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## CHRISTMAS DAY.

OF all days in the year Christmas is the great day of rejoicing. Easter comes next, but it is a long way behind. There are several causes for this into which we need not enter. Amongst our forefathers the joy of Christmas degenerated into extravagance and folly of sin; and all kinds of abuses and revellings and such like were indulged in, to the great scandal of our Saviour and His holy religion. Indeed, one of the many names by which Christmas is known is "Yule," which means a "time of revelry." But this unpleasant feature of Christmas has long since departed, and the joy of Christmas is the joy of the angels when they sang o'er the starlit fields of Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good-will to men." And what is the fountain and foundation of all our joy on that day? We have it in Gabriel's words, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." That was a most marvellous event. It was the coming into the world of a new power, a new force, that would help mankind in its struggle upward and onward. It was a great day in the history of creation when life first appeared. It was a greater day when mind first dawned. But the greatest of all days was that first Christmas Day when God became Man. How life began is an inscrutable mystery. How mind dawned is a more inscrutable mystery; but how God could become man is the most inscrutable of all mysteries. We know, however, all these three things did happen, because they exist now. Life exists, mind

exists, and the God-Man, Jesus Christ, exists. Yes, it was a most momentous time in the history of creation when the Babe lay in the manger of Bethlehem. It meant the hope of humanity. It meant progress in all the higher walks of being. It meant civilisation and all the gifts that civilisation brings. It meant this 19th century, with all its marvellous discoveries, its wealth of glorious literature; and, above all, it meant that another Power was to rule the world, another different but mighty Influence was amongst mankind. Hitherto self had governed the world. But the birth of Jesus Christ proved that from that time onward it would be love that should rule. Men would live for others as well as for themselves. Greed, and avarice, and selfishness were not to be the only lords and conquerors of men, but love was now to have its place. And from that day this magnificent and majestic idea had been gradually working its way into the hearts of Christendom, and those who are nearest the manger of Bethlehem understand more of the love of the Babe of Bethlehem than any one else. It is true the idea works slowly, and we see, instead of love, all kinds of cruelties and abominations and woe. But be not dismayed, remember God has all eternity to work in. All God's processes are slow processes. Just take the one instance of life. Think of the ages and ages that have passed since the first microscopic cell containing life appeared. And then think how that one little cell has grown, and spread, and increased, and developed until it has produced all this marvellous and wondrous world with its myriad millions of all forms of life. So will it be with

the New Power of Love brought in by the Babe of Bethlehem. It is small now, but it will ultimately conquer all the world. So the Cradle at Bethlehem is the Hope of the world. It is not simply one more infant born into the world. It is The Infant towards which all Creation has been working, and to which all history looks back.

The Shepherds little knew they were looking on the Hope of the world as they

"Gazed on the holy Child,  
And calmly o'er that cradle rude  
The Virgin Mother smiled."

But so it was, though they knew it not, it is because Christmas Day is so unspeakably holy and dear and sweet to us Christians, that it is one of the festivals on which we always partake of Holy Communion. There is no day on which that part of the Nicene Creed comes home more to the heart, and touches us so closely as this, "And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made Man." So for us Christians to receive the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, is one way of keeping Christmas Day. May all our readers enter into the true spirit of this most momentous day. Never did sweeter message thrill through the souls of men, never had the heavens themselves heard a gladder song than that first Christmas Carol. May it stir our hearts and guide our lives, for it contains all things that are honest and of good report. It means the disarmament of nations, the ceasing of oppression. It sums up the aspirations, the hopes, the prayers, the longings of the best and noblest souls. It is the Divine event to which the whole creation has been



moving since it fell on a dying world: "Peace on earth, good-will towards men."

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen."—S. Luke, ii. 20.

WHAT was the cause of this sudden outbreak of enthusiastic joy? These shepherds had just seen that vision of the angels, and had heard from them that a child was born at Bethlehem, and they had been to Bethlehem and had had the angel's message confirmed; they had seen "the babe wrapped in swaddling-clothes, and lying in a manger." But what was it in that sight that could move them so deeply? To all appearance there was not so much in that little Child that would promise any particular cause of happiness to them. So what was it?

Ah, my brethren, you know there was a wondrous magic in one word which the angels had used in speaking of the Child just born into the world. "Saviour" they had called Him. It was to be a Saviour to those shepherds and to all men that He was come, He the Son of God stooping thus to be a child of man. We are so used to the word "Saviour" that we hardly feel how much it means, what depth of thankful joy it has in it for the children of men. But it went straight to those Jewish hearts, long hoping and waiting for a Saviour to come. Exiles they felt themselves to be from home, from the condition of peace and brightness which man feels himself made for; alienated from the Father of their spirits, the God in whose image man is made; enslaved by a corrupted nature; oppressed by powers of evil; craving to be free from their bondage, yet unable to get free. And so a "Saviour," One who should undo the mischief under which they laboured, heal their corruption, reconcile and reunite them to God, throw open the gate of heaven,—was the brightest and most glorious tidings that heart could imagine or ears drink in.

There is nothing surprising, then, in the bright exuberance of the shepherds' joy when first the news and the sight of the Saviour actually come fell upon them fresh and sweet. Nothing surprising. The only question is, Can we not only understand, but actually share their joy? Does any glow of their praiseful gladness warm and light up our hearts to-day?

True, the news to them so sweetly fresh that first Christmas morning is a long familiar tale to us. To us, the story of the Saviour and the salvation He has wrought is a story as old as life itself. But, brethren, long as we may have known that story, many as may be the Christmases we have kept, various as may be the casts of our characters, the experience of our lives,

the fortunes of our earthly lot, different as may be our powers of mind and knowledge, still this Christmas message, "Unto you is born a Saviour," is one of undying interest and unchanging importance. To every one of us there is the same reason still why the angel's message should give an unspeakable relief and immeasurable joy. In every one of us, be he high or low, great or simple, learned or unlearned, there is one thing which makes all alike, all on a level with the Bethlehem shepherds and each other on Christmas Day. We are still sinners, still suffering from the burden and the danger of our sinful nature, still exiles, for our place in heaven is not yet reached or secured, still parted from God, whose likeness and presence is the only source of satisfaction for us. So the Saviour whose coming we celebrate to-day, and His saving work, is still the great All in all, the one grand necessity for us. And the news that He has come, and that His work is, if we will, in full process in and upon us, is still something to move us to enthusiastic joy, as it moved simple-hearted men of old; still something to throw a brightness and glory over our life, which instead of fading through familiarity may rather grow in depth and strength as each fresh Christmas Day brings back to us the story of the Virgin Mother and her Heavenly Child.

### TACT.

THE word is often on our lips. We all imagine we are endowed with the gift. What do we mean by it? Truly it is difficult to define. The word is from the Latin tactus—touch; hence the dictionary meaning—nice perception or discernment, peculiar skill or aptitude. But surely it means more than this to a Christian. It must mean more than an aptitude for skilfully skating over delicate points; much more than the ability to say no nicely. Some are born tacticians, others can only become such by the exercise of much practice and self-restraint. We have in our mind the great Apostles S.S. Paul and Peter. But tact is a necessary characteristic for all teachers of men. A parish priest has to declare the whole counsel of God. There are doctrines of the church which he knows are not acceptable to his people. Is he, therefore, carefully to avoid these for fear of giving offence? God forbid, we reply. We must speak the truth in love, with a tender regard for the convictions of others. Even if we have to suffer for our straightforwardness, we must be true to our conscience, to our principles. But here lies a temptation and a danger. "We must be prudent; but with that prudence which is not mere

negation, which is on the watch for success, not for safety; which is opposed alike to sloth and to forwardness, to cowardice and to rashness, because they are fatal to the work of the ministry."—Heygabe. Here is a layman's idea of commendable tact in a clergyman. He thinks he ought to close his eyes and fail to see something in the life of one of his people which called for admonition because he was influential, and one of his best supporters. That might pass in politics, but it is hardly the ideal of a faithful parish priest. "Wisdom and prudence and tact are good things, and their absence often destroys the practical value of better things still, only let us take care we do not make them a cloak for cowardice."—Bishop How. Let us be true to ourselves, and speak out firmly, but kindly. Honesty is bound to win respect in the end. There are some who will have nothing whatever to do with tact in any shape or form, and declare it to be but another name for duplicity, hypocrisy, or cunning. But this is going to the other extreme. Perhaps, after all, Dean Hole's definition is the best in every sense—sanctified common sense.

### AUSTRALIA'S PIONEER CLERGYMEN.

(By E.W.)

No. 5.

THERE are a number of other clergymen, pioneers of the Church of England in Australia, whose life and labours are no doubt well worthy of being recorded, but I am merely restricting myself to a few, and those principally who have had at one time or another some connection with our own island. My next reference then will be to the Rev. Augustus Hobbes Scott, first Archdeacon of Australia. It will be short but, I trust, interesting.

In September, 1819, there arrived in Sydney Mr. John Thomas Biggs, under commission from the Home Government to "examine into the laws, regulations, and usages of the territory and its dependencies, and into every other matter or thing in any way connected with the administration of the Civil Government, the superintendence and reform of the convicts, the state of the judicial, civil, and ecclesiastical establishments, revenue, trade, and resources." Mr. Biggs's enquiries occupied two years, and he was accompanied, during that time, by Mr. Augustus Hobbes Scott as private secretary. On his return to England, amongst the many reforms suggested by him was the appointment of some responsible head of the church in Australia. He found, he said, "clergymen in Sydney, Parramatta, Hobart Town, etc., acting

without concert, subject to no ecclesiastical direction, and owning no spiritual head but the Bishop of Calcutta in India, and his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury in England. He recommended the nomination of an archdeacon in New Holland. Government approved of the plan, and on the strong recommendation of Mr. Biggs appointed the Rev. Augustus Hobbes Scott. Thus it was that this gentleman, originally a wine merchant, subsequently private secretary to Mr. Biggs on the important mission alluded to, and then a clergyman, was raised to the title of Archdeacon of New South Wales with a salary of £2000 per annum, and a seat in the Governor's Council in 1824, an appointment which was considered unfair and a slight upon an old and experienced minister like Mr. Marsden, who, up to now, had been looked upon as the head of the Church of England in Australia.

It was soon found that the archdeacon was not at one with his clergy. According to "Bonwick" he was "a well-meaning man, but his acts failed to conciliate his enemies, his want of tact provoked unnecessary opposition, and his party in the church was not then appreciated in New South Wales;" he was, in fact, what is now known as a high churchman. The Rev. Dr. Lang (the Presbyterian), whose opinions upon faith were shared by the Rev. S. Marsden, left this judgment of the first archdeacon—"Of the devotion and practice which constitute what is styled by the Christian world evangelical religion Mr. Scott had evidently no idea."

Archdeacon Scott remained but four years in the colonies, and then sought more congenial society in England. In 1828, just prior to his retirement, he visited Van Dieman's Land, and after a short stay in Hobart Town came to Launceston, where, on March 6, he consecrated S. John's Church, at which service he was assisted by the Rev. James Norman. The next day he visited the National School (old Trinity school-room), which in those days was under the supervision of the chaplain of S. John's. On Sunday, March 8, he took the morning service at S. John's and administered the sacrament, to which seventeen young persons were admitted for the first time. This is all that I am enabled to tell my readers about our first archdeacon, and will conclude by giving a verbatim copy of a letter of instructions written by him to the wardens of S. John's, which is preserved amongst the earliest records of that church. It is interesting in many ways, as it will serve to show how church matters were managed in the early days of the colony, and we can also gather from it that the archdeacon was, if nothing else, a business man, and seemingly had a thorough knowledge of human nature. The letter runs as follows:—

"Launceston, March 8, 1828.

"Gentlemen,—

"I do myself the honour of enclosing for your guidance a ground plan of the Church of S. John's with the appropriation of the pews, and of which you will have the goodness to give the parties notice accordingly.

"With the exception of those pews set apart for the Lieutenant-Governor, and in his absence the Civil Commandant, the clergyman, the military officers, the churchwardens and strangers, you will cause a rent to be collected every quarter by the clerk, and paid to you, of £3 10s per annum each for the first sixteen pews, and £2 10s per annum for each of the next eight, the others to be appropriated as free seats.

"I recommend that the burial ground be divided into four equal parts by broad walks, and to be planted; that two portions be kept for convicts only, one for free and military in common graves, and another for brick graves, vaults, and tombs. The whole to be preserved in regular lines from north to south, the foot of them being towards the east.

"Bricks vaults are to be charged after the rate of sixpence per cubic foot if 7ft. long, 7ft. wide, and 6ft. deep, but above that size 1s per cubic foot. Brick graves 1s per cubic foot. Head-stones or flat stones may be put up without any charge, but no fence can be allowed around them or the common graves. The fences or railing around tombs are to be kept to the space of 18in. from the stone or brick work, and a charge of sixpence per square foot, superficial, for the space. These are exclusive of the clergyman's fees for burials or monuments in the church, with which you are not to interfere.

"No corpse can be buried in the church. All sums received must be paid to the Colonial Treasurer on account of pew rent and vault fees, and all expenses drawn for, so that no account current be kept.

"In the event of any necessary repairs for the church or burial ground, and for all temporalities, you will have the goodness, in conjunction with the chaplain, to represent the same to the Governor through the Colonial Secretary.

"With regard to ecclesiastical affairs the minister will communicate with me.

"I am, gentlemen,

"Your faithful servant,

"T. H. SCOTT.

"To William Kenworthy, Esq., Theodore Bryant Bartley, Esq., churchwardens."

(To be continued.)

Only those who are made holy in this world will be holy in the world to come.

### CONSTITUTION of the BROTHERHOOD of S. ANDREW'S in SMANIA.

Article I., Section I.—Object.

THE sole object of the Brotherhood of S. Andrew's is the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men, and to this end every man desiring to become a member thereof must pledge himself to obey the rules of the brotherhood so long as he shall be a member.

These rules are two—

The rule of prayer and the rule of service.

The rule of prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men, and for God's blessing upon the labours of the brotherhood. The rule of service is to make an earnest effort each week to bring at least one young man within the hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as set forth in the services of the Church, and in young men's Bible classes.

Section II.—Basis of Union.

Any organisation of young men, in any parish or mission district of the Church of England in Tasmania effected under this name, and with the approval of the rector or minister in charge, for this object, and whose members so pledge themselves, is entitled to become a chapter of the brotherhood, and as such to representation in its council, unless such approval be withdrawn.

No man shall be an active member of a chapter who is not baptized, and no member shall be elected presiding officer or a delegate to the Council who is not also a communicant of the said church.

Article II.—Diocesan Council.

The Diocesan Council shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and delegates from each chartered chapter, on the basis of two from each chapter, but if a chapter numbers over twenty members, one additional delegate.

The clergy of the Diocese having chapters in their parishes shall be ex officio members of the Council. The Council shall have power to enact its own by-laws, grant charters, and to transact all business directly concerning the brotherhood of the Diocese.

Article III.—Financial Support.

Each chapter shall pay to the treasurer of the Diocesan Council, as its quota of the expenses of the Council, two shillings per annum per head of its membership.

But a chapter organised in the last half of the calendar year shall have one half of its quota rebated.



Quotas shall be payable as follows:— Upon organisation each chapter shall forward to the Diocesan Council, with its ratification of the constitution, and its report of organisation, its quota, based upon the number of its chartered members.

For each subsequent year it shall forward its quota to the Council on January 17, based upon its membership on the S. Andrew's day preceding.

#### Section IV.

This constitution may be amended at any annual general meeting by a two-thirds vote of all the chapters represented in the Diocesan Council.

Any further information can be had from the undersigned,

MR. A. R. B. HADEN,  
5 Melville-street, Hobart.

#### OBITUARY.

AT his residence, Longford, on November 7, there passed away, in the person of Henry Sanford Hutchinson, of Worcester College, Oxford, a colonist of many years standing. Mr. Hutchinson was the son of the late Rev. William Hutchinson, vicar of Colebrook, Devon; his mother being Louisa Collingwood, daughter of Captain Robert Parker, R.N., and niece of Sir William Parker, Bart. Mr. Hutchinson was also grandson of Thomas Hutchinson, Esq., B.A., (Harvard), D.C.L. Oxon., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the late province of Massachusetts Bay, North America, who, being a Royalist, was obliged to flee to England at the time of the struggle for independence, thereby losing much property and valuable possessions. The deceased gentleman was the youngest of a large family, his brother being Canon of Lichfield Cathedral, and vicar of Blurton, Staffordshire, a living which has been in the family for many years, his predecessor having been the Rev. John Hutchinson, Canon Residentiary and Precentor of Lichfield Cathedral, cousin and brother-in-law of the deceased. Mr. Hutchinson, having abandoned his early intention of entering the ministry, emigrated to the colonies about 1835, and immediately took up a position under Government, which he held for some years. He was afterwards engaged in various educational pursuits, and was finally appointed Council Clerk to the rural municipalities of Longford, February 27, 1862, which position he held until December, 1891, when, through failing health, he was compelled to resign. He was also a Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, returning officer for the electoral district of Cressy, and secretary of the Local Road Trust. Though interested in the welfare of his district, the deceased never took an active

part in public life. He was for many years a Warden of the Church, and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and officiated as lay reader, while for eighteen months he was in charge of the parish during the absence, through illness, of the incumbent, the Rev. Alfred Stackhouse, sen., which services were recognised by the parishioners, who presented him with a handsome testimonial in the form of an illuminated address, accompanied by two beautifully bound illustrated volumes of Dore's Bible. Mr. Hutchinson was ever ready to lend a helping hand to the poor and needy when required, and was held in universal respect and esteem by all classes. He died surrounded by his sorrowing family at the ripe old age of 86, full of years and good works, leaving them a bright example of a Christian life. His two eldest sons are engaged in banking pursuits, Mr. H. M. Hutchinson residing in New South Wales, Mr. W. R. Hutchinson, in Launceston. The youngest son, the Rev. Arthur E. Hutchinson, is curate to the Rev. L. T. Tarleton, rector of Deloraine, and resides at Westbury.

#### PALM ISLANDS.

ALL was excitement among the passengers of the s.s. Waikare, for some one had brought the welcome news that land was in sight. Our deck games, books, and home letters were left to take care of themselves, while we hurried forward, past the hot kitchens, and up the steep stairs to the bow. There, far away in the distance, rose the sharp blue peaks of Rarotonga. It was our first view of the Palm Islands.

"We are hoping to arrive before dusk," reads my diary. But, alas! though the blue peaks grew larger and larger, the sun set, the short tropical twilight closed in, and we saw nothing but the large beacon fires lit by the natives in our honour. However, we consoled ourselves with dinner, and when an hour later we returned on deck various dark faces greeted us with smiles.

On our notice board we found two invitations, one to an "at home" at the British Residency for that evening, the other brought by a chief from Queen Makea, which ran as follows:—

"To the chief and passengers on board the s.s. Waikare, Greetings. Ladies and gentlemen,—You are thrice welcome to our land, the land of tumutevaru-varu ki te taringa o papa. Come ashore and witness the ways of Rarotonga, the land of tumutevaru-varu enough. From (sga) Makea Ariki."

Next morning we were all up early, and, though gazing out of the port somewhat delayed one's progress dress-

ing, we were still on deck long before breakfast time.

Viewed from the sea, Rarotonga looks a lovely little island. Though only five and a half miles from east to west by three and a half from north to south, yet in that little space what a variety of scenery meets the eye!

The interior is occupied by a rugged range of mountains whose peaks of Te Atu Kura and Manugatea reach a height of nearly 3000 feet. Clothed to the summit with dark green foliage, they slope more or less abruptly to the little plains and valleys which extend to the sea shore. The bright green palm trees stand out against the darker background, and among them one sees the white houses and brown native whares of the little town of Avarua.

Presently our attention was attracted nearer at hand, as we saw our fellow-passengers with hands full of oranges and bananas. Moving a little forward we found one of the hatchways almost covered with large baskets made of green palm leaves, filled with oranges and bananas. We afterwards heard that Queen Makea had sent a present of five tons of fruit on board.

Directly after breakfast a steam launch and some large boats belonging to the Union Company took us all to the little pier, where we found crowds of natives in their gay dresses awaiting our arrival with smiling faces; for the coming of the Waikare was a great event, and the Queen had proclaimed two days holiday in our honour. Some 40 or 50 vehicles were assembled from all parts. Our party had already decided to drive round the island, a distance of 20 miles; we therefore chose a small, low trap. The horse—a poor, miserable-looking creature—proved on further acquaintance a plucky little beast; his harness, having less string in its composition than the majority, predisposed us in his favour.

An official looking person with many shouts and gesticulations, finally formed us into a procession. An hurrah! crack of the whips, and we are off. Down the road, splash through the little shining stream, and away on, on through an ever changing scene of beauty and interest. Now overhead stretch the dark green trees, giving a grateful shade, for the sun shines hot on the white road, though the air is fresh from the sea, where we hear the cool waves breaking on the shore. Then on, through avenues of palms, bread-fruit trees, and giant arbutas, in whose shadow shine the bright crimson hibiscus, the red Chilean bean, foliage plants with wonderful leaves, crotons, coleus, and others.

On either side of the road is a wall made of coral, which forms a rock-work for ferns of all kinds. The bird's nest, staghorn, coral fern, polypodium, and many other old friends grow luxuriantly.

Every here and there we pass little brown whares, with thatched roofs, surrounded with their plantations of bananas and kumera, and little flower gardens gay with large bushes of poinsetia, oleander, and many other plants and creepers familiar to our hot-houses. Unfortunately for the picturesque effect, the native whares are being superseded by little white plastered cottages with iron roofs. Some half finished or ruined huts show that a death has taken place, and no one will either finish the building or live in the house. Every young man, we were told, is given a piece of land when he comes of age. This he plants with bananas, oranges, kumera, etc. He and his family then seem to be provided with all they require, except such luxuries as a sewing-machine and a trap, which we were surprised to find most of the natives possessed.

As we drove past each little home, the whole family—father, mother, and little brown babies—greeted us with merry smiles and shouts of "Iurana." Grasping the situation, we endeavoured to play our part, and bowed from side to side and waved our hands; in fact, the friendly style of the natives was so infectious that we found ourselves greeting such of our fellow-passengers as we met in the most demonstrative manner, though with many until that day we had only exchanged the most formal "good morning." Presently we heard a loud hurrah! saw our companions leaving their vehicles, and found that we had reached the village of Arorangi. On a rough table beside the road were spread bananas, oranges ready peeled, and young cocoanuts full of their cool, sweet milk. We were all pressed to help ourselves, and thought the cocoanut milk most refreshing. Of course, a number of us were armed with cameras, and the natives were only too delighted to be taken. One young woman with a picturesque little girl and a big fat baby I was anxious to get. She beamed with pleasure, but signed to me to wait till another child came running down the road with an ugly wool bonnet, in which the baby being dressed, I was allowed to proceed. A few of the natives were selling necklaces of seeds and shells. Those fortunate in being early bought all these, and, thus adorned, appeared to feel more in keeping with their surroundings.

Eight or ten miles further on we were received by the King, or Ariki Maratu Pa, a tall, dignified man, hardly darker than an Italian. He stood on his verandah welcoming each party as they arrived. After a few minutes conversation we passed on, and seated ourselves in the shade, while the women handed us fruit and cocoanut milk, followed by sandwiches of tara and turkey. Being frightened to try the former, we declined; this,

we afterwards heard, was very bad manners.

We passed two or three churches built of coral plastered with mortar made from coral lime, and corrugated iron roofs. In architecture they are similar to those one sees in any country town; but we could not help thinking that the iron roofs and glass windows might be improved upon in that hot climate. The missions belong to the London Missionary Society, who have been here many years, and the Roman Catholics. The inhabitants are all Christians, and we were told many of them much attached to their church. They have few or no books except the Bible, and know a great part of it by heart. In fact, one lady informed me that their church was their "chief amusement," also that they began all their dances and games with hymns and prayers.

Another thing we noticed along the road was the number of graves, chiefly coral plastered, on most we saw inscriptions in the English and native language; one I noticed dated 1855.

Presently a loud drumming told us that we were nearly back to Avarua, where Queen Makea was giving an entertainment for the passengers. In the palace grounds we were introduced to the Queen, who was sitting on a chair. She speaks only a little English, but one of our passengers, a lawyer, who had some conversation with her, through an interpreter, said she seemed a very intelligent woman, and anxious for the welfare of her people. She speaks of our Queen as "my sister Victoria." Leaving the Queen we passed on to the palace, a two-story plastered building; here we were delighted to find "afternoon tea" presided over by the ladies from the mission house. In the grounds a gay scene presented itself, for we were just in time to witness the "Himene," performed by the natives in our honour. Some fifty girls and men marched forward and seated themselves on a large mat. The girls were dressed in the usual native costume, a long, loose dress not unlike the "Dorothy" worn by children here. The dresses are frequently made in materials of very gay colours, but on this occasion they all wore white, adorned with dyed grasses and bright garlands of flowers round their necks and heads. Their long, smooth black hair shining with cocoanut oil hung down their backs usually in a "pig-tail." The leading man then gave out a hymn, later he appeared to compose as he went on, the refrain of one song being translated to us, "Victoria is the Queen." The Waikare has arrived." The whole company sang this in a strange, drony voice, not inharmonious. The girls then, seated cross-legged, went through a kind of gymnastic performance, first twisting the wrists and the head, then every part of the body at once. The men

were even more energetic, standing sometimes on one leg and twisting every joint at the same time, then jumping in the air or dancing round all to the beat of their conductor. "God save the Queen," sung by the natives in Rarotonga, and afterwards by our people in English, brought the display to a close, and, having made our bow to Queen Makea, we returned on board.

The officers informed us that hundreds of natives had visited the ship during our absence. Some twenty or thirty of the leading Europeans and natives sat down to dinner with us, numbers of others were served on deck, and seemed much surprised with the ices the stewards brought them. After dinner there was a little music and dancing on deck, also an exhibition of a graphophone, which seemed greatly to surprise and delight Pa Ariki, and another chief. At 11 p.m. a salute of ten guns was fired from the Waikare in Queen Makea's honour; soon after our visitors left, with many expressions of regret at our leaving so soon. I may mention that Rarotonga is under British protection, a Resident being appointed from New Zealand, the natives, however, have their own Parliament, and make their own laws. There are two newspapers, and judging from the contents of the "Ioi Karanga" (the one I saw), they enjoy the liberty of criticising the Government, and every one else in the usual British manner.

#### SPIRITUAL DEPENDENCE.

"After his greatest progress he continues dependent: as entirely dependent on the upholding grace of God, as he was in his spiritual infancy, so that if it were possible that after many years of spiritual living, he could be entirely forsaken of the Holy Spirit, he would instantly be as carnal as if he had never been spiritual, as dead to God as if he had never been alive. Neither is there any contradiction or inconsistency in this. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood.' The life of the spirit is in the Holy Ghost. Let the blood (the circulation of natural life) be taken from the flesh of a man of fifty years old, and from the flesh of an infant, and both are instantly and equally dead. Yet between infancy and fifty years of age, a real bona fide increase had taken place in the amount and power of animal life."—Hugh M'Neill: "The Church and the Churches."

The acts, pacts, and facts of Christ's life should be reproduced in ours.

The Baptism of Fire sets hearts and hands free for abundant work.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.—O. W. Holmes.



## NOTES.

REV. L. T. Tarleton, Rector of Deloraine and R. Dean, just unanimously elected by the Council of Patronage, and appointed by the Bishop to the parish of Longford, was born in Hobart in 1859, third son of the late Mr. W. Tarleton, educated at Hutchins' School and Christ's College; took A.A. degree and matriculated at Melbourne University, gained G.M. Divinity prize at Christ's College. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Bromby in 1882, priest by Bishop Sandford in 1884, Curate to Rev. E. H.

The following clergy were able to attend the Ballarat Congress:—His Lordship the Bishop Ven. Archdeacon Whittington, Dr. Craig, Canons Shoo-bridge and Beresford, the Revs. C. W. Brammall and Tryon Wilson. Not a single layman went from the Diocese, which is a matter of deep regret. The proximity of Advent prevented more of the clergy going. Nearly all who did go had previously been asked to take part in the proceedings.

May we again remind our many readers of their duty to remember the poor and old and downtrodden at the

family goes and takes the best and purest blooms from your garden as a gift. Read our leader carefully, too, and note what it says about Holy Communion. Christmas is not merely a time for eating and drinking and merry-making, though it is that only to many.

Complaints are often made because some of the Parish Echoes are omitted. We have already said all such notes should be sent by the middle of the month. Several last month came to hand as late as the 23rd, when all our type was set, and we were going to press. Will our many friends who



Curwen and Canon Archer at All Saints; had charge of Hamilton and Green Ponds parishes in the south, and Avoca, Scottsdale, and Deloraine (nearly 6 years), in the north.

Will all who take the "Messenger" remember that next month begins a New Year, when we should be thankful to get a shilling from each. Stamps will do, only send them at once. Any donation, however small, will be welcome, but don't confuse "donation" and "subscription" please.

coming glad Christmas-tide. Let any who doubts the need of a little timely help in such directions, read Dickens's inimitable sketch in one of his Christmas Carols called "Scrooge's Dream," and excuses will disappear. Too often we forget the less fortunate in the presence of our dear ones around the well-filled board.

Remember, too, not only God's poor, but His Church also. Spare an hour or so to help deck His sanctuary. If you cannot possibly go yourself, see that at least one member of your

send matter regularly be careful not to write quite so fully, as some are wont to do? The space at our disposal is too limited for very lengthy notices. Bear in mind the 15th is the latest possible date we can undertake to print local notes.

May we ask each of our readers to get at least one new subscriber to our little monthly for the New Year? We send the whole year's numbers for one shilling, which we ask to be paid in advance in stamps, coin, postal note or order.

## PARISH ECHOES.

## FORTH AND LEVEN.

OUR North Motton and Riana sports and tea and concert were held on two successive days at the end of November, and it rained hard on both days. Evidently Mr. Wragge is annoyed with the parish of Forth and Leven. However, our takings were some £16 each day, and our people are to be much congratulated on the result of their hard work and great energy. We should have taken quite £25 at North Motton had it been fine.

The Diocesan Sunday-school examination was held on November 27, when 28 children went in for the exam., all coming from the Ulverstone Sunday-school. We think that Penguin ought certainly to enter for this exam. next time. We regret that no teachers entered this year.

The Rev. J. J. Brydges has come to help in the work of the parish for two months, when Mr. Blakeney will return to his work here. We give Mr. Brydges a hearty welcome, and can promise him sufficient occupation during his time amongst us. Our Ulverstone Sunday-school treat was held on December 7, when it rained with quiet determination nearly all day. If we could only induce Mr. Wragge to spend his Christmas holidays in our midst, what a warm welcome we would give him! We had to take refuge in the Town Hall, and do the best we could, and certainly the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Our most hearty thanks are due to Miss Colhoun and the band of workers who helped her so well. The Superintendent and teachers have determined to give the children a second treat on the beach in January, as there are many gifts and prizes to race for, etc.

We desire to draw the attention of our people to the services for Christmas Day, which falls on Sunday this year.

At Ulverstone Church there will be three celebrations of the Holy Communion, namely, at 7.30 a.m., 8.45 a.m., and after the 11 o'clock service. The rector will take both the early celebrations, and will then journey to the Forth for the 11 o'clock service and celebration. The Rev. J. Brydges will take the Ulverstone 11 o'clock service and celebration. The rector will go to Abbotsham for the 3 o'clock service, returning to Ulverstone for evening song and sermon. The Rev. W. Earle will take the Penguin and West Pine services. There will also be an early celebration of the Holy Communion at Penguin Church at 7.30, when the Rev. J. Brydges will celebrate. Special efforts will be made this year to

decorate our various churches as beautifully as possible.

In the next number of the "Church Messenger" we hope to review our doings for 1898, so that we may see how we have got on during the year.

## DELORAINÉ.

THERE will be two celebrations of Holy Communion at S. Mark's on Christmas Day at 7.50 and 10.50 a.m., when it is hoped all who have been confirmed will be present.

The epidemic of measles is passing away. Chudleigh has had a severe visitation. We hope that all who have recovered will join in thanksgiving at Christmastide.

Our show was successful financially, though exhibits were scarcer than expected, owing to severe wet and windy weather; and through unforeseen circumstances extra attractions advertised—such as a kiosk, boat, etc.—were not forthcoming. Much gratitude is felt to the kind friends who worked so well and heartily for the success of the show. About £33 was raised, leaving over £25 clear.

A large church parade was held at S. Mark's on Sunday, November 27, which was very inspiring.

The new seats for S. Saviour's, Meander, were also used on the same Sunday, Mr. Bowman having kindly carted them from the Deloraine station.

## CLARENCE.

SINCE we last sent an account of our parochial affairs to the "Messenger" we have had an entertaining lantern lecture from the Rev. P. N. Hunter, in aid of the Ladies' Working Society fund. The lecture, which was upon "Egypt," was very interesting, and many of those present expressed a wish to hear more from the lecturer on the same subject on some future occasion. In addition to the lecture a few musical items were rendered, and Mrs. Montgomery gave a recitation. Unfortunately, the weather was wet and stormy, and consequently the audience was not large; after expenses had been paid a small sum was, however, added to our funds.

The ladies' flower mission has been thriving, but the advancing spring has made flowers so plentiful that their sale is slow.

We have been busy forming branches of the Home Missionary Union in various parts of the parish.

At Bellerive about 24 members have been enrolled; at Sandford, 14; and at South Arm, 6; making a total, at present, of 44. We hope that others will be enrolled at these places, and meetings have still to be held at Rokeby and Beltana.

At Sandford the following gentlemen have been chosen by the congregation as church managers, viz., Messrs. G. J.

Morrisby, Joseph Richardson, and David Calvert.

We have all been much gratified by Mr. John McIntyre's elevation to the bench. The new judge has done yeoman's work in this parish as a lay-reader and churchwarden, and we all wish him much happiness and success in his new appointment.

More children have been enrolled as members of the H.M.U., and our number now stands at 54.

A meeting of parishioners was held in S. Mark's Church, Bellerive, on the 23rd of last month, in order to discuss the state of the new church building fund, and to decide what steps shall be taken for increasing the fund. There was a good attendance, and the Rev. F. B. Sharland, Rector of the parish, presided. A committee of finance was appointed, consisting of the following parishioners, viz.:—Dr. Holden, Messrs. T. A. Reynolds, H. E. Westbrook, E. Shaw, W. E. Morrisby, A. F. Sharland, P. McArdell, and Hedley Westbrook (hon. sec.). The work of this committee will be to collect subscriptions for the building fund, which now amounts to £225 2s. Promises have been made to the amount of about £70.

F. B. SHARLAND.

## HAMILTON ON CLYDE.

FOR local reasons the faithful at Ellendale held their annual festival in connection with their Church of S. Andrew this year not on November 30, but on December 2.

At the service at 2.30 p.m. a large congregation assembled in the church. It was gratifying to see such a number of men present, who had given up half a day's work in order to take part with their families in this act of public worship. Many friends also from a distance, who at one time or another had resided in this pretty little township, took advantage of the opportunity to revisit the church which they still hold dear. The service was heartily rendered, and the singing of the hymns and canticles, which has been greatly improved lately by the efforts of Miss Kemp, was very bright and effective.

After the service some amusements were provided for the children, and then followed a public tea at the Ellendale Hall. The good things for this excellent repast were contributed by Mesdames G. Cooper, jun., E. Clark, I. Clark, F. Ransley, J. Holmes, F. Holmes, E. Rayner, Stanfield, Irvine, Heron, C. Holmes, W. Wokey, Blackwell, Tomlin, Browning, G. Clark, Bentley, and Miss E. Cooper.

Later in the evening an exceedingly good concert was held in the hall. The school children did their part well, and with great credit to their teacher, Miss Kemp. Mr. and Mrs. Rumney and Mr. Tagg drove all the way from Glenora to assist with songs and recitations,



which were much appreciated by the audience. To our old friend, Miss Dyer, who sang three songs, gratitude is due. Mrs. Rayner, Miss Kemp, Miss Hanlon, Mr. Meredith, and the Rector completed the programme with songs, and a reading and a recitation. The proceedings were brought to a close with the National Anthem; Mrs. Rayner singing the solo, at the invitation of the chairman, who stated that 40 years ago this old lady, one of the oldest churchwomen in the district, and one of the most faithful to Mother Church, was the first to sing at a public meeting "God Save the Queen" in the parish of Hamilton. A good many remained to the inevitable dance, which was the "finale" of the evening's doings, and enjoyed themselves immensely.

The sum total obtained through the day was £13 12s, and this, less expenses, which amounted to less than £1, is to be placed to the credit of the building fund, thus reducing the debt on the church to £24. A word of praise is due to the Ellendale folk for the strenuous efforts they are making, in spite of bad hop seasons, to free S. Andrew's of the incubus of debt, and to furnish it with all the necessities for the due performance of public worship and the comfort of the worshippers. Miss Kemp and her committee have worked well together, as results testify.

Burial.—Nov. 26, Sarah Pearce.

Baptisms.—Nov. 13, Peter Olef Cartson, Doris Evelyn Wrigley; Nov. 20, Charles Campbell Stanfield.

Marriage.—Nov. 15, Francis Robert Bush and Martha Brazendale.

#### BRIGHTON, KEMPTON, AND RICHMOND.

ON Saturday, November 5, an entertainment in aid of the Brighton Church choir fund and the Bagdad Church building fund was given in the Brighton Town Hall by the same ladies and gentlemen who had given the same programme at Kingston the preceding Saturday. The entertainment has been already described in the "Messenger," suffice it to say that it was thoroughly enjoyed, and should the same performers visit us at some future occasion we can promise them a warm welcome. Our heartfelt thanks are due to them, as well as to Hon. Henry Dobson, who kindly organised the entertainment and also paid the expense of the journey to and from Hobart.

On Friday, November 11 a working bee was held in S. Mark's Church-yard, and proved most successful. The workers began to assemble about 9 a.m., and by tea time the church-yard presented a different appearance to what it had done in the morning. Dinner and tea were provided by the ladies, and one and all can look back on a very profitably spent day.

On the following Thursday another bee was held to make a roadway into the Rectory. Hitherto anyone driving into the Rectory premises has had to submit to a severe jolting from driving over rocks of no very small size. However, this is now a thing of the past, and a well-metalled road has been made to the Rectory gate. In connection with the bee we desire to especially thank Captain de Hoghton, and Messrs. Lamprill, Squires, and Mortyn.

Still another bee. On Thursday, December 1, a good band of workers took the Church grounds at Broadmarsh in hand, and although hindered somewhat by a few showers of rain, still splendid work was done, and a great improvement effected in the look of the grounds.

On Wednesday, November 30, the cantata "Queen Revel" was performed at Kempton by the same children who successfully performed it some few months ago at Pontville. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Palmer. There was a good attendance, and the audience seemed very pleased with the efforts of the children. The children were conveyed to and from Kempton by Messrs. Porter, Gore, Sydney, and Chalmers, to whom we desire to render our sincere thanks, as well as to the ladies of Green Ponds, who most kindly took charge of the children on their arrival there, and provided tea and refreshment for them. The proceeds were divided between the Brighton Rectory extension funds and Kempton Church funds.

On Tuesday evening, November 15, a meeting was held at Bagdad to consider the advisability of building a church there. There was a very good attendance of parishioners, and it was unanimously resolved that steps be taken to build a church. A strong building committee was appointed, with Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers as treasurer and secretary respectively. It was decided that a fair be held about April in aid of the funds.

#### SORELL.

AT Forcett, in the Mission Church, our first Band of Hope meeting was held on the 25th November. Owing to the fact that the State-school picnic was held in the afternoon, the attendance was not very large, but those present manifested much interest in the proceedings, and several young people acquitted themselves very creditably for a commencement. We hope to see shortly established at this centre a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, and that other meetings will be held from time to time.

In regard to temperance, special sermons were preached on this subject on Sunday, December 4, at the request of the W.C.T. Union. Mr. Thomas

Westbrook addressed the children at Sorell in the morning, and at Forcett in the afternoon, and the Incumbent preached to the adult congregation at Sorell in the evening. While we all deplore the evils of drinking, and condemn the drunkard, how few of us see that we are each in a certain sense responsible for permitting such public facilities and temptations to intoxication!

Mr. Westbrook, above-mentioned, who is our lay representative in Synod, has kindly presented the parish with a beautiful prayer desk and a Bible stand, both of his own construction. A great deal of work is contained in the former article, and our hearty thanks are due to Mr. Westbrook for the gifts. The prayer desk goes to Wattle Hill, the Bible stand to Dunally.

On Saturday, November 19, the annual Diocesan Bible examination was held at the Parsonage, when five sat down to the two hours' paper. Their names were Daisy, Florrie, and Sylvia Taylor, Florrie Bellette, and Maude Woods. It is said that nothing lasts in Sorell, but these young people deserve much credit for sticking for over six months, with scarcely an absence, to the weekly Bible class. We are sorry that any should have dropped off. When the results of the examinations are published we hope to see Sorell and our young friends' names near the top of the list. This is saying much, when we consider that last year over 1200 papers were sent in from the Diocese of Tasmania.

It is with feelings of unalloyed pleasure that we are able to announce that Mr. Frank Crocker has become a lay reader of the parish, and will take regular services once a month at Wattle Hill and Coppington, if the congregations are such as to warrant their continuance. Mr. Crocker has thoughts of entering the ministry of the church.

On Wednesday evening a lecture was delivered in the Union Church at Bream Creek by the Rev. James Hebblethwaite, on behalf of the sufferers by the Annie Ward disaster, the subject being "The Soudan Wars." The Rev. M. Cockerill was in the chair. We rejoice to have met our brother on a common platform, on the broad basis of the claims of charity. The lecturer delivered an inspiring and graphic address, and all immensely enjoyed the lecture.

Before closing our remarks for the month, we desire to intimate to parishioners that we have just received from London the "Sorell Parish Almanac for 1899." It is a broad sheet of 30 inches by 22 inches, printed in black and red, with seven beautiful engravings. On the right hand side at the top will be found the table of services for 1899; on the left a New Year's letter. In the body of the

almanac is a text for every day of the year. We have been to an expense of £2 in procuring this almanac from London, and to repay this a small charge of 3d per copy will be made. We shall endeavour that copies may be obtained at every post office in the parish during the last week of the year, and are sure every parishioner will find the almanac a convenience if they will not forget to paste it up somewhere on the wall.

We conclude by wishing all a Happy Christmas and New Year. May we trust that one and all will remember that Christmas is doubly sanctified this year by the combination of the weekly Sabbath with the commemoration of the birth of the Saviour.

Baptisms.—Elizabeth and Hilda Belle Richardson, Malcolm Tredor Richardson, William Robert Stanley Jenkins.

#### STANLEY.

THE enlarging or rebuilding of the parish church at Stanley still continues to be a topic of general interest. One member of the congregation has offered to give £25 towards the latter object, provided that eight others do the same. May we hope that this generous offer will be responded to.

The Confirmation Service was held here on Tuesday, October 25th, and passed off well. The night was fine, and a fair congregation assembled. Thirteen candidates were presented by the acting-rector. The Bishop left the following morning.

The event of last month (November) was the departure of the Rev. W. Keith-Forbes for home. This took place even earlier than was expected, and a presentation which was to have been made to him on the 10th had to be hastened in consequence. Accordingly on the preceding Tuesday evening a pleasant gathering of the church officials assembled at the Parsonage for this purpose. The presentation took the form of an address signed by the wardens, members of the Council and of the congregation. This was accompanied by a fine oil painting of the famous Stanley Bluff, executed in his best style by Mr. Reid-Conolan. Mr. Churchwarden Wilkins very ably made the presentation. Next followed, by Mrs. Collins, on behalf of the confirmation candidates, a handsome silver serviette ring, suitably inscribed. From private friends other gifts, many and various, had already been made. Mr. Forbes was quite overwhelmed, but was able to make an exceedingly happy reply, thanking in his kindly way the donors of the numerous gifts. The rest of the evening passed very sociably, the gathering dispersing about eleven. I am sure that Mr. Forbes fully concurred with a remark made by a gen-

tleman present who, in the district and out, is noted for his ready wit. It was to the effect that "if his reverence never got a worse bit of (B) bluff than the one that night presented to him, he would go through life very well."

The Rev. R. Penty returned home in due course, and at his first evening service heartily acknowledged the efficiency and high quality of Mr. Forbes's work, and the congregation's cordial appreciation of that work, during the last three months, interpreting it as being in spirit a kindness done to himself.

Stanley, December 9.

#### MACQUARIE PLAINS.

"THANK goodness, that's done!" as the man says who has written a "duty" letter; and that is how we feel about the bazaar. But it was a great success, and compensated for the labour bestowed on it by the ladies, to whom nearly all the credit is due. About £10 more were taken than in former years. The carriage shed at the station was kindly lent by Mr. Back, the Warden of New Norfolk lent planks for the tables, Mr. T. Shoobridge supplied greenery for decorations, and Mr. Joyce, the Station Master, gave us every assistance in his power. Where so many helped in so many ways we must confine ourselves perforce to mentioning the stall holders; and first we regret to say that Mrs. Ellis, whose help in parish affairs can always be looked for, was unavoidably absent through somewhat serious indisposition, which we hope may not last. Beginning with the first stall which caught the eye, a display of country produce, fresh, attractive, and, above everything, saleable, was presided over by Mrs. Downie. Next came fruit and cream, which was quickly sold, those who came late being disappointed; the work at this table was shared by Mrs. Dodson, Miss Avern, and Miss Stock. Across the end of the shed two tables were placed, and Mrs. Westerway, Mrs. Thorne, and Mrs. Pigeon sold tea and cake, and contributed much to the day's success. The next stall, presided over by Mrs. Lyne, Mrs. Hume, and Miss Fookes, assisted by many helpers, was a triumph of its kind; all sorts of produce, and everything excellent, found its way to this stall, which realised a substantial sum in money. The fifth stall was that held by Mrs. J. F. Walker, assisted by Miss Solly, Miss Cottier, Miss Cannan, and Miss Stock. It is to Mrs. Walker's energy and interest in the parish that the annual bazaars have been held, and the large sum of money which has been raised by them has materially reduced the debt on the Parsonage. It is very gratifying to notice with

what readiness such a large number of people gave all they could to the stalls, and we have to thank many outside of our own parish for their gifts. What we would especially like to notice is the beautiful cushion which the State-school children of Uxbridge worked of their own accord and presented to the fancy stall. We must apologise for this hurried account, in which many things which call for notice have been missed, but the editor desired to have all the news early in the month.

#### CARRICK.

WE have several events to record in the Parish. The anniversary services at S. Andrew's, Carrick, were held on Sunday, November 20. Contrary to expectations (for the weather up to Saturday night was threatening) the day proved one of the finest and clearest that we have experienced during the whole spring. At 8 a.m. there was Holy Communion, with sixteen communicants. At 11 o'clock the church was well filled by a congregation from all surrounding parts, and it is a matter for great thankfulness that the many strangers present so readily fell in with our usages. So far as the writer could see, there was not a single individual who failed to kneel and to stand at the proper times, so that there was no disturbing influence at work, as is so often the case on these occasions, to lessen the reverence and orderliness of the services. These remarks apply almost equally to the evening service, when the church was packed to its utmost capacity, and it was far less easy, and in the case of some, impossible, to comply with our customs. In the afternoon a children's service was held when many besides our own Sunday-school children were present. The rector preached on all three occasions, in the morning on "Flowers," in the afternoon on "Loyalty to the flag," and in the evening on "The church and the children." The offertories were in behalf of the Sunday-school, and were the largest ever received in Carrick at anniversary services. The church was prettily decorated by many willing hands. The children sang with great accuracy and fine spirit. Much credit is due to our young organist, Miss Florrie Frost, not only for her painstaking attendance at the practices, but for her excellent management of the organ. Mr. Fritzell, of Hadsden, and Mr. Norman Frost most kindly strengthened our rather weak instrument with their cornets, and greatly aided the children to keep both tune and time. It is with feelings of deep thankfulness that we look back on our festival services, unmarred by any outward irreverence, or any failure on the part of the children.

On the following Tuesday we had our school treat in the midst of one of Mr.



Wragge's too frequent disturbances. However, it did not appear to disturb either the appetites of the children or their capacity for fun and game. As for the rector, he was a boy again, and indulged in an amount of exercise to which he had been a stranger for years. Rumour says that for the next two days he was very busy in an easy chair.

It is impossible to mention the contents of the numberless baskets and parcels of provisions kindly contributed for the feast. They came from near and they came from far, until the tent was crammed with eatables of every description. Even the very large gathering that presented itself for tea found the task of consuming everything too great, and gave up in despair, and they did their duty nobly too, the children especially. I so love to be with them, but I confess that long acquaintance with their powers of stowage has not in the least diminished my feeling of anxiety and alarm when they sit down to tea at a school festival. Fortunately my fears proved groundless, for without a single exception they got up and ran; yes, ran just as though they had done nothing out of the usual course. In the evening the Hadsden Brass Band most kindly came over and played. The day ended as it had begun, with a short service in the church. Almost every seat was occupied, and the sweet singing of the children and the quiet prayers in the dim twilight made a peaceful finish to a very happy occasion. To all who helped to make the day a success, the hearty thanks of rector, churchwardens, and Sunday-school teachers are hereby given.

On Tuesday, November 29, a concert was given, the like of which has, I suppose, never been heard in Carrick before. It was entirely due to the exertions of Mr. George Arthur that such a splendid array of talent was secured. Misses E. Ferguson, B. Ferguson, S. Griffiths, K. Richardson, Messrs. W. W. Thornthwaite, C. P. Hammond, R. A. McEachern, and Dr. Anderson. These are great names, and I can imagine that a thrill of envy will quiver through the neighbouring parishes as they are read. The hall was prettily decorated by the exertions of Mr. Norman Frost; and the piano—a Collard and Collard—was kindly lent by Mr. A. Frost. The performers were vigorously applauded, and not one escaped the inevitable encore. After the concert the singers and some of the visitors were entertained at the rectory. The rector and churchwardens take this opportunity of again thanking the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly travelled from Launceston and Longford and freely gave their valuable services for the benefit of the repair fund.

At Bishopsbourne the annual festival took place on December 4. The church was well filled at 3 p.m. and

7 p.m., and the children sang their hymns very creditably. Miss McQueen presided at the organ, and the two cornets were again made use of. A tea meeting and concert was held on the Wednesday following, and notwithstanding the pouring rain both were well attended. The performers were Misses Lucas, Pugh, Fannie and Linda Frost, Mr. Fritzell, Mr. Norman Frost, and some of the children. Miss Sherwood kindly acted as accompanist. Following the concert was a magic lantern, which was highly appreciated.

I am very glad to be able to say that the organ of S. Andrew's Church, a fine though small instrument by Bishop, has at last been put into a state of thorough repair. It was in a dreadful condition, mainly through incompetent hands having been allowed to work on it. Many of the pipes had been cut and slashed in the most merciless manner. Every pipe is now in good order, and the real strength and sweetness of the instrument has been properly developed. Subscriptions towards the cost of repair will be thankfully received by the rector.

#### BOTHWELL.

The Rectory, Dec. 6th, 1898.

MY Dear Friends,—There is a saying in the old country that "a green Christmas makes a fat churchyard;" this will suit us if we change the last words to "a full pocket." I believe that the landowners and shearers even have not ventured to grumble at the rain, although it has annoyingly hindered work at the sheds, for the rain meant life to us in the Midland district. One gentleman complained that there was more grass than his stock could eat, and that it would wither and blow away; thank God that though "the grass withereth and the flower fadeth, the word of our God shall stand for ever." We know, therefore, that when we wither we shall be gathered into God's barn, and not blown away like the grass, but the grass scatters its seed; in dying shall we be less fruitful? Cheer up, friends, if we are not permitted to gather much, we can scatter our seed through good report and ill, therefore let us wish one another, as I wish you all, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and peace with all men as far as in us lies. I thank everyone who has helped in any good work; there are too many to name, and all have worked bravely. Regretfully I chronicle that Mrs. Arnett feels obliged to give up her S.S. work, after many years of usefulness. We know she would keep it going if she could, and all will be sorry to know that her gentle influence and steadfast teaching are to cease for the young women who attend our Bible class. Who will come forward to fill her place? It is, per-

haps, hardly fair to expect another teacher from the family, seeing that we have two left.

Mrs. Wilson has kindly undertaken to teach Sunday-school at the Steppes, and I hope to go up on the second Sunday in each month during summer, after my Shannon service, if Mr. Jones will kindly take my evening service at Bothwell. I get a good congregation at the Steppes, and a regular service will be much appreciated. Very few candidates presented themselves for the Diocesan examination; the scholars are afraid of it; the work is not hard, but the questions might be put in a way to draw out the young people's knowledge and confidence. There will be a confirmation in February. Are there any more who will come forward without pressure? Mrs. G. Ibbott is busy again getting up a flower show and concert at Strathbarton for some good purpose, partly to pay for a nice lectern purchased from Mr. T. Westbrook, who made and sold it for the good of the G.C.F.

I made an early Lake trip on the occasion of the first wedding held at the Great Lake, Mr. Alfred J. Berry, of Bronte, to Miss Miriam Kate Earley, daughter of the genial representative of the law at Swan Bay. It was not at all like a bush wedding, for though the company was confined to the family circle and a few relatives, the bride appeared in a tasteful costume of grey Japanese silk, with white veil, etc., and the ladies' toilets were becoming and pretty. As for a wedding cake, suffice it to say that it was of city manufacture, in three tiers, with wedding bells complete; white without and black within.

A concert for a charitable purpose last week produced £5 14s 8d net, of which £1 7s 2d was taken at the cake stall; Mr. R. Bowden kindly contributed 10s towards the expense of the room. Mr. F. Webster worked it up, and the object was my suggestion, and I think, a popular one. The choirmen have increased by two, who formerly sang as boys; they are very welcome. The choirmen are very good in their attendance; the boys with a few exceptions—five in all—are very irregular.

Mr. G. H. Burton is once more among us, and heartily welcome; he is always unselfishly useful when anyone wants his help.

"Messenger" subscriptions are due on January 1. I will receive them until a collector is appointed.

May the peace and joy of Christmas in your hearts abide.—Your affectionate Pastor,

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER.

Baptisms.—Arthur A. McConnan, Sarah E. C. A. Hunt, Lindsay N. Brown, Edith M. E. Isles, Arthur M. Evans, Rebecca M. Horne, John F. Brown.

Marriage.—Alfred James Berry to Miriam Kate Earley.

#### SHEFFIELD.

OUR chief event during this last month has been the visit of the Bishop of Tasmania. He arrived on Saturday evening, December 3, and on the following day held three services, morning and evening at Sheffield, and in the afternoon at Wilmot, which is a twelve miles rough ride. On Monday his Lordship laid the foundation stone of the new vicarage, and gave a lantern lecture in the evening; so did not spare himself in any way.

The Sunday services were well attended, and the Bishop's earnest, simple discourses listened to with great attention and pleasure.

Sports and tea were held in connection with the laying of the foundation stone, and were more successful than any held for years. The weather was all that could be desired, a typical Tasmanian summer day.

A short ceremony was held at four o'clock, at which were present, besides the Bishop and our own vicar, Revs Hogg and Wilmer. They made a very imposing and picturesque little group, and the service was reverently listened to and followed by those present; the Bishop giving an address in his usual happy style. After the laying of the stone, and the benediction had been pronounced, all proceeded to the large, airy barn belonging to the new vicarage for tea; and full justice was done to the good things provided. The sports and games continued until dark, when many adjourned to the Roland Hall, where the lecture entitled, "Adventures of a bishop," was given to an appreciative audience. The views were very fine; those of the islands being especially interesting.

We cannot help expressing our sense of gratitude and obligation to the Bishop, who gave us of his valuable time in such an ungrudging and cheerful way. We must not forget to mention that he brought us a gift to the church—a set of most beautiful linen—which had been sent to him by a lady belonging to a guild in England. It is a great possession, the linen being of the finest quality, and the work most artistic and lovely. It was consecrated by his Lordship during the service on Sunday morning, and it is indeed "fine linen," worthy of being dedicated to the service of God. The takings, including Sunday's collections, amounted to £15—£13, which was made at the sports, go to the building fund.

#### HUONVILLE.

ONCE more we have begun another church year, and entered upon another Advent. On Sunday evening, the 11th, the Franklin choir travelled to Huonville; and the combined choirs gave a very enjoyable and hearty service in

S. James, the voices numbering between 30 and 40. Mrs. Crawford (Franklin), sang the offertory solo, "Angels ever bright and fair," and Mr. C. G. Frankcomb, the solo of the anthem, "Seek ye the Lord." After the service was concluded a number of Christmas carols were sung, the whole concluding with a very hearty rendering of Jackson's "Te Deum," in F. The rector preached a very interesting sermon from the 11th and 12th verses of Psalm cxlix., on the influence of music on the feelings.

On Sunday evening, the 18th inst., the Huonville choir go to Franklin, and repeat the service. This interchange of services is often carried out in the old country; let us hope it is the beginning of a more united and brotherly feeling between the country parishes of Tasmania. It is two years since our church was consecrated. Since then we have received many valuable additions to the church fabric, the last being a handsome cross and vases of brass, given by Mrs. J. Nicholson as a memorial to her husband, who died about two years ago. Mrs. Nicholson was for many years an active worker and member of the choir, but has lately left Huonville to reside in Hobart, where no doubt she will soon take up the work she loves. Mr. T. A. Frankcomb has given a brass desk, and a pair of candlesticks, from a friend in England. Before this is received by subscribers it will be Christmas; we wish all the compliments of the season, peace, and happiness.

#### DEVONPORT.

WE forgot to chronicle that a few weeks ago Mrs. Wilmer got up subscriptions for a church lamp, and everyone asked gave willingly, and through the liberality of Mr. Tucker a very handsome lamp has now been placed at the entrance to S. Paul's Church, East Devonport. Mr. Tucker not only subscribed liberally, but also kindly painted the lamp, and thus a much-felt want on dark nights is supplied. On November 17 the Lord Bishop held a quiet day for the clergy in the northern Archdeaconry; the following clergy attended:—Revs. L. T. Tarleton, R. J. de Coetlogen, Wm. Hogg, J. S. Roper, J. K. Wilmer, and W. Earl. All meals were held at the Rectory, East Devonport, and a most profitable and refreshing day was spent, and the addresses of the Bishop were such as will not be easily forgotten by those who heard them.

On the evening of the same day at a special service the Bishop instituted the new Rector, Rev. J. K. Wilmer. The following churchwardens were present:—Messrs. Leupolt, Drew, Levy, Weller, and Naylor, and the combined choirs of East and West Devonport, with Miss Young as organist, sang the

musical portion of the service with feeling and reverence.

The great event for this month will be the cake and produce fair to be held at Formby Hall, West Devonport, on Friday, December 23, in aid of the Rectory fund. The following members of the committee will thankfully receive contributions for the same, viz.:—Messdames Bovill, Fulton, Leupolt, Loane, Lathey, Nickols, Rafferty, Dr. Smith, Spilsbury, Thomas, and Wilmer, Miss Young, and the hon. sec. (Mr. A. Currie).

We would remind subscribers to the "Messenger" that Mr. Wm. Beale, of West Devonport, will kindly receive subscriptions which are now due for this parish.

The children of West Devonport S.S. are practising their hymns for their annual festival, which is to be held on January 15, and their outing on the 18th at the Mersey Bluff. As this has been for some years our parish gathering we are looking forward for it to be a great success.

#### RURAL DEANERY OF MERSEY.

THE Rural Dean has called a meeting of the Chapter and Conference to be held (D.V.) at Latrobe on Wednesday, December 21 (S. Thomas' Day). The proceedings will commence with a celebration of the Holy Mysteries in the Parish Church at 11 a.m. Conference at 4 p.m. We hope the lay members will attend in full force.

#### S. JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON.

THE Rector was invited to read a paper at the Ballarat Church Congress, and spent nearly a fortnight last month in Victoria. Amongst other things, the Congress was a meeting place for old friends, and amongst those met were the Rev. Rowland Haywood, well-known in Tasmania. An interesting link connects Mr. Haywood still with us, as Mrs. Haywood is the niece of the late Sir John Franklin, one of our most famous Governors. The Rector also spent a Sunday with Canon Kelly, at Bendigo, where he preached in All Saints' Church. He reports the various members of the family are vastly improved in health, excepting, perhaps, the eldest boy, Maurice, who is out-growing his strength. Olaf is marvellous well, and is able now to run about and play like other boys. Many were the questions asked about all in S. John's. The work Canon Kelly has undertaken is enough for at least four strong men, and, strangely enough, he is doing it with the help of one Curate. Bendigo is to be exalted into a Bishopric shortly, and we hope to hear its first Bishop is the popular and hard-working Incumbent of All Saints.



During the Rector's absence the Rev. S. H. Hughes, of Brighton, took the work at S. John's. Our best thanks are due to that gentleman, whose splendid sermons have been widely discussed.

The Wardens and one or two other gentlemen met a week or so ago to discuss the possibility of extending S. John's. The outcome of it all has been an estimate from Messrs. J. and T. Gunn for the erection of the two transepts, as shown on the plans prepared some seven years ago. Of course this estimate is only an informal one. The figure for the said work, and for certain repairs to the older part of the fabric, is £3730. It remains yet to be seen whether sufficient inducement will be offered for the accomplishment of the work. Surely everyone could give something, and in all truth the church needs enlarging. We hope to have a fuller report of this matter for our next monthly notes.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. E. C. Spink has not yet been filled. It is a strange and painful fact that so few young Curates can be had. Perhaps it proves that our work, all the world over, is progressing so rapidly that the demand exceeds the supply. Meanwhile we must ask the parishioners to do all they can to help the Rector, and to bear patiently with him in his efforts to overtake the work. Our thanks are especially due to the Rev. C. G. Wilkinson, M.A., who helps at the Sunday services, though himself well nigh overwhelmed with school duties.

All of us were dreadfully distressed and shocked at the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Parker, wife of Dr. Charles Parker, M.B., on November 29. It was only about 18 months ago that their marriage took place in S. John's. We remember well someone saying the bride was one of the prettiest and most attractive women he had ever met; and now God has called her to Himself. As one gazes on her signature in the marriage register how painfully the old well-known words are recalled:—

Names familiar and beloved,  
Cyphered here on mortal page,  
Many a chord ye strike of memory,  
Ranging wide from youth to age.

And well may we hasten to add the completion of the stanza:—

But little reck's it, joy or sorrow,  
If the name we read to-day  
Is in better records written  
That shall never pass away.

In our beautiful cemetery, amidst falling tears and lovely summer blooms, the dear remains were laid to rest until the great resurrection morn. In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. C. G. Wilkinson touchingly read the service so full of suppressed hope and consolation.

To say we condole with the young husband is but a poor way of expressing the widespread sorrow on all sides, and amongst all classes, for his great and irreparable bereavement, and the deep grief of her own immediate relatives, whom may God comfort.

On November 22 Mr. Charles Grining and Miss Constance Cartledge were married in S. John's. A large number assembled to witness the ceremony. We are told the bride—a pretty brunette—looked, as a bride should look, full of happiness and joy. The happy couple have gone to Queenstown, where they will reside for the present. May their future lay along paths redolent of flowers and sunshine.

On Christmas Day—the great festival of the Incarnation—it is the plain duty of all those who have been confirmed to attend the Holy Communion. There will be services at 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m. in S. John's; at 9 a.m. at S. Oswald's; and 11.15 a.m. at S. Aidan's. One of these hours will surely be convenient for everyone. Should any be from home they should attend the nearest Church of England for that purpose, having previously made enquiries about the hours for Holy Communion.

May God's blessing rest on all in this parish at this glad, happy season. Don't omit coming to church. Don't forget the poor.

Baptisms.—November-December, 1898.—James Archibald McEnnulty, Alfred Ernest Albert Thompson, Gwendoline Frances Wiggins, Daisy Victoria Herbert, Clara Ruby Pybus, Stanley Effingham Lawrence, Phyllis Annie Dundee Bostock, James Ernest Ryan Evans, Vernon Victor Jacobson, Arthur Hugh Davis, Joy Kathleen Tucker, Eric Mervyn Tucker, Talbot Sherrin Falconer Mackenzie, Ethel May Cartledge, Alfred Prince Dowsett, Edith Ruby Cox.

Marriages.—October-November, 1898.—Mr. Arthur Evans to Mrs. Amy White-Parsons; Mr. Edgar Harold Atkinson to Miss Elizabeth Coughlan; Mr. William Stewart Johnson to Miss Minnie Susan Freat; Mr. John Henry Booker to Miss Lydia Marvell; Mr. Charles Grining to Miss Constance Chrystobel Cartledge.

Burials.—Edward Lawrence, 88; Johanna McQueen, 35; Charles E. Manning, 19 months; George Augustus Shaw —; Elizabeth Beatrice Layton, 19; Mary Parker, 25; Alice Spinks, 10 months.

St. Oswald's.—The annual fair in connection with the Trevallyn Church was held on December 1, and was most successful. The school-room was tastefully laid out, when His Worship the Mayor, accompanied by Dr. Craig, of Waratah, opened proceedings, and the ladies' committee had got together a fair amount of saleable material, which had been donated by kind

friends. The attendance was greater than on previous occasions, and had there been more to sell it would have been disposed of. As it was, there was an effective clearance made. The stall-holders were:—Cake—Mesdames Parker and Jenkins and Miss Higgs. Fancy—Misses Littler, M. Parsons, and R. Jones. Flower—Misses French, Bonner, Blackburn, and Ivy Jones. Christmas tree—Miss V. Parsons and Mr. James. Produce—Mrs. Prichard. When the accounts came to be made up the result was most gratifying, as it was found that the net proceeds were between £30 and £31. Too much credit cannot be given to the ladies' committee, especially to Mesdames Bonner, Jenkins, and Standrin, and Misses Higgs, Littler, and King. Mr. A. Bonner as secretary did yeoman service; indeed, the bulk of the detail work fell on that gentleman and his energetic wife. The receipts from the fair will enable the committee to meet their year's engagements in connection with the new site purchased last year. A word of praise is due to Messrs. Gardiner and Jordan and Master V. Jones for their assistance with their graphophones, and those of the committee are tendered to the many friends who by their liberality helped to make it a success.

#### ALL SAINTS', HOBART.

SINCE our last communication in the "Church Messenger" we have been pursuing the even tenor of our way without much to record. Our dedication festival services have passed away, leaving, we hope, a blessing behind them. The Rev. E. T. Howell was most helpful in his addresses upon the Lord's Prayer during the "quiet day" (All Saints' Day), and the services were very well attended all day. There were a good number of communicants at the early services, and the church was well filled at the 7.30 choral evensong. During the octave several clergy kindly came and gave short addresses upon some aspects of the "Saint's life," which were much appreciated. The offerings were liberal during the octave. The sum of £38 14s 5d being laid upon the altar for parochial objects, such as Sunday-school, stipend fund, choir, and alms. We have also had an important parish meeting, when the churchwardens presented a statement of accounts, showing it to be quite impossible without further contributions to engage the services of an assistant curate. Since Mr. Kennerly's death we have been considerably reduced in resources, as he generously subscribed £77 per annum during his lifetime. It is true he left two houses to the parish, but the unfortunate litigation prevented our receiving anything, and then the necessary repairs

will absorb all the first year's rent of one house and a good deal of the other. So that in 1899 the churchwardens do not expect to receive more than £70, supposing both houses are occupied. The Rector, who presided at the meeting, stated the great need there was of additional help, and hoped the people would not run away with the idea that "All Saints" was a richly endowed parish, and withhold their contributions accordingly. Several suggestions were made by those present, and after some discussion the meeting was adjourned until early in January.

Since this meeting the Rev. C. E. Perry, from Melbourne, having offered his services as assistant Curate for three months, with the concurrence of the Bishop and churchwardens, the Rector has appointed him assistant, and several contributions have been sent in to meet this special need.

The Children's Home Mission Association is now in full swing, and we have begun with about 100 members.

At S. Raphael's, the churchwardens have been busy organising a sale of work, and an entertainment to meet special expenses in connection with the church. This came off on Tuesday, the 29th ultimo, and was well attended. Mr. Thomas Westbrook kindly gave a magic lantern entertainment in the Assembly Rooms in the evening. Great credit is due to the energetic ladies who organised this gathering, and they are to be congratulated upon their success. Mrs. Clark kindly gave the use of the room. We hope that the Bishop will visit S. Raphael's the first Sunday in January to hold a confirmation service.

#### S. JOHN'S, NEW TOWN.

AN EXPLANATION.—Unfortunately the parish notes sent to Launceston have been mislaid, and the Archdeacon could only be notified of the misfortune in time to just indicate what were the subjects dealt with in the missing manuscript.

Annual Fete.—This resulted in an encouraging success. Everybody worked well under the direction of Mr. H. C. Lovett, assisted by Mr. Inspector Smith. We are indebted to Mrs. J. S. Dodds, of "Stoke," for her kindness in opening the fete, and in thanking her for doing this, the Archdeacon conveyed the congratulations of New Town to its distinguished townsman upon his elevation to the position of Chief Justice. The total proceeds of the fair exceeded £23, which will enable the last of the old debts (amounting to about £280, including the balance of the organ) at the beginning of the present incumbency to be paid off, and leave a small balance towards paying for our parish piano. It

was specially gratifying to notice how heartily the Kangaroo Valley parishioners had responded to the appeal for help by sending a substantial contribution of fruit, vegetables, and cakes.

Bands of Mercy.—In addition to the S. John's "Band," one has been started at Kangaroo Valley, with Miss Alomes as secretary. Two meetings have been held, and on both occasions the Mission Church was filled with an audience who were evidently delighted by the singing and recitations of the young folks. Mr. Alomes, sen., read the reports of the progress of the Band, from which it was evident that the movement has been warmly taken up in the Valley.

Advent and Christmas.—During Advent the Archdeacon has been preaching on the Sunday mornings from the special Epistles, and after evensong on Sundays a short service of intercessory prayer was held. At the Friday evening Bible and prayer-book class, "the service for Holy Communion," has been taken. It is to be hoped that all communicants will remember that Christmas Day is one of the three great festivals upon which all the faithful are expected to receive the Blessed Sacrament. There will be celebrations in S. John's at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and (choral) after Matins and sermon at 11. A children's service will be held at 3 o'clock, and at 4 the choir—according to our usual custom—will go through the wards of the Charitable Institution to sing carols to the old folks. Evensong and sermon as usual at 7 p.m. On the three Saints' Days following Christmas Day there will be a celebration in S. John's at 7.30 a.m.

Sunday-School Fete.—It was decided last year by the Archdeacon and the Sunday-school teachers to hold the annual feast regularly on the Wednesday after Epiphany Day. This year that date will be January 11. Will our people make a note of it, and also let the superintendent and teachers know what help, in the way of money and edibles, they may reckon on? We want to make this feast one in which the elder people can join with our young folks in what we all hope will be a pleasant outing.

Our Magazine.—Through the unavoidable resignation by Miss Edith Mason of the post of magazine secretary, very few of the subscriptions have been collected for a long time. Miss Norah Boyes now kindly agrees to be secretary, and as the Archdeacon has a considerable sum to pay for the magazines, he hopes old subscribers will pay up and new subscribers come forward.

The power that wins in the fight with sin must be supernatural.

#### S. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, HOBART.

THE quarterly meeting of those co-operating with the Board of Missions took place as announced in our last in S. John's School-room, December 5, when there was a good attendance; especially from S. David's, to hear the Archdeacon's address on the Aborigines of Australia, which was listened to with much interest as he traced the origin of the people, the nature of their language, and religious belief, and explained the work which had been done amongst them from the days of Bishop Short to the present, dwelling especially on the success of the Belenden Ker Mission, which he had visited. The offerings given at the door after the meeting amounted to £1, which was paid in to the Board of Missions.

Mr. Kelly's Dramatic Company gave a very successful performance on Wednesday, November 23. Accounts have not yet been made up, but it is expected that something over £4 will be handed over to the treasurer.

On the eve of S. Andrew a special service for young men in connection with the various Chapters of S. Andrew's Brotherhood in Hobart, was held in S. John's. The Brotherhood attended in full force, but there were no others. The Dean kindly gave the address, for which they afterwards expressed their thanks to him. At a meeting held in the school-room after the service, the elections to the Council previously made were confirmed, and made good for the next twelve-month. Mr. Henderson and Mr. A. Challeton are our delegates to the Council, and Mr. Good is one of the vice-presidents. The office of president has not yet been filled up; and that of a second vice-president has been held over till Chapters are duly instituted in the north, so that one can be elected to represent that part of the Diocese. After the meeting the S. John's Chapter provided some refreshments for their guests. It is hoped that the Brotherhood will not only spread over the Diocese, but will actually exert a beneficial influence over young men who do not belong to it. We have not realised much as yet in this way, but it is something that even four of five men in a parish should steadily meet together and try to influence others for good.

The Children's Festival of the 21st will, we hope, be a great success. There will be not only a Christmas tree, but a refreshment stall, a sweets' stall, and a stall for sale of miscellaneous articles, which the members of the congregation have been asked to send for the purpose. We hope to see the scholars taking an active part in the whole festival business.

The Sunday-school examination was held in the State-school room, with the kind consent of the head master,



on Advent Sunday. About 36 were present, taking up, most of them, Catechism and New Testament. About 20 of the State-school class were examined in Old Testament on the Monday morning; we hope some will pass.

Scripture answers: marks for December:—Seniors—Minnie McAlister, 10; Minnie Russell, 10; Elizabeth Williams, 9; Edith Andrews, 9. Juniors—Lenna Creese, 7; Willie Hallam, 7; Florrie Miller, 7. This will end the competition for the year. The Rector promised a prize to each scholar who obtained 75 per cent. of the marks available. Ten marks for 8 months equals 80 marks; hence 60 is the minimum number. Those actually obtained are:—Seniors—Minnie Russell, 67; \*Elizabeth Williams, 66; \*Minnie McAlister (7 months), 63; Edith Andrew (7 months), 57. Juniors—\*Lenna Creese, 70; \*Florrie Miller, 64; Willie Hallam (6 months), 48; Olive Coulson (4 months), 28; Olive Collier (2 months), 17. Those marked \* therefore win prizes.

Baptisms.—November 4th, John Burns; 25th, William Stanley Walter Liddall; 30th, Edith Marcella Eldridge; Elsie Corinna Sproul, Bertram Ray Meyer, Audley Vernon Reed.

Offeratories.—November 6th, £4 17s 0½d; 13th, £3 16s 9½d; 20th, £4 19s 5½d; 27th (C.W. and O. Fund), £3 7s 10d; total for November, £17 1s 1½d.

The Vicar of S. Andrew's, Brighton, returns by the Himalaya, due January 14. Canon Finnis therefore leaves Melbourne in that week, and will take over his parish on Sunday, January 15th, all being well.

Something to Think About.—Professor Drummond once told a story of an officer of an Italian coast-guard who reported to his Government a shipwreck in these words:—"We saw the wreck, and we attempted to give every assistance possible through the speaking trumpet; notwithstanding which, next morning twenty corpses were washed ashore." Too much of our benevolence is of the speaking-trumpet variety, and even this we boast about. The Samaritan of the New Testament represents the benevolence of which the world stands in the greatest need.

A Roman Catholic correspondent having asked "Where and when the Church of England repudiated the name 'Protestant?'" "The Church Review" answers by referring him to Joyce's "Acts of the Church" compiled from the records of Convocation, from which it appears that in 1689, immediately after the accession of William of Orange, the Bishops, at the instigation of the King, desired to append the designation "Protestant" to the Church of England; but to this the Lower House demurred, and "finally succeeded in expunging that misnomer as far as this Church was concerned."

## NEW GUINEA.

DOGURA.—Rev. Copland King writes under date June 9, 1898:—"One of the duties which I have attempted to perform here has been the chronicling of the history of the Mission in the pages of "Missionary Notes." For the future, the Bishop has arranged a constant succession of correspondents, so that you will hear news from all parts of the seat of war. It is my place this month to send you an account of our doings at Dogura, and if they lack the excitement and the romance of Collingwood Bay news, there will at least be evidence of solid work done in the past and promise of success in the future.

"In the first place, the Bishop appointed Mr. Abbott as Diocesan Inspector of Schools. This is the only Diocesan appointment he has yet made, but it is warranted by Mr. Abbott's past training and achievements. All the schools in the Mission, except Wedau, have been inspected and though no official report has been published, it is understood that only one school did not succeed in gaining approval from the inspector. In fact, the school at Dogura has been advanced to the dignity of a college, and has already sent out one of its 'students' as a pupil teacher to Wamira School. Miss McLaughlin is the head mistress, and the Bishop and I are the professorial staff.

"The Governor landed this morning, and during the day he inspected Wedau and Dogura Schools.

"Of Wedau he wrote: 'I was pleased with the tone and attitude of the children, and with the interest they seem to take in their work. Writing and arithmetic appeared to me up to the level of European children of the same age in the case of the younger ones. The reading was very fair, all things considered. The sewing of the girls was creditable.'

"Of Dogura School, the Governor wrote: 'I found the progress made in arithmetic surprising. The handwriting is of high order. Many read the Gospel with considerable ease and fluency. In singing, the work already done is very gratifying. The tone of the youth of both sexes seemed to me to be admirable. Altogether, I am satisfied that a substantial educational foundation has already been well begun, and I look forward to the time when the fruits of it will become manifest on the whole of the North-east Coast. I cannot but congratulate the teachers on the results already achieved, and I wish that some of those that question the utility of mission work could or would come here and judge for themselves.'

Off Collingwood Bay.—Rev. W. H. Abbott writes under date June 15, 1898:—"Ever since Rev. Copland King

expressed a desire to stay at Dogura, where he knew the language thoroughly and could more especially help the Bishop, I have felt supremely happy, as it has given me the opportunity I have been longing for, of opening up the Collingwood Bay centre. Now that I am leaving Sinapa for Dogura to bring ladders, knives for clearing, etc., and to have the Bishop's advice about certain immediate difficulties, I feel more thankful to God for this goodness to me, because I know what a fine lot of men I have for the work. With God's grace we cannot fail to lead happy, useful lives if we try to do our duty; the opportunities offered to us of helping men who at the present time are cannibals, warlike, and suspicious, and withal so very lovable and friendly, are so extraordinarily great. I arrived in an even more excited state of hopefulness, happiness, and assurance than I usually possess, and I have the good fortune to be naturally of a remarkably hopeful disposition. We anchored at about eight at night. No one was on the shore to meet us, and I surprised them at a kind of choir practice sing-song in their native house. One of my first questions was, 'Where is Bayly?' and I noticed that the rosy, healthy Mr. Sage was another colour now; I also noticed the mosquitoes. Mr. Bayly had started for Dogura in the whaleboat. I soon heard their miseries; Mr. Sage had had a terrible bad succession of attacks of fever, vomiting, delirium, and high temperature. Mr. Bayly had had his eyes bunged up, his arms, legs, and hands swollen horribly by the mosquitoes, and no one had had a decent night's rest since landing. The poor native boys had spent the nights walking about, and the cries of 'Left, left, left,' as they turned the corners, marked time and got into step, became almost monotonous. The white men, fortunately possessing clothes, went to bed in their ulsters, boots, and gaiters, putting their heads into boxes as impromptu mosquito curtains. I spent that night on shore, sending Mr. Dakers and Mr. Sage on board, so as to try and realise what they had been through; I did so fully. Morning by morning, so I was told, at break of day Mr. Tomlinson would run to the door and walk back, saying, 'No schooner in sight.' Most of the night, as it was impossible to sleep, I discussed the situation with Mr. Tomlinson, and we finally came to the conclusion that it was our duty to stop where we were, come what might. My chief argument was that Sir William Macgregor had chosen the site for us, and he must be right. In the morning I inspected the building, not a pile had been laid; hole after hole had been dug, and as soon as they were dug they filled with water; you could push a pole through the foundation as if it were soft mud instead of sand. So we had our first

committee meeting, laying down as a proviso that we were bound to stop where we were, because it was impossible to move the house anywhere else, and the site had been allotted to us.

"We are meanwhile clearing the ground; I never knew before what thick scrub was like. Although I had my own party to look after, like a veritable Paul Pry, I went about 20 yards to see how Mr. Sage's party were getting on; it took me nearly an hour to get to him and back to my own men. After the first three hours, I spent most of the day sitting on different logs with a white umbrella over my head, crying out 'Bagi Bagi,' and 'Tauba,' alternately. My boys soon saw the joke of it, and as soon as I approached always began, 'Tauba, Tauba!' What a jolly bonfire we had at night, or rather 40 or 50 bonfires, and scorching fire rushing before the wind. At twelve o'clock another tribe had arrived at work, and we put them on at carrying. All the ninety piles were put in position, the barrels of tar (about twenty men to each barrel) carried up, and also the white lead. They could not understand what the white lead could be, the boxes looking so small and weighing so heavy.

"On Tuesday morning early I started for Dogura, hoping to be back at Sinapa in ten days if the wind were propitious. Yesterday the Captain worked very hard and managed to go five miles, notwithstanding the absence of wind; to-day we managed as far. At present, however, we are in another calm. In five hours we have gone four miles. I have got the chief's son on board. I persuaded and bribed the chief to let him come on a formal visit to the Bishop. I explained that it was his duty as a great chief to recognise the duties civilisation has entailed upon him. He is about 15, such a nice looking boy. He cried most of yesterday, and was very sick, but I mean his visit to do the mission a great deal of good, and I shall see that he enjoys himself. I had to cut the buttons off my night suit; he thought they would look nice on one of his necklaces. He saw it shortly after his arrival on board in the morning. He has already got a nicely filled bag of nicknacks he has collected. I think he is a very good curiosity hunter for a beginner.

"I left our party in the best of spirits, clearing away the scrub, mosquitoes, and swamp. I am convinced that the mosquitoes will go when the scrub all round on every side is swept away, and I believe the swamp is only temporary. I am sure that when the nine months sun that we have now coming on is given a fair chance, it will dry up our foundations and make the place as good as the Governor thinks it is. I am delighted

with everything. I have ordered a big canoe from the biggest chief of the district, the terror of the whole coast for 200 miles, and I have arranged to go and stay with him as soon as it is ready to take me. I am going to seize some lovely bright blue paint I saw in our stores at Dogura, to give it style and let them know I am coming. We are all happy, contented, and hopeful."

## RATHER MIXED.

The story was read as follows:—There was once a missionary who worked in the South Sea Islands. He thought he would whitewash his dwelling. The natives were charmed with the result, and they burnt some coral to make the "whitewash," and even "whitewashed" the kitchen utensils, the pig, and even the black chubby baby. The pupil's composition was as follows:—

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## REVERIES.

Beware of giving way to reveries. Have always some employment in your hands. Look forward to the future with hope. Build castles if you will, but only bright ones, and not too many. "Letters and Memories, 1842."

Knowledge without charity is light without heat. It is frosty moonshine.

## BUSINESS COLUMN.

The following amounts received since last issue:—Rev. Barry, 2s 6d; Mr. R. W. Wilmore, 1s 2d; Miss Dyer, 1s 2d; per Miss Mitchell, 10s 6d; per Mrs. G. Pitt, 5s 10d; Mrs. Pritchard, 5s; Mrs. Sharman, 1s; Mrs. Eytton, 2s; Miss Capitanes, 1s; Mrs. Savage, 1s; Mr. R. Moyes, 1s 6d; Mrs. Skinner, 3s; Mrs. G. Crawford, 6d; per Mrs. Fernandez, 5s.

The treasurer is most anxious to get in all subscriptions to end of 1898, so as to start fresh in 1899. In future subscriptions will only be taken from January to December, as it is impossible to keep the books when so many close at various times. All arrears are requested to be forwarded to the treasurer at once.

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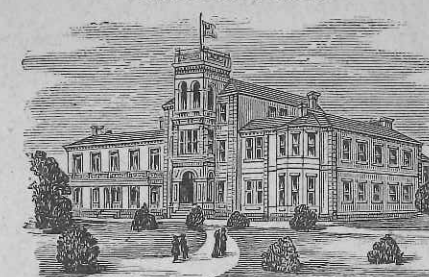
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