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1. Write regularly to Aunt Mat.
2. Read the paper right through.
3. Interest the others at home.
4. Get a new subscriber.

Toorak, Vic., 18th July.

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

My Dear Girls and Boys,

Among the first things all of us are taught is politeness; as quite tiny children our mothers teach us to say thank you when we are given anything or when anything is done for us, and it is about this form of politeness or manners, the habit of saying "thank you," that I want to talk about to you to-day.

Were you at Church this Sunday, 7th July? It will be a wonderful day for us to remember. We joined with millions of people all over the world in saying thank you to God for the recovery of our King from his very long and very serious illness.

The King himself went to Church at Westminster Abbey, in London, there to give his own personal thanks to God. The Queen, the Prince of Wales, and other members of his family went with him. The Abbey was packed with people all anxious to join with the King in giving thanks to God; outside, the streets and squares were thronged with men, women and children; they couldn't get in to the service, but they were there to see the King drive past, well again, while some of them, nearest to the Abbey, would hear the organ and the beautiful hymns. At the King's request thanksgiving services were held that same day in Churches all over the British Empire, that is why I say we were joining with millions of other people in this great thank you, with people in Great Britain, in Canada, in Egypt, in India, with people all over this great country of ours, in fact, I am sure that on last Sunday wherever there were subjects of our King thanks were given for his renewed health.

It is interesting to think in how many languages these thanks must have been made and what different kinds of people joined in them, some of us with white skins, some of us with dark, some living in cities, some far away in lonely places, all alike giving thanks to God for this great mercy.

This Sunday should teach us a lesson in politeness towards God as well as towards our fellow men. God gives us so much, health, homes, food, treats, all sorts of good things. There is an old saying about "Count your blessings," if we do that we'll all find we have lots to say thank you for. It is certainly a much better and happier plan to count our blessings rather than to count the things we don't like—let us all try it.

Can you tell me where, in our Church Service, these words come: "We... give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men?"

I am, yours affectionately,

Aunt Mat

Answer to question in last issue: We are now in the Church Season of Trinity.

A small award will be given at the end of the year to all who send in a sufficient number of answers.

THY LOVING CARE.

The beautiful bright sunshine that shines on all below,
The waving trees, the cool, soft breeze, the rippling streams that flow,
The shadows on the hillsides, the many-tinted flowers,
O God, how fair Thy loving care has made this earth of ours.

The beautiful affections that gather round our way,
The joys that rise from household ties, and deepen day by day;
The tender love that guards us when-ever danger lowers,
O God, how fair Thy loving care has made this earth of ours.

But brighter is the shining and tender is the love,
And purer still the joy which fill the unseen home above;
The home where all His children shall sing with fuller powers,
O God, how fair Thy loving care has made this earth of ours.

—Exchange.

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The Presbyterians in Sydney are erecting buildings on old Scots Church site costing £176,000, to be finished in 18 months' time.

The work of Rev. G. Gilder, Melbourne Church representative on the Prohibition League of Victoria, has been so successful that the appointment of a second Anglican worker is contemplated.

Thanks to our subscribers who "Pay up," for the small amount of 9/- a year is a contribution to the Protestant work of the Church of England. This is the only Church of England journal which calls itself Protestant.

The Rev. A. Haining, who is 6 feet in height and weighs 15 stone, and has had 30 years' experience among the Aborigines, went unarmed and alone and arrested seven blacks for murder. Muscular Christianity that!

At the annual meeting of the local executive of the Big Brother movement the founder (Mr. Linton, M.L.A.) said to date 1600 Little Brothers had reached Australia, and 98 per cent. of these had made good.

Since the war, in Europe 40,000,000 people have shaken themselves free from foreign control and claimed self-government. Albania, Iraq, Vilna, Ireland, Egypt, are instances of this vast world movement of peoples seeking the right of distinct nationality.

The Metropolitan Federation of the Free Churches invited Sir Oliver Lodge to address them on Spiritualism; Spiritism which dethrones our Lord and the Bible, and is described with such terrible accuracy by St. Paul in 1 Tim. 4: 1.

By building its new social institution for men at Newark, N.J., from money received from the sale of old newspapers, rags, shoes, furniture, clothing, and magazines, the Salvation Army has proven the old maxim, "Waste not, want not."

The Mosul oilfields are likely to prove the largest in the world. A British syndicate, headed by Neijib Bey Asfur, with a capital of £15,000,000 has commenced to develop irrigation, which will soon work wonders, and transform the desert into a fruitful land. Cotton plantations are being successfully conducted.

Mr. Maxwell, M.H.R., said he believed that what Australia wanted to "bring it to its senses" was a period of lean years. "It is almost a cruel thing to say, but it is the truth," he said. "It is only when people feel the pinch that they begin to think. We are beginning to feel the pinch in Australia, and beginning to think."

St. John's, Launceston, parish paper, which often contains very useful remarks, stated that perhaps the result of the English Elections might be in part due to the two million electors pledged to support Liquor Reform instead of "Party." The platform of the new ministry includes a promise to investigate the Liquor Trade operations. Three hundred million English pounds wasted in liquor each year would support some of the one and a half million unemployed if used in legitimate trades.

According to statistics published in New York, the Roman Catholic Church made 360,153 converts in the U.S.A. in 1928. Its membership is now about forty-four per cent. of the total membership of all the Churches in America. The Protestant Episcopal Church has fewer than a million and a quarter adherents.

Search has revealed that Mrs. Eddy appropriated statements taken from the writings of Blair, Ruskin and Amiel as well as Carlyle. Fifteen typical examples of plagiarism have been traced and placed before the Board of Directors of the Mother Church at Boston. Sir Henry Jupp sends an example of three paragraphs taken (with scarcely more than a dozen variations of a word here and there) from one of Blair's sermons. Yet Mrs. Eddy herself declared that "plagiarism... does violence to the ethics of Christian Science."

An appeal is being made on behalf of the ancient and historic church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. The present building, which dates from 1736, has been immortalised by Charles Dickens as "Little Dorrit's Church," but a church has stood upon this site since Saxon times. Unfortunately, traffic vibrations, both under and over-ground, have affected the fabric so seriously that the district surveyor has issued a warning to the Rector that unless the building receives prompt attention, it may become necessary to serve a Statutory Notice.

There is sure to be an exodus of Anglican Bishops from Australia next year to the Lambeth Conference in England. Already several have intimated their intention of going, and are making the necessary arrangements. The first Lambeth Conference was held in 1867, and it has since taken place about once in every 10 years. The last conference, in 1920, was attended by 252 archbishops and bishops. They came from all over the British Empire, as questions of common interest to all are discussed.

"Do you see this piece of iron? It is for the springs of a carriage. I have been 'tempering' it for some time. To do this I heat it red hot, and then plunge it into a tub of ice-cold water. This I do many times. If I find it is taking 'temper,' I heat and hammer it unmercifully. God wants us for service just as I want this piece of iron. And He has to put the 'temper' of Christ in us by testing us with trials. Even since I saw this truth I have been saying to Him, 'Test me in any way you choose, Lord; only don't throw me on the scrap-heap.'"

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Leader.—Religion and Culture.—By Bishop Armstrong. An address delivered at the annual conferring of degrees by the Melbourne College of Divinity.

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No fewer than 4,500,000 of the 11,000,000 Bibles put into circulation last year went to China.

An edict in Yemen forces all Jewish children upon death of their parents to embrace the Moslem faith.

Statistics reveal that the drug habit is decreasing in U.S.A., and increasing elsewhere.

"No illusions," applies to the bride in an Australian church recently who chose for her wedding hymn, "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us, O'er the world's tempestuous sea."

Palestine is no longer of the "unchanging East," but is rapidly becoming modernised.

Approximately 3332 telephones are in use.

In the Island of Crete, Prof. Andreas, the Greek archeologist, has unearthed an ancient Jewish synagogue from the times of Christ and Philo.

The income of the New Zealand Board of Missions for the past financial year was a record one, being £1000 higher than the previous year.

The last message of Bishop Chavasse was: "Hold fast to prayer, honour the Holy Spirit, be faithful to Christ, believe that God reigns."

It is stated that the Bishop of Jamaica uses the aeroplane for visiting the remote parts of his diocese, and that the Bishop of Gibraltar contemplates doing the same.

The Bishop of Tanganyika writes that it has been decided to proceed at once with the preparation of plans for building a Cathedral at Dodoma, the initial cost not to exceed £300.

Another indication of the wide distribution of Australia's wealth is that deposits in State savings banks amount to £168,898,691, and in the Commonwealth Bank £48,017,914—a total of £216,916,605.

Archbishop Mannix, in Melbourne, recently said there should be no room for "sectarianism" in Australia. In the same week he presided at a lecture wherein Luther was vigorously denounced as a reprobate!

So widely distributed is the wealth of Australia that only 35,000 persons pay taxation on incomes of £750 or more a year. The fact, which was mentioned by the Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce) in Sydney, is a complete answer to the Communists.

Observing a call for a copy of the old time "Bugge" Bible, required for exhibition purposes in Ballarat, Victoria, Mr. Fred J. Martell, of that city, promptly responded by producing from his extensive library a copy left him by his father 30 years ago. The "Bugge" Bible dates back to 1531.

Many thanks to those who supplied the missing quotation in last issue. Here is another query, for authorship, of the following:—

"Ecclesiastics, spider-like, on Jesus Christ the Door,
Have spun their cobwebs fine, until They've darkly closed Him o'er."

"This drug consuming habit is a black spot on the fair name of 20th century progress," said Dr. T. M. Dishington in his presidential address at the Homoeopathic Congress, which was opened by Prince George, in London.

Dr. Dishington said that more deadly drugs were taken a head of population than ever before in history.

"The severe earthquake in Palestine (July 11, 1927) was so serious that a scientific authority of the Palestine Government has warned the people that the Mount of Olives is highly dangerous, and no more houses should be built in that locality." The very spot where the cleavage of Zech 14: 4 will take place!

A piece of masonry from York Minster has been dispatched to Australia to be incorporated in the fabric of the new Episcopal Church, Christ Church, now being erected at Bundaberg, Queensland. Pieces of stone from Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral are also to be built into the walls of the church.

It has been announced that Princess Mary's two sons, the Hon. George and the Hon. Gerald Lascelles, have been entered upon the lists at Eton. The Hon. George Lascelles is six years of age, and will go to the school in 1936, his brother, who is five, following him there about a year later. Prior to attending Eton, the boys will go to a preparatory school at Walberton, near Bognor.

Canon John Gamble, D.D., of Bristol Cathedral, who passed away in February, aged 70, left gross estate of the value of £103,885/5/-, with net personalty £100,900/5/11. He left the whole of his property "for the promotion and encouragement of the higher education of women, meaning thereby the education of female students in the subjects or some of the subjects which for the time being and from time to time may compose or form part of the curriculum of undergraduates of any University in the United Kingdom."

Speaking at St. James's Hall recently, the Coadjutor Bishop of Bathurst (Dr. Wylde) made a strong plea for the erection of more country churches. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Fellowship of Faith. Rather than use the so called "union" churches, declared the Bishop, he would prefer to see the Bush Brotherhood utilise a room in a homestead, as had not infrequently happened during recent years. The "union" churches were minus both altar and font. Catholicism was well watered down. "They have done more harm to our faith than anything else in the world," he said.