

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

JUNE, 1942.

Clergy: Rev. C. E. ADAMS, Th.L., All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.
Tel.: LM 4735.

Rev. R. A. B. NICHOLLS, Th.L., 94 Cambridge Street, Stanmore.
Tel.: LM 5206.



IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

Churchwardens: Messrs. E. C. KING, L. C. CALVER, W. J. COOKE.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS AND Messrs. R. F. ATKINSON,
J. M. BOYLE, A. E. CARRUTHERS, A. S. CUSITER, S. L. DERRETT,
D. B. HUNTER, A. J. HARRIS, H. F. JONES, W. SOPWITH, Junr.,
C. E. TANNER, A. H. THOMAS, W. WEBSTER.

Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

Treasurer: Mr. E. C. KING.

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. A. B. KERRIGAN.

Verge: Mr. W. SOPWITH, 25 Croydon Street, Petersham.

SERVICES AND SOCIETIES.

Sunday: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m., Sunday School; 11 a.m., Matins, Sermon; 4 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Communion: Every Sunday at 8 a.m., second (Choral) and 4th Sundays at mid-day.

The Litany is sung on the 5th Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

Holy Baptism: By arrangement.

Marriages: By arrangement.

Children's Service: 3rd Sunday, 9.45 a.m.

Parish Council: 1st Monday, 8 p.m.

Choir Practices: Thursday, Boys, 6.30 p.m.; Adults, 8 p.m.

District Visitors' Meeting: 3rd Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Women's Guild: 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Y.P.U.: Mondays, 4.30 p.m.

Young Churchmen's Institute: Alternate Fridays, 7.45 p.m.

Sunday School Superintendent: Mr. R. F. Atkinson.

Bush Church Aid Society: Miss E. V. Adams.

Scripture Union Secretary: Mr. R. F. Atkinson.

C.M.S. Box Secretary: Miss D. Brown.

C.E.B.S.: Juniors, Monday, 4.30 p.m.; Seniors: Wednesday, 8 p.m.

C.E.F.: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7.45 p.m.

CENEF: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8 p.m.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

All Saints' Rectory,

1st June, 1942.

Dear People of All Saints':

By the time this letter reaches you there will remain but ten weeks before our Consecration Festival on August 16th, when the boxes which we are using (in lieu of a fete) for our Parish Hall debt must be returned. At the moment of writing we have not succeeded in issuing so many boxes as last year: and to attain our objective we shall have to exceed last year's total, if possible. I would, therefore, urge anyone who has not yet obtained a box to do so **without delay**. Some of those who already hold boxes are helping in a wider distribution by asking others to take them. If others would do this, it would greatly assist our effort, which is not only much easier, but much more effective than an annual fete.

When the winter months come, our congregations are, in common with all congregations, affected by the prevailing colds and influenza. I believe that is so at the present time; but quite apart from that, I am concerned about the afternoon service at which we do not seem to be getting the numbers of younger people who normally attended the evening service—in some cases it would seem that some of them are not now attending Church at all. To all such who find they cannot possibly be present at an afternoon service, I would point out that there are still the 8 and 11 o'clock services which they could attend. Admittedly there are numbers of people who do not care for the afternoon hour, but they **DO COME**; and do not allow their Church to suffer because a certain time is inconvenient for them. If the afternoon hour is unsuitable for the majority of our people, it may be that we shall have to consider reversion to the former evening hour, or devise some plan which will suit the greater number of parishioners. Personally, I do not think, at this juncture, that it is wise to revert to the evening time; but if that hour suits most people, it may be we shall have to go back to it.

We welcome Bishop Cranswick, who, after 25 years outstanding service as Bishop of Gippsland, commences his work to-day as Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions. The Bishop, with his own experience as a missionary in India, with his great spiritual gifts and administrative ability, will bring to the missionary cause of the Church in Australia just that leadership we need. Our prayers are with him as he assumes the responsibilities of this great task to which he is called.

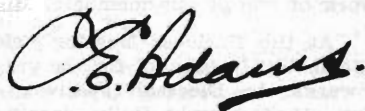
While thinking of the Australian Board of Missions, I would draw your attention to a copy of the Bishop of New Guinea's inspiring message to the members of his staff, who have decided to remain at their posts, notwithstanding the southward drive of the Japanese. The Bishop's message reads like a bit of early Church history, even like a page from the Acts of the Apostles; it has something of the Vision of the Early Church when she was called upon to pass through a blood-bath for her Lord, and when, over all the martyrdom and blood and persecution of those days, the Seer of Revelation writes: "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." Read the Bishop's great missionary message, and pass it on to others. If you need further copies they may be had for the asking.

The increasing pressure of war needs and anxieties calls all the more urgently for a renewal of our faith in God. Admittedly there are many things in the world to-day, like war and disease and suffering, which we all find difficult to reconcile with a God who loves. But we cannot blame God for these terrible things. Doubtless He made His world in such a way that these things are obviously possible. But to say God deliberately sends these evils is an affront to our intelligence and our moral sense. You can see that God made His world fair and beautiful and lovely, and man has marred it, made it ugly and very cruel. This is man's doing, not God's. You cannot blame God for all the troubles in the world to-day, any more than you can blame an artist whose beautiful picture has been destroyed by a madman.

So when you come across troubles and hardships, as you undoubtedly will, what is going to be your reaction? Will you give up all belief in God; or will you believe that, in spite of all the world's horror, God is still alive, that He knows your circumstances and the hardness of your way, and that He is not only willing enough but strong enough to help you through all trials and difficulties?

I am grateful to Mr. Nicholls who made it possible for me to have a short holiday at Leura.

Very sincerely yours,



MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL.

All Saints' Sunday School.—The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 29th, in the Guild Room, the Rev. C. E. Adams presiding, and the election of officers resulting as follows: Hon. Secretary, Miss M. E. Haywood; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Carruthers, and a social committee of seven, Mrs. Bosward, Misses I. Muldoon, D. Cardwell, J. Robertson and Messrs. R. F. Atkinson, H. Jones and A. Carruthers.

The reports of the Kindergarten Leader and the Hon. Secretary revealed a most successful year's work in both departments and the Hon. Treasurer's statement showed our finances were sound. This year it was decided to send £5 each to A.B.M., C.M.S. and B.C.A.

On Saturday, May 30th, the Sunday School staff, together with members of the Choir, held a social in the Parish Hall, at which opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Miss B. Palmer and Mr. B. Sayers who are to be married on June 6th, and also to Miss Mildred Haywood, who has resigned from the Sunday School. The Rector expressed the appreciation of all for the services they have rendered in the past and wished them every success and happiness for their future.

Owing to his enlistment in the A.I.F. we regret that Mr. L. Webb has resigned and we trust that a number of our teachers who are at present on the sick list will make a speedy recovery.—M. E. Haywood, Hon. Sec.

Women's Guild.—Our Women's Luncheon held on May 12, proved very successful. Our guest speaker, Miss Milner Stephen, with her gift of oratory, held her audience, and stressed the necessity for the greater development of the "spiritual" in us. We were happy to have Miss Adams, our President, with us, as owing to circumstances she has hitherto not been able to be present on these occasions. A programme of musical and elocutionary items was contributed to by Mesdames Bell and Day, and the Misses Byrne and Beard and was most enjoyable. We thank them very much. We also take this opportunity of thanking all members and friends who helped so generously to make this function such a success. The Guild will profit to the extent of £8 by this effort.

The "3 to 5" Sale arranged for the joint benefit of CENEFF and the Women's Guild proved a financial success, and also from a social standpoint was most enjoyable. Household goods, jams, cakes and refreshments, were for sale. The proceeds amounted to £21/11/6. We had pleasure in forwarding the sum of £10 to CENEFF head office, being our quota towards the extensions carried out at the Cathedral Hut, and the Guild will be able to fulfil other obligations. The musical programme during the afternoon was enjoyable and we thank Miss Byrne and Miss Sutherland, and Miss Betty Mansfield, a pupil of the latter, for the pleasure they gave us. All members worked splendidly and we thank them sincerely. Members of the Decoration Committee are to be congratulated for their efforts on both the occasions mentioned, the results being most effective.

The knitting competition arranged by the holders of the Jam Stall created much interest and was won by Mrs. J. Thomas who knitted twenty-two rows in ten minutes. The artistic sign announcing the fete was the work of one of our members, Miss Speight, for which we thank her.

At the Business Meeting held on May 9, the sum of £15 was voted as our first instalment for the year towards the Parish Hall fund and £1/1/- towards the Diocesan Festival. The meetings for June are:—Thursday, June 11, Quarterly Rally, speaker, Miss R. Spear, who will take as her subject, "Thy Kingdom Come"; Saturday, June 27, an American Tea—bring a gift and buy a gift—nothing over 1/-. Games and competitions. This function will be held at the Rectory.—C. Reilly, Hon. Secretary.

C.E.B.S. Juniors.—The Junior C.E.B.S. now meets on Monday afternoons at 4.15. Mr Nicholls will welcome all Church of England boys, eight years of age and over to this Branch of C.E.B.S.

Choir Boys.—Our numbers are now up to seven; but we need at least five more boys between the ages of 9 and 12 years, who would be willing to attend regularly to be trained as recruits for the Choir. Parents, if your boy can help in this way, please get in touch with the Rector or Choirmaster immediately.

Quarterly Offertory.—Sunday, June 21 (third Sunday after Trinity), is the day for our next Quarterly Offertory. The Quarterly Offertory is a time when the Wardens ask that each parishioner will increase his or her usual weekly offering; and it is an excellent opportunity for those who have for any reason been absent from service to "make up" what the Church loses financially from their absence.

The Choir.—An enjoyable time was spent in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 30th May, when the Choir combined with the Sunday School staff to give an evening to Miss Betty Palmer and Mr. Bernie Sayers, two of our members, prior to their wedding on June 6th. During supper the Rector presented the couple with a gift of cutlery.—D. Ritchie, Hon. Sec.

The Y.C.I.—Sergeant Allan Dixon, home on leave from the Middle East, was the special speaker at the Y.C.I. meeting on May 8. He told the story of the Western Desert Campaign, and the defence of Tobruk from the standpoint of a soldier of the line and gave vivid impressions of Cairo, and the cities of the Holy Land.

The second meeting in May was devoted to Mock Municipal Elections, when Messrs. K. Douglas, E. W. Brookes, W. J. Cooke, R. Ashwood and J. M. Boyle, put forward their policies for civic reform and local development. A marked feature of the meeting was the comments and interjections of the electors. After the poll had been taken the returning officer announced that Mr. Ashwood had been the successful candidate.

The Y.C.I. and the war.—News has come to hand that Mr. Clive Stead has been accepted for the Air Force and is awaiting his call-up. He will make the twenty-second member in uniform.

Members and friends of the Institute will regret to learn that Mr. Ron McCarty has been in hospital in Palestine, and Mr. Frank Atwood spent a month in a military hospital in Australia. A report is to hand that Billy Strachan, up Syria way, has been made a Captain.

—D. B. Hunter, P. and L.S.

Rectory Lighting.—The electricians are at work upon the re-wiring of the Rectory, which was sanctioned some months ago, and for which a sum of £40 is required. Of this amount a little over £11 has been acknowledged. Donations should be forwarded to the Churchwardens or to the Rector as soon as possible. Specimens of the wiring removed from the old installation show how highly dangerous it was.

C.E.B.S. (Seniors).—The Annual Meeting was successfully held on Wednesday, May 27th, in the Parish Hall, there being a large attendance of members and friends. The visitors included the Rev. A. T. Pattison, Rev. R. A. Nicholls, Messrs. D. B. Hunter, H. F. Jones, R. Atkinson, J. M. Boyle, Mr. Allcock (representing the C.E.B.S. headquarters), Mr. Bicknell and Mr. Smith.

The trophies won during the year were presented as follows:—The Club's Cup, for our most outstanding clubman, was presented to Charles Archer by Mr. D. B. Hunter; Attendance Cup, won by Harold Robertson. Cricket Cups were presented to Doug. Jeffreys and Charles Archer; Boxing trophies to Harold Robertson and John Wheeler; Wrestling Cup to Charlie Cragie; Basketball Cup to Ken Grieves; and the Basketball Pennant for the winning B Grade team of last year to Ken Grieves, on behalf of his team. The Inter-house Cup was won by the "Lions," 545 points to the "Tigers," 538. The captain of the "Lions" is Tom Bicknell, and, in his absence, Mr. Bicknell consented to hold the trophy for the coming year.

To conclude the meeting small presentations were made by the boys to various helpers of our Club, who have supported us in the past. Mr. T. H. Bosward conducted the meeting in his usual fine style.

Corporate Communion for us this month falls on June 28.

—R. McLean, Leader.

The Archbishop's Winter Appeal.—In launching this appeal His Grace writes:

"At first I felt that with the many appeals in connection with the war, and with the good wages and work available, this appeal was not needed this year, but I remembered that owing to the increased cost of living the old age and invalid pensioners are finding it a real struggle to live. A sudden emergency arises and temporary assistance is badly needed. There are many widows who have a slender allowance, often with children dependent on them. Help is constantly needed by those who have to evacuate their homes and there are still in many parishes poor people who find it hard to live and to whom a word of cheer and a helping hand opens up a new vision of the tender compassion of our Saviour. Will you, therefore, help me so that the Winter Appeal this year may receive a worthy response? As you know the funds received are distributed through the clergy and deaconesses."

Special envelopes provided for this appeal are available in the Southern Porch: we ask that you will do what you can, and return the envelopes through the offertory.

CENEF.—His Grace the Archbishop, in asking for further support for the work of CENEF, writes as follows: "The urgent need to maintain and extend our work amongst the men and women of our fighting forces causes us to put before our churchpeople in the Diocese a more detailed statement of our immediate requirements and an earnest appeal for further funds. We are deeply grateful for all that the clergy and churchpeople generally have done since CENEF was first inaugurated, and I now take this opportunity to ask for their continued and increased support."

In commending this appeal to our people we would particularly ask the assistance of those who do not attend Church. We feel our regular attendants are doing their utmost. The statement above referred to may be obtained from CENEF members.

B.C.A. Boxes.—Mrs. Hoseason 5/4, Mrs. Reilly 2/10, Mrs. Grant 6/6, Mrs. Jupp 1/-, Mrs. Paton 1/-, Mr. J. Boyle 5/-, Miss Hole 5/9, Mrs. Sinclair 4½d., Mr. H. F. Jones 7/5½, Mrs. Holt 6/-, The Rector 12/8½, Mrs. P. D. Brady 6/8½. Total, £3/0/8.—E. V. Adams, Box Secretary.

Hymn Books.—As copies of Church hymns are unprocurable, it seems likely that we shall soon have to face the question of a change of Hymn Book. The Ancient and Modern Hymn Book (with first and second supplements) has been suggested. We find the cost of such change would be approximately £40. Perhaps some parishioners already possess copies of Ancient and Modern Hymns bound with their Prayer Books. The Rector would be glad to have the opinions of parishioners on this proposed change.

District Visitors.—We welcome to our association Miss Olver who has kindly taken over Miss Peard's district. The June meeting will be on Wednesday the twenty-fourth, at 3 o'clock.

Sympathy.—We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mr. L. Smith and family, of 2 Searl Street, upon the death of his wife and their mother. The late Mrs. Smith was taken seriously ill on the day of her daughter's wedding at All Saints', and passed away three days later. We would also express our deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King and their relatives in the passing of Mr. King's brother, after a long illness.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS.

Per Miss Ockwell.—Mrs. Talby 1/-. Mrs. Gardener 2/-. Mr. Cohen 1/-. Mrs. Phillips 1/-. Mrs. Thompson 1/-. Miss Ockwell 2/-. Mrs. Rainsford 1/-. Miss Sibthorpe 1/-. Miss Pigott 1/-. Mrs. Robertson 1/-. Mrs. Richard 1/-. Miss Taylor 1/-. Mrs. Everitt 1/-. Mrs. Bryant 1/-. Mrs. Dalby 1/-. Mrs. Brennan 1/-. Total 18/-.

Per Miss Ockwell (for Mrs. Whiting).—Mrs. Walter 1/-. Mrs. Black 1/-. Miss Bentzen 1/-. A Friend 1/-. Mrs. Gain 9d., Mrs. Guiver 1/-. Mrs. French 1/-. Mrs. Lovett 1/-. Miss Ockwell 1/-. Total 8/9.

Per Mrs. Robertson.—Rector 10/-. Miss Adams 2/-. Mrs. Quelch 1/-. Mr. Quelch, senr., 1/-. Mrs. Slee 1/-. Miss Mitchell 1/-. Mrs. Partridge 1/-. Mrs. Yum 1/-. Mrs. Leroy 1/-. Mrs. Ashwood 1/-. Mrs. Jones 1/-. Mrs. Chapman 1/-. Mrs. Gash 1/-. Mrs. Grant 1/-. Mrs. Blenkinsop 1/-. Miss Alexander 1/-. Mrs. Wheeler 1/-. Mrs. Nisbett 1/-. Mrs. Robertson 2/-. Mrs. Kidd 1/-. Mrs. Gannon 1/-. Mrs. Baker 1/-. Mrs. Douglas 6d., Mrs. Wheeler 6d., Mrs. Day 6d., Mrs. Clark 1/-. Mrs. Sutherland 1/-. Mrs. Jones 6d., Mrs. Fraser 1/-. Mrs. Ingram 1/-. Mrs. Mitchell 6d., Mrs. Broadhurst 1/-. Mrs. Pollock 1/-. Mrs. Beattie 1/-. Mrs. Hollinshead 1/-. Mrs. Pye 6d. Total £2/4/-.

Per Mrs. Reilly.—Mrs. Messer 1/-. Mrs. Locke 2/-. Mrs. Kerry 1/-. Mrs. Mitchell 1/-. Mrs. Cripps 1/-. Mrs. Jupp 1/-. Mrs. McWilliam 1/-. Mrs. Daniell and Mrs. Harris 1/-. Mrs. Pryor 6d., Mrs. Cross 1/-. Mrs. Impey 3d., Mrs. Kennett 1/-. Mrs. Furnell 1/-. Mrs. Allen 1/-. Mrs. Reilly and Miss Hill 1/8, Miss Chippendall 1/-. Mrs. Irwin 6d., Mrs. Philpott 6d., Mrs. Jesson 1/-. Mrs. Bosward 1/-. A Friend 6d., Mrs. Pepper 1/-. Mrs. Wilson 3d., Mrs. Murphy 6d., Mrs. Mason 1/-. Mrs. McKay 1/-. Mrs. Jarvis 6d., Miss Lee 1/-. Miss Snowden 1/-. Mrs. Howard 2/-. Miss Lucas 1/-. Mrs. Kell 1/-. Mrs. Jones 1/-. Total £1/11/-.

Per Mrs. Grant.—Mrs. Maundrell 2/-. Miss Spear 2/-. Mrs. Chamberlain 1/-. Mrs. McLean 1/-. Mrs. Gibb 1/-. Mrs. Ingray 2/-. Mrs. Cheesewright 1/-. Miss Fry 1/-. Miss Reid 2/-. Mrs. Barnard 1/-. Mrs. Duckworth 6d., Mr. Eastwood 2/-. Mrs. George Woolf 1/-. Mrs. Gray 1/-. Mrs. Williams , Miss Watson . Total 17/6.

Per Miss Norman.—Mrs. Jones 1/-. Mrs. Thomas 1/-. Mrs. Brown 1/-. Mrs. McLean 1/-. Mrs. Beardow 1/-. Mrs. Sumner 1/-. Mrs. Cale 1/-. Mrs. Davies 1/-. Mrs. Webster 1/-. Mrs. Mervyn 1/-. Mrs. Joy 2/-. Mrs. Robertson 1/-. Mrs. Lines 2/-. Mrs. Morrison 2/-. Mrs. Sharp 1/-. Mrs. Brady 1/-. Mrs. Brodie 6d., Mrs. Riley 6d., Mrs. Tyler 6d., Mrs. Williams 6d., Miss Martin 2/-. Miss Hobbs 1/-. Miss Holland 1/-. Miss Juleff 1/-. Miss Eve 1/-. Miss Norman 1/-. Total £1/8/-.

Per Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Grant.—Mrs. Green 1/-. Mrs. Wilson 1/-. Mrs. S. B. Clarke 2/-. Mrs. Brown 1/-. Mrs. Tyson 6d., Mrs. J. Cooper 1/-. A Friend 6d., Mrs. Ritchie 1/-. Mrs. Jones 1/-. Mrs. Nicholls 1/-. Mrs. Cooke 1/-. Mrs. Alcorn 1/-. Mrs. Patterson 1/-. Miss Cazneau 1/-. Mrs. Evans 1/-. Mrs. Thompson 6d., Miss Clare 1/-. Mrs. Lee 1/-. Mrs. Miller 1/-. Mr. Croker 6d., Mrs. Greer 1/-. Mrs.

McCulloch 2/-. Mrs. Smith 3/-. Mrs. Thorne 1/-. Mrs. Allan 1/-. Mrs. Hopkins 2/-. Mrs. Auld 6d., Mrs. Jago 1/-. Miss Paddon 1/-. Mr. Patterson 2/-. Mrs. Dempster 6d., Mrs. Hewett 6d., Mrs. Smith (Livingstone Road) 6d., Mrs. L. E. Wilson 2/-. A Friend 1/-. Mrs. Storey 1/-. Miss Trader 2/-. Total £2/1/-.

Per Mrs. Morris.—Mrs. Petherbridge 2/-. Mrs. Hogg 1/-. Mr. Howard 1/-. Mrs. Shearn 1/-. Mrs. Grono 6d., Mrs. Osborne 1/-. Mr. Shearn 1/-. Mrs. Sadler 1/-. Mrs. Ruhle 1/-. Mr. McAdam 6d., Mrs. Hauber 2/-. Mrs. Blunt 1/-. Mr. Choy 6d., Mrs. Hayne 3/-. Mrs. Carswell 1/-. Mrs. Morris 1/-. Total 17/6.

Per Miss Oliver.—Mrs. Paton 1/-. Mrs. Mathew 6d., Mrs. McCloy 1/-. Mrs. Wolrige 1/-. Mrs. Pullen 1/-. Mr. B. Pullen 1/-. Mrs. Fox 1/-. Mrs. Stott Douglas 1/-. Mrs. Maundrell 2/-. Mrs. Tooth 6d., Mrs. Eggleton 2/-. Mrs. Moore 1/-. Mrs. Mel drum 6d., Mrs. Brindley 2/-. Miss Gould 2/-. Miss Thompson 6d., Miss Wells 1/-. Miss Lambert 1/-. Miss Hinds 5d., Miss Rowohl 6d., Miss Mottram 1/-. Miss West man 6d., Mrs. Muldoon 1/-. Mr. R. H. H. Peard 2/-. Miss Peard 2/-. Miss Carveth 6d., A Friend 6d. Total £1/8/5.

Per Mrs. Handel.—Miss Derbyshire 1/-. Mr. Calver 1/-. Miss Meyers 1/-. Miss Wheeler 6d., Miss M. Haywood 1/-. Miss E. Haywood 1/-. Mrs. Clarke 1/-. Miss Knight 1/-. Mrs. Gresswell 2/-. Mrs. Cole 1/-. Mrs. Barrett 1/-. Miss Craig 1/-. Mrs. Roffey 6d., Mrs. Broun 1/-. Mrs. Handel 1/-. Total 15/-.

Per Mrs. Sinclair.—Mrs. Yorke 1/-. Mrs. Evans 1/-. Mrs. Robinson 1/-. Mrs. Price 1/-. Mrs. Sworn 1/-. Mrs. Hoseason 1/-. Mrs. Gilbert 6d., Mrs. Ward 1/-. Mrs. Sinclair 1/-. Mrs. Palmer 1/-. Miss Sands 1/-. Miss Speight 1/-. Mrs. Johnson 1/-. Total 12/6.

Per Mrs. Sinclair (for Mrs. Gill).—Mrs. St. Julian 2/-. Mrs. Green 2/-. Mrs. Whiting 1/-. Mrs. Bryam 2/-. Mrs. Taylor 1/-. Mrs. Clarke 1/-. Miss Deacon 1/-. Miss Allen 2/-. Mrs. Cole 1/-. Mrs. Bredon 1/-. Mrs. Hutchins 4/-. Mrs. Usher 6d., Miss Davies 6d., Miss Humphries 1/-. Mrs. James 1/-. Miss Stones 1/-. Anonymous 3/-. Total £1/5/-.

Per Mrs. Dalby.—Miss Best 1/-. Mr. Paine 1/3, Mrs. Ridge 2/-. Mrs. Howe 6d., Mrs. Smith 6d., Mrs. Harrington 1/-. Mrs. Mulveny 1/-. Mrs. Lang 1/-. Mrs. Rick etts 1/-. Mrs. Morton 1/-. Mrs. McIntyre 1/-. Mrs. McLean 1/-. Mrs. Dalby 1/3. Total 13/6.

Per Mrs. Cleary.—Miss Darke 1/-. Miss Watkins 1/-. Mrs. Stafford 2/-. Miss Spiller 1/-. Mrs. F. A. Johnstone 1/-. Mrs. Higgins 1/-. Mr. L. Smith 1/-. Mrs. Brooks 2/-. Miss Storum 1/-. Mrs. Shipp 1/-. Mrs. Horton 1/-. Mrs. Bicknell 1/-. Miss Belfield 1/-. Miss Carolus 1/-. Mrs. Brissett 1/-. Mrs. Buckley 1/-. Mrs. J. Higgins 1/-. Mrs. Patterson 1/-. Mrs. Unwin 1/-. Mrs. Hooper 1/-. Mrs. Melu 1/-. Mrs. Montgomery 1/-. Mrs. Ruthven 1/-. Mrs. Rogers 1/-. A Friend 2/-. Mrs. Baxter 2/-. Miss Squires 1/-. Mrs. Robert son 1/-. Mrs. Wynne 6d., Mrs. Pople 6d., Mrs. Porter 6d., Mrs. Morris 6d., Mrs. Graham 1/-. Mr. C. Graham 1/-. Miss Graham 6d., Miss Keys 6d., Mrs. Turner 1/-. Mrs. Abrahall 1/-. Mrs. McLaughlan

6d., Mrs. Blatch 6d., Mrs. Fisher 6d., Mrs. Straw 6d., Mrs. Laverack 6d., Mrs. Roake 6d., Mrs. MacLarty 1/-. Mr. Sleath 1/-. Mrs. McEwan 6d., Mrs. C. Smith 6d., Mrs. Raymond 6d., Mrs. Scrutten 6d., Mrs. Hodgson 6d., Miss Skead 6d., Mrs. Collier 2/-. Mrs. Kirkpatrick 1/-. Miss O'Bryan 6d., Mrs. Hendley 6d., Mrs. Brown 1/-. Mrs. Sopwith 1/-. Mrs. S. Williams 1/-. Mrs. Pnifer 1/-. Mrs. Deller 1/-. Mrs. Hopkins 1/-. Mrs. Smith 1/-. Miss F. M. Adams 1/-. Mrs. McNaughton 1/-. Mrs. J. Read 6d., Mrs. Crittenden 6d., Mrs. Kerr 6d., Mrs. Cahill 6d., Mrs. Collins 3d., Mrs. Walters 3d., Mrs. Watt 3d., Mrs. Livermore 3d., Mrs. Cleary 2/-. Total £3/5/-.

Per Mrs. Donaldson.—Mrs. Wright 1/-. Mrs. Mount 1/-. Mrs. Fowler 1/-. Misses Janssen 1/-. Miss Wells 6d., Mrs. Horton 1/-. Mrs. Burgis 6d., Mrs. Hancorne 1/-. Mrs. Leslie 1/-. Total 8/-.

Per Mrs. Jagoe.—Miss Doyle 1/-. Mrs. Craigie 2/-. Mr. Ranking 2/-. Mrs. Grey 1/-. Mrs. McLaren 2/-. Mrs. Thomas 1/-. Mrs. Dyason 1/-. Mrs. Jagoe 1/-. Mrs. Heaton 1/-. Mrs. Millet 1/-. Mrs. Tuahy 1/-. Mr. Mundy 2/-. Mrs. Bray 2/-. Mrs. Jarvis 1/-. Mrs. Scott 1/-. Miss Last 1/-. Mrs. Bosward 6d., Mrs. Grimes 2/-. Miss Hyatt 1/-. Mrs. Staples 1/-. Total £1/5/6.

Grand Total for May, £19/18/8.

ASSISTANT CURATE FUND.

Per Miss Ockwell.—Miss Rainsford 1/-. Miss Ockwell 1/-. Mrs. Robertson 1/-. Miss Taylor 1/-. Mrs. Brennan 1/-. Total 5/-.

Per Mrs. Cleary.—Miss Belfield 1/-. Miss Carolus 1/-. Miss Squires 1/-. Mrs. Baxter 1/-. Total 4/-.

Per Mrs. Grant.—Mrs. Chamberlain 1/-. Mrs. Spear 2/-. Miss Fry 1/-. Mr. C. G. Wooll 2/-. Mrs. Barnard 1/-. Mrs. White 1/-. Mrs. Bamford 6d. Total 8/6.

Per Miss Norman.—Mrs. Atkinson 1/-. Mrs. Brady 1/-. Miss Norman 1/-. Total 3/-.

Per Mrs. Robertson.—Mrs. Slee 1/9, Miss Mitchell 1/9, Mrs. Grant 1/-. Mrs. Ashwood 1/-. Mrs. Robertson 2/6, Miss Sutherland 1/-. Total 9/-.

Per Mrs. C. Morris.—Mrs. Petherbridge 1/-. Mrs. Blunt 1/-. Mrs. Morris 1/-. Total 3/-.

Per Mrs. Dalby.—Mrs. Morton 1/-. Total 1/-. Total 3/-.

Per Mrs. Donaldson.—Miss Wells 1/-. Total 1/-. Total 3/-.

Per Mrs. Sinclair.—Mrs. Palmer 1/-. Mrs. Robinson 1/-. Miss Speight 1/-. Total 3/-.

Per Miss Oliver.—Mrs. Paton 2/-. Miss Wells 1/-. Miss Herring 1/-. Miss Peard 1/-. Box 4/-. Total 9/-.

Per Mrs. Handel.—Miss Haywood 1/-. Mr. Calver, senr., 1/-. Total 2/-.

Per Mrs. Reilly.—Mrs. Locke 2/-. Mrs. Mitchell 1/-. Mrs. Green 1/-. Mrs. Nicholls 6d., Miss Snowden 1/-. Total 5/6.

Per Mrs. Jagoe.—Mrs. Craigie 1/-. Mrs. McLaren 1/-. Total 2/-.

Grand Total, £2/16/-.

OFFERTORIES AND COMMUNICANTS FOR MAY.

May 3	£8 17 4*	61
" 10	10 16 5	125
" 17	8 2 7	45
" 24	8 15 8	98
" 31	8 13 3	34
Week Days	1 1 1 (A.B.M.)	9
	£46 6 4	372

* Including 10/- CENEPE.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

May 10—Rex Levette Armstrong.
 " 17—Margaret Ann Boon.
 " 24—Yvonne Neta Graham.
 " 31—Helen Louise Stewart.

MARRIAGES.

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life."

May 2—William Rickard Evans and Joan Gowley.
 May 2—Raymond Eber Fullagar and Minnie Vernon Banks.
 May 2—Terence Joseph Pailthorpe and Valerie Edna Smith.
 May 2—Eric Athol James Grills and Alma Armstrong.
 May 9—Raymonde Petch and Betty Deale.
 May 16—Charles Alfred Payne and Freda Edena Bristow.
 May 23—Roger Cecil William Watson and Beryl Rose Ross.
 May 29—Francis Henry Edwards and Nellie Vera Lambert.
 May 30—Raymond Frederick Burgess and Eileen Cason.
 May 30—Arthur James Muller and Muriel Hope White.

DEATH.

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

May 6—Ethel Maude Smith.

A HISTORIC DECISION.

"We shall not leave; we shall stay by our trust."

During the latter half of January, 1942, the white staff of the New Guinea Mission, at work on their stations on the north-east coast of Papua, consisted of the Bishop (the Right Reverend P. N. W. Strong), fifteen clergy, including the retired Bishop Henry Newton, three laymen and eighteen women. With the rapid advance of the Japanese in their southward drive, and their known intention of attacking New Guinea and Papua, almost the whole of the white population fled from the Territory. An atmosphere of panic prevailed; stores, banks, post offices—all public and commercial services—suddenly came to an end, and the Bishop of New Guinea was urged to leave the country. The Bishop and his staff refused to be drawn into the maelstrom of this panic, and he made public the determination of himself and his co-workers to remain at their posts at all costs.

On January 31 the Bishop spoke through the local station for those with radio sets, but the statement was later printed and distributed to each member of the staff individually.

Below is the full text of the Bishop's address to his colleagues on that momentous and historic occasion.

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE.

As you will know, it became necessary to move our office and base from Samarai. We have successfully accomplished this now, thanks to the splendid co-operation, hard work and calmness of all our boys, without exception, who have been absolutely exemplary.

You will get to know the reasons and circumstances of this move in due course. It will be sufficient for me to say now that it was obviously the right thing to do. There was no point in remaining where we were, as most of the former reasons for being there no longer apply—indeed all.

Now, I would like a heart-to-heart talk with you. As far as I know, you are all at your posts, and I am very glad and thankful about this. I have from the first felt that we must endeavour to carry on our work in all circumstances, no matter what the cost may ultimately be to any of us individually. God expects this of us. The Church at home, which sent us out, will surely expect it of us. The Universal Church expects it. The tradition and history of missions requires it of us. Missionaries who have been faithful to the uttermost and are now at rest are surely expecting it of us. The people whom we serve expect it of us. We could never hold up our faces again if, for our own safety, we all forsook Him and fled when the Shadows of the Passion began to gather round Him in His Spiritual and Mystical Body, the Church in Papua. Our life in the future would be burdened with shame, and we could not come back here and face our people again; and we would be conscious always of rejected opportunities. The history of the Church tells us that missionaries do not think of themselves in the hour of danger and crisis, but of the Master Who called them to give their all, and of the people whom He trusts them to serve and to love to the uttermost, even as He has served and loved to the uttermost. His watchword is none the less true to-day as it was when He gave it to the first disciples: "Who-soever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's shall find it."

No one requires us to leave.

No one has required us to leave.

The reports some of you heard of orders to this effect did not emanate from official or authoritative sources. But even if anyone had required us to leave, we should then have had to obey God rather than men. We could not leave unless God, Who called us, required it of us, and our whole spiritual instinct tells us He would never require such a thing at such an hour.

Our people need us now more than ever before in the whole history of the Mission. To give but two examples :—

(1) OUR NATIVE MINISTRY.—We have accepted a big responsibility in the eyes of all Christendom in founding a Native Ministry. We have given birth to it. We are responsible before God and the Church for its growth and development on sound catholic lines. It is but still in its infancy. We cannot leave it to sink back into heathenism. We must stand by that to which we have given birth.

(2) OUR PAPUAN WOMEN.—Our influence is just beginning to tell with them. How would they fare if all our women missionaries left? It would take years to recover what the locusts had eaten! Our Papuan women need the influence of women missionaries to-day more than ever before.

No! my brothers and sisters, fellow-workers in Christ, whatever others may do, we cannot leave.

We shall not leave.

We shall stay by our trust.

We shall stand by our vocation.

We do not know what it may mean to us. Many already think us fools and mad. What does that matter! If we are fools, "we are fools for Christ's sake." I cannot foretell the future. I cannot guarantee that all will be well—that we shall all come through unscathed. One thing only I can guarantee is that if we do not forsake Christ present here in Papua in His Body, the Church, He will not forsake us. He will uphold us; He will sustain us; He will strengthen us, and He will guide and keep us through the days that lie ahead. If we all left, it would take years for the Church here to recover from our betrayal of our trust. If we remain—and even if the worst came to the worst and we all were to perish in remaining—the Church will not perish, for there would have been no breach of trust in

its walls, but its foundation and structure would have received added strength for the future building by our faithfulness unto death.

This, I believe, is the resolution of you all. Indeed, I have been deeply moved more than I can say by letters I have received from many of our staff this week who have been in a position to communicate with me, and I have reason to believe that others who have not had that opportunity think and feel the same. Our staff, I believe, stands as a solid phalanx in this time of uncertainty. Their influence has already had a stabilising effect on the community, and, though harm has already been done, counsels of sanity are beginning to prevail again in the Territory before the damage has become irretrievable. However, let us not judge others, but let us follow duty only as we see it. If we are a solid phalanx, let us see to it in the days to come that it is a phalanx of Divine Grace, for only so can it remain unshaken.

I know there are special circumstances which may make it imperative for one or two to go (if arrangements can be made for them to do so). For the rest of us, we have made our resolution to stay. Let us not shrink from it. Let us not go back on it. Let us trust and not be afraid.

To you all I send my blessing. The Lord be with you !

THE AUSTRALIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS REGARDS THIS BRAVE AND INSPIRING MESSAGE OF THE BISHOP TO HIS STAFF AS BEING ALSO A GREAT MISSIONARY CHALLENGE, AND IS DESIROUS OF PLACING IT IN THE HANDS OF AS MANY CHURCH-PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF IT AMONG YOUR FRIENDS, PLEASE APPLY FOR THEM TO THE SECRETARY, A.B.M., 14 SPRING STREET, SYDNEY, TO WHOM ALSO THANK-OFFERINGS FOR THE NEW GUINEA MISSION MAY BE SENT.