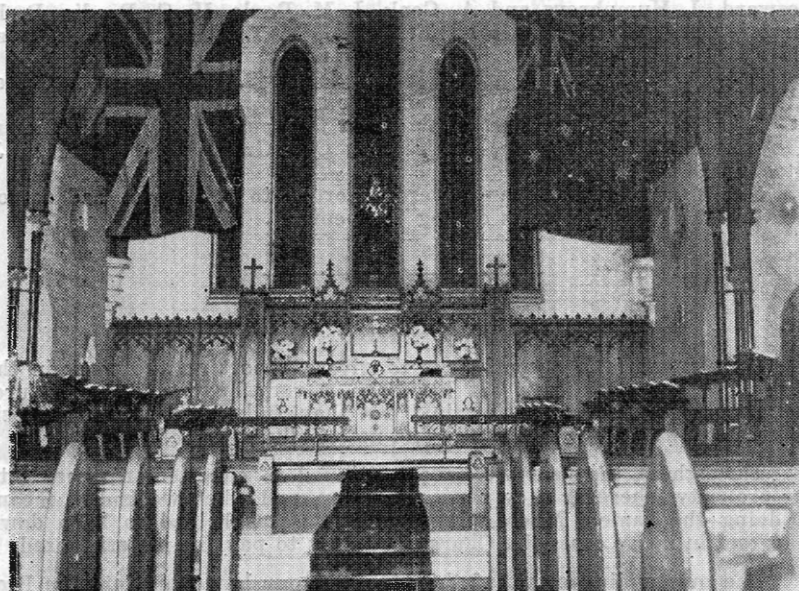


# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

## PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.  
3rd Sunday after Evening Prayer.

Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.  
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK, R. WRIGHT

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

## ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 30th April at 8 p.m. There was a good attendance of parishioners. Apologies were received from Messrs E. Quelch, B. Shaw, A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett. The usual reports and balance sheet were read and adopted. The Rector re-appointed Mr. L. C. Calver as Rector's Warden Messrs W. Sopwith and E. Quelch were re-elected People's Wardens.

The following were elected to the Parish Council: Messrs T. H. H. Bosward, J. Humphreys and A. Cook, J. M. Boyle, H. G. Brodie, D. B. Hunter, H. F. Jones, K. Grant, B. Pullen, T. J. Shaw, A. H. Thomas and R. Wright.

Messrs T. H. H. Bosward, J. M. Boyle, D. B. Hunter, L. C. Calver and E. Quelch were elected Parochial Nominators.

The following were elected Sidesmen for the ensuing year: Messrs R. Atkinson, B. Livingston, A. Ireland, Col. Granville, V. Barrett, J. Ditchburn and R. Minter.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to those who had served the Church in various ways during the year.

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 RECTOR'S REPORT 1957-58

Once more it is my privilege to give a report on the work in the Parish for the past year. It has been a very busy, and I am sure, successful year all round. Again I can thankfully report that the position of the parish has spiritually and materially improved.

Throughout the year we have continued to effect improvements to our property wherever they were necessary, and when we had the means of doing the same. Much voluntary labour has helped to keep down costs and in many cases the Church had only to pay for material used.

The outstanding event of the year was our launching into the Promotion Scheme for re-organising our Parish resources. I need hardly say at this stage how successful we were, but to those who are not too well informed about parish matters, may I say Promotion has been a great success.

We were very fortunate in being able to learn quite a lot from other parishes. As far as I can see the scheme was launched and carried out quite harmoniously and in a good Christian Spirit. We were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. D. Pethebridge as our General Chairman, who gave us the best of advice and guidance at all times in the undertaking of the project. We owe him more than I can say for his help in every way. Then the number who rallied to help us with the canvass was pleasing, although we could have done with more help, I admit, I have not heard of any parish that had enough canvasses to do the door to door visiting. Most of our helpers live busy lives and that is all the more to their credit that they were able to devote so much time and energy to helping with the Parish Roll and then getting in the pledges. The great tragedy is that whilst so many people claim at least to have some affiliation with the Church, they actually are very ignorant of the Church's need and of the great work she performs. Unfortunately there are still some who believe the clergy work only one day a week!

One of the important things about the Promotion Scheme is having the Parish Dinners and explaining the facts of the case to the parishioners. Those dinners cost a good bit but are essential to the scheme. Most of the people who came to the dinners and heard the story of how the Church functions and what her resources are, went home much more informed about the Church's work. Although many are very lax as regards Church attendance, it is evident that they do not want to see the Church fail. Thinking people know that much of the sorrow and suffering and child delinquency in the community is a result of too little Christianity. Our job is to get more people to do something that will help strengthen the Church's position so that she can play her part in this very materialistic age.

During the Promotion Canvass we stressed the fact that we did not want to cut out the social side of our work, such as concerts, sales of work and luncheons; because we believe the social side of the work is very important. Therefore, we urge the people to pledge a weekly sum for God's House, keeping this fact in mind. We asked the people to give sacrificially but not to pledge more than they could afford. If we value our soul and appreciate what Christ has done for us in establishing His Church, we should give in proportion to our income. We should not give God what "we would not miss." He gave His all for us and we must do our best for Him. One day we must each stand before His Judgment Seat and give a personal account of our stewardship so it behoves us to be honest and reasonable in the support we give His cause on earth.

The reception generally given to our canvassers was good. There were some cases where people said they were not interested but they would in most cases be people who have to be carried by the community at all times. They live selfishly and give to nobody, but when in need always think it a hard world when people are not generous to them. They need to learn the Golden Rule! Some people easily become dispirited and bitter at life and imagine they are the only ones singled out for hardships. What a difference it makes when people have the right outlook and are unselfish.

About 470 people pledged to give a weekly sum to God's work, others promised to take the envelopes but would not pledge. The thing

that matters is that we have their support and the work of Christ can go forward. Some promised monthly gifts, some annual gifts. The main thing is that we give systematically. The idea of signing the card is not to legally bind anyone, but to give moral strength to the promises. The signing is not in the same category as signing a hire purchase agreement for a T.V. set. We know that some parishioners are finding life hard on the present Government pension, but remember we do not despise the "widow's mite" nor does our Heavenly Father. What we want is for all to be sharers in the scheme and to give as they are able.

Already a list of names has been published in the Chronicle of those who helped with Promotion in this Parish, but again I want to say a very sincere thank you to everyone who did his or her bit.

There is one thing I want to say about the Promotion Scheme and that is it is the greatest uplift to the Church we have had for a very long time.

It reminded me of our Lord's time when He sent the disciples out two by two to be His ambassadors. No one man, whether ordained or not can possibly do all that is expected of him in a parish with 3500—4000 people to minister to. After all the Church is not just the Clergy, but the Clergy and laity. The clergy have special duties in the Church but are no more the Church than Commissioned officers are the army.

In many ways we are benefiting already by Promotion in the new interest many are taking in the Church by gifts and personal attendance. But steady growth is preferable to sudden growth which often declines. We cannot expect miracles in a few months but steady faithful perseverance must bring its own reward. This is God's work and we should all be in it. "Occupy," says the Master, "till I come."

During the year we have had 82 Baptisms, (85); 41 Confirmees, (23); 38 marriages (43); 60 Funerals (56); The number of acts of Communion this year amounted to 4580 (3588); (Last year's figures are shown in parenthesis). This year we had ten candidates for Confirmation from Newington College which helped to swell our figures.

I would like to say again that I prefer to conduct the first part of the funeral service in our own Church rather than in an Undertaker's Chapel. There is a better atmosphere in the consecrated Church and parishioners are not charged for the use of the Church for such a service. Sometimes there is the problem where relatives of a deceased person allow the undertaker to arrange everything even to obtaining the services of an outside clergyman for the service. If the Rector of the Parish is not informed about the death and takes no part in the service, he cannot be blamed if the name of the deceased does not appear in the Funeral Column of the Parish Paper. Your duty is to inform your Clergyman first.

The work of our Sunday School continues under the faithful leadership of Mr. Roy Atkinson, and a good band of teachers. Mrs. Quelch, who is in charge of the Kindergarten, continues to have a packed room Sunday by Sunday. We can always do with additional help in Sunday School teaching and would appreciate it if a few more would volunteer for this work. The Church can only be strong if a good foundation is laid in the Sunday School. This year we purchased

a projector which is used in the main Sunday School every Sunday for the hymns and sometimes for instructional work on the lesson for the day. We have a nice number of film strips but desire to increase the number as money permits. It is nice to have a "good-as-new" piano in the Parish Hall for Sunday School work and concerts, we thank the Physical Culture for this new piano, it was a gift from them. The old piano is to be done up for other work.

The Physical Culture Club under the guidance of Mrs. Ditchburn does a wonderful job and is no small asset to the Parish. The piano cost £105 which price was reduced because it was for Church purposes. I am very grateful to Mrs. Ditchburn and others who help her in the Club for the splendid work they are doing.

The Youth Fellowship continues to provide for the Youth of the Parish. Last year Mr. Ken Locke was leader and did a very commendable job. He resigned at Christmas time and I appointed Mr. Don O'Sullivan, who in the New Year won a scholarship to the Hawkesbury Agriculture College and therefor had to resign. I then appointed Mr. Jim Barrett who has taken up the job enthusiastically and is giving a good lead. I trust that the Fellowship will grow in numbers and in spiritual strength.

The Y.C.I. continues to provide a fortnightly social hour for the men of the parish. During the year over 90 members past and present, met at a Testimonial Dinner to honour the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Len Calver, who has held the position for 40 years. A beautiful Grandmother Chiming Clock was presented to Mr. Calver as a token of appreciation and good will. A photo of Mr. Calver was hung in the Y.C.I. Room and unveiled by Mr. T. H. H. Bosward who was the foundation Hon. Secretary. It was an inspiration to see so many men from all walks of life who had been helped socially and spiritually over the years by the Young Churchman's Institute.

Although reports will be read by other societies such as the Guild, Young Marrieds and others, I want to refer to the fact that during the year we had the sum of £100 given to us by Mr. W. Weir and his sister for the carpeting of the main aisle of the Church, in memory of members of the family, who have passed on. The Ladies' Guild have undertaken to supplement this sum so that the main aisle and the two cross aisles can be carpeted in the Church at the same time. The Guild have nearly enough money for this project and we hope it will not be long before the work can be undertaken. I congratulate the Guild on the way they have worked for this project as the need to replace the present much worn carpet is urgent.

Other bequests for which we are grateful came in during the year, including £100 for the Kindergarten from the estate of the late Miss E. M. Belfield, to whose interest in the parish I paid tribute in my last Annual report. Again I want to record my appreciation of an anonymous gift of £50 for interest due on the Hall. These gifts are much appreciated and often permit us to do some worthwhile piece of work as a memorial to those who have passed on.

Religious instruction in the Public Schools has been well maintained this year. There are now 25 Church of England Scripture classes in the Parish each week. Again I want to thank the Headmasters and Headmistresses for their co-operation and courtesy at all times. I want



to thank the Rev. H. Marshall for helping with three classes per week and to Miss Atkinson for her continued faithful service in the Stanmore and Petersham Infant Classes. Miss Walsh and Miss Hodges have again helped us regularly in this work and this year the Rev. D. Davies and his assistants have also helped with classes at Fort Street Boys' High. In my first year here I used to take all C. of E. boys at Fort Street in two classes. Now there are five of us taking the same number divided into ten classes, we each take two classes on Friday morning. One of my classes is still in the region of 100. I am also grateful to Rev. E. T. Montgomery for much appreciated help at Petersham with some of the younger boys and to Miss M. Harley, who is a trained teacher and now at the House of the Epiphany, training for a Missionary.

The newest venture in the parish is in the form of a club for our older parishioners which is held at present on Thursdays 2 to 5 p.m. The number so far is encouraging but we hope more will come along as time goes by. We call the club "All Saints' Senior Parishioners Club" I am grateful to those ladies who come along each week and provide afternoon tea for our friends.

Last Christmas a step in the right direction was taken in providing gifts for the sick and aged in hospital or confined to their home. I drove Mesdames Shaw and Cook around the parish for about four hours delivering nearly 100 such gifts which were most appreciated. We hope to repeat this next Christmas.

There were many functions during the year I would like to refer to, but time does not permit me. However, I do want to refer to the success of the Annual Fete held last November and to pay tribute to all who worked for it and contributed to its success in any way.

May I express my appreciation of the help given me by the Rev. P. Vaughan who was in our midst for about five weeks before Easter. P. Vaughan was a great help in giving private Communion just prior to Easter. Again I would record my sincere appreciation of the help of my colleague the Rev. A. Gardner, especially at Christmas and Easter with the extra services. I do not forget the help given me during my illness last winter by Mr. Gardner, and also Mr. Dennis Harrison, who preached a few times to help me out. Mr. Harrison is now teaching at St. Mary's High School and we wish him well in his career.

Many are the comments about the attractiveness of our Church grounds and we thank Mr. T. H. H. Bosward and Mr. J. Humphreys for their continued interest in this way. Another kind friend is Mr. Garnett, of Middleton Street, who comes in from time to time with a fast cutting mower and makes a good job of the lawns. Mr. Gordan, of Crysall Street, has replaced tiles for us on the Rectory and Parish Hall roofs. Mr. Ken Grant has given good service in helping to restore misplaced slates on the roof of the Church. Mr. Arthur Cook was mainly responsible for concreting the Church Porch floor, which had become unsightly. All this work is truly to the Glory of God and helping forward His work. It would be hard to estimate the value of voluntary work done in the parish during the past two years.

I must close now expressing my sincere thanks to all who have helped in any way with God's work during the year. Especially to the Church Wardens, and Parish Councillors. The sidesmen, Mr. Alan Jones for the weekly duplicated Church Notices; to Mr. Shaw for the calico signs on the

notice board outside the Church; to Mrs. Bosward for caring for the Communion linen and all the ladies who help with flowers, to the Organist Miss K. O'Neill and the assistant organists Miss Norman and Mr. Black. Members of the Choir who help make the services so bright: Mr. John Miniter for working the projector at both the after Church social and at Sunday School and to Mrs. Latham who cleans the Church and Halls and does the job with a smile and is always so obliging. I also remember with appreciation the Sunday School Superintendent and Teachers, Bible Class Leaders, Mr. Jones and Mr. Bruce Livingstone, the District Visitors the Guild, the Young Marrieds and Y.C.I. The Physical Culture Club and for those who take a personal interest in helping with the Table Tennis Cricket and Base Ball teams.

May God continue to bless us individually and as a Parish.

ERIC CHAMPION, Rector

### LADIES' GUILD

Our Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th April and in spite of bad weather, we were pleased to have a goodly number of members present and all feel that on reviewing our work for the year, the result was most satisfactory and worth while.

Our Street Stalls continue to prove one of our greatest assets and we are most grateful for all donations received towards these efforts and for the continued support of our customers. The next stall will be on Friday, 16th May, same time, same place.

A number of our ladies attended the "At Home" at Moore College on 23rd April. The address by Bishop Loane and the inspection of the College was most interesting. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

We are arranging a party to go to a cooking demonstration by the Gas Company at David Jones, George Street Store, Wednesday, 25th June at 1.30. Afternoon tea will be served and a charge of two shillings which will go to Guild funds. Any ladies who would care to join us on that occasion, please give your name to Mrs. Champion or to any Guild member.

Our next meeting, Tuesday, 13th May, social afternoon in the Parish Hall, Tuesday, 27th May.

M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

### PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Club nights have been well attended by girls who are keen on their work. Some very interesting concert work is in progress which ensures a splendid concert at a later date. Our sincere thanks to the Mothers of our girls and good friends who have formed a Ladies' Group and joined our Club to do a bit of "Physic" to keep in trim, but mainly to help our senior girls maintain their respective class. The work of these ladies (I would like to add) is a very big eye-opener to the favoured ones who are allowed to watch their progress each night. Any lady wishing to join will be readily welcomed at 8 p.m. on Monday night.

Many thanks of our Rector, Rev. T. E. Champion, for the nice cupboard he has made for the Club.

### FLOWER ROSTER

- May 4th—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.  
 „ 11th—Donated by Mrs. Clinton Smith in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Wedlock. Arranged by Mrs. Colbert and Mrs. Bellamy.  
 „ 18th—No donation arranged by Miss Turner.  
 „ 25th—Donated by Mrs. Hoseason and Miss Speight in memory of Dick Hoseason. Arranged by Miss Speight.  
 June 1st—Donated by Mrs. King and family in memory of Mr. E. C. King. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.  
 Sanctuary flowers on 27th April were donated by Mrs. Fearnley in memory of her son Walter and by Mrs. Inglesby-Brown in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Bain.

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### FELLOWSHIP

During April the Fellowship farewelled one of its members, Yvonne Arnfield, who sailed for England on Easter Saturday on the motor vessel "Fairsea", we all hope she has a very enjoyable trip.

On Anzac Day twenty of our members went for a Yacht Cruise around the Harbour, leaving the McMahons Point boatshed at 8.45 a.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank June Joyce who did a very good job as acting secretary during my absence.

We will be glad to welcome any new members, we meet the 2nd 4th and 5th Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Fellowship Tea 5 p.m. 4th Sunday in the month.

L. SANDERSON, Hon. Secretary

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### Y.C.I.

At the meeting held on Friday, 11th April, we had a very interesting discussion on Books and Authors, in which practically all members present participated. The following items appear in our Syllabus covering meeting etc., for the next few months:

- May 2nd—Guest Speaker  
 „ 16th—"Manuscript Journal" (186th issue).  
 „ 30th—Ladies Night.  
 June 6th—Y.C.I. Concert.  
 „ 13th—Club Room Games.  
 „ 27th—President's Night.  
 July 11th—Open Debate.  
 „ 13th—Corporate Communion 8 a.m.  
 „ 25th—Lecturette.

Special attention is drawn to the Y.C.I. Concert, which it will be noted is set down for Friday, 6th June. It will be held in the Parish Hall commencing at 8 p.m. sharp. A first class programme is being arranged, and tickets of admission are 3/- each (School children half price). The Y.C.I. is confident that our members and the parishioners generally will support this Concert as they did when we held our previous concert, which proved such a great success.

Particulars regarding the Y.C.I., the Men's Club of the Parish, will be gladly given by the Rector or any Church Officer.



## YOUNG MARRIED'S CLUB

The next meeting of the above Club will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening, 13th May at 8 p.m.

The Hair Tinting Demonstration by Miss Sheila Sandow, held last month was both a social and financial success. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

The Y.M. Club will be holding a Social Evening for young and old on Friday, 9th May, and not the 16th as previously announced. Dancing, games and supper should make a happy evening for all. Please try and keep this night free and help us make it a success.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

## TABLE TENNIS

### Sensational Opening to Competition

The No. 1 team played at their brilliant best to defeat O.P.S.M. by eight rubbers to three.

Peter Whalan (captain), Charles Hemmings and Neil Moore played controlled table tennis to record such a meritorious victory over an experienced combination.

The opening three singles went to advantage sets with All Saints' winning each time. Two doubles victories were a feature of this classic display.

The No. 1 team must now be conceded a wonderful chance of qualifying for the finals for the first time since the inception of the Club in 1957.

The other three teams performed enthusiastically against superior opposition and better results are assured in the near future. The results of the opening round played on the 17th April are as follows:—

No. 1 Team—defeated O.P.S.M. 8-3.

No. 2 Team—lost to T.T.C. 0-11.

No. 3 Team—lost to Shell 1-10.

No. 4 Team—lost to Grace Bros. 4-7.

### Table Tennis Snapshots

Trevor Thompson a member of the No. 4 Team is now well on the way to recovery following a spell in hospital. The No. 4 team will be strengthened by the return of Trevor in the near future.

Congratulations to Alan Humphreys and Bill Rowe on brilliant one games victories in the opening round of the competition.

Ted Faram, captain of the No. 2 team feels his team will improve considerably with greater concentration.

The Club welcomes Jim Ball as a new member of the No. 4 team. Rodney Lumby is a very skilful player who waits for the right ball to hit, but he will have to attend more regularly to become an established team member.

Mr. R. A. Moore is performing a wonderful job of work as team manager for the No. 1 team. The Club extends a warm welcome to Mr. Reid, Uncle of popular member Robert Reid, who has kindly offered to act as team manager for the No. 3 team.

Mr. J. Humphreys has agreed to supervise at All Saints' each Thursday night. This practical assistance is greatly appreciated.

## PERSONAL

An interesting letter has been received from Mr. W. Bailey, who you will remember left here last December to go to the Lockhardt River Mission in Northern Australia. Space will not permit us to give you any details this time except to say that he has appealed for clean cotton clothes (outer and under) for distribution at the Mission Station. Also he asks for mouth organs and comics. Please leave at the Rectory.

## AFTER CHURCH SUPPERS

May—Young Married's Club.  
 June—Ladies' Guild.  
 July—Fellowship.  
 August—Young Married's Club.  
 September—Ladies' Guild.  
 October—Fellowship.  
 November—Young Married's Club.  
 December—Ladies Guild.  
 June—Ladies' Guild.

## MOVIE FILMS FOR 1958-59

The following is a list of the films which will be shown on the fourth Sunday in each month following Evensong:

April 27th—I am the Resurrection  
 May 25th—Before Abraham was I am.  
 June 22nd—The Lord's Ascension  
 July—All For Him.  
 August 24th—Hidden Heart.  
 September 28th—What is a Christian?  
 November 23rd—The Greatest Gift.  
 October 26th—Power of Prayer.  
 December 28th—Child of Bethlehem.  
 January 25th—Missionary to Walker's Garage.  
 February 22nd—As For Me and My House.  
 March 22th—Journey into Faith.

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L. C. Calver, Hon. Secretary

## MY MOTHER

A. &amp; M. 72—Tune: "Tallis"

I thank thee, Mother, for thy life  
Which thou didst share with me;  
For all thy love and all thy care  
In days of infancy.

I thank thee for thy guidance,  
So gentle and so wise,  
That safely led my youthful feet  
Beneath tempestuous skies.

I thank thee for thy counsel,  
As youth grew into age,  
That helped to keep my record clean  
On life's uncertain page.

I thank thee for thy blessing  
That has followed day by day,  
Where'er the path of life has led,  
Where'er has gone the way.

And though the miles divide us,  
We'll still walk hand in hand,  
For Mother heart and child heart  
Will all things understand.

No matter where I journey,  
Or what my life shall fill  
My heart shall yet be loyal—  
Thou are my Mother still.

## THOUGHTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

(A short message given by the Rector to soldiers in the Middle East).

Proverbs 31-10. "A good woman is worth more than Rubies".

To-day we pay homage to that great institution we call Motherhood. Of all the instruments used of God to enlarge His Kingdom and to spread goodness and happiness throughout the world, none is more important than Motherhood.

It has been said that God was not able to personally tend the needs of each individual, so He made Mothers to act on His behalf. I personally believe that the quality of character found in Mothers affects the world more than anything else. I know that it has been said from Adam's day, that men have loved to blame women for many of their misfortunes. However I still think that men are what women make them.

It is the personal influence of the "hand which rocks the cradle" that counts in this world. It is the self-denying love of the Mother which teaches and inspires the little child to take his first steps. The Mother consciously and unconsciously becomes a pattern for her little one to copy and imitate.

I agree that the responsibility resting upon Mothers is almost too great at times for human beings to bear. Such relative perfection is called for, that many women shrink from accepting the responsibility of Motherhood.

The proverb of old is truly right, "good woman is worth more than rubies." Her value to God and man is beyond that of gold and precious stones. In the last chapter of the Book of Proverbs we have an excellent description of what was considered a good Mother in the days of old. Possibly many modern Mothers would disagree with some of the points in the chapter, but the principles stressed still remain the same. The chapter in question gives a list of the activities of a woman who can be called a good Mother.

- 1—She has her husband's confidence.
- 2—She knows how to economise when necessary.
- 3—She is like the merchant's ships and seeks food afar off when necessary. (A careful shopper).
- 4—She provides her family with good food at all times. (Her equipment is more than a tin opener.)
- 5—Plants a vineyard. (Tends her garden).
- 6—Her lamp goeth not out by night. (Ever at the call of her children).
- 7—She spreadeth out her hand to the poor. (Cultivates kindness to all).
- 8—She is not afraid of the snow. (Because she provides warm clothing).
- 9—She makes carpets. (Tends to home comforts).
- 10—Her husband sits in the gates of the city with the elders. (His clothes are mended and clean and is respected).
- 11—Sells garments of her own making. (Industrious).
- 12—She looks well to the ways of her household and eats not the bread of idleness).

The outcome of all this is that the children rise up and call her blessed and her husband praises her (if he has any sense!) Finally it says that favour is deceitful and beauty is vain but a woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised.

As one reads over this list one realises how conditions have changed in the world and woman's lot is made easier in some respects. No longer is she required to spin and weave. Life generally is easier through modern inventions but she is still required to be in many respects a guiding influence in the home.

When one sees the poor women of Egypt carting heaps of rubbish home on their head for fuel we thank God our women folk are living in a different world but I think our civilisation is rather threatened by two things. (1) "Tin-opener" wives and (2) "Bottle-opener" husbands.

I personally would like to see the day when no man is allowed to marry until he can prove that he can, and will, provide for his wife to-be. And no woman can marry unless she can prove that she can cook a "square" meal! "Tin-opener" wives create "Bottle-opener" husbands and both make miserable homes and unhappy children. It is no credit to any young woman to boast she cannot "boil water."

We have to build up home life on a right basis if our national life is to be worth while.

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