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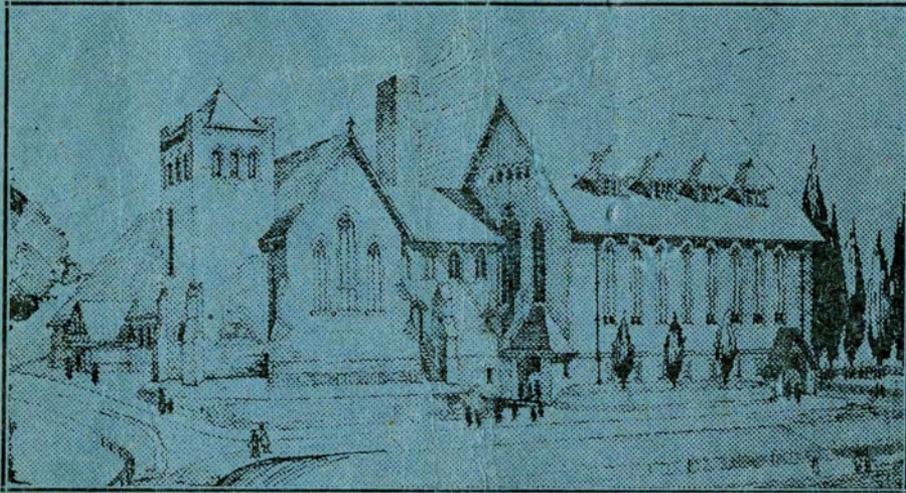


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## Rector's Letter

The Rectory,  
December, 1931.

Dear Brethren:

It is hard to realise that Christmas is near at hand again. The beautiful Fall weather with which we have been favoured does not suggest the near approach of Winter. To pick roses in the garden in the last week in November is not a usual event in our part of Canada, yet that is what happened this year, and very fine roses too. God has mercifully "tempered the wind to the shorn lamb" this year, and in a time when the majority of people have been feeling the pinch of hard times, it has been certainly very gratefully received.

We certainly have in Canada a wonderful climate and an abundance of sunshine. Those of you who visited the Motherland this year came back with a greater appreciation of our glorious sunshine, for it rained almost every day they were in England. One organization in the congregation early in the year gave to each of its members a little yellow bag in which to put a cent each day the sun shined. The results were gratifying and the bags were bursting out with pennies.

In the midst of all our trouble, and despite all our handicaps, there is much for which we ought to be thankful. And our glorious days of sunshine are one of the things for which we should thank God.

We sing in one of our hymns:

"The Moon above the Church below  
A wondrous race they run;  
But all their radiance, all their glow  
Each borrows of its Sun".

Malachi, the last of the Prophets under the old dispensation, testified "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings".

Zacharias, the Father of John the Baptist, was filled with the Holy Ghost and prophesied when the child was presented in the temple, when he was eight days old, in the words of the Benedictus.

"Through the tender mercy of our God:  
Whereby the day spring from on high hath visited us"

Christ proclaimed of Himself "I am the Light of the World". Just as the Sun drives away darkness in the world and cheers and strengthens with its life giving rays, so does our Christian Faith which centres in Christ and comes from Him dis-

pel the darkness of sin and bright light and joy into our lives.

And we are preparing to keep His human birthday on Christmas Day.

The world is trying to rob the Church of the Christ Child. Not that they would accept His teachings or try to live a life in accordance with them, but that they make a profit and have a holiday.

Try and buy a Christmas card with a real Christian message of the meaning of Christmas and you will see what I mean. There are lots of messages of fellowship and good will, but the fact on which that goodwill and fellowship depends—the birth of Jesus Christ and the significance is entirely forgotten. A holiday in which all join but a holy day too, if it is to mean anything to us. "Though Christ in Bethlehem Town

A thousand times be born  
Unless He's born in thee  
Thy heart is all forlorn"

Let us keep the Christ in Christmas and make it a reality.

Let us give our gifts at Christmas, let us remember those not so fortunate as ourselves, and they are many this year, and it is our privilege to be agents for Christ, doing His work, thinking of Others as He did on the Cross when He might have saved Himself. And surely no person with an atom of thankfulness for all the light that Christianity has brought into our lives and into the world would be absent from Church on Christmas Day—His own birthday.

Let us greet Him when He comes to His altar throne on Christmas Day and let us show Him that He is the Light of our lives, and pray to Him to drive out all sin and darkness from among us.

That the real joy of Christmas may be yours is the sincere wish of your friend and rector,

W. L. BAYNES-REED

#### WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Sunday December 20th, will be White Gift Sunday in the Church School. As is the custom the children will bring their gifts of groceries and fruit for the Christmas baskets. Gifts of money will also be welcome. There is need this year for even more than in the past. So if all parents will do their utmost to see that the children are supplied with whatever gifts are possible it will help the Christmas work considerably. This is an opportunity for our Church School scholars to put into practice the teachings of our Lord, and we know that none of them will want to miss it.



#### A.Y.P.A. Notes

The A.Y.P.A. have just finished another very successful month of their 1931-32 season.

The first meeting of the month was a business meeting, and report from the Regina conference by Mr. E. MacBeth.

On Tuesday the 10th of November, having an invitation out, we visited St. Barnabas (Chester) branch. We had an excellent time, and the majority of the crowd there were members of St. John's A.Y. They are returning our visit on Dec. the 1st.

The annual city wide corporate communion at St. Alban's Cathedral was held on Nov. 11th. St. John's branch was well represented there.

Sunday, Nov. 15th, was our annual A.Y.P.A. Sunday. It was most successful all around. Our corporate communion at 8.00 a.m. was well attended, and a most happy gathering afterwards for breakfast, listened to our own Rev. H. Clark, who spoke to us on St. Cyprian's life. In the afternoon the Bible Class open service had an attendance of 137 despite the poor weather. The evening service at 7.00 p.m. was in charge of the young people and the Rev. Lindon Smith's sermon was enjoyed by all. After the service a short program was given in the Parish House. Visitors were welcomed and refreshments were served.

The following week was given over to the branch for its fall dramatic presentation. We are very happy to announce that it was a great success. Our attendance went over the top of the last two plays. The play "APPLESAUCE" was most excellently portrayed to by an experienced cast (with one exception), who are well known to you. They deserve a lot of credit, and also all others of the branch who worked so hard to make the play the success it was. The A.Y.P.A. wish to take this opportunity to thank all those outside our branch, who helped to make our week so successful. The cast and directors also wish to thank all for the comments and compliments that they have received.

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On the 24th of Nov. we had a most interesting evening. A quiet devotional evening enjoyed by a large gathering. Assisting artists in the program were, Mrs. R. Murray, Mr. and Master Mould, and our old stand-by Mr. Stan MacBeth. The special number for the evening was Rev. Mr. Channon, assistant minister of The Church of The Redeemer. Mr. Channon kept us all very interested in his most up-to-date topic, Amos 'n Andy. His Amos 'n Andy were taken from the Bible. He compared Amos of the old testament, with Andrew of the new testament. We all enjoyed his address, as did our visitors from Caledon East Branch.

On the 27th and the 28th the A.Y. did their stuff at the bazaar. Some of the boys yelled themselves hoarse in the midway, but everybody seemed to enjoy doing their little bit. The report as yet hasn't been announced.

Dec. the 1st we all expect to have a good time at our social, a hard time party called Prosperity Night.

#### W.A. REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

On Nov. 3rd a tea for the "Little Helpers" was held in the Parish Hall, and ably supervised by Mrs. Allen, who (after the resignation of Mrs. Gascoigne) has taken over the work of this branch of the W.A. About 250 invitations were sent out and a large number of babies with their mothers attended in the afternoon, and were served dainty refreshments. Mrs. Allen and her assistants were busy all afternoon, as games were played with the children, and all had a happy time. We feel very grateful to Mrs. Allen for all her efforts on behalf of the Little Helpers, and we wish to congratulate her on the success of the party, for 12 new babies were enrolled, and each mother was invited to join the Mothers' Union for we feel that every mother in the parish should be a member of this society. The Little Helpers Branch is quite the youngest branch of the W.A. and was formed for the purpose of bringing in the smallest children who are taught (when each week they drop their pennies in the mission box provided for them) to say a prayer for the missionaries and to give, even though in a small way to this big work. It was quite interesting on this special afternoon to watch these wee mites come with their offering, and drop it in the basket by the door, and to carry out their small prayer in a practical way. "God bless all the missionaries all over the world and all their little helpers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

On Wednesday last two bales were packed one for Little Pines Reserve, Sask., and one for the Sioux Mission, Man., and it is really wonderful just how many useful articles are brought in by our members, to be sent away to give comfort

and Christmas cheer to others. After packing these bales the members attended the Litany service, held by the Canon in the church at 4 p.m. This being one of the services for the special day of prayer.

The W.A. shower for the Miscellaneous Booth at the Bazaar held at the home of Mrs. Taylor, 49 Southwood Drive, on the 19th, was a great success, and we wish to thank Mrs. Taylor for lending her pretty home. A busy afternoon was spent by the hostess and her assistants, making the guests happy, and we appreciate fully all that Mrs. Taylor has done to make the shower such a success. Over 60 parcels were received and \$8.00 in money, so our W.A. Booth, under the convesnship of Mrs. Turff was, as usual, a real success.

The Business Meeting for Nov. was well attended, and we were fortunate in having Miss Kingston, Diocesan Social Service Secretary, speak to us on the League of Nations.

Our juniors are coming to the fore, under the direction of Mrs. Cartledge, assisted by Miss Dickson. Last Friday they gave a Tea and an Exhibition of their work for the Christmas bales, dolls nicely dressed by the little ones, and post cards decorated for hanging on the wall were a credit to them, and a beautiful quilt embroidered by the children and finished up by Mrs. Jose, the former President, will make a nice warm covering for some small child. A collection of games, books, beads and pictures, etc., completed the list of Christmas gifts to be sent to missionaries, and all this work done by the Junior members will give them confidence to do more still for the work of the Master.

We close by sending our best wishes to one and all for a Peaceful and Happy Christmas, and hoping to meet again after the New Year, refreshed and ready for more work.

It will take all our efforts this year to make both our Missionary Allotments and General Funds come out on the right side, so we are asked to make extra efforts through the offertory this month.

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## PARISH ASSOCIATION

During the month of November the Parish Association held two meetings, four showers, two teas, and four card parties. The various conveners and hostesses take this means of thanking all who attended and donated to these functions.

## Bazaar Report for 1931

"Ye Olde English Garden"  
Mrs. E. Pimm, Head Convener

A.Y.P.A.—	
"Aprons" (Miss R. Bevens)	\$25.30
"Dancing and Midway" (Mr. W. Myles)	30.00
Men's Club—	
"Ice Cream and Soft Drinks" (Mr. Hunt)	61.30
Ecclesia Bible Class—	
"Towels" (Miss Helen Punchard)	64.50
W.A.—	
"Miscellaneous" (Mrs. T. Turff)	125.52
Evening Branch, W.A., Cheque	55.35
Mothers' Society Cheque	50.00
Parish Association—	
"Candy" (Mrs. Dengate)	78.40
"Fancy Work" (Mrs. Stratton)	173.70
"Fish Pond" (Mrs. Brickenden)	85.71
"Home Cooking" (Mrs. Liddiard)	\$117.05
"Dolls" (Mrs. Taylor)	74.61
"China and Glass" (Mrs. Pentecost)	132.20
"Fortune Telling" (Mrs. Hancock)	76.60
"Christmas Decorations" (Mrs. Wood)	66.10
"Groceries" (Mrs. David)	68.05
"Toilet Accessories" (Mrs. Robertson)	147.11
"Tea Room" (Mrs. Bamford)	60.00
"Check Room" (Mrs. Burr)	5.15
"Raffle from Ham" (Mr. Dunham)	15.50
Money taken at the door	52.04

TOTAL \$1,547.14

The Officers and Members of the Parish Association extend to the various organizations of our church our grateful appreciation of their help and co-operation which means much to us towards bringing this our Annual Bazaar to such a successful close. The Bazaar was officially opened on Friday afternoon at four o'clock, by the Hon. George S. Henry, Premier of Ontario, Mrs. Henry accompanying him. The latter was presented with an old fashioned nosegay by dainty Miss Joan Williams, young daughter of one of our P.A. members. Joan looking delightfully charming in her early Victorian costume of pale green silk and lace with matching shoes and poke bonnet.

A delightful presentation took place on Saturday evening, when Mrs. R. Conner, President and Mrs. E. Pimm, Head Convener were presented with bouquets of mauve and yellow "Mums".

Canon Baynes-Reed expressing gratitude to these ladies on behalf of the Association, little Joan Williams again making this presentation.

The Bazaar was a success both socially and financially, great credit is due Mrs. Pimm, Convener, for her untiring effort in helping make the Bazaar such a success. Mrs. Conner extends to her and to the various conveners her sincere thanks for the excellent and harmonious way in which all helped to make it such. May we take this opportunity of extending to our Rector, Canon W. L. Baynes-Reed, the Church Wardens, the kindred organizations of our church, our most sincere wish for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

(Mrs.) W. A. Huxtable,  
Secretary.

## MOTHERS' SOCIETY

The meetings in November, held every Thursday afternoon, were very well attended. Miss Shotter was with us each week, and continuing her addresses on the Psalms said certain ones should be a great help to us, the 27th Psalm, look to the Lord for Salvation, and the 32nd Psalm, through our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

On Nov. 19th we had the great privilege of having our old and esteemed friend Miss Connell speak to us, on the text "I am" and what wonderful things are offered us through our Lord.

The mothers made a donation of \$50.00 to the Bazaar.

Mrs. Underhill held a successful euchre in the Parish Hall on November 13th when the sum of \$17.35 was realized.

We all spent an enjoyable evening on the 23rd when a "Fancy Dress" party was held. The costumes were very good, the first prize winner being a Squaw, and the second Aunt Jemima, several games were played and prizes given. After singing old songs, and refreshments, Miss Shotter sang her favourite song and we all joined in singing Auld Lang Syne.

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

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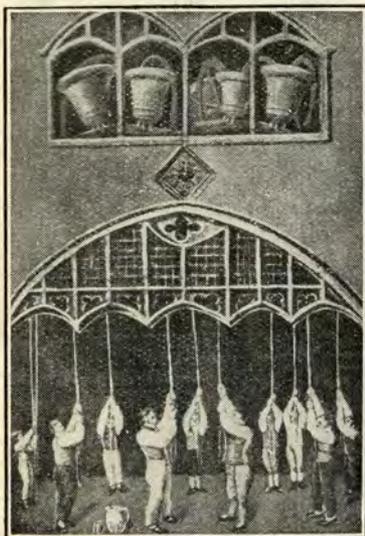


## People who count in Parish Work.

### XII. THE BELL-RINGERS.

By Ernest Morris, Ringing Master, S. Margaret's, Leicester; Author of *The History and Art of Change-Ringing*.

[Besides writing specially for THE SIGN this interesting article on a subject on which he is an acknowledged authority Mr. Morris has very kindly allowed us to append to it the "Hints to Ringers" from his book, *The History and Art of Change-Ringing*.—ED. SIGN.]



KENDAL RINGERS OF 1828.

through the ages to the present time. These all show the great enthusiasm, patience, and perseverance of our bell-ringers in the study and exercise of their art.

There have long been societies of ringers, but during the last century many guilds and associations have been formed, whose efforts for the betterment of conditions of the belfries in our churches, as well as for raising the status of the ringers themselves, have met with gratifying success. In the belfry there now mingle together "all sorts and conditions of men," and women too, all imbued with one common object, the furtherance of their art to the glory of God.

The objects of these Ringers' Guilds are: (1) The observance of good behaviour in our belfries, it being remembered that they are part of the consecrated church, while the bells and ringers are intended to play their part to the glory of God equally with the choir and organ. (2) To cultivate the art of change-ringing. (3) To obtain full recognition of the ringers' office as

essentially a branch of Church work. (4) To form, by frequent meetings with other ringers, a means of fellowship and social intercourse.

It should be the aim of the clergy to take a lively and intelligent interest in their ringers' art by personal visits to the belfry, and where this is done the objects above mentioned are all the more readily attained.

Bell-ringing forms an excellent means of getting young people of both sexes interested in Church work. It is an art that necessarily means team work, a full company being essential. It is splendid exercise for the body, ranking high among acknowledged physical benefits. The brain too has its work to do, for concentration, quickness of the ear and eye, are all factors that go to make competent bell-ringers. It needs constant practice, perseverance, and patience. It also promotes social intercourse, for there is always the attraction of visiting other churches to try their bells and to meet other ringers in friendly peals. A spirit of fellowship prevails throughout all bell-ringing companies and a visiting ringer is welcomed wherever he goes.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
(Ringing at S. Paul's Cathedral, London.)

thousand ringers in England connected with various associations and guilds, as well as several thousand independent ringers. The ladies have a guild of their own of several hundreds of members.



KING DAVID PLAYING ON HANDBELLS.  
(From a Mediaeval MS.)

Handbells, too, can be brought into use, either as an adjunct to the tower bell methods, or by a separate company for tune-playing, and these form a ready means of raising funds for charitable objects, as handbell selections are always appreciated at concerts and social gatherings.

#### HINTS TO RINGERS.

1. Don't forget that as a ringer or chimer you are a Church official, and that any misconduct of yours brings discredit upon the entire band of ringers, and upon the church to which you belong.

2. Never fail to be punctual at practice, and on all other occasions; your absence may waste the time of seven or eight others, and cause a great deal of unnecessary friction and irritation.



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3. Remember the old motto of "ears open, eyes wide, feet steady, and tongues tied," for one careless man may spoil a peal, and cause "jarring and clashing," that annoys those who reside near the church, and often robs ringers of the help and sympathy they might otherwise get.

4. All good ringers should support the vicar and churchwardens in parish work generally, and thus become Church workers in the true sense of the word.

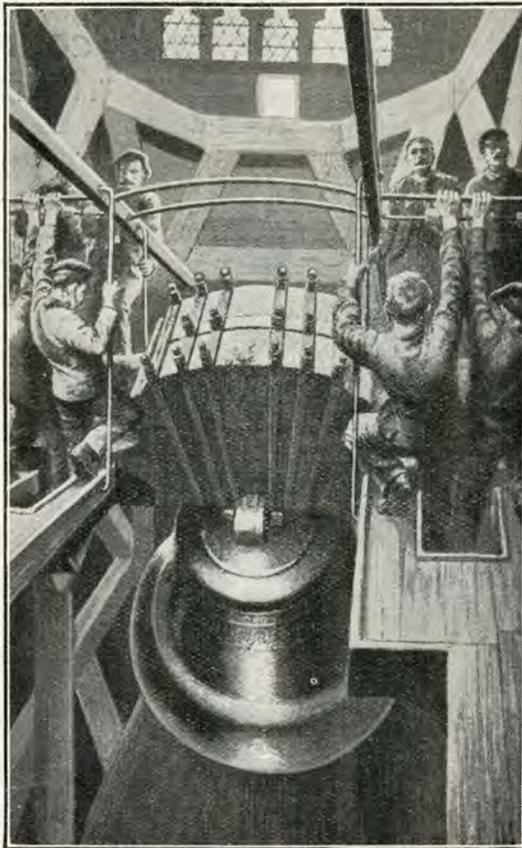
5. When ringing or chiming, bear in mind that the townspeople outside are the audience. They may not know whether you are ringing Doubles, Minor, Triples, or Major, but they do know when the bells sound in harmony and please the ear. A short touch well rung is far better than a long peal scrambled through with bells half down, clashing and firing. You may tell them when you come out that you have been ringing this, that, and the other, but their own private opinion will be that you have been "kicking up a fine row." Careless

ringers and bad ringing are the cause of most of the unkind things said about church bells and those who manipulate them.

6. Have a regular time for practice, for business people living near the church can then arrange their work accordingly.

7. If it is the custom of your church to chime the bells for service, do it as well as you can, varying the music by introducing as many "chimes" or "set changes" as possible. The sometimes despised chiming is capable of bringing much enjoyment to the ringers, and a vast amount of pleasure to the public, who generally prefer the "quiet sweet chime" to the louder ringing as a call to divine service.

8. If you are a competent change-ringer, and in the habit of visiting neighbouring towers, where, maybe,



RINGING THE BOURDON BELL, NOTRE DAME, PARIS.

the science is little known, don't let fall insulting remarks about "Tombstone Surprise," "Churchyard Bob," etc., etc., but let the local ringers judge for themselves which is the best music. If you and your band give a good piece of change-ringing, with regular striking, it will be a far better argument in favour of "science" than those often employed. Bear in mind that although the much-abused round ringer has a lot to learn from the man of science, yet the latter may often take a lesson or two from the former with regard to regular striking and a good "raise" or "fall."

# Glory Everlasting.

By the Right Rev. B. O. F. Heywood,  
Bishop of Hull.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

READERS may be reminded that, in the "Prayer Book as proposed in 1928," the *Te Deum*, in the "Alternative Order for Morning Prayer," is printed in sections; and that the section which begins with the words, "Thou art the King of Glory, O CHRIST," ends with the words which appear at the head of this article.

The section forms, in fact, a hymn to CHRIST the King of Glory.

In the closing verse, with which alone this article is concerned, the word "numbered" is a translation of the Latin word *numerari*; but it is probable that the word should be *munerari*, which might be translated "rewarded." The correction hardly affects the sense of the verse, which forms a prayer that we may share with all the saints—all faithful Christians—the everlasting glory.

1. Is it legitimate to hope for heaven? or rather, is it legitimate to admit the hope of heaven as a motive of a godly, righteous, and sober life? On the authority of the Bible this question must receive an affirmative answer, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

It is not as if some one should offer us five pounds to be good, the reward having no relation to the struggle. It is rather as if one were to say, "Seek good things and Him from Whom they come, and you shall find." The glory is the issue of the struggle. We may have been too ready to look upon man's final estate as either the reward of virtue or the penalty of vice, as if the virtuous man won a prize and the vicious man received a sentence. It is rather that (as Bishop Butler said) "Things are what they are and their consequences will be what they will be." And if it be thought too much to say that man has—

"No hell but what he makes, no heaven too high,  
For those to reach whose passions sleep subdued,"

we can at least believe that when, in this life, any one has chosen GOD and all good things, he will find, in the life beyond, that his choice has had eternal consequences.

It is hardly possible to be indifferent to the results of our actions; nor should such indifference, if it were possible, be reckoned an additional virtue. Moreover, it is clear that our LORD meant us to be mindful of the future: "In My FATHER'S house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you."

2. But what is this glory everlasting for which we hope? "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard." But we are helped to form some conception of it by the characteristically Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the body. However this doctrine be explained, it must mean that as our LORD rose from the dead with a spiritual body, so shall we hereafter have such spiritual bodies. But a body means eyes, and therefore things to be seen; ears, and therefore things to be heard.

And we are surely not wrong when we conceive of heaven in terms of earthly life at its highest and best. At least we can hardly form any other conception of the future life, and even if our ideas must inevitably be inadequate they need not therefore be false.

A former master at Harrow, John Smith by name, once told a Harrow boy that the first thing he hoped to do when he went to heaven would be to go to Switzerland. Beauty, of every form and kind, is part of the heritage of the redeemed. But among the foremost joys of heaven must be our renewed and perfected fellowship with each other. "Make them to be numbered with Thy saints." The "saints" include, of course, those upon whom the title of saint has been bestowed; and few can be insensible to the thrill of the hope of meeting S. Peter, S. John, S. Paul, and many more; but the word may be taken, as in the New Testament, to signify all faithful Christian people, the whole family of God; and hardly anything can

be more precious than the hope of reunion in a perfect life with those whom we have most loved on earth.

The season of Christmas is at hand; and while, for some people, this offers the delightful prospect of family gatherings on Christmas Day, for others the joy of Christmas is tempered by the fact that such gatherings are no longer possible. But, for both groups, keen happiness may be afforded in the hope of a reunion unclouded by any fear of separation.<sup>1</sup>

## WORSHIP.

*Te Deum Laudamus.*

BARELY the strains of earth-sent worship rise  
Beyond the sky,  
Man whispers forth his scanty praise to God,  
Enthroned on high.

Louder the harmonies of Paradise  
Fall on GOD'S ear,  
The saints, GOD'S choristers, their anthems raise  
Nor hindrance fear.

Out-pealing all, the songs of angels thrill  
In ceaseless sound,  
The denizens of heaven outpour  
Their love profound.

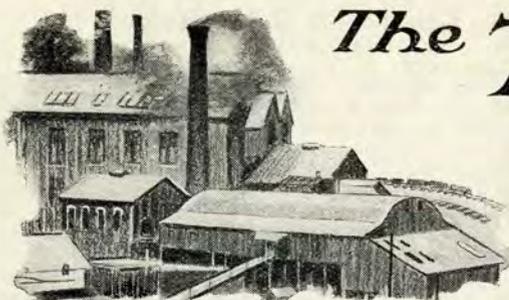
*Archer G. H. Gurney.*

3. This verse of the *Te Deum* is a prayer, and prayer to GOD always carries an implied obligation so to act as to further the fulfilment of the prayer. If we pray that we may share the everlasting glory, we are bound to prepare ourselves for that high estate; and the clue is suggested in S. Paul's words, "CHRIST in you, the hope of glory." This phrase, implying as it does much in the way of Imitation of CHRIST, seems to point directly to the life of sacramental union with our LORD. "The time draws near the birth of CHRIST." Christmas Communion is at hand, and though no particular act of communion differs in any way from other such acts, yet the circumstances of Christmas should greatly help us to a "good communion" on that glorious festival. Most beautifully the Nativity is re-enacted for us, if on Christmas morning the church is seen as a stable, and the altar as a manger to which He comes; and if, as we approach to receive the Sacred Symbols, our prayer may be—

"O be Thou born within our hearts  
Most Holy Child divine."

Then, if our friends are with us, or if (though far away) they are known to be sharing the Feast, we have indeed perfect fellowship, divine and human, a foretaste of what may be in our minds when we pray to be numbered with His saints in glory everlasting.

<sup>1</sup> If no reference is here made to that vision of God which must be the supreme glory of the life to come, that is only because the scope of this article is limited.



# The Trackless Forest

By J. Aiton Cowdroy

*In the Trackless Forest which lay about the Palace were Sharp Thorns, and many Adders lurked there.*—THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

## CHAPTER XXIII.

### THE WIFE.



ICK !”

“ My Madge ! At last !”

But after that one cry of recognition Margaret's thoughts sprang, panic-stricken, towards her children. Had her husband, standing bare-headed in the doorway, his hair sparkling with raindrops as if he had raced uncovered through the streets, come to break the news of some terrible disaster ?

“ Dick ! Have you seen the children ? I have lost them.”

He read the fear in her strained eyes, and gripped her hands.

“ Yes, yes, my dear. The children are perfectly safe. They are at the Town Hall, watching a play that is on there. They persuaded the policeman somehow to let them in. I imagined, of course, when they marched in, that you were with them. I took them into the dressing-room to question them at once, and then discovered that they had run out by themselves to see the sights. Fortunately the boy remembered your address. So I tore here at once, guessing how frightened you would be.”

“ But how did they get in ? And surely you brought them with you ? You didn't leave them there by themselves ?” she cried, horrified.

“ They are really quite safe, dear. In fact they are perched in the front seats among the best people of Walmsleigh. You see, it happened that an old school-fellow of mine turned up at this show with his sister, the wife of a local doctor. I had not seen him for years—Bob Brandon, Sir Robert Brandon. I'd cut him short when he first spotted me, but he seemed cheered to see me again, and followed me to the dressing-room when I was questioning the children. I explained the situation to him, and the boy begged so hard to stay, that Bob undertook to look after them till I came back. He took them back to his own seat. And the last I saw of them, the whole three looked as merry as grigs : Lily on Bob's knee, the lad at his feet, and old Bob himself beaming with simple joy on them both, pleased as Punch.”

He chuckled at the remembrance. Then suddenly a wave of gravity swept the fun from his face. In that instantaneous change Margaret realized the fundamental difference between this man with steadfast eyes and firmly set lips, and the erratic, over-wrought husband who had left her in a moment's mad impulse three months before.

He looked older, stronger altogether ; there were lines of self-discipline about the sensitive mouth which had not been there before. But the chief difference was in his eyes. They had lost their passionate, bitter

expression. They were the eyes of a man who had recaptured his dreams, but not idle, wasteful dreams. Dreams which found their right outcome in performance.

“ Madge !”

His arms that had held her close released their hold. He stood before her grave and quiet, while his glance searched her face.

“ Madge ! I really left the children there because I had to see you alone.”

She made a movement as if to speak, to break the spell of silence that had fallen on her tongue, but could not.

“ Madge ! I am utterly ashamed of the way I treated you. But if what you said in that letter was true—that love covers all hurt—can you possibly love me enough to forgive what I did ? I don't deserve it, but—will you let me—try—to win back your love ?”

With a burst of tears she flung herself into his arms. Poverty, wounded pride, all the sorrow of these months forgotten, the very children wiped from her remembrance, since Dick was hers again. The eager lover who had won her girl's heart years ago, yet no longer a weak boy to be soothed and upheld, but the man he was meant to be, whose love was all her own.

How long they stood clasped in each other's arms they never knew. For the heart's deepest emotions have a time register of their own which has little sympathy with the clock.

Presently, however, they found themselves on Mrs. Pobbles's horse-hair sofa, eagerly exchanging news. Margaret explained briefly why they had come to-day to Walmsleigh, and with amazement learned of his employment in Neville's factory, and his great secret of his design, and the Award.

“ Dick ! Do you mean that if your design wins this prize you will actually be taken into the studios ?” she exclaimed, with shining glance.

“ Yes. That is the tremendous point. Though I don't say that twenty-five pounds would not come in very useful too, considering the state of our finances, darling,” he added with a grin. “ But, dearest, we must not count on it. All I am certain of is that it is the jolliest thing I have ever done, and somehow I feel certain that I can go on turning out work as good and better, given the chance. But even if Neville's turns it down I'll offer it to Mathers of Tottenham, and to every blessed factory in the kingdom, if it comes to that, till I get a job as designer somewhere. I am not going to admit defeat this time, Madge. I have made certain at last of the real work for which I was intended, and I don't propose to turn my back on it a second time. What on earth's the matter, sweetheart ?”

Her glance had fallen in utter consternation on the clock.

“ Dick, those children ! Look at the time.”

“ By George, yes. We must run. But it is only just

round the corner. The policeman who passed the young monkeys in will tell us if they are still in the hall."

"What, sir, them two young sparks?" said the good-natured policeman when they reached the entrance, and Dick hurriedly questioned him. "Rather, sir! They're safe enough inside. No one has come out yet. But that little gentleman will generally get what he wants out of life, don't you fear. A chap told me a minute ago they are right up in front among the nibs."

Dick laughed, and they both slipped inside just in time to witness the final dance of fairies and sprites round the triumphant Prince and Princess.

"Dick," whispered Margaret, "what an exquisite girl. Is that Poppy?"

"Yes. How did you know? The Prince, Jack Long, the fellow I told you about, simply worships the ground she walks on. And I hope the little goose has at last discovered that she's as much in love with him as he is with her. They both look pretty radiant, don't they?"

"I heard some one mention her name in the bus."

She smiled in pure amusement at the remembrance. "I must tell you some time. You will laugh. There is the curtain coming down. Go and fetch those naughty babies, Dick. They must come home to bed."

"But surely, now you're here, you'll wait for the Award, Madge? But if I,—I mean, you won't feel disappointed if—"

"Dick, I feel as if disappointment could never touch me again."

Their eyes met in a look of complete understanding, then he went up the gangway and swiftly seized his children from his beaming friend.

"Thanks awfully, Bob, for looking after them," he whispered.

"Pleasure, old sport. Topping pair of kids. I've fallen in love with your daughter. I'll tool round tomorrow to call on Mrs. Dick if she can bear it. Mustn't lose sight of each other again, after this."

The curtain came down on the third call, and the audience began to move. Dick found himself close to the door of the ladies' dressing-room surrounded by a surge of brilliantly clad performers who flocked out to join their friends in the hall. Above the heads of the throng he caught sight of Geoffrey Mostyn struggling towards him, amazement at sight of the children and Dick writ large on his countenance.

At that moment Mr. Neville came before the curtain and began to speak.

"Before I invite my celebrated friend, Sir John Poole, to present the Neville Award to the winning competitor, whose name he will announce, I must say a few words about this delightful performance." Dick lost some sentences, "but there are five whom I wish to congratulate most specially. Our gracious young Queen, the Sleeping Beauty herself, her fortunate Prince, the graceful Fairy Godmother, and the Bad Fairy whose last, unearthly shriek still rings in my ears."

Beneath the cheers and laughter which interrupted

the speech at this sally Dick caught a very real shriek from the room behind him. He stooped quickly to whisper a word to Dennis.

"Dennis, there is Uncle Geoff. Keep Lily here, and don't move, till he comes." The boy nodded, and sure of his obedience Dick opened the door and slipped inside.

Only three persons were in the place, Mrs. Walters, whose terrified cry he had heard, clasping Molly in a singed and blackened muslin frock, tight in her arms, and Maud Neville, up whose pretty georgette frock flames were running.

"Maud! Maud! Your dress has caught fire now."

Almost before the girl had realized her peril, Dick had sprung across, roughly twisted up the folds of material, and squeezed out the flames between his bare hands. The danger was all over in a second, and Maud drew a long, sobbing breath of relief.

"All safe, Miss Neville," Dick exclaimed reassuringly. "No damage done except to your frock. That is irreparably ruined, I fear."

He saw that she was chalk-white, and trembling violently, for all her plucky bearing, and he pressed her gently into a chair.

"Oh, that was awful. Molly, what a fright you gave us." She tried to laugh with lips that still quivered. "Mildred, are you sure she is all right?"

"Are you? That is much more to the point." Mrs. Walters had recovered her briskness as the danger vanished, though her face was ashen.

"How magnificently quick you were." She turned admiringly to Dick. "I shudder to think what might have happened if you

had not dashed to the rescue like that."

"Oh, indeed I am grateful," Maud whispered.

"I was close to the door and heard Mrs. Walters scream," he explained hastily. "Let me put your cloak round you." He wrapped the soft fur wrap about her shoulders, anxious to divert her mind both from the shock she had sustained and from any attempt at thanks. "Your pretty frock is ruined; what a pity."

"My plitty flock is wuined too," announced Molly, complacently, from her mother's arms.

"And you deserve that it should be, you bad child," hugging her closer still.

"Will you believe it, while Maud and I were talking this naughty infant struck a match and her frock blazed up. And we had scarcely put out the flames when there was Maud on fire too, till you flew in and crushed it out. Maud, do you know your rescuer? Mr. Richard Dean, a school-friend of Bob's."

But Dick laughed at Mrs. Walters's kindly attempt to exalt his social position.

"My name is Dean," he admitted with his frank smile. "But I am simply Smithson's assistant at the factory, Miss Neville. Do you feel quite yourself again now? All's well that ends well," he added cheerfully. She took his hand with a very grateful smile, then uttered a horrified cry.



"Almost before the girl had realized her peril, Dick had sprung across."

"Mr. Dean! Your poor hand! It is dreadfully scorched."  
 "Nonsense." He slipped it into his pocket hastily.  
 "It is nothing."

## CHAPTER XXIV

## THE PRIZE.



R. Walters took a different view of the burns when he gave them a cursory glance on hastening into the dressing-room at that moment. But he hurried them out into the hall.

"I'll tie it up later," he said.  
 "But Dean, you are wanted. Long asked me to fetch you out."

The scene in the hall had changed.

Most of the general audience had melted out into the night, and only a small group of officials and interested spectators were gathered in front of the platform, on which an elderly, white-haired man, the famous Royal Academician, Sir John Poole, was now holding forth.

Dick's heart began to beat with thick, uncertain strokes as he realized that the moment to which he had looked forward for weeks, which he had been alternately dreading and longing for the whole evening, was on him at last. He stood, white-faced, between Dr. Walters and Maud Neville by the piano, but his eyes searched anxiously for Margaret. Ah, there she was, serene and beautiful in her quiet dark clothes, between Geoff on the one side and Bob Brandon, with Lily sleeping in his arms, on the other, and Dennis clasping her hand. Two other figures hovered close by, Poppy and her Prince.

Sir John's voice came vaguely to his ears.

He heard praise of "Neville's Wall-paper Factory, the true modern representative of the world-famous house of Morris."

The speaker had chosen to give his audience a brief but graphic history of decorative art in England, but at last he was coming to the point. "The Neville Award carries with it the inestimable privilege of association in the great work which Neville's Factory has carried out with conspicuous success for many years. Twenty designs in all have been submitted to the judges' consideration, but of these one alone, in its imaginative power, delicate execution, artistic merit, and, last but not least, its perfect suitability for the commercial purpose for which it is designed, is worthy to gain the dual prize.

"I have pleasure in announcing the name of the winner of the Neville Award." He paused dramatically—"Mr. Richard Dean!"

There was a dead silence. Mr. Neville flung a sharp glance at Mr. Winter, who raised his eyebrows and smiled.

Sir John Poole waited, then waved the slip of paper in his hand with a touch of impatience in his manner.

"Will Mr. Dean, if he be present, kindly come forward to receive the, er—eh—monetary Award?"

Jack Long leapt across to Dick and madly shook his arm.

"Wake up, you ass! You've got it!"

Maud Neville, glancing at the tense face of her late rescuer, on whom most eyes were now fastened, grasped the reins of the situation. She laid her hand lightly on his arm, and led him to the platform.

"Sir John, may I present the prize-winner to you, Mr. Richard Dean."

Sir John stooped graciously and handed the cheque to Dick.

"Let me congratulate you, Mr. Dean, on a really original and beautiful piece of work," he said cordially, and Dick, flushing with pleasure, tried to stammer his thanks.

There were a few necessary formalities to go through, and then the meeting broke up in a chorus of congratulations, and hand-shakings from the chief officials of the factory. Mr. Winter chuckled as he murmured congratulations.

"Smithson will grudge you to the studios, eh, Dean? Still if you carry on as successfully as designer as you have as under-reporter we shall all have reason to congratulate ourselves as well as you."

Maud meantime had been pouring the history of her rescue into her father's ears, and his few heartfelt, incoherent words of thanks were perhaps the clearest memory which Dick brought away from that evening.

He was making his way at last towards his own special group when, to his unmitigated amazement, he beheld

Mrs. Tupper, with outstretched hand, barring his path.

"Splendid, Mr. Dean! Splendid!" her voice boomed through the hall. "Dear Sir Robert Brandon has just presented me to your wife. Such a triumph for you both. You and Sir Robert must come and see me at the first opportunity. My daughter and Mrs. Dean will be splendid friends for each other. So attractive. And dear Sir Robert. Splendid! Splendid!" She sailed away on a tide of benedictions.

"Jack! Mrs. Tupper! Am I dreaming?" he whispered feverishly. "O Jack, my dear chap, I owe all this to you, and I've robbed you of the prize."

"If you've bagged one prize, you've given me a better, old man. Poppy told me how you got her out of that scrape with that scoundrel. If only the poor little darling had come to me. But there was I behaving like a thick-headed jackass. And never discovering what an egoistical, idiotic, blind donkey I was till you gave me the straight tip."

"Is it all right between you now?" Dick inquired.

Jack's merry blue eyes shone with happiness as they gazed tenderly on the red-gold curls of his Princess still in her flowing dress of white and gold, who was talking earnestly to Margaret.

"Yes. We settled it up while they were doing the Christening scene. And upon my word, Dick, when I had to go on the stage and draw the curtain on my



"Wake up, you ass!  
 You've got it!"

Sleeping Beauty, I found I'd clean forgotten every scrap of my part except the kiss! Fortunately," he added, with a broad grin, "the marvellous child kept her head and prompted madly in a brisk whisper, till I came to again. Dick, old man, when I discovered that that lady was your wife, I couldn't refrain from taking Poppy up, and telling her what a great pal you had been to us both. But you must be dying for a word with her yourself by this time. I'll cart the child off now."

Poppy turned shining eyes to Dick as they came up. "Mr. Dean, has Jack told you? I am so happy. And your wife is the loveliest person I have ever seen. She says I can be her friend too. I hope you are going to be as happy as Jack and I are."

He laughed, but the glance he gave his wife was sufficient answer. Dr. Walters's genial voice interrupted.

"Dean, Mildred is going to take your family home in the car, and you'd better come to my surgery to get that hand looked to. I've got a small lock-up place in the High Street. And I advise you to keep a sharp eye on your daughter, Mrs. Dean. For Bob threatens to carry off his small Sleeping Beauty. Come along, we'll all pile into the car somehow." He went off to bring round his car. And Margaret spoke.

"Where is Geoffrey, Dick? I suddenly missed him."  
"He slipped away to take Miss Neville home. She felt faint, and no wonder, after that shock. But she wouldn't go till she had smoothed things out for me."

"She spoke so charmingly to me. And Mr. Neville, and that tall man, Mr. Winter, too. O Dickie, hasn't it been a wonderful evening?"

"The most wonderful part in it all to me has been you, Madge." His tone was very low, trembling with feeling. "This marks a new beginning for us both, dearest. Whatever happens I'll try never to fail you again."

"Dick, you have not failed. You have won. Oh, my dear, I feel so proud of you."

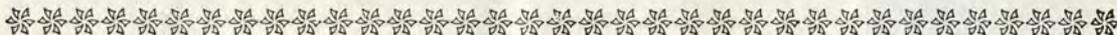
"Wait till you see my design, our design, rolling out from Harper's machine, dear heart. I am to begin work in the studios on Monday. At a salary of three hundred to begin with. But Mr. Jameson plainly told me that I should have his post as Art Director when he retires in June. I can't tell you how kind and cordial he was about my work. Dennis, my son," he caught the child's hand as he came running up, and kissed the eager little face, "I've kept my promise, you see. I've got through the Trackless Forest, and the Thorns, and now Mummie must find us the Shining Palace that we're to live in."

"And will Mummie and me and Lily and you live in it, happy ever after?"

But it was his mother who answered, "So happy, my dear. Ever after."

"Come along, Dean, Mrs. Dean," came an impatient shout from the porch. "The world is waiting for you."

THE END.



WHEN THE LANDSCAPE IS ROBED IN A GARMENT OF SNOW.

[Photo, Chas. Reid.]

## Our Churches Overseas. VI. THE DIOCESE OF NORTH-WEST AUSTRALIA.

By B. M. Harcourt.



HE Diocese of North-West Australia was founded in 1909 "for supplying the spiritual needs of the whole of the North-West of Australia." This is the bare statement given on the cover of the Diocesan Association Paper. "The whole"—what does that imply? On looking at a map of the

West, the Diocese of the North-West seems disproportionately large, and recently it has been so altered as to include Geraldton and Greenough, which were formerly in the Archdiocese of Perth. It has a coastline of 2,170 miles, and it stretches westward to the border of South Australia, with an area about ten times the size of England and Wales. About half of it is north of the tropic of Capricorn, where it can be, and often is, very hot indeed in summer.

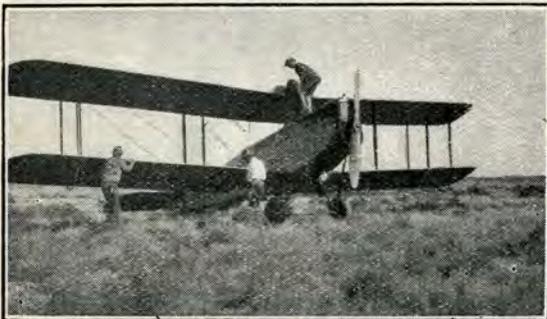


THE RIGHT REV. J. FREWER  
(The present Bishop).

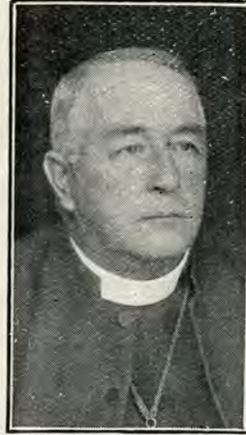
The activities in this enormous region are, of course, very varied. The pearling industry at Broome is, normally, in a flourishing condition, and the magnificent pearls found there are well known all over the civilized world. Just at the present time, though, the output is smaller owing to "trade depression."

In the north cattle are raised, copper is found, and cotton is grown; and, further south, there are gold-mines, and a large artesian water-basin, round about which sheep are reared for their wool. These different occupations attract people from all over the world, and side by side with the Aborigines there are British and Chinese. All this sounds rather romantic, but this the country, most emphatically, is not. It is a country for pioneers, who labour not so much for themselves as for posterity.

As bishop, then, a man was found eminently suited for the needs of the diocese, the Right Rev. John Frewer. He is in the prime of life, and knows the work "from A to Z." He had been in West Australia for many years, first as Chaplain to the Bishop of Bunbury (at that time the Right Rev. Dr. Goldsmith),



AEROPLANE USED BY THE BISHOP.



THE LATE BISHOP TROWER.

and Rector of South Bunbury, and afterwards as a brother, and then warden, in the Brotherhood of S. Boniface, West Australia. The life he leads is very strenuous, but with the means of locomotion now at the disposal of mankind he is enabled to cover the enormous distances with far greater ease than could his predecessor, Bishop Trower, who had been bishop of the diocese since its foundation. There is a go-ahead service of aeroplanes from Perth to Wyndham, 2,005 miles, which makes things much simpler, especially as it supersedes the use of camels, who may possibly be less risky than aeroplanes, but are undoubtedly much slower.

The most interesting work, and that of the real missionary type, is done in the Forrest River Mission, in the extreme north. This is a mission for Aborigines, and is in charge of the Rev. R. W. Laurie, who is ably seconded by the native deacon, James Noble. This work deserves an article to itself, as it is practically unique. There is a good school under the care of Mrs. Gillespie, and in it thorough teaching, both spiritual and educational, is given to children and adults. Medical work is also done there. The Aboriginal is a very elementary person (it is not so very long ago that he was a cannibal), and no one understands him better than Mrs. Bennett, author of *The Australian Aboriginal*, who has recently gone to live at the mission, and is giving



A FAMILY OF ABORIGINAL CHURCH PEOPLE.

her sympathy in particular to the women. Among these people the work of teaching the Faith is necessarily slow, and makes great demands on the patience of the missionaries; but, when once Christianity is accepted, the Aboriginal sets no limit to his loyalty, and seems completely to grasp the fact that he must practise his belief by giving ungrudging service to his fellows. James Noble, together with his wife and family, have thrown all their energy and power into this duty.

At present the Bishop is acting as priest-in-charge of Broome and Derby. In Broome itself there is a large proportion of "coloured" people, as these are skilled pearl-divers. However, the number of "whites" has been steadily increasing, and Broome is, so to speak, the see-city. Both it and Derby are really tropical places, and almost unfit for English people during the heat. It is certainly impossible for white children and women to live there, and be healthy, in the summer months.

## Church Life To-day: Some points of Current Interest.



DR. W. R. MATTHEWS.  
(Press Portrait Bureau.)

THE newly appointed Dean of Exeter, Dr. W.R. Matthews, has been Dean of King's College, London, and Professor of the Philosophy of Religion since 1918. While Exeter is to be congratulated on his appointment he will be much missed at King's College which under his kindly rule has made marked advances in all departments. His philosophical writings are noteworthy for their lucidity which has made them popular in the best sense of the word.

Dr. Matthews, who is himself a graduate of King's College, London, was ordained in 1907, and in 1909 became Lecturer at King's College, holding this post until his appointment as Dean nine years later. He was also Assistant Chaplain of the Magdalen Hospital, Streatham, 1911-14, and Vicar of Christ Church, Crouch End, 1916-18.

THE induction of Canon W. E. Boulter to the benefice of S. Benedict, Lincoln, was the first service that has been held in the church for seventy-seven years. A writer of a hundred years ago described it as "a mean structure, consisting of a small nave and north aisle, with a square tower at the west end." The original nave was destroyed, probably in the Great Rebellion, and the tower was rebuilt in its present position about the year 1670. At present it contains no bell. The original



S. BENEDICT'S, LINCOLN. (Smith.)

bell, bearing the device of the barber-surgeons, was removed to S. Mark's Church, where it still hangs.

THE late Bishop of Tuam, the Right Rev. J. M. Harden, D.D., LL.D., had a distinguished career at Trinity College, Dublin, where he won most of the honours open to a student of classics and philosophy. He then turned his

attention to the ancient languages of the East and obtained many distinctions in Hebrew, Syriac, and Chaldee. After his ordination he was well known in England for his work as Vice-Principal and Professor of Systematic Theology at the London College of Divinity. He was consecrated Bishop of the united Sees of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry in 1927.

WITH the funds contributed as a result of the recent appeal for S. Paul's (Anglican) Cathedral, Malta, the cathedral council has been able to restore all the parts of the building which were in an actually dangerous condition, and to effect many other urgently needed repairs. Much, however, still remains to be done for the proper restoration and preservation of the building, involving expenditure beyond the limit of the funds at present in hand, and as yet no further endowment or provision for the future is possible.

A SCHEME has been passed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to unite the benefices of S. Mary's, Charing Cross Road, and S. Anne's, Soho. S. Mary the Virgin, Charing Cross Road, which will probably be pulled down if the scheme is carried into effect, has had a varied history, churches on the site having been occupied successively by Greeks, French Huguenots, Dissenters, and Anglicans. The first Greek Church in London was built here in 1667 to accommodate Greeks who had been driven into exile by Turks. This congregation was under the jurisdiction of the Greek Bishop of Samos, who had taken refuge in London. The nave of this original church survived till 1900, when it was rebuilt. After the Greeks the church was used by Huguenot refugees from France, who in 1822 were succeeded by a congregation of Baptists. The building passed into the hands of the English Church in 1856.

Mudford Church, Hampshire, which the Bishop of Winchester has just dedicated by the name of All Saints, was built sixty years ago to serve the needs of the local salmon netters, so that they would not need to go to Christchurch Priory—about two miles away. It was an experiment, which has been completely justified, since the greater part of the villagers now use the church.

THE parish church of Colyton, Devon, possesses an octagonal lantern tower which is unique in the West of England. It dates from the late fourteenth or early fifteenth century and may possibly have been modelled on the well-known "Boston Stump" which in some respects it resembles. The tower with lantern rises to the height of one hundred feet and is a landmark for many miles.

Among the interesting possessions of Colyton Church are a register dating from the reign of Henry VIII, and a chained copy of Bishop Jewel's *Apologie of the Church of England*.

Police-Sergeant F. Tetley, who has served in the Bradford City Police Force for ten years, is resigning in order to enter S. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, to prepare for holy orders. His two years' course will be paid for out of his own savings. Mr. Tetley has held the Bishop of Bradford's licence as a lay reader in the diocese for about three years.

AFTER thirty-one years' service Canon G. R. Bullock-Webster has resigned his

post as editor of the *Quarterly Intercession Paper*, which has had so great an influence on the work of missions overseas. Its circulation is over seventy thousand copies every quarter. Canon Bullock-Webster is also resigning the secretaryship of the Candidates' Five Shilling Fund which since 1905 has raised more than £80,000 for training missionaries in connection with the S.P.G.



CANON  
G. R. BULLOCK-WEBSTER.  
(Vandyk.)

THE writer of the article on "William Cowper" in the November number of THE SIGN much regrets that, owing to the misreading of a rough note he had made on the Olney Hymns, he attributed to Cowper the authorship of "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds" and "Glorious things of thee are spoken." In fact both these hymns were written by Cowper's friend, John Newton.

We are sorry to hear that Olney Church, in which Newton ministered and Cowper worshipped, is in urgent need of repair. The present Vicar of Olney, the Rev. Richard Gee, has issued an appeal for the necessary funds, to which we hope lovers of the poet will respond.



COLYTON, DEVON. (Hartley.)

## Our Query Corner. Hints for some of our Correspondents.

**RULES.**—(1) All anonymous correspondence is destroyed unanswered. (2) True names and addresses must be given. (3) No names are published. (4) Persons desiring, if possible, an immediate answer, should enclose stamped and addressed envelope, with their question, but they must give the name of the local Parish Magazine to which they subscribe. (5) Attempts will be made to answer all reasonable questions in such cases, and to deal as far as possible with others of the same class if sent for answer in these columns; but it must be recollected that THE SIGN goes to press very much earlier than the local magazine, and that it is impossible to answer all questions here. (6) Those who are answered—and others—are asked to recollect that many of the questions are such as can only be adequately answered in a large treatise: our notes are simply "rough charts" to serve till a larger map can be examined. (7) The pages marked THE SIGN are a general Church Magazine, and the local pages only are edited by or under the direction of the Incumbent of each Parish.\*

**2337. May the "joint-meeting" for electing Churchwardens be held at another time than Easter, which is a most inconvenient date for many of us?**

As far as we know, no binding decision has been given on the point about which you ask, but it has been raised in Convocation, and in 1922 the late Archbishop of Canterbury stated that an election of churchwardens held at another time of the year than Easter would be valid but irregular. This opinion, though, as we have said, not legally binding, is obviously of great weight, and we think the general view is that Canon 90 which requires the election to be held in Easter Week may now be regarded as obsolescent and may be superseded by a custom of electing them at a time of year which is more convenient in the circumstances of modern life.

The conditions governing the election and the period for which the wardens remain in office of course are as before, whenever the election may be held.

**2338. Should saints' days falling in Advent be observed with less ceremonial than in ordinary seasons?**

Saints days falling in Advent are observed with the same ceremonial as to processions, etc., as other saints' days. Advent makes no difference in this respect. It is therefore the recognized custom at this season for the saint's day to take precedence of ordinary days. In the Revised Prayer Book, 1928, there is a table of "concurrents," drawn up by agreement among experts, which tells when a saint's day is not to be observed and when it takes precedence of a Sunday.

**2339. Should deep blue or violet be used as the colour of the hangings, etc., in Advent?**

As you are no doubt aware, the former practice was for each church to use its best vestments, etc., on feast days, irrespective of colours, and the older ones on other occasions. It was not till the close of the Middle Ages that a regular scheme of colours for different seasons came into use. The "English" custom then began to use dull red or deep blue or even white in penitential seasons, while in some Churches, as in those of the Roman Catholic communion, violet was regarded as the penitential colour.

There are various exceptions to these general rules both in the old English and the Roman uses. You will find particulars of these in Dr. Hermitage Day's *The Sacristan's Handbook* (Mowbrays, 2s. 6d.), pp. 49-58.

**2340. How can I obtain a London Diocesan Teacher's Certificate?**

We are not quite sure whether you refer to Sunday school teaching or general educational work.

If you desire information as to Sunday school work you can write, asking

**2341. My future husband is unbaptized; can we be married in church?**

We believe that in strict law a clergyman cannot refuse to allow an unbaptized person who is otherwise qualified to be married in his church. But it would be best for you to consult the clergyman who is to perform the ceremony about this.

But do you not think that, as a loyal member of the Church, you should try to persuade your future husband to become a member of the Church? The entrance into it, even for S. Paul, converted by our Lord Himself (*Acts* ix. 18), was by baptism (see also *S. Matt.* xxviii. 19). As a Churchwoman you believe what our Church teaches on this subject in the Catechism, and it seems to us that it would be your duty to ensure as far as you can that your husband should share your spiritual life. See also in the Prayer Book (and especially in the Revised Book) the service for Baptism of Such as are of Riper Years.

**2342. Has an ex-parishioner any rights as to burial in a churchyard?**

The only persons who have a right to be buried in the churchyard of the parish are actual parishioners and possibly any persons dying in the parish. An ex-parishioner has no more right in this respect than one who has never been a parishioner, unless of course a grave has already been purchased by the family. If it can be arranged without unduly encroaching on the space available for parishioners, probably an ex-parishioner would be allowed to be buried in the churchyard as a matter of grace.

There is no fixed scale of fees, which vary from place to place; if non-parishioners are admitted the rate is usually higher.

**2343. Can you tell me why S. Oswald, the King and Martyr, is depicted with a bird and ring?**

Not knowing the form of the representation, we can only surmise that the "ring" is really a "disc," representing a cake or loaf of bread. A bird, or two birds, with such a disc is found among Celtic Christian ornaments, marking out ecclesiastical persons, among whom kings might be included. You will remember that Coronation robes are still made like other ecclesiastical vestments, and there are some other "survivals" based on the royal consecration in law and custom. S. Oswald was a wonderful hero and saint, of whom young people of any parish might know more with advantage.

### POINTS FOR CHURCH PEOPLE.

*"Sweet are the ways, if ye but knew,  
And goodly of the Heavenly Child,  
Full fair is He, His mood is mild;  
Lovesome His heart, trusty and true,  
Free heart, a soul with wisdom filled;  
Never, believe me, would ye rue  
If ye to Him true worship yield."*

Adapted from verse of xiiith century.

### DECEMBER, 1931.

#### Date. THE GREATER FEASTS.

- 6, S. Second in Advent.  
13, S. Third in Advent.  
20, S. Fourth in Advent.  
21, M. S. Thomas, A.M.  
25, F. Christmas Day.  
26, S. S. Stephen, the first Martyr.  
27, S. S. John, A.E.  
28, M. Innocents' Day.

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#### DAYS of FASTING or ABSTINENCE.

*Fridays, 4, 11, 18,  
Ember Days, 16, 18, 19  
Vigil of Christmas, 24.*

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COMMEMORATIONS—4, *Clement of Alexandria, D., c. 210*; 6, *Nicolas, Bp. of Myra in Lycia*; 8, *Conception of B.V.M.*; 16, *O Sapientia*; 17, *Ignatius, Bp. of Antioch, M. in Rome, c. 110.*

for details as to courses and tutorial help, to the Secretary of the London Diocesan Council for Youth, S. Margaret's Rectory, Ironmonger Lane, E.C.2; or to the Secretary, The Church of England Sunday School Institute, S. Christopher's College, Blackheath, S.E.3.

If you want information as to how to qualify for a day school teacher's certificate your best course would be to consult, if possible, the head of your local school or of a training institute: or you could apply direct to the Education Department, County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1.

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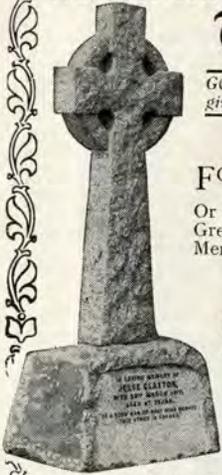
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The Mothers' Union held their monthly meeting in the Parish House on Nov. 26, Miss Shotter presiding and 37 members present.

It is a great joy to see our branch steadily growing, yet, still there is room.

It was decided not to hold a meeting in Dec. owing to the nearness of the Christmas season, but we shall resume on Jan. 28th.

**FROM THE DEACONESS**

Once again our thoughts are turning towards Christmas, the birthday of the Son of God. We love to read the story of that birthday, and that helpless little baby so dependent on a mother's love and care, and because Christ came in great humility as a little child, it is the children's great day of the year. And as we think of our children and what we want the day to mean to them, our thoughts go out to all those who are in need, many of them through no fault of their own, and we want them to know we are thinking of them at this time, especially the mothers, that their children will not be forgotten.

Dear friends, I do not need to tell you the need is greater this year than ever before since I have been with you, so many who are suffering through unemployment have used up their little savings, and many who are working have had to take reductions, so that with the many calls for help that are coming all the time it is going to mean sacrifice. On account of the depression the Toronto Star is finding it difficult to meet the demand for Star Boxes, and our quota for this year is not so large as last year, so we will have to supplement our Christmas hampers with toys, and I hope stockings and other warm garments. Most of the provisions for our hampers come from our Sunday School White Gift Sunday, which we purpose holding on Sunday December 20th. The response has always been most generous, but we have to supplement the children's gifts with butter, meat, tea, etc., to make our hampers complete. The call will be greater this year, and many who have helped in the past will not be able to help us this year. Last year gifts of money from a few cents up to \$10.00 were sent in, and I tried to spend it very carefully, so will you come to our aid this year so that none of our people will be forgotten.

When we think of God's great gift to us, He gave His best, and when we think of the dear Christ Child and His life of service and sacrifice for us, we can say with St. Paul 'Thanks be to God for His Unspeakable Gift' and the words of the Dear Saviour Himself "Inasmuch as ye have done

it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me", so our gifts are not only to His needy ones, but to the Christ Child Himself, and we want to give Him our best on His birthday.

Wishing you all a blessed happy Christmas,

Your friend and Deaconess,

MARY SHOTTER

**A.Y.P.A. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS**

The first of a series of "STAG NIGHTS" for the 1931-32 season, in connection with this class was held on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 4th, and was exceptionally well attended, there being over FIFTY young men out. The entertainment provided for the class members was as varied as it was interesting. The prize giving event of the evening assumed the form of a Geographical and Historical contest which was entered into with genuine pep and endeavor by all the members. First prize was awarded to our esteemed S.S. Superintendent (whom we are mighty glad to have as an associate class member) Rev. H. H. Clarke; and the second prize went to our Class Organist, Mr. Bert Floyd. As is quite usual the EATS provided a splendid pastime, and in spite of the vast amount of food which phenomenally disappeared from the tables to "other quarters" we had a goodly supply left over, and which was diverted to charitable purposes. The evening came to a close at 11.45. The Class Executive who worked very faithfully under Mr. Bill Empringham, deserve real credit, and also we thank those who assisted so ably in the kitchen. Gee, won't they make fine house-maids for their wives later on? Mr. Stanley MacBeth was very generous in his contributions toward the evening's entertainment, as were also Messrs. Binns Bros., Pat Bailey, Frank Bamford, and their able assistants. We were mighty glad to have the Rector and Curate both with us, and had they NOT been there, we hesitate to say what these chaps might have done. Now we're looking forward to the next social event, and those who were absent on the evening of Nov. 4th missed more by their

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absence than we did owing to their loss of company. That's telling it to them fellows isn't it?

The Annual Open Service which was held under the auspices of the Young Men's Bible Class, on A.Y.P.A. Sunday, Nov. 15th, was a very successful venture, in spite of the heavy rain which so frequently threatened to drown our best endeavors. We had within a score of the attendance of last year, when the weather was fine. Rt. Rev. Bishop Lucas gave a very interesting address, and Mr. Fred Harris rendered a solo entitled "Spirit Divine". It was most encouraging to the Class Executive, to see so many turn out to the service, especially when anyone could have had a most reasonable excuse for remaining at home. Again let us extend to EVERY young man at St. John's a most earnest invitation to join us in the Church each Sunday at 3 p.m.

#### LITTLE HELPERS OF W.A.

Dear Little Helper:—

In the afternoon of November Three

We invite you and Mother to come to tea  
To meet many more Little Helpers.

With Annual Letter is a little sack,

Please put in your pennies and bring it back  
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Now dear Little Helper don't think for a  
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If your sack happens not to have pennies in it,  
That that must keep you away.

It's you we want, so please don't lag,

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If Mother and you don't come to tea

In the afternoon, November Three.

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#### ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

Inspirations often come in a strange manner. Being at a total loss of anything to write for the magazine that the Choir might be represented here for the month of November, our good friend the Canon provided the necessary inspiration in this case. We are all acquainted with the difficulties experienced when attempting to repeat time and again any sentence which contains words of similar pronunciation. "Shoes and socks shock Susan" repeated a few times invariably finds the party attempting the feat, stammering and stuttering some entirely unintelligible sentence.

When the Canon on a recent Sunday morning requested that the "word sheets be left in the sheets" for use in the evening, many probably recalled the story of the old lady entering the Church late and somewhat confused, requested the warden to "sew her into a sheet." I recall a similar circumstance many years ago at St. Jame's Hatcham, England. The Rector or Vicar as he was called, the Rev. E. J. Kennedy, a man standing 6' 4", a wonderful preacher never at a loss for a word, attempted to announce in his notices that the following Sunday the collection would be for The Hospital Sunday Fund. His first attempt was "Hospital Sunday Funday"; correcting himself by saying "Hospital Funday Sunday." By this time the whole congregation was in a titter and the Rev. E. J. as he was affectionately called gave up his attempt of correctly saying these three words. Which reminds me that this particular Church is the St. James, Hatcham, where in 1868 the redoubtable Rev. Arthur Tooth was Vicar. This gentleman was prosecuted and imprisoned for his ritualistic tendencies, and at the time of my choir boy days,

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remember seeing part of the brass work in the Vestry which was explained to me formed a portion of a crucifix used when the Rev. Arthur Tooth was incumbent.

**EVENING BRANCH, W.A.**

The Evening Branch of the W.A. has had a very busy time this fall.

Owing to the extreme need of clothing in the West, the Branch has devoted its efforts towards assisting the White Settlers. Clothes have been washed and renovated enabling us to send quite a good sized bale of practical, warm clothing.

On November the 18th we had a very happy occasion at our business meeting, our former Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. J. Paris and her mother Mrs. Dennis paid the branch a friendly call.

The Branch very gladly made their visit the opportunity to present them both with a silver flower basket filled with bronze mums just to express in a small way our appreciation for the faithful and untiring work of both these former members. Much pleasure was expressed by the members on seeing our friends again and it is to be hoped they will frequently pay us a visit.

As the result of our two Home-made Cookery Sales, the Branch forwarded \$55.35 to the P.A. in lieu of our having a booth this year.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

The Holy Communion will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

There will be a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve at 11.30 p.m. and a celebration of the Holy Communion on New Year's Day at 10.30 a.m.

**BEAVER BOYS**

You who are interested have probably noticed that we did not have a class rugby team—however, most of the members of last year's team found places with Balmy Beach Juniors so the entertainment was there without the expense.

We had a severe jolt when our good friend and fairy God-father Inspector Greenwood found it impossible to retain as active an interest in the class as formerly owing to pressure of duties—for the present at all events—however, we hope he will be able to re-assume his former position in the class early in the New Year.

The executive of the class wishes to extend to all young men of the Church over 16 years of age a cordial invitation to become members. The class meets every Sunday in the Parish Hall at 9 00 A.M. and meets for corporate communion on the first Sunday every month at 8.00 A.M.

Our next corporate communion is on the 6th December and will be followed by a breakfast in the Parish Hall.

As a matter of special interest the executive consists of the following:

- President .....Roy Shepard
- Vice Pres. ....Stew. Walkinshaw
- Secretary .....Frank Frudd
- Treasurer .....Sam Denby
- Class Critic .....Chuck Gould
- Gym Director .....Hedley Pezzack
- Rugby Director .....Arch Meikle
- Hockey Director .....Stan Downer

We intend holding a dance in the Parish Hall on the 11th December. Please keep this date open.

Toronto, 6 Oct. 8th, 1931.

Dear Canon Baynes-Reed:

On behalf of our Officers and members, I should like to express our deep appreciation for the beautiful service held today in St. John's Church. It was a most inspiring service and was appreciated by us all and will be a source of help at the beginning of our season's work. We were glad you feel as you do about the social work. Of course, our W.A. in Toronto Diocese has been doing it for about eleven years, but the Dominion Board this year decided to broaden the scope of its work to include it in its Missionary programme. Of course, it's all Diocesan, but National movements and acceptance of the Diocesan reports can now be freely entered into by the Dominion Board.

With our grateful thanks,

Yours very sincerely,

VIOLET SUMMERHAYES.

**NOTES**

The visiting preachers during November were Bishop Lucas who addressed the A.Y.P.A. Bible Class service on the afternoon of the 15th. Rev. W. Lynden Smith who preached on the evening of the same day and Mr. G. H. Evans of the Barnardo Homes who addressed the congregation on the morning of the 22nd.

Congratulations are due to Mr. and Mrs. George Couchman, 172 Waverley Road, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Day on November 30th.

They were married at St. Margarets Church, Rainham, in Kent, and have been in Canada for 30 years, most of which was spent in this Parish.

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## WARDEN'S REPORT—NOV. 30, 1931

Receipts	
Offertory, 8 a.m.....	\$ 29.40
Envelopes .....	379.35
Open .....	347.30
Missions .....	149.70
Missions (Special Env.) .....	10.74
Re Western Church .....	43.54
Boys' Catechism Class .....	15.00
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	\$975.03

Disbursements	
Stipends and Salaries .....	\$484.99
Insurance .....	49.75
Coal .....	65.53
Light, Gas and Phone .....	42.12
Sundries .....	16.67
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	\$659.06

## BUILDING FUND

Balance—Nov. 1, 1931 .....	\$836.51
From Rent of Hall .....	132.00
Special Donation .....	1.00
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	\$969.51

A. & F. Fisher (Repairs) .....	\$ 37.07
McFarlanes (re Chairs) .....	142.30
Bailey Hardware .....	24.85
Balance—Nov. 30, 1931 .....	765.29
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	\$969.51

## ORGAN FUND

Balance—Nov. 1, 1931 .....	\$182.82
Special Envelopes .....	26.75
Donation .....	5.00
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Balance—Nov. 30, 1931 .....	\$214.57

## UNEMPLOYMENT FUND

Balance on Hand Nov. 30.....	\$88.15
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## BAPTISMS

A reference to the Parish records on the last page shows that there were 71 baptisms this month. This is more than most city parishes have in a year. There are still a great number of children in the Parish unbaptized and the omission should be rectified at once.

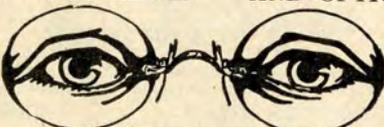
The rubric in the Prayer Book in the Office of Baptism says:

"The minister of the parish shall often admonish the people, that they bring their children to baptism as soon as possible after birth, not later than the fourth or at farthest the fifth Sunday, unless upon a great and reasonable cause".

There have been 268 baptisms this year to the end of November.

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## Burials

Nov. 6—Baby Handley	
9—William Lumbers, 86 years.	
12—Edwin Burrige, 71 years.	
14—John Quinton, 70 years.	
16—Martha Tobin, 67 years.	
17—James Ferguson, 65 years.	
21—Herbert Harvey, 67 years.	
24—Iva Elizabeth Brown, 19 years.	
25—Howard George Jelliman, 11 months.	
28—John Russell MacLean, 63 years.	
30—Charles Boon, 43 years.	
Total interments in Cemetery for November	92

## Baptisms

Omitted from last month

Oct. 27—Ena Leola Casci, Margaret Helen Casci, Mildred Mary Casci.	
Nov. 1—Margaret Joan Burrow, Marilyn Claire Peterson, Robert LeRoy Benness, Jean Wilkie Gillies, William Kennedy Gillies, Raymond Eskert Spalton, Howard Knowles Bailey, Ernest Frederick Martin, Ruth Marie Parr, William Henry Deeble Anderson, Robert Ernest Anderson, John Edward Anderson, Gordon William Arthur Smith, Joan Enid Smith, Duncan Henry Sinclair, Dorothy Marie Sinclair, Thomas William Boyd, Frederick Charles Boyd, Charles Edward O'Conner, Margaret Evelyn O'Conner, John Alfred Miles, Gordon Suddes, Evelyn Suddes.	
Nov. 7—David Gordon Ferron, Rose Elizabeth Ferron, Robert LeVerne Ferron, Kenneth Marshall Ferron, Vernon Boxall, Douglas Gordon Boxall.	
Nov. 8—Joan Theresa Bennett, Louise Ward, Allan Donald Long, Ralph Victor Long, Norman John Chessell, Joan Marie Pate-man, Marianne Grace Brickenden.	
Nov. 14—Grace Margaret Barras, Lenore May Barras, Joseph William Barras, Arthur Lorne Barras, Fred Barras, Ronald Barras, Lavinia Irene Barras, Winnifred Emily Booth, Alfred Howard Charles Booth, Mary Audrey Sarah Booth.	
Nov. 15—John Arnold Shallhorn, Robert Garth Urquhart, Keith Irwin Beacon, Doreen May Parkinson.	
Nov. 21—Howard George Jelliman.	
Nov. 22—Anne Marie deRoux, Shirley Elsie Green, Yvonne Marie Lomas, Donald Hugh Scott, John Richard Powell, Allan William Lauder, Frank James Barnard, Howard Francis Cassidy, Herbert Basil Evans.	
Nov. 29—Helen Bernice Dowell, Joy Evelyn Pugsley, James Victor Keith Pugsley, Phillip Thomas Briard, Marie Dorothy Jane Briard, Helen Joyce McAdam, Joan Doreen Leman, June Frances Emily Lark, Margaret Ruth Beeforth, William Henry Eckley, Hannah Letitia Reeves.	

## Marriages

Nov. 21—Colin Gourlie and Ethel Mary Alice Dicketts.
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