

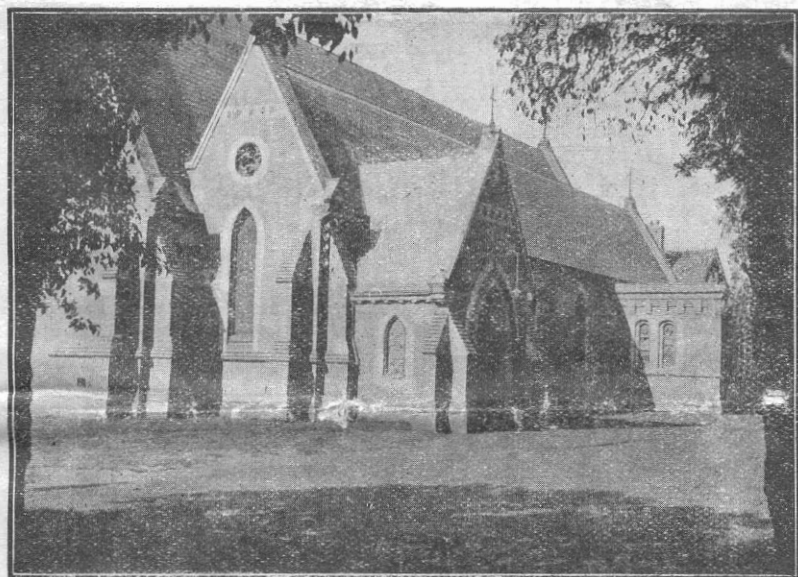
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ST. AUGUSTINE'S, STANMORE.

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RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,—

THE MONTH OF JUNE.

June is not usually an ideal month for Church work and the past month has proved no exception to the rule. Moderate rain should never prevent able-bodied Christian people in their exercise of public worship. Alas! however, rain does make a difference and often discloses the absence of serious purpose in our Church membership. One of my many ambitions in connection with All Saints' and St. Augustine's, is to see our congregations rarely, if ever, affected by weather conditions. On the whole we have good reason to be gratified at the attendances of the past month.

WINTER CLOTHING.

The response to the appeal for winter clothing for the poor has been excellent. A full car-load was taken in two weeks ago and already we are on the way to our second consignment. Please send any contributions in during the month of July, as the need is great.

THE TURMOIL IN CHINA.

From a few parcels of warm clothes for some of Sydney's indigent folk, to a consideration of an upheaval affecting China's four hundred million inhabitants, is a contrast. Yet, each affects us locally to some extent. The difficulties of Chinese students are well known. Contact with Western people and a course of enlightened education cause them to become very self-conscious. Naturally they are jealous about their country's condition, but chafe under their own impotence. Agitation over some slight, fancied or otherwise, is a popular means of doing something, and this the Chinese students have been doing with unwonted violence. The passions of the Coolie have been aroused and considerable damage done. Anxiety for the safety of their loved one in the land of China is just now the lot of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, of Audley Street, whose daughter, Miss Edwards, is a missionary in far-western China. We greatly sympathise with them and pray for the safety of this noble-hearted woman.

TOC H.

The newspapers have recently been giving prominence to Toc H., because of the presence of its founder in Sydney. Started during the great war, its organisation has grown in England in subsequent years, and now it is proposed to extend the movement to Australia. Backed by the commendation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, its claims are bound to have sympathetic consideration. After having listened to addresses on Toc H., I do not predict for it a very widespread success in our land, and I am not keen about advocating it in Petersham. Our need is to put vigour into existing organisations, instead of multiplying them. As

a soldiers' movement, we have our own Soldiers' Memorial, which might be made a local equivalent to Toc H. Certainly, it is deserving of more attention than the public is giving it at present.

CHURCH WINDOWS.

What a pity that in All Saints' Church the harmony of our windows is destroyed by the two windows on the south side. As I gazed upon them the other day, wondering how they could be repaired, I suddenly thought of other memorials. Surely there are those in the parish who would like to perpetuate the names of their loved dead in our beautiful Church. The cost would not be excessive, and I would gladly and most willingly help in securing the necessary information and plans. I seriously commend the proposition.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.

Thanks to the initiative of the Church Committee, a number of improvements have been lately effected at St. Augustine's Church. Excellent concrete paths have been laid down, the exterior has been renovated, and pleasing additions made to the interior. Other improvements are contemplated.

THE PARISH HALL.

The long-looked-for auction of the Crystal Street property took place on June 25th, but without a sale being consummated. A reserve of £2000 was fixed as a reasonable price and as this was not reached, the property was passed in for treaty. Though we are wanting to dispose of the old site, we are not going to rush its sale to our own great disadvantage. In the meantime the design for the new Hall is being modified and prices secured for our congregational meeting.

FOR THE NEW PARISH HALL.

Through the efforts of Misses Bellfield and Carolus, two of our S.S. teachers, assisted by some of the senior girls of our school and a few of the juniors, a sum of £11 has been raised towards the New Hall Fund. This is a splendid result and we are indebted to the promoters.

THE PARISH PICNIC.

I am calling a meeting of representatives of all the organisations of the two churches, to meet for the purpose of discussing the question of the Parish Picnic. This meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, July 20th, at 8 p.m. Well organised, there are great possibilities in such a picnic. My idea is that we should fix upon October 4th as the date, engage a special train and go out as far as Blacktown, or further, for the day. A programme of events should be drawn up by a sports committee, and it should be of such a nature that it invites the interest of old and young. But more of the details later.

PERSONAL.

We welcome back to All Saints' Mr. and Mrs. Tate, who for years were associated with this Church. Their stay is for a few months only. Miss Valma Fleeting has gone to Fiji on an extended visit. She will be missed, particularly by the Girls' Club. Prior to their departure for England, Mr. A. S. Cusiter and Mrs. Oliver became recipients of presentations. From a number of the men of the parish Mr. Cusiter was handed a pair of good field-glasses, and from the Women's Guild, Mrs. Oliver was presented with a travelling cushion.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

My sympathy is extended to the men who have been thrown out of employment by the stoppage, through rain, of the Stanmore Road reconstruction works. To be thus heavily handicapped in the depth of winter is a severe hardship upon them and their families. Slender incomes do not permit of such interruptions without distress in domestic circles being experienced.

SCRIPTURE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A comforting thing to many of our parents is the fact that so many lessons on Scripture are given in our Public Schools. In this parish not fewer than 22 classes are taken every* week. These would average about 75, so that 1600 children are receiving such instruction. In addition to Mr. Taylor and myself, we have assistance from three ladies, including Miss Neill, whose influence with the girls of Petersham and Stanmore I regard as inestimable.

BISHOP TAYLOR-SMITH.

Australia is to have a visit from Bishop Taylor-Smith, who was the Chaplain-General during the great war. He comes at the invitation of the Church Missionary Society, to take part in their Centenary Celebrations in September. We are to be favoured with a visit from the Bishop on September 22nd, when he will address a central meeting for the Western Suburbs in the Petersham Town Hall.

SYMPATHY.

To the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas, of Audley Street; the late Mrs. Maughan, of Oxford Street; Mrs. Millan, of Burns Street; and to Mrs. and Miss Glanville, of Bruce Street; Miss Gabriel, of Frederick Street; and Mrs. Barker, of Stanmore; we tender our warmest sympathy. One is thankful for the fine spirit shown by the bereaved in the hours of their distress. May they ever experience the peace which passes understanding.

Our earnest prayers are offered for those who are critically ill in our parish.

With my affectionate regards and ever-increasing appreciation of your co-operation.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

P. J. BAZELEY.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Douglas Leslie Wheeler, Joan Dorothea Thurston, and Patricia Berenice Lennon.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

George Harris and Emily Matilda Mary Tier, Raymond Charles Wynne and Harriet Edna Eileen Dempsey.

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" 28	11	14	7
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NOTES.

The Annual Rally of the Bush Church Aid Society will be held in Chapter House on Monday, July 27th, at 7.45 p.m.

Lady De Chair will open the Exhibition of Handicraft and Sale of Work, in connection with the Girls' Friendly Society, on Tuesday, 21st inst., at 3 p.m. The Basement of the Town Hall has been secured for the Sale.

The Annual Sale by the A.B.M. will be held in St. James' Hall, Phillip Street, Sydney, on Tuesday, July 7th, from 12 noon onward.

Y.C.I.

On 12th June, we had a very lively and enjoyable evening, the subject of debate being the cruiser construction question. The Government, led by Mr. J. Werner, was defeated, after an acrimonious discussion with the Opposition, led by Mr. W. Weir.

The "Sun" leader occupied our attention on June 26th, but as the leader of that evening, concerning the Income Tax Carry-over, was mainly of a political nature, a matter in which we cannot, as an Institute, delve, the evening was not so prolific of speech-making as of yore.

The members and their friends are requested to keep in mind the "Mock Wedding Breakfast" which will take place on July 16th next, in Petersham Town Hall, when something out of the ordinary is promised.

H. Jones.

BALANCE SHEET OF PROCEEDS FROM CONCERT HELD

IN ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL HALL, ON JUNE 9.

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Sale of sweets	1	9	8
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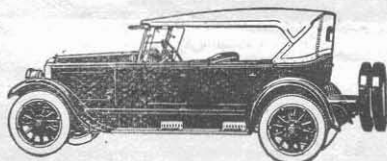
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CHILDREN'S PAGE.

Dear Girls and Boys,—

That was a great evening you had at the Sunday School Tea Meeting. I peeped at you and found you were very busy on the ginger beer and cakes. I hear you had supper, too. No doubt you thanked the teachers for the evening.

You disappointed me over the essay for the month. I expected ever so many to write about "My Hobby".

With my good wishes,
Uncle Jeff.

THE COMPETITION—"MY HOBBY."

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Who says, "Oh, what's the use?"

THE STORY OF SIR GALAHAD.

Once, long, long ago, in the day of good King Arthur, all his valiant knights came together for a great feast. Just as they were about to sit down, one place was found to be empty. On it were words, newly written in letters of gold, saying that the seat was not to be filled until 454 years after the death of our Lord.

"This is the very day!" cried Lancelot, the bravest knight of all. "The seat will be filled to-day. Let us cover the letters with a silken cloth until the chosen knight appears."

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been thrust. The king and his knights went once more to the river side, and there they saw the sword, on which were written these words: "No man shall take me but him to whom I belong, and he shall be the best knight in the world."

The king bade Sir Lancelot take the sword, but he would not, for he felt that he was not worthy of such a gift. Others tried, but each one failed. Then they all trooped back into the hall and sat at meat. Suddenly all the doors and windows closed, and the place became dark. In came a good old man, leading a young man, without a sword or shield, save the scabbard hanging by his side.

"Peace be unto you," said the old man. "I bring you a young knight who will do wondrous deeds in this realm, and will see the sacred cup from which our Lord drank at the Last Supper." Then the old man led him to the empty seat and lifted the silken cloth. Strange to say, the letters were now changed, and read as follows: "This is the seat of Galahad, Knight of the Pure Heart."

And when the feasting was over, the king took him to the river-side, and there he laid his hand upon the sword, lightly drew it out of the stone, and put it into his sheath.

Now, in those days, the cup from which our Lord drank at the Last Supper was called the Holy Grail, and men believed it could still be found by those who sought it—those only who were worthy of it. And so, after the coming of Galahad to the court of King Arthur, the best and bravest of his knights swore to follow the quest of the Holy Grail. Great were the perils they had to face, great the temptations they had to overcome, so great that one by one each slipped out of the quest—all but Sir Galahad, the Pure in Heart. He found the Grail, for he alone was pure enough to catch sight of heavenly things. And the old tale tells us that he ascended into Heaven across a burning bridge, and there, afar in that Holy City, he was crowned, and never more has the Holy Grail been seen by earthly eyes.

Do you know, boys and girls, that in these days we too must try and find the Holy Grail? We want always to feel the near Presence of Jesus Christ; we want to know Him and to love Him, and He can only reveal Himself to us when we try hard to be pure. Try not to use bad words or speak of impure things. Christ alone can make you clean, but you must do your part in hating all evil, speaking sweet and true words, and remembering Jesus Christ. Only then will you find the Holy Grail.

MIRACLE.

By Grace Noll Crowell.

A MIRACLE has shaken all the land,
Each reed and stem becomes an Aaron's rod,
A green light leaps the hills—the tall trees stand,
And lift their glad eyes to the face of God,
O heart—what is this strange, amazing thing?
What is this stirring of the old, old dead?
Forget your grief, look up and laugh and sing.

"I am the resurrection," Jesus said.

"I am the resurrection and the life,"

"If a man die—then shall he live again?"

Lo, all the earth with loveliness is rife,

Hope's torch lights up the winding ways of men.

The dawn is on the hills—the night has fled—

"Let not your hearts be troubled," Jesus said.

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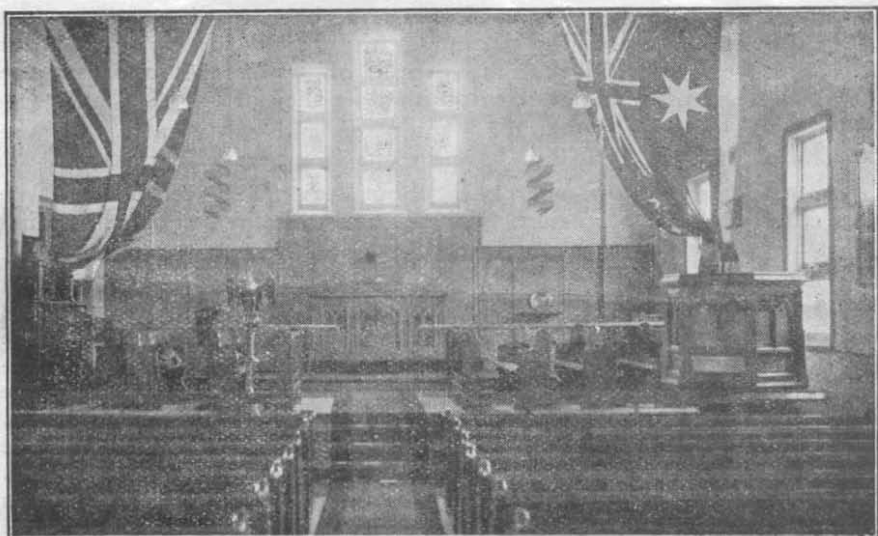
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Services:

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Thursday—7.45 Evensong. 8.30, Choir Practice.

Sunday School—3 p.m. Secretary: Mr. Frank Langsworth.

Baptism—3rd Sunday, 4.15 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m., or by arrangement.

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Societies:

WOMEN'S GUILD—Joint Secretaries: Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. McLeod. Meeting: 1st Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m.

GIRLS' CLUB—Secretary: Miss G. Norman. Meeting: Alternate Tuesdays, at 8 p.m.

MEN'S CLUB—Secretary: Mr. D. Appleby. Meetings: Alternate Wednesdays.

CRICKET CLUB—Secretary: Mr. Stacy Atkin.

HERALDS OF THE KING—Joint Secretaries: Miss A. Chandler and Mr. Stacy Atkin.

District Visitors' Meeting: 4th Thursday, at 8.30.

GIRLS' GUILD—Secretary: Miss D. Stewart. Meetings: Alternate Tuesdays.

MINISTER'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,—

During the last few weeks we have been reading a great deal in the papers concerning the unrest in different parts of the world. We have been told that the people of Japan are following the example of white men and adopting a "policy of grab."

One does feel that these things constitute a great call to the Church of God, as a Church, and to its members individually.

We say we are very keen about Australia's well-being. We express a desire for peace. Often times men are heard exclaiming about the advantages of Brotherhood! What of Peace? Whence cometh it?

Can we hope for such a state of things whilst there are so many who have either not heard of the love of God, or who are absolutely callous with regard to it? Then with regard to Brotherhood; from whence comes the inspiration giving a desire for the establishment of the same? Is it not from the **One** who said, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend"? We are asked what we mean by Brotherhood. We explain what a wonderful thing it is and how we all live as brothers. Yes, but how far does our brotherhood reach? Is it not often most exclusive?

We know quite well there are Societies noted for this spirit of Brotherhood that find it wise to be very careful whom they admit into their ranks. This precaution is a very necessary one. But with regard to the greatest of all Brotherhoods—the one to which we all belong—surely there is a difference. We know the teaching of our Leader—namely—that **His Brotherhood** is not to be exclusive—"whosoever will" may participate in all privileges of membership. Yes, our Brotherhood is different from all other societies in that we have as our Head, one who has the power of transforming the hearts and lives of men in such a way as to make them fit for membership in any society.

Having realised from experience the truth of these things, surely it would be well for all if we decided that our part should be a forward movement, with a view to extending the influence of our Brotherhood both at home and abroad. At home—in order that the lives of our people may be above reproach, so that when they are called upon to work in foreign lands their influence will be for the uplifting of mankind. Abroad—that all men may learn to know the "old old story," and be led to render allegiance to the great King of Kings. When we can get men to look away from self to God and their fellow men—then, and then only, will we be likely to enjoy the peace we all so much desire.

With all good wishes from

Your Sincere Friend,
H. E. TAYLOR.

BAPTISMS.

Donald Maxwell Page, Iris Peggy Knight, Valerie Heather McPherson, Donald George McPherson, Marjorie Gloria Maxwell and Heather Glorie Maxwell.

CONFIRMATION.

On Thursday, June 18th, six adult members of our congregation were presented for confirmation at St. John's, Ashfield. The service was conducted by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney.

HERALDS OF THE KING.

On Saturday, June 20th, the Annual Heralds' Service was held in St. Andrew's Cathedral. Unfortunately, sickness and the unsettled state of the weather prevented some of our members from attending. However, those who were able to be present, enjoyed the very fine service and are most grateful to the preacher—the Rev. A. Whitehorn—for his helpful sermon.

We would remind our young people that the Heralds meet in the School Hall at 3.45 p.m. every other Friday, to make articles suitable for the Mission Field.

Any who would care to come along, are assured of a most hearty welcome.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S BASEBALL CLUB.

Baseball enthusiasts will be pleased to learn that our boys are doing excellent work on the field. So far, they have won all matches played, defeating Newtown Baptist 32-2, All Saints' (2) 21-6, All Saints' (1) 27-6, Petersham Baptist (3) 38 to nil, St. Clement's 18-7. We offer our congratulations, and hope that when the season ends our secretary will still be able to report an unbeaten record.

CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of St. Augustine's Cricket Club has been called for Tuesday, July 14th, at 8 p.m. A review of the past season reveals the fact that we have much to be thankful for. Neither of the teams succeeded in winning the competition, but our first grade eleven was only one point behind the winning team.

During the season our Club was honoured in having two of its members—the Gildea brothers—chosen to play with the Australian Juniors against the English eleven.

During the holidays the Western Suburbs' Churches' Union sent a representative team to Brisbane. No less than 4 of this eleven were members of St. Augustine's. This season, we are going to lose several of our best players, but whilst we are extremely sorry for this, we congratulate them on having attained a standard which entitles them to play grade cricket. We wish them every success. Their departure will leave room for others in the first team, and we hope there will be keen competition for their places.

All interested are invited to the meeting on the 14th, when the following business is to be transacted:—

1. Consideration of rules drawn up by general committee.
2. Report and statement.
3. Election of officers for ensuing year.
4. General business.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S MEN'S CLUB.

St. Augustine's Men's Club held its first social evening on Wednesday, June 24th.

In spite of the unsettled state of the weather, the attendance was very good. The men undertook to entertain without the assistance of the ladies, and they are to be congratulated, for, apart from an accident which happened to the coffee, all went well.

A good programme was rendered, and we are exceedingly grateful to Mr. Lincoln for the excellent way in which he entertained the company. Competitions, etc., were indulged in, and it was a happy gathering that was terminated at 10.45 p.m. by the singing of the National Anthem.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT.

Warden's Appeal.—We are very thankful to those Parishioners who have replied to our letter and for the financial assistance promised. There are still a considerable number who have not replied either direct or through the District Visitors, and we will be very grateful to hear from them. The letter seems to have been misunderstood by some—we are not asking for a large sum to be paid at once—but rather for a small amount each month to be paid to the District Visitor. If all our people contributed say 1/- per month, we would have no further need to worry over finance. We ask you to give the matter your kind consideration.

District Visitors.—Rev. H. E. Taylor, the Wardens, and the District Visitors met on Monday night, the 29th June, and went into the question of systematically working the district. We were pleased to welcome back into the ranks of the Visitors, Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Owen, who had to give up some time ago for health reasons. We also welcomed Mrs. Graff and Mrs. Taylor as new Visitors. Each lady has now been allotted a district, and we would ask the Visitors to keep to those districts, so there will be no overlapping.

School Hall Gas.—The gas service is now completed and an urn and spare gas-ring connected, and was used for the first time at the Men's Club Social. This has supplied a long-felt want and we are grateful to the various Clubs for the assistance given in paying for same.

Church Committee Report.—The monthly meeting of the Church Committee was held on the 15th June in the Vestry. A report was made on the repairs carried out at the Church at a cost of approximately £66, and the best thanks of the Committee was extended to Mr. N. McLeod, Mr. H. Evans and Mr. H. McLeod for assistance given. The Rector suggested the planting of some shrubs in the Church grounds. The suggestion was favourably received and the matter was left in the hands of Mr. Langsworth (our gardener) to report to the next meeting.

Day School.—Owing to the inclement state of the weather it was thought wise to postpone the 3rd anniversary of the opening of our Parochial School, which was to have taken place on Thursday, June 24th. This function will be held as soon as it is convenient after the school re-assembles.

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