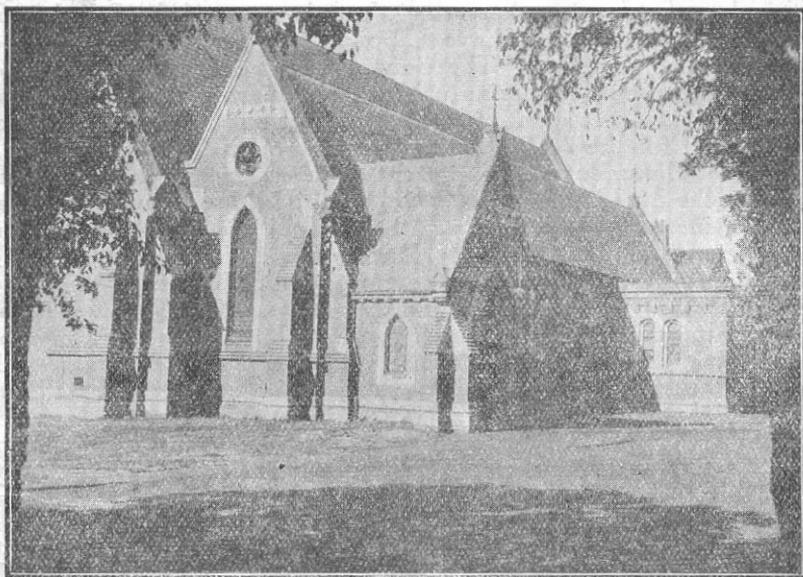


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RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,—

**RECONSTITUTING
THE CHURCH.**

Several months ago I expressed to you my strong dislike of certain proposals then being circulated, for the re-constitution of the Church of England in Australia. The features of the Bill that one objected to so strongly have happily been so modified, that now my fears are dispelled. The Convention, recently held in Sydney, was a remarkable gathering of Churchmen from all over Australia and Tasmania. It spent nearly a fortnight discussing the provisions of the Bill for the reconstitution, and although there were those of the most divergent views present, a large measure of unanimity was reached. I have not seen the amended draft, but from what I gather, increased efficiency will be assured the Church by its final adoption. By the general church public little change will be noticed, but there will be a greater co-ordination of the whole Anglican body in its councils and expressions. On the few occasions of my attendance at the Convention, of which I was not a member, I was impressed by the keenness with which every point was discussed, and greatly admired the facility of the Bishop of Bathurst's conciliation, and the constructive ability of Mr. Minton Taylor, of Sydney. Two-thirds of the Diocesan Synods must now approve of the Bill and the several Parliaments successfully approached before it becomes operative.

**THE SCHOOL
OF INDUSTRY.**

Some years ago the Trustees and Committee of the School of Industry, Petersham, decided that if satisfactory conditions could be secured from, and with the Homes and Hostels Committee of the Church of England—the necessary legislation to transfer and vary the trusts of the school, would be promoted. The extent of this decision was not widely realised at the time, but recently, at the Centenary Celebrations of the School, indignation was voiced that the Bill before Parliament contemplated the dissolution of the School. Two reasons were urged by the Trustees for the Parliament's consent, one that the School had outlived its usefulness, and the other that they were unable to undertake the cost of renovating the School. With respect to the former I am strongly of the opinion, and that opinion is shared by many others in Petersham, that the School is fulfilling a useful purpose in the community and should continue to do so. In regard to the latter contention, I think assistance might have been sought from the Church public of the Western Suburbs if money had been required. Many knew nothing about the stringency of funds, nor were appealed to for co-operation.

After receiving the solemn assurance of the Chief Secretary, Mr. Lazzarini, M.L.A., that he would not proceed with the Bill unless it provided for the continuance of the School—we organised a petition to Parliament—signed by 140 adult members of the Church—which was presented by Major M. Jarvie, M.L.A. But alas!!!! the Chief Secretary went on smilingly with the Bill, without the amendment, and Parliament, in spite of the petition, finally carried the third reading.

Our next step will be an application to the Archbishop and the Homes and Hostels Committee. Possessing as it does £13,000 worth of assets, the efficient management of the School by a committee of residents ought to present little difficulty. Should the opportunity for managing the School come to us, I have no doubt about the co-operation of our people.

OUR NEWSPAPERS.

What is causing the perversion of dignity and good taste of some of our newspaper managers? What stunts are they going to put up next in their departure from the true functions of journalism? October Brides, Miss Australia's and Surf Queens, etc., etc. Is it that the press must run on these lines for commercial purposes, or is it an indication of debased sex attitude in the originators of the competitions, or a wanton playing up to the crankiness of people for cheap advertisement at any price? One quite realises that the papers are the mediums of community exchange and enterprise, but why the prominence on their pages to semi-naked girls? I am no prude, I trust, but I have some desire to protect innocence and beauty from the vulgar and obscene who gloat in the displays now so frequently given them by the press.

CONFIRMATION.

To turn to the more domestic happenings of the Church for this month, I must first tell you of the confirmation of our 56 candidates. After nearly four months' preparation I felt quite happy in presenting our girls and boys. I knew their seriousness in the vow to be taken, and confidently commended them to our Saviour for His grace. The few minutes' interview with each of them which I sought to have were times of privilege to me. The Bishop of Bendigo was excellent and inspiring in his conduct of the service, and we of All Saints' are indebted to him for his presence and words of counsel. The Church was packed with a "cloud of witnesses" to the confirmation, and these naturally will sympathetically expect the confirmees to live up to their obligations.

FIRST COMMUNION BREAKFAST.

My thanks to all who made the morning of October 31st so helpful to our confirmees. Their admission into the spiritual fellowship of the Church by the Lord's Supper was wholehearted, and later proof was given of our interest in them, when we of the congregation entertained them at a simple breakfast in the Parish Hall.

Nearly 200 persons sat down to this meal, which was quite an "Agape" or love feast—largely rendered so by the kindly words of advice and greeting given by the Rev. Canon Langley, of Woollahra. God be praised for the promise of young life surrendered to the Church for His service!

NEW CHURCH WINDOW. || The memorial window erected by Mrs. Rostron and her family to the memory of Mr. W. K. Rostron—the late husband and father—was dedicated on the morning of the 24th October by Archdeacon Charlton, an old friend of the Rostron family. The subject, "St. Paul," is a strong figure, and the design and colouring have been well executed by W. Couldery. The window considerably enhances the appearance of All Saints'.

THE FETE. || After weeks of enthusiastic preparation the "Sunshine Fair" was held and proved a great success. The happy relations of the workers and the financial result (£414) were causes of great gratification to me and to others. Our worthy Secretaries, Messrs. E. C. King and L. C. Calver, had the details well in hand and the organisation worked smoothly. The stalls were well stocked and the keenness of the sellers never slackened. One hardly knows whom to mention in this reference—everyone was so splendid. I should like to note our appreciation of Mrs. Martin, of Weatherill Street, Leichhardt, for patient canvassing of Parramatta Road; and to Mr. Drage for his single-handed effort to run a men's stall.

Though there was a little rivalry amongst the stall-holders, it was always friendly, and each freely congratulated the others upon their successes. The refreshment stall-holders returned the largest amount, viz., £87, and worthily deserve congratulation—as also do those of the provision stall, £68, and of the Choir's stall, £55. Praise must not, however, be restricted to the managers of the three stalls mentioned. All did excellently and showed their deep concern for the Church's welfare.

THE PARISH HALL BELL. || In order that it might be put to some use, the Parish Council donated the Bell from the old Parish Hall to the Church at Langlea. A record will be kept of its whereabouts.

WOMEN'S RALLY. || The next Women's Rally was fixed for November 11th, but as this is "Poppy Day," we think it would be better to arrange for the Rally on the following Thursday. Mrs. T. S. Holt, of Burwood, will be the special speaker. After the service the members of the Women's Guild propose to have a group photograph taken. This makes the day doubly important. I very warmly commend this gathering to the women of our parish and pray for your presence at the final rally for the year.

BISHOP OF BATHURST. || On November 14th the preacher at the evening service will be the Bishop of Bathurst. The Bishop's fine achievements in the recent Church Convention will make his visit of great interest to our people.

ALL SAINTS' DAY. || The Rev. J. Bidwell, B.A., Rector of St. Stephen's, Newtown, came to us for the morning of our All Saints' Festival Services. Misses Cracknell and Aubin, of Burwood, and Miss Johnson and Mr. N. Oliver, were the soloists at the eleven and seven-fifteen services. Three anthems were well rendered by the Choir.

FETE. || We propose to hold a one day's Fete in December. So many things were left over from the "Sunshine Fair," things that were eminently suitable for Christmas presents, that all are agreed about the wisdom of fixing a sale for December 4th. Fetes mean extra work and we should always like to avoid that, but there is a need of money—this time for the current account of the Church if our ventilators are to go in the roof before the hot weather is really upon us.

ARMISTICE DAY. || An Armistice Day Service will be held at All Saints' on the morning of the 14th.

SYMPATHY. || One of the oldest members of our congregation, Mr. Tait, of Albert Street, has passed to his rest and reward after a long and trying illness. Though of quiet demeanour, Mr. Tait's absence from Church has been commented upon by his fellow-worshippers, who esteemed him highly for his simplicity and sincerity.

Mrs. McWilliam and her family have suffered greatly by the death of Mr. McWilliam, late of New Canterbury Road. Business trials of years ago had greatly impaired his health. His family mourns the loss of a kind and thoughtful husband and parent.

Miss Grace Scott, of Station Street, after a long illness, has also joined the great majority. Her passing was greatly helped by her contemplation of the Risen Christ.

Mrs. Jesson, Senr., had just returned to our midst when she learned of the death of her brother.

To all the sorrowing ones we offer our tender solicitude and pray for the encompassing arms of the Holy and Loving Father to support them.

PERSONAL. || We are glad to have Mrs. Oliver back from her trip, looking well for the sojourn in England. Mrs. Sharp, of Temple Street, has been ill in Auckland. She is, however, expected home early this month. Welcome to Mr. W. B.

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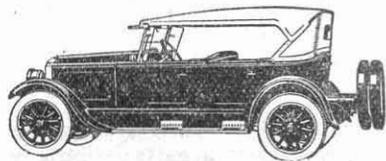
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CHOIR.

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H. T. BROWNE,
Hon. Sec.

TENNIS CLUB.

We are glad to report that a marked improvement has been seen in the play of several of our members during the last month or so. We have also improved in our match play, having, in all, won three and lost four matches. Considering that several of our players are new to the game, this is a fair result. As we hope to keep improving, we should become a strong club.

E. CARLTON,
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During the Eight-hour Week-end the Club held another camp at Thirroul, where a very pleasant time was spent. The splendid weather which we were favoured with was enjoyed by all, and the usual fine spirit of friendship prevailed again, and the ready manner in which everyone did their bit made for the success of the holiday.

On Sunday evening the Church Parade was held, when every member of the party attended.

The Rector extended a warm welcome to the members, and expressed his pleasure at seeing us again.

On Monday afternoon we had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Bazeley to tea, and the members appreciated their interest in the camp.

THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

Isn't it something to thank the King of Kings for this meeting in All Saints' Vestry every Tuesday? It is indeed a privilege to meet and discuss all things "in His Name." We do so hope and pray for many others to come and join our circle—it is "all for Christ."

He is prompting me to write these lines of invitation. If you are thinking about it and have not yet decided to attend, let me make the decision for you—I know He wants me to ask you to come. He wants you to come and learn about the palace of the King which He is preparing for those who love him. Come! He who feeds the raven bends to listen: He is waiting and listening to hear you say you'll accept the invitation.

E. B. WELCH.

BOYS' CLUB.

At last we have secured a permanent night, and meetings will be held regularly every Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. There are nearly thirty members. All are progressing favourably and are putting their heart and soul into the work. But even with this number we are not satisfied, and shall not be satisfied until we have every boy in the Parish a member. So we exhort the parents of all boys under the age of eighteen to persuade their sons to come along next Wednesday night; and once they have met our able instructor, Mr. C. Williams, and the happy members, you will find it rather difficult to keep them away.

We have been rather quiet since we began, but I can assure you that all have been working hard, and that you will hear from us in the shape of a Recruiting Concert in the near future, and I feel sure that everyone in the Parish will give us their whole-hearted support and boys.

B. DAY,
Secretary.

ARTICLES FROM THE Y.C.I. MAGAZINE.

TRAM TRAVELLING.

The pleasantest hour of the twenty-four is the one I spend in the tram to and from the city. For, believe me, tram travelling is truly one of the joys of life.

There is, first of all, the joy of getting into (or rather onto) the tram; you see the car approaching, and you move forward, doing your best to knock down and trample any other intending passenger underfoot; then you use them as a footstool and scramble aboard. Your next object is to struggle for a seat, an operation which brings to light all your fighting qualities. Then, when seated (or even left standing, you are at any rate aboard) you have a feeling of "something attempted, something done," as you look out upon the passing world or at your fellow-passengers.

What wonderful opportunities the latter supply to the student of human nature, such a heterogeneous collection of human beings as are placed in front and all around him! In fancy he follows the fortune (or lack of fortune) of the unwashed gentleman in the celluloid collar, who is seated opposite, or the amours of the dainty creature in the corner, whose face supports enough powder to blow up North Head, and the scantiness of whose apparel is her most noticed feature.

Then there is the conductor; what a boundless realm for thought is here! For tram conductors, like all other of our fellows, are a very varied species; we see thin conductors and fat conductors; clean-shaven conductors and ill-shaven ones, and some who proudly display eleven-aside. There is the happy conductor and the growling conductor; the taciturn and the garrulous; the obliging conductor and he of piggish propensities; surely enough types here for the most greedy of observers.

But to my mind the greatest attraction of all is the glorious uncertainty attached to every journey. As I sit in my corner-seat, which I am sometimes lucky enough to secure, and look out at the fleeting landscape of factories and shops, I think how infinitely more blessed am I than the commercial magnate who glides smoothly past in his thousand guinea Rolls-Ford. He,

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poor fellow, imagines that he is enjoying travel, but it is not truly so, oh deluded traveller, for you know to a minute what time you are going to arrive at your destination, while the time, and even the possibility of my arriving at all, are in the lap of the gods. So many times have I reckoned at arriving at my destination at a certain time, only to be disappointed, that the uncertainty is enchanting, and though hoping to get through without delays, I am still a little disenchanted should such a thing occur.

For there are so many mishaps that may befall an innocent tramcar when en route. It may break down, or any car ahead of it my break down, or the power might be cut off, or the driver die or get drunk; then occurs what is commonly know as a "block." What a delight it is on such an occasion to sit and regard one's fellow-passengers for any period up to an hour or two, occasionally passing some remark about the delay and the inefficiency of the tramway service, but all the while feeling secretly pleased at the thought of how deliciously late we shall be at the office.

How pleasant it was the other day to participate in a block which was caused by a workman leaving an implement of labour on the line, which badly damaged our "cow-catcher." How I enjoyed hearing drivers, conductors, and inspectors offering much advice to each other, but apparently doing nothing else! Also the remarks of the passers-by were well worth listening to; I learnt from some of these people that three boys, two women, and one man had been killed. I felt very gratified on hearing this news as, from my seat on the front of the car, I had received the impression that we had injured nothing but a pick-head.

So, my readers, I commend tram travelling to your consideration. Get the habit, and you will get the enjoyment. You may lose time by it, but, as Stevenson says, "It is a better thing to have travelled happily than to have arrived," and if you travel in Sydney's mangles I can guarantee that you will travel happily.

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