



# ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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81 Watkin Street,  
BEXLEY. 2207.

8th August, 1969.

Dear Friend and Member,

The next meeting of the above Society will be held as follows:

Date. Friday Evening next, 15th August, 1969, at 8 p.m.

Place. Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rockdale.

At the close of the meeting a selection of short films from  
"the Rural Bank Library" will be shown.

Business - General.

Would lady members please bring a plate.

D. Sinclair,  
President.

(Miss) J. Noble,  
Hon. Secretary.

The following Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing 12 months:

Patrons: Mayor of Rockdale, Ald. R.W. Rathbone.  
Mayor of Kogarah, Ald. K.R. Cavanough.  
Mr. T.J. McCarthy.  
Mr. G. Eardley.

President: Mr. D. Sinclair.

Senior Vice President: Mr. C.W. Napper.

Vice Presidents: Mr. A. Matheson, M.B.E.,  
Mr. A.B. Christison, M.B.E.,  
Mr. A. Ellis.

Hon. Secretary: Miss J. Noble.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. Callister.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. J. Stead.

Publicity Officer: Mr. V. Saunders.

Supper Roster: Mrs. Coghlan (Capt.), Miss Binns, Mrs. Monk,  
Mrs. Otten and Mrs. Wright.

OUTING TO "ROCKS AREA" Remember - Saturday, 16th August, 1969.

Leaving Rockdale Town Hall, 12.30 p.m. SHARP!

Cost \$1.00 per person. Bring your afternoon tea.

Ring Mr. Sinclair, 587.4555.

CONGRATULATIONS RON, ON A JOB WELL DONE.

Alderman Rathbone, who holds the honoured position of Mayor of Rockdale, became Patron of the St. George Historical Society at the annual meeting on Friday 18th July, 1969.

Congratulations Ron, we too are honoured, but the Society regrets the loss of their most efficient and capable Secretary.

"Ron", as he is known to all, is the backbone of the Society, and has held this very demanding position since the inception. He has given his time unstintingly, often when he could least afford to.

His stimulating personality, ready wit, keen sense of humour and fund of knowledge are unequalled, his patience and understanding of the idiosyncrasies of those with whom he comes in contact is greatly admired, his ingenuity and flair for mounting insurmountable barriers is well known.

Ron's unflagging energy and untiring efforts are invaluable, and a source of wonderment to all who know him. Sincerity, and a forthright manner are most admirable features in his make-up.

The Members, one and all, say "Thank you" Ron, for your devotion to Local History, and your ever ready help and advice. We hope that you will continue to attend the meetings when possible, and the very pleasant happy outings we enjoy from time to time.

We hope, Ron, that these few words express, with deep sincerity, our gratitude for all you have done, and for the countless hours you have spent for the benefit of the Society.

May good health and success be with you in all you do.

This is the wish of the Members of the St. George Historical Society.

July, 1969.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1969

I have pleasure in presenting the President's Report for the twelve months ended June, 1969, during which period our Society continued the high level of activity shown in previous years.

Our monthly meetings were well attended with approximately fifty people present on each occasion. Compared with former years members played a larger part in these meetings, providing talks, presenting slides or reading historical papers at seven of the ten business meetings. Our December meeting following the pattern of previous years, did not contain a business session, but provided the opportunity for members to fraternise in a Christmas atmosphere.

Outings were arranged to Glebe, Balmain, Minnamurra and Berrima. These proved popular with members and it is hoped that more trips to historical areas may be arranged in the coming year.

Our Society welcomed the suggestion from Rockdale Municipal Council that we peruse the Council's Minute books with a view to printing extracts for the centenary of the Municipality in 1971. Many members have devoted themselves to this task and the work is now well in hand.

Our fourth booklet entitled "The Arncliffe to Bexley Tramway" was compiled by Mr. Eardley and five hundred copies printed. It proved to be most popular and was completely sold out in less than six weeks - a fine tribute to the author.

May I once again record the work performed during the year by our Patron, Mr. Eardley, Secretary, Mr. Rathbone, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Eardley, Treasurer, Mr. Callister and the ladies who have assisted with the supper. Our Society's progress - and the recording of historical knowledge in this district - has been due in no small measure to the untiring efforts of these members, to whom we must surely owe a debt of gratitude.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 4th July, 1969.

| To  | By              |                                       |                 |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance at Bank at 1/7/68                       | \$ 48.11        | Subscription to National Trust        | \$ 6.30         |
| Members' Subscriptions                          | 74.00           | Subscription to R. A. H. S. delegates | 3.00            |
| Sale of Badges                                  | 1.20            | Printing of Books, Envelopes          | 283.25          |
| Sale of Books                                   | 351.48          | Petty Cash - Postage                  | 60.00           |
| Proceeds of Raffle                              | 59.60           | Christmas Party                       | 26.00           |
| Bank Interest                                   | 9.28            | Donation to St. Luke's, Liverpool     | 10.00           |
| Donations - including \$100 from<br>R. A. H. A. | 104.98          | Bus Hire                              | 148.00          |
| Bus Tickets                                     | 201.80          | Refund                                | 1.50            |
|   |                 | Seating C. W. A. Bowral               | 3.50            |
|   |                 | Balmain Association Outing            | 18.00           |
|   |                 | Balance at Bank 4/7/69                | <u>290.90</u>   |
|   | <u>\$850.45</u> |                                       | <u>\$850.45</u> |



## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOGARAH.

Gifford and Eileen Eardley.

The Centenary celebrations of St. Paul's Church of England, located on the Princes Highway at Kogarah, will be held on Sunday, 21st September, 1969, when special services will take place to commemorate this important occasion in the history of the Parish of St. George. It is understood that originally, before the construction of St. Paul's, it was customary to hold services at Mr. Berghofer's residence at Kogarah, in some official papers it is spelt Koaggerah, which is an adaption of the aboriginal name for the area, meaning "a place of reeds", an apt title for the district surrounding the wilderness of Pat Moore's Swamp. Kogarah as a place name appeared to have a limited use as the area generally was referred to as Rocky Point.

At this juncture it should be mentioned that the incipient township of Kogarah, with its completely rural atmosphere, ranged along Rocky Point Road in a sparse form of ribbon development. The silent bush encroached on the gentle hill slopes where the present main centre of the suburb is situated, the land not being suitable to any great extent for farming occupation. Although there was a sprinkling of Anglicans in the small scattered community the larger proportion of people living on the outskirts of West Botany (now Rockdale) were Wesleyans. There were also many Roman Catholics residing on the farm lands adjacent to Pat Moore's Swamp and on the more arable lands at the head of Kogarah Bay. The general store of John South, located at the north-western corner of Rocky Point Road (now Princes Highway) and South Street, marked the starting place for the horse omnibus which ran along the main road and gave connection with Sydneytown.

According to a letter written by Mr. J. W. Berghofer to his friend Samuel Schofield we may glean information in respect to the early movements made to found the church of St. Paul. The relevant portion of the letter, which was dated 7th September, 1925, is as follows:-

"As far as I know there are only two of the old Church Committee in the land of the living today, yourself and me. We well remember how the Reverend George King, of St. Peters, and his curate McMahon, conducted services in my father's house for over a year, and it was there the first meeting was held. Those present were William Berghofer (in the chair), Samuel Schofield, Joseph Shelton, John Twiss, John South, Thomas Wilson, John W. Berghofer Junior, Joseph Clarke and Phillip Mulhausen. After discussion it was decided to try and raise funds to purchase land and to build a Church of England in Kogarah. It was also decided to form a deputation and under your guidance and help to interview Mr. William Wolfen, the owner of the land. The deputation consisted of William Schofield, William Berghofer Senior, Joseph Shelton, and John W. Berghofer. Your good self introduced the deputation. Later he says Mr. Wolfen offered the land in Kogarah at £10 per acre. Mr. Wolfen gave the land the church is on free."

The Mr. William Wolfen mentioned in the letter was the Swedish Consul in Sydney and owned 800 acres in the vicinity of the church site. He later gave another area for the rectory and later again for the adjacent cemetery. In connection with the cemetery it has been related that the land

was a gift "because there was no cemetery nearer than Cook's River (St. Peter's) and as John Berghofer was not expected to live Mr. Wolfen was approached for another acre for the purpose of a burial ground."

The Australian Churchman of January 30th, 1869, records the laying of the foundation stone and the account is given as follows:-

"On Tuesday afternoon at 2 pm an interesting ceremony took place at Rocky Point Road when the foundation stone of the New Church to be named St. Paul's was laid. There were a number of people present, in spite of it being a very hot day. Amongst those present were The Hon. John Campbell, Mr. Charles Campbell, Rev. George King (Minister of St. Peter's) Rev. John Barnier, Mr. S.H. Pearce, Mr. J. Pearse of Randwick, Mr. Wolfen, Mr. McMahon (Catechist) Mr. W. Berghofer, Mr. J.W. Berghofer, Mr. Joseph Skelton, Mr. C. Napper, Mr. John Schofield, Mr. W. Twiss, and many other subscribers. Mr. Thomas Holt, MLA, who was also a subscriber, was unable to be present. After the laying of the foundation stone by the Bishop, all present retired to a commodious booth, which had been erected and partook of afternoon tea which had been provided." The Foundation Stone now located on the eastern facade of the chancel, reads "The Foundation Stone of this Church was laid by the Right Reverend Bishop Barker, DD, January 25th, 1869. Church dedicated September 21st, 1869. John Done, Rector, W.M. Berghofer, J. Sheldon, J.W. Berghofer, Church Wardens." It is understood that these dates are erroneous and should read January 26th, 1869 and September 21st, 1869, respectively.

Mention was made in the Sydney press of February 3rd, 1872, that Rocky Point was situated about two and a half miles beyond the Cook's River Dam,"and is the centre of the labours of a catechist, Mr. Done, who has been resident for two years. A stone church capable of containing about 150 persons was opened for Divine Service on the 26th January, 1869, the foundation stone laid on the previous Anniversary of the Colony by the Bishop of Sydney on the last Anniversary Day (January 26) Divine Service was celebrated here by the Dean of Sydney (Dean Cowper) at 2.30 pm - a respectable congregation being present, old and young probably amounting to 80 or 90 people. The Reverend H. G. Langley and R. S. Willis were also present. After the Service and a baptism, tea was held under a booth made of green boughs which was greatly enjoyed by those who partook of it, the heat of the day adding not a little to the desire for such refreshment. Before this event was over the sky became overcast and a heavy thunderstorm arose which rendered it necessary for all to repair to the church where suitable addresses were delivered by Mr. Langley, Mr. Willis and Mr. Done. We regret to add that a debt of £170 was on the church, and the poverty of the residents, who are principally market gardeners, makes it very hard to reduce this encumbrance. The people do their part to support the catechist and regularly pay the interest on the sum due. Attached to this place are Lord's Forest, Belmore and Arncliffe, at all of which places Divine Service is held by the catechist, who also visits and gives religious instruction to the Public and Church of England schools. The work done by Mr. Done supplies one of the many illustrations which may be given of the value and importance of the Church Society's operations, this catechist being largely assisted by this fund."

Attention is drawn to the above newspaper reference which suggests that discrepancies occurred in the recording of the date of laying the foundation stone and also the opening date of the church. It is evident that the foundation was laid on January 26th, 1869, as another newspaper paragraph, published on September 18th, 1869, reads as follows:-

"Rocky Point. The church which has been recently here is to be opened for Divine Service on Tuesday next. The service will commence at 2 pm. The Dean we understand will preach on this occasion. A tea meeting will be held after the service in a tent near the church". Incidentally, the church was built by Mr. Bush under contract conditions. Presumably the stone was procured from the quarries at Rockdale and shingles for the roof were possibly cut from the trunks of casuarina trees growing in the nearby swamp areas.

As originally built the entrance doorway to St. Pauls' Church was placed at the eastern end, giving access from the neighbouring Rocky Point Road. The altar, contrary to long established Anglican custom, was sited at the western end and flanked against the wall by four wooden panels, two on each side, whereon were depicted the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostle's Creed. The side Gothic windows were composed of small diamond, and also square shaped panes of coloured glass, alternately pink and white, such as can be seen today in the windows of the choir vestry.

The Parish of St. George, of which St. Paul's formed the Parish Church, is the oldest on the immediate southern side of Cook's River. Originally it took in the area between Cook's River and George's River and as far west as Bankstown, then known as Salt Pan, and extended across Botany Bay to take in Botany - some historians claim it also took in La Perouse. The late Reverend Harry Wilson related that the settlement at Heathcote was at one time under the jurisdiction of St. Paul's, Kogarah. Surrounding parishes have been carved from the St. George Parish, such as Arncliffe, Bexley, Botany, Brighton, Hurstville, Hurstville South, Langlea, Rockdale, Sans Souci, West Kogarah, and certain divisions along the route of the Bankstown Railway. These separations have resulted in the once great and sprawling parish being reduced to a comparatively small residue, of which much of the territory is devoted to parks, schools and swamp land.

St. Paul's Church and its large parish was placed under the charge of the Catechist attached to St. Peter's Church of England at Cook's River, Mr. John Done. According to an old resident of Arncliffe this gentleman took Holy Orders late in life at the Moore Theological College, his studies being financed by Mrs. David Hannam of Arncliffe. Mention is made in the press on July 20th, 1872, that Reverend John Done, of Lord's Forest (Hurstville) was present at the meeting of the Synod at Sydney. Another Catechist serving the Parish of St. George lived at Darlinghurst and on Sunday mornings it was his regular practice to catch a train from Sydney to Burwood Station. He then walked across country to Belmore to conduct the morning service. Having lunched beneath the trees of the church yard he then walked across to St. George's Church at Lord's Forest for the afternoon service, after which he strolled across to St. Paul's at Kogarah, or should we say Rocky Point, for the evening service. Then came the walk back along the indifferent roads to Darlinghurst "and so to bed".

On March 14th, 1874, there is a press note concerning the need for a parsonage at Rocky Point. It reads:-

"The Parish of St. George includes within its area the districts of Arncliffe, Lord's Forest, Rocky Point Road and Belmore. At each of these places services are held regularly on the Lord's Day. The clergymen of the district are unable to find a residence within except a very small cottage and that at one end remote from his work and the mass of the population, which necessitates his travelling on the Lord's Day and this adds very materially to his labours. It is therefore of great importance that a parsonage be built without delay, for which a site has been given by Mr. William Wolfen adjoining the church at Rocky Point.

In the writer's own memory, about 1906, at the rear of the second rectory there stood, on an east-west axis, a small two-roomed stone cottage which had its stumpy kitchen chimney at its eastern end, its doorways and windows being placed on the northern wall. At this time the roof was of galvanised iron and covered to a certain extent with creepers. The edifice was derelict, and was demolished about 1910. I have always considered this to be a portion, possibly a separate kitchen and scullery, of the original rectory. Some of the dimension stone from this aged building were used to contain the lawn at the northern side of the church and form a flagged pathway leading to the vestry door. These stones have been taken up and are stacked in a pile at the north-western corner of the church-yard, intermixed with remnants of the tomb-stones taken from the former and adjacent cemetery.

Reverting to the forementioned baptism the babe concerned was Oliver Schofield and it is interesting to know that Bishop Barker kindly sent his carriage to bring the young family to the church and return them to their home after the ceremony. In due course, if we may digress, Oliver as a young man spent some time in Fiji. On his return he lived in Burlington Street, Rockdale, and found employment with the Rockdale Municipal Council, where he took great pride in the fine draught horses committed to his care. One fine animal, named Charlie, was exceptionally favoured and Oliver's wife, Maggie Schofield, cooked the horse a special plum pudding at the weekends. Oliver's daughter Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Mitchell, was a life long member of the congregation at St. Paul's and assisted in every movement which furthered the old church's well-being.

The Church of St. Pauls was used for public instruction, on week days only, a circumstance which did not please the incumbent, the Reverend John Done to any great extent. The Government paid a weekly rental for this accommodation which appears to have continued until such time as the Kogarah Superior Public School came into being on its present site. At the early period of the church's history there were many German residents in the Kogarah district and a German National Service was conducted on a monthly basis, a special pastor coming out from Sydney on these occasions to conduct the service. Insofar as the early church school was concerned the first teacher was Mr. John McDonnell, who took charge in August, 1870, the enrolment covering nineteen boys and twenty-six girls.

The Reverend John Done died at the original rectory on March 30th 1877, and was buried in the adjacent St. Paul's Cemetery, where a small



headstone was erected over the grave. In later years a memorial tablet of marble, suitably inscribed, was placed on the wall inside his beloved church. The next incumbent was the Reverend Hugh Kelly, and during his lifetime the church wardens were Mr. J. Shelton, Mr. John South, and Mr. Irwin, the Synod Representatives being Mr. A. Milsop and Mr. W. Bucknell. Then came, in 1884, the Reverend W.H.C. Saunders, his church officers as listed at 1886 being Samuel Schofield, H.L. Roberts and W.F. Dowd, MD, and Synod Representatives Samuel Schofield and J.H. Walker.

A very fine group of four stained glass windows, the gift of the Bown family, had been placed on the eastern wall of the church. These gloriously coloured windows, unfortunately, were blown out by the force of a westerly gale and were restored at a cost of £118 during the year 1889. This year also marked the beginning of the incumbency of the Reverend James Clark, who remained until 1895. His rectorship was marked by many untoward happenings which split the church's congregation asunder, and was responsible for the establishment of at least three "Free" Church of England establishments in the immediate district. It has been said that on a trip abroad the Reverend Clark journeyed to the Holy Land, where he obtained a quantity of water from the River Jordan which he later used for baptismal services at St. Paul's. His was a tragic ministry and his successor, inducted in 1896, was the Reverend Arthur Killworth, who, because of the state of the Parsonage, had to make his headquarters at the old Royal Hotel at Carlton for a period of some three months while the Rectory at Kogarah was restored to some semblance of order. The Reverend Killworth mentioned that at his first service at Kogarah the collection amounted to two shillings and three pence.

It is thought that the second Rectory, built on the site of the first by all accounts, was erected during the ministry of the Reverend James Clark, who is supposed to have been a wealthy man in his own right. The new rectory was built of brick in double-frontaged style with a centrally placed hallway linking all of the six or so rooms. The design was neat and the projecting front gable had its windows partly covered by an overhanging hood as a protection against the rays of the early morning sun. The roof was of slate and the facade of the front verandah was ornamented with patterned woodwork and nicely turned spindles. There was a fine surround of tree growth in the Rectory grounds, with Moreton Bay fig-trees along the front fence alignment, against Rocky Point Road. There were several excellent specimens of Scotch Firs, and also of gum-trees, which may have formed part of the original vegetation of the land. A large clump of Chinese Bamboos grew exceedingly high on the northern side of the property. Orange flowered Buddleia and native Pittosporum trees shed their fragrance in the early spring and were overshadowed by a magnificent Pinus Insignis in their location against the southern boundary fence line. A circular drive-way, or should it be carriage-way, led from the double front gates to the front entrance of the Rectory, circumnavigating a small circular shaped garden bed given over to scarlet geraniums and sundry hardy plants of the liliun family. On land at the western end of the Rectory property were two tennis courts availed of by the more agile members of the congregation.

Although precise information is not to hand it is understood that during the eighteen-nineties several important additions were made to the church fabric. The eastern chancel was added and the beautiful stained

glass windows adapted to their new position, now above the altar which was placed in its correct position at the eastern end of the new chancel. The main entrance porch was placed at the western end of the church, and two small side vestries added. The pulpit was placed on the northern side of the nave, against the organ, the prayer desk in the centre aisle, and the reading desk at the south-western end of the chancel. In the chancel there were two rows of choir stalls for the male choristers, whilst the Communion Rail was of ornate wooden construction, later replaced by one of exquisitely wrought brass-work. Altar ornaments consisted of a pair of brass flower vases, with bulging bases, narrow necks, and flared tops. In the early nineteen hundreds, during the ministry of the Reverend Harry Wilson, a chaste brass cross, the emblem of the Christian Church, became the central piece of the altar. The male members of the choir robed in the then newly built Sunday School sited at the northern side of the church. Choir stalls, in addition to those inside the chancel, were arranged lengthways to the nave, one being in front of the organ for the benefit of the lady sopranos, and two others on the opposite side for the choir boys and the lady contraltos. As rebuilt the interior of the old church looked, and still looks, most attractive. The plastered interior walls were coloured in two shades of grey, with the timber ceiling boards painted a light green.

The Reverend A. C. Corlette was the incumbent between the years 1898 and 1905, and he, in turn, was succeeded by the Reverend H. R. A. Wilson, a High Churchman, and a dedicated Anglophile, who introduced many innovations to the Church services, often contrary to the wishes of certain of his parishioners. The Reverend Wilson did yeoman service during the dread influenza epidemic of 1919 when his untiring ministry to the sick and the dying was greatly appreciated by the distressed community. In 1921 the Reverend gentleman returned to his beloved England and his place at St. Paul's Kogarah was taken by that eloquent preacher and lovable man, the Reverend Stanley G. Best. The church flourished exceedingly under his guidance and during his incumbency the Education Department resumed the St. Paul's Cemetery, together with the area occupied by the tennis courts, as a playground for pupils of the Kogarah Superior Public School. The headstones and other memorial stones, border stones, etc., were lifted and placed against the fence at the northern side of the church ground. Here they remained for many years in an upright position. However, in recent years many of these memorial stones have disappeared, although a few, in a damaged state, are piled amidst a heap of stone rubble and other rubbish at the north-western corner of the church property. It would appear that no concise record has been kept of the names of the pioneers who still rest in unmarked graves below the surface of the school ground.

With the money obtained from the cemetery resumption a brick wall was built along the now restricted church frontage to Gladstone Street, and also along the full length of the frontage to Princes Highway. An elaborate lych-gate at the new Gladstone Street entrance to the church grounds was erected in memory of Walter J. Butcher and Helen K. Butcher, by their family, their son, Alan, being a choir member with a particularly fine basso voice. This lych-gate was erected in 1923 by the late Archbishop Wright. An organ vestry was added to the southern side of the church, a circumstance which made necessary a rearrangement of the instrument and also the choir stalls. A choir vestry for the ladies, who were now robed in traditional surplice and trencher cap "(Mortar Board)", an innovation introduced by one of the authors when acting as choir-master, was built at the northern side of the enlarged clergy vestry. The church, as from 1925, took on its present external shape and condition.

Attention must be drawn to the sterling worth of the late Mrs. E. Warner, of Carlton, who acted as choir mistress of the large boy's choir for a great many years. Mrs. Nancy Wakefield also proved a tower of strength in her parochial visiting, particularly through the difficult "Depression" years and those of the Second Great War. It is of interest to recall some of the regular attendant families of fifty years ago as they come to mind, many of whom were represented on the Church Council and others served in the fine choir which had been developed through the efforts of the organist, the talented Mr. Joseph Hayward of Oatley. In alphabetical order the family list, by no means complete, would be drawn up as follows: - Ambrose, Arden, Buckeridge, Butcher, Carlaw, Carmichael, Cavanough, Cohen, Colman, Eardley, Fulford, Garside, Goldie, P.N. Kelly, C. Kelly, Lindley, Livingstone, Mitchell, Molster, Moore, Reid, Satchell, Skidmore, Wakefield, Walker, Warner and Wolff. Amongst the outstanding members of the choir of the nineteen-twenty period one recalls Miss Esme Gillard, Miss Grace Warner, and Messrs. Theodore Brandt and Walter Eames. At this time the choir was capable of singing the Hallelujah Chorus and rendering Winchester's famous Magnificat in all its majestic beauty.

It was during this halcyon period that a certain lady presented a pair of elaborate brass ecclesiastical candlesticks for altar usage as a thank-offering for her two sons. Some unknown person sacrilegiously removed these candlesticks from the altar and investigating police detectives discovered them secreted beneath the floor boards of the chancel. The donar was so distressed about the profanation that she withdrew her gift from the church precincts to avoid further upset. It was a sad and sorry business for all concerned.

Then came the awful bank depression of the nineteen-thirties when unemployment, hunger, and distress afflicted the community at large. The Rector's wife and her maid worked untiringly in giving service to the poor and needy, irrespective of creed or colour. It is known that on one occasion she, accompanied by her little maid and the rectory garden wheel-barrow took the steam tram to Ramsgate to gather a wire mattress and bedding needed for a homeless family which she had managed to place in an empty garage. The two women trundled the barrow and its contents over the hills from Ramsgate to Kogarah where they had the satisfaction of seeing at least one family comfortable, to a certain degree, for the winter months which lay ahead. The tragic circumstances of many families led to the formation of a Distress Committee at St. Paul's, which enlarged its scope by seeking the help of other church denominations in the Kogarah area. The Congregational and Methodist churches, and, of course the Salvation Army, gave their wholehearted co-operation. The other churches were not interested, apart from sending their own unfortunate people to the Kogarah Combined Churches Relief Organisation for succour. Two homeless families in particular proved difficult to place and their hopeless position led to the erection of a two-roomed cottage, with two lean-to kitchens, near the Gladstone Street entrance to the St. Paul's Church-yard. These temporary homes were built by voluntary labour, using second-hand material recovered from the demolition of the old swimming baths at Sans Souci. They served their purpose until such time as employment again became available. The charity of the people associated with St. Paul's became widely known and was fully appreciated by those who sought assistance in their time of need.

The Reverend Stanley Best left St. Paul's to take an appointment at the Garrison Church at Miller's Point in 1933. He was succeeded at Kogarah

by his friend, the Reverend A.J.B. King, whose incumbency lasted until 1939. Then came the Reverend J.F. Chappel who left in 1944 to take over affairs at the Concord West Church of England. The Reverend A.A. Mutton was inducted during the same year at Kogarah, and remained at St. Paul's until 1958. During his incumbency a modern brick rectory was built on land immediately south of the church. The sale and subsequent demolition of the second rectory also took place about this period and the site, after serving the needs of a motor establishment for some time, was taken over by the Department of Education and added to the previously mentioned school playground. Strangely enough the majority of the lovely trees which surround the former rectory have been allowed to survive under the new ownership. The Reverend A.A. Mutton, due to ill-health, left St. Paul's to take over the smaller country Parish Church at Wilberforce and was succeeded by the present incumbent, the Reverend V.A. Evans. The need arose for accommodation for an assistant clergyman at St. Paul's and to this end a property at 38 Gladstone Street, Kogarah, now known as "St. Paul's Clergy Cottage", was purchased, and dedicated on June 14, 1964.

Within recent years it has been found necessary to replace the Altar, Bishop's Chair, Pulpit and Reading-desk. The design of these essential fittings harmonise with the interior beauty of this grand old church. Although in need of sundry repairs to the church fabric, for which a special Centenary appeal is being made, the ancient and hallowed edifice will, we pray, serve the spiritual needs of generations of worshippers in the years that lay ahead.

#### THE ORIGINAL SUBSCRIPTION LIST, ST. PAUL'S KOGARAH.

Through courtesy of the Reverend V.A. Evans, rector of St. Paul's Church of England at Kogarah, the St. George Historical Society is enabled to publish a list of subscribers who donated various sums of money for the building of this historic church. The list is not dated but may be presumed to have been taken up at the laying of the foundation stone in January, 1869. It is also of interest at this year of grace, marking the Centenary of the old church, as it portrays a cross section of the families resident at Kogarah, or should we say Rocky Point, and adjacent areas at the eighteen-sixty period. The subscription list is as follows:-

|                           |         |                          |        |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|
| The Lord Bishop of Sydney | £10.0.0 | Mrs. Francks             | 5.0    |
| Mrs. Roberts ?            | 5.0.0   | Mrs. Donlon              | 10.0   |
| Hon. John Campbell        | 10.0.0  | Mr. Campbell             | 6.6    |
| Shepd? Smith Esq.         | 5.0.0   | Mr. Brennan              | 2.6    |
| Hon. Thos Holt.           | 10.10.0 | Mr. Church Esq.          | 1. 0.0 |
| Robert Saddington. Esq.   | 1.0.0   | Mrs. Wainwright          | 1. 0.0 |
| Reverend Taylor           | 10.0    | Miss Hoggard             | 10.0   |
| Mrs. Thyte                | 10.0    | Mr. Chisholm             | 5.0    |
| Wm. Price Esq.            | 1.1.0   | Mr. Elliott              | 13.0   |
| A Friend                  | 7.6     | Mr. Cook.                | 13.0   |
| Mr. John Davis            | 5.0     | <u>By Mrs. Berghofer</u> |        |
| H. W.                     | 5.0     | William Berghofer        | 2.16.6 |
| Mr. C.S.                  | 5.0     | Edward English           | 4.0    |
| W.J. Tickle               | 5.0     | J. Oxley.                | 5.0    |
| Mr. G.W. Geisi. ?         | 2.6     | Mr. Strafford            | 5.0    |



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| Mr. C. Bent.             | £ 5.0   | Mr. P. Ritter.        | £1. 0.0 |
| <u>By Mrs. Shelton.</u>  |         | Joseph Smith.         | 2.6     |
| Hills Esq ?              | 5. 0.0  | Henry Jordan          | 10.0    |
| Mr. J. Shelton           | 5. 0.0  | Mr. P. Webber         | 5.0     |
| Mr. Briellat             | 2. 0.0  | John Elliott          | 10.0    |
| Mrs. Moore               | 17.6    | Mr. P. Moore          | 1. 0.0  |
| <u>By Miss Berghofer</u> |         | J. Walz               | 5.0     |
| J. W. Berghofer          | 2. 10.0 | A. Spring             | 5.0     |
| J. Canham                | 1. 0.0  | J. B. Carroll         | 5.0     |
| Miss C. Berghofer        | 5.0     | T. Wilson             | 10.0    |
| Mrs. Clarke              | 2.6     | J. Milldenhall        | 5.0     |
| Mrs. Mackey              | 1. 0.0  | J. Wilson             | 10.0    |
| Mrs. Miller              | 2.6     | J. Watson             | 2.6     |
| Mrs. I. Tuchin           | 5.0     | Mr. Climpson?         | 4.0     |
| Mrs. Krieger             | 2.6     | J. Hickey             | 5.0     |
| Mrs. Buckwit             | 2.6     | J. English            | 2.6     |
| Mrs. Gannon              | 10.0    | Mrs. Bowen            | 2.0     |
| Mrs. Watmugle            | 2.6     | J. Holdhansen?        | 1.0     |
| Mrs. Goode               | 5.0     | William Black         | 7.0     |
| Mrs. R. Goode            | 2.6     | Henry Berghofer       | 10.0    |
| Mrs. J. Quirk            | 5.0     | William Lambourin?    | 5.0     |
| Mrs. H. Cooke            | 5.0     | Mrs. South            | 10.0    |
| Mrs. O. Goode            | 5.0     | <u>By Miss Edward</u> |         |
| Mrs. Flack               | 2.6     | Mr. G. Climpson       | 2.6     |
| Mrs. H. Beehag           | 5.0     | Mrs. Allyne           | 10.0    |
| Mrs. G. Slinn            | 2.6     | J. B. Tickle          | 5.0     |
| Mrs. C. Napper           | 2. 0.0  | Mrs. S. T. Barden     | 2.0     |
| Mrs. J. Tappsir ?        | 1. 0.0  | Mr. J. Morgan         | 6       |
| Mrs. Bust?               | 5.0     | Mrs. Peterson         | 2.6     |
| Mrs. Bosback             | 2.6     | Thomas Fitzgerald     | 2.0     |
| George Long              | 3.0     | E. Keys               | 6       |
| Mr. Rust                 | 10.0    | Total £75. 16. 0      |         |

It is of interest to note that several of the above subscribers are known to belong to the Roman Catholic and the Wesleyan denominations, a circumstance which points to a great degree of religious tolerance in those now far off days. There were also many German families represented, who would, more than likely, have had affiliations with the Lutheran faith of their Fatherland. The paper of the original list is beginning to disintergrate and the writing is obliterated in places by the presence of large ink blots, which make it almost impossible to decipher. Spelling the various surnames correctly has also proved difficult as the lettering, carried out in black ink, has certain idiosyncrasies peculiar to the writer. The Reverend V. A. Evans has kindly placed a photostat of the original list with the authorities of the Mitchell Library.