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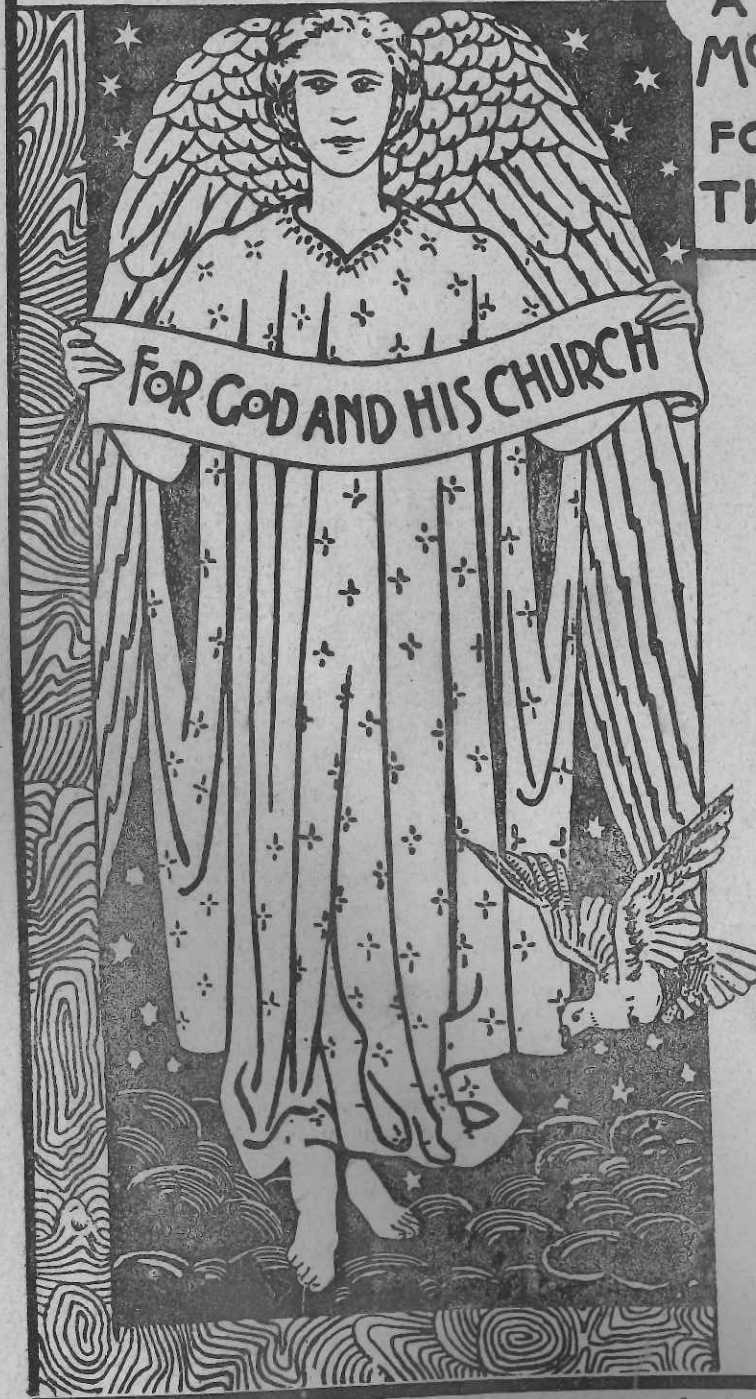
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**UNREST IN THE CHURCH**

THERE is no doubt that there is some unrest in the Church, not only at home, where there is some reason for it, but in the colonial dioceses, where there is not. As to the Church in England, we may as well leave that to the English people, whose affairs, if they cannot manage them for themselves, we at least cannot manage. The relation of the Church to the State in England is so entirely different from what obtains in Australasia, that those bred under our own system can hardly realise the position at home. Anyhow, we can do no good by treating the two branches of the Church as one, and speaking of them in the same terms. And yet we venture to say that no one in these colonies would have raised the cry of alarm as to the state of the Church here had not the trumpet been blown in England, and things strange and illegal there brought to light. We all, especially those who were born in England, feel the deepest interest in the condition and prospects of the mother church, sympathise in her successes, and deplore her faults and her troubles. But we ought not to confound these with our own, with which they have very little connection indeed. We need to look carefully at the ways of our own Church, and to consider our own prospects. There is a great deal of noise

made just now, and some of it by very uninstructed persons, who make the rashest and most erroneous statements. We do not address them. We wish to say a word to the bulk of our readers, who are, we are quite sure, sober-minded people, who care more for proved facts than rash assertions, and do not attach much importance to imputations and arguments scattered broadcast by hasty and violent partisans. Let us point out first of all how the Church in Australia has grown in power and influence since Bishop Broughton first undertook the oversight of the island continent in 1836. To any one of an open mind it would appear, we should have thought, ridiculous to speak of the Church as declining, losing the confidence of the people, falling away from the truth, if they even read of—much more if they witnessed—the recent gathering in Sydney, when the 16 Bishops of Australia and Tasmania united in a service, at which a 17th was consecrated. And we can assert without fear of contradiction that nearly every Bishop present there was satisfied that in his diocese the clergy were as a body loyal, faithful to the principles of the Church, and, according to their lights, carrying out the teaching of the Prayer Book. And here we may remark one thing about those who are clamouring now about illegal practices in these colonies; they have no confidence in bishops. They accuse the

Archbishop of Canterbury of false teaching, of not knowing what Church doctrine is. They could not have chosen a worse subject. His learning, his absolute honesty, his rigid adherence to the teaching of the Prayer Book can only be overlooked by those whom prejudice or ignorance has blinded. To doubt that his teaching is safe is to doubt the Church herself. Of course, we are not surprised after this if our own Bishop is thought to be a very unsafe guide. That such is the opinion of a very small majority we are quite aware, but the Church as a whole in Tasmania is not of that opinion. We, at all events, are quite willing to rest upon the certainty that our fellow-churchmen will have seen that if there is one thing in the world which distinguishes the bench of bishops it is, and always has been, their caution. To their clergy they seem often timid; to no one do they seem ever rash or disloyal to the traditions of their Church. It is on this ground then that we would encourage our readers to take little account of the stir which is made from time to time by excitable people. There is danger at home certainly, not widespread, but actual; the bishops in England will deal with that. There is no danger at all in these colonies—the bishops will speak out soon enough if any illegal practices are brought before them. That ought to be enough for any genuine churchman. Let him watch quietly the actual work

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of the Church here and help it on, paying little heed to rumours which have no basis and suspicions bred of ignorance of facts.

### VISIT TO KING ISLAND.

By Bishop Montgomery.

(THE FOURTH OCCASION.)

ON July 18 I started once more for King Island after an interval of nearly two years. I had meantime made several attempts to get some of our clergy to visit it, but had failed. It is clear, however, that now some one must go there once every six months for a fortnight, as the next step in our organisation, for the development since my last visit has been astonishing. We are accustomed to quick growth in a mining region of course, but it must be remembered that King Island is strictly pastoral; and I doubt whether any part of Tasmania has shown a more striking expansion. The following facts will speak for themselves:—In 1887 the first survey was made by the Government for the purposes of settlement, and the land was thrown open for selection. In 1892, when I first visited this island, there were of course the two lighthouses, but besides the inhabitants on these two reserves there were only seven houses, and these were diminutive, more fitly called shanties; 2000 acres were taken up, and there were about 60 cattle on the island, all imported from the mainland, and there was one conveyance of a lighter character than a dray.

To-day as I write, eight years afterwards, I look round upon a flourishing and enlightened community, represented by a Settlers' Association, a community in many respects quite unique, and unlike anything I know anywhere upon the mainland. There is no doubt that the influences (quite indirect, however) of the Timber Company have been of great value. That venture failed almost before it commenced operations, but it left behind a nucleus of well-nurtured and refined men who gathered round them others. And besides this influence, there is no doubt that the

island is very largely indebted for its tone and character to Lancashire families, extensive in numbers and of strong personality. In fact, the predominating elements in the island society are north country English stock, well known to each other before they met here, and together they have formed a standard of life wonderfully wholesome and enlightened. No one can fail to see also one happy result of this. Those who have settled here, who have had fewer advantages and less education, have insensibly imbibed the higher tone that they have met here, and show it in their manners and demeanour. The growth of this unique society can only be watched with the heartiest satisfaction, and I can only repeat my wonder (expressed two years ago) that none of our legislators have thought it worth while to visit King Island. I have often listened to the expressions of astonishment of persons high in position who have at length visited our West Coast towns. I venture to say that from a different point of view, more delicate and dealing with a refined pastoral society, they will be even more astonished at the prospects of King Island and its unique life. To put it graphically, I will quote what an old resident said a few evenings ago as I was watching quite half of the inhabitants most happily engaged in a ball in their public hall, well lighted and tastefully decorated—"You won't find any part of Tasmania where there are so few 'scrubbers' as here." I believe there is much truth in this. Nor can anyone doubt that the island is greatly indebted to the tone set by the largest landholders—Messrs. Stephenson and Gunn—and the influence they exercise.

The material advance made during the last two years has been extraordinary. It is not that the population is large; I do not think that, exclusive of the lighthouse families, there are more than 155 people on the island. And there are very few children, only 20 exclusive of the lighthouse; the majority of settlers are young men, a great many unmarried, who have taken up blocks of land, and are fencing them in order to fatten cattle. In 1898 there were 20 houses or shanties; to-day there are 38, and the class of house has immensely improved, with verandahs and the usual signs of refinement. There

are now 3500 head of cattle on the island, 35,000 acres of land have been taken up or applied for, and nearly 200 persons live here, including those dwelling in the lighthouses. I am informed also that 12,000 out of the above 35,000 acres have been applied for in the last three months. And at the first wedding on the island on July 26 I counted eleven buggies and sulkeys.

The island is still divided into patches of "sound" and "unsound" country. And I cannot learn that any very permanent change has been effected in unsound parts. The same grasses and clover grow on each, but the effect on the cattle is different. The unsound country is generally near the coast, and it is the part which is easiest to get into use. In no case I think has the unsound country a clay subsoil. Therefore the clay gives one element of soundness. The cattle feed well on the unsound pastures, but after awhile they lose condition; they have then to be moved at once to sound country, and they immediately recover themselves. I gather also that in taking up land it is not easy to decide whether it is sound or unsound unless indeed it has a clay subsoil; only experience can decide the question. It seems clear, however, that ploughing and sowing fresh grass and clover does improve the unsound land; one experienced farmer told me that in the same unsound paddock a plot of ploughed and sown land in grass will be kept down by the cattle, whilst they will let the old pasture grow a foot high, and also in these worked paddocks they will keep their condition longer than in the unworked. The general opinion seems to be that the cause of the unsoundness is to be sought in the soil, not in the kind of pasture, and the hope is that some day by repeated working of the ground the lands may all become sound. Of course the sound country is now being utilised more and more, and the result is that the settlers are beginning to rear their calves and lambs in large numbers. This year about 800 store cattle have been imported; when King Island can cease such importations and the enormous expenses attendant upon it the island will progress rapidly. The difficulty of export still remains, although the Yambacoona is a first-rate little

vessel; but we cannot alter the prevailing winds. And it is tantalising to feel that if only there were an eastern harbour on the island the prevailing winds would assist and in no way check the export of cattle in the very months when the gales take special charge of this region. The special season for King Island cattle is from August till the middle of December; the grass grows luxuriantly then, when there is none in the mainland; and it is the best time to see the island, not only for fat cattle, but also, I suppose, for dairying, which is a great future industry here. I make no apology for dwelling at some length on the problems of this delightful place. I know my readers look forward to my accounts of these dependencies of ours.

I proceed to give the details of my visit. We had a perfect passage, so much so that the much buffeted captain proposed to retain me for the fat cattle season in order to insure him fine weather. I was welcomed on landing by Mr. and Mrs. Huxley, and installed in their house by permission of the Marine Board. That night I baptised two children, and had a long conversation with my hosts and with my old friend Mr. Dawson, who acts as tutor here. Next morning I rode some twenty miles, accompanied by Mr. Huxley, who, however, had to return to his duties in the afternoon. In passing down I arranged to stop next day at Mr. M'Mahon's and hold a service. It is always a pleasure to meet the Surprise Bay community—predominantly Bowling—but consisting also of Bentleys, Harbords, and Cowens. We had a delightful service that evening, and a celebration of Holy Communion next morning; then a ride of seven miles to Mr. M'Mahon's for lunch, and another service. I like to be frank in my journal and chronicle my mishaps, so I relate that I was riding up alone and had not fastened my girths tight enough, and the result was that a shy soon after I started caused my saddle to turn round. I managed to reach the ground on my feet, but not with that dignity which befits my office. Service and lunch followed at Mr. M'Mahon's. The next day was Sunday, and it was spent thus:—Holy Communion at 9 a.m., Sunday-school for 14 children at 10 a.m., services in the Public Hall at 2.30, where we had excellent music and a congregation of 50

people. This hall is a credit to the island, and has been cleared of debt. It is managed by a committee, and concerts, tableaux, dances, etc., are held, to the great advantage of all concerned. I must also tell here of the Racing Club, quite a model institution; I think everyone in the island is connected with it, and every horse and inhabitant attends on the race day. It is pure fun and sport, and no betting of any sort whatever is permitted. There is a fine for anyone attempting a bet, and I believe it is a fact that the only time a fine has had to be imposed was in the case of the president of the club, and the strongest opponent of all betting. On the race ground he inadvertently used the words "I'll bet you a shilling," etc., upon some matter. He was instantly fined amid general laughter. I sigh to think that King Island alone contains the ideal Racing Club. Perhaps the good example may grow. I tell of it in hopes that it may be so.

At our service on that Sunday a sum of 23s was subscribed towards the Jubilee offering for missions, and this was augmented afterwards, till a sum of £2 5s was sent up.

On Sunday evening I stayed at Poriky, and was glad to hold a service at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, the parents of the friends I have known so long.

The steamer promised to return on Wednesday, July 25, and to sail next day with the newly wedded pair (of whom more anon) and the Bishop, on Thursday, July 26. Alas for such promises! It was clear, however, that on Monday, July 23, it was necessary for me to go "furthest north" without delay. Mr. Huxley and I started away on horseback along the road, which now extends for 50 miles right through the island. There is no need to use the old shore track, and we could have driven had we chosen to do so. We lunched at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephenson's, at Yambacoona, and then I went on with Mr. A. Stephenson to the Graves's house, and so to Cape Wickham. Nothing can be warmer than the welcome there by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. The time was well filled. We had ridden 28 miles. Evening service followed at 7 p.m., and another short service at 9.30 p.m., when Mr. Johnson came down from the light. Next morning there was a third ser-

vice at 10 a.m., and then I rode back to the comforts of the best house on King Island—Yambacoona. A service followed that evening, and another next morning, and by Wednesday afternoon I had returned to Currie, having ridden 100 miles up and down the island, and prepared now for the first wedding on the island, and for the steamer.

The wedding deserves special attention. It is true that there are four newly-married couples on the island, but they were not married on King Island. But now the entire community were roused to do honour to the couple who were to give the island its first wedding. Miss Maude Bowling was to wed Mr. Buckley. On Wednesday the whole community seemed to be converging on Currie, Mantrap, and Poriky. Where they all slept no one can tell, but the arrangements are elastic. The feast was laid out on the Wednesday, and had to be jealously (and was successfully) guarded from rats that night. The platform was the buffet. On it was the three-storeyed wedding cake, glorious in decorations, all of it the work of Miss Robinson; outside (and inside) it was grand. I trembled when I thought of a possible rat; and of course the tables groaned with eatables. The curtains were drawn across the platform. Immediately below it a temporary altar had been erected, the work chiefly of Mrs. R. Robinson. It would have graced a handsome church. July 26 was fine, and 78 people assembled in festal attire. When I think of 1892 and the costumes then, I rub my eyes. Possibly the artist of nature unadorned would have preferred '92, but in place of it was modern civilisation. There was even a tall hat! but here words fail me.

At 11.30 a.m. the bride arrived in a four-in-hand driven, by special request, by Mr. Huxley; she was accompanied by Mrs. Bowling, and Mr. James Bowling, who gave the bride away. I never officiated at a more solemn service than that which followed. The bride and bridegroom were models of behaviour and naturalness; the whole congregation knelt for prayers and sang the service chorally, for it is quite easy on this favoured island to have full choral service at any time, there is so much real musical talent and education. I ventured on my part to speak special words and to give them afterwards to the wedded couple. There

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were the usual toasts, given in this case with real feeling, for there is universal respect for the bride, and the bridegroom is well known and liked. Nor was Mrs. Bowling forgotten; there is no more respected lady on King Island, and her sons and nephews are many and are much esteemed. It had been the intention of the happy couple to go straight to the steamer and so to Launceston, but since Captain Anthon was the one invited guest who would not come, the disappointed couple drove in a buggy to Surprise Bay to Mrs. Bowling's house, the key whereof we discovered was in a gentleman's pocket in the hall, and where it continued to repose. There was much laughter when this fact was reported, and when we knew that the first act of Mr. and Mrs. Buckley was a burglarious entrance into another person's house through a broken window. But this was not the end of the day. It was not to be supposed that the whole population would assemble without a dance. Accordingly the hall at 7.30 p.m. was lighted up, and looked bright and elegant. The highly respected gentleman who keeps the store (quite a grand place now) says he made a fortune out of shoes and gloves and ribbons; and the dresses! Again I thought of '92. I came to give my benediction to the dance, and never saw anything happier, but soon returned to the company of such old folks at home who had not become young folks for the occasion. One of the youngest-looking persons at the ball was a lady who has had 12 children.

But where was Captain Anthon and the steamer? Days passed, the winds howled, and there was nothing for it but to have patience. Sunday came. We had a morning service this time (27 present)—service, choral. Holy Communion followed; 10 communicants, and two more services followed. A collection was made on Sunday morning to provide prayer books and hymn books for the hall, and 18s was given. A whole week more passed, and when the third Sunday came I fell ill. I think it was the effect of continued anxiety, and could only have one service in the house. Then on August 6, nearly a fortnight late, the steamer was able to get to Currie. Perhaps I ought to understand why our legislators do not come here in shoals; they do not desire to repeat the experiences of Robinson Crusoe or Enoch Arden. Certain practical hints they would learn, however. The latest example of work under difficulties on the island is the case of a gentleman who is renowned for getting up white shirts, using a stirrup iron as an iron, and on one occasion a new shovel.

To all friends, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Huxley, for their goodness and ungrudging hospitality, I desire to accord my warmest thanks.

H. H. TASMANIA.

## OUR SOLDIERS AT CHURCH.

CHAPLAIN'S LETTER FROM BLOEMFONTEIN.

THE following is an extract from a letter addressed to the Chaplain-General of the Forces from the Rev. T. E. Falkner, dated Bloemfontein, April 2:—

"I wanted to get a letter off to you by last mail, but I was so occupied with hospital and other work, and writing letters for sick and wounded men, that my own letters had to be put off. I was particularly anxious that you should know the luxury in which we are living in the matter of church privileges, and the keen appreciation which our people show of that which is so freely offered. Nothing can exceed the kindness of the Dean (who, pending the appointment of a bishop, is vicar-general of the diocese) and his clergy. They allow us to have the use of the cathedral on Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock for a parade service for the Guards, and at 5.30 on Sunday evenings we have a special evensong for the convenience of officers and men to enable them to get back to barrack or camp in good time; in addition to this, we have permission to hold a special mission service for soldiers on Friday evenings at 6.30. There is a daily celebration as well as morning and evening prayer and Litany, while on Sundays there are three celebrations of Holy Communion. So these are the luxuries to us wayfarers on the veldt. Now for the appreciation of them as far as we can tell. On the Sunday after we came in, the cathedral choir volunteered their help at our 9 o'clock (Guards') parade, and the service was homelike and as hearty as such a service would always be. The drums were there and rolled at the 'Glorias' and 'God Save the Queen,' which was sung because it was a parade service. I spoke to the men on the blessings of a restful hour of worship in an English church after our journeyings, and of the blessings and mercies which had been granted to us, and so on, basing what I had to say on 'It is good for us to be here.' At the morning service at 10.30 there was a large number of the headquarter staff present, many of whom, Lord Roberts included, stayed to the celebration. On that Sunday I did not arrange for any 5.30 evensong (it was an afterthought arising out of the evening's experience); but at 7.30, the ordinary hour for evensong, long before the service began the church was literally packed with officers and men, one vast mass of khaki; it was splendid; all available chairs and forms were got in, and officers were put up into the long chancel wherever room could be found for them. The heartiness of that service, the reverence

and devoutness of the men, the uplifting of heart and voice in the familiar chants and hymns, the clear manly enunciation of the Articles of our Faith, and the ready responses in the well-known setting taught in our home garrison churches, all combined to make the service a grand evidence of the religious side of our men and a striking testimony to their desire to worship their God in the beauty of holiness. Many of us will remember that Sunday night with thankfulness. Coney preached us a very excellent sermon, as you know he is well able to do. The few civilians who were able to get in were much struck by the evident sincerity and devout behaviour of the men who surrounded them. And yet the Boers say the English must lose because they have no God! I do not know if I told you in my last what one of the clergy told me a day or two after we got here. He met one of our men outside the cathedral as he was walking along, and the soldier accosted him. 'Beg pardon, sir, is that an English church?' 'Yes,' said the clergyman. 'Might I go in, sir?' 'Why, of course,' was the reply; 'it is open all day.' 'Thank you, sir, I should just like to go in and say a prayer for the wife and children;' and in he went. Well, what I have told you about our first Sunday is quite intelligible, I was anxious to see what the following Sunday might show. I felt after our first experience that it was hardly fair to oust so many of the regular worshippers from their own place of worship, and so we arranged for the extra service at 5.30, of which I have spoken. It was to be a purely soldiers' service, with no particular choir. But a word or two about the Friday evening special Lenten service. Familiar hymns, a metrical Litany, and part of the Communion service were gladly and heartily joined in by a large number of men, the cathedral being more than half full, and the Archdeacon gave us a very manly, helpful address. After that service a good number of men stayed behind, at our invitation, to practise psalms and hymns for the soldiers' evening service on the following Sunday, a precaution which served its purpose well. At that service the church was filled; Lord Roberts came to it, and it was an ideal soldiers' service. Coney and I took the service, Norman Lee and Southwell read the lessons, Blackburne was at the organ, and the Dean preached. One of the staff officers said afterwards that he had never enjoyed a service so much, and I think many others had similar feelings. We had a collection (for these have been hard times for church funds in the diocese), and the respectable sum of £6 16s 6d was the result. But the flow of khaki-clad worshippers had not ceased, for no sooner had our 6.30 service ended than men and officers began coming in for the ordinary service, and at that the chancel and more than half the body of the church

was again filled with our troops. It was cheering to see, and I know comforting to share in, and every way much to thank God for."

## THE CITY PARSON'S LIFE.

By REV. C. H. GRUNDY.

THE variety of the demands upon him, and the quaintness of the appeals made to him, are enough to appal the stoutest heart. The modern vicar is 'maid of all work' in the parish. He is also an inspector of nuisances, an apostle of sanitation, and a caterer for concerts. He is, besides, expected to be an expert in finance, and editor of magazines, a pulpit orator, a tactful chairman, a sparkler on the platform, and a cheerful accessory to afternoon tea. He must be very fond of children and he must understand old ladies, and be able to speak straight to young men; he must never lose his temper and always be very gentlemanly. Holy spinsters may worry him by the hour, but the benign smile remains. He ought never to be tired. After visiting the sick let him call on those who are well. His sermons are to be bright, forcible and original; else his church people will grumble. His front door bell rings constantly from morning till night. Interview succeeds interview, and at each his mind has to adapt itself to the attitude of the caller. Then this is the momentum to be supplied to each organisation in the parish. Each parishioner is offended unless his name is remembered. Every day brings appeals from outside societies begging for a collection. Is it any wonder that many a man looks fagged, preaches dull sermons, and is ultimately ordered abroad for a year's rest?"

## WHY DO I BELONG TO THE CHURCH?

By REV. SAMUEL BICKERSTETH.

### I.

I HAVE been asked a question. There are questions and questions, but I will not be like the country girl who went to the town, and was charged by her parents to be very careful whom she spoke to. When she went to the savings bank to send some money home she asked for a postal order, and the clerk in filling it up asked

her her name, upon which she glared at him, and, saying "I never satisfy impertinent curiosity," left the savings bank. I do not consider this an impertinent question, and therefore shall answer it. Why do I belong to the Church? By the Church we mean the Church of England—at least on this occasion. Charles Kingsley has taught us the difference between "why" and "how." The question is not how I belong, but why I belong, and I would say—

Firstly: You belong to the Church of England because the Church belongs to you.

A party of trippers were one day going over a beautiful estate in Yorkshire on a bank holiday. They had been on the lake, and over the picture gallery, and had seen everything. Presently they met the owner of the estate, but did not recognise him, and in the course of conversation one of the trippers said in a sprightly manner, "Do you belong to this place?" "No," was the quiet rejoinder, "it belongs to me." Why are you an Englishman? Because England belongs to you, and in precisely the same way the Church is yours, and entrusted to you because it is the very core and centre of the nation. If I am told that it is growing old, that it is a venerable institution, I maintain that "grey hair is a crown of glory."

Secondly: I belong to the Church because it is the Mother Church,

and we, all of us, belong to our mothers. The Nonconformists are indebted to us for their birth. Ask history whether England is indebted to Roman Catholicism for her Church. You will find that long before Augustine's mission we were indebted to the East; the Liturgy of St. John of Asia Minor is the foundation of our Prayer Book. Light came to us from Ireland; light came to us from Scotland; and when St. Augustine's mission came it only touched Kent. Our Church is, and always has been, a National Church; it has never owned any foreign jurisdiction. Surely we ought to belong to our mother! If any need to find justification for their existence, it is those who deny her.

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QUEEN SOAP.

Thirdly: I believe in the Church because I hold it to be the witness of God

in this land. I have several clocks in my house, and a clock winder comes every week to wind them up. He tells me he is waiting to belong to a Church till he can find a perfect Church. It is my painful duty to tell him that when he joins that Church it will no longer be perfect. I believe it is a Church which contains hundreds of clergy who have got the spirit of George Herbert in his "Country Parson." It reminds me of an inscription I once saw in a book: "To my good sister, to make her better."

The Church is good, but you working men are the men to make her better.

It is good in discipline, it is good in devotion, it is good in elasticity. I believe in elasticity of worship, but not in the worship of elasticity—it is good in doctrine, and its foundation is the Scripture and the Creeds. I will end with a story. The only son of a widow was left penniless at his father's death. Work was found for him, but instead of striving to support his mother he embezzled money, and his friends with difficulty obtained leave that he should be sent abroad to that home of lost reputations. He was very angry at this—thought he was ill-used. He would not say "good-by" to any of his relations, or write to them, and he considered his mother as the chief offender. For seven years the mother went on writing to him, without receiving any answer. At last one day he opened one of her letters, and then it all came over him how ungrateful he had been, and how in spite of it his mother had never given him up. His mother belonged to him. After all that he had done,

She was still his mother, and he returned at last to her again. Is not this a picture of what we have been speaking of?

Right is right, since God is God,  
And right the day must win;  
To doubt would be disloyalty,  
To falter would be sin.

It seems very odd to have unearthed the playthings as well as the tablets and weapons of antiquity, and yet among the objects found recently in the Assiob necropolis, in Egypt, was a whole company of wooden soldiers, 15in. in height. The soldiers carry lances, and give a good idea of the style of military equipment prevailing in the time of the Pharaohs.

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### EXAMINATION IN RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE.

THE Diocesan Examination in religious knowledge takes place on Sunday, October 21, for Sunday Schools, and on Monday, October 22, for Day Schools.

The clergy and Sunday School superintendents are reminded that their returns of candidates ought to be sent to the inspector without delay.

With the packets of questions the inspector will enclose envelopes addressed to the examiners, to whom the answer papers are to be sent.

The inspector hopes the conductors of the examination will see that the regulations of the examination are faithfully carried out, and that they will fill in the certificate with their signatures and other particulars required.

They and he, of course, are very anxious that the examination shall be conducted in a strictly fair and honourable manner, and that no help of any kind be given to the candidates. A specially watchful eye should be used that no books are within reach of the candidates. The inspector is informed that there is need for this note of warning. It is known to him that books have been used in one or two instances in the past. The practice is highly discreditable, and must be stopped at any cost.

J. L. CLOUGHER,  
Diocesan Inspector.

N.B.—A complete schedule of lessons for next year, compiled by the Diocesan Inspector, will appear in the November number of "Church Messenger."

### OUR NOTE BOOK.

IN the same issue before last, attention was forcibly drawn to the very large number of contributors to the "Messenger" who had failed to forward their yearly subscriptions. Unfortunately, but scant notice has been taken of this intimation, and it is most unsatisfactory and regrettable that the necessity should arise for its reiteration. Some people would seem to think that our publishers do their work for the love of the thing—the same as the editor—thereby causing the management much trouble and anxiety. Therefore, subscribers who have not as yet forwarded their shillings for this year would very much oblige if they would

kindly remit the same at their earliest convenience. It has previously been pointed out that, to communicate with each one of them by post, to remind them of their liability, would entail an unwarranted expense, and one which would bear heavily on the finances of the magazine.

There is to be a special gathering of all the clergy in the Northern Archdeaconry, or such of them as can attend, at S. John's on November 1—All Saints' Day. The meeting will take the form of a clerical conference. The following subjects, amongst others, will be submitted for discussion:—(1) The need of a clerical library for Launceston. (2) Free State education. (3) The formation of a society for the encouragement of the systematic study of the latest works on theology and science. The consideration of certain suggestions for the creation of one Archdeaconry for the whole of the diocese. It is hoped several other matters of importance will also be submitted.

It has been arranged amongst the Launceston Rectors that there shall be a special service at which the choirs will unite in each of the three parish churches once a year. S. John's festival will come on All Saint's Day, and that at Holy Trinity on Ascension Day. The date for S. Paul's has not yet been fixed, but it will probably fall early in the year. By these gatherings it is hoped a spirit of deeper unity than that existing hitherto, may be engendered between the city churches.

It is hoped the special services, with the united choirs of all the three churches, to be held in S. John's on November 1, may be largely attended by all church folk in Launceston. The Rev. R. Collison is to preach on the occasion. The service begins at 7.30.

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We have had some enquiries as to whether the Launceston annual church conference is to be held in 1901 or not. This is one of the points which may be decided at the meeting of clergy on the 1st prox. There is to be a church congress in Adelaide about November next year, so that if our conference is to come off it should be arranged for some date in the first quarter of the year. That these gatherings do an immense amount of good cannot be denied. They afford an opportunity for free discussion of debatable matters, which is wise, but, better, they draw men with different views closer together and show them how much there is in common between them and, after all, how few and comparatively unimportant are the points of difference.

The following official notices have been announced:—The Rev. R. Penty has resigned the cure of Stanley.

In August the Patronage Council of the Northern Archdeaconry nominated to the Bishop the Rev. E. G. Barry as Rector of Holy Trinity, Launceston, in place of the late Ven. Archdeacon Hales. The Bishop has accepted the nomination, but defers induction till the Diocesan Council and the Wardens of Holy Trinity Parish have agreed upon the stipend of the new Rector, this being a standing resolution of Synod.

The Rev. W. H. Murray has been appointed priest-in-charge of the Parish of Cressy.

The Bishop has also arranged that Mr. Murray should be the Diocesan Secretary for the New Guinea Mission.

Mr. Berry has been appointed lay-reader to the Rev. R. de Coetlogon with a salary. Mr. Berry hopes to take holy orders, and has lately come from Leeds.

At a meeting of the Chapter, held on Monday, September 24, the Bishop being in the chair, a resolution was unanimously passed appointing the Rev. A. G. Taylor a Minor Canon of the Cathedral. The Dean has now appointed him Precentor.

"One Archdeacon of Tasmania."—The Bishop has sent a memorandum upon this scheme to all the Rural Deans, asking them to bring it before their Chapters and Conferences in the fullest manner. He considers it so pressing a scheme in the financial interests of the Diocese that he is prepared to give £100 a year to it, and the Diocesan Secretary consents to surrender £30 of his salary for the same object, until at all events

the pension now paid to Bishop Bromby ceases to be paid.

Home Missionary Union. — Mrs. Montgomery has now resumed her duties as Secretary of the two branches of the Union. She desires to say that she is prepared to receive all moneys due on September 30, without delay.

We desire to draw the attention of our readers to an advertisement elsewhere in this issue offering the complete edition—the latest—of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" at a greatly reduced price. Full particulars may be had on application to the editor of this paper.

### UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

The Bishop of Rockhampton, acting on medical advice, has taken a trip to New Zealand.

The health of Mrs. Goe, wife of the Bishop of Melbourne, is causing her friends much anxiety.

The total amount promised to date for the completion of Christchurch Cathedral, N.Z., is about £8100, and the amount paid £5577.

The Melbourne Church Assembly has resolved that the proposed new diocese shall be called the diocese of Sandhurst and Beechworth.

The Bishop of Ballarat was presented with a purse of £867 prior to his departure, of which he generously gave £100 to the fund being raised to supplement the stipend of his successor.

It is announced that Bishop Cooper, lately Coadjutor of Ballarat, has been chosen to fill the see of Grafton and Armidale, vacant by the translation of Bishop Green to Ballarat. General satisfaction is felt at the appointment.

At the Wellington Diocesan Synod the question of the inadequate supply of Clergy, the Condition of the Sunday School, the Maori Church, Rescue Work and Missions to Seamen, were the subjects that received chief attention.

The laying of the foundation stone of the new Cathedral at Brisbane, is delayed through the lack of funds. A

splendid site in the centre of the town has been secured and paid for. £35,000 is required for the first part, the chancel and transepts, but only £22,000 has been raised.

The annual meetings throughout the Diocese of Dunedin, show an improved state of finance as compared with some years past, and, so far as statistics go (which can be used to prove anything), a general awakening of spiritual life and interest in the Church.

Our Bishops court was the scene of a pleasant gathering recently, when the Bishop and Mrs. Montgomery were "At Home" to the churchworkers of the Cathedral and S. George's parishes. The principal rooms were thronged with guests, and a couple of hours were passed with evident pleasure in listening to sweet music, looking at the Bishop's wonderful collection of curiosities from all parts of the world, and discussing light refreshments. It is said that all the city and suburban parishes are in like manner to be entertained at Bishops court, and rumour adds that the Episcopal hospitality is to be also extended to a representative body of our cricketers. The Bishop, it will be remembered, at one time captained the Harrow Eleven, and kept up a keen interest in the game when vicar of the parish in which Kennington Oval is situated.

### THE CHURCH IN OTHER LANDS.

The Bishop of Exeter has resigned owing to ill-health.

During the past two years nineteen new churches have been erected in the diocese of Rupert's Land.

Glowing accounts of the work in the diocese of Ottawa were presented at the recent meeting of Synod.

Another new diocese in the north-west, to be called Keewatin, will, it is expected, be cut off from Rupert's Land ere long.

DULL DAYS AND DARK NIGHTS are very unpleasant, but a pound of O.K. Candles will brighten the gloom.

The Bishop of Grahamstown has travelled in the first year of his consecration 4387 miles, confirmed 1683 candidates, and met all the clergy in his diocese except two.

The work of restoring Bristol Cathedral, begun by Dean Pigou in 1892, has so far cost £20,000, which has been raised by the Restoration Committee.

The Bishop of Fond du Lac, U.S.A., has called a special convention for the election of a coadjutor. The Bishop of Chicago has gone to Europe for a rest and a much-needed change on account of his health.

In consequence of long illness, the Bishop of Nassau (Dr. Churton) has placed his resignation in the hands of the Archbishop of the West Indies. The see, however, will not be actually vacant till a successor is appointed.

Dr. Kennion, the "cycling bishop," has now taken to automobilism. The Bishop of Bath and Wells, having a special engagement at Taunton, availed himself of an offer to drive from Wells to Taunton in a 6 h.p. Daimler. An excellent run was made, the 27½ miles to Taunton being covered in two hours and five minutes. On arrival, Dr. Kennion made a close inspection of the vehicle, and expressed himself highly pleased with his first ride on an auto-car. During the journey the Bishop transacted a large amount of correspondence with his secretary.

The Bishop of Connecticut, U.S.A., in a recent address to his convention, said:—"In Anglicanism there may sometimes be a tendency to exaggeration of the principle of national churches. If there be here a particular peril, against it there is safeguard in the spirit of foreign missions. The Church of Christ, incidentally of this or that nation, is essentially for the world, the Catholic Church, making disciples of all the nations, and needing disciples of all the nations, for the full realisation of Catholicity, as each people supplies its peculiar type to round out the completeness of the whole."

### MISSIONARY.

A remarkable letter has been addressed to the Bishop of Lahore by some Mohammedans. They say: "If we are not on the right path, we are ready, heart and soul, to accept the truth;" and they suggest a controversy between the Bishop and their pretending Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

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The Bishop of Stepney preached at Bromley recently from S. Luke v. 4. He pointed out that the two fatal enemies of missionary work at home and abroad were apathy and despair, and described the way in which the temptation to both might be resisted.

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Five new workers have been accepted by Bishop Stone-Wigg, of New Guinea. They sailed from Sydney recently in the Moresby. Amongst the number a printer and a school teacher are included. Four of those who have offered are from Christ Church, S. Laurence, Sydney.

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Sir John Kennaway writes:—"If missionary work is to cease on first announcement of disaster, it may be worth considering what effect upon the nation had the reverses which befel us last December in South Africa? Simply to make us more determined than ever to carry out our policy. So in the present case will it prove, as has been done again and again, that the blood of martyrs has been the seed of the Church."

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There are at present in India, Burmah, and Ceylon 848 ordained clergymen of the Church, and of these no fewer than 281 are pure-bred natives. It is a matter of great promise for the future of the Church in our Eastern Empire to find that one-third of the clergy are natives. In addition there are a number who are partly of native race. The first Indian clergyman of the Church was the Rev. Abdul Masih, who was ordained by Bishop Heber in 1825.

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England has done its part by providing £10,000 to endow the see of Carpentaria. Australia has so far done nothing. It is proposed to establish at Thursday Island, a healthy spot with a temperature not rising above 90 deg. all the year round, a Theological College and residence for the Bishop at a cost of £1000, and an appeal is made for means to build it, and also for donations for three years of sums, individually or collectively, of £50 each per annum for the maintenance of one of six students at the Theological College. His Grace the Primate has kindly promised £25 a year towards this object.

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The report of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa for 1889 has lately been issued, and is, as usual, full of interesting matter. The three principal events of the year appear to be the resignation of the Bishop of Zanzibar (the Right Rev. W. M. Richardson, D.D.) after five years' service in Africa, the establishment of a Theological College at Zanzibar, and the opening of a ladies' house on the same island. Bishop Richardson's saintly life and lovable disposition will make him sorely missed by those over whom he has been placed. In a farewell letter he urges that the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba should now become the seat of a separate bishopric, and that a bishop should also be appointed for the stations on the mainland.

### TEMPERANCE JOTTINGS

Czar Nicholas II. has determined to nationalise the liquor traffic.

The Emperor has signed the necessary orders, and their execution has now been entrusted to the different State departments.

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Throughout the Russian Empire now liquor can only be sold where food is available to be furnished with each order for drink. A second drink thus implies a second order for food to accompany it. A severe blow at intemperance amongst the peasantry is struck by the prohibition of selling liquor on credit, of receiving articles in pawn for drink, and of bartering produce or labour for liquor. The license tax has been increased so as to reduce these houses by half, and the sale of bottled liquor restricted to certain shops, the number of these latter being calculated upon the basis of population.

### CLIPPINGS

One of the most important and pressing questions which will have to be faced in Australia shortly is the supply of clergy. To look to England as a permanent fountain is practically to acknowledge a measure of failure in attracting the best stamp of local men; from enquiries that come from various dioceses for suitable curates, it is evident that many incumbents are hard pressed to find suitable colleagues.—"The Church Commonwealth."

### GEMS OF THOUGHT.

"We were not put into the world simply to be happy, but to do something."

Edna Lyall.

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"Pray much and often, with as unselfish a heart as you can prepare."

—Marie Corelli.

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"He lives long that lives well, and time misspent is not lived but lost."

—Fuller.

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"A mind that is conscious of its integrity scorns to say more than it means to perform."

—Robert Burns.

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"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; while others judge us by what we have already done."

—Longfellow.

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"The impulse that leads one to shield or protect another who for the time may be weak or defenceless is always noble."

—E. P. Roe.

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"You make but a poor trap to catch luck if you go and bait it with wickedness. The money as is got so's like to burn holes in your pocket."

—George Eliot.

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"Firm and fearless let us move on; let every step of thought or work be based on truth, friendship, justice, so shall we leave footsteps on the sands of time."

—Moncure Conway.

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"There never did and there never will exist anything permanently noble and excellent in a character which was a stranger to the exercise of resolute self-denial."

—Sir Walter Scott.

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With the advent of the Commonwealth we may hope that "Tattersall's" will be squelched. Gambling, we are told by its supporters cannot be suppressed. Perhaps not, altogether; but the extent of the evil could be greatly diminished. We are not convinced that if public betting is to be allowed on racecourses the totalisator should not be legalised, for it does not tout for business as does the bookmaker, and we do not think it has been proved that it encourages those to bet who would not otherwise. But why allow public betting at all?—"The Church Commonwealth."

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Lord Beauchamp has been endeavouring to make us understand what a mighty power for good this Church of ours has been in the past, and may still more be in the future. His Excellency pointed out that the democratic influence of the church stood as a permanent factor in the life of the nation. Bishop Moorhouse used to be very fond of pointing out the inestimable value of the inculcation of duty by our Church Catechism, and claimed frequently that to such teaching alone did the English race owe its grim adherence to that virtue.—"The Church Commonwealth."

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The Bishop of Ballarat in his last address to the Ballarat Church Assembly gives the reasons which caused him to vacate the see on July 5 instead of later in the year. The reasons are very creditable to the Board of Electors to the see. The Bishop wished the electors to elect whilst he remained Bishop. They refused. He says he then desired his Diocesan Council to agree to his proposal to get the Church Assembly to amend the Act to enable the electors to do as he wished. His Council refused to take this course. Their action in supporting the electors to the Bishopric deserves well of Churchmen, and has secured to the diocese an unfettered course in choosing a new Bishop. With the experience of one diocese fettered by the presence and action of its Bishop (who had resigned) the Diocese of Ballarat is to be congratulated on the action of its electors and the Council.—"New Zealand Guardian."

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In the English language there are over 260,000 words. Next comes Germany, with 80,000 words; Italian has 75,000; French, 30,000; the Turkish language, 22,000; while the Spanish tongue only boasts 20,000 words.

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Finance in a bush district:—"A Sunday-school child said to the clergyman: Please, sir, I want a tupenny ymn book and a forpenny prayer book, and 'ere's a shillun, an' mother says never mind the change, as you can keep it for the stipend fund."

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A Handel Story.—A singer named Gordon once complained to Handel of the style of his accompaniments, which attracted the attention from the singer, saying that if he did not accompany him better he would jump upon the harpsichord and destroy it. "Very well," said Handel, "tell me ven you vill do dat, and I vill advertise it. More people vill come to see you jump dan to hear you sing."

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No one who has not seen a kopje, says a South African, can easily realise it. It is not a hill so much as the stump of a hill—what is left of it after ages of denudation; but the special feature of it is that it is almost invariably covered with a breastwork of boulders. Tropical torrents have washed away the earth and all the soluble components of the rock, and what is left consists of heaps and lines of detached masses of sandstone, ironstone, or granite.

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The Bishop of London told a quaint story recently at a meeting in support of the children's holiday fund, held at the Speaker's House, Westminster. His lordship was illustrating how the children of the poor reason from experience—early begun and too often sad. A little East End girl was being examined upon the question of the Prodigal Son. The teacher had got as far as the repentance of the prodigal, and his eating of the swine-husks, when she enquired, "What else could he have done?" The child replied, "He could have pawned his little girl's boots."

—Sir Walter Scott.

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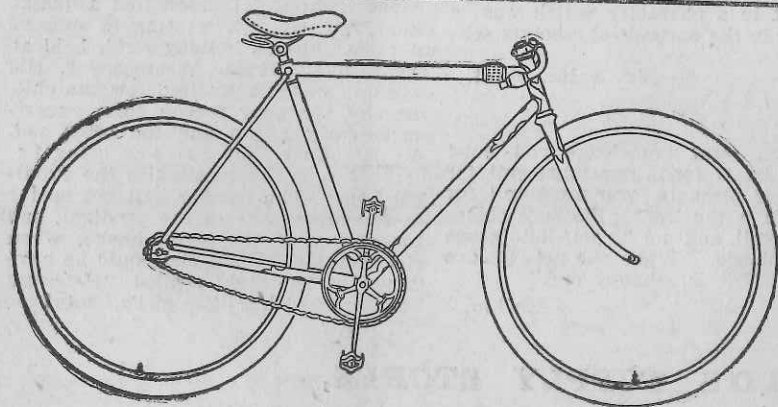
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Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren) has told the following story in the course of a lecture on his recent visit to America:—An illiterate negro preacher said to his congregation—"My brethren, when de fust man, Adam, was made, he was made ob wet clay, and set up in de palings to dry." "Do you say," said one of the congregation, "dat Adam was made of wet clay, an' put up agin de palings to dry?" "Yes, sar, I do." "Who made de palings?" "Sit down, sar," said the preacher, sternly, "such questions as dat would upset any system of theology."

The Rev. J. W. Horseley, the last chaplain of the now vanished Clerkenwell Gaol, told a good story the other day in connection with his prison experiences. He was visiting the cells, when a prisoner asked permission to tell him something personal. "You know," said the man, "that last batch that come in? Well, yesterday when they was in chapel I 'eerd two on 'em talkin', and one said—"That 'ere parson's a rum 'un, aint 'e?" "E seems to know all about our little ways, don't 'e?" "E do," answered 'is mate. "Maybe 'e's one of ourselves—converted, you know." "That," concluded Mr. Horseley, "I look upon as the highest compliment I ever received."

A sailor who had been to a cathedral, and heard some very fine music, was descanting particularly upon an anthem which had afforded him much pleasure. His shipmate listened to him for some time, and at length said, "I say, Bill, what's a hanthem?" "What," replied Bill, "do ye mean to say ye don't know what a hanthem is?" "Not me." "Well, then, I'll tell yer. If I was to tell yer, 'ere Jack, give me that ere handspike—that wouldn't be a hanthem; but if I was to say, Jack, Jack, Jack, give, give, give me, give me that, Jack, give me that, give me that hand, give me that hand, that handspike, handspike, spike, spike, ah-men, give me that handspike, hand, spike, ah-men—why that would be a hanthem."



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Question 16.—Proverbs x., verses 20-22.

Question 17.—Eighty pieces of silver—II. Kings, vi., 25.

Question 18.—Hanani and Hananiah—Neh. viii., 1-2.

The honour of being the only one to send correct answers, to questions 16, 17, and 18, belongs to Ruth Tevelein, Launceston.

Correct answers to questions 13, 14, and 15 were also received from Ruth Tevelein, Launceston, too late for last issue.

LITHOS.

## PARISH ECHOES.

### RINGAROOMA.

FOR the information of friends and others who kindly assisted in our Jumble Fair, held last September in the Town Hall, will you oblige us by inserting the enclosed balance-sheet, showing how the money has been spent. I believe it was the first intention of the promoters of the fair to provide new seats for the church. This matter was thoroughly gone into by the churchwardens and committee, who very rightly decided (owing to the dilapidated condition of the church building and the unsightly broken-down fence) to first put them in order, as the seats were not so pressing a necessity as the repairs and painting of the church and a new fence. This has now been done, and our little church, instead of being an eyesore and disgrace to the township, will, when re-roofed, be a credit to all concerned. This, I hope, will be accepted as an answer to the question often asked—"What has been done with the Jumble Fair money?" I would also like to state that any one desirous of information re church matters have only to apply to our secretary (Miss Andrews) or the wardens, and I am sure they will be better satisfied than by accepting any reckless report they may hear.

With regard to church work in this district during the past month there is very little to report, the exception to our usual routine being the Transvaal annexation thanksgiving service. Our Pastor (W. H. Root) conducted the service. The congregation was not

so large as would have been the case if there had been a longer notice given. The sermon was both instructive and interesting, and we hope that when the peace celebrations are conducted that our special service will not be overlooked. Events of this character and the utter impossibility of our Rector being in more than one place at once clearly indicates the very pressing need experienced in this important district of a resident clergyman. There may be a difference of opinion on minor questions in this community, but with regard to the necessity of having a resident clergyman we are all, for the best interest of the church, of one opinion. With one we shall prosper; without one, the cause of Christ will suffer much more than appears on the surface. We earnestly hope for the sake of the congregation, who need a leader, and the many sick and in trouble who need comfort and consolation, that very soon we may have our reasonable desire granted.

Balance-sheet of Jumble Fair held September 20, 1899, Town Hall, Ringarooma:—By amount realised at the above fair, £31 7s. 5d.; extra from church fund, 2s. 9d.; total, £31 10s. 2d. To Town Hall (for rent), £1 15s.; church painting, new fence, etc., viz., Mr. Thorne £15 10s., Simpson Bros. £7 0s. 7d., W. Johnson £3 1s. 6d., £25 12s. 1d.; James White, £1 4s. 3d.; Fire Insurance, £1 10s.; Diocesan Book Depot, 16s. 10d.; bank charges and cheque book, 12s.; total, £31 10s. 2d. Miss J. Andrews, treasurer.

### SCOTSDALE.

ALTHOUGH S. Barnabas Church has been built some years, yet no anniversary services of its opening have been held till this year. It was opened on September 7, so Sunday, September 9th (Trinity xiii.), was selected for the services. The Rev. J. Roche preached in the morning at Springfield, and in the afternoon he addressed the Sunday-school children. In the evening at S. Barnabas he took for his text "He was a good man," and showed how this was true of S. Barnabas in four ways. The service was choral, the anthem "I will lift up mine eyes" being well sung by the choir.

The following evening (Monday) a social was held, when the parishioners had an opportunity of meeting the Rev. J. Roche. There was a very large attendance, and a pleasant evening was

passed. There were games, songs, and instrumental pieces, and last, but not least, speeches. The speakers were the Rev. J. Roche, B.A., and Mr. Ladbury. Mr. Roche spoke on unity between the parishioners and clergy being necessary to success and prosperity, and also referred to the splendid jubilee mission services at Sydney, and gave some particulars respecting them. Mr. Ladbury proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Roche for coming to visit them, and in his speech paid a high tribute to the Bishop of Tasmania, and explained the part he had taken in the jubilee meeting. He also referred to the pectoral cross presented to the Bishop in Sydney as a testimony of the great esteem in which he was held. Mr. Roche made a suitable and humorous response. The Rector thanked all present, and a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and the doxology, after which the benediction was pronounced.

The following Sunday thanksgiving services for the annexation of the Transvaal were held, when the church was crowded, many being unable to gain admission. The volunteers, under Lieutenant Downie, were present in goodly numbers. The Rector gave three reasons for thanksgiving:—(1) Our early reverses at Stormberg, Magersfontein, and Colenso, (2) such a general as Lord Roberts, (3) an act of justice in annexing, or rather resuming possession of, the Transvaal. The "Gloria" (Mozart) and "Te Deum" were sung as acts of praise, and Kipling's Recessional to the tune of "Eternal Father, strong to save," etc. It was altogether an impressive and imposing service.

### SPRINGFIELD.

THE burial ground close to the church has for a long time been in a forlorn and desolate state. At various times efforts have been made to improve its appearance, and on Friday, 28th ult., an entertainment and coffee supper was given to raise money to complete what has already been begun. As is the case with all Springfield entertainments, the school-room was crowded. The Rector, Rev. W. Henningham Root, took the chair, and a very good programme was gone through, those taking part being Messdames M'Donald, Domard, Cottman, W. Roberts, Misses White, Brookes, Lade, B. Lade, Hookman, Lodge, M. Roberts, Salier, Messrs. Downie, Hookway, Linton. At the close the chairman thanked those present for their attendance, and adding it was always a pleasure to come to Springfield. Votes of thanks were passed to the performers, to those who had contributed to the coffee supper, to those who had made the tent for the provisions, etc., to Mr. Murray for the loan of the piano, and to the chairman. The National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close. We shall now soon have a "bee" to put the finishing stroke on what has been done.

We have formed a Communicants' Guild, which meets once a month. Mrs. G. Lowther is secretary, and under her energetic and gentle influence we hope to see it growing in numbers and power.

### SORELL.

ON Wednesday, September 12, a very successful social was held at Nugent in the large barn of Mr. Thomas Blackmore. A large gathering was expected, and the night being fine, there was no disappointment. The building, which was prettily decorated, with the fern-trees so abundant in the district, was taxed to its utmost, some of the visitors coming from places as far apart as Brown's River and Bicheno. The catering for the large company by the ladies of Nugent was on a most lavish scale, and their attentions were much appreciated. Nor must we forget to mention the help received from members of the company present in the way of songs, recitations, etc. Mr. W. Walker acted as M.C. It was not till the sun rose that the gathering broke up, and the writer can testify, for he was one of them, that it was not till even long after this that some could tear themselves away from this truly rural and picturesque locality. Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore must, we imagine, have seen the departure of the last with a great sense of relief, for most of the preparation and work in connection with the social fell on their shoulders. Their hospitality was, as ever, most open-handed and unselfish, and their house almost deserves the name of the "Nugent Sanatorium," so often is it the resort of visitors to Nugent. All present at the social expressed themselves much pleased, and the Incumbent of the parish took occasion during the evening to thank them for their

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presence, and to welcome them to the next gathering, which, he hoped, would take place in the coming autumn. The proceeds, amounting to over £7, are devoted to the Nugent Church Building Fund. The church is now being erected, and we hope to see it opened for divine service before the year expires.

We record with much regret the death of Mr. James Hayton, of Ellen Bank, Wattle Hill. This gentleman, who has lived in the district for so long a time, was universally respected for his unassuming but genial nature, for his steady character and unobtrusive piety. His health began to fail seriously about a year ago, and unmistakable symptoms of dropsy manifested themselves. It was not till the last two or three weeks, however, that his family began to feel alarmed, and the end came even more quickly than expected; for, after being fairly well on Tuesday, he rapidly sank, and passed quietly away on Saturday, September 22. The attendance at his funeral was one of the largest seen for some years, and this evidence of universal esteem will, we trust, serve to palliate in some degree the bitterness of loss felt by his wife and his affectionate children. It has been our good fortune to have sometimes been the guest for the night in the bright family circle at Ellen Bank, and we recall with pleasure, mixed with sadness, the battles fought with our venerable and deceased friend at his favourite game of cribbage. When our turn comes for departure may "we rest in Him," our Saviour, as our hope is, certainly, that "this our brother doth."

Baptisms. — Emma Jane Glennon; Ethel Isabel Glennon; Vera Eveline Manly; Ruby Maud Badman; Alice Mary Badman; Acie May Badman; Edward Young; Thomas John Cameron Young.

#### LILYDALE.

THE Church of the Ascension, recently erected, is at present little more than a shell. The walls inside are unlined, and the outside has only the priming coat of paint, owing to the want of means. The church folk of Lilydale have contributed all they can afford, and the hon. treasurer (Mr. R. W. Harrison, of Underwood) will accept with gratitude the smallest offerings. Who would like to give the holy table, or a font, or a bell before the Bishop comes to dedicate the fabric?

A very pleasing testimonial was presented on the 16th ult. to Mr. J. J. Miller by the Vicar, church committee, and members of the congregation. Mr. Miller is one of the trustees of the public hall. It was a recognition of his regular and punctual attendance at the Sunday afternoon services, for allowing the use of the building during the past seven years, and for assisting in the Sunday-school. It consisted of a well-bound illustrated Prayer Book, with H. A. and M., and another small useful memento.

#### ZEEHAN.

LUKE'S Sunday-School.—A contributor to the "Messenger" and a staunch supporter of the above school sends some items concerning it. In 1895, there was but one teacher, and now there are seven. The girls' classes are described as being in a most satisfactory condition, but more male teachers are urgently required for the boys, and an earnest appeal is made for some to come speedily forward. We sincerely trust that the appeal will not be in vain.

#### QUEENSTOWN.

THE scheme for obtaining a temporary rectory mentioned last month fell through, and no fresh arrangements for housing the clergyman and his family have yet been made.

Many of the residents of the town were pleased to see the Rev. F. G. Copeland again, and his earnest sermons were appreciated by all.

The Bishop is expected to visit the parish early in December. Arrangements for a conversazione are being made, and it is very likely his Lordship will give an account of the great jubilee festival recently held in Sydney, and towards which so many in the parish contributed. Confirmation classes are held at S. Martin's on Friday evenings from 7.15 till 8, and on Sunday evenings after the service. Any who have been partly prepared in other parishes are specially invited to present themselves for the next confirmation, and should give their names to the Rector at once.

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Baptisms. — Victor Charles Clark; Gordon Herbert Prior; John Kenneth Tingman; Meta Fuhrmeister.

Marriages.—Arthur Herbert Lansdell and May Garrett; James Hudson McCabe and Charlotte Frances Gooch; Campbell Shaw and Ada Amelia Hopkins.

#### ST. JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON

WE are very sorry again to know Mr. W. J. Genders, the popular and successful superintendent of the S. John's Sunday-school, has been compelled to take a long rest owing to illness. He has gone to Sydney, whither our prayers and best wishes follow him. We trust soon to hear the complete cessation from work will speedily have restored him.

Mr. R. Miller, the superintendent of S. Aidan's, has also been from home, but, we are thankful to say, only on his annual holiday.

Great preparations are being made for the various Sunday-school festivals during the next few Sundays. Of these we hope to speak next month, as the "Messenger" comes out too soon to permit our getting in any notes this issue. We trust there may be a generous response to our appeal for financial help. There are between 500 and 600 children in our schools, and all these expect prizes, not to say anything about many incidental expenses, such as preparation books for teachers and many costs for printing.

The half-yearly collections for the General Fund will be taken up on the 28th instant. It is hoped the Rev. A. Priestley, Rector of Oatlands, may come up and preach the sermons on this occasion.

On All Saints' Day (November 1) there is to be a special service in S. John's, at which the choirs of Holy Trinity and S. Paul's will assist that of the Parish Church. The Rev. R. Collisson, B.A., is to preach, and we trust it may be largely attended. There will be H.C. at 8 a.m. The evening service will be at 7.30. A number of country clergy have promised to be present. The offertory will go to the funds of the choir.

Canon Beresford desires to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following sums in aid of a distressed family:—5s. from each of the

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Sunday Schools.—The first of the anniversary services was held at S. John's on the 14th, about which we shall have something to say in next issue. On the 28th inst. S. Aidan's

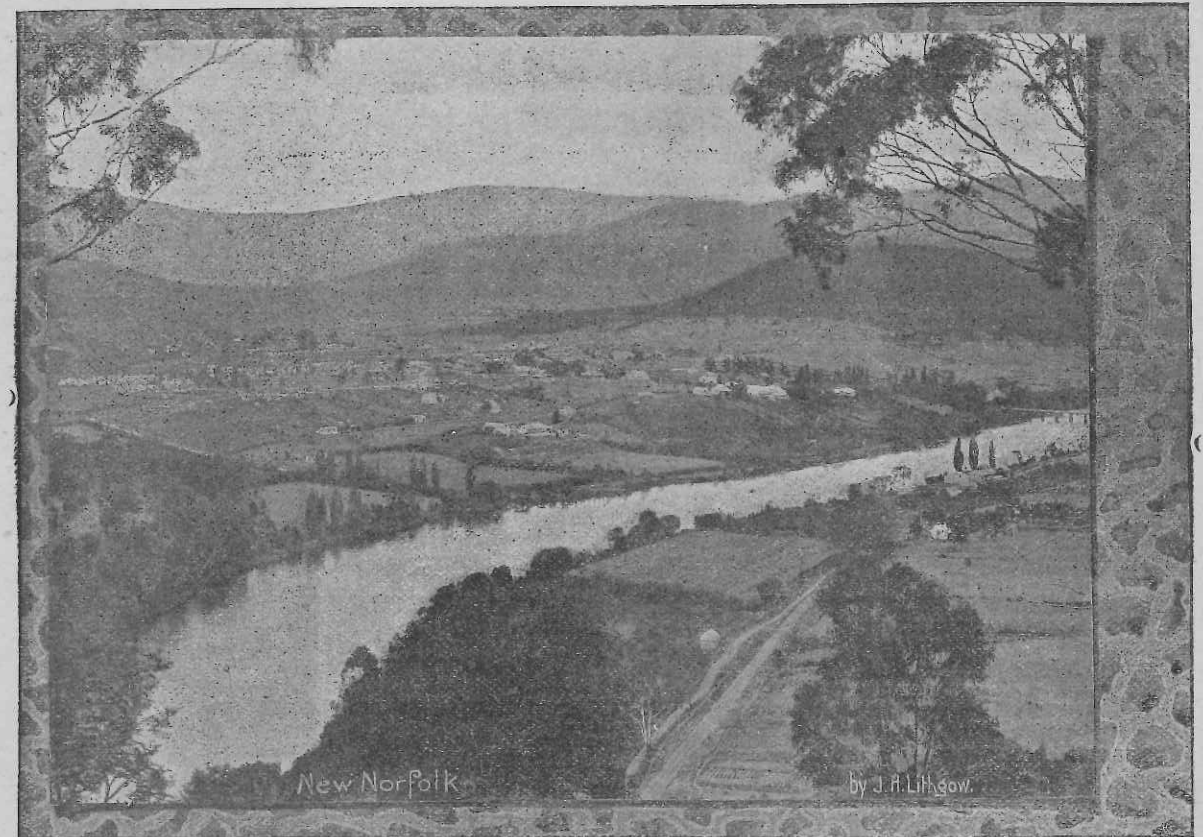
hold their festival service, and we trust that there may be large attendances both morning and evening, and that those who are present may give generously to the special offertory. The Mission House should be packed on November 4, that being the date of the school festival there.

By the kind permission of Mr. Fry we hold our Sunday School treat at the show ground, Elphin, and we gladly welcome all interested in the various schools who choose to put in an appearance on November 9. We would also ask for special assistance, either in money or kind. This year we will have to make provision for over 600, so we trust the collectors' appeal will be met with a liberal re-

ward. Donations in kind will be received at the school-room on the evening of November 8.

An evening's entertainment was given to the Industrial School children last month by the girls of S. John's Bibleclass, assisted by Mr. H. Brownrigg. The latter, with his lantern, kept the children amused with plenty of comic pictures, while Miss Murray and her class provided refreshments in abundance. This, we hope, will be but the forerunner of periodical visits of this nature. Canon Beresford was present, as was also the secretary of S. John's.

The half-yearly collections in aid of general fund will be held in S. John's on the 28th. It is hoped the Rev. A.



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Dates to be remembered:—October 28, S. Aidan's Anniversary and Collections for General Fund, S. John's; November 1, United Choral Service at S. John's; November 9, Annual Treat Day.

Baptisms.—Sept. 11, William Frederick Langley; 12th, Grace Mary Jane Hopetoun Kelland, Jack Victor Beck, Victor Reginald Bouds; 19th, Charles William Green, Henry George Bryant, Ethel May Bennett, Doris Alice Turner; 26th, Gladys Irene Young, Catherine Harriett Murrell, Keith William Lawrence, John Oliver Jordan, Annie Louise Jordan; 26th, Irene Rosabel Mary Woods, Harry Hubert Cox, James Lawrence Price, Ruby Irene Fowell Costello; Oct. 3rd, Harry John Collins, Hetty Foster, and George Henry Madison.

Marriages.—Sept. 19th, John Cox to Mantha Maria Rew; Oct. 3rd, Herbert Hughes to Lillian Jennie Kirkup.

Burials.—Sept. 18th, Randolph Paton; Sept. 24th, Henry Bennett.

#### THE MISSION HOUSE.

The following donations have been received since last issue:—Mesdames Olson 6s 6d, Gooch 3s, Baker 3s, Double-day 6s 6d, Edgell 3s, Mr. R. Green £10. Miss Fairthorne, oddments; Mrs. R. J. Sadler, clothes; Mr. W. A. Whitaker, Liturgy cards; Mr. Eardley Wilcox, quantity groceries.

All donations should be sent direct to Sister Charlotte at the Mission House, or given to the lady collectors appointed by her.

F. J. READ, Secretary.

#### CLARENCE.

ON Sunday, September 16th, the Bishop visited Rokeby, and held a confirmation in S. Matthew's Church. There was a large congregation, who listened with close attention to the Bishop's address, and appeared to take a deep interest in the ceremony. Four persons were confirmed. The organ, which has lately been repaired at a considerable cost, was used for the first time, its sweet tone being much admired. The Bishop alluded in his address to the fact that the organ had been imported from England by the Rev. Robert Knopwood 75 years ago, being the first that was brought to Tasmania. He also referred to the good work done by that venerable pioneer of the church so many years ago, and said that in his opinion relics of the first workers of the church in this country ought to be preserved, for a century hence they would be most interesting and most valuable. The collection in aid of church repairs amounted to £1 13s. We hope soon to be in a position to renew all the windows, which are in a bad state of repair; and after the church has been recoloured inside we hope to collect sufficient funds to purchase a new bell. Our present one has been cracked for many years, and its tone is most unattractive.

On the following Wednesday the church was prettily decorated on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Edith Chipman, of Clarence House, Rokeby, to Mr. Hedley Calvert, who is one of the churchwardens of S. Barnabas, S. Arm. The happy pair were greeted by many relatives and friends as they drove off on their wedding tour.

Another social was held lately in the Institute, Bellerive, when Mr. Justice M'Intyre gave a graphic and interesting description of a journey taken by

Mrs. M'Intyre and himself to the West Coast. Musical selections were rendered in the course of the evening, and refreshments handed round. The attendance was not so large as usual, owing to other attractions. Various subscriptions have lately been received for the new church building fund.

At Beltana services are being held on Sunday evenings, and are well attended.

#### RURAL DEANERY OF MERSEY.

THE annual meeting in the parish of Devonport was held on Thursday, September 20. Holy Communion was celebrated at S. Paul's Church at 11 a.m., the Rural Dean being the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. J. T. Wilson, R. D. of Burnie. The Chapter met immediately after the service, and the Conference in the afternoon. The principal subject discussed was "Why men do not attend church, especially the morning services." The speakers were unanimous that the Saturday half-holiday instead of Wednesday and making Friday night the late night of the week would improve the observance of the Lord's day, and be most beneficial to all classes. The day's proceedings closed with evensong, and a very thoughtful, practical, and earnest sermon by the Rev. J. S. Roper, of Sheffield, at S. John's, West Devonport, on "The three schools of thought in the Anglican Church," showing how all three had their work and place in the church provided they were loyal, and kept within the covers of the Prayer Book.

It is most likely the United Rural Deaneries will have a special meeting to consider the Bishop's circular in re the one Archdeacon at Ulverstone on Tuesday, October 23 next.

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## DEVONPORT.

**S. PAUL'S**, East Devonport. — The quarterly service for the two Sunday Schools of the town was held in this the mother church on September 30, and the building was crowded, about 240 in all attending. The singing of the children was very hearty, and the Rector catechised them on the subjects for the forthcoming examinations on the 21st inst.

It is hoped that after the Fair for the debts of East and West Devonport, to be held on the 12th, 13th, and 14th December, is over, a sale will be held for the fund for the new Sunday-school building, which is much wanted.

**S. John's**, West Devonport. — At evensong on the 16th of last month all the hymns were Wesleyan ones from A. and M., and the Rector read the Rev. John Wesley's sermon, preached just before his death, urging the Wesleyans not to leave the church and declaring that he had lived and would die a member of the Church of England. The building was crowded, a number of Wesleyans being present.

**S. James**, Northdown. — After service on October 7 the Rector, on behalf of the teachers and scholars of the Sunday-school, presented the superintendent (Mrs. Shirley Hales) with a small present in the shape of a writing case as a slight token of respect and affection. The Rector referred to Mrs. Hales's good work in the school and also as organist, and expressed his own and the congregation's sorrow at her departure from the parish. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Thomas's return to Northdown, after a short visit to England.

**Spreyton**. — On Tuesday last the Rector commenced a monthly service in this part of the parish at the residence of Mr. Kelsoy. Although the weather was boisterous, there was a fair attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey giving every one a warm welcome. Mr. K. Roberts led the singing, and the service was very hearty and congregational. The confirmation classes have commenced, but the Bishop will not visit the parish to administer the sacred rite until after Christmas. All who wish to avail themselves of the present opportunity should notify the fact to the clergyman at once.

We have had a great deal of sickness in the parish lately; some of our Sunday-School teachers have been laid up. Mr. Beale, of West Devonport, has been very ill, but we are glad to report is now better. Mr. Lathey, the organist, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Lindley, sen., and Mrs. White have all had their share of sickness, but all are now better.

Baptisms. — Sept. 13, Tom Michael Maxfield; Sept. 18, William James Munday; Oct. 5, Gordon John Gardam; Oct. 9, David Ernest Hansen.

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The annual entertainment and sports are to be held at Mr. W. Hammersley's grounds on the 9th of November to benefit the church fund.

## QUAMBY AND HAGLEY.

THE Rector gratefully acknowledges the kindness of the Rev. J. E. M. Roche and Mr. W. Garrard, who undertook the service at S. Mary's and the outlying centres during his absence at Sydney. The Westbury division of the defence force paraded at S. Mary's Church on Sunday, the 16th of September, under Lieutenant Drew, the Rector acting as chaplain. On the 1st inst. the choir, kindly and ably assisted by two friends from Launceston and a lady in the neighbourhood, gave a concert of exclusively high-class music, which was thoroughly appreciated. It is an insult to the public to suppose that they care for nothing but comic songs.

Baptisms.—Robert John Jordan, Lindsay Stuart Beveridge, Ronald Tasman Arnold, and Lewis Andrew Goss.

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## LONGFORD.

THE Rector and Mrs. Tarleton are glad to be back in the parish after their change of work in Hobart.

The service at the Cressy road school is now a monthly event, and is well attended, many being glad to avail themselves of it.

We miss our friends, the Misses Jones, so lately departed from our midst. The Misses Hutchinson, Ward, Woodberry, and Burk have come forward to help in the Sunday-school, and the number of scholars steadily increases.

The bulb show went off very well, thanks to the exertions of the committee and other good friends. Mr. A. G. Cox, of Pateana, suggested the idea of this show. We all feel it to have been a happy suggestion. Beautiful flowers came pouring in; Longford should be proud of such gardens. Mr. W. F. Petterd sent a beautiful collection of bulbs, which rejoiced the eyes of all beholders. It was a surprise to many that so fine a show could be got up locally. £11 were taken. The first patient of the Ministering Children's League Convalescent Home at Evandale sent some bunches of flowers as her contribution.

A very successful entertainment was given on August 8 in the Foresters' Hall. Some tableaux arranged by Mrs. Alfred Youl were most artistic. A cantata got up entirely by the Misses Hutchinson was a pretty sight and much enjoyed. Other ladies helped to adorn the children, who looked quite fairy-like, and acquitted themselves well in song and dialogue.

The town has sustained a loss in the departure of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones and family, who have long resided here. Subjoined is the letter written by Miss Jones in reply to one from the Rector, and published in the "Church News" of October:—

"Burlington House, Sunday.

"Rev. L. T. Tarleton.—Dear Pastor and friend,—I feel it is my duty to write and thank you on behalf of my sisters and myself for your very kind letter. My earnest prayer is that we may live worthy of all you said about us. I feel that I do not deserve half, but hope and trust that anything we have done in the cause of the Master and His Church may, in His own good time, bring forth fruit. The work of the Church has always been a labour of love. It is my one regret in leaving, that we leave the church in which we have worshipped so long and learned

to love. But I feel sure that the Master has work for us in other parts of His vineyard, as we only take our departure after long-continued prayer. We shall be very pleased to be able to do anything in the future at any time for Christ Church. Again thanking you for your kindness and good wishes,

"I am, yours sincerely, L. M. Jones."

We are sure that all deeply sympathise with Mr. Burk, our respected verger, in the deep sorrow which has come upon him—the loss of his wife. We trust that his daughter may have strength to fulfil the duties which devolve upon her by the death of a parent so devoted to her.

## PERTH.

WILL all baptized members of the Church remember that service is held at S. Andrew's every Sunday at 3 p.m., except on the fourth Sunday in the month, when the service is at 11 a.m., with Holy Communion. We do trust that more people will come. At present the attendance is miserable.

On October 2 Joseph Button passed to his rest after a long and painful illness, which he bore with touching patience. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and children. He was beloved by many, and numbers followed his body to the grave. The funeral took place at S. Andrew's, Perth, on October 5.

## CRESSY.

A CANTATA entitled "Madam Muddle's Dream" was given in the Town Hall on Friday evening, September 28, to a large audience. The piece was well staged, and much appreciated. The proceeds, amounting to about £5, go towards the Sunday-school prize fund. Special praise is due to Miss Norman for the way the children were trained and the whole thing was managed.

A fairly well attended meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Blackwood Creek on the same evening. We are expecting another visit from Mr. Simmons, the agent of the Society, when a meeting will be held in Cressy. It is some years since such a meeting was held, and efforts are being made to ensure a large gathering, and also to form a local committee.

On Wednesday, September 26, at the Saundridge Church a pretty wedding took place, when Mr. Tasman Hodggets was married to Miss Amelia Adams, eldest daughter of Mr. George Adams of Palmerston. The hymn

"How Welcome was the Call" was sung as the bridal party entered the church, and the "Wedding March" played at the conclusion of the service. Mrs. Clarke presiding at the organ. The Rev. W. H. Murray performed the ceremony.

Baptisms during September.—Baden Thomas Saltmarsh; Hilda May Broomhall.

## DELORAINE.

SOCIALS.—A concert and coffee supper, in aid of the proposed new church at Parkham, was held at Elizabeth Town on Tuesday, September 25. A pleasant evening was spent, and proceeds realised nearly £5.

Meander.—On Thursday, September 27, another concert and coffee supper was provided for the purpose of endeavouring to help to clear the debt on the church here. At the close of the evening the good news was announced that the lady workers interested in the district had promised a sum of money on loan, free of interest, to clear the debt on the church building. This sum amounted to about £30.

Chudleigh.—The roof of the church is in sad need of attention, and a concert and coffee supper was held on Friday, September 28, to raise funds towards re-roofing the building; £3 5s was cleared by the effort.

Men's Social.—A smoking concert was held on Friday, September 14, in the schoolroom. The attendance was not large, but those who were present seemed thoroughly to enjoy the evening. There were songs, which were much appreciated, and we are much indebted to Mr. Leslie Morgan for coming over from Launceston to give his vocal services, his singing proving a great feature in the evening's entertainment.

Day School.—We much regret losing the valued assistant of S. Mark's School, namely, Miss Becker. She has taught there for some time, and we shall miss her services.

Quiet Day.—Three services were held on Saturday, October 6, at 12 o'clock, 5 o'clock, and 8.30 o'clock, when the times were spent in prayer, intercession, and helpful addresses.

Confirmation Classes.—Tuesday—Parkham, 2.30; S. Cross, 4.30; Dunorlan, 6.30; S. Mark's, 8.30. Wednesday—S. Saviour's 3 o'clock; S. Luke's, 7.30. Friday—S. Mark's, 4.30. Mole Creek and Chudleigh according to notice. Special times can be arranged with adults for private instruction.

Teas, etc.—Redhills, October 17. Tea and sports, Mole Creek, October 18.

Tea and concert (for S.S. prizes), October 19.

Baptisms.—August 21, Bertha Mary Saunders, Chudleigh; Cyril Cecil Hector Howe, Mole Creek. September 14, Esther Louisa Sullivan, Deloraine. September 17, Austin Arthur Jago, Redhills. September 19, Mervyn George Baldock, Kimberly. September 20, Alice Gwendoline Atkins, Bengo. October 3, Kathleen Victoria Quartermain, Deloraine.

Burials.—September 20, Anne Bradbury, 71, Jackey's Marsh.

Marriages.—September 13, William Coates, Strahan, to Maria Mitchell, Deloraine. September 19, Joseph Whiteley, East Meander, to Elizabeth Poynton, East Meander.

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

WE should like to see greater regularity in the attendance of some members of the choir. No work is more appreciated than this, consequently their absence is the more marked. The new services need practice. May we expect to see no vacant places at the Friday evening rehearsal. We require more men's voices. Any members of the choir knowing of churchmen willing and able to help in this direction, should acquaint the rector or choirmaster of the fact. At present our music lies in the past. Our regular members do good work, but one singer who does not know his or her part can easily spoil the good work of all the rest.

The wet Sundays spell ruin to the church finance. This quarter the churchwardens were unable to pay the gas bills and the choirmaster, but by a little manipulation of Synod regulations these were paid, and another pressing demand left only partially settled. Surely in a free church like S. John's, it is not too much for the churchwardens to expect that when worshippers are absent one Sunday, they shall bring the offerings for that Sunday on the next one on which they attend church.

There have been several deaths in the parish since our last "echo." We sympathise deeply with Mrs. Watson, of Collins-street, on the loss of her son. His sufferings were borne with heroic patience and true Christian faith. We were sorry that the eucharist for which he had been prepared was not administered, owing to the suddenness of the seizure which carried him off. We feel certain that the grace came to him apart from this

means. His was spiritual communion. Mrs. Pearson's loss will be long felt. We cannot but all feel with Miss Pearson, a member of the choir from her childhood. As we write these lines we almost feel the sadness of Mr. F. A. Pitman's stricken home. Here, again, Christian faith triumphs over the last enemy, and the sadness of departure is turned into joy. We have all felt for Mrs. Fraser's loss. Her husband was respected by us all, though he walked not with us. May the rector take this opportunity of impressing upon the S. John's people the need for literally carrying out the Scriptural injunction—"Is any sick, let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him;" and the rubric of the office for the visitation of the sick, which reads thus—"When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the minister of the parish." Churchmen are bound in very loyalty to carry out these rules of their church. The clergyman can no more find out sick people of himself than the doctor. He at least is sent for. At any time of the day or night the parish priest is ready to attend to the sick when sent for. In face of prevalent sickness there is another rubric specially addressed to the laity, as well as to the clergy, bearing on this subject. It is this—"Forasmuch as all mortal men be subject to many sudden perils, diseases, and sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time they shall depart out of this life; therefore to the intent they may be always in a readiness to die. Whosoever it shall please Almighty God to call them. The curator shall diligently from time to time exhort their parishioners to the often receiving of the Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, when it shall be publicly administered in the church." But when the sick person is not able to come to church, provision is made for the sick person to receive the Holy Sacrament in his own house.

The various parish organisations are fairly flourishing. S. John's association gave the last of their series of concerts on the 24th ult. All religious denominations joined in making it a success. It is a pleasant sight to see Roman Catholics, Congregationalists, and others joining with Anglicans to spend a pleasant musical evening together. Such gatherings go far to eliminate bitterness from Christian controversy. It reminds one of Charles Lamb's answer to a reproof administered for an unfair criticism made by

him on an opponent, "Of course I could not have said it if I had once seen him." If we have only looked our brother in the face we cannot as Christian men be bitter or unfair to him.

The Songmen's Club is doing a good work. The attendance at church of the club on the set evening was not up to expectations. We believe it will be better next time. The Missionary Union had its meeting on the third Friday after evensong. The rector gave an account of some unreported incidents in connection with the Jubilee Missionary celebrations in Sydney. The Lord Bishop last Friday made a presentation to the Rector, on behalf of the H.M.G., of a lovely fountain pen, upon which on a gold plate was a very valuable inscription.

Communicants and Offertories.—September 2, 49 communicants, £3 16s 2d; September 9, 9 communicants, £4 1s 2d; September 16, 9 communicants, £7 12s 5d. (£3 2s 8d, Mellanesian Mission.) September 20, 4 communicants. S. Matthew's—September 21, 3 communicants; September 23, 6 communicants, £3 12s 4½d; September 27, 3 communicants, 1s. S. Michael and All Angel—September 29, 5 communicants, 2s 1d; September 30, 25 communicants, £4 4s 0½d.

Baptisms.—September 5, Kenneth George Jolly, May Ford, Karla Julie Hurlock Major; September 12, William Henry Abbott, Phillip Howard Cuthbertson; September 16, Jean Doris Ellis; September 22, Brenda Eliza Elliott.

Marriages.—September 12, James Duncan Stalker to Florence Isabel Scoles; September 15, William Linton to Sarah Sullivan; September 18, Edward Philips to Rhoda Harriet Tilly.

Burial.—September 5, Anthony Wood, aged 100.

## ALL SAINTS', HOBART.

THE Rector of Longford's services in this parish during the absence in Sydney of the Rev. S. Bucknell were greatly appreciated, and everything was found in excellent order when the Rector returned to his parish.

We have to record the death of Alfred Ward, son of Mr. Benjamin Ward, who succumbed to a second attack of fever. Much sympathy has been extended to the sorrowing family. The funeral service took place at All Saints, the Revs. Leigh Tarleton and A. G. Taylor officiating.

Mr. R. C. Reid, of Watchorn's Hill, churchwarden at S. Raphael, was mar-

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ried on the 20th ult. to Miss Ada Smith, of Fern Tree Villa. The Rector officiated.

The Bishop will hold a confirmation at S. Raphael's about Christmas, and some six or eight candidates will, we hope, be presented.

At All Saints we have lost the valuable services of Mrs. and Miss Hale, who have left Hobart. This makes it necessary to obtain two more district visitors, and it is hoped the vacancies will be shortly filled. The Rector will be thankful to hear of volunteers for this work, and also for Sunday-school, where there are one or two vacancies in the teaching staff.

We have not a large number of candidates for the forthcoming diocesan examination, only four teachers and a little over twenty scholars having sent in their names. We should like to see this examination much more popular.

The Children's Home Mission under the care of Mrs. Macleod is now worked in one branch. We want more members from the Sunday scholars.

The Church Lads' Brigade, under the painstaking care of Mr. V. L. Butler is now supplied with Daisy guns, and the usual uniform of cap and belts has been ordered, and will shortly be available. We hope this will give a fresh impetus to the work, and that we shall hear of fresh recruits.

Arrangements are being made for the celebration of the dedication of our church during the octave of All Saints. There will be the usual "quiet day" for workers, and special services during the week.

The annual service in connection with the All Saints Branch of the Mothers' Union was held in the parish church on Wednesday, the 10th inst., the Lord Bishop of the diocese giving a very helpful address. This branch now includes a good number of mothers and associated members, and is worked in connection with the weekly mothers' meetings conducted by Mrs. Bucknell and Miss R. Maxwell on Wednesday afternoons. The usual concluding sale of work and tea will shortly be held, when the meetings close for the summer months.

#### CHURCH NOTICES.

Offerings at All Saints during August and September.—August 5th, £8 5s. 4d.; 12th, £24 19s. 9d.; 19th, £4 2s. 1d.; 24th, 2s. 3d.; 26th, £3 3s. 6d.; September 1st, £3 13s. 7d.; 9th, £4 8s. 5d.; 16th, £4 7s. 2d.; 21st, 1s. 3d.; 23rd, £4 12s. 6d. Total, £57 15s. 10d.

Marriages. — August 30th, Arthur Ahearne to Elsie Charlotte Alsalon; September 20th, R. C. Reid to Ada Mary Smith (Fern Tree).

Baptisms.—August 7th, Muriel Edith Cooper; 8th, Gladys Evelyn Contencin; 11th, Myrtle Ellen Dutton Green; 12th, Catherine Ruby Grace Cole (S. Raphael's); September 5th, Fredrick Thomas Crowe, Eileen May Smith; 17th, Myra Ismay Stanton; 19th, Henry Methuen Hubbard.

Burials.—August 14th, Mary Ann Mummery; 16th, Thomas Morrison White; 29th, Alfred Ward.

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

**F**IE, MR. EDITOR! It is not often one gets a chance of sending a shaft home into one of that infallible class known as editors. Therefore the temptation to slay the great "We" of the "Messenger" is irresistible. The "Echoes" from this parish were forwarded too late for the July number, but "We" wrote a private note saying they should appear in August. Two issues of the "Messenger" have come, but those "Echoes" were not in them. Now, "We" say—"They would scarcely be suitable. Besides we fear they have been mislaid." (?) The humour of what has just been quoted is so charming that it really ought to be allowed to reach all the "Messenger" readers. And "We" must generously find a good share of space this month for a parish which has for months made no claim on the "Messenger's" columns.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist Watt.—The principal item in the "mislaid" MS. was an account of the hearty send-off given in the Public Buildings, New Town, to our widely-respected parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist Watt, who are spending a holiday in Canada. The gathering was in every way enthusiastic, and the Archdeacon, in proposing "a happy holiday" for the guests, warmly acknowledged their generous support to the parish, and referred to the private hospitality which had made "Hildern" the scene of so many happy evenings. News has been received of Mr. and Mrs. Watts' safe arrival in America.

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Jubilee of A.B.M. — The Archdeacon recently referred in S. John's to the gratifying response made by the parish to the appeal on behalf of the jubilee fund of the Australian Board of Missions. We were able to send over £17.

Band of Mercy. — A meeting of the Kangaroo Valley branch of the organisation took place on the evening of September 18, when a lengthy programme was provided for the juveniles. The branch is now two years old, and has grown from 23 members in 1898 to 44 now on the roll. The Valley organist, Miss Evelyne Alomes, continues to take a keen interest in the work of the branch, and gives much time to the training of the children in their dialogues and songs.

"Our Boy" at the Front. — Our people will join in heartiest congratulations to the Commissioner of Police and Mrs. Richardson upon the honour done to George Fairbrass Richardson in his having been offered a commission in the English army for his services in South Africa. It was sad that within a day or two of this good news being cabled there came a message in the public telegrams that G. Richardson had been wounded. As no further tidings, however, have been received, there is every reason to hope that the injuries can only have been slight, and if so none will regret—least of all "Jack" Richardson himself—that "our boy" has actually shed his blood in the service of the Queen.

Wedding Bells. — The marriage of Alfred Montague Luttrell to Elsie Grace Jillett roused the keenest and kindest interest in the parish, because of the bride's years of service in the parish Sunday-school and choir, and also by reason of the high respect in which her family is held in New Town. There was an early celebration on the marriage day, and the church was thronged for the solemnisation ceremony in the afternoon. A very pleasant gathering subsequently took place at the home of the bride's parents, where the goodly number of bridal gifts were displayed. Very hearty prayers for their happiness will follow Mr. and Mrs. Luttrell to their home at Queenstown. The gift of the choir to the bride was a handsome silver teapot.

#### FORTH AND LEVEN.

**O**UR annual sale of gifts, held this year on September 7th and 8th, was successful beyond our most sanguine expectations. The skating rink made an excellent substitute for the Town Hall, and the weather, though somewhat threatening, was favourable on both days. The sale was formally

opened by our faithful and loyal friend, Mrs. Crawford, of Deyrah, Castra, who in a few well-chosen words complimented the stallholders on the beauty and tasteful arrangements of their stalls, and wished the undertaking all possible success.

The ladies had certainly taken immense pains to arrange and decorate their stalls, and it was generally considered that they had even excelled their efforts of last year. The following is a list of the stalls and their managers: — Japanese, the Misses Walker and Baxter; doll, Mesdames Champion and Jourdain; miscellaneous, Mrs. Ede, Misses Lingley and Young; produce, Mesdames Barkworth and Finch; refreshment, the Misses Allen; sweets, the Misses Cox and Jourdain; flower, the Misses Barrett, Button, and Barkworth; fish pond, the Misses Hall and House; bran pie, Miss Cottam and others; weighing machine, in charge of Mr. Adams; shooting gallery, Master Goucher. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. de Coetlogon, while Mr. Barkworth, ever ready to help in any way possible, undertook the responsible and none too pleasant duty of doorkeeper and treasurer, aided by Mr. Finch. The sale was very well attended from the time of opening to the close, and we were most glad to see so many friends from Leith, Forth, Kindred, Abbotsham, Penguin, and other parts of the parish. A sum of £25 was taken during the first afternoon, and the total receipts for the first day amounted to just over £41.

On the second day the receipts came to just £33, making a total of rather over £74. The net receipts were some £68 12s. It goes without saying that this excellent result was not attained without very great labour and energy and self-denial on the part of the stallholders, whom we cannot thank too heartily and sincerely; while we also offer our best thanks to the very many who so generously and willingly gave in many ways, and helped so greatly. We must make special mention of some beautiful violets sent for the sale to Mrs. de Coetlogon by the Colhoun family, formerly of Ulverstone, but now of Circular Head. As a result of the sale the rectory site debt has been further reduced. Another instalment of £25 has now been received, making £175 paid off, and £50 owing. Towards this last £50 the parish treasurer reports that he has £20 in hand, so that we hope that during October another £25 may be paid off, leaving only the last £25 owing. We cherish the hope that the rectory site debt of £225 incurred in January last year may be wiped out altogether by the time next January comes round. The Rector is very grateful to those who have worked so hard and well to help this most important undertaking, and it is good to realise that although five new churches have been added to the parish in the last three and a half years, and a most suitable rectory site pro-

vided, we shall commence the new century virtually out of debt.

The Bishop has signified his intention of visiting this parish early in December, when three new churches will be visited by his Lordship. Confirmation candidates are being prepared at Ulverstone, Leith, Lower Wilmot, and Central Castra. The Bishop will hold special services in these centres, and also in the new church at Gunn's Plains.

The diocesan examinations are to be held this month. The Ulverstone Sunday-school is sending in some scholars, whose examination is fixed for Sunday, October 21st. Two day schools are also entering this year, namely, Miss Langley's school and Miss Wilson's school. Their examination is fixed for Monday, October 22nd.

Arrangements have been made for holding sports, dinner, tea, coffee supper, etc., at Abbotsham on Wednesday, October 31st. This will, we hope and think, result in the debt of £9 on the Abbotsham Church extension being extinguished.

Gunn's Plains go through a similar programme on Saturday, November 3, to help pay for the debt on their church, and North Motton makes its annual effort on Wednesday, November 7th, which, like all efforts of our energetic North Motton friends, is sure to be successful.

Sprent is arranging for a tea, and probably a cricket match, and intends to beat all the other centres put together.

Penguin is holding its annual sale on September 5th and 6th, and deserves the success it is likely to have. We are heartily glad to know that four of our people—namely, Mrs. Barrett, of North Motton; Mrs. Cransinck, of the same place; Mrs. Guest, of Sprent; and Mr. Wilkins, of Ulverstone—all of whom have been ill, are now rapidly recovering.

#### RURAL DEANERY OF BRIGHTON.

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Mark's. The Chapter met at the rectory afterwards, and various matters were discussed. After dinner the Conference met. Apologies were received from several gentlemen for non-attendance. The Conference discussed the Bishop's scheme for "one Archdeanery." The scheme was generally approved of, but it seemed to the members of the Conference that, considering the stipends paid to many of the country clergy, the salary put down for the stipend of sub-rector (who would be practically a curate) was too high. Further, it was thought that instead of a rate being put upon the clergy the money should come out of the general church fund. The Rev. J. A. Priestley introduced the subject of "How to promote interest in a Sunday-school association," and shadowed forth a scheme which the Conference thought so highly of that the members requested him to bring it under the notice of the Diocesan Inspector with a request that the latter would bring it before the Diocesan Board of Education. The question of parish representation and other matters were discussed. The Rev. J. A. Priestley was appointed Chapter Clerk. In the evening the day's proceedings were brought to a close by a service at S. Mark's. For the first time in the history of the parish the choirs at the different centres united. Chiefly through the energy of Mr. R. Wilmore, who acted as organist and who visited the different centres for the purpose of practice, the musical portions of the service were capitally rendered by a choir of some fifty voices. Extra seating accommodation had been placed in the church, and the building was filled. The Rector read the prayers, the Rev. A. J. Greenwood the lesson, while the Rev. J. A. Priestley gave us a most excellent address on the words "Be strong in the Lord." He pleaded most earnestly for strong Christians, and strong churchmen, and we feel sure that his words will be long remembered. After service the choir and members of the Conference were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes at supper, and shortly before separating the Rev. J. A. Priestley, on behalf of the rest, thanked the Rector and Mrs. Hughes for their hospitality, and said that he trusted that the kindly feeling which evidently existed between Mr. Hughes and his people might long continue to exist, and might be strengthened as the years went by. Mr. Hughes, in replying for himself and wife, said that they valued most highly the kindly feeling displayed toward them, and that the sympathy shown to them during the last few troublesome months from every part of the parish had been a real help and support to them, for which indeed they could thank God.

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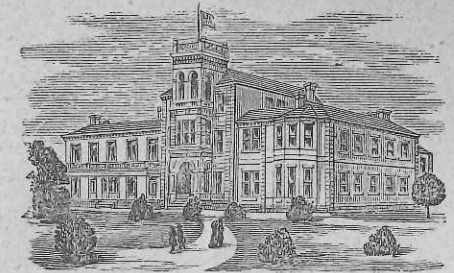
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