

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

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A Thought for 1949

*These are the gifts I ask
Of Thee, Spirit serene:
Strength for the daily task,
Courage to face the road,
Good cheer to help me bear the traveller's load,
And, for the hours that come between,
An inward joy in all things heard and seen.*

*These are the sins I fain
Would have Thee take away:
Malice, and cold disdain,
Hot anger, sullen hate,
Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great,
And discontent that casts a shadow gray,
On all the brightness of the common day.*

—Henry van Dyke.

Motto for 1949:

"I will go in the strength of the Lord . . ."

—Psalm 71:16.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

All Saints' Rectory,
15th December, 1948.

Dear People of All Saints',

Owing to the printing trade holidays, the "Chronicle" for January has to be prepared a fortnight before its due date. This issue, therefore, cannot contain some things which you are accustomed to find; for example, the District Visitors' lists, as this "copy" must reach the printers before the District Visitors' monthly meeting. However, anything omitted will be included in next issue.

Following this letter you will find a message to **YOU** from Lambeth. It was not read in Church, because I believe it will be far more effective if each parishioner reads it himself; furthermore, I want it to reach those who do not attend Church very frequently, and those who do not come at all. It is so important that I ask you **ALL** to read it and think over it; and, what is far more important, to **ACT** upon it.

Here we are, once more, at the end of the Old Year, and facing a New One. First, let us be grateful that God had enabled us to see another year, and let us accord it the heartiest welcome. Sometimes we become sour and embittered because the old year has been laden with disappointments, frustrations and loss; and we say we have no heart for the new days ahead. We have to see to it that the past does not prejudice the future for us; we can still hope in God for the best, and give the New Year its chance. Resolutions are good, but they must not be allowed to resolve themselves into mere resolutions. It is so easy to catch the sentimental spirit of the opening period of a New Year and to make fresh resolves and purposes, but if they go no further than this, then life just falls back again into the ordinary and the common-place.

William James, the great psychologist, says: "With good intentions hell is proverbially paved. When a resolve or a fine glow of feeling is allowed to evaporate without bearing practical fruit, it is worse than a chance lost; it works so as to positively hinder future resolutions and emotions from taking the normal path of discharge. There is no more contemptible type of human character than that of the nerveless sentimentalist and dreamer who spends his life in a weltering sea of sensibility, but never does a concrete, manly deed."

If we attempt to keep our resolutions and go forth into the New Year in our own strength, we are bound to fail, but there is a going forth in the Strength of Another, who can make all the difference between success and defeat. The Psalmist knew this when he said: "I will go in the strength of the Lord," and I suggest we take these words as our motto for 1949.

"Not of our own might can we hope to rise

Above the ruts and failures of the past,

But, with His help Who did the first earth build,

With hearts courageous we may fairer build this last."

Wishing you all "A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

Very sincerely yours,

E. Adams.

A Letter from Lambeth to You

TO THE FAITHFUL IN JESUS CHRIST:

We, Archbishops and Bishops of the Holy Catholic Church, three hundred and twenty-six in number, assembled from all parts of the earth at Lambeth, in the year of our Lord, 1948, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom, as with one another, we are in full communion, give you greeting in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Meeting again in Conference after a long interval of 18 years, and after the grievous separations of war, we declare our thankfulness to Almighty God for the profound and joyful experience, in this meeting, of our unity in the faith of Christ and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Many of you, in distant parts and near to us, have been upholding us in your prayers. We ask you to share our thanksgiving that God has knit us together in heart and mind, and to expect that, by our interchange of friendship and counsel, all the churches and congregations, which we represent, will receive strength and encouragement.

Mindful of the sacred commission which we bear in the Ministry given by our Lord through His apostles to the Church, we have devoted ourselves for five weeks, with earnest prayer and eucharist, to grave deliberations. In the second portion of this letter we review the course of our discussions. In this first part, we address a message to all our people, and, indeed, to all who will listen to us, asking that it may be read in every place of worship in the Anglican Communion, to each congregation in its own language, on Sunday, October 10, or, if there be any place which it has not reached by then, on the first possible Sunday thereafter.

The Church is not something made by men. It is the instrument of the living God for the setting-forward of His reign on earth. God in Christ has won the victory. The Church lives in the power of the Resurrection. The gates of Hell cannot prevail against it. This is an hour of testing and peril for the Church, no less than for the world. But it is the hour of God's call to the Church. Thus, the keynote of our message is encouragement to the people of God all the world over. For those who have eyes to see, there are signs that the tide of faith is beginning to come in.

We know well how hard it is for many of you to live as Christians in this present age. Some of you have to meet opposition in non-Christian homes; some are a small minority of Christians in non-Christian lands. Many of you are trying to bear your witness in face of contempt and ridicule, in the places where you work day by day. All at times are tempted to lose heart and to wonder whether, under such conditions, Christian living is possible, or whether, if possible, it is worth while. We are certain that it is possible, and worth everything, and we write this letter to tell you why.

Remember, that some of the first believers were slaves owned by non-Christian masters. Many suffered persecution for Christ's sake. It was often hard for those who were in Christ before us. Because they were faithful in their generations, the light still shines in the House of God, and the torch of faith has been carried across the earth. Many of the younger Churches of our Communion, during the last 100 years, have been born in martyrdom and in our own day this witness unto death has been renewed. The Christian life is always difficult. The fight against evil is always costly. Without the Cross there could have been no Resurrection. But the Resurrection is the guarantee that the love of God is stronger than death or evil.

Whatever man may do, God is undefeated. God reigns. The world belongs to Him, and in it He is working out that purpose which He has revealed to us in Jesus Christ. He uses imperfect and sinful men to be its servants. Christians may not always be better than their neighbours, but we serve a better Master. His is the cause that has life and hope in it.

This life and hope are offered to the world. Only when the sovereignty of Christ is owned in our communities can they become what God wills them to be. Societies that are built on other foundations are built on sand. In the world of our time two ways of living, two beliefs concerning the meaning of human life, contend with one another for man's soul. The battle is between that faith in God and man through Christ, by which man is set free, and (against it) the creeds of materialism and the will to power, by which he is enslaved. The Church is the champion of man against all that cheapens and degrades him; for the Gospel is the charter of man's dignity. The mission of the Church, now as always, is to proclaim and live out the Gospel by which alone men can be saved from sin and judgment, and the world from despair and self-destruction.

The social order is all the time being made by the thoughts men think, the loyalties they honour, and the deeds they do or leave undone. If the Church is to be to the world as salt, which preserves civilisation from corruption and keeps life wholesome, there must be something distinctive about us Christians—in the way we do our daily work, in the homes we make, and in the standards by which we live. We must take our full part as citizens. Yet, in so doing, we must not forget that we are citizens of a heavenly Kingdom and inheritors of an eternal destiny. While we seek to serve our earthly cities, our allegiance always is to Christ the King; and to hold by that is our highest contribution to the good of those among whom we dwell. For freedom and justice in the world depend on there being enough men and women who say, "We must obey God rather than men."

What is wrong with the world is that it has forsaken or never known the true God, and is defying His moral law. We long for peace, but there can be no peace which is not founded on justice, and there can be no justice unless men acknowledge the authority of God. Science is putting into the hands of men new and incalculable power. But this power is turned to disaster and destruction when men forget that it is given by God to be used for the fulfilment of His purpose. Once we ignore the first and great commandment, we do not long obey the second, and sooner or later ruin follows. "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Man must worship. Only by so doing can he preserve his true nature and standing as a child of God. The ancient word still speaks to all of us: "Take heed that ye forget not the Lord your God."

Thus, the supreme task of the Church to-day is to win the nations of Christendom back to the knowledge of God revealed in Jesus Christ as Judge and Saviour, and to take the good news to those who have not yet heard it. We call on all our people to engage in this campaign, and to put

themselves into training for it. Every man, woman, and child has his part to take. God, in His mercy, has given to us in our Conference a clearer vision of His will and purpose for His church and of its mission in the world. To these we bid you dedicate yourselves.

That dedication is already being made by faithful Christians of every race, and not least in the devoted service offered by their clergy. But far more priests are needed, and, if the supply of men called and equipped for the ministry is lacking, all Christian strategy must, humanly speaking, fail. With them are needed men and women for many other forms of whole-time service, and, therefore, a revived sense of vocation throughout the length and breadth of the Church. There is no place in the Church for those who will not try to honour the obligations of their membership. We thankfully recognise how many do so honour them, how great is the zeal of many of our younger people, and how much is owed to the witness of faithful congregations and to churchwardens and other office-bearers. But all must take their full share. We must show that we put God first by regular worship on the Lord's Day. We must put our minds to the understanding of our religion, so that we may meet men's doubts and questions with a reasoned faith. We must bring the teaching and example of Christ into our everyday lives. We must do our duty in paying for the Church's work. The Church in the diocese and parish is the key to the whole situation. The local congregation is the place where men must find the life of the Great Church, which is God's instrument for the world's salvation. See to it, then, that your congregation is a true community in Christ, that it may influence the common life of its whole neighbourhood. Nothing that is good in the sight of God should be outside the Church's interest.

And since Christ's cause in the world can never be fully served by a divided Church, we also lay upon you the duty to take every opportunity of co-operating with Christians of other Churches, and to work and pray for the Reunion of Christendom.

Finally we invite all men and women to join with us under Christ's banner in the war against the evils which wreck man's life and against the false creeds which debase it. In that war there can be no neutrality. To those who stand aloof Christ says, "He that is not with me is against me."

So we commend you to God's love. May He supply all your needs according to the riches of His grace.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

GEOFFREY CANTUAR:

President.

MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL

The Women's Guild.—The combined effort with the Stanmore Presbyterian Church in organising the pantomime, "Mother Goose," produced by the Golden Link Company on November 23, proved a great success in every way. After paying all expenses, we cleared over £65, which means that each Church receives £32/11/3. This enables the Guild to complete its quota for the Parish Hall Fund, and also to send a donation to the A.B.M. Annual Fete, at which, this year, we did not have a stall. We were happy to be associated with our Presbyterian friends in this effort. The final meeting of the year was a Business Meeting, on December 9, and, after weighty matters of "supply and demand" were discussed and amicably arranged, the evening

was rounded off in traditional manner with supper and a miniature Christmas Tree, which held gifts for all present. The Guild now goes into recess until February 10, 1949, when we shall meet to discuss the new year's programme, which will commence with the customary Gift Evening for the Home of Peace, on February 24 (St. Matthias' Day) preparatory to the Harvest Festival on February 27. The President and Secretary thank all members for their loyal co-operation and wish them a Happy New Year.—V. LUCAS, Secretary.

A.B.M. Missionaries.—The Rev. A. V. and Mrs. Hatters, who were commissioned by Bishop G. H. Cranswick (Chairman of the Board) on October 15, in the Parish Church, are now working in the Diocese of New Guinea. On St. Andrew's Day, in the Chapel of the House of Epiphany, Nancy Elliot, Margaret Griffith, Elsie Manley and Lois Panelli were also commissioned by the Bishop for service in the same Diocese. Nancy and Margaret are nurses, Elsie is a teacher and Lois (who was trained in Melbourne) goes as house-keeper at Dogura. We wish them every blessing in the work to which they have been called; and ask that you will include them in your prayers as you remember daily the extension of God's Kingdom.

Church Army.—Those who attended the Women's Guild Luncheon in 1947, will remember the visit of Sister Kathleen Jones. It was at that function that the appeal for an additional hundred pounds for Missionary work was launched. That year over £112 was raised for the Church Army's work. Further news of Sister Kathleen Jones comes through the pages of "The Western Mail," published in Perth, 19/8/48, in which her work is made a full-page illustrated feature. The article concludes, "In the little Chapel at Moore River Native Settlement, Mogumber (Western Australia), she holds church services, where she is the preacher. On week nights she encourages the young people to come to her room, where they can spend the evening in handicraft occupations. She visits the sick and writes to young natives who have left the settlement. Sister Jones's work is new and unique in this State, because she is the only Western Australian native to become a member of the Church Army, which is based on faith and a life of service to the helpless and needy." The worthwhile work of Church Army will be brought before us again on January 30, when Captain D. J. Young will preach here both morning and evening.

Personal.—We offer our sincere sympathy to the following parishioners and friends in their recent bereavements:—Mrs. Woodford, of Addison Road, in the death, in England, of her father; Mr. George Brooks, and his family, of Palace Street; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Carruthers, in the loss of their cousin; members of the Lang family in the passing of their mother; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gibb, in the death of their infant son, on December 5; Mr. W. Gordon and family, of Crystal Street, in the sudden death (as a result of an accident) of his son and their brother; Mrs. M. Hunter and family, of Burwood, and the relatives of the late Alfred L. Bennett (brother of Mrs. Hunter); and Mr. J. Ritchie and Mrs. H. G. Watson (and their relatives), in the loss of their sister, Doris Ritchie. For many years Doris was a most faithful and regular member of our Choir, being also its capable secretary, until forced to resign through illness. She was a devoted daughter and sister, a most loyal member of her Church, and a very true friend. Whatever she did, whether it was in business, Church or home life, she did efficiently and well; and we shall miss her gentle, yet strong personality from our parish life. We are the poorer for her passing, but infinitely richer for her life amongst us. May the God of all consolation comfort all those who are sorrowing.

Stone of Remembrance.—Up to December 15th, the following donations have been received, for which we record our thanks. In remembrance, Woodford and Goodall, England, £5; Ald. R. J. Hoskins, £1/1/-; Mrs. Buckley, £1;

bringing the total received to £168. Will those who have not yet sent in their gift, please do so as soon as possible, so that we may be able to commence the erection of our Parish Memorial.

Nineteen Forty-nine.—People sometimes ask, "When does Lent commence this year?" "When is Easter Day?" Here are some important days in the Church year which we should remember:

Ash Wednesday	March 2
First Sunday in Lent	March 6
Palm Sunday	April 10
Good Friday	April 15
Easter Day	April 17
Ascension Day	May 26
Whitsunday	June 5
Trinity Sunday	June 12

Harvest Festival, 1949.—Timely notice is given of the Harvest Festival services, which will be held on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 27. All your gifts will be sent, as usual, to The Home of Peace.

The Choir.—From the end of December the Choir will be in recess. Practices will be resumed on January 20th. We should like to hear of boys (9 to 12 years of age), who would be willing to become probationary choristers.

The Children's Library.—The Library will be open each Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 to 5 p.m. during the school holidays. As the Physical Culture Class is in recess, the Library will not reopen on **Monday Evenings** until the class resumes at the beginning of March. Members of the class can, of course, borrow books on Tuesday afternoons.

Physical Culture Class.—Congratulations to the following girls, who gained first and second places in their respective age-groups at the annual class competitions held on Monday, December 6th.—9 years, Noelene Rawson, Claire Nowland. 11 years: Janice Lenton, Janice Isemonger. 13 years: June Hale, Pam Costello. 15 years: June Parkinson, Joy Sanderson and Betty Breaden (aeq.). Seniors: Joan Blackwood, Judith McKay. Noelene Rawson also won the Challenge Cup. Mrs. Tilley (Miss L. Brown) is to be congratulated upon the year's work, as those who witnessed the competitions, and who were present at the Second Annual Concert, on December 13th, will agree. For the success of the latter we are indebted to Miss Brown, Mrs. Ditchburn, Mrs. Collis, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill (who donated the sweets), the mothers of the girls (some of the fathers helped, too!), and last, but not least, the girls themselves, and those who assisted in their attractive programme. The class is now in recess until the first Monday on March. Our Instructress would be glad to hear of **more senior girls** (15 years and over) who would be willing to join in 1949.

C.E.B.S.—On December 6th the C.E.B.S. held its Annual Rally in the Assembly Hall, where the guest speaker was the former Australian Rugby Union footballer, the Rev. G. Pearson. The Rev. Pearson presented the trophies won by the various branches, and our Treasurer, H. Houldsworth, received the Pennants won by our Basketball teams. Also, during last month, our own Branch had its Annual Christmas Party, and the successful prize-winners were.—Seniors, R. Sharpe; Intermediates, B. Lane, and Juniors, P. Marshall. By the time this appears in the "Chronicle," the C.E.B.S. Camp will be well under way at Mittagong. Cricket matches against local teams have been arranged, besides tennis, hikes, etc. At Cricket, in the New

South Wales Churches Competition, our C. Grade teams are both coming second in their respective Divisions, and the D. Grade team is once again having its share of success. Players to shine in these teams are: R. Sharpe and J. Lawrence in the C1 team, and R. Carroll and C. Blatch in the C2 team, while E. Kriss and P. Marshall are the stars of D. Grade. Both C. Grade teams are leading in the C.E.B.S. competition, which is run in conjunction with the above competition. An admission service was held last month, and at this service Bob Wing, Ron Carroll, Ron Cochrane, Cliff Houldsworth and Ron Nowland were presented with their badge by the Rector. The C.E.B.S. branches are in recess at the present time. The Senior Branch will resume on Wednesday, January 12th and the Juniors on Friday, February 4th, at 7 p.m.—R. McLEAN, Leader.

CHURCH MUSIC, JANUARY 9th to FEBRUARY 6th, 1949

SUNDAY	MORNING	EVENING
January 9th Epiphany i	Holy Communion (Choral) Hymns: 80, 178, 316, 555.	Hymns: 199, 76, 704, 679. Psalm 47. Anthem: "Sun of My Soul" (Turner).
January 16th Epiphany ii	Hymns: 488, 657, 478, 282, 280. Psalm 27.	Hymns: 540, 671, 239, 477. Psalm 36. Anthem: "An Evening Hymn" (Buck).
January 23rd Epiphany iii	Hymns: 7, 315, 168. Psalm 42.	Hymns: 164, 242, 529, 31. Psalm 43. Anthem: "Blessed are the Pure in Heart" (Davies).
January 30th Epiphany iv	Hymns: 218, 585, 373, 658, 267. Psalm 60.	Hymns: 658, 513, 285, 300, 282. Psalm 63. Anthem: "Holy Art Thou" (Handel).
February 6th Epiphany v	Hymns: 225, 193, 236, 274, 517. Psalm 99.	Hymns: 360, 545, 655, 267. Psalm 112. Anthem: "Abide with Me" (Bennett).

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

December 5.—Denise Frances Smith.
December 5.—Susan Eleanor Hope.
December 5.—Wayne David Young.
December 5.—Helen Rachel Allison.
December 12.—Jill Christine Williams.

MARRIAGES

"Whom we bless in Thy Name."

December 4.—Stephen Ernest Denton and
Esma Florence Harris.

December 11.—John Alfred Turner and
Margaret Mabel Jill Weir.
December 11.—Donald Walter Mealing and
June Colley Murray.

DEATHS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of
whom may we seek for succour but of
Thee, O Lord . . ."

November 29.—Claribel Matilda Brooks.
December 10.—Marion Lang.
December 11.—Doris Lambert Ritchie.
December 12.—George Alexander Gordon.
December 13.—Alfred Linden Bennett.