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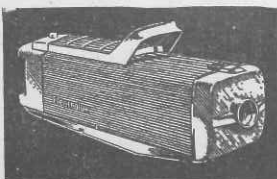
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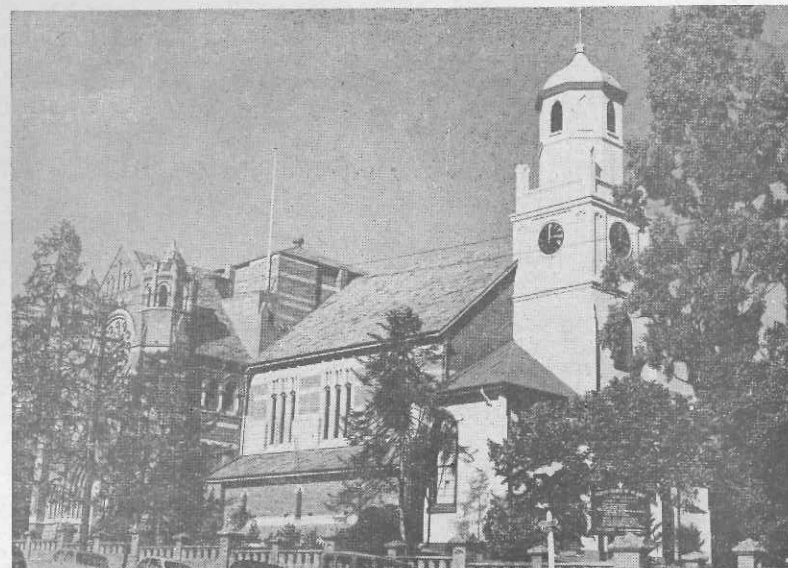
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**THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

I was given a pamphlet a few days ago entitled "Fire in the Parish". The following paragraphs made up the opening section under the sub title "Embers and Ashes".

"Dr. Henry Emerson Fordick once told a story about two church members watching their church burn down after it was struck by lightning. Joe said to Bill, 'Where have you been recently, Bill? You used to come to church regularly, why don't you come around more often?'"

'Well Joe', said Bill, 'this is the first time I have seen the church on fire.'

More humorous is the story of the parishioner who asked his Pastor, 'Should a Christian smoke?' Back came the reply, 'Man, you should be on fire.'

Today, the church in Australia is barely smouldering and in many parishes the embers are burning to ashes. The church is at its lowest ebb for perhaps a century or more and revival will only come if many parishes, of every denomination, catch on fire."

There are many parishioners who smoke, but we must ALL be on fire for the work of God and His church within and without the parish. It is not without some significance that one of the signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit was fire. The Apostles were set on fire with enthusiasm kindled by the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel and to establish the Church of God. Others became fired with the same spirit and so in the face of opposition and at times persecution, the Church grew and spread.

Our parish church must become "on fire" now.

Today I observed in a circular the following equation :—

$$G + DM = R3$$

In ordinary language this means —

$$GOD + DEDICATED MEN = REVIVAL, RENEWAL, REVOLUTION$$

Another equation for us may well be —

$$G + DM = F3$$

$$GOD + DEDICATED MEN = FIRE, FAITH, FELLOWSHIP$$

FIRE in our lives is first going to destroy the things which are rubbish and damaging to us. God's fire will also give us power to do things for Him, to allow ourselves to be used in His service in the world. We will be on fire for His sake and not our own. The Christian must live to serve someone else in God's name.

FAITH in God and His power to help us are essential. The most reliable factor in our equation is G — GOD. No matter what happens He will not fail us if we go forward on fire with faith to extend His Church. To help other people to find in Him the One who will give real meaning to life.

FELLOWSHIP is sharing in worship, in prayer, in service, with one another and in Christ. Small isolated fires may not be of much danger whilst they remain that way, but when they spread and link up, the great conflagration becomes a force to be reckoned with. So Christians linked together in Christ's fellowship (His Church) can become an effective power in the World for God.

Do you smoke? It doesn't matter, but you must be on fire for Christ and His Church.

Yours very sincerely,
HENRY A. JERRIM.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

September—

- 1 **12th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 3 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.
- 4 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 5 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 7 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 8 **13th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: Mr. Val Brown, General Secretary of A.C.C. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 9 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
- 10 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 11 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 12 Thursday, 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 13 Friday, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer.
- 14 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 15 **14th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. After service meeting of men re the Canvass.
- 16 Monday, 7.45 p.m. Order of St. Luke.
- 17 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Mannequin Parade in Parish Hall in aid of St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.
- 18 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 19 Thursday, 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 21 Saturday, **St. Matthew's Day,** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 22 **15th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evening Prayer. Bishop Howell of Peru. Social Hour after Service.
- 25 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 26 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 28 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 29 **St. Michael and All Angels' Day.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Parish Communion.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

At the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary which was held on Monday 19th August, the Chairman, Archdeacon Jerrim, congratulated members on the very successful year's work and spoke of the very great need of the Auxiliaries to our hospital.

The election of officers were as follows:—
President — Mr. V. C. Holyman.
Vice Presidents — Mesdames A. H. Roake and J. Sheldrick.
Secretary — Mrs. H. D. Palliser.
Treasurer — Mr. F. Jones.
Committee — Mesdames M. M. Easther, V. Good and Miss Molly Bennett.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 9th September, at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses — Mesdames Palliser, Strickland and Holyman.

An invitation is extended to members and friends to the Children's Mannequin Parade which will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September, 17th at 8 p.m.

Items will be given by Miss Joan Burnett's Ballet, followed by supper.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Evening Mothers' Union will be held on 17th September commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m., followed by the meeting at the Rectory.

All members are asked to hand their Bible discussion query to Mrs. Atherton or Mrs. Boon one week prior to the meeting as Deaconess Robinson will be conducting an answer time at the meeting.

Any new members will be very welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our sincere thanks go to all who helped to make our Musical Market, in aid of the Clarendon Children's Homes, such a great success. The amount raised was \$155.00.

The Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer is being observed in the Northern Archdeaconry on Friday, 13th September and the time allocated to St. John's is from 9—10 a.m. Members are asked to meet in the Chapel.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th September, commencing with service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Anthony Wayne Roberts, Stephen Paul Barrett, Annette Susan Rattray, Jane Elizabeth Easther, Simon Andrew Dakin, Darren Scott Callow, Mark Geoffrey Donaldson.

MARRIAGES

Bruce Lyne and Lynette Ann Saunders, Edward James Breen and Margaret Laura Trickett, Timothy Keverall Johnstone and Susan Patricia Hemmings, Nigel Goss and Merodi Noellen Clifford, Henry Charles Tasman Wilson and Shirley Anne Murfett.

BURIALS

Natalie Ruth Merrington, Nina Jean Stevens, Lindsay Theodore Scott, Clara Lily Beech.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all those who have been bereaved.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with the Church News. Donations may be given to the Clergy or church wardens.

The following donations have been received: Mrs. A. Cookman \$1.00, Mrs. K. E. J. Robinson \$2.00, Miss E. Knight \$1.00, S. M. B. \$2.00, Miss D. Lockwood \$1.00.

Thank you.

MR. VAL BROWN'S VISIT

Mr. Val Brown is no stranger to the Church in Tasmania, for as the Director of our General Board of Religious Education for the Church in Australia, he has made frequent visits to Tasmania. Last year Mr. Brown resigned from G.B.R.E. to become General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches. This is a vital position in the life of the whole Church in Australia. Prior to taking up the appointment Mr. Brown had a wealth of ecumenical experience.

As General Secretary of the A.C.C., Mr. Brown was present at the 4th Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, Sweden, in June/July this year. He is paying a short visit to Tasmania in September in connection with the work of the A.C.C. and the T.C.C. He will preach at St. John's on Sunday, 8th September at 11 a.m. We are indeed fortunate to have this privilege. In the evening following the evening service, there is to be a Fellowship Hour at the Christ Church Congregational at 8.15 p.m., at which Mr. Brown will speak.

I do hope that many parishioners will take this opportunity of meeting and hearing Mr. Brown who is one of the most dynamic and progressive leaders of the Church in Australia. Here is a man who is "on fire" with the love of Christ.

THE BISHOP OF CHILE, BOLIVIA AND PERU

On two occasions this month we will be privileged to have an important visitor. On Sunday evening, 22nd September, the preacher will be the Right Reverend K. W. Howell, the Bishop of Chile, Bolivia and Peru, South America. The Bishop will be visiting Tasmania for the first time and I imagine this would apply to the mainland.

Missionary work in South America is a new sphere for the C.M.S., and was taken up on the challenge of the Advisory Council on Missionary Strategy of the Anglican Communion. His is a vast diocese, but C.M.S. in Australia, has undertaken work in Peru, primarily in the two cities of LIMA and TRUJILLO.

The Bishop's diocese is one of the younger dioceses of the Anglican Communion and he will have a fascinating story to tell us. Following the evening service there will be a social hour in the Kindergarten Hall. Do not miss this rare opportunity of hearing about the front line work of the Church.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Church was held on Wednesday evening, 31st July. The meeting was preceded by a tea which was catered for by the Women's Guild. Everyone enjoyed the lovely buffet tea which was provided and it was an occasion of good fellowship. About 60 parishioners attended the meeting.

Reports of the work of the Church in the past year presented by the Rector and Mr. L. Denham, on behalf of the Churchwardens. Mr. R. J. Roberts as Treasurer of the Parish presented the Financial Statement which showed the amount of \$300.00 overdrawn at the bank.

The following were appointed and elected for the coming year:—

Rector's Warden — Mr. M. M. Easther.
People's Wardens — Messrs. L. Denham and R. J. Roberts.
Churchwarden Emeritus — Mr. F. J. Jones.
Rector's Vestrymen — Messrs. V. J. Sheldrick, V. H. Good, D. Gill.
People's Vestrymen — Messrs. A. J. Green, A. E. Ford, T. P. White, B. M. Easther, P. Webb, R. A. Watson.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

M.M.A. deeply regret the recent passing of two of its members, Miss Barratt and Mrs. Beech, both of whom were highly esteemed by all, and will be greatly missed from our gatherings. Our thanks go to Miss Dorothy Nott for another fine donation of seven Afghans beautifully crocheted for our mission stations.

Would members please note that Leper Phials or donations are now due, and can be brought along to our next meeting which will be held on the second Wednesday of September—11th instead of 4th. The tea chests for Roper River and Groote Eylandt will be packed during this meeting. New members will be most welcome.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. V. Good, 5 Riverdale Grove, on Thursday, 12th September, at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker Miss Mack will show films of her recent trip to New Guinea.

Supper hostesses — Mesdames Good, Olding and Miss B. Stevens.

Knitting for Roland Boys' Home was received from Miss E. Scott.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECTOR'S PASTORAL REPORT

Each year in the Pastoral Report I have devoted the first portion to some comments on various aspects of the pastoral work of the Church, in the first place beyond the confines of the parish and secondly to see some of these matters in relation to our own parochial situation. In recent weeks I have referred constantly to one word and that word is "RENEWAL". At the risk of undue repetition, I must take this word as the key word for the introduction to this year's Pastoral Report. This is the word by which history will record Uppsala '68 and Lambeth '68. I believe that it will be the theme for our Synod this year and I see it as a provocative word for St. John's in 1968.

There is not one person who would deny the need for renewal in almost every department of life at this present time, especially when we think in terms of the moral and spiritual standards of the present day. I am not going to indulge in a criticism of the morality of the nation or any particular section of it. It is sufficient to say that whatever the condition of our generation, it poses a challenge to the Christian community to witness in terms of its own life, to that kind of life which will produce true and lasting happiness.

At the present time what impact does the Church have on the world?

In last week's Anglican the following sentences appeared at the commencement of the report on the closing proceedings of the 4th Assembly of the W.C.C. at Uppsala.

"The World Council of Churches wound up its Fourth Assembly with a resolution calling on the United States to stop bombing North Viet Nam 'immediately and unconditionally' to make way for peace in South-East Asia. It also pleaded for an immediate cease-fire by both sides in South Viet Nam and urged Washington and Hanoi to be prepared to take risks for peace' in their Paris talks."

Was I being cynical when I asked the question, what notice will be taken by Washington or Hanoi?

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, 1st September — 7 p.m. Evening Prayer—"The Fire of the Spirit".

Sunday, 8th September — 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preacher: Mr. Val Brown. General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches.

Sunday, 15th September — 7 p.m. "This Month's Book".

Sunday, 22nd September — 7 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher: Bishop K. W. Howell of Peru, South America. Social Hour after Church.

Sunday, 29th September — 7 p.m. Parish Communion. All Communicants invited.