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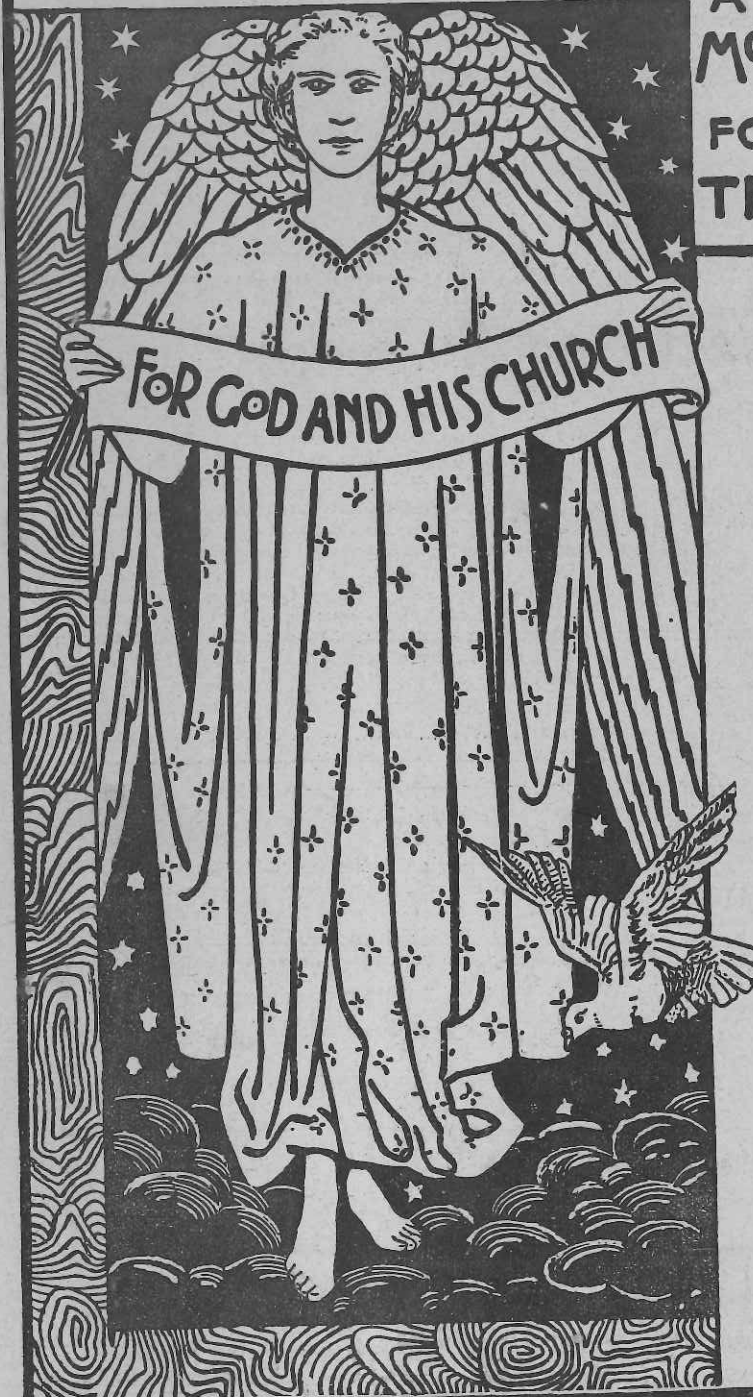
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tion of Jesus Christ to His Holy  
Catholic Church.

Thus, whilst we believe in the Church  
with all our hearts, we must not stop  
at the Church, but go on to find Jesus  
in the Church. We are not to rest con-  
tent at the contemplation of the seven  
golden candlesticks and the seven stars,  
but we are to go on to find the Son of  
Man in the midst. We are to use the  
Divine system of the Church to lead to  
a Divine person, Jesus Christ.

The true idea of religion is that of  
the personal soul face to face with  
Jesus Christ in the Holy Catholic  
Church. A good churchman has been  
happily described as "one who loves  
the Lord's Church because there he  
finds the Lord's teaching, the Lord's  
worship, and the Lord's sacraments;"  
in fact, he recognises "the Son of Man  
in the midst of the seven candlesticks,"  
holding "the seven stars in His right  
hand."—Staley.

## OUR BISHOP ON THE WEST COAST.

(Continued.)

THE next morning, Pittfield and I  
walked on to the "Cue" camp,  
seven miles; the track presented no  
difficulty beyond the usual incidents of  
deep mud and steep hills. Mr. Cope-  
land remained at the Boko ready for a  
service that evening, and here my  
readers will realise the difficulty of a  
service in such places on a week day.  
It is almost impossible for the men to  
come out on a winter's night, their  
tents are scattered about in the bush  
among miry ways and deep bogs. They  
have been wet all day, and cannot  
again face a walk, not even to get  
necessary provisions. Once at home  
they stay there till next morning. Mr.  
Copeland did not get any men to come  
to his service at the Boko. It is clear  
that in winter at least only Sundays  
can be utilised. But it is certain that  
the men knew we were willing to help  
them. At the "Cue" I put up notices  
advertising a service that evening, and  
met with a delightful welcome in doing  
so. Mr. Swann received me, and made  
me most comfortable in his own tent,  
where Mr. Lay also lived, and Mrs.  
Hill (a woman in the camp) was all  
that a cook should be. I shall not for-  
get the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Hill.  
At 8 p.m. we lighted up a shed and  
prepared for service, but our old enemy,  
only twice as strong here as elsewhere  
—the mud—beat us easily. I don't  
think I had more than a dozen men out  
of the hundreds who were in the  
camp. However, we had a very happy  
time, and on a Sunday, or in summer  
time, we should have a crowded atten-  
dance. The next morning (Thursday)  
saw me off to reach the end of the line  
so far as it has yet reached. It meant

a few miles of Cue mud, deeper and  
stickier and slimmer than any I have  
known. The day was bright, how-  
ever, and we soon saw the trains and  
heard the whistle of the engine. A  
good friend gave me lunch (Mr.  
Lovett's invitation came too late, I re-  
gret to say), and then I was off for a  
15 mile run on the outside of the en-  
gine, clutching the rail. This brought  
me to Guildford Junction, 10 miles from  
Waratah, where I caught the Burnie  
train. And now how can I describe  
the state of my personal appearance as  
I walked through respectable and  
well-dressed Burnie that afternoon? I  
had tramped through some miles of  
Cue mud that morning, say, 2ft. deep,  
and I wore a "bluey" and carried a  
swag. It was in a garb of mud and  
bluey that I entered the coach that  
afternoon to get to Ulverstone at 8  
p.m. My intention was to knock at  
Mr. de Coetlogon's door, and ask in a  
gruff voice if he could give a poor fel-  
low a cup of tea before he tramped to  
the Forth. But the rector and his wife  
were out, and I feared if I so acted with  
the maid I might be refused admit-  
tance altogether.

So ended my walk, the result of  
which is that I have learnt to sympa-  
thise with our prospectors and bush-  
men, and I have realised the needs of  
our 700 workmen on the line. The  
Rev. J. Tryon Wilson is to go to Had-  
field on a Saturday and take services  
on Sunday on the line and at the Cue,  
and on Monday he is to go on to the  
Boko to talk to men at work, to visit  
the sick, and do all he can. After  
him the Rev. F. G. Copeland will do  
the same, beginning from his end. It  
is also clear that every week makes the  
work easier. In summer there will  
be no difficulty at all.

Perhaps a word or two will be ex-  
pected of me concerning the line itself  
and its prospects. I confess I am as-  
tonished at the ease with which it has  
been laid out; nor is the distance at  
all great. The Pieman lies just north  
of Mount Black, and on the other side  
of the hill is Rosebery. From the  
Pieman to Guildford Junction, on the  
Waratah line, it is only about 30 miles  
by the surveyed track, and of this  
about 15 miles are completed. These  
are, of course, by far the easiest miles.  
The rail passes through open plains  
and easy gradients till it approaches  
the Cue. Here there is a lofty bridge  
to build, and after that there are many  
rock cuttings. I fancy the stiffest  
piece of navy work will be the Boko  
Gorge. It means continuous excava-  
tion, and much of it is precipitous. The  
Pieman bridge, which is being con-  
structed in Scotland, cannot be erected,  
I suppose, till the rail is actually laid  
to the Pieman. To me it seemed that  
it must be a good while before the en-  
gine appears at the Pieman, but I was  
told that 700 men can work wonders in  
six months. As soon as the line is

opened to Rosebery I can quite under-  
stand the desire of the company to  
proceed not only to Zeehan, but also  
to Lyell. I fancy that in both direc-  
tions they would pass through unques-  
tionably mineral country. As one stands  
at Rosebery and looks towards Lyell  
one notes that it is all likely mineral  
country all the way. If I mistake not,  
the Dora country is skirted, and also  
that which is called Rocky Hills. Lyell  
itself must always, I suppose, use for  
the most part its own railway and  
water carriage from the south. Of  
course in what I have said I speak as  
an amateur, and as one who does not  
presume to give an opinion on the  
legal question of railway rights.

As regards the country north of the  
Pieman, those whom I asked seemed  
to think that the line as it comes south  
does not reach mineral country till it  
gets within a few miles of the Pieman,  
till it reaches, in fact, the Boko Creek.  
The mineral belts in this latitude  
seem to lie further west, more in a  
line drawn from Waratah to the Pie-  
man Heads. For the benefit of those  
who know Waratah and wish to realise  
the position of the new line I would  
ask them to recall Mount Pearse east  
of Bischoff. It is easily remembered,  
for it stands out so boldly on the hori-  
zon. The Waratah line keeps to the  
west of this mountain. The new line  
breaks off, passes east of Mount  
Pearse, and takes a course almost due  
south to Mounts Black and Mackin-  
tosh, near which Rosebery is situated,  
just south of the Pieman. There are  
some who begin to lament that the ro-  
mantic mystery of Tasmanian fastnesses  
is being dissipated by the advance of  
population into the west. I am glad  
at all events that I have walked  
through places almost in their native  
state before they become too well  
known. But I fancy that the lovers  
of uninhabited spots may still take  
courage. That great central Tasmanian  
plateau still frowns down upon the  
West Coast, and its western and north-  
western edges still remain mysteries to  
the public; whilst south of Macquarie  
Harbour there is a lone land which  
would satisfy any solitary. Yet the  
day may come when it will be my duty  
to tramp to Port Davey to lay the  
foundation stone of a church. The  
idea at present will, I fear, create a  
smile among those who know the West  
Coast. Meanwhile these journeys of  
mine to the West Coast reveal to me  
more fully what the diocese really can-  
not appreciate, the splendid labours of  
my dear brother, the Rev. F. G. Cope-  
land. There seems to be hardly a  
gorge he has not entered in his search  
for the miner's camp; hardly a man  
we met but knew his face. I feel it is  
only right to emphasise once more the  
missionary work quietly proceeding in  
the west amidst dirt and wet and  
scrub. It must have its effect, and we  
are thankful that we have such mis-



sionaries for the Church's work. Oh, that Queenstown might soon get the right man to work there! There is no place in this diocese in which I would rather labour myself. Possibly there is no place in Australasia at present where so good a work is waiting to be done. At present it must be a single man who must do it, and there is my difficulty.

H. H. TASMANIA.

## A 19th CENTURY PILGRIMAGE.

### II.

WE left our pilgrims last month rejoicing after the discomforts and weariness of their long journey in all the comforts and refinement of an English home. Devout people used to take long journeys in the olden time in order to visit places and scenes hallowed by the deeds and history of saints and martyrs. We propose to give this month some brief account of a few of the holy places visited by our travellers. England is full of holy places, though we often pass them by as if they were nothing to us. But especially round the ancient churches and cathedrals in which our forefathers worshipped twine many beautiful and sacred memories.

Easter at S. Paul's! The grandest and most joyous of the Christian festivals kept with all the surroundings of stately worship and fit music that the heart of man can desire. What stronger proof can we have of the hold that the Christian faith has over our nation than such an experience? There in the very centre of London, the very heart of the great British race, above the roar of commerce and the mighty throbbings of our national life rise the praises of Him who died and rose again.

S. Paul's is grand, majestic, stately, but not beautiful. As one enters the western doors a feeling of disappointment is perhaps the first that strikes one. The square pillars are ugly, the round arches above seem out of proportion, the great flat spaces of stone work seem cold and bare. Far away up the long vista, at the eastern end of the choir, the high altar is barely distinguishable through the smoky atmosphere. But look again! How vast it all is! As we walk slowly up the great nave the feeling of the immense size of England's great temple grows upon us, and when we stand at last beneath the enormous dome and look over the sea of heads up to the marvellous mosaics in the chancel roof, and the beautiful marble reredos representing the crucifixion, we are overwhelmed with it all.

Hark! The chimes have ceased, but what is that deep, rich volume of sound

rising and echoing through the building? The organ surely. No, it is the great bell, "Big Paul." Boom, boom, louder and louder it swells, each stroke rising with a stately crescendo, and echoing away into the misty space above us. Now it has ceased, and the organ peals forth. The rising of those in front of us proclaims that the choir is entering, and we catch a glimpse of the white surplices as they file up the chancel and take their places in the richly carved oak stalls. What words can describe the service which follows? The most gloriously solemn music, exquisitely, faultlessly rendered, forms a fit setting for the simple but heart satisfying prayers and praises of the English liturgy. There is no excess of ritual, no obvious striving after effect, no mummerly, above all no sacrifice of reverence for the sake of artistic display. From the celebrant down to the youngest choir boy all are devout, reverent, and, as far as human eye can see, full of the spirit of worship. As we wend our way homewards we feel truly that our Easter festival has brought us nearer to the Father of Lights, from Whom comes every good and perfect gift.

But our pilgrims may not linger in town, for spring is bursting all over the land. Away to the west they find themselves wandering down a typical Devonshire lane, cut deep into the rich, red soil by the traffic of centuries, with high banks on each side, full of wild flowers, it winds through the sweet English fields, among hedgerows and green trees.

What a quaint little old church that is on the hill, with picturesque, thatched cottages with walls of clay, clustering round it. The old grey stones could tell a strange tale if they could speak. Century after century the simple country folk have passed through that gate to their Sunday worship, have brought their little ones to be christened at that font, have stood before that altar to be joined together as man and wife, have been laid to rest in that quiet churchyard. In the church is a tablet to the memory of the wife of one great English sailor, Sir Francis Drake, and in the churchyard lie the remains of Lady Nelson, wife of the hero of Trafalgar. Over the altar stands a quaint reredos with figures of our Saviour and two of the apostles, carved in Spanish chestnut, and taken from one of the ships of the Armada by some sturdy Devonshire mariner.

Like almost every other English parish church, this has suffered sadly through the neglect of the last century. Stone work disfigured with plaster, oak carving ruthlessly chopped about and daubed with whitewash. But it has been, we are glad to say, carefully and lovingly restored as far as possible to what the builders meant it to be. We talk of the darkness and

superstition of the middle ages, but we do not realise the simple piety and beautiful faith of our ancestors. They expressed their thoughts in stone, and most touchingly too. Here is an example. One of our pilgrims remarked—"Why, how crooked the chancel is."

"Oh, don't you know what that means?" said the sexton. "They built it like that because the Saviour's head fell sideways as He hung upon the cross." If we only had the wit to read them our ancient English churches are full of silent sermons. We cannot doubt but that to the simple worshippers who gathered in them centuries ago, stone and timber were full of voices, heard by the heart, if not fully understood by the head. But the church builders of the middle ages did not confine themselves to such obscure ways of expressing their devout thoughts as that last described. They were fully alive to the use of pictures in teaching those who could neither read nor write. One old church near Rochester visited by our pilgrims contained some very striking paintings. The old windows had been at some time filled up and new ones cut. In restoring the chancel the old windows were opened out, and on the jambs were found rich and wonderfully preserved pictures of old English saints and martyrs. The remarkable thing is that though in the restoration no expense was spared in trying to bring back the chancel to something of its old beauty, the paint laid on a few years ago is peeling off from damp, while that applied hundreds of years ago is as firm and clear as ever. A very strange picture was seen in a church in the Isle of Wight, which had been lately found under the whitewash of the last few centuries. It represents our Saviour as crucified, not upon a cross, but upon a growing tree, a curious comment on the fact that the New Testament several times speaks of Him as hanging on "the tree."

In the southern part of the same island two most interesting churches were visited. Both are very small; one is said to be the smallest in England, and both are very ancient. Neither can be much less than 1000 years old. Small though they are, they were built to last. Two tall men can shake hands across the smaller of the two, but the walls are 3ft. or 4ft. thick, and built of great stones. They are low, dark, and bare, but they have been the centres of Christian worship for many centuries. As one enters them one feels that one is indeed on holy ground. One tries to picture the succession of worshippers who have gathered in them as the years have rolled by. First Saxon, then Norman, then a mixed race, the blending of the two. Our forefathers they are, their blood runs in our veins, we are the heirs of all that their courage, their endurance, their energy, and persever-

ance has won. They are the men who have built up the Empire that has spread all over the world. In the churches that they built we may read a parable of the faith that they have handed down to us, a type of English Christianity, sturdy, sensible, useful, rather than showy or emotional, but good to wear and full of deep, tender strength beneath its ruggedness.

## A TRIP TO BENDIGO.

MANY of your readers will be interested in hearing a little about Bendigo, when they remember that the former rector of S. John's, Launceston, and Mrs. Kelly are now residing there. In fact, it was for the sake of seeing something of them that I decided to take the trip from Melbourne. All the family were fairly well when I visited them. Mrs. Kelly had had a severe illness some time back, and when convalescent was unfortunate enough to take the measles from her little daughter, but was quite recovered at the time of my visit, and the others had escaped it. Mr. Kelly was a little fagged after a confirmation and a very heavy week, but has been wonderfully well ever since they went to Bendigo. Even during the extreme heat of last summer he was not once laid up, despite reports to the contrary which reached us in Launceston.

They were greatly interested in all accounts that I could give them of old friends, and their hearts are clearly just as warm as ever towards the old parish. Mr. Kelly said it seemed like fifty years since he left it. All Saints, the church under his care, is very pleasing, though not large, and the service there is most enjoyable, both hearty and reverent, and the music very good. The other church of England, S. Paul's, is larger, built of very bright red brick, with a conspicuous square tower, which used to be a landmark to me in finding my way home after wandering about the city.

Bendigo was rather a surprise to me from its extent. I scarcely expected to see such a large city, and all the streets having a double row of trees must make it look beautiful in the summer time. Most of them are not yet in leaf. In the centre of the city is a large open space, called Charing Cross, with a very handsome fountain in the middle, always playing, and the effect is very good. All through the town one is struck by the number of quaint, old-fashioned places, evidently belonging to the early days, and intermixed as they are with more modern looking buildings, the effect is rather incongruous. Some of the buildings are

very fine, notably the School of Mines, which has a very fine library and reading room, and museums. The post office, with a handsome square clock tower, and the public offices adjoining, are very good. I must not forget the art gallery, which I visited several times, and which would be creditable to any city. Amongst many pictures of merit one called "Too Late," by Herbert Schmalz, stands out pre-eminent for beauty of thought and execution, and the gazer returns to it again and again, finding fresh beauties. Amongst the portraits I was particularly struck by a beautiful one of General Gordon called "The Last Watch at Khartoum." It is a noble face, but wasted and furrowed by anxiety and privation, and the brave blue eyes are dimmed and reddened. In his hands are his field glasses and the Bible, which was his constant companion. The British flag floats from the tower above the ramparts where he stands. I felt the tears in my eyes as I stood before it. It seemed such a waste of a noble life that he should die as he did for want of the succour which could have come in time.

I had all varieties of weather while I was in Bendigo, including heavy rain, a thunderstorm with very vivid lightning, hailstones like small marbles, and some most perfect sunny days; but I could see that it must be terribly dusty in summer, as most of the streets are covered with loose, soft stuff, which must be either mud or dust.

I could talk a long time about various aspects of the city, and the curious effect of mining shafts in the streets, with workings running underneath the very houses; but I must think of the editor's feelings and the exigencies of space, and so say, "Adieu."

E.M.H.

## WHY A BISHOP WENT AS A MISSIONARY.

When the famous George Selwyn accepted the Bishopric of New Zealand, a great ecclesiastical dignitary expressed his surprise that one living under the shadow of Windsor, and with every prospect of the highest English promotion, was willing to go out to a distant colony. "Perhaps," was the reply,

"He hears a Voice you cannot hear,  
Which will not let him stay;  
He sees a Hand you cannot see,  
Which beckons him away."

"Ah!" said he to whom the words were spoken "I suppose that is it." How infinitely above the puerile elevations of earthly preferment are they who are accounted worthy to hear that Voice, and to see those beckoning Hands!—Adelaide "Church News."

## NOTES.

THE opening of the Church Congress to be held in Ballarat has been definitely fixed for November 21 of this year. The Rev. S. Bucknell, of All Saints, Hobart, is acting as local secretary, and will be pleased to give all necessary information in connection with it. We understand that return tickets for the through journey, both by sea and land, are available at single fares. The good people of Ballarat have already undertaken to put up all the speakers and readers, and it is quite possible that visiting clergy may, if they make their wants known sufficiently early, be hospitably entertained also. However, Mr. Bucknell will be glad to hear from all anticipating the trip, and to answer any queries. It is hoped a considerable number of both clergy and laity may strain a point to go. Such a gathering not only instructs, but socially enables prominent churchmen to know each other, and, by such knowledge, to realise the oneness in aims and feelings of all workers for Christ. Moreover, it helps them to realise the true catholicity of our great Church of England. There is always a real danger of a miserable congregationalism creeping into small dioceses and smaller parishes. Such a gathering as a congress inspires one with new life, provokes new ventures for the faith, begets new motives, and suggests new reasons for pushing on our work of church extension. We would again ask our readers to study carefully the amended programme as given in our last issue.

The Rev. Robert Penty, of Stanley, has exchanged work with the Rev. W. Keith Forbes, chaplain to the Melbourne Hospital, for three or more months.

The Rev. W. Harry Edwardes, the hardworking and successful curate of Holy Trinity, Launceston, has been appointed to take charge of that difficult work at Queenstown recently vacated by the Rev. Charles Vaughan. Mr. Edwardes does not, however, leave for the West Coast until the end of October. His departure from Trinity, where he has been some three years, will be a serious loss to Launceston.

The Rev. E. C. Spink left Launceston for his new work at George Town on September 2. We give a full account of a presentation made to him in the "Parish Echoes" of S. John's. Many old friends assembled at the wharf to say a final farewell, and all hoped that that beautiful, sunny, spring morning might be regarded as an omen full of promise and of success in his new sphere of life.



The Bishop, after an enforced absence of nearly three weeks at King's Island, returned about a fortnight ago. He has written a splendid account of his doings whilst away, which appeared in the "Church News" of this month. All being well, we hope to reprint that narrative in our next, as many of our readers, we are sorry to hear, do not, as they should do, subscribe to that ably edited monthly. It is the duty of all churchmen to take an interest in the work and labours of our chief pastor, and we believe this is best done by occasional accounts of His Lordship's movements. This present week the Bishop is again away in the Straits in company with the Director of Education, planning the opening of certain schools for the instruction of the children living on Barren Island and elsewhere.

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The Rev. Frank Parnall, late curate of S. John's, Launceston, tidings of whom were given in last month's issue, has made a move from the Cape to Adelaide, where he is now working under the Bishop of that city. Although compelled by indisposition to leave Tasmania some three years since, he has ever turned a longing eye towards Australia, and now that his heart's desire has been fulfilled we hopefully trust that the dry, warm climate in which he now resides will materially assist in keeping him in health and strength for many a long year to come. As he is comparatively near at hand, his many friends in this colony will most assuredly expect a visit from him in the coming summer months.

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Canon Finnis, of S. John's, Hobart, but now temporarily in charge of S. Andrew's, Middle Brighton, has been over to Tasmania on a ten days' visit, returning to Melbourne last Friday. On the Sunday he occupied the pulpit in his old church, which has known him for the last sixteen years, and preached to an overflowing gathering of his parishioners, receiving a right hearty welcome from them all round. Although he has had extra hard work of late in his Victorian curé — and where does he not work hard? — he was looking bright and well, the climate across the Straits agreeing with him admirably, as well as with Mrs. Finnis and the children; and he is well pleased with the people of S. Andrew's — he with them, and they with him. Rumour has it that they will be loth to part with one who labours so bravely and so continuously. As the Canon would seem to be very happy with either, it appears to be a moot question which of the two charmers will gain the day.

The Rev. Charles Vaughan has been appointed to the cure of D'Entrecasteaux, and has entered upon his work. His splendid gift as a preacher is well known in the diocese, and it is a matter of regret that some more important sphere has not yet been found for him. We were dreadfully shocked and grieved to hear that Mr. Vaughan's son, who for some time past has been engaged in mining pursuits on the West Coast, has just received fearful injuries in the face from the explosion of a dynamite charge, which he was handling after it was thought the fuse had gone out. The sight of one eye, it is feared, has gone. The poor sufferer has been taken to Melbourne for treatment. Another young man at the same time was even more dreadfully burnt, and has lost the sight of both eyes. His condition is most precarious, and little hope is entertained of his recovery.

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An anecdote of the great exhibition of 1851—20,000 teetotallers were expected in one day, but only 6000 turned up. It is said, as one of the oddest of all odd coincidences, that the various fountains, through some accidental obstruction in the pipes, suddenly stopped playing at the instant the water drinkers entered the building, and some little time elapsed before the much required supply was obtained.

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Among all the vices which it is necessary to subdue in order to build up the human character, there is none to be compared in strength or in virulence with that of impurity. It can outlive and kill a thousand virtues; it can corrupt the most generous heart; it can madden the soberest intellect; it can debase the loftiest imagination.—Bishop Temple.

## PARISH ECHOES.

### S. JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON.

FOR the past six months regular and numerous classes have been held for the instruction of all who had not been confirmed. The numbers attending were exceedingly good and encouraging. The deep interest taken in the work was very marked, and somewhat unusual. The confirmations were held on the last two days of the past month. That at the Mission House took place at 3.30, whilst the S. John's service was held at 7.30 of the 30th. At the former 16 married women were confirmed, and at S. John's there were 107 candidates—70 females and 37 males. Both these services were very impressive. The attendance at S. John's was

so great that it would have required a building twice the size to accommodate them. Again and again have we besought the parishioners to organise some scheme for the amplification of the old church, but so far nothing has come of it. Meanwhile the church's work suffers greatly. The third confirmation was held on the following day at Franklin Village, when seven others received the "laying on of hands."

On the evening of this day a social was held in the school-room of S. John's to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Spink. A large number attended. The musical part of the programme consisted of instrumental selections by a very gifted lady, Miss Wigmore. Some songs had been arranged, we understood, by a leading musical gentleman, but when they were called for not one of the performers appeared. It is a matter which has not yet received explanation, but which, from whatever cause, was a source of great inconvenience, and provoked much adverse comment. During the evening Canon Beresford, the Revs. A. Barkway, W. A. M. Roche, W. H. Edwardes, Messrs. F. Prichard, E. Whitfield, and W. J. Genders spoke, and bore testimony to the good work done by Mr. Spink during his residence of three years in this parish. Then came the presentation of an illuminated address and a purse of 38 sovereigns by the Canon on behalf of all the parishioners. Mr. F. Prichard, of Trevallyn, also, as representing the churchmen at Trevallyn, handed Mr. Spink a cheque for £5, with many expressions of goodwill. Mr. Spink replied humorously to some of the remarks made, and whilst reviewing his work bore testimony to the invariable kindness which he and Mrs. Spink had received from the parishioners of S. John's. On behalf of himself and wife he then thanked all who had contributed so largely to his testimonial. After this refreshments were served round, and a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for their sumptuous entertainment brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

No one has yet been found to even temporarily fill Mr. Spink's place. The Rev. C. G. Wilkinson, M.A., of the Grammar School, is very kindly devoting what spare time he has to helping the rector, but, of course, he is unable to continue it for a lengthened period. The vacant curacy has been offered to the Rev. C. Lingley, who is in England, and who for a short time was with Canon Kelly at S. John's. Fears are expressed that owing to his father's ill-health Mr. Lingley will not be able to leave England for a year.

On Sunday, September 4, all who were recently confirmed received their first communion. It was a touching and memorable service. There were 170 communicants. If these young soldiers of the cross can only be kept



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steadfast what a power for good lies in their hands in the future. Let our prayers go up to the Throne of Grace for them all.

### Mission House Soup Kitchen.

We closed our soup kitchen on the 26th August, after 14 weeks' work. We made from 1000 to 1200 quarts of soup, receiving for it £1 11s 5½d in money, and some who could not afford to pay worked for it. From friends we had £1 8s. Our expenses amounted to £3 0s 9d. We have to thank Eardley Wilmot, Esq., G. Harrap, Esq., Lindsay Tulloch, Esq., D. Ritchie, Esq., Mrs. Gaunt, Mrs. Lakin, Mrs. Ricard, for their very acceptable donations, such as pearl barley, split peas, oatmeal, and vegetables, also the Cornwall Company for one ton of coal, which indeed was a great help. This is our third year, and we feel it has been a great benefit to many poor families, this year especially, on account of there being more sickness than usual. The hot, steaming soup taken home on cold, wet days cheered many an overburdened mother, and nourished the weak little ones. Our copper is too small some days. Some children had to go away with empty cans and very disappointed faces.

We desire to thank the following benefactors:—T. Gunn, Esq., 12 wands for drill; Mr. Ledger, 2s 6d and clothes for the poor; Mr. S. Green, one spade; A. Evans, Esq., 1 box candles; Mrs. Weedon, Mrs. Joscelyne, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Weatherhead, Mr. Dempster, and other kind friends for clothes, remnants, and other useful things. We are very thankful for the left-off clothes and household linen sent to us, and shall be glad to be remembered in the future.

Sunday Schools.—The dates for the anniversaries of the various schools in the parish have been fixed as follows:—S. John's, October 9; S. Aidan's, October 16; Mission House, October 23. A combined service of the parish schools will be held on the afternoon of October 9 in S. John's Church.

As usual, the annual treat will be held on November 9. The place of gathering has not yet been decided upon, but in all probability we shall go to the same spot as last year, which is in every way suitable.

### SHEFFIELD.

THE entertainment spoken of in the last issue of the "Messenger" is an accomplished fact. The tableaux and programme of music were arranged by Miss Seelig, and were voted a great success. She was able to hand in £6, which provided smart new books, which were badly needed for both choir and church. Miss Seelig is to be congratulated on the result of her efforts, especially as she worked almost single-handed. The effect of the tableaux was very much heightened by the

BY the kind permission of the "Tasmanian Mail," we are able to give our readers a picture of the Bishop in his West Coast costume. An account of his Lordship's travels is continued in this issue, and the illustration will enable church folk to see how he looks when he undertakes the

pioneering work which will ever be associated with his name. Some say Bishops have an easy time, but none who know their work will say so. It is pleasant to hear working men say, with a ring of appreciation, "He's a terror for work," or "We never had a Bishop before that went about like him."



coloured lights, which were ably managed by Mr. Bradshaw. After the books were procured there was a small surplus, which is to be devoted to the Japanese fair fund, but that is another story. A similar entertainment is to be held on the 6th October. The tableaux are to be chiefly by the children, representing nursery rhymes. Several ladies are this time aiding by suggestions and ideas, and hope to do so in a more practical way later on, when the tableaux recover from the measles. Half the proceeds are to go to the Devon Cottage Hospital, a most deserving and at present needy institution, which we trust the Sheffield people will loyally and substantially support by rolling up in large numbers, with all their families. I believe some Latrobe people have kindly consented to help with the musical part of the programme.

A meeting of parishioners (needless to say chiefly of ladies) was held in the church on the 31st August to discuss the advisability of holding a bazaar after the harvest. It was unanimously decided that we should do so in the form of a Japanese fair, and the date was fixed for the first week in May. The meetings for work are to be held every Friday afternoon in a room kindly placed at our disposal by Mrs. J. T. Wilson, and the committee earnestly urge all the ladies of the congregation to come, and to put their shoulders to the wheel in the generous and self-denying way that they knew from experience the Sheffield women can. These meetings can be made pleasant and amicable gatherings, and they have always been so in the past. We know that many mothers of families may find it inconvenient to attend regularly, but surely one afternoon in the week may be cheerfully devoted to this good work of endeavouring to clear our church from debt, and of encouraging and strengthening our rector by letting him see we are all willing to do what we can.

Fortnightly services were started at Lower Barrington in the State-school on the 28th August. This is the first time the Church of England has held services there, and the attendance is most encouraging. Mr. S. T. Middleton has offered to give a site if a church can be built. Our rector is trying to train us in the way we should go by getting us into punctual habits. It is to be feared that it is uphill work. We have been so accustomed to dawdling in a quarter of an hour late for everything that this startling punctuality rather flusters us. We arrive at the church for weekly practice in a breathless state, though having left home in heaps of time terrible misgivings assail us on the road that our clocks and watches were slow by the rector's, or that it takes longer to come than we thought. It is quite exciting. A smile of satisfaction dawns on each countenance as they find they really

are in time, and on one memorable occasion when everyone was early we sat and, as one lady remarked, "smirked" at each other, and felt happy for the rest of the evening. We admit that this stirring up is all very salutary and needful, and trust that we may live to see the day when everyone shall be in their places on Sunday before the bells stop.

#### FRANKFORD

QUITE a gloom was cast over this neighbourhood when news arrived by mail from Riverton, S. Australia, conveying the news of the sudden death of Mrs. A. B. Welch, formerly a resident here of Manor Hill farm, Frankford. The deceased lady died from shock to the system after a serious operation on August 1 at Riverton. She was attended by three doctors and two trained nurses, and, although all was done for her that was possible, she succumbed about 14 hours after. She was well known and highly respected, both in Riverton and Frankford, for her hospitality and good Christian principles. She was a member of S. Saviour's Church, Frankford. Her early death is sincerely regretted by her many friends, and the deepest sympathy is felt for the sorrowing husband and three little girls left to mourn their loss. Mr. and Mrs. Welch were among the early English settlers in Frankford.

The dwelling house and furniture of Mrs. Robinson, of Claxton, Frankford, were destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. Some of the furniture and wearing apparel were saved. The sincerest sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Robinson in their loss. Mrs. Robinson is organist at the Anglican Church here, and also takes a great interest in the Sunday-school superintendence.

#### WESTBURY.

AS a reader of the "Church Messenger," I have noticed that, among other country parishes, the doings of Westbury parish have not been chronicled for some time in your country news.

You mentioned in your last issue that you would like to hear from several parishes, and, although you did not name Westbury among the number, I presume that a few items of news will be acceptable.

Though I cannot call myself a parishioner, I watch, with deep and growing interest, church matters in Westbury, and attend the services in the fine old church whenever I am in Westbury on a Sunday.

I notice that the congregations vary very much, owing doubtless to the cold wintry weather, but I am glad to see from time to time fresh faces among the worshippers, and the congregation on the whole steadily improving.

A series of fortnightly silver readings is being held in the Sunday School-room during the winter months—not so much in aid of the church funds (although I believe, from what I hear, they sadly need replenishing) as to draw the people together and afford a good evening's amusement. Unfortunately the weather has been unseasonable for the meetings so far, but, notwithstanding this, the attendance has been good, and the entertainments have become very popular.

I hear that the teachers of the Sunday School gave the children a pleasant surprise in the shape of a tea in the school-room on Thursday, the 18th inst. The children assembled at three o'clock, and played games till 4.30 p.m., when the church bell sounded for evensong. At five o'clock 60 children sat down to tea, and after their appetites had been amply satisfied they were dismissed, thoroughly pleased with their afternoon's enjoyment.

On the 21st inst. the rector paid his first Sunday visit, and administered holy communion, whilst the curate did duty at Deloraine. Unfortunately I could not be present myself, but I hear the congregations were above the average, and the offertories were nearly double the usual amount.

There are rumours of a horticultural and general produce show and exhibition of industrial work being held early in December. I hope to be able to tell you more about it on a future occasion. It is to be hoped the church people will arouse themselves, and do all they can to ensure its success.

A MEETING of the Ruridecanal Chapter and Conference was held at Deloraine, on Tuesday, 6th September. Evensong was said in S. Mark's Church at 7.30 on Monday evening, and on Tuesday morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock.

The chapter meeting began at 10 o'clock. Prayer was said by the Rev. L. T. Tarleton, R.D. All the clergy of the Rural Deanery were present—viz., the Rev. L. T. Tarleton, R.D., the Revs. R. K. Collisson, C. J. Brammall, and A. E. Hutchinson. The Rev. L. T. Tarleton was congratulated on his appointment to the position of Rural Dean.

The Rev. A. E. Hutchinson was appointed chapter clerk, custodian, and librarian of Dr. Bray's Library. The Revs. L. T. Tarleton, C. J. Brammall, and R. K. Collisson consented to act as trustees of it.

The Rural Dean spoke of Quiet Day for clergy and lay workers, and said that the Very Rev. the Dean of Hobart had consented to come and conduct it.

It was suggested to invite the clergy and lay workers of the other Rural Deaneries in the north to join in the

movement. Deloraine was spoken of as a convenient centre. The time of meeting was left indefinite, but it was thought that arrangements could not be made before January next.

Discussions took place on various matters of interest, e.g., the Cathedral Library, the S.P.C.K., etc.

In the afternoon the conference met, there was, however, only a small attendance, no doubt owing to the inclement state of the weather. At the invitation of the Rev. R. K. Collisson it was decided to hold the next meeting at Carrick.

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

THE Parish Council met on Tuesday, September 6th. Present—The Acting Rector (in the chair), the three wardens, the hon. treasurer (Mr. Johnstone), the hon. secretary (Mr. Chambers), and Messrs. Tibbs, C. B. and F. A. Pitman, and Chatterton. The returns showed that the offertory was still always a little under what it should be, £4 being the minimum required. The chairman reported that Mr. Newman had kindly given £1 towards the drill fund, Mr. Alex. Reed also promising 10s.; with these sums the amount now in hand is £208s. 4d. A second communication from Messrs. Taylor, of Southborough, was read, in which the firm stated that to get the proper tone out of the bell it must be swung, and that the danger of cracking was greater where it was rung only by the clapper. They therefore suggested the sending out of proper fittings. Mr. Johnstone, on the other hand, maintained that there were good substantial fittings in the belfry already. The question of the stability of the belfry with a bell twice the weight of the present having been discussed for some time, the matter was ultimately referred to a committee consisting of the Acting Rector and Messrs. Albert Reed and Johnstone, with power to order the bell with or without fittings as seemed advisable. Mr. Johnstone has since carefully examined the belfry, and pronounces it to be quite strong enough to bear the weight and vibration of the bell, while the fittings will answer all purposes if the founders are instructed to adapt the bell by means of a pair of iron legs to the old headstock. He has prepared drawings to scale, and these will probably be sent home to Messrs. Taylor with an order to ship the bell as soon as convenient. The cost of the bell itself will be £16 16s., and, though freight, etc., will have to be added, the Council feel quite satisfied that there will be enough in hand to clear all liabilities when the bell arrives.

It is probable now that the tea meeting to pay for the new fence will take place towards the end of October, as a finish to the S. John's Association season for this year.

The school-room has been coloured out, and the old stains on the wall are, if not quite hidden, no longer conspicuous. Altogether, there is a vast improvement. The Sunday school teachers have promised to pay for this as well as for the book shelves, on which the Bibles are now properly kept, out of the funds raised by their celebrated sale and entertainment on August 16th. S. George's choir kindly furnished the concert for S. John's Association, for which they and Mr. Haywood (the choirmaster) were heartily thanked by the Acting Rector on behalf of the people. The dramatic readings for August 30 were "Poor Cousin Walter" and Tom Taylor's "A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing"; these involved a fairly large company, who all acted with spirit, and pleased the audience much. Mr. Shakespeare, from Adelaide, gave two recitations, which were received with much applause.

The Young Men's Club also gave a most successful entertainment on September 7th, "The Miner's Camp" being put on the stage in a most realistic manner. All the songs and jokes were well received, and the gramophone, if it did not always exactly represent the higher aspects of the musical art, afforded much amusement, the energy of the unseen singer being at least wonderful.

Canon Finnis, our Rector, came over from Keloreia on Wednesday, 7th September, and preached at S. John's on the following Sunday evening. He looked well, and reported well of Mrs. Finnis and her family.

At a meeting of the Guild, held in the school-room on August 17th, a council consisting of Mesdames Norris, Donnelly, and C. Pitman, and Messrs. Tibbs, Rule, C. Newman, and B. Hudspeth, and Mr. A. Chatterton, was appointed, Mrs. Norris to be secretary and treasurer. A levy of 3d. on each member was resolved on, to repair and replace burses, veils, markers, etc., in S. John's. Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Gruncell, and Mrs. Donnelly, have kindly undertaken some of the embroidery. The Council will meet on the first Wednesday in each month, in the school-room, at half-past four.

Scripture Answers.—Marks for September.—Seniors: Elizabeth Williams, 10; Minnie McAlister, 10; Edith Andrew, 10; Minnie Russell, 9. All these papers were good. Juniors: Florrie Miller, 10; Lenna Creese, 9; Willie Hallam, 8. Lenna Creese's paper was good, and showed much industry, but there was too much repetition in it.

Questions for October.—Senior: What things does S. Luke alone tell us which are not found in the other Gospels? (Note: At the Depot there can be got for a shilling a "Harmony of the Gospels," which, by putting all the four Gospels side by side on each page, shows what each includes and

leaves out. This ought to be in the possession of every teacher and senior scholar.) Junior: Whom are we told that Jesus loved, and how did He show His love?

The teachers of the Sunday school have added £2 worth of books to the library from money held by the wardens on account of offertories for this purpose. But the present condition of the library having been examined, and it being disclosed that 150 books more or less are missing, the Acting Rector has closed the library till the bulk of these are restored. Will parents search the home for them?

Baptisms.—August 12th, Owen Ramsay Bird; 13th, Henry Mervin Maddock; 27th, Alice Edith Isabel Rogers.

Burials.—August 4th, Ernest William Clarke; 20th, Mabel C. B. Nichols. August 7th, £5 5s. 7d.; 14th, £3 14s.

Offertories.—For church expenses: 8th, £3 15s. 8d.; 28th, £3 6s. 5d.; total for August, £16 2s. 5d. For Sunday school library: August 21st, 3s. 7d.

#### MACQUARIE PLAINS.

AT the conference, on 7th inst., of the Rural Deanery of New Norfolk, of which deanery this parish forms part, we were very glad to notice that the Rural Dean is recovering surely, though slowly, from the effects of his serious accident. At the last conference the members pledged themselves to raise £15 for a catechist in New Guinea; and in consequence of this the Rev. P. N. Hunter is coming to this and the other parishes to give lectures, aided by the magic lantern—"Qui facit per alium" we suppose, but probably some, who will enjoy the lecture at the Victoria Hall on the 20th, will give more than the entrance money, seeing for what purpose funds are wanted.

One of your readers, who enjoys the natural history notes, observed the first swallow on August 27, eight days earlier than last year.

The weather, Mr. Editor, has been all that one could desire, except on some Sundays; and you will doubtless have noticed the thrifty habits of the church goer, who, on a wet Sunday, when he stays at home, saves up the 3d he had mentally promised to God, and puts it in the plate next Sunday; whereby, 3d is saved to the pocket, but how much is lost to the Christian character?

#### CARRICK.

THERE is not much news to record. The rector has been somewhat hindered by various causes in making his first round of the parish, but he hopes now to work at it steadily.

At Carrick the children are practising for the annual festival, which will be held on the third Sunday in November. At Bishopsbourne also practising has begun.



The rector is forming plans for regularly visiting and teaching in such of the State-schools as are open to him. He has a most interesting class of 42 children at Carrick, and is greatly pleased with their regular attendance and good attention.

It is hoped that something may be done before long to improve the sanctuary. The present altar cloth is faded and moth eaten, and altogether unworthy as a cover to the table of the Lord, and the window is a dreadful eyesore. The offertories at the early communions are to be devoted to such necessary improvements.

A very enjoyable concert and coffee supper was given at Illawarra on Friday, September 2. The room was packed to the utmost, and every item of the programme called forth hearty applause. The object was to raise funds to pay off the remaining debt on the new organ, but such gatherings are most useful and profitable in other ways, and we hope they may be promoted in other parts of the parish.

#### FORTH AND LEVEN.

OUR entertainment held in the Town Hall, Ulverstone, on August 29, was most successful, and the church debt was decreased by upwards of £6. We heartily thank all who so kindly helped, and congratulate them on their success. The charade proved very interesting, and the performance of Miss Langley's pupils was excellent.

We now look forward to the sale of gifts, which is to be held in the Town Hall, Ulverstone, on Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1. We look to this great effort to finally clear off the church debt, to help the stipend fund, and so to gladden the heart of the rector of the parish. An excellent programme is promised. There are to be refreshments, flower, cake, sweet, needlework, and fancy stalls, a bran tub, and first-class fish pond; and a special entertainment is to be provided each evening. We expect to have a glorious time of it, and if Canon Beresford is able to attend, as we hope he may, we promise him a hearty welcome, and an hour's fishing at the fish pond free of expense.

The churchwardens have decided to paint the Holy Trinity Church, Ulverstone, this month. This is a much needed work, and the church will soon look very different. We take this opportunity of thanking our wardens for their zeal and energy in all church matters. The Rector and the Rev. W. Earle are hard at work with confirmation classes, and hope to present about forty candidates to the Bishop next month. Twenty were confirmed earlier in the year. There ought to be at least sixty candidates a year in this parish. The Rev. H.

Blakeney is hard at work extending our borders in the direction of Lower Wilmot. Recently he organised a very successful "bee" for the purpose of clearing an acre of land at Lower Wilmot for church purposes. All the inhabitants of Lower Wilmot turned out to a man (and child), while some came from a distance. Several ladies at Forth and Leith kindly provided a most excellent dinner and tea, which was distinctly appreciated by the workers, and was presided over by the Misses Hall, Beecraft, and Adams. In the evening a very well-attended service was held by the Rev. H. Blakeney, the Rector being unable to be present, owing to his confirmation classes. A little church is to be erected at Lower Wilmot. It has been decided to put up a neat fence round the Leith church early next month.

#### DELORAINÉ.

WILL parishioners please remember three dates on which important events take place. Meander tea is fixed for Wednesday, October 5; Red Hills tea for October 19; and the annual show and sale of produce (with new features) for November 23 and 24. A concert for organist's fund and Mr. Allison will be given on November 2. The Bishop will come for confirmations in December, when the Elisabeth Town tea will be held.

It is decided that in the summer a quiet day will be held for church workers, a picnic being held by the riverside; particulars later. Date of Delorainé tea will soon be fixed. Twelve new seats have now been promised for S. Saviour's, Meander (price 24s). Will anyone give another? We want at least 20, besides matting, carpet, altar-cloth, etc. The attendance at the services there is better than ever, and the people are worthy of help in their desire to furnish their fine church well. It is a matter for thankfulness that the illness of Mrs. Arthur Horne is not so serious as was at first thought, though she has suffered much. In time her church work of managing two Sunday-schools and singing in Holy Cross choir, etc., will be resumed, we hope with renewed vigour.

A gift concert and supper, organised by Mrs. N. Cameron, will be given on September 29, as a welcome to the rector and Mrs. Tarleton at Chudleigh, and a means of paying for Sunday-school prizes. Matting is sadly required for this church.

#### SORELL.

THE attempt to extend and revive throughout the parish the important work of the religious instruction of the young has resulted in the formation of another Sunday-school at Forcett, where a regular attendance of

from 30 to 40 children may be looked for. There are now schools at Sorrell, Forcett, Coppington, Wattle Hill, Nugent, and Dunally. This still leaves Carlton and Cherry Tree Opening without them. We hope that here the want may shortly be supplied. A great difficulty is experienced in obtaining a sufficient number of teachers; of course, the work involves a certain amount of self-sacrifice—any work worthy the name does the same. But the reward to the teacher of giving an hour on Sunday afternoon to the instruction of the young is at least as great as the gain of spending the afternoon in languid ease or social civilities. In order to give uniformity and definiteness to the teaching, as well as to bring the minister into contact with each of the children attending Sunday-school, an arrangement is suggested that an examination of the schools by the incumbent be held half-yearly in the same manner as the public schools are visited. The first will be at Easter, when the bigger children will be expected to have learnt the Church Catechism. I desire to invite any parents having children living too far to attend Sunday-school (or who for any reason do not so) to make use of a little book of simple questions and answers which I shall be glad to furnish them with. If they (the parents) will undertake to hear and teach their children a little every Sunday, I, for my part, shall be glad about next Easter to visit them in their homes, and hold a little examination of the children the same as at the schools. Will any parent desiring to follow the above suggestion kindly acquaint me of their wish by letter or otherwise?

A few weeks ago a branch was formed in Sorrell of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. We hope it may grow, and be productive of good. United prayer for objects dear to the union, the introduction of family prayer into the home, a monthly meeting for devotion and mutual strengthening; these, at least, are easily within the scope of reasonable effort, even in our very busy and limited community.

The Bishop will visit the Peninsula on Monday, October 10. Confirmation will be held at Koonya at 3 p.m., and evening service at 7.30. Will candidates for confirmation please meet at Koonya at 2 p.m.

#### BRIGHTON AND KEMPTON.

ONE of our chief items of interest this month is the success which attended the production of the cantata "Queen Revel" in the Brighton Town Hall on Friday, August 26. We expected a good house, but our expectations were more than realised, as it was the record house in Brighton for some time. A sum of £11 13s was taken. From first to last the

children acquitted themselves admirably, and when the entertainment concluded with the difficult and beautiful sunflower dance, the audience showed their appreciation by long-sustained applause. We are safe in saying that one and all went away well-pleased with the entertainment provided. To all who were instrumental in getting up the entertainment our warmest thanks are due, especially to Miss Hughes, who was chiefly responsible for the training of the children; Mrs. Hughes, Miss Page, who acted as accompanist at the rehearsals; Mrs. J. A. White, who acted as accompanist during the entertainment; Mr. Chalmers for his great assistance in arranging the stage; and last, but by no means least, to Mr. J. R. Betts, whose assistance in teaching the children how to speak their part was simply invaluable. We have also to thank the parents of children of other denominations for allowing them to assist in making the cantata such a success. The cantata was repeated the following Tuesday at Bagdad, and, although very short notice was given, a sum of £3 was taken at the doors.

As on the third Sunday in the month there is no service in the evening in Kempton, the choir determined to have a sacred concert on the third Sunday in July. The church was filled with an audience which seemed to thoroughly understand the reverence due to God's House. We trust the success achieved will induce the choir at Kempton to organise many a similar concert. The church and grounds at Kempton are being put into good order, but we hope to say more about this in a later issue.

A church is needed badly at Bagdad. That good friend to the church in Bagdad, Mr. F. F. Butler, has offered plans, while another gentleman has offered the stone for the foundation. A meeting will shortly be held in connection with this matter, and it is hoped that all interested (and they should be all church people in Bagdad) will make an effort to be present.

No clergyman is yet definitely appointed to Richmond, but the position has been offered to a gentleman in New South Wales. We hope in our next issue to be able to announce that he has accepted.

#### QUAMBY AND HAGLEY.

A VERY successful social was held on the 25th August in the Montacute Hall. Mr. Roe, following the good example of his mother, gave the hall, the use of the kitchen, and everything that was required gratuitously, and we are very grateful for the unsolicited kindness. The daily papers reported that it was got up in aid of the funds of S. Mary's Church, which is an error. It was

got up for a social. Of course there was no difficulty in finding a use for the proceeds. A part served to purchase crockery for Sunday-school feasts, etc., and the balance to provide hymn-books for the church. There was no chairman, the proceedings being carried out as a drawing-room entertainment, and, such being the nature of the meeting, we do not give the names of those who took part. The programme was carefully prepared and faithfully carried out, everyone appearing to enjoy himself, and the pleasure of each other's company. Before the coffee supper, Churchwarden Scott moved, and Rev. A. Hardie seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the entertainers and to Mr. and Mrs. Roe. This was carried by acclamation, and briefly acknowledged by the rector, and also by the Rev. Mr. Bridgwood, who had contributed some songs.

Baptism—Eleanor Gladys Arnold.  
Marriage—Thomas William Plumbridge and Harriet Gorringe.

#### EVANDALE.

OUR second winter social in connection with S. Andrew's Church came off on the 30th August, and was in all respects most enjoyable and successful.

Dr. Johnson, who was the principal organiser of it, fortunately secured the help of some ladies and gentlemen from Launceston, who most kindly offered to come and give us some vocal and instrumental music. These were Mr. and Mrs. Bowden, Miss Reeves, Miss Jessie Wilkinson, Miss Alice Boyd, and Mr. Wells, who each and all contributed very greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

Afterwards we had a very pleasing exhibition of "Good-night" and "Floral drills," rendered by the Evandale children, who had been carefully trained by Miss Burgess, a friend from Sydney. Few stage representations could exceed the beautiful effect of the floral drill, as the curtain rose upon 16 girls wreathed in flowers and posed in varied attitudes. Indeed, the preparation for these tableaux must have been quite a serious business when the variety of dresses is taken into consideration. Anyway, the effect was simply charming, and the only regret felt was that it was so soon over. There was a good audience and excellent refreshments, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the entertainment.

Sept. 6.

#### CLARENCE.

THERE are a few matters of interest which it may be well for us to chronicle for the especial benefit of those who take the "Church Messenger" in this parish. Since I last

sent to the "Messenger" an account of our doings here we have had a successful entertainment at the Bellerive Institute on behalf of the S. Mark's Working Society's fund. We are much indebted to the Rev. Canon Shoobridge for a very interesting lantern lecture on S. Paul's Cathedral and other subjects, and also to Mr. Alan McIntyre and others who assisted in the vocal and instrumental part of the entertainment. There was a good and appreciative audience, but owing to the fact that the charge for admission was low the proceeds were not considerable. After expenses had been paid there was a balance of nearly £2. Arrangements are being made for a second entertainment at the end of this month.

At S. Matthew's, Rokeby, three churchwardens have lately been elected, viz., Messrs. V. Chapman, D. Lumsden, and W. Watson. We have good reason to believe that the newly-elected wardens will take due care of our handsome and picturesque parish church, and will give their willing and untiring attention to other business matters in their part of the parish. We are glad to welcome Miss Percy back after her stay in Victoria. During her absence Miss Sophy Chapman kindly and efficiently filled her place as organist.

At Beltana regular services are now held on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. Messrs. T. and H. Westbrook and Max Stephens are faithful and persevering lay helpers in that hamlet.

Confirmation classes are now being commenced at Bellerive and South Arm.

Bellerive, Sept. 15.

#### HAMILTON-ON-FORTH.

TWO districts in the above parish on the Clyde have lately been exerting themselves in special efforts; the one (Ellendale) to pay off by another instalment a portion of the debt still remaining on the beautiful stone church, of which it is so proud; and the other (Osterley) to face the need of repairs to its church, and of a few internal alterations and the addition of a vestry. By a concert and supper held recently in Mr. Holmes's licensed room, the good folk at Ellendale have reduced their debt to £36, and they hope, before the end of the year, to make it considerably less, and soon extinguish it altogether. Had it not been for the loss of their hop crops last season, following a similar loss in the previous season, there is no doubt that the faithful church people in this part of the parish would long ago have relieved themselves of this heavy millstone of debt. They are generously disposed, "according to their ability," and are anxious to make the church a centre of influence



amongst them. The following contributed to the supper, which was well supplied with all sorts of delicacies:—Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Edward Rayner, Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mrs. Frank Rausley, Mrs. Fred. Holmes, Mrs. Charles Holmes, Mrs. Irving, Miss Davies, Mrs. Isaac Clark, Mrs. Stanfield, Mr. James Clark, sen., and Mr. Edward Clark.

At the concert the Rector presided, and the following very kindly supplied the different items of the really excellent programme:—Messrs. Vincent and H. W. Shoobridge; Miss Garrett, who travelled a long distance to attend the concert, and did a great deal by solos, duets, trios, and recitations to make the evening's proceedings so enjoyable; Mr. Miller, whose humorous reading, as usual, brought down the house; and Mr. Edward Rayner, whose voice is as tuneful now as it was 50 years ago.

We have also to report that the Sunday school at Ellendale, under the supervision of Mrs. Isaac Clark, is going along very steadily. Not long ago the Hon. Nicholas J. Brown and Mrs. Brown were kind enough to send a number of interesting books for presentation amongst the most regular of the scholars. These prizes were greatly appreciated, and are proof of the continued interest of the donors in the district, where their names are "household words."

The contract for the work to be done at Osterley has been entrusted to Mr. Cook, of Ouse, and will no doubt be thoroughly well executed.

We have to record the removal by death of two parishioners in the very prime of their lives. George Henry Macintyre, son of Mr. Macintyre, of Ouse, died at Hobart hospital on June 22nd, after a painful illness, which he bore with great patience. He was only 17 years of age, a regular communicant at Ouse church, and greatly beloved by all who knew him.

Mrs. Tolland, of the mill, Hamilton, passed away very unexpectedly on July 5th. She returned to her old home as a bride in September of last year, with every prospect of a long and happy married life; but, as "in the midst of life we are in death," so she has left us, and her little son, baptised on July 16th, though motherless, is well cared for by his father and aunts. Mrs. Tolland was a faithful churchwoman and communicant.

Both the above were laid to rest in the churchyard in Hamilton. Requiescat in pace.

#### WARATAH.

A MANTLE of glorious snow covers our beautiful mountains, and gracefully festoons our noble forests. The sun shines out resplendent, and sparkling diamonds glisten everywhere around us. By blazing log fires we think of new benefits and fresh literary efforts in our happy community. Fort-

nightly our 80 learned ones strike the anvil on world-wide subjects, while music and song delight. Our large new room to our Sunday-school will be a vast help to us, and is to be finished by the end of this month. Many handsome donations have been sent us, and, with a few extra from England, we shall have fittings paid for, and all complete. Two fairies' operettas at cheap fares, to crowded audiences, added nearly £10 to our building fund. Our mountaineers are grand helpers. The ladies have worked with assiduous stitches the handsome kneeling cushions for altar and font, and the reverend artist has painted in "glacier and cement varnish," the now beautiful window of the chancel. Our Sunday-school numbers over 160, and still they come! Waratah and its mines are looking up, and many presage brighter than olden brightest days, especially when the new canvas town of Edes Elliot is formed around the great Magnet mine. In the summer, when the Silver Cliff, Fooks' Wonder, and Langmade's Marvel are in full working, we shall be delighted to give a cold collation and a warm welcome to any who will give us the pleasure of their company in our beautiful mountains.

#### NORTH BRIDGEWATER.

FOR some months past the members of S. Mary's Church here have been actively engaged in raising funds for the purchase of a new stained glass window, pulpit, and prayer-desk. In this they were most successful, inasmuch as the necessary amount was willingly and in most instances cheerfully contributed, with the satisfactory result that last week witnessed the completion of all. The window was purchased in Melbourne, and is a beautiful piece of the manufacturer's art. The centre figure represents the Good Shepherd, and on either side S. Andrew and S. John. The colours blend very nicely, so much so that the figures appear to very great advantage. Needless to say the window occupies the space over the altar, and quite fills the whole space; it was placed in position by Mr. Harbottle, Hobart. The pulpit and prayer desk are of kauri pine, neatly designed and stained to match the other portions of the church furniture. The order for these was placed in the capable hands of Mr. A. Tibbs, Hobart, and the manner in which he executed the work has gained for him the highest encomiums from those interested.

July 31.—Yesterday was selected as the one on which the consecration should take place, but unfortunately the weather was such as to militate against a large attendance, many from outlying parts of the district being precluded from taking part in the proceedings. His Lordship, Bishop

Montgomery, arrived by the afternoon train, by which time the ordinary part of the service had been taken by the incumbent of the parish, Rev. H. H. Marten. The choir having sung hymn 240, the Bishop proceeded to the chancel steps, performed the consecration service, the congregation kneeling. At the conclusion of the consecration His Lordship ascended the new pulpit, and, before commencing his address, apologised for having arrived somewhat late, adding that he would be compelled to leave early as he had to return to Hobart by train to take a service there in the evening. This was rendered necessary owing to the present scarcity of clergymen. In the course of the remarks that followed the Bishop spoke of the beautiful and substantial improvements that had been made to the church, which he had that day consecrated, and said he understood it was not the wish of those who had taken a prominent part in raising the necessary funds to have their names mentioned, but he felt sure that the parishioners would feel thankful to them for what they had done. His Lordship then delivered a short but impressive address on the efficacy of prayer, which was attentively listened to by all present, concluding by praying that God's work would prosper in that place.

#### STANLEY.

WE are glad to be able to report a steady improvement in the health of our valued churchwarden, Mr. H. W. Wells. Everyone joins in the hope of soon seeing him about again. He is one of those kindly members of society who for his goodness and generosity to all classes is universally esteemed. An exchange for three months has taken effect between the Rev. W. Keith-Forbes, chaplain to the Melbourne Hospital and the Benevolent Asylum, and the incumbent of this parish. Mr. Keith-Forbes has already made a hearty welcome for himself. It is quite evident to all that we have in our midst a man of sound common sense, possessing a very high ideal of his work. Confirmation classes are being held regularly by the acting-incumbent, who hopes to have a good number of candidates for presentation to the Bishop in October.

An entertainment is to be given in September in aid of church funds. In theory it is very easy to talk about direct giving; in practice it is quite another thing. A great deal is said nowadays about the wisdom of our forefathers. Is it a proof of the wisdom of these wiseacres that when State aid was a matter of course it never occurred to any of them to put something by as an endowment fund?

For the last six years it has been clear to all in the parish that the church at Stanley has been much too

small for the congregation. Are we to solicit directly for gifts of money, or follow the seemingly good example of the Roman Catholics, who, within the last three days, have raised £195 net by means of a bazaar. Would "direct giving" raise a total like that? O, the pity of it, that instead of the wooden structure put up only a few years ago a good, substantial stone edifice had been erected. Is it yet too late to make another beginning? May the hearts of the people be warmed in this matter, and that soon.

Stanley, September 6, 1898.

#### DEVONPORT.

DURING the last few weeks it has been our pleasing duty to welcome Mrs. Wilmer and family to this parish, and the new rectory is now occupied, and we feel sure that, when the outbuildings and fencing are completed, it will be a great boon to both rector and people to have it so centrally situated. On Friday, September 2, a social was given to welcome the Rev. J. K. Wilmer, Mrs. Wilmer, and family by the parishioners from all parts of this wide parish, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. The room was tastefully decorated, and the social opened with a pianoforte duet by the Misses Brown and Plummer. Then Dr. Smith, who was chairman, welcomed the guest of the evening and his wife and family, on behalf of the parishioners, in very kindly remarks, mentioning that as he was assisting the rector he had a better chance of knowing him, and he felt sure when others knew him as well as he did they would gladly appreciate him. The rector in reply said the two most eventful times in the life of a clergyman and his wife were, first, when saying farewell to the people among whom they had lived and worked; and the second on an occasion like the present. In the first place, he felt most keenly the severance from those with whom he had been associated in Brighton for seventeen years, in all times of joy and sorrow, and he had proved their kindness; and it was hard to say good-by; but to be welcomed to a new parish was a very pleasant proceeding. After referring to the beauties and salubrity of Devonport, to the churches, and the future wants of the parish, the rector again thanked them for their kind welcome, and said he trusted they would all work together and pray for one another and help one another: then would the church prosper. Miss Alma Levy then presented Mrs. Wilmer with a handsome basket of flowers, on behalf of the Sunday-school scholars of the parish. Recitations by Miss Levy, songs by Mrs. Smith and Mr. Latham, a glee by the West Devonport choir, games

and friendly converse, followed by a liberal supply of first-class refreshments, brought one of the brightest entertainments ever known in Devonport to a close.

A rural-decanal meeting will be held here on the 29th inst. (Feast of S. Michael and All Angels). The proceedings will commence with a celebration of the Holy Communion at S. Paul's, East Devonport, at 11 a.m.; chapter meeting, clergy only, at 12 noon; dinner at rectory, at 1 p.m.; conference of clergy and laity at rectory, 2.30 p.m.; festival evensong at West Devonport, 8 p.m. (preacher, the Rev. J. C. De Coetlogon). The rural dean of Burnie (Rev. J. T. Wilson) will attend the meetings.

#### BUSINESS COLUMN.

Subscriptions Received. — Rev. M. Cockerill, 5s 2d; Mr. Merrilees, 6d; Mrs. R. P. Aldridge, 2s; Mr. W. Hutchins, 2s; Mrs. Flexman, 12s 4d; Miss Genders, 1s; Miss Richardson, 1s 6d; Miss Wigan, 1s; Mrs. Rock, 6d; Rev. W. Hurburgh, 3s; Mrs. West, 6d; Rev. W. H. Root, £1 13s; Mrs. H. Flexman, 1s; Miss Rogers, 6d; Miss Harrison, 1s; Mrs. Edgell, 1s; Miss Tillack, 1s; Miss McWilliams, 4d; Mrs. George, 2s; Mrs. Blyth, 6d; Mrs. Murefet, 8d; Mrs. Comber, 1s 6d; Rev. R. J. de Coetlogon, £2 15s; per Mrs. Roberts, 5s; per Mrs. Gardener, 7s; E.M. (special donation), £1; Major Dumbleton and Mrs. Spillsbury, 2s each; Mrs. Young, 1s 6d; Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Pilcher, Mrs. Byron, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Dobson, Messrs. C. Johnson, Currie, Greene, Beswick, Bovill, Leupolt, Mansfield, W. Mawer, Dover, S. Phillips, Rev. S. H. Hughes, 1s each: total, £1 6s 6d.

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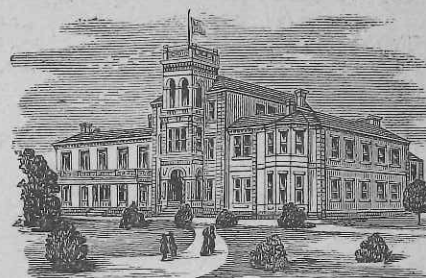
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