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Something to Build on

The structure he's making with those blocks won't last long — it doesn't have to.

But the lasting structure of his character is being built now, too.

Is it being built on a solid foundation?

Will he grow up still wondering what life's all about, or will he be a man with a purpose?

It's up to you to show him how to live — to teach him to let God have His way.

It's up to you to set him the example by letting God have His way in **your** life — at home — at church — wherever you may work.

Rector's Notes

My Dear Friends,

Diocesan authorities have informed us that the New Australian Prayer Book should be available early in 1978. It is expected that each copy will cost \$6. They have asked parishes to determine how many copies they intend to order for use in the churches so that the publishers will be able to estimate the number for the first printing. An offer is being made to parishes that orders of over 50 copies will attract a discount. This will mean that each book will cost \$5.

We are inviting parishioners to donate a book each for use in our church at \$5 per copy. We are offering also that parishioners may also order other copies for their personal use at the same price. Order Forms are available from us at church. We ask that payment be made together with the order. Orders should be made as soon as possible.

The churchwardens and I have been very concerned at the deterioration in the support of the Sunday Evening Service. The Loyalty of those who have continued to support the Service is very much appreciated. However, mostly these are Ladies who have to walk to and from the church. At this time of the year with the cold nights we have been concerned at asking them to continue to do this. It has been suggested that for the present, the Evening Service should be abandoned. We are unhappy that the Church should not be open and in use on Sunday evenings but we feel there is no choice at this stage but to cancel the present evening Services from the month of June, for the present.

On Sunday, 19th June, we will be having at our Services a visitor from the Church of England Homes. He will screen for us a film "So Much To Give" on the story of the new work being done for handicapped children at Carlingford. I hope you'll plan to take advantage of this opportunity to learn of this exciting new work being done by our Church.

Not all of you will know, but my wife and I recently shared a week's holiday travelling up toward Kempsey. On the way up we decided we'd call to have a look at the old stone house that we knew had been re-built near Maitland. The house is "Ryedale", an historic building which used to be on our Church property at West Ryde while we were in the Rectory there. A young couple, who had a real interest in preserving such a building, purchased it from the church and had re-erected it on their property at Paterson. As we came along the country road we saw it up on the left and it looked marvellous. We couldn't resist going in to call on the young family. They were most welcoming and hospitable. It was exciting to see it in its new condition. It had been most faithfully re-erected—but its condition was so vastly improved on what it had been while at West Ryde. It had been the home of Major Darvall early in the colony's history, but had deteriorated extensively and was beyond the parish to care for. And here it was, so obviously loved and marvellously restored. Love and dedication had really worked a miracle of transformation. It is a parable in stone—and illustrates the promise of what the love and dedication of our Saviour can do for each of us when we put ourselves in His hands.

Your friend in the Saviour's name,

F. W. GISSING.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for April is as follows:—

RECEIPTS
GENERAL ACCOUNT

Offertories	639.58
Hall Rent	63.00
District Visitors	20.00
Donations	101.00
Sale Church Histories	2.00
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Deficit for April	306.52
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PAYMENTS

Stipends Travelling Allowance	712.50
Parish Super Cont'n.	19.15
Organists	44.00
Cleaning	56.00
Chronicles	55.20
Gen. Assessment March Quarter	245.25
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Balance General Account 30/4/77. Cr. \$560.12



PAUSE A MOMENT No. 110

I discovered years ago that I could not escape my worries by trying to run away from them, but that I could banish them by changing my mental attitude toward them. I discovered that my worries were not outside but inside myself.

As the years have gone by, I have found that time automatically takes care of most of my worries. In fact, I frequently find it difficult to remember what I was worrying about a week ago. So I have a rule: never to fret over a problem until it is at least a week old. Of course, I can't always put a problem completely out of mind for a week at a time, but I can refuse to allow it to dominate my mind until the allotted seven days have passed, either the problem has solved itself or I have so changed my mental attitude that it no longer has the power to trouble me greatly.

I have been greatly helped by reading the philosophy of Sir William Osler, a man who was not only a great physician, but a great artist in the greatest of all arts; the art of living. One of his statements has helped me immensely in banishing worries. Sir William said, at a dinner given in his honour: "More than anything else, I owe whatever success I have had to the power of settling down to the day's work and trying to do it well to the best of my ability and letting the future take care of itself.

In handling troubles, I have taken as my motto the words of an old parrot that my father used to tell me about. Father told me of a parrot

that was kept in a cage hanging over the doorway of a hunting club in Pennsylvania. As the members of that club passed through the door, the parrot repeated over and over the only words he knew. "One at a time, gentleman, one at a time." Father taught me to handle all my troubles that way: "One at a time, gentleman, one at a time." I have found that taking my troubles one at a time has helped me to maintain calm and composure amidst pressing duties and unending engagements. "One at a time, gentlemen, one at a time."

A Prayer: "Father, help us to accept the advice of Jesus: to realize that this day has sufficient evil to combat. Amen.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

TEACHER'S MEETING: A teacher's meeting is to be held on Sunday, 12th June, directly after the Sunday School at 11.00 a.m. A report of the meeting will be given in next month's 'Chronicle'.

Noel Cragg, Superintendent



LADIES' GUILD

June 21st, will be our next meeting, commencing at 12.30 p.m. in the Guild Room, followed by a guest speaker, Mrs Freda Rus. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join with us at 1.30 p.m. for the address and afternoon tea.

E. M. Bosward, Secretary.



WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP

The Stanhome Party held last meeting night was a great success, although the financial side is not finalised yet.

Our Jumble Stall in June is to be set up in the Hall on our next meeting night, Tuesday, 14th June.

Please remember us with any good used clothing you are finished with, or anything else saleable.

The meeting night on Thursday, 12th July, will be in a make-up and hair care demonstration by Mrs. Pat Yeuhall. All ladies of the parish and their friends are very welcome. Come and learn to make yourself more beautiful.

Ida Barrett, Hon. Secretary.



SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Once again we have had a month of very good attendances. On Thursday, 3rd May, we Celebrated jointly our 20th Birthday and Mother's Day. Although our birthday was really the first Thursday

in April. Over 40 attended, and spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Don't forget only 30c on a Thursday afternoon will make you a member of this Club.

The "Goodies", you will get for afternoon tea are home made by Mrs. Steed and Mrs. Swankie.

Ida Barrett, Hon. Secretary.



BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Club has not recovered from the loss of members resulting from the Christmas break. We hope the skill they have acquired by playing with us is serving them well elsewhere.

We are very happy to welcome from Lock Haven, Flo Stevenson.

If we can get one more player from there they will have a Triples team.

The Club now starts at 7 p.m. and finishes at 9.30 p.m.

A. Hearn



THE CHURCH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The retired men's working club (three men; three workers: three foremen) are now beginning to see the results on their steadily and regularly applied efforts. Tuesday is the day for combined efforts. but at odd times any one of them is likely to be found pottering around the grounds or buildings.

The most important project so far has been work on the roof gullies and replacement of broken tiles where access is easy and free from undue risks. This work has been done by Bill Williams and so far appears to have been successful in stopping up all but one of the leaks that were allowing rain water into the Church. There still remains a leak on the Vestry roof which has not yet been located. We have to accept that if the rainfall is so great that it cannot get away quickly enough the gullies will overflow and leakage into the Church must follow.

The grass and edgings are now trim and tidy and for this we thank the second member, Vic Barrett. There is a lot of grass around the church and many yards of edging. We confidently expect that regular cutting will bring it all under control.

In addition the basement area has been tidied up and the upstairs office adjoining the YCI room cleared and more useful space made available. The excess chairs are now stacked on the stage with three table tops and six trestles which it is hoped will be enough for most occasions. The brick footpath leading to the Hall has been cleared of grass and sprayed with weed killer and some of the grass at the base of the church wall also has been sprayed. The weeping bush adjacent to the church porch has been cut back to make it less of a hide-away.

More next month.

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STORY OF A HYMN

If popular choices were expected to include Christmas hymns some of the "leaders" in popular hymns would probably have strong rivals for first positions. But somehow we find it rather incongruous to sing 'Hark the Herald Angels' in winter. But not so with Elizabeth Elliott's hymn, "Thou didst Leave Thy Throne," which always finds a place amongst Advent hymns in the books.

This hymn, sung at all seasons, is a reminder of the debt all hymn-lovers owe to the women writers of the nineteenth century who found an outlet for their verses in the periodicals and papers associated with the churches and the missionary societies. Miss Elliott, for instance, was the editor of a little magazine called 'The Church Juvenile Instructor' and wrote scores of poems for it. Hardly any of them have survived, except this one which is pure gold, and brings Christmas most happily into all the seasons of the Christian year. But as a sound celebration of the Advent, the hymn proves through the life of Christ up to the Cross.

Thou camest, O Lord: with the living word
That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn.
They bore thee to Cavalry.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
Thy cross is my only plea.

and then has a last triumphant verse beginning,

When heaven's arches ring,
And her choirs shall sing.
At Thy coming to victory.



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One Sunday I heard a sermon on temptation. The preacher defined temptation as "enticement to evil," and he gave many illustrations of man's fallibility: gambling, drunkenness, infidelity, dishonesty. . . .

But as I left the church, I could not help feeling that the preacher had overlooked the most common temptation of all. Temptation may be enticement to wrong-doing, but it can also be enticement to not-doing. The temptation not to help others, not to involve yourself in worthwhile causes, not to "give yourself away" is much more constant with most of us than any other impulse toward evil behaviour.

Christ highlighted this tendency to flinch from action in the story of the Good Samaritan. The two passers-by who proceeded the Samaritan saw the injured man, but yielded to the temptation not to involve themselves, not to interfere, not to risk anything.

There was an American colonel in World War 1 who faced a similar temptation but handled it differently. In a combat area, his staff car came under heavy fire from an advancing enemy patrol. The colonel and his driver jumped out and took cover in a culvert. But the space offered concealment for only one person, and the driver moved to a more exposed position.

As the enemy came up the road, the colonel had the choice: he could stay hidden until the enemy went past—even though they might kill or capture the driver—or he could come out. He chose to come out

fighting—one pistol against rifles and machine gun. They killed him—and captured the driver, who told the story later.

I remind myself of that colonel sometimes, when I am tempted to evade some duty or hide from some responsibility. Because the choice is the same: to do something, or to do nothing. The colonel made his choice, although it cost him his life.

A PRAYER:

“Father, save us from the temptation of doing nothing, when we know we should be doing something.



FLOWER ROSTER

- June 5th:—Donated by Mrs Willis, arranged by Mrs Clark.
 12th :—No donation for Sanctuary, an anonymous donation for War Memorial, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 19th:—Donated by Mrs. Hillery in memory of Miss K. O’Neil, arranged by Mrs Clark.
 26th:—Donated by Mrs. Goodon in memory of her Brother Mr. J. Oliver, and by Barbara and Stella, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Baxter, Sister Ena and friends Dorie & Sally, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- July: 3rd—Donated by Mr. Bill Williams and family in memory of Mrs. Aileen Williams, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 10th—Donated by Misses Nisbet in memory of their Parents and by Mrs Ansill in memory of her Husband, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 17th—No donation. Arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 24th—Donated in memory of Mrs Joan Nance from her Family and by Michele in memory of Don, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 31st—Donated by Mrs. E. Miller and Family in memory of Mr. F. Miller, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

PARISH INFORMATION

- Holy Communion— Each Sunday at 8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m., 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m.
 Morning Prayer—1st and 5th Sundays at 10 a.m.
 Family Service— 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.55 a.m.
 Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.
 Church Wardens—Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors and Treasurer), F. G. Hearn, N. Cragg.
 Parish Council—The Church Wardens and Messrs. F. Evans, R. Swankie, H. Spill, Mesdames I Barrett, E. Sopwith and J. Livingston.
 Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. Livingston.
 Hon. Secretary— Mrs. J. Livingston.
 Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. N. Cragg.
 Kindergarten Leader—Mrs. Freeman.
 Organist— I. Raht.
 Chronicle Editor—Mr. F. Hearn.
 Publicity Officer—Mr. H. J. Shaw.

IN A LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD

In a bleak ward in Chicago's Cook County Hospital, the face of a long-term patient brightens as a petite, black woman appears, a brown case in hand. "How is everybody to-day?" she asks brightly.

Roberta Lilly, 75, her kindly face beaming, walks from bed to bed, humming a song spreading cheer. She has worked without pay in Cook County Hospital for nearly 20 years. She has washed and cared for the feet of thousands of patients in wheelchairs. From her brown case, she distributes needed items—combs, razor blades, toothbrushes, bobby pins, pencils. She gives comfort from the Bible and prays with the patients.

Foot care probably best typifies Mrs. Lilly's willingness to serve in the manner of the Lord. The Lord washed the feet of His disciples; Mrs. Lilly massages patient's feet with ointment that she provides. She says she wouldn't be able to do the strength-taxing job except that God has strengthened her hands "for this good work."

Mrs Lilly inherited her job from her husband Raymond, a former carnival laborer who helped patients at the hospital from 1926 till his death in 1955. He was the hospital's first black chaplain.

When Raymond died, Roberta talked to God about taking his place. Because of bad health, she was worried about her ability to do it. She decided to make a pact: "Lord, I can't do this work myself; You do it through me. Give me the strength I need and I'll serve You at the hospital.

Just two days after Raymond's funeral, the frail figure of his widow emerged from the early morning darkness into the hospital lobby. She had come to do what she could.

Today, ten years past the usual retirement age, Mrs. Lilly continues her work. She resides in the Senior Centrs near the hospital and lives frugally on gifts from a few supporters and her Social Security Pension.

Those who help Roberta Lilly point out that she helps bring God's light into the lives as well as the lives of her patients.

James R. ADAIR, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Leading Them on: A minister substituting for a friend in a remote country parish was greatly surprised on observing the old verger, who had been collecting the offering quietly abstract a 50 cent piece before presenting the plate at the altar.

After the service the minister called the old man into the vestry and told him with some emotion that his crime had been discovered. The old man looked puzzled for a moment. Then suddenly light dawned on him.

"Why, sir, you don't mean that old half-dollar of mine? I've led off with that for the past fifteen years!"

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.