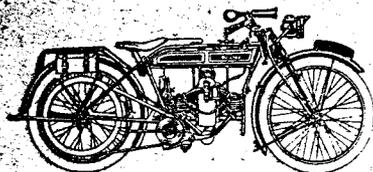


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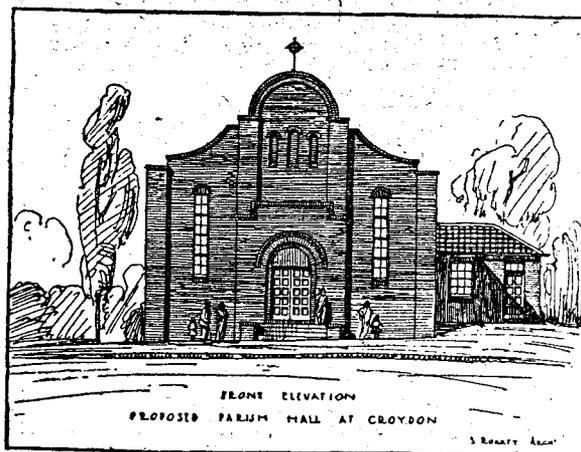
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The seating accommodation will be 400; but 600 will easily fit in it. The sanctuary will be more roomy than in most churches, giving our building a noble appearance.

Three exits are provided—one on either side and another—the main one—on Webb St. The first steps to dig the foundations will be taken next week. The architect is Mr. Roarty, A.R.I.B.A., and the contractor Mr. John Kennedy, of Ashfield.

LETTERS OF A PRIEST TO HIS PEOPLE

My Dear People,

Time's moving finger is rapidly writing our history; a few short months ago we were not; to-day we are a parish—The Benjamin of the flock—pulsing with energy. Long before Christmas our Church will be built—a striking testimony to the Divine enthusiasm which inspires you.

The foundation stone will be laid on Sunday the 13th of July, at 3 p.m., by our venerable Archbishop. You will have at last in Croydon a church of your own, where your children will be baptized, your maids pledged in marriage, and where you will bid your last farewell to your

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After the doctor had performed the operation the lady asked what the charge would be.

"Three-and-six," replied the doctor.

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These days are days of sacrifice. We cannot achieve all we long for, without a huge expenditure. We look to everybody to measure his donation on the foundation stone, not in guineas, but in tens of guineas. We must begin to think in big amounts, laying by our increasing donation against the day.

I have yet to see God forget generosity. We are striving to have the Sacramental Christ amongst us: He will not let us falter. He will bring light to our darkness, and unfold avenues of aid that we yet little dream of.

Affectionately your Servant,

MICHAEL P. TANSEY,

Parish Priest,
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"A GENTLEMAN."

"A Gentleman," says Cardinal Newman, "is one who never inflicts pain. He carefully avoids whatever may cause a jar or a jolt in the minds of those with whom he is cast; his great concern is to make everyone at his ease and at home. He is tender towards the bashful, gentle towards the distant, and merciful towards the absurd; he is seldom prominent in conversation, and never wearisome. He makes light of favours while he does them, and seems to be receiving when he is offering; he has no ears for slander or gossip; he is never mean or little in his disputes and interprets everything for the best. From a long sighted prudence he observes the maxim of the ancient sage, that we should ever conduct ourselves towards our enemy, as if he were one day to be our friend.

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The "Croydon Record" offers its congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Beavers on the occasion of their marriage, 19th May—the second marriage in the new parish.

Weighty Trifles

Experience teaches us again and again that there is nothing men have less command over than their tongues.

Feminine charity renews every day the miracle of Christ feeding a multitude with a few loaves and fishes.

The one who has read the book that is called Women knows more than the one who has grown pale in libraries.

Efforts are always a success. It is a greater thing to try without succeeding than to succeed without trying.

The man who does not cultivate solitude can never enjoy society, and he whose social actions are never subjected to the criticisms of his solitary hours will cease to be a man governed from above.

I must confess I dedicate no inconsiderable portion of my time to other people's thoughts. I dream away my life in other's speculation. I love to lose myself in other men's minds. When I am not walking I am reading. I cannot sit and think. Books think for me.—Charles Lamb.

Before we can bring happiness to others we first must be happy ourselves; nor will happiness abide with us unless we confer it on others. If there be a smile upon our lips, those around us will soon smile, too; and our happiness will become the truer and deeper as we see that these others are happy.—Maeterlinck.

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As one of our river steamers was returning from a pleasure trip the engines suddenly stopped, and the steamer remained motionless for several minutes. The passengers began to grow anxious, and one of them, a portly, pompous, person, went to the captain.

"What's the trouble, captain?" he inquired. "Why have we stopped?"

"Too much fog," answered the captain curtly.

"But I can see the stars overhead quite plainly," argued the passenger.

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HOLY INNOCENTS, CROYDON

A most successful euchre party and dance took place on Thursday evening last at the Palais Hall, Edwin-street, Croydon, in aid of the proposed new church. About five hundred people were present, representing a financial profit of nearly fifty pounds. At the present time there is no church at Croydon and the dance took place in the very hall where Father Tansey celebrates Holy Mass every Sunday. The enthusiasm of the Catholics in the new parish is still running high. Everybody lends a hand when new ventures are proposed for raising money. The ladies of the committee were as follows:—Mrs. Harrison, president; Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Walton, vice-presidents; Miss Ahearn and Miss Pickett, secretaries. The following ladies assisted:—Miss Riordan, Miss Daly, the Misses Hickey, the Misses Trainor, Miss Burke, Miss O'Shea, Miss Dunn, Miss Kearney, the Misses Farrington, Miss Harrington, Miss Atwell, the Misses Egan, Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Doyle. The gentlemen's committee consisted of the following:—Mr. John P. King, Mr. Williams, Mr. P. Murphy, Mr. Booth, Mr. D. Murphy, Mr. Egan, Mr. Pickett and Mr. Collins.—"Freeman's Journal."

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