', Ithaca ...          | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| St. Peter's, Wynnum ...            | 1   | 6  | 6  |
| Charleville—All Saints' ...        | 3   | 10 | 4  |
| Christ Church, St. George...       | 3   | 11 | 9  |
| Gayndah, St. John's, Biggenden     | 1   | 0  | 11 |
| Laidley—St. Saviour's ...          | 4   | 9  |    |
| St. Alban's, Gatton ...            | 14  | 0  |    |
| Nundah, St. Colomb's, Clayfield    | 3   | 4  | 1  |
| Pittsworth—St. Andrew's ...        | 1   | 19 | 4  |
| St. Augustine's, Leyburn ...       | 12  | 11 |    |
| St. John's, Springside ...         | 3   | 0  |    |
| St. Philip's, Mount Tyson ...      | 4   | 6  |    |
|                                    | £27 | 19 | 1  |

## CATECHISTS PROVIDENT FUND.

|                                    |    |    |   |
|------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Brisbane—Trinity Church, F. Valley | 16 | 0  |   |
| St. James', Enoggera ...           | 9  | 5  |   |
| Pittsworth, St. Peter's, Milmerran | 14 | 0  |   |
|                                    | £1 | 19 | 5 |

## HOME MISSION FUND.

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. M. Iliff ... ..                                | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Offertories.</i>                                 |   |   |   |
| Brisbane, St. Barnabas', Ithaca...                  | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Dalby, St. Cecilia's, Chinchilla and Pelican ... .. | 2 | 7 | 3 |

## Branch Collections.

|                                |    |    |   |
|--------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Brisbane, All Saints' ... ..   | 12 | 0  |   |
| Harrisville, St. John's ... .. | 16 | 4  |   |
|                                | £6 | 19 | 3 |

CLERGY CENTRAL SUSTENTATION FUND  
(Income A/c.)

|   |     |    |   |
|---|-----|----|---|
| Anonymous (per St. Luke's Cathedral) ... .. | £15 | 10 | 0 |
|---|-----|----|---|

## THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE'S FUND FOR

|                                     |    |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|----|---|---|
| MISSION CHAPLAINS (Income A/c.)     |    |   |   |
| Brisbane, Trinity Church, F. Valley | 3  | 0 | 0 |
| Sandgate, St. Nicolas' ...          | 1  | 3 | 6 |
| Southport, St. Margaret's, Nerang   | 1  | 0 | 1 |
|                                     | £5 | 3 | 7 |

## ORDINATION CANDIDATES FUND.

|                             |     |    |   |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|---|
| "In memory A. & E. S." ...  | 3   | 15 | 0 |
| Rev. J. Prankerd... ..      | 1   | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. J. H. Stanley... ..     | 50  | 0  | 0 |
| Rev. Canon Tomlin (per) ... | 10  | 0  |   |
|                             | £55 | 15 | 0 |

## CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND.

|                           |     |   |   |
|---------------------------|-----|---|---|
| Rev. F. de Witt Batty ... | 25  | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. A. C. Burrell... ..   | 2   | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Foreman ... ..       | 5   | 3 |   |
| Mrs. E. B. Trotter ... .. | 2   | 2 | 0 |
|                           | £29 | 7 | 3 |

## DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

|   |    |   |  |
|---|----|---|--|
| <i>East Indian Mission.</i>                           |    |   |  |
| Caracas (Venezuela), St. Mary and St. Michael's... .. | 18 | 9 |  |
| <i>General.</i>                                       |    |   |  |
| Mikra ... ..  | 9  | 6 |  |

## A.B.M.—Special Emergency Fund.

|                                    |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Mr. A. Gawthorn... ..              | 5  | 0  |    |
| Mr. C. Mills ... ..                | 10 | 0  |    |
| Brisbane—Trinity Church, F. Valley | 1  | 8  | 3  |
| St. Michael's, New Farm ...        | 1  | 13 | 10 |
| St. Barnabas', Ithaca ...          | 3  | 13 | 9  |

|   |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|---|
| Beaudesert (Hornet Bank, Knapp's Creek) ... ..    | 6  | 0  |   |
| Charleville—All Saints' ...                       | 9  | 3  |   |
| Christ Church, St. George...                      | 1  | 4  | 0 |
| Gayndah, St. Mary's, Gin Gin ...                  | 2  | 8  | 3 |
| Ipswich, St. Paul's ... ..                        | 18 | 7  |   |
| Indooroopilly, St. Andrew's ...                   | 3  | 0  | 0 |
| Jondaryan, St. Jude's, Gowrie Little Plain ... .. | 3  | 0  |   |
| Lutwyche, St. Andrew's... ..                      | 8  | 0  |   |
| Rosewood—(Mr. Lawson) ...                         | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| (Miss Frederic, per) Marburg                      | 2  | 15 | 0 |
| (Miss Smith, per) Marburg                         | 2  | 17 | 0 |
| Toowoomba, St. James' ...                         | 20 | 10 | 0 |

## New Guinea Mission.

|                                     |    |    |   |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Brisbane—Christ Church, Milton      |    |    |   |
| S.S. (for child) ... ..             | 11 | 5  |   |
| Sale of Curios ... ..               | 14 | 9  |   |
| Esk, St. Agnes', M.C.L. (for child) | 2  | 10 | 0 |

|   |     |    |   |
|---|-----|----|---|
| Yarrabah Mission.                                     |     |    |   |
| Mrs. Fletcher ... ..                                  | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| Rev. G. H. Dunbar ... ..                              | 1   | 12 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Murphy ...                         | 5   | 5  | 0 |
| Rev. J. Spooner ... ..                                | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| Mrs. Stevenson ... ..                                 | 5   | 0  |   |
| Miss Sugden ... ..                                    | 5   | 0  |   |
| Miss I. M. Wallace (per) ...                          | 2   | 7  |   |
| Brisbane, St. Mary's, Kangaroo Point                  | 7   | 1  |   |
| Esk, St. Agnes', M.C.L. ...                           | 3   | 0  | 0 |
| Caracas (Venezuela), St. Mary and St. Michael's... .. | 18  | 9  |   |
|   | £62 | 11 | 9 |

## Bible in State Schools League.

|                                 |     |    |   |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Rev. J. Spooner ... ..          | 1   | 1  | 0 |
| Rev. Canon Tomlin (per) ...     | 10  | 0  |   |
| Brisbane—St. Luke's Cathedral   | 8   | 9  | 8 |
| St. Andrew's, S. Brisbane ...   | 5   | 3  | 3 |
| Holy Trinity, Woolloongabba     | 3   | 10 | 0 |
| Laidley—St. Thomas', Forest Hil | 4   | 0  |   |
| St. George's, Thornton ...      | 9   | 3  |   |
|                                 | £19 | 7  | 2 |

## Notes from the South.

## Our Southern Correspondent writes:—

Archdeacon Lefroy, the new organising secretary for the Australian Board of Missions, arrived in Sydney towards the end of January, and at once vigorously entered upon his duties. For the next few months he will reside in Sydney and will devote himself to organising the office work and the literary department, the travelling and deputation work being done in the meantime by Rev. C. E. Curtis, late organising secretary of the Melanesian Mission. Early in February Archdeacon Lefroy called together a number of clergy and laymen interested in literary matters, and, as a result of their deliberations, it was decided to reorganise *Missionary Notes*, and to publish it in a much enlarged form and under a new name, which has not yet been definitely decided. The first number of the new magazine will appear in April. Besides its popular side, intended to interest the ordinary layman in the Missions of the Australian Church, the magazine will have another side, intended for the better instructed laity and the clergy, and dealing with current problems of Missionary work throughout the world.

During Lent the Diocese of Sydney is making an effort to raise, by self-denial, the £2000 to which it has pledged itself as its contribution to the Special Fund of the Australian Board of Missions. On Ash Wednesday the Archbishop addressed a large meeting of special workers from the various parishes of his Diocese, giving them excellent practical advice, and endeavouring also to develop the spiritual side of the effort. Archdeacon Lefroy and Rev. Saumarez Smith also spoke. Some parishes have promised £50 as their contribution, and if Churchmen are really in earnest in the matter, there is no doubt that the required amount can easily be raised. Many parishes

in the Diocese already do a great deal for Missions, but, generally speaking, the Missionary efforts in the Diocese are mainly in aid of the Church Missionary Association, and the Australian Board of Missions has not hitherto been supported at all adequately. One has even heard extremists express their hostility to the A.B.M., and denounce it (as distinguished from the Church Missionary Association) as a "party Society." It is difficult to understand how such a charge can be levelled at a Society whose executive consists of the Bishops of Australia, and which is the only Missionary organisation representative of the whole Australian Church. So far, the Diocese of Sydney, as a whole, has warmly taken up the special effort, and there is every reason to hope that by Easter the full sum of £2000 at least will have been raised.

It was mentioned some time ago in this column that the friends of the Bishop of Labuan and Sarawak (Right Rev. Dr. Mounsey) among the clergy of the Australian Church were about to present him with a Pastoral Staff, as a congratulatory offering, on his elevation to the Episcopate. It was ascertained that the Bishop would prefer a comparatively inexpensive staff, to be made by native craftsmen and silversmiths in his Diocese, under his own supervision. The estimated cost was quickly subscribed in small amounts, and a draft for the net total sum, accompanied by a list of subscribers, was sent to his Lordship last month. Every Diocese in the Commonwealth, with the exception of Ballarat, Bendigo, Gippsland and Wangaratta, was represented in the presentation, but the majority of the subscribers naturally came from the Diocese of Sydney, where the Bishop is affectionately remembered as Rev. W. R. Mounsey, assistant priest of St. James', Sydney, from 1896 to 1901.

The echoes of the unfortunate Nash case still resound in the Diocese of Melbourne, which seems to have wrested from Sydney the unenviable distinction of being pre-eminent for party strife. Public meetings have been held at Geelong to denounce the Rectors of

Christ Church (Rev. F. Newton) and St. Paul's (Rev. Frank Anderson) for their omission to hold an election for a fresh vestry for 1910. Under Melbourne Church Law, the existing vestry thus retains office, and the disaffected parishioners are left to ineffectual protests. It was noteworthy that local feeling was apparently not strong enough to make the meetings successful, as professional agitators had to be brought down specially from Melbourne. One of these agitators, the secretary of the Evangelical Church Association, attended an Orange meeting in Melbourne recently and publicly boasted of the successful sacrilege by which the brass cross had been stolen by night on two occasions from the altar of a Church in Essendon.

Steps are being taken to build a permanent Church at Katoomba in the Blue Mountains (N.S.W.) where the present wooden structure has done duty for 22 years. The Archbishop of Sydney, who has spent a large portion of the summer at Katoomba, has commended the movement to the generous support of town visitors to the mountains, and has given some practical and helpful advice to the building committee. Rev. J. W. Ashton, rector of St. Andrew's, South Brisbane, has been staying on the mountains during February, and has assisted the rector of Katoomba by acting as priest in charge of the daughter Church of St. Alban's, Leura. The Rector (Rev. J. F. S. Russell), who has only recently recovered from a serious illness, is anxious to hear of a priest in Brisbane or elsewhere who would be able to spend part of March or April on the mountains to assist him during the closing weeks of the tourist season. The climatic and scenic attractions of the district bring large numbers of visitors from all parts of the Commonwealth, and tax the Church accommodation to its utmost.

The oldest school in Australia, the King's School, Parramatta, N.S.W., celebrated the seventy-eighth anniversary of its foundation on February 12th. The usual gatherings of old boys and friends were held, and the day was passed in cricket, tennis and swimming matches between the old boys and the present pupils. The day was begun by a celebration of the Holy Communion in the School Chapel, and Evensong was sung at the conclusion of the sports, when the Archbishop of Sydney gave a short address. At night the Head Master and Council entertained the Old Boys at tea, in a new and spacious dining-hall, which has been made necessary by the rapid growth of the school in the last few years, and which was used for the first time on this occasion.

Rev. G. Huthnance, late leader of the Roper River Mission staff, under the Melbourne Church Missionary Association, has resigned his position for private reasons.

On February 12th the Archbishop of Melbourne opened the Gregory Memorial Hall, in the parish of All Saints', St. Kilda. The Hall, which is in a fine situation, overlooking Chapel Street, has been erected at a cost of £4,500, in memory of the first Vicar of the parish. Besides a lecture hall, it contains a library, guild and club rooms, a Kindergarten, and ten class-rooms. Up to date, the parishioners have raised £3,000 of the cost, by their unaided efforts, but appeal is being made to the Province of Victoria in general for the balance of the cost.

Rev. A. J. Trewitt has been inducted as Rector of St. Mark's, Fitzroy (Melbourne) to succeed Rev. Evelyn Snodgrass, and Rev. C. R. Dalton, late assistant priest of All Saints', St. Kilda, has succeeded Rev. R. G. Burke at St. Anselm's, Middle Park (Melbourne).

## Doings on the Downs.

Two months ago was recorded in this column the death of one of the Drayton synodsmen, in the person of Mr. Robert Handley; this month is to be recorded the death of another Drayton synodman, Mr. W. J. Hendy. Mr. Hendy, at the time of his death, was synodman and Rector's churchwarden of St. Matthew's, Drayton, and president of the Drayton branch of the C.E.M.S. and vice-president of the Gordon Club. He was head teacher of the Drayton State School. At the time of his death, which occurred on February 12th, he was staying at Sandgate, where he had gone on leave of absence, for his health.

Although he had been seriously ill for some time, his death was unexpected. He leaves a widow and five children. His age was forty-two. He was buried by Rev. H. C. Beasley at Toowong, after a service in All Saints' Church, Brisbane, on February 14th. He will be most sorely missed.

The Bible in State Schools League continues its activity on the Downs. A weekly meeting is held in Toowoomba of the committee. The canvass is quietly progressing. A big demonstration will be held on March 15th in the Austral Hall.

At Pittsworth an active committee is at work. Meetings were addressed by Rev. H. C. Beasley last month, at Pittsworth, Southbrook, Springside, Yarranlea and Rossvale.

On the 15th of last month Mr. Beasley left for the West, to address meetings on the League's behalf at Yeulba, Charleville and Cunnamulla, etc.

Mr. McLennan and Mr. Smith, from Allora, both addressed a meeting on February 10th at Greenmount, and the following week Mr. McLennan visited Goondiwindi and Texas.

Last month's issue was too early for a report of the last Downs Clerical Conference, held at Cabarlah in January. The clergy (twenty in number) were most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Rivers and Archdeacon Rivers. The Archbishop was present and gave a devotional address to the clergy (after evensong) on the first night. A paper was read by Rev. H. C. Beasley on "Roman Catholic Claims." In the afternoon a business conference was held, when special attention was paid to the Bible in State Schools League, the Home Mission Fund, and Foreign Missions. The visiting clergy were Canon Tomlin, Rev. Walter Thompson and Rev. Norman Osborn. The next Conference is to be held in Easter week, at St. James', Toowoomba.

The Downs Choir Festival was held at St. Luke's Church, Toowoomba, again this year. Choirs were present from the two Toowoomba Churches, Warwick, Drayton, Pittsworth, Laidley, Dalby, Killarney and Allora. Evensong was sung, and the Archbishop preached a very timely sermon on the place and purpose of Church music.

The new Church of St. Matthew, at Bell, was dedicated on Friday, 4th February. It is a very nice building, and most completely finished and furnished.

The Church of St. Alban's, at Gatton, was re-opened on February 6th, after extensive repairs and additions.

At the Archdeacon's visitation, held at Oakey, fourteen representatives from different parts of the parish were present. Holy Communion was celebrated, and afterwards the churchwardens and clergy lunched together.

The Archbishop will hold a Confirmation at St. James', Toowoomba, early this month.

A very successful temperance demonstration was held on February 11th at Toowoomba, in the open air. Addresses were given from a lorry. The speakers were Messrs. Tolmie and Roberts, M.M.L.A., and Revs. T. W. Cockell, H. C. Beasley, J. Laurie (Presbyterian), A. G. Weller (Baptist), and Adjutant Mathers (Salvation Army).

This year (at Easter-time), both in the parish of St. James', Toowoomba, and St. John's, Dalby, Golden Offering, on a Sunday, is to take the place of an Easter fair and sale of work.

Special Mission Services are being held at the chief centres, on Sundays during Lent, in the Pittsworth parish. Special Mission Hymns are used.

The first sale in connection with subdivision of the Pilton Estate was held at Clifton on February 10th. This sale had been inadvertently arranged for the 9th; directly the vendors realised that the 9th was Ash Wednesday, the date was altered. The sale was a good one. It will be some little time before any homesteads are erected and actual settlement takes place, but eventually—and before very long—the work connected with the parishes of Clifton and Greenmount will be materially increased.

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| 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.

A GREAT EDUCATIONAL REFORM.

An affirmative vote at the forthcoming Referendum on Religious Instruction in State Schools, apart from its religious significance, will mean two things of first-rate importance to Queensland. It will mean, as we have often enough pointed out in these columns, the securing for the parents of our State School children a right which is at present unjustly withheld from them, the liberty to have their children educated in the faith they profess, which liberty is at present enjoyed only by the well-to-do. But it will also mean, we venture to assert, an educational reform of the very first importance. It is a commonplace with all who teach, that children are far more susceptible to example than to precept, that it is better to teach by concrete examples than by abstract theories. A child is slow to grasp an abstract principle but quick to love and admire persons. He is, generally speaking, a natural hero-worshipper, and his capacity for love is of earlier birth than his power to reason. It is this consideration which makes the use of stories about the great and good an asset

of incalculable value for the educationalist. And it is this consideration which makes our present system of State education in Queensland so vitally defective. For the exclusion of the Bible from the curriculum means that the teachers are allowed by the State to use all the examples in the world except the very best: that the children are allowed to gain inspiration from all the great personalities of the past except the most inspiring: that the lesson-books may include all the stories in the world except the story which transformed the world and gave us our present civilisation. "It was reserved for Christianity," says Professor Lecky in his *History of European Morals* (Vol. ii., p. 8), "to present to the world an ideal character which, through all the changes of eighteen centuries, has filled the hearts of men with an impassioned love: and has shown itself capable of acting upon all ages, nations, temperaments, and conditions: and has not only been the highest pattern of virtue, but the highest incentive to its practice: and has exerted so deep an influence that it may truly be said that the simple record of three short years of active life has done more to regenerate and soften mankind than all the disquisitions of philosophers and than all the exhortations of moralists." It is this ideal character, this simple record, which are at present banned from our State Schools! The thing would be almost ludicrous if it were not so appalling.

It is this consideration which should constitute the teachers' point of view with regard to the Referendum. Ever since the campaign for the restoration of religious instruction in the State Schools began, the alleged position of the State School teachers in the matter has been used as a staple argument by the opponents of the movements. It is said that the teachers are not fit to teach Bible stories, a charge which would be a serious libel on a most honourable class of officials if it were not so obviously untrue. And, again, it is urged that the teachers as a whole are opposed to anything which would upset the present time-table of work in the State Schools. But if there were any teachers who felt this alarm they must surely have been long ago convinced by the evidence of the New South Wales Education Department that their alarm was groundless, and that the proposed restoration will be a help and not a hindrance to their work. On the other hand our critics have been wisely silent as to that large (as we believe) body of teachers who anticipate the restoration of the opportunity of giving Biblical instruction with the keenest satisfaction. There are many teachers, we venture to say, who feel that the State, by entrusting them on the one hand with the task of building the character of its future citizens, and by depriving them, on the other hand, of the most effective materials for character building, is laying upon them a task so difficult as to be well-nigh impossible.

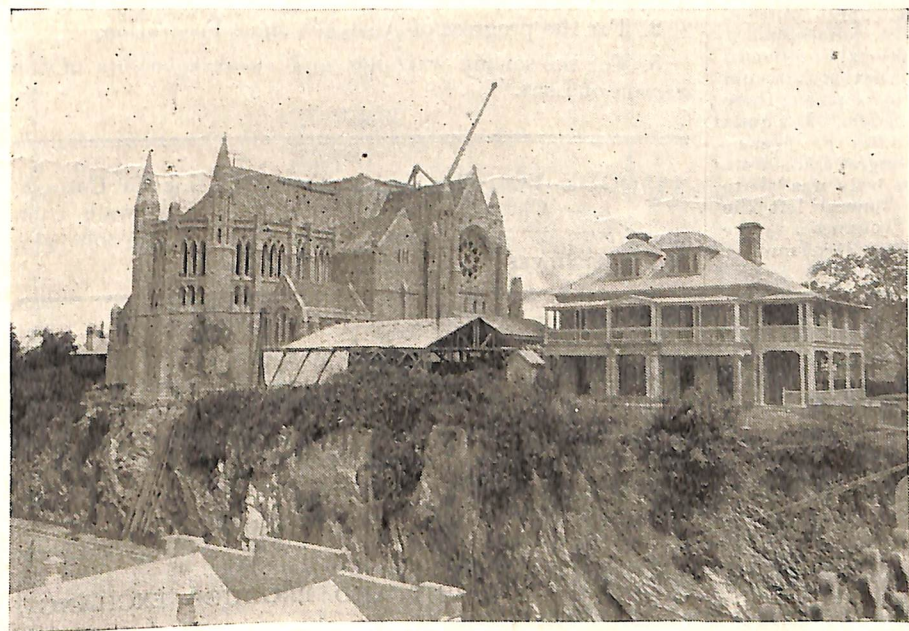
For, even apart from the weighty considerations we have already urged, the fact remains that the only adequate basis of morals is to be found in religion. A man's behaviour in the world is ultimately shaped (whether he realises it or not) by what he thinks about God and his own soul. Apart from theology you can get no stable and permanent standard of conduct. Just as in thinking about the world we can find no resting-place for thought until we get back to an eternal First Cause, itself uncaused, so in thinking about conduct we can find no resting-place for thought short of an eternal and Divine law of right and wrong, to the righteousness of which each man's conscience bears constant and unswerving witness. That the Bible contains the best exposition of this

Divine law, and that the story of Jesus Christ furnishes its best recommendation, are facts which need no demonstration, and thus it is that the State School teachers of Queensland will gain, by an affirmative vote at the Referendum, the only really effective material for the execution of the high trust committed to them by the parents of Queensland. That a large and increasing number of teachers are already realising this we are convinced, that all will eventually come to realise it we do not for one moment doubt.

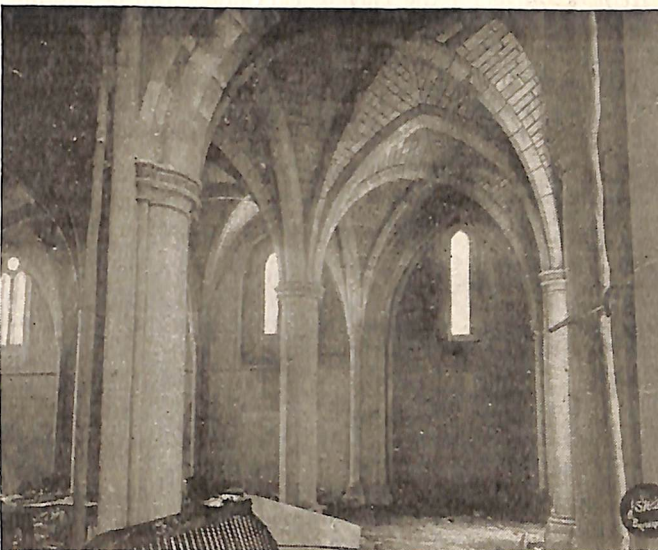
THE CATHEDRAL.

Those of our readers who live outside Brisbane will be interested in seeing the latest photograph of the Cathedral. The large view, which is taken from a photograph obtained on February 16, shows the Cathedral practically as it will appear when finished. It also shows, as we venture to think, that the Cathedral when finished will be a permanent and most beautiful addition to the architecture of the city of Brisbane: indeed it is not too much to say that for grace and beauty of design it will be unsurpassed in Australia. On the right of the Cathedral is seen the former Book Depot and Diocesan Office, now converted into a residence for the Sub-Dean of the Cathedral. This house is at present the temporary home of the new Cathedral organ, which lies there in pieces waiting for admittance to the Cathedral organ loft. Messrs. B. B. Whitehouse, of Brisbane, are now engaged upon the making of the swell-boxes and other fittings for the new organ, and will be prepared to proceed with the erection directly the Cathedral is in a sufficiently finished state internally to admit of it.

The smaller photo of the interior of the Cathedral South aisle will give our readers some notion of the stone groining of the roof, which is, we believe, unique in Australian architecture.



THE CATHEDRAL FROM THE N.E.



THE CATHEDRAL SOUTH AISLE (SHOWING STONE GROINED ROOF).

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

The College met again on February 8th. The term will continue till Monday, June 13th, with a few days' interval after Easter.

There are 12 students and 1 probationer resident in the College. Of these, 7 belong to other Dioceses in the Province, 5 only being for the Brisbane Diocese. We feel that the true quarry for Postulants has hardly yet been touched. What proportion of the boys at the Toowoomba, Ipswich, Brisbane, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Townsville and Charters Towers Grammar Schools or at the Southport High School ought to be candidates for Holy Orders it is difficult to say, but from all those Schools we only have at the present time five on the Postulants' list. Clergy can do more than any other separate individuals to create the atmosphere in which vocation may develop—and some clergy are doing a great deal—but the necessary number of men for the Church's work will never be forthcoming until there is a general atmosphere in the Church as a whole and in Church Homes conducive to the encouragement of the right boys.

New students' quarters have been erected at the College during the holidays, and there is now room for twenty-three men. The College ought to be filled to overflowing by the end of the year. Will parents consider the question seriously? No one is admitted as a student without careful testing. Though we want to see an adequate supply come quickly, we are content to wait.

The two new men this term are both from North Queensland. Mr. Lambton has been doing good work as lay reader at Charters Towers for some years, and Mr. Jennings has had three years' work in the same capacity in the Bowen parish.

*Helpers' Cards* for the Theological College can be obtained from local secretaries, the Diocesan Book Depôt, or Mr. J. A. Briggs, hon. organising collector, State School, South Brisbane. Contributions to the Ordination Candidates Fund are recorded in the *Church Chronicle*.

#### CHURCH MISSION.

HEADQUARTERS, 65 ELIZABETH STREET, CITY.—It is now three months since any reports of Church Mission work has appeared, consequently many things have taken place. Our annual festival passed off most successfully in November. The Newsboys' Christmas Picnic and Camp was held this year at Tweed Heads for four days. Over fifty boys, under the management of Supt. W. P. B. Miles, assisted by Mr. E. Bevan, had a thoroughly good outing, and about twenty boys were given about eight days camp. The time was occupied in swimming, picnicking, fishing, and cricket, etc. On Monday, December 27th, the boys gave an excellent concert in the School of Arts, Tweed Heads, about 300 persons being present. On the Sunday the boys attended Church, and their general good behaviour during their stay was much admired and spoken of by the visitors at Tweed Heads. The outing cost £37 13s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of 4s. 8d. The whole of this sum was donated by the various newspaper companies, merchants, and several of our Sunday Schools, to whom we desire to express our thanks and hope to forward them a copy of the balance sheet at an early date. The general work of the Church Mission continues on its regular course, but the Woolloongabba Mission on Thursdays has changed its site from Main Street, Five Ways, to Gibbon Street, off Stanley Street, which is a general improvement. February 6th, we began an outdoor meeting at the corner of Grey and Melbourne Streets in connection with the Sunday service at St. Andrew's Church Mission Hall and up to the present the venture seems a good one for future work. The quarterly social of Church Mission members was held at St. Luke's on February 1st, when a very pleasant evening was spent. The first quarterly devotional service was held at headquarters on Monday, February 7th, but only a few attended owing to the heavy storm that night. Mr. Harvey gave the address. During Lent, under the management of Catechist J. W. Harvey, the Church Mission has arranged to hold special missions at Mount Gravatt from February 14th to 20th; at Holland Park from February 21st to 27th; and at Moorooka and Rocklea from 6th to 13th March. A regular Church service has been started again at Yeronga on Sunday morning under the control of W. P. B. Miles, and the attendance is very encouraging.

IN MEMORIAM.—On Sunday, January 30th, there passed away at the General Hospital a well-known figure among the members of the old St. John's Cathedral parish in the person of Tobias Hiller, better known as "Toby." He was baptized at St. John's in 1884, and has lived a most true and earnest Christian life from that time. For fifteen years he was an enrolled member of the Church Mission, and learned to play his cornet in the early days of St. John's Sunday School Band. His love for the mission work and loyal devotion to his Church called from him the very best services that he could render, and his one real pleasure in this life was to be among those who were working for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. His quiet nature and childlike faith in his God will always live in the memory of those who knew him best, and it is with deep regret and sincere love that the Church Mission mourns his loss. His body was laid to rest at Toowong, Tuesday, February 1st. The funeral left the Church Mission headquarters after a short service conducted by the Superintendent, W. P. B. Miles, and was attended by a large number of South Sea boys and members of the Church Mission.

#### Intercessions and Thanksgivings for March, 1910.

[NOTE.—This is the last month of preparation for the Referendum. If an obsession is ever right, it is now. Nothing but an unseen power will draw the indifferent willingly to the Poll. But God wants our active and prayerful co-operation.

We must leave a mental corner vacant for the Federal Elections with their important issues.

The use that the Church makes of the Holy Season approaching will help to determine the above issues.]

We beseech Thee, O Lord :—

1. To swell the volume of prayer and work for the Bible in State Schools Referendum.
2. To overrule all the arrangements for the taking of the Referendum.
3. To move Thy people, with one accord, to vote on the day of decision.
4. To roll away the reproach from our educational system.
5. To stir the interest of electors in the politics of the Commonwealth.
6. To develop the national feeling in the hearts of Australians.
7. To overrule the issues of the coming Federal Elections.
8. To move Thy Church to penitence that she may be more effective for Thy service.
9. To bless with Thy Presence all special gatherings for worship during Holy Week.
10. To prepare and purify the hearts of all communicants before Easter Day.
11. To lead occasional communicants to become regular attendants at Thine Altar.
12. To draw to public worship honest men, who, for any cause, neglect their spiritual privileges.

We thank Thee, O Lord :—

1. For the growing interest in the Bible in State Schools question.
2. For the progress of Australia since Federation.
3. For the solemn warnings and encouragements of the Season of Lent.

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### Letters.

The Editor is not responsible for any of the opinions expressed in this column. He wishes to make the *Chronicle* a medium for free discussion, but cannot undertake to publish long letters in *extenso*, or to introduce subjects which he considers objectionable or lacking in general interest. Letters must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of bona fides.

#### HOURS OF SUNDAY SERVICE.

Sir,—By his letter on the above subject in your last issue the Rev. Canon Tomlin has surely shattered what he calls the idolatry of ELEVEN A.M., for he shows that the practice originated in the "lie-a-bed" habits of our forefathers of the Georgian period; and the only virtue it now possesses is that it permits of the perpetuation of those habits among church-goers. It remains for those who share in the Canon's belief that the hour is an absurdly unsuitable one in our glorious climate to devise a fresh time-table for our Sunday mornings. Here is one suggestion:—Ordinary morning service from 9.30 to 10.45, Sunday School from 11 till 12 or 12.15. All members of households ought to be able to free themselves from home cares by 9.30 a.m. It is the time at which the children usually have to be in school, and would permit of breakfast on Sundays being a little later than on work-days; and in homes in which the preparation of the Sunday dinner is still one of the most important events of the day, there would surely be sufficient time to prepare it after 11 a.m., while the children are at Sunday School. Mothers, sisters or servants need no longer be debarred from morning worship by carking cares of cooking, and the careless will be robbed of the support which the excessive heat of the noon-tide service gives for their carelessness. Bad as that heat may be for those in the Sunday Schools between 11 and noon, it would not be so oppressive as the heat of the afternoon, and better work will be possible than is done at present.

I sincerely hope that this matter, which has already been lightly touched on at Synods, will receive practical attention at our next Easter parish meetings. If a few of the metropolitan churches boldly tried a new plan for, say, a year, their experience might be reported on at next year's Synod, when, if that experience justifies the change, it might become general.

If, as Canon Tomlin states, our aim "is to leave the bulk of the Sunday free for individual treatment," it will hardly be wise to alter the hour of evening service. During the hot season of the year, at least, it seems perfectly natural to have service in the cool of the evening after the evening meal.—I am, Sir, etc., J.A.B.

#### AN APPEAL FROM YARRABAH.

Sir,—I should like to make an urgent appeal to the charitable for clothing for the aborigines at Yarrabah. For hygienic reasons the aborigines do not use European clothing on the Mission station. The men wear singlets and sulus—a garment consisting of two and a-half yards of double width red Turkey twill, galatea or dungaree—wound round the waist and reaching to the knee. The small boys do without the singlet. The girls and women wear a long garment reaching to the ankles, made with a yoke something like a child's frock, each of which requires five yards of double width unbleached calico. The material can be made up on the Mission station. Mr. Morrison (the acting superintendent), in a letter I have received to-day writes:—"Usually the Executive of the A.B.M. made a special appeal each Christmas for clothes, but this year have not done so—so if it had not been for the Townsville response and a larger amount from Brisbane, we should have been badly off indeed. As it was we had to buy singlets. We gave the aborigines a 'rig-out' all the way round, but only a 'Sunday one,' and now the settlement men want working sulus of strong material. Galatea or dungaree is more expensive, but lasts very much longer than the cheap stuff—for instance, some of the material sent at Christmas has *already* worn through. The King has just been enquiring after a new uniform!"

Is there no member of the Defence Force who can send a disused uniform and helmet to the King of Yarrabah? His Majesty has for many years affected military garb, and at present is bemoaning the decay of a red coat of the Moreton Bay Regiment. The gifts can be sent by parcel post, addressed—Superintendent, Yarrabah Aboriginal Mission, Cairns; and I hope my appeal will not be in vain.

I am, Sir, etc.,

Jan. 21st, 1910. GEORGE H. NORTH QUEENSLAND.

#### DISTRICT NURSES' HOME.

Sir,—The much talked of District Nurses' Home is at last an established fact. The Home is situated very pleasantly and conveniently in Upper Roma Street, near the Toowong, Rosalie, Red Hill and Paddington lines of cars.

## News from the Parishes.

All Parish Notes must be posted so as to reach the Editor not later than the first post on the 20th of the month. Otherwise insertion cannot be guaranteed.

**All Saints', Wickham Terrace** (Rev. DOUGLAS PRICE).—On February 10th the C.E.M.S. held an interesting discussion on the Bible in State Schools League and its objects. The Rector is giving a series of addresses on the Books of Ecclesiastes and Wisdom on the Wednesdays in Lent, and will resume his ordinary lectures after Easter, when he will commence a series on "Mind in Nature." We should be glad of more ladies' and boys' voices in the choir. An effort is being made to close the Church financial year without touching any of the money given to reduce the debt. If everyone were to do a little there is no doubt but that this could easily be done, and it would leave us in a better position than we have been in for a great many years. The Rector wishes to thank several people who have kindly sent clothing for the poor.

**Fortitude Valley, Holy Trinity** (Rev. E. C. GANLY).—The credence table to be presented by the G.F.S. to the Church is not yet to hand, but is expected daily. The delay was caused by the carver extending his holiday beyond reasonable limits. The meetings of this Society are held every second and fourth Wednesday, but during Lent no meeting commences until after the evening service. The C.E.M.S. meeting was very badly attended this month. Will members please turn over a new leaf. The Mothers' Union held their monthly meeting, and there was a good attendance. The Gordon Club held their annual meeting on Saturday, the 19th, and elected officers for the year. They are affiliating with the A.A.A., and hope next season to wrest from St. Barnabas' Gordon Club the "Morrison Cup." Being the season of Lent nothing of an excitable nature is taking place, but it would be well for parishioners to note the special services: Every Wednesday at 8, service and an address by the Rev. F. de Witt Batty; every Saturday at 7.30, prayer meeting; Wednesday, the 23rd March, Stainer's "Crucifixion" (by the kind offer of Mr. Phillips we shall have the help of the Austral Choir); and Good Friday—7.30 a.m., Ante-Communion; 9.30, Litany; 10 a.m., Mattins and Children's Service; 12 noon to 3 p.m., the 3 Hours Service; and 8 p.m., Lantern Lecture in Parish Hall on "Scenes of the Crucifixion of our Lord."

**New Farm, St. Michael's** (Rev. W. THOMPSON).—On January 31st a Choir Social was held. Several members of the choir contributed to the musical programme; refreshments were provided and a pleasant evening was spent. On February 7th a large number of parishioners assembled in the Parish Hall to bid good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Mr. Lofthouse. On behalf of the members of the Parochial Council, C.E.M.S. members and the officers of the Penny Savings Bank, the Vicar presented Mr. Craig with an illuminated address and a case of pipes, and Mr. Lofthouse with a silver-mounted walking stick as tokens of real appreciation of their merits, and conveyed his good wishes for their future in their new homes. Mr. Hall and Mr. Locke also spoke, expressing their regret at their departure from the parish. We are glad to see that there are signs of Lent being earnestly observed in the parish. Two new members of the C.E.M.S. were admitted just before the sermon at the morning service. Mr. O. Davenport has been appointed secretary in the place of Mr. Craig to the C.E.M.S., and we feel sure he will fill the office well.

**Lutwyche-cum-Grovely** (Rev. Canon OSBORN).—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Ford, the oldest communicant of St. Mark's Church, which took place last month. Until quite recently Mrs. Ford always tried to attend the early Communion on the 1st Sunday in each month, but being unable to attend at Christmas she received what proved to be her last Communion in her own house during the Christmas Octave. We must heartily congratulate Harold Tinley, our senior choir boy at St. Mark's, on winning a Grammar School scholarship. The Confirmation classes have now started, and it is particularly hoped that any who wish to be confirmed before Whitsuntide will give in their names at once, as no new names can be received much later on. The special Albion Lent Wednesday evening services are being fairly well attended, but we hope, as the season advances, the congregations will increase. The Holy Week and Good Friday services will be announced in Church. On Easter Day there will be Holy Communion at Lutwyche, at a quarter to 7 and 10: at Albion at 8 and 11.15: at Hamilton at 8.15 and 11, and at Windsor at a quarter to 7. There will also be Holy Communion at Grovely on first Sunday after Easter at 11.

**HAMILTON**.—At the last meeting of the Church Committee an offer to sell a very good and almost new organ on generous terms was received, and it was decided to accept them. The organ was dedicated by the Rector before service on the 20th February, and the sub-wardens will now be very glad to receive donations or ear-marked offerings to help meet the cost. We have to thank the donors of the brass rod and organ curtain for their kind gift. During Lent special evening services are being held on Thursdays at St. Augustine's at a quarter to 8.

Nurse Cooper, Sisters Grace, Barbara and Florence took up their residence at "Arondale," 430 Upper Roma Street (Telephone 2691) on the 1st of February. A Gift Afternoon was announced for January 31st, and it was rather hastily decided to open the Home on that date. His Grace the Archbishop being unable to be present, the Archdeacon of Brisbane performed the ceremony. A large number of friends were present.

The Secretary explained the objects of the movement. The Committee were most gratified with the receipts of gifts during the afternoon, which included beds, tables, chairs, cups and saucers, dinner service, afternoon tea service, cooking and kitchen utensils, spoons, towels, bed linen, table cloths, tea, boiler, and about £6 in cash.

The Continental so generously given by Messrs. Badger and R. F. Stevens at Dutton Park on February 5th, as a benefit to the fund, resulted in a net profit of £16 16s. 4d.

The total expenses of furnishing the Home are not yet to hand, but the Committee will be very glad to receive donations and subscriptions to the fund.

It was decided at the opening of the Home to hold a Sale of Work on April the 20th, and the Committee ask all Church women interested in this movement to assist by sending some article for the Sale of Work, either direct to the Home (marked for Sale of Work) or to the Secretary. The services of the Sisters are already being largely availed of. We feel sure that the Parishes will soon wonder however they did without them, and we shall have more calls than we can attend to with the present number of Sisters.

We are very pleased to announce that Nurse Eva Jones, daughter of Canon Jones, has joined the nursing staff, and will take up her residence and her duties at the Home early in March.—I am, Sir, etc.,

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

"Bardon," Upper Paddington, 17th February, 1910.

### THE HOURS OF SUNDAY SERVICES.

SIR,—The size of the average Sunday morning congregation is in itself a confirmation of the point raised by Canon Tomlin. Only last night a staunch layman said to me that he considered it required "a tremendous moral effort" to attend the 11 o'clock service in such weather as we have been having lately, and there is no doubt that the majority of Church-goers will agree with him.

For the last 18 months I have taken the morning service at 10 o'clock, and the opinion of those members of the congregation whom I have asked is strongly in favour of 10 over 11. At first, of course, there was the usual objection to an innovation on the part of a few, but now this has completely broken down, and the congregation is steadily increasing.

I believe that an even earlier hour, as a general rule, in all our Churches, would very soon be appreciated, and that a larger attendance would justify the change.—I am, Sir, etc.,

The Rectory, Toowong, Feb. 21, 1910.

PERCY NOTT.

## Parish Register.

### BAPTISMS.

ST. PETER'S, GYMPIE.—January 19—Ethel Mary Roberts; 25—Oliver Wintzloff (Cooroy). February 6—Gladys May Teague, Evelyn Mary Kerridge.

ST. ANDREW'S, GYMPIE.—Jan. 20—Percy Victor Nielsen, Rasmine Harriett Nielsen; 26—Noel Robert Tomlinson, Alice Edith Gidley, William Frederick Gidley, Doris Martin, Doris Edna Mason, William James Williams, Dorothy Williams, Ethel Mary Williams, Donald Edward Williams.

### MARRIAGES.

BULIMBA.—February 3—Roy Gerrard Sellars and Violet Gwendoline Pott; 5—Andrew Lapraik and Elizabeth Ellen "Topsy" Collins.

ST. ANDREW'S, GYMPIE.—Jan. 19—Charles Edward Letheren and Miriam Elizabeth Saunders (Amamoor). Feb. 2—William Thomas Weller and Winifred Ann Smith (Pine Vale). Feb. 15—Richard Parkyn and Marian Isabeth Heath; 17—Herbert James Laurie and Annie McIlwraith.

### BURIALS.

ST. PETER'S, GYMPIE.—January 30—Colin Hood Sym, aged 13 years. February 12—George Davies, aged 78 years.

**Nundah-cum-Clayfield** (Rev. C. MATHEW).—On Sunday, 30th January, Rev. H. H. Green preached at evensong. Members of Women's Guild have decided to devote their savings to debt fund. The great event of the month was the prize-giving at Chermiside; the Vicar presented the prizes. A very happy evening was spent. Many thanks to Mrs. Johnson, who manipulated the lantern, and to Mr. Campbell for entertaining us with his gramophone. It is a pity that more of the congregation do not attend the Thursday evening services the Vicar's addresses are so helpful.

ST. COLOMB'S.—All matters in connection with the parish have progressed satisfactorily during the month, and attendances at the services have been generally good. The Rector has conducted Lenten services on Wednesday evenings at Ipswich in exchange with the Rev. T. L. H. Jenkyn, Rector of St. Paul's. The Sunday School attendance is increasing, and more teachers are needed. Mr. Chris. Turner Jones has accepted the secretaryship, and we welcome him in that capacity, as he has done good work in the past for the school. C.E.M.S.—The usual monthly meeting was held in the hall on Saturday evening, 12th, the President, Mr. D. G. Thistlethwayte, presiding, and there was a good attendance. After the formal business of the meeting, Mr. England read a paper on "Church Music," and a discussion by members followed. This, we hope, may be of assistance to our Church services. A committee was appointed to draw up a syllabus for future meetings during the current year. Mr. Simpson, of Ipswich, has offered to contribute a paper for next meeting. Holy Communion on Sunday morning following at 7.30 was attended by several members of the Society. During the month two handsome purple "antependiums" have been added to the furniture of the Church, one each for pulpit and reading desk. These are the gift of the Ladies' Guild; the exquisite work was carried out by Mrs. Buzacott. Our gratitude is not only for past favours, but also for those which we feel assured are to come, and St. Colomb's parishioners may justly be proud of the Ladies' Guild, who are so interested and energetic in doing so much to beautify our little Church. Our Choir has had some welcome additions, but we are still waiting some boys with clear voices. We hope the mothers will let us have them. The Parochial Council held their meeting on Monday, the 14th, at 8 p.m. The business was purely formal, the Churchwardens' financial report being considered satisfactory.

**St. Barnabas', Ithaca** (Rev. E. A. SELBY-LOWNDES).—At Mattins on 6th Feb., four young people preparing for confirmation were baptized. The solemnity of the service of adult baptism impressed all present and made some realise how much is lost by the removal of infant baptism from mattins and evensong. Sixteen young men and boys and fifteen girls, besides one candidate from another parish, were confirmed at St. Barnabas' on Wednesday, 16th. The Church was filled by a large congregation, who followed the service with reverent attention. The first communion of the newly confirmed will be at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday, 6th March. There will be a service of preparation at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st, and a short service of thanksgiving after evensong on Sunday, 6th. All communicants are especially invited to attend these services. Evening prayer is said on Wednesdays in Lent at 8. On Tuesday, 22nd, at 8 o'clock, there will be a short service of preparation for the Easter Communion. The services on Good Friday will be mattins, litany and sermon at 10.30, and children's service at 4. On Easter Day the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6.30 and 11. At the children's service rendered by the choir at 11 and 7.30. Two ladies are now giving religious instruction at the Ithaca Creek State School, taking the intermediate and junior classes, while the curate takes the senior. The change is much appreciated by the younger children and the attendance has largely increased in consequence. Religious instruction has also been commenced on Thursday mornings at the Ashgrove State School. The parish meeting held on 31st January was, considering the weather, very well attended. Steps were taken towards clearing off an estimated deficit of £20 on the year's accounts. Arrangements have also been made to re-organize the stipend collections, and to revive the Ladies' Working Guild, which will meet on Tuesday, 8th March, at 8 p.m. On Tuesday, 8th February, Rev. W. Maitland Woods gave an interesting account of Yarrabah in St. Barnabas' Hall to a very small audience. The girls' singing class conducted by Mr. Taylor will re-assemble on Monday, 7th March, at 7.30 in the hall. The class intends to give a social in April. All parishioners are requested to attend the annual Easter Vestry meeting on Tuesday, 29th March, at 8 p.m.

**Toowong** (Rev. P. P. N. NOTT).—A meeting was held on Thursday, February 3rd, in connection with the Bible in State Schools, the Archbishop of Brisbane and the Rev. S. Dewsbury, of Ipswich, being the speakers. The C.E.M.S. are arranging to canvass the district for votes. The Archdeacon of Brisbane is preaching at the Taringa and Toowong on the first four Sundays in Lent, and the Rev. Walter Thompson and Rev. E. C. Ganly on the evenings of March 13th and 20th respectively. In the past 12 months the parish has raised the sum of £250 by straight-giving to wipe out the

capital debt. There remains now only about the sum of £150 before it is finally extinguished.

**St. Andrew's, South Brisbane** (Rev. J. W. ASHTON).—On Septuagesima Sunday, January 23rd, we held our Harvest Thanksgiving Services. The Church was beautifully decorated by the ladies of the congregation with corn, fruit, and flower. The services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. were festive, and a children's service was held at 3 p.m. The great event of the past two months was the opening of our new Parish Hall and Sunday School on Tuesday evening, January 25th. The Rector presided and had with him on the platform his Grace the Archbishop, the Archdeacon of Brisbane, the churchwardens, members of Parochial Council, and a number of old friends of the Church. The Archbishop formally declared the hall open. Speeches were made by the Rector, Messrs. H. Lineker, J. Shirley, and J. G. Anderson. The programme was interspersed with anthems and solos by members of the Church choir. Afterwards the meeting resolved itself into a conversation, and refreshments were handed round by the ladies. The Rector has gone away to the Blue Mountains for a month's well earned holiday. During the Lenten season special courses of sermons are being preached by the following clergy: Sunday, 11 a.m., Canon Tomlin; 7.30 p.m., Rev. de Witt Batty; Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., Rev. H. H. Green.

**St. Paul's, East Brisbane** (Mr. C. KITCHEN, Catechist-in-Charge).—Our Church was made bright and beautiful for our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 6th inst., when the Rev. Mr. Green preached in the morning and took the children's service in the afternoon. Our sacred concert by Mr. Miles' Band of Hope was unavoidably postponed owing to the wet night. The Æolia Glee Party have kindly consented to give a sacred concert in St. Paul's on the 12th of next month, and we anticipate an excellent programme. St. Paul's does not lack for volunteers in this respect. Our Church has been well filled, speaking generally, now for a long time in spite of drawbacks such as wet weather and the closing temporarily of Stanley Bridge for renewal. We trust and believe sincerely that St. Paul's is at last on the up grade.

**St. Mary's, Kangaroo Point** (Rev. W. MAITLAND WOODS).—Some successful coin teas have been recently given for the benefit of the various stalls at the forthcoming Garden Fête to be held on April 7th, 8th and 9th. Parishioners please note the dates. The Gordon Club is now in a very flourishing condition. Mr. Percy Brier, A.R.C.O., has taken over the duties of organist and choir-master. Designs for a two-light memorial window are in preparation, the subject being the Good Samaritan. The memorial is the gift of Mrs. Jessie Christie, and will be placed in the north wall of the nave of St. Mary's Church. A new white silk burse and pall are being presented by the Altar Guild on Easter Sunday. This work is in the hands of Mrs. Kellaway.

**Bulimba** (Mr. T. H. FALLOWS).—On February 1st a very pleasant function took place in the Parish Hall in honour of our late organist, Miss "Topsy" Collins. During the proceedings the Catechist-in-charge presented to Miss Collins a cheque which had been subscribed by the members of the congregation; and, in addition to this, Mr. P. Pashen, in the absence of the choir-master, presented to her on behalf of the choir a beautiful teapot, sugar basin, and cream jug. On Thursday, February 3rd, a wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. C. Ganly, the contracting parties being Mr. Roy Sellers and Miss Violet Pott. The church was beautifully decorated by the friends of the bride; and the church was packed, many being unable to gain admittance. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Sellers every happiness in their married life. On Saturday, February 5th, our late organist was married to Mr. A. Lapraik, the ceremony on this occasion being performed by the Archdeacon. On this occasion also the church was literally packed, many having to be content with an outside view. This service was fully choral on account of the position occupied by Miss Collins. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Lapraik every happiness in their new life. The church on this occasion was beautifully decorated by the members of the choir. On Sunday, February 6th, our annual Harvest Festival Services were held, the morning service being conducted by the Catechist-in-charge. The evening service was attended by the Archdeacon, who read the lessons and preached to a large congregation. We thank all who assisted to make the festival this year a success.

**Tingalpa-with-Wynnum** (Rev. J. H. WHITEHEAD).—A ladies' working party has been formed with a view to having a Garden Fête and Sale of Work in Easter week. The first meeting of the party was in the Shire Hall, Wynnum, on Thursday, February 10th,

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when there were present—Mesdames Cummings, Bowden, Kerr, Labbett, Lister, McNaught, Watson, and Gode, Misses Cummings, Gode, and Hazlett. It has been decided to hold these meetings once a fortnight. We are very grateful to Mrs. Green, the friend of Mrs. Coultis, for presenting the magnificent table centre which took the first prize at the last Agricultural Society's Exhibition, and which in a guessing competition realised the sum of £4. It has been decided to have the Sunday evening service at seven o'clock, the experiment of having the service at 7.30 being a failure. Mr. Hornby has now become the superintendent of St. Peter's Sunday School, and we feel sure that his Sunday School experience in Lancashire will have a beneficial effect in the school. On Easter-day there will be two celebrations of Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, Wynnum, at 7.30, and also after Morning Prayer. There will also be an administration at Tingalpa Parish Church.

**Bundaberg** (Rev. W. S. HEATHCOTE).—We have just been favoured with a visit from the Archbishop, who had a very busy time from the moment he set foot in the parish till the moment he left. The special purpose of his visit was to hold a confirmation in the parish Church. He arrived from Brisbane on the evening of Saturday, the 12th, and left on the following Tuesday morning, being the guest during his stay of the Rector and Mrs. Heathcote. On Saturday night, which was drenchingly wet, he attended a meeting of the parochial council. On Sunday morning he preached and celebrated; in the afternoon he administered the sacrament of confirmation to about forty candidates before a large and deeply interested congregation, which filled the Church. At night the Church was thronged to overflowing, many standing outside round the Church, when his Grace preached on the subject of the Bible in State Schools. It was a great Sunday for the Church people of Bundaberg, and will be long remembered. On Monday afternoon a drawing room meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Payne to hear the Archbishop speak again on the Bible in State Schools. The Rector took the chair, and there were present the Rev. John MacKenzie, and the Rev. Mr. Nolan (the Presbyterian and Methodist ministers) and about fifty ladies. The meeting was a most successful one, and the case for the Bible in State Schools programme was admirably and lucidly stated by the Archbishop. At night he met the members of the C.E.M.S., and after some time had been devoted to discussion, gave some wise words of counsel and advice. During the month we have also been visited by the Rev. D. J. Garland. It is needless to say that he came in connection with the propaganda of the Bible in State Schools. At Christmas time we held the most successful Sunday School entertainment in the Queen's Theatre we have ever had, but unfortunately since then we have lost three valuable workers of the Sunday Schools of this parish. Miss Brand, who for many years has been secretary of the Central Sunday School, has been transferred and promoted, and Mr. and Mrs. Patten have left for Brisbane. It is most difficult to fill their positions, but we are glad to say that the services of Miss Story, who has lately come from Pialba, have been secured as a Sunday School teacher, and Miss Stumm has become secretary of the *Chronicle* in place of Mrs. James Hamilton, who has gone on an extended holiday. We are looking forward to a visit from Archdeacon Rivers on March 28th.

**Childers - cum - Cordalba** (Rev. A. W. KING).—Sunday Services for March will be as follows:—16th: Childers, 7.30 a.m. (H.C.), 11 a.m. (H.C.), 7.30 p.m.; Cordalba, 3 p.m. 13th: Childers, 7.30 a.m. (H.C.), 11 a.m., 3 p.m. (Children's Service), 7.30 p.m.; Cordalba, 7.30 p.m. 20th: Childers, 11 a.m., 7.30 p.m.; Cordalba, 11 a.m. (H.C.); South Isis, 3 p.m. 27th (Easter Day): Childers, 7 a.m. (H.C.), 11 a.m. (H.C.), 7.30 p.m.; Cordalba, 9 a.m. (H.C.), 3 p.m. April 3rd same as first Sunday in March. During Lent, evening service will be held at Cordalba and Childers every Wednesday and Thursday evening. The Good Friday services will be announced later on. The Rector intends holding a series of Lantern Services throughout the parish during the latter part of Lent. The Ven. Archdeacon Rivers paid a flying visit to Childers on February 15th. He met the Parochial Council in the afternoon, preached in the evening to a very fair congregation, and afterwards met the Church workers and others in the Schoolroom. We are looking forward to another visit from the Archdeacon at an early date. The Sunday School teachers met at the Rectory for afternoon tea early last month, when the Rector presented Miss Kemp, who has left the district, with a beautiful Hymn and Prayer Book, as a small token of the appreciation of her fellow-teachers of her unselfish services on behalf of the Sunday School. Miss Kemp suitably expressed her thanks for the gift. The parish has now a splendid asset in the shape of a horse, sulky and harness, which has just been bought for the use of the Rector. The Rector acknowledges, with deep gratitude, this kindly act on the part of the parishioners.

**Esk** (Rev. T. ASHBURNER, assisted by the Rev. L. J. HOBBS).—The parish hall is now completed, and the rectory has been painted. A social was held in the rectory grounds at the end of last month

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(January), and a very enjoyable time was spent by all; games in the moonlight and music and singing in the parish hall made the time pass very pleasantly. There was a good roll up of parishioners and friends during the evening. The Rector, in a pleasing little speech, thanked the ladies of Guild and all Church workers who by their united efforts had raised funds to build the parish hall and have the rectory painted. He then declared the hall opened. The absence of the Rev. L. J. Hobbs through illness was very much regretted. We are very pleased to see him about again and quite restored to health. We all look forward to a bright and happy Easter. There will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion, 8 o'clock and after 11 o'clock service in the morning, at St. Agnes', Esk. Will every parishioner remember the rules of the Prayer Book that they shall communicate at least three times a year, of which Easter is to be one. A short service will be held in the Church every Wednesday evening at 7.30 during Lent.

**Gympie, St. Andrew's** (Rev. T. TOMLINSON).—The meetings of the C.E.M.S. have been well attended, and considerable interest has been shown in the work. At a meeting of the Parochial Council the work of the society was fully explained. Six councillors volunteered to become members and promised to do all they could to get other men to take an interest in the work. We are glad to welcome Mr. Passmore, Mr. Broad, and Miss Rolliston as members of the choir. Miss Smith, who has returned from South Kolan, has promised to teach in the Monkland Sunday School and come back to her old place in the choir at St. Andrew's, where she will be most welcome. The attendance at the Monkland services, which are conducted every Sunday morning by Mr. Grant, is increasing in numbers. We feel greatly indebted to Mr. Grant for the good work he is doing, both at St. Andrew's and the Monkland. Our sympathies go out to Mr. and Mrs. Law, Mr. and Mrs. Carkeet, Mr. Harrys and family in their sad bereavements. The Tennis Club is making good progress.

**St. Peter's, Gympie** (Rev. S. BAGGALEY).—During last month the Rector visited Cooran, Pomona, Cooroy, Skyring Creek and Kilkivan. Arrangements are being made for services to be held regularly at the four first mentioned places as well as at Kilkivan. The Archdeacon of the Wide Bay included St. Peter's, St. Andrew's, Tewantin, Cooroy, Pomona, and Kilkivan in the itinerary of his visitation from the 16th February to the 24th. On January 30th the Rev. H. Gradwell conducted the services at St. Peter's, and preached on the Bible in State Schools and the Home Mission Fund. As the services were somewhat spoiled by the continuous rain, he has promised to pay another visit at an early date. On February 20th the Rector exchanged with the Rev. D. J. Garland, of Holy Trinity, Woollongabba. In addition to preaching at St. Peter's Mr. Garland also addressed a meeting in the Salvation Army Hall, which was presided over by the Mayor (Ald. W. E. Burbidge), on the subject of the Bible in State Schools Referendum. Ronald Gillespie has been appointed an Intendant at the Catechism of St. Peter. The Ministering Children's League resumed work on February 19th, after the summer recess.

**Harrisville** (Rev. C. H. FISCHER).—We regret the departure from this parish of Mr. Stubbs and family and Mrs. Norman Taylor, and welcome to the parish Mr. J. C. Rigby with family and Mr. F. W. Hudson with family, wishing them all God's blessings in their new homes. Both our Churchwardens of Harrisville have been seriously ill, but we are pleased to state that they are fairly well again. Mr. W. Raskley is resting at home, and Mr. J. A. Chauvel is seeking new strength in Sydney. Miss Rigby decided to help us in the Sunday School in Engelsburg and play the organ for the evening services, while Mrs. Hill, of Fassifern, will kindly continue playing

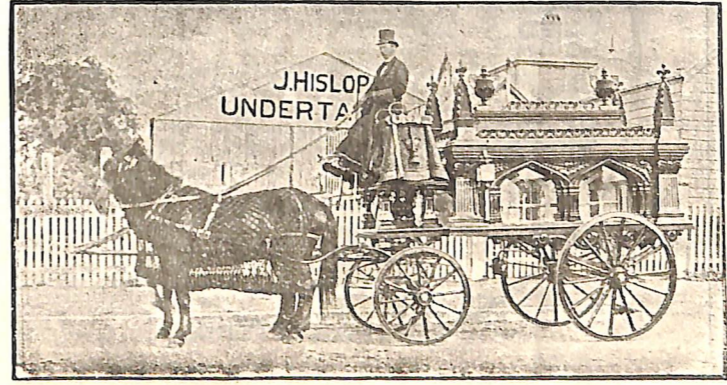
for the morning and afternoon services. The attendance in Engelsburg is very good; the Sunday School made a splendid beginning, and there are many signs of a vigorous life. By Easter we hope to have the new bell. Rosevale, too, is astir. Very decided steps will be taken there presently. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield every happiness on their new path of life. Our Harvest Festival will be held on the 17th of April, when a golden offering will be made. His Grace the Archbishop will preach on that day in St. John's, morning and evening.

**Howard** (Rev. C. C. COMPTON).—The Moonlight Fête in aid of the building fund, although much hampered and nearly prevented by adverse circumstances, duly took place on 26th January, and in spite of all obstacles was a distinct success. The night was fine, although not particularly moonlight—the buyers as willing as the sellers, and the band as untiring as the dancers, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Our thanks are due to all those responsible for getting up the fête, especially to Miss Mole, its originator and moving spirit, who kindly lent her "wilderness" for the occasion. This month we have had a "business" visit from Archdeacon Rivers, which so far as we are concerned was one of pleasure. He very kindly took the services all day on First Sunday in Lent, Mr. Compton being still in charge at Maryborough, and on the Monday evening he met the wardens (or rather one, for Mr. Mole was unfortunately not well enough to attend) and Church workers, and a very satisfactory meeting took place, the result being a substantial increase in the Rector's stipend, the immediate building of a rectory, and the promise of great efforts for a new Church in the near future, all of which is to be discussed at the Easter Meeting. We can, therefore, look forward with confidence to the time when Church conditions in Howard will be worthy of its importance as a township.

**Moorooka** (HERBERT J. LAYT)—The date fixed for the Garden Fête is the 23rd April. Satisfactory progress is being made in regard to the organisation of the various stalls, etc., and it is hoped that sufficient money will be realised at the function to enable a commencement of the Church building to be made. An eight days' mission will commence on Sunday, March 6. The district is to be visited, and week-night lantern services held at Moorooka and Rocklea. The usual open-air services will be held during Holy Week.

**Pialba** (Rev. C. C. COMPTON).—We have to record with much regret the death of one of our esteemed lay readers, Mr. H. Hayward, of Maryborough, after a short illness. Our deepest sympathy is tendered to his sorrowing relatives and friends in their sad loss. He is much missed. Services have been taken by the Rev. Hamlyn Harris and his brother, Dr. Harris, of Toowoomba, and Mr. Bourne, in the absence of our minister, Rev. C. Compton, who is taking the place of Rev. Hamlyn Harris, at St. Paul's.

**Redcliffe-cum-Kilcoy** (Rev. VICTOR H. WHITEHOUSE).—On Tuesday, January 25th, and Wednesday, January 26th, the Rev. D. J. Garland visited us, holding meetings in the interest of the Bible in State Schools movement—first at Redcliffe, then at Caboolture. Interest was aroused, committees appointed, and work was commenced to canvass the different places. We were fortunate in having the Rev. Robt. Stewart (Methodist) with us at the Redcliffe meeting. Through the keenness, interest and business acumen of Mr. Wm. Butler, we have to the credit of the Kilcoy Rectory Fund some £60. On Thursday, January 27th, the first wedding in St. Andrew's Church, Peachester, was solemnized. The parties were Fordham Withers and Theresa Butler. Our best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Withers. At the beginning of February, the Terror's Creek Sunday School picnic and prize-giving took place. It rained in torrents. Fortunately, the Excelsior Hall was available, and in



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spite of the rain, the children had a very good time, thanks to the energy and interest of the Sunday School teachers—the Misses Bradley and Kelly. SERVICES FOR MARCH.—Sunday, March 6th, Kilcoy, 11 (Holy Communion), and 7.30; Woody Point 11. Sunday, March 13th: Caboolture, 11 (Holy Communion); North Pine, 3.30; Terror's Creek, 8 p.m.; Redcliffe, 7.30; Kilcoy, 11; Stanley River, 3.30. Sunday, March 20: Peachester, 11 (Holy Communion); Stanmore, 3.30; Woodford, 7.30; Caboolture, 11 and 7.30; Upper Caboolture, 3; Kilcoy, 11 and 7.30; Woody Point, 11. Good Friday: Redcliffe, 7.30 p.m.; Woody Point, 11 a.m. Easter Day: Redcliffe, 7 and 8 (Holy Communion), and 7.30 p.m.; Woody Point, 11 (Holy Communion); North Pine, 3.30; Kilcoy, 11 and 7.30.

**Rosewood** (Rev. A. E. ATKINS).—The chief event of the past month was the Harvest Festival. St. Luke's Church was appropriately decorated for the occasion with palms and various samples of produce grown in the district. There were 31 communicants at the 9 o'clock service, and at the evening service, which was taken by Mr. Adams, one of our licensed lay readers, the church was overcrowded, several people being unable to get seats. Great credit is due to Major Watkins for the musical success of the service, especially the anthem, "Ye shall dwell in the land." A children's choir has been formed, and a great deal of interest is being shown both by the children and the parents. We hope to be able to render Merbecke's service effectively on Easter Day. The services on Easter Day will be as follows:—Lowood: 6 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m., Evensong. Marburg: 9 a.m., Holy Communion. Rosewood: 11.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m., Evensong. The marriage of Mr. Johns and Miss Beutel was solemnised at St. James', Lowood, on February 2nd. The church was beautifully decorated by the friends of the bride for the occasion. Our best wishes go with them for their future happiness. Will parishioners note that our financial year ends on March 31st, and the Churchwardens will be pleased if you will help them by sending in your subscriptions early.

**Southport** (Rev. J. M. TEALE).—On Quinquagesima Sunday, February 6th, his Grace the Archbishop celebrated at 8 a.m. at St. Peter's, and one was particularly glad to see the large number of communicants. At 11 a.m. his Grace administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, when twelve candidates were presented by the Rector. During Lent special courses of sermons are being given at St. Peter's, viz., at Sunday evensong a course of sermons on the Bible, and on Wednesday evenings at 7.45 a course of short addresses on the spiritual life. Seeing that Good Friday and Easter Day will have passed before the next issue of the *Chronicle*, the services at Southport will be as follows:—Good Friday: Mattins, 8 a.m.; Litany and Ante-Communion, 10.30 a.m.; the Three Hours, 12 noon to 3 p.m.; Evensong, 7.30 p.m. Easter Day: Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion, 12 noon; Evensong, 7.30 p.m. Nerang.—In the afternoon of February 6th the Archbishop administered confirmation at St. Margaret's, Nerang, when ten candidates were presented.

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## The Children's Column.

Dear Children,—

The boys were all gathered together a little earlier, I noticed, than usual, and were talking amongst themselves as I joined them for the class, so after the opening prayer I asked them what they were talking about. Scrub looked up and said, "We were talking about the subject for to-day's lesson—the Second Commandment—and some of us think it is very puzzling." "Well," I replied, "Let us hope it will be clearer to us all before the class is over. Now, first of all, say the Second Commandment all together." This the boys did; and then I said, "Now notice that the Commandment makes three important statements, and we will take them in their order—I. The warning voice against idolatry: 'Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in the heaven above or in the earth beneath.' There was for many years a tendency to idol worship amongst the children of Israel. We must not wonder at this, because, you see, they had had such worship always about them in Egypt, and when they came into Canaan the heathen races they found there worshipped idols and kept their sacred groves and altars, therefore there was some excuse for them." Scrub here looked up and said, "We were saying before you came that the Commandment forbids the likeness of anything being made; and this would make statues, pictures and photographs wrong, would it not?" "No, Scrub; look further down and you will see the words, 'Thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them.' The Commandment forbids making such things for the purpose of worshipping them. We know that God did not forbid the making of likenesses



of anything that would be a help to worship—see Exodus xxv. 18. Pictures, statues and photographs of those whom we have known and loved are a real help to us. I expect all you boys have felt the influence of your father's or mother's likeness has often been to check your faults and nerve you to be your best, because the sight of their faces reminds you of their good opinion of you and of what they expect you to be and do?" The boys all nodded assent to this; and then I added, "The object of sacred pictures is just the same. The picture of our Lord as the Good Shepherd has cheered millions of Christians. The picture of our Lord on the Cross and the sight of the Cross in church has helped numbers of people to fight more bravely against their sins or bear a hard lot without murmuring. We always need to remember that *in themselves* there is nothing holy or sacred about statues, pictures, crosses, or such things; they are only canvas and paints, metal or wood, and only useful in so far as they help us to realize the love, the nearness and sympathy of Jesus.

"2. Let us take the next part—'And visit the sins of the fathers upon the children.' One of the boys looked up and said "That does seem hard—for the son of a wicked man could not help having such a father, could he?" "No," I said, "True, he could not; but you must remember that all the world full of people form one great family, and no member of that family can sin without hurting the other members by his bad example, and in the near relationship of parent and child the evil tendency of the parent is more nearly passed on to the child. And parents can see their own faults in their children as they can their features; but, note carefully, God does not regard the children of wicked parents as *guilty*, but rather more lovingly because of the difficulties they have before them. Remember that the word Commandment—Torah—means a loving instruction, and the statement that God will visit the sins of the parents upon the children is to be regarded as a loving warning. So, boys, if you ever hear of any special sins of your ancestors as far back even as your great-grandparents, take the kind warning of this Commandment and keep away from all such yourselves. And you and all young people can do one practical thing—you can all strive to lead such good, godly lives now that when you have children of your own they will never have to reproach or blame you for imparting evil to them.

"3. Now look at the last part—'And show mercy unto thousands in them that love Me and keep My Commandments.' This part is as often overlooked as the second part is remembered. It means that the child inherits all the good qualities of his parents even more really than he does the bad ones, for the influence of good is much more weighty

than evil. This is a wonderfully helpful thought to dwell upon. None of us know how much we owe to the good we have inherited from our ancestors. What a great thought it is to think that the sins our ancestors fought against and conquered have made our fight the easier! Do you remember how St. Paul reminds Timothy of this in II. Timothy i. 5. And how this thought does humble us! For if there is anything that people praise in our lives we can never claim it as our own achievement, but rather feel, 'Ah, that is because I had such a good father, such a holy mother.'

"Now, boys, does this Commandment seem clearer to you now?" "Yes," they all said. "Well, the bell has gone, and there is the Rector looking out for us to come in to prayers. Come along."

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### QUESTIONS.

**Senior and Intermediate.**

1. Write a short account of the origin of the Passover.
2. Read St. John xiii. 1-20, and tell me what it is about in your own words, and state what lessons we may learn from our Lord's action.

**Junior.**

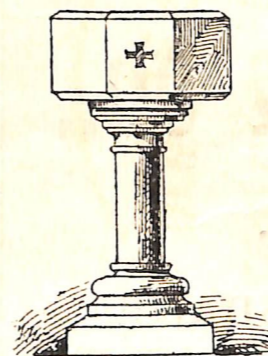
1. Our Lord spoke seven times when on the Cross; write out what the words were that He said.
2. Tell me what you know about Simon of Cyrene, Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea.

Amicus is very sorry so many of you were puzzled by the misprints last month; he was out of Brisbane and could not correct the proofs. Three pages is enough space for the questions Ruby Smith wrote too much. Someone did not sign his or her name. I have marked the paper and shall be glad if the writer will send me the right name.

Next month please send in your answers by the 16th.

Amicus hopes you will all try to keep Holy Week as a quiet time, and that you will all have a very happy Eastertide.

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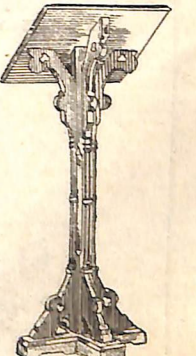
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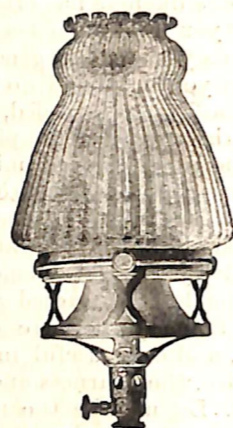
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THE BISHOP-DESIGNATE OF NEW GUINEA.

We are glad to be able to present to our readers the most recent photograph of Dr. Gerald Sharp, taken only a few weeks ago. The picture is said by one who knows the Bishop-designate to make him appear somewhat older than he actually is, but otherwise to be a good likeness. Dr. Sharp is a passenger to Australia by R.M.S. "Omrah," which is due at Brisbane on April 18, and he will be consecrated in St. Luke's Cathedral a week later on St. Mark's Day (April 25). The consecrating prelates will be the Archbishop of Brisbane, the Bishop of North Queensland, and the Bishop of Rockhampton. It is hoped that Bishop Stone-Wigg may also be present, but this depends upon medical permission which is at present uncertain. We understand that Dr. Sharp will sail for New Guinea by the first boat available after April 25.