

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

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

A Thought for 1939.

Take ship, my soul,
Joyous launch out on trackless seas,
Fearless for unknown shores to sail,
Chanting a song pleasant of exploration.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

All Saints' Rectory,
Feast of St. Stephen, 1938.

Dear People of All Saints:

Mr. J. B. Priestley (who gave us, some years ago, that delightful book, "The Good Companions") has written a play called "I have been here before." It is built upon the idea that every man has a succession of existences in which the same circumstances are repeated until such time as he is able to break the round of events by some new resolve or some fresh decision. In the play, the lives of three people are brought before us and we are allowed to observe the change of direction when, through new insight and understanding, one of them breaks through on to a new plane of existence. After all, if we have not the power to strike out anew and are simply the victims of our own previous choices and habits, there is very little use in making new resolutions, or even much ground for believing in God.

As we enter 1939, we do all feel that we have been here before. The same old regrets for past failures, the same things defeating us, the same hopes. The whole basis of our Christian Faith is that by the Power of the Living Spirit we CAN break through and move on a higher plane of living. So, as we stand upon the threshold of a new year, one calls men to believe that there is a Power, above and beyond and greater than themselves, which can come into their lives and give them the victory. If the coming year is to be in any real sense a new one, there must be some change in ourselves, and this prompts me to ask you to read and think over Canon Elliott's Broadcast Talk published in this issue. St. Paul, writing to the Church in Corinth, said, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." If we would accept the new life our Lord came to give, endeavouring to make His standard our standard, and His values our values, our New Year resolutions would then become real and permanent, not just a fleeting emotion which comes at the passing of an Old Year.

At this season of Christmas with its message of Peace and Goodwill, many are asking why, after all these centuries, a world of settled and secured peace has not been created. One reason is that we have left God out of the enterprise—we try to get on with our peace-making without bringing in religion. But we find the machine does not work. It lacks the driving power. The only force which can revolutionize the world is a force which can revolutionize men's minds, change their outlook, give them a new set of values, and that force is religion. I am persuaded that nothing but the power of religious faith claiming the Kingdoms of this world for Christ can, in the long run, establish peace.

For those who imagine the Christian Faith is just dull dogma, I would refer you to a little book (which you may obtain for eightpence) written by Dorothy L. Sayers, and called "The Greatest Drama Ever Staged." You may read it in less than fifteen minutes and, when you have read it, you will turn back, as I did, and read it through again; and I think you will agree with the writer, who says "the Christian faith is the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man."

After some most trying days, Christmas Day was almost cool by comparison. Our Church looked especially beautiful, having recently been renovated throughout and a new lighting system installed. Thanks to those who so kindly made gifts of flowers and greenery, and to the artistry of Mrs. Morris and Miss Adams in arranging them, the decorations increased the beauty of an already beautiful Church interior, which had been made sweet and clean by a small band of enthusiastic ladies, some of whom put in two whole days' work to prepare the Church for the Great Festival. Altogether, we have cause to look back upon our well-attended Christmas services with much gratitude and thanksgiving.

It was encouraging to see so many at the Early Celebrations on Christmas morning—some of them we had not seen for quite a long time.

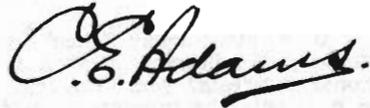
Whilst appreciating the fact that the Great Festivals still bring these parishioners to their Church, the Clergy would be mightily cheered and encouraged if they would make up their minds to come more frequently than Christmas and Easter. After all, clergymen are but human, and if you want to discourage and dishearten them you will stay away as often as you can; but if you want to cheer and encourage them, the way to do so is perfectly obvious.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Rev. A. E. Gardner will succeed Mr. Pattison as my colleague. Mr. Gardner was on the staff of Canberra Grammar School and came to Sydney to complete his Arts course at the University. He has been assistant priest at St. Oswald's, Haberfield, this year, where his work is highly spoken of by the Rector. Mr. Pattison will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday, January 29th, before proceeding to St. John's, Ashfield.

My sister and I would take this opportunity of thanking many parishioners for their kindly greetings and gifts at Christmas time.

We wish you, one and all, good journeying along the unknown road of "Thirty-nine." The message on the cover seems to me an appropriate one. I have borrowed it from "Teachers and Taught," to whom I now make my acknowledgment. May the New Year be one of Service for Christ and His Kingdom, and may you know the Happiness that comes from service.

Very sincerely yours,



MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL.

Women's Guild.—The final meeting of the Guild for the year took the form of a Christmas Re-Union in aid of the Curate Fund, and was held on December 15th. Miss Adams was the organiser and a most enjoyable time was spent by all present. The evening was a very "Christmassy" one, the decorations being a feature. Mrs. Morris, the organiser of our Church Flower Committee, arranged an ingenious representation of Father Christmas driving his sleigh across the snow, and outsize in bon-bons, and multi-coloured balloons, to say nothing of the beautiful flowers, made the scene a very gay one. The programme, arranged by Miss Nina Lovett, was delightful, and consisted of vocal, instrumental and elocutionary items, and concluded with the play, "The Lotus Flower." Miss Sutherland kindly acted as accompaniste. A splendid supper was provided by Guild Members, the crowning item on the menu being the beautiful Christmas cake, the gift of the firm of Hawkins and Abberton. Despite the fact that the evening clashed with other "break-up" functions in the district, which is bound to happen at this season of the year, there was a good attendance, and the sum of £6 was added to the Curate Fund. The Guild will be in recess until the beginning of February.

Girls' Club.—The Club this year decided to forego its Christmas Party, and entertained the Girls' Club which is conducted by Sister Adelaide, from St. Stephens, Newtown, on 12th December. A very jolly evening was spent. Games and competitions caused the time to pass very quickly and supper, with a gift for each guest, brought the party to a close. Sister Adelaide, and one of the club members, voiced the thanks of all the guests for this kind gesture of fellowship from the members of the All Saints' Club.

Y.P.U.—The members of the Y.P.U. brought its activities for the year to a close with a Christmas Party, on Monday, December 12th. It was a great party. A programme of games and competitions was gone through, and musical and elocutionary items were given by some of the members. Supper was served on the Rectory lawn, where the supper table groaned under the good things provided, pride of place being given to the Christmas cake, which was the gift of the deputy-leaders. After supper, the

President presented prizes to Lily Jones, Doreen Broder and Norma Fagg, for best work in connection with increasing the membership during the year. These prizes were donated by Miss Belfield. The President had a great surprise when, at the close of the evening, Doreen Broder, on behalf of the members presented her with an exquisitely arranged basket of flowers and fruit. Nancy Hawkins and Lily Jones presented floral gifts to Misses Belfield and Carolus also. The Y.P.U. will be in recess until the beginning of February, when a year of interesting work will be commenced.

The Choir.—Once again the adult members of the Choir combined with the Sunday School staff for their Christmas Party when all had a good time. The Rector's party for the boys took the form of a Picture Afternoon at the Prince Edward Theatre, where they enjoyed the thrills of "Men with Wings" and the performance of the Young Australia League Revue on the stage. Our boys did some fine work with their carol singing at the Home of Peace on Christmas Eve, and gave much joy to the patients. They were afterwards the guests of the Matron.

Thanks to Mr. Kerrigan, for providing the timber and to Messrs. A. Dixon and R. F. Atkinson, the labour, shelves have been placed in the ladies' robe cupboard, and a long-felt need is supplied.

The Choir is in recess until the 19th of January, when practices will be resumed and, it is hoped, all members will be present.

D. Ritchie, Hon. Secretary.

All Saints' Sunday School.—A very happy afternoon was spent by the Kindergarten Scholars at their Christmas Tree, on the 17th December, the games and "eats" were thoroughly enjoyed, and the arrival of "Santa Claus" to distribute the presents from the well laden "Tree" brought a pleasant time to a close.

After the Tree, a Teachers' Tea was held and then we were joined by Choir Members, who again combined with the Teachers in celebrating the Festive Season in a very happy social manner. The Annual Prize Giving was held on the 18th December, the distribution being made by our Superintendent, Rev. A. T. Pattison.

R. F. Atkinson, Hon. Secretary.

Quarterly Offertory.—The Churchwardens acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following marked envelopes for the December Quarter:—Mr. A. J. Hawke, 10/-; Rector, £1/1/-; Miss Eve, £1; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holt, £2/2/-; J. and F.M., 10/-; Mrs. W. Stephenson, 10/-.

Communicants Fellowship.—A Fellowship for Communicants, composed mainly of those recently confirmed has been formed, and held its first meeting on November 29th, preceded by a short Service in the Chapel. The Fellowship will meet on the 3rd Tuesday in each month, and those confirmed here in previous years are eligible for membership; indeed, any young communicant members of our Church will be welcomed. The next meeting will be on January 17th, at 7.45 p.m. Mrs. Brennan and Alan Dixon were elected joint Secretaries.

District Visitors.—The Rector would like to hear of two ladies who will undertake this important work. Miss Craig, who has been a faithful visitor, is resigning from February 1st, owing to indifferent health; and Miss Ockwell, also a keen and diligent visitor, wishes to relinquish the work (for the same reason) as soon as a successor can be found. It is not easy work, nothing worth while ever is; but it is a work of immense value. Will anyone volunteer for this service?

C.E.B.S. Juniors.—The Juniors thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Party on December 16th, and have now gone into recess for the period of the School holidays, resuming on February 3rd.

Condolence.—We desire to express our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Burcher, of North Street, whose son passed away on November 19th, after a short illness.

St. Luke's, Brookvale.—The Vicar and Wardens of Dee Why send an appeal (sanctioned by the Bishop Coadjutor) for financial help towards the re-erection of St. Luke's Sunday School Hall, Brookvale, which was erected

and opened in October, 1938. The Vicar writes:

"During the hurricane of Saturday, December 10th, the hall collapsed absolutely, and while a good deal of the material can be used again a lot has been destroyed.

"An amount of £125 is owing to the Church Buildings Loan Fund and this, together with the cost of re-erection, is more than the local Church-people (who are practically all in poor circumstances) are able to find.

"Already some good donations have been promised, and St. Matthew's, Manly, has promised to help through retiring offertories, etc.

"We shall be glad indeed and very grateful to receive help from all who care to give.

"A rough estimate of the cost of re-erection is £180/-/-."

We commend this appeal to our readers, and shall be pleased to forward any donations to aid this district in its great loss.

Church Renovation Fund.—The following donations were received by Mrs. Lindsay and Miss D. P. Brown, joint collectors for the Renovation Fund. We thank them for their good work and record our gratitude to all those who so readily responded to the appeal:

Mr. and Mrs. Bannan, £2/2/-; Mr. W. E. Toms, £1/1/-; Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, 10/6; Mrs. Hordern, £5/-/-; Mrs. Windon, £1/1/-; Miss Hogg, 10/6; Dr. Farrar, £1/1/-; Mr. Holt, £3/3/-; Mrs. Russell, 5/-; Miss Sherwin, 10/-; Mr. W. Sherwin, 5/-; Dr. Barling, £5/5/-; Misses D. Brown and R. Peddlesden, £5/5/-; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, £1/1/-; Mr. Lester, and Mrs. and Miss Brady, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. E. Solomon, £1/1/-; Mr. Dando, £1/1/-; Mrs. A. Werner, £1/1/-; Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, £2/-/-; Mrs. S. Clark, 2/-; Mr. T. A. Willmott, £2/-/-; Mrs. Horton, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boyle, 10/-; Mrs. Brennan, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, £1/-/-; Miss Wells, 5/-; Miss Neill, 5/-; Mr. R. Peard, £1/1/-; Mr. R. E. Goddard, £3/3/-; Mrs. Browne and Miss Watkins, 10/-; Mrs. and Miss Gould, £1/1/-; Miss Tipping, 5/-; Mrs. Joy, 5/-; Mrs. Hunter, 5/-; Mrs. Dewberry, 5/-; Miss Brown, 5/-; Miss Anthon, 5/-; Mrs. Bain, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, £1/1/-; Miss Belfield, 6/-; Mrs. Gill, 4/-; Anonymous, 10/-; Mrs. H. Holland, 2/6; Mrs. Wolrige, 3/-; Mrs. McCloy, 2/-; Mrs. Cox, 10/6; Miss Adams, 3/-; Mrs. Pattison, £1/1/-; Anonymous, £1/-/-; Miss Darke, £2/2/-; Mrs. Quelch, 5/-; Mrs. Scott, 2/-; Mrs. Slee, 10/-; Miss Gurney, 1/-; Misses Janssen, 5/-; Mr. Cusiter, £1/1/-; Misses Eve, £10/-/-; Mr. F. J. Kinnings, 10/-; Mrs. Gash, 5/-; Mrs. Juleff, 7/6; Mrs. McLaren, £1/-/-; Mrs. Baulchin, 5/-; Miss Trader, 5/-; Miss Holland, 5/-; Mrs. Phillips, 10/-; Mr. A. J. Johnstone, 4/-; Mr. and Mrs. Morton, £1/1/-; Mr. H. Brodie, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, 10/-; Mrs. Sharpe, 5/-; Misses Allen, 10/-; Mr. Liggins, £1/1/-; Miss Carolus, 5/-; Mr. Robert Calver, £1/-/-; Anonymous, £10/-/-—Total, December 27th, 1938: £82/11/6.

ON THE NEW YEAR.

Well, here we are my friends, in the New Year. At least the calendar tells us so, though I don't think myself that the calendar has much to do with it. It is true that times change and that we change with them, but it is the changes that take place within ourselves that cause and determine all those other changes that become evident in the world at large with the passing years. We cannot invert that order, and we shall be wise to take notice of it. There will be nothing much that is new in this year that is before us if we ourselves remain just as we were, playing the same old selfish game, moving in the same little narrow grooves, the same in our prejudices, the same in our habits, the same in our sins. If we want, you and I, to make this a New Year, we must see to it that there is something really new in our own hearts and minds.

Our civilisation, as historians will tell you, is merely the expression of certain ideas that men have had and still have about their common human life. There can be no hope of any change at all in that civilisation—except a succession of seasons when first we sow and then we reap, the sowing and the reaping being of course of the same natural and moral order—unless somebody comes along with an idea that is new. Then, indeed, things

may begin to happen. And it is exactly the same on a smaller scale with you and with me.

How, then, can you and I try to get some of these new ideas that may make such a difference to us, and therefore to many others, during the next twelve months? May I suggest, to begin with, that we should endeavour to look at life from a new point of view? A change in a point of view, you know, may change everything. When we quarrel sometimes, we often end by saying rather obstinately, "That may be all right from your point of view, but it's not from mine." Obviously the point of view matters a lot. As the Eastern proverb has it, "The camel driver has his thoughts, and the camel he has his." Surely I am right in saying that most of the trouble with the modern world lies in the fact that most of us are totally unwilling, perhaps even unable, to look at the problems that concern us all from any point of view except our own.

As an individual, you no doubt have your views, as we call them, on this and that, on the world situation, for example, on the economic question, on the moral standard required from a citizen like yourself in the ordering of his own life. Those views may be quite honest, but if you could put yourself in the place of somebody else those views would certainly change. You would find yourself looking at life in quite a different way. To take a simple instance, it is one thing to talk about poverty from an easy chair, but a very different thing indeed to talk about it from one of the benches in a common lodging house.

I admit at once that it is not at all easy to see both of those points of view or to put oneself by imagination in another man's place, as Christ Himself did by more than imagination when He was born amongst us on the first Christmas Day. But we could do something, a great deal in fact, by a little more investigation, a little more thought, and a little more sympathy.

How would it be, do you think, if we all tried this year to move away from our own points of view, to see life, so far as we can, as others see it, to feel life as others feel it, to forget ourselves with our own personal aims and interests, and to merge ourselves in our thinking, in our speaking, in our deciding, in what seems to us to be the common good. It would be a big adventure, I warn you, but almost certainly we should lose in the process most of our worries and our fears and our resentments which, as you know and I know, are nearly always bound up with ourselves. And we might find peace, true peace, for the lack of which this world of ours is becoming bankrupt not only in money but in ideals.

Get it clear in your mind that so significant a change in your point of view and mine will mean a hard climb upwards, though I know that the views to be seen up there are much clearer and much lovelier than anything of life that we have had as yet. But we simply can't attempt it without a new motive.

The truest and best motive in life, if we will go so far as to admit that Christ was right about it and have a mind to listen in these troubled days to His own clear voice, is so to live day by day that we make ourselves and others ready for the coming of the kingdom of God, for the acceptance, that is, amongst men and nations of the rule of God, as being absolute, as God is absolute, unchangeable as God is unchangeable, eternal as God is eternal. That rule of God makes for all that is good and pure and lovely in our human life, for rightness and justice and goodwill in each and every one of our human affairs. It is only when men have learnt to live for that, not to please themselves or to advantage themselves, not to curry favour with others, but to obey Him, to please Him, and to serve Him, that the old dreadful things shall pass away from our experience and all shall be made new.

At Christmas the angels' song was of "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth to men of goodwill." There is the direction that we want in this bewildered age. There is the motive—"Glory to God in the highest." There is the condition—"men of goodwill." And there is the promise—"peace on earth." It depends upon ourselves whether we have the faith, the courage, and the common sense to accept it.

I am certain of this—that if we accept it, if we try to translate into reality our daily prayer—"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven"—we shall be possessed in mind and heart with a new power. God knows that to face life nowadays we need new power, and only God Himself can give it to us. But even He cannot give it to us if we are not ready, with a new outlook upon life and a new motive, to take it from Him. Think it over. Ponder it well. And in that hope I wish you all from my heart a happy New Year.

—Canon W. H. Elliott in "Mid-week Talks."

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS.

Per Miss Welch: Mrs. Palmer 1/-. Mrs. Morton 1/-. Mrs. Yorke 1/-. Mrs. Evans 1/-. Mrs. Robinson 1/-. Mrs. Price 1/-. Mrs. Sworn 1/-. Mrs. Johnson 1/-. Mrs. Hoseason 1/-. Mrs. Gilbert 1/-. Mrs. Coates 1/-. Miss Speight 1/-. Mrs. Sands 1/-. Mr. Garland 1/-.—Total 14/-.

Per Mrs. Morris: Mrs. Carroll 2/-. Mrs. Shaw 6d., Mrs. Hogg 1/-. Mr. Howard 1/-. Mrs. Sadtler 1/-. Miss Brown 1/-. Miss Peddlesden 1/-. Mr. Kingston 1/-. Mrs. Osborne 1/-. Mr. Choy 6d., Mrs. Shearn 1/-. Mr. McAdam 6d., Miss Shearn 1/-. Mrs. Morris 2/-.—Total 14/6.

Per Rector (for Miss Watson's District): Mrs. Maundrell 2/-. Miss Spear 2/-. Miss Thorpe 1/-. Mrs. Chamberlain 1/-. Mrs. R. Sharp 6/-. Mrs. Gibb 2/-. Mrs. McLean 2/-. Mrs. Herkes 1/-. Mrs. Ingray 2/-. Mrs. Gray 1/-. Mrs. Williams 1/-. Miss Watson 2/-. Mr. Eastwood 1/-. Mrs. Titterton 1/-. Mrs. Neale 1/-. Mrs. Smith 6d., Mrs. Cheesewright 2/-. Miss Fry 1/-. Mr. Johnstone 1/-. Mrs. Beard 2/-. Anonymous 8/-.—Total £2/0/6.

Per Mrs. Reilly: Mrs. Messer 1/-. Mrs. Lovell 1/-. Mrs. Locke 2/-. Mrs. Kerry 1/-. Mrs. Mitchell 1/-. Mrs. Cripps 1/-. Mrs. Jupp 1/-. Mrs. Kenna 1/-. Mrs. McWilliam 1/-. Mrs. Daniell and Mrs. Harris 1/-. Mrs. Stillman 1/-. Mrs. Pryor 6d., Mrs. Cross 1/-. Mrs. Blunt 1/-. Mrs. Impey 3d., Mrs. Johnson 2/-. Mrs. McWilliams 6d., Mrs. Taylor 1/-. Mrs. Woods 6d., Mrs. Pettell 1/-. Miss Chip-pindall 1/-. Miss Snowden 1/-. Miss Lee 1/-.—Total £12/9.

Per Mrs. Reilly (part Mrs. W. W. Browne's District): Mrs. Furnell 1/-. Mrs. Hooper 1/-. Mrs. Howard 1/-. Mrs. Gray 2/-. Mrs. Allen 1/-. Mrs. Mitchell 1/-. Mrs. Nichols 6d., Mrs. Reilly and Misses Hill 2/-. A Friend 3/-. Miss Humphries 1/-.—Total 13/6.

Per Miss Ockwell: Mrs. Tailby 1/-. Mrs. Robertson 1/-. Mr. Cohen 1/-. Mrs. Hancock 1/-. Miss Pigott 1/-. Mrs. Phillips 1/-. Miss Sibthorpe 1/-. Miss Rainsford 1/-. Miss Ockwell 1/6. Mrs. Richard 1/-. Miss Taylor 1/-.—Total 11/6.

Per Mrs. Handel: Mr. Calver 5/-. A Friend 4/-. Miss Derbyshire 1/-. Miss Meyers 1/-. Miss Wheeler 6d., Mrs. Clarke 1/-. Mrs. Haywood 1/-. Mrs. Knight 1/-. Mrs. Gresswell 1/-. A Friend 1/-. Mrs. Cole 1/-. Miss Jones 6d., Mrs. Pearson 1/-. Mrs. Handel 1/-.—Total £1.

Per Mrs. Paton: Miss Best 1/-. Mr. Paine 1/-. Mrs. Hewitt 1/-. Mrs. Webb 1/-. Mrs. McLean 1/-. Mrs. Shearn 6d., Mrs. Ridge 6d., Mrs. Woodford 1/-. A Friend 6d., Mr. Goff 4/-. Mrs. Howe 6d., Mrs. Burcher 1/-. Mrs. Millar 1/-. Mrs. Lang 6d., Mrs. Harrington 1/-. Mrs. Mul-

veney 1/-. Mrs. Gardiner 6d., Mrs. Perry 6d., Mrs. Fitch 1/-. A Friend 3d., Marcia 3d., Mrs. Stallworthy 1/-.—Total £1.

Per Mrs. Robertson: Rector 10/-. Miss Adams 2/-. Mrs. Quelch 1/-. Miss Quelch 1/-. Mr. Quelch, Senr. 1/-. Mrs. Slee 1/-. Miss Mitchell 1/-. Miss Yum 1/-. Mrs. Leroy 1/-. Mrs. O'Brien 1/-. Mrs. Chapman 1/-. Mrs. Gash 1/-. Mrs. Jones 1/-. Mrs. Ashwood 1/-. Mrs. Grant 1/-. Mrs. Blenkinsop 6d., Mrs. Alexander 3/-. Mrs. Nisbett 1/-. Mrs. Wellington 1/-. Mrs. Robertson 2/-. Mrs. Kidd 1/-. Mrs. Gannon 1/-. Mrs. Baker 1/-. Mrs. Sayers 1/-. Mrs. Harris 6d., Mrs. Douglas 6d., Mrs. Wheeler 2/-. Mrs. Ward 6d., Mrs. Green 6d., Mrs. Day 6d., Miss Neill 2/-. Miss Sutherland 1/-. Mrs. Jones 6d., Mrs. Lee 2/-. A Friend 6d., Mrs. Part-ridge 1/-.—Total £27/7.

Per Mrs. Brady: Mrs. Hunter 2/-. Mrs. McLaughlin 2/-. Mrs. Shepherd 2/-. Mrs. Jones 2/-. Mrs. Thomas 1/-. Miss Hobbs 1/-. Miss Eve 1/-. Mrs. Norman 1/-. Mrs. Sumner 1/-. Mrs. Sopwith 1/-. Mrs. Thompson 1/-. Mr. Holliday 1/-. Mrs. Brown 1/-. Mrs. Robertson 1/-. Mrs. Webster 1/-. Mrs. Lindsay 1/-. Mrs. Lyons 1/-. Miss Holland 1/-. Mrs. Brady 1/-. Mrs. Mervyn 1/-. Mrs. Sharp 1/-. Mrs. Juleff 1/-. Miss Martin 1/-. Mrs. Davies 1/-. Mrs. Williamson 1/-. Mrs. Pike 6d., Miss Easdon 6d.—Total £1/10/-.

Per Mrs. Whiting: Mrs. Pelsley 2/-. Mrs. Cartwright 1/-. Mrs. Cramp 2/-. Mrs. Walter 1/-. Mrs. Fletcher 2/-. Mrs. Black 2/-. Mrs. Ridgway 1/-. Miss Bentzen 2/-. A Friend 2/-. A Friend 1/-. Miss Fenton 1/-. Mrs. Stead 1/-. Mrs. Whiting 1/-.—Total 19/-.

Per Miss Craig: Mrs. Craigie 2/-. Mrs. Tually 2/-. Mrs. McLaren 2/-. Mrs. Petherbridge 2/-. Mrs. Staples 1/-. Mrs. Jarvis 1/-. Mrs. Bezzett 1/-. Mrs. Rolleston 2/-. A Friend 1/-. Mrs. Hunt 6d., Miss Doyle 1/6, Miss Craig 1/6, Mr. Mundy 1/-. Mrs. Hamre 1/-. A Friend 1/-.—Total £1/0/6.

Per Mrs. Donaldson: Mrs. Pashley 1/-. Mrs. Wright 1/-. Mrs. Horton 1/-. Mrs. Mount 1/-. Mrs. Burgess 1/-. Mrs. Fowler 6d., Misses Janssen 2/-. Mrs. Watson 6d., Mrs. Donaldson 6d.—Total 8/6.

Per Mrs. Brennan: Mrs. St. Julian 1/-. Mrs. Jones 1/-. Miss Raven 1/-. Mrs. Byron 2/-. Mrs. Tompson 1/-. Mrs. Cole 1/-. Mrs. English 1/-. Misses Allen 2/-. Mrs. Unwin 1/-. Mrs. Jarvis 1/-. Mrs. Willis 1/-. Miss M. Ryan 1/-. Miss Smith 1/-. Mrs. Bailey 1/-. Mrs. Brennan 1/-. Total 17/-.

Per Miss Peard: Mrs. Paton 1/-. Mrs. Matthew 6d., Mrs. McCloy 1/-. Mrs. Wol-rige 1/-. Mrs. Pullen 1/-. Mrs. Fox 2/-. Mrs. Stott Douglas 1/-. Mrs. Maundrell

2/-, Mrs. Reynolds 2/-, Mr. Tooth 1/-, Mrs. Tanner 1/-, Mrs. Eggleton 2/-, Mrs. Wilson 6d., Mrs. Moore 1/-, G.B.H. 2/-, Miss Gould 2/-, Miss Thompson 6d., Mrs. Rankin 2/-, Mrs. Neal 1/-, Miss Archer 1/6, Mrs. East 1/-, Miss Bell 1/-, Miss Lambert 1/-, Miss Wells 1/-, Miss Arundall 1/-, R. H. H. Peard 1/-, Miss Peard 2/-.—Total £1/14/-.

Per Mrs. Cleary: Miss Darke 1/-, Mrs. Shaw 1/-, Miss Spiller 1/-, Mrs. Maher 1/-, Mrs. Higgins 1/-, Mrs. Mein 1/-, Mrs. Bicknell 1/-, Mrs. J. Higgins 1/-, Mrs. Sharp 1/-, Mrs. Mundy 2/-, Mrs. Buckley 1/-, Miss Belfield 1/-, Miss Carolus 1/-, Mrs. C. White 1/6, Mrs. Brissett 1/-, Mrs. Hilleard 2/-, Mrs. Duggan 2/-, Mrs. Graham 1/-, Mr. C. Graham 1/-, Miss Graham 6d., Miss Keys 6d., Mrs. Hayne 2/-, Mrs. Whiteman 1/-, Mrs. Rogers 1/-, Mrs. Patterson 1/-, Mrs. McPherson 2/-, Mrs. McAuley 2/-, Mrs. Shipp 1/-, Mrs. G. H. Allen 1/-, Mrs. McLarety 1/-, Mrs. Blatch 1/-, Mrs. Cahill 1/-, Mrs. Montgomery 1/-, Mrs. Morcom 6d., Mrs. Porter 6d., Mrs. Lynch 6d., Mrs. J. Donnelly 6d., Mrs. Craven 6d., Mrs. Laverack 6d., Miss Skead 6d., Mrs. Brennan 6d., Mrs. Smith 6d., Mrs. Gardner 6d., Mrs. Bateman 6d., Mr. Mulholland 1/-, Miss Miles 6d., Mrs. Fisher 6d., Mrs. Abraham 1/-, Mrs. Watt 3d., Mrs. Cleary 2/9.—Total £2/10/-.

Per Mrs. Dalby: Mrs. Walton 1/-, Mrs. Green 1/-, Mr. Wilson 1/-, Mrs. McPherson 6d., Mrs. Hopkins 1/-, Mrs. Clarke 2/-, Mrs. Weiss 6d., Mrs. Tyson 6d., Mrs. J. Cooper 1/-, Mrs. Carpenter 1/-, Mr. Harvey 1/-, Mrs. Baxter 2/-, Mrs. Ritchie 1/-, Mrs. Lee 6d., Mrs. Jones 2/-, Mrs. Cooke 1/-.—Total 17/-.

Grand Total for December, £20.

ASSISTANT CURATE FUND.

Per Miss Welch: Mrs. Palmer 1/-, Mrs. Morton 1/-, Mrs. Robinson 1/-, Mrs. Johnson 1/-, Miss Larkham 1/-, Miss Chlew 1/-.—Total 6/-.

Per Rector (for Miss Watson's District): Mrs. Titterton 1/-, Miss Spear 2/-, Mrs. Chamberlain 1/-, Mrs. Barnard 2/-, Mrs. Wooll, Senr. 2/-, Miss Watson 2/-, Miss Fry 1/-.—Total 11/-.

Per Miss Ockwell: Miss Rainsford 1/-, Miss Ockwell 1/6, Miss Taylor 1/-.

Per Mrs. Whiting: Mrs. Walter £1.

Per Mrs. Reilly: Mrs. Locke 2/-, Mrs. Mitchell 1/-, Miss Chippendall 1/-, Miss Snowden 1/-, A Friend 3/-.—Total 8/-.

Per Miss Craig: Mrs. McLaren 1/-, Mrs. Craigie 1/-.—Total 2/-.

Per Mrs. Robertson: Mrs. Slee 1/9, Miss Mitchell 1/9, Mrs. Partridge 1/-, Mrs. Robertson 1/6, Miss Neill 1/-, Miss Sutherland 1/-.—Total 8/-.

Per Mrs. Morris: Mrs. Carroll 8/-, Miss Brown 1/-, Miss Peddlesden 1/-, Mrs. Morris 1/-.—Total 11/-.

Per Mrs. Brennan: Mrs. Werner 1/-, Mr. Charlton 6d.—Total 1/6.

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

Per Mrs. Paton's Box: 1/7d.

Per Miss Peard: Mrs. Paton 2/-, Mrs. Gibb 1/-, Miss Archer 6d., Miss Wells

1/-, Miss Herring 1/-, Miss Peard 1/-, Miss Peard's Box 9/3.—Total 15/9.

Per Mrs. Handel: Mr. Calver, Senr. 5/-, A Friend 6/-, Mrs. Haywood 1/-.—Total 12/-.

Per Mrs. Cleary: Misses Belfield and Carolus 2/-, Mrs. Archer 1/-.—Total 3/-.

Total for December £5/6/4.

Women's Guild Christmas Re-Union: per Miss Adams £6/2/-.

Grand Total: £11/8/4.

Archbishop's Fund: Mrs. Robinson 2/- (per Miss Welch).

C.M.S. Boxes: December, 1938, Rector £1/-/-, Mrs. Walton 13/-, Mrs. Gill 3/2, Mrs. Gash 6/-, Mrs. Cox 5/2, Mrs. Craig 2/-, Mrs. Watson 5/-, Mrs. Hill 2/-, Miss D. P. Brown 16/- for Dr. White (Tanganika), Anonymous 15/-.—Total £4/7/4.

—D. P. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OFFERTORIES AND COMMUNICANTS FOR DECEMBER

| Offertories | | Communicants | | £ s. d. | |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----|
| November | 30 (St. Andrew) | 10 | 0* | 13 | |
| December | 3 (at St. Hilda's) | | | 24 | |
| December | 4 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 70 |
| December | 11 | 16 | 17 | 8 | 94 |
| December | 18 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 51 |
| December | 21 (St. Thomas) | 7 | 1 ² | | 14 |
| December | 25 (Christmas Day) | 37 | 8 | 5 [†] | 415 |
| Wednesday | (1) | 2 | 8* | | |
| | | 75 | 6 | 2 | 682 |

*A.B.M.

†Including £1/16/7 C.M.S., and £1/1/5 C. of E. Homes.

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

December 4.—Margaret Elizabeth Woodward.
 December 11.—Patricia Beatrice Burtinshaw.
 December 18.—Cynthia Servan.
 December 18.—Gary John Locke.
 December 18.—Peter Sydney Fitch.
 December 18.—Robert William Matthew Vincent.
 December 18.—John Rodrick Matthews.

MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the grace of life"

December 3.—Allan Thomas Pattison and Hope Winifred Gardner.
 December 12.—Stanley Robert Roberts and Frances Betty White.
 December 17.—John Bede Lane and Emily Anne Rumsey.
 December 17.—Douglas Percy Willson and Winifred Mabel Gee.
 December 24.—Jack William Callaghan and Jean Ellen Blomfield.
 December 27.—Arthur William Wood and Jean Eifreda Wamsley.
 December 28.—Henry Taylor and Beatrice Edridge.