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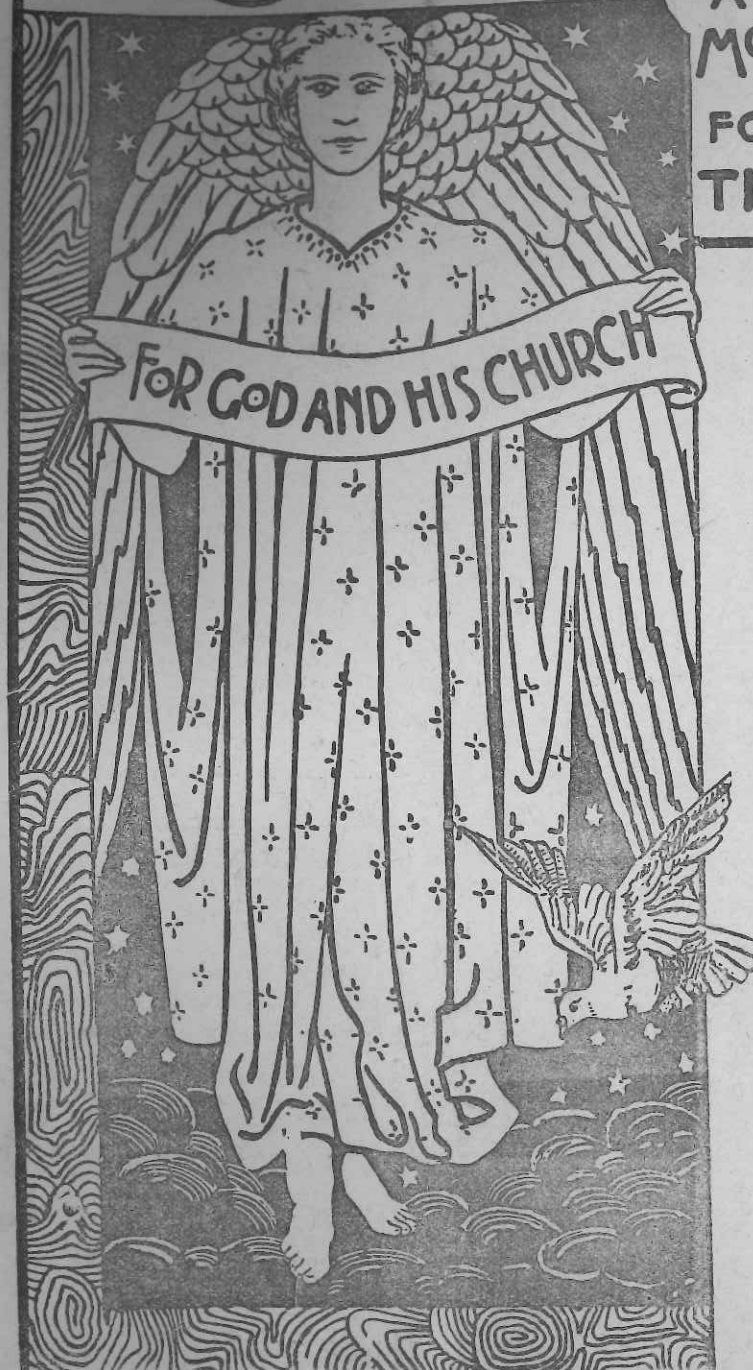
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HONOUR THE KING.

"Fear God and honour the King."—
Thus wrote S. Peter, and from his day
to the present religion and loyalty have
ever walked hand in hand, the one
supporting the other. There have been
periods in England's history when it
was a hard struggle for her people to
remain faithful and loyal to the reign-
ing monarch. Notably so was it in the
time of Charles II., who, if he had any
religion at all, was a Roman, and not
only truckled to Rome, but received
financial support from her as well. Yet,
in spite of all this, which was known to
his subjects, they were loyal to him to
the end, sincerely and deeply mourning
his decease. This unswerving fidelity
is all the more remarkable seeing that,
after the Restoration, there was but
one institution which the people prized
more than hereditary monarchy, and
that institution was the Church of
England. If Charles II.'s brother,
James II., had prudently kept his
Romish proclivities in the background,
instead of openly and flagrantly violat-
ing the strongest susceptibilities of his
subjects, they would never have en-
forced him to fly the country, their
loyalty to the throne being so intense.
The flame of ardent devotion to the
crown burns as brightly now as in
those bygone years, but under far
happier auspices, and in welcoming the
Duke of York, the representative of

our King, to our shores in the coming
month, with all the fervour born of
undying patriotism, we shall be actua-
ted by that same spirit of loyal attach-
ment to the monarch which has ever
been the pride of the British race. It
is also our duty to welcome our King's
representative in his connection with
our Church; for that Church, let it
ever be remembered, is older than the
State which it claims to have created.
Forgetting this, the Kings of England
have from time to time overstepped
their lawful jurisdiction, and, oft to
their sorrow, have attempted to rule
the Church and to teach that the
Monarch of England is Her Earthly
Head. It is not uncommon, even in
these days, to find Roman Catholic and
nonconformist writers taking this view,
but it is one which the Church herself
has ever indignantly resented, and will
continue to resent so long as it is made.
Any foolish effort on the part of the
King or Parliament to coerce the
Church of England will inevitably lead
to the permanent disavowance of both
from the Church in their official capaci-
ties. The Church readily and rightly
regards the Monarch as "The Defender
of the Faith," and the Parliament of
England as the guardian of her tem-
poralities, but neither has one iota of
power to tamper with that sacred
deposit known as "The Faith," which is
so clearly and marvellously embodied in
our "Book of Common Prayer." And

though it may be maintained by such
writers as those just referred to that
in days gone by the King and Parlia-
ment have actually revised the Prayer
Book, it must be remembered that each
revision was previously made by
the Church Synods and Convocations,
and when completed, submitted as a
kind of "title deed" of the Church for
the formal sanction of Parliament, a
course which is as binding to-day on
every sect calling itself a church, with
its deed of constitution, as upon us.
These especial remarks apply, of
course, to the Church in England. In
these colonies the Church is as free as
the air, though accepting in its entirety
the teaching of the Book of Common
Prayer. In speaking as we have done,
our one object has been to correct a
wrong impression. Edward VII. is not
the head of our Church, but only its
august and noble champion, with the
reversion of the proud title of Defender
of the Faith, handed down to him from
Henry VIII. Therefore, in this connec-
tion the Church in Tasmania will ex-
tend a heartfelt and dutiful welcome to
the Royal Duke on his approaching
visit as the representative of our King,
with the prayer that the latter may
long be spared to defend our faith.

"Every day is a little life, and our
whole life is but a day repeated. Those,
therefore, that dare lose a day are dan-
gerously prodigal; those that dare mis-
pend it, desperate."—Bishop Hall.

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TALKS ON NATURAL HISTORY.

(By "Woodpecker.")

XXVII.

"Hello, Woodpecker, I hear you have been on the rampage again, and you never told me."

"Yes, I have had a little holiday, and will tell you about it now, if you like."

"Did you go over to Melbourne to see the Duke and Duchess, and all the grand festivities?"

"Not much, Tommy."

"But why didn't you? Everybody went."

"The reason, I suppose, is because nobody came forward and gave me sufficient inducement to go."

"And, pray, what would you have thought sufficient?"

"Oh, ten pounds a day for standing in the streets of Melbourne and getting wet; with my life amply assured during the process, and all other expenses paid at current rates."

"Then, pray, where did you go?"

"I went down the Channel, after an absence of some five-and-twenty years."

"Ah! I suppose you found many improvements?"

"I found many changes, Tommy; for, instead of running down in my own boat, with a nice, northerly wind, as heretofore; or beating down in a barge with a light breeze, which usually took a couple of days and nights, or more, and eating my dinner of fried mutton from a firepot, and drinking tea without milk in a pannikin on the hatch; I found no less than five fast steamers ready to start from Hobart, and recognising the face of the captain of one of them, which happened to be the fastest of the lot, we embarked on the s.s. Ronnie, and, after leaving the wharf—transformed out of all recognition by me—we steamed off at the rate of 12 knots, and expected to be down in no time. But it soon appeared as if Messrs. Eurus and Auster had combined to give us a taste of their quality, and, by the time we reached One-tree Point their intentions were not to be mistaken."

"How?"

"Well, by the time we were off Brown's River we were met by a furious

wind coming up from the Channel, together with the heaviest sea rolling in from Storm Bay that I had ever seen. In fact, Tommy, there was a S.E. gale on, and things were becoming pretty lively in the little Ronnie, I can assure you."

"Whom did you have with you?"

"Oh, the old lot."

"What, the kid, too?"

"Yes, he was there; and I was sorry the weather was so bad for his sake, poor chap! But I nursed him, and smoked one or two pipes over him, and soothed his troubled mind with many anticipated pleasures. 'It will be all right, old chap,' I kept saying, 'as soon as we pass that point'—indicating the dismal, storm-swept mass of rock that guards the western side of the 'Passage.' But it was rough, and no mistake. The huge seas broke clean over the little boat as she rushed into them. Tables, chairs, and everything movable rolled about the cabin floor, and I held on to a stanchion as best I could, with the kid in my arms."

"And how about the others?"

"Well, I don't exactly know—that is, not to speak definitely. One of them ought to have been a pretty good sailor, and they both had plenty of pluck; so I thought perhaps the best thing would be to leave them alone. They may have had a bad quarter of an hour, but it is as well not to enquire into some things too closely."

"I suppose it got calmer in time?"

"Oh, yes; as soon as we got inside the Passage there was no sea to speak of, only the driving wind and rain. My friend, the captain, told me afterwards that he was compelled to force the little Ronnie at full speed, or he would never have got her through it."

"And you arrived safely at last?"

"Yes, but we were about an hour late, for we had to put a man down at Barnes's Bay, and land some cargo at Kettering. But we reached Woodbridge in time; and there, at the end of a

handsome new jetty, we found half a dozen stalwart young fellows who had come to meet us. One of these lifted the kid on to his back, and the others shouldered all our impedimenta, and we tramped up to our destination through the rain that was still falling."

"I suppose they were all glad to see you?"

"Oh, yes; most glad, and kind in every way. They had some hot tea ready, and then some dinner, and in the afternoon we had a snooze, and next morning were up early and fit for anything."

"And what were your impressions of the place after such a long absence?"

"Ah, Tommy, I found many changes all through the Channel—Woodbridge, Middleton, and Kettering had all gone ahead; in other words, they had lost much of their former charm and beauty. But Gordon, once the loveliest spot of all, to my mind, had fallen into decay, and gone hopelessly to the bad."

"The garden at Rookwood, once the show-place of the whole neighbourhood, with its exotic shrubs, lovely flower-beds, and well-kept paths, was little better than a tangled and dripping thicket, through which it was difficult to force one's way."

"Of the homes at which I used to visit as a welcome guest, some had gone to complete decay, others were burnt, and the entire place presented a forsaken and desolate appearance which, to me, was most distressing."

"And I suppose you found some change among the people as well?"

"Dear me, yes! Little girls, to whom lollies were once a consideration, were married, and had families; middle-aged men and women had become old; and little boys, whom once I knew

"With shining morning face, creeping like snail unwilling to school"

had developed into men. One, a fine, upstanding fellow—who when last seen was in my arms awaiting an important ceremony—had been through the African campaign, and come back without a scratch."

"Alas, there was also the reverse of this pleasant picture; for the memory of others once dear could only be renewed by a visit to the graveyard surrounded by giant gum trees."

"And what did you do with yourself all day?"

"Oh, we always found plenty to do—we roamed up the hills, and hunted along the creeks for ferns, and went fossicking for shells at low-water, and we got a few nice shells in the dredge, chief among which were some good specimens of that beautiful species, 'modiola arborescens,' together with another bivalve quite new to me. And, oh, last, but by no means least, we saw 'Old Lanky.'"

"Who is she?"

"Lanky, my young friend, was and is a man, for I saw him and shook him by the hand, and he is, perhaps, the best-known man in the Channel from Passage Point to Recherche Bay, including the Huon. Yes, I went to Daniel's Bay, on South Bruni, on purpose to see him, and our meeting was most cordial and pathetic on both sides."

"Who, or what is he?"

"Well, Tommy, it would take me a long time to do full justice to him and his doings; but, if you like, I will tell you about my first meeting with him, and do my best to describe a little excursion we once had together many years ago."

"Do; I shall be very glad to hear about it."

"Well, then, you must know that, some 30 years ago, I was living at Gordon, and was in the habit of visiting every settlement on both sides the Channel at stated times. Daniel's Bay was one of these. At that time there was a big sawmill there, employing a large number of men. The proprietor of it—whom we may as well call Mr. Black—was a great friend of mine, and I always enjoyed my visits to his house."

"On one occasion, after we had breakfasted, he asked whether I was fond of fishing, as there was a lagoon not very far away where there were plenty of bream, and he said, as they were not very busy just then, he would send a man who knew the country to show me the way."

"I gladly assented to this, not that I cared particularly for fishing, but because it would give me a good opportunity of seeing something of the interior of South Bruni, which, at that time, was a terra incognita to me."

"So we went over to the mill, and found a man standing with his back to us, busy sharpening a huge circular saw."

"Here, Lanky, said my friend, 'you can knock off that. I want you to go down to the creek at Cloudy Bay Lagoon, and if you will go up to the house they will give you some provisions in a basket. Hold on,' he added, 'you might as well take another man with you as

we shan't be doing much to-day. Where's Dave, has he gone up in the bush?"

"No," replied the man spoken to; 'I seed him just now, near the stable.'

"All right," said my friend, 'take him, then.'

"Five minutes later we were off, Lanky and Dave walking in front and I, with rod and fishing-basket, bringing up the rear."

"We walked straight up the tramway, the ground being partially cleared in the neighbourhood of the mill; but we soon passed into what appeared an interminable forest of trees! I had never seen anything like them."

"Presently I began to wonder why the man called 'Lanky' had ever got his name, for it did not seem to suit him at all. Indeed, he was a tall, broad-shouldered, deep-chested fellow, apparently as strong as an ox; neither, I thought, could it be because he had come from Lancashire, for I had noticed his dialect while speaking to his companion. He called a boat a 'boo-at,' and the sail was a 'say-yal,' and for won't he said 'wee-ant,' and for don't 'doo-ant,' and so on. Surely this was no Lancashire talk!"

"So, after we had walked for about an hour, and were sitting on a log for a smoke, I said to him: 'Whatever did Mr. Black mean by calling you 'Lanky'? I can't see any lankiness about you.'

"I doo-ant know," he replied; 'everybody gets names at the mill.'

"Well," I said, 'you are not lanky, and you are not from Lancashire.'

"No," he replied; 'I were born in the city of Lincoln, i' the year 1819.'

"Ah!, I exclaimed, 'that settles it; and there is only the river between us.'

"What!, he shouted, jumping up, 'air you a Yorkshireman?"

"I am," I said.

"Hev you ever been to 'UH?' he asked."

"Yes, I have been in Hull scores of times," I answered."

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"Here," he said, 'give us your 'and, I believe you're going to be one of the right sort!' And that was the beginning of a long friendship between Lanky and me."

"After a while Lanky got up saying that 'we ought to be moving,' and he led the way straight into the bush toward the south-west, and from that time until we had struck the lagoon, more than an hour after, we had to force our way through the thickest bit of scrub I had ever seen. Every living thing was matted and mingled up together—dogwood and cutting-grass, ti-tree and myrtle, all growing close together, and every step we took brought down dead rubbish of all descriptions, so that it was hardly possible to breathe. The day also was hot, and by the time we got to the lagoon we were all bathed in perspiration."

"At the spot where we struck this lagoon the creek which feeds it was about 10 yards wide, and we could see the bream in scores. I got my line ready, and caught three or four, in as many minutes, and then gave it up."

"Lanky said I was 'nowt of a fisherman.' But I had no desire to catch any more of the beautiful creatures, and was also anxious to go on to Cloudy Bay, if possible, and we set off at once with that intention."

"But as the lagoon was nearly two miles in diameter it was more than another hour before we stood on the beach at the opposite side. The place was alive with duck and teal; I also saw a pair of pelicans; and there were thousands of gulls, together with cranes and cormorants."

"And what did you think of Cloudy Bay when you got there?"

"I thought it, and think it still, one of the loveliest places I have ever seen. A little river, about half a mile long and some 50 yards wide, connects the lagoon with the open sea. And the sea-beach is about three miles long, and it is somewhere about the same depth to the towering, massive headlands that guard the entrance to the bay on either hand."

"Huge waves were coming in from the open sea, for there is no sheltering land, with the exception of one or two insignificant islands, between this spot and the Antarctic ice-wall!"

"Then I suppose you began to hunt for shells?"

"Yes, you may be sure of that. I had already obtained some interesting forms along the edge of the lagoon; and when we got to the south of it I came across an immense mass of a small univalve, piled up two or three feet high. This was Bankivia varians, and well named, too, for, although

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there were many millions of them, no two were exactly alike."

"Why are they called 'Bankivia'?"
"After Sir Joseph Banks, I suspect. we have *Banksia serrata* and *B. marginata* among plants; there are also Banks' I, and Banks' Peninsular, all in memory of the great man."

"I never heard of him."

"What, never heard of the naturalist who, together with Dr. Solander, accompanied Cook in his circumnavigation of the world, and was afterwards president of the Royal Society?"

"All right, I'll read about him. And what did you get next?"

"I found an *Aplysia*, while rummaging in a rocky pool, left by the receding tide, and promptly forked him out. This mollusk is commonly known as the sea-hare, but why, I don't know. It has an internal shell, and this I was anxious to obtain. The *Aplysia* is a most defenceless creature, but has some compensating advantage, it being able to eject a violet-coloured fluid, which helps to hide it from its enemies."

"Why is it thus called?"

"If you will look in your Greek lexicon you will see that *aplysia* means 'something that cannot be cleansed,' or 'washed out,' probably in reference to the fluid I told you of. After securing this novelty I noticed a long sand-spit running out to sea parallel with the lagoon channel, and walking to the end of this I was delighted to find numbers of a very pretty bivalve (*Myadora ovata*) quite new to me, and, strange to say, that in all my wanderings I have never found it anywhere else."

"After this I proposed to Lanky that we should walk along the beach to a clump of rocks that appeared about two miles off, and, while going, we

found some specimens of a handsome bivalve, which Tennyson Woods afterwards named *Callista Victoriae*. We also got several specimens of *Ranella leucostoma*, which is I believe peculiar to Tasmania, though there is an allied species at Table Bay."

"Let me see, *Rana* is a frog, is it not, and *Renella* would be a little frog? But I can't make out the other word."

"*Leucostoma*? Well, if you look in your Greek lexicon again you will find that it means 'having a white mouth,' and this our *Ranella* has."

"And I suppose you got to the rocks you mentioned?"

"Yes, and there I was, fortunate again in getting some fine specimens of *Patella costata*, and *Siphonaria denticulata*. I also obtained another species, which Woods afterwards named *Acmaea marmorata*, a beautiful shell, and apparently confined to one boulder. Strange, but I have never been able to find that boulder again! and have never seen the shell in any other place. The type specimen may be seen at the Hobart Museum."

"I should like to have stayed longer in this naturalists' paradise, but for a warning voice from Lanky. He said: 'I tell ye it's time we were off; we're a long way from home, and if we doo-ant strike the tramway afore dark, we'll have to stop in the marsh all night.'"

"So I shouldered my basket, now full of specimens, and left the bream for the gulls. Lanky led the way across some high parallel sand ridges, over which it was very heavy walking, and after a long tramp we struck the lagoon again."

"But the tide was now in, and we had to walk, sometimes in the water and sometimes out. Lanky, however, comforted us with the assertion that 'salt water won't hurt nobody,' and at length, by constant plodding, and thoroughly wet up to the knees, we struck the marsh."

"By this time it was nearly dark, and the country before us appeared in the dim light like an endless wilder-

ness. There were acres of *Lycopodiums* and dwarfed *Gleichenias*, with patches of low scrub at intervals."

"How Lanky found his way across that wilderness was, and still is, a mystery to me. But he never stopped for a moment, only muttering now and then such expressions as—'I fear we wee-ant do it'; 'we were a bit ower late at the start'; 'dash that moon, I wish she were a bit bigger'; and so on."

"But what appeared an endless walk was at length brought to an end. I heard Lanky say 'there's the trees; the tram-road's in them. If we can squeeze through this bit of scrub we'll be all right.' And after this squeezing process was over we actually did stumble on to the tramway, though at a much higher point than we left it in the morning."

"I sat down on the rail of the tramway, with Lanky close by, and Dave perched himself on the end of the log on the opposite side, and, for a while, nobody spoke, for we were all about done up."

"Presently Lanky asked me what time it was."

"I held up my watch to the light of a young moon rising above the trees, and told him that it was a quarter to eleven. Then there was another long silence."

"After a while I noticed Lanky gradually edging himself towards me along the rail, and when he got close up he said: 'Do you see that track?'"

"Where?" I asked.

"Over there," he said, pointing with his finger.

"Yes," I replied, 'I see it; what about it?'"

"Why," he said, 'Sainty lives doon there.'"

"And who's Sainty?"

"He's one of the mill hands."

"Oh!"

"But look here," continued Lanky, 'if Sainty got to know that I'd had you here and didn't tak' you to see him, he'd never forgive me.'"

"But, man alive," I said, 'it must be past eleven o'clock now, and they'll all be in bed by this time.'"

"What's the odds," he replied, 'if they are abed; they'll be up in a minute as soon as they know who it is. Besides,' he added, in a confidential tone, 'Sainty killed a pig!'"

"Oh!," I said, not paying much attention; 'I'm sorry. Was it an accident?'"

"A haccident!" said Lanky. 'Did ye iver hear the like of that?' he shouted, appealing to the universe. 'No,' he said, sitting down and speaking in a confidential whisper; 'Sainty killed that pig 'cause he wanted to. He killed it to mak' ba-acon for his wife an' childer during the winter. But,' he added, 'I reckon there'll be some nice bits of pork left yet, and I is hungry—I is so!' And, after a pause: 'What's thou say, Dave?'"

"Dave was understood to say that he 'felt hollow like, and could do with a bite.'"

"A bite!" shouted Lanky. 'I could eat the sunny side of a jackass!'"

"Of course I laughed at this, for who could help it? All the same I was vexed, for this going out of the way to Sainty's was no part of the programme, and I gently suggested this to Lanky. But it was of little use. I referred to the lateness of the hour, and the fact that this Sainty and all his household would be in bed and asleep, and that we might cause some uneasiness at the mill, and that I had to be off early in the morning, but it was all to no purpose. Lanky said 'if Sainty were in bed he could get up again; and as for the folks at the mill, they were all abed hours ago.' And then edging close up to me he went on to say, 'Look here, mister, me and Dave's aboot done; we've been tramping all day, and we've hed nowt to eat but a bit o' bread and cheese and them tarts! What's the good of them things? I believe,' he continued, 'them long legs o' your's would carry you round the h'island! But it's different with the likes of us; we stands all day at the bench i' the mill, and our jint's gets stiff.'"

"All right," I said, 'let's be off; you lead the way.'"

"I don't see that you could have done done anything else, Woodpecker, though it might be annoying. What happened after you started?"

"Nothing of any importance. But the way seemed interminably long. Lanky's 'step' was certainly three miles if it was an inch. The journey felt like a dream to me, I felt as one compelled to walk for ever, as the trees slipped silently by on either hand. At length we heard the hoarse barking of a dog and the rattling of his chain."

"He wee-ant bite," said Lanky, assuringly. 'He knows me.'"

"Five minutes later we came to the house, or hut. There was no light visible, but when Lanky began hammering

the door with his fist, a sleepy voice said, 'Who's there?'"

"It's only me and Dave, and the —," said Lanky."

"All right, I'll be there in a minute," answered the voice."

"And so he was; and what is more, we were received with the utmost hospitality. Sainty came out in his shirt and got a couple of logs, telling Lanky to look round for some bark and sticks, and in a few minutes we had a roaring fire. The lady of the house now put in an appearance, robed in the first garment that came to hand. On went the fryingpan, full of fat pork with added grease; the table was laid by putting five tin plates on it, an equal number of pannikins, some sugar and salt, with a knife and fork here and there—and we all set to work."

"Lanky was in the highest spirits, and showed no appearance of fatigue. He told all our adventures, and said he would back me to walk against any man in the h'island. And I must say that whatever might appear to be lacking in appearances, was more than atoned for by the unbounded hospitality we received."

"While eating my share of pork I noticed two or three woolly heads poked out from under the blankets in the bunks ranged along the sides of the house. These blinked at us for a moment, and then, like the guests in Macbeth's Castle, 'address'd them again to sleep.'"

"Well, all things come to an end, and so did that supper. We stayed, I suppose, an hour, and then said good-night, our host accompanying us a little way on the road, and renewing his regrets that he 'didn't happen to have any whisky in the house.'"

"And what happened then?"

"Oh, nothing to speak of. We got back to the mill somehow, and there I said good-bye to Dave and Lanky, and walked across to the house."

"There everything was dark; but I found the door propped ajar by a volume of 'Chambers' Encyclopedia,' and, gently closing it, walked off to bed; and before turning in I looked at my watch and found it was half-past two in the morning!"

"I had to explain matters to my friend during breakfast, and he laughed at our midnight visit to Sainty's. He said it was 'just like Lanky.'"

"Half-an-hour later I was in my boat and heading for Woody Island with a south-west wind and a free sheet, and the precious shells safe in the locker."

"But you told me that you had seen Lanky quite recently."

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"Yes, I saw him only the other day—went, in fact, to Daniel's Bay on purpose to see him. And see him I did, with 30 added years upon his head and shoulders. And thinking of the poet's line—

'Multa senem circumveniunt incommoda'

I timidly said: 'I suppose you could not walk to Cloudy Bay, now, Lanky?'
"But he knocked all poetry out of my head with a 'By Jingo, but I could!'—and he did."

May 27.

RURIDECANAL.

A joint meeting of the Ruridecanal Chapters and Conferences of the Rural Deaneries of North-West Coast and Mersey took place at Ulverstone on Wednesday, May 22.

There was a celebration of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church at 11.45 a.m., and the Chapter met at the Rectory at 2 p.m. There were present:—Revs. J. Tyron Wilson, R.D., (presiding), J. K. Wilmer, R.D., Canon de Coetlogon, W. Hogg, J. S. Roper, and W. Earle. The Archdeacon of Hobart and Launceston was present and, having been cordially welcomed, took part in the meeting at the request of the Chapter. Several important matters were briefly discussed, and the Chapter clerk was instructed to intimate to the Bishop that in the opinion of the Chapter it would be advisable to hold the quiet day immediately before the Diocesan Conference at Launceston in November.

Rev. J. T. Wilson was appointed clerical representative for the Rural Deanery of North-West Coast, and Rev. J. K. Wilmer for Mersey, on the Advisory Board for the Northern Archdeaconry.

The Conference met at 4 p.m., at which were present beside the before-named clergy, Messrs. Berry, Martin, Webb, Towsey, Lakin, Barkworth, and Henslow.

The lay representatives on the Advisory Board were appointed—Mr. Henslow for North-West Coast Deanery, and Mr. Webb for Mersey.

The Archdeacon submitted to the conference his scheme for strengthening the General Church Fund. He pointed out how the fund had suffered through the fall in the rate of interest since the time that State aid ceased, but was confident that the financial resources of the Church in Tasmania were greater than most people supposed. Church people only needed to realise that alms-giving was as much a religious duty as prayer. He outlined his scheme, which was modelled on the "penny a day" system. The man who put by a penny for every working day in the year would be able

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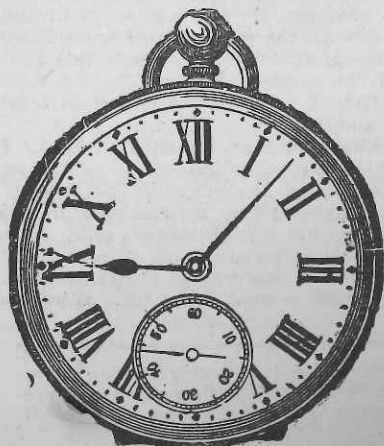
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A long and animated discussion followed, in which most of those present took part, the opinion being decidedly favourable to the scheme. In answer to a question, the Archdeacon pointed out that the £4,000 lent to the Cathedral Board was fully secured as an investment, and the interest was regularly paid, having been guaranteed by several gentlemen.

Regret was expressed that time would not allow the discussion on the attendance of men at Church, which was adjourned from last meeting, to be continued. It was hoped to continue it at the meeting at Devonport on October 23.

In reply to a question, the Rural Dean of the North-West Coast said that the wardens were responsible for the upkeep of the external walls and roof of parsonage houses, and the incumbents for internal repairs.

The day closed with choral evensong at Holy Trinity Church, the Archdeacon being the preacher.

IN MEMORIAM.

THE DEATH OF MRS. H. R. FINNIS.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Mrs. Finnis, wife of Canon Finnis, which occurred at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, May 29. Mrs. Finnis, never very robust in health, became seriously ill early in the year, took to her bed early in March with but little hope of recovery, and lingered for nearly three months, during which time there were occasional rallies, only to be followed by relapses, causing the greatest anxiety to the Canon and her relatives. The last sad ceremonies took place on Friday, the 31st ult. The body was taken to St. John's Church at 7.30 in the morning, when there was a celebration of Holy Communion, the Bishop celebrating, assisted by the Dean. In addition to the chief mourners, there were present the churchwardens, representatives of the Parish Council, Sunday School teachers, and many other Church workers.

The funeral service commenced at 10 o'clock, and was conducted by the Bishop. After the opening sentences, the hymn "The King of Love" was sung, followed by Psalm 39 chanted to Purcell's noble setting. After the lesson, the hymn "Souls of men, why will ye scatter?" was sung. The "Dead March" from Saul was played by the organist, Mr. Bradshaw Major, as the procession left the Church. The coffin was covered with many beautiful floral crosses and wreaths sent by

parishioners. The burial was at Cornelian Bay Cemetery. The Bishop again officiated, and the choir (surplined) sang the beautiful hymn "On the resurrection morning soul and body meet again." In the church and at the grave were many of the clergy, among whom we noticed the Archdeacon, and Revs. Bucknell, McDowall, Sharland, and Babington. In addition to the Rector and near relatives there were present the churchwardens, Parish Council, and many parishioners.

This sad event marks an epoch in the history of St. John's. Canon Finnis has completed over 17 years' residence and the deepest sympathy is felt for him by all throughout the Diocese. The long period of anxiety through which he has passed has been very trying; during all that time he has bravely carried on his work to the best of his ability, and our earnest prayer is that he who has comforted, helped, and sympathised with so many of us in our distress may himself be comforted and strengthened with power from above.

The thanks of all the parishioners of St. John Baptist's are specially due to our Bishop, who has rendered such able assistance during this period of distress.

RECORDS and ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Rev. Walter Smith, the new Rector of Queenstown, is in future to be known as the Rev. Walter John Wellesley Smith, the fuller name having been gazetted in England. Mr. Wellesley Smith reaches Melbourne about June 18.

The Rev. A. Priestley has done excellent work at Queenstown, preparing for the new Rector. Mr. Priestley returns to his own parish at the end of June.

The parish of Oatlands has been served by the clergy of the parish of Deloraine, owing to the generosity of the Rector of Deloraine in aiding the work of the diocese.

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The Rev. W. Harry Edwardes is settled at Beaconsfield, the Rev. J. Corvan at Brighton, the Rev. S. H. Hughes at Hamilton, and the Rev. H. C. Shedden at Kingston.

The Bishop expects two or three new clergy shortly.

The Bishop specially asks the prayers of the people for the Bishop of Carpentaria, who started on June 5 to ride from Port Darwin to Adelaide in order to minister to the telegraph officials along the line. It is a ride of 1200 miles, and will take three months at least, and there is a good deal of danger.

MELANESIAN AND NEW GUINEA MISSIONS.

The Bishop desires to call the attention of the diocese to the festivals of the two great Australasian Missions. Let all churchmen do their best for them. They both deserve and need our enthusiastic support.

The Melanesian Mission specially keep St. Barnabas' Day, June 11.

The New Guinea mission keeps St. James' Day as its festival.

In Hobart the arrangements for St. Barnabas' Day are as follows:—For the New Guinea mission a meeting has been arranged for Monday, July 15, at 8 p.m., in the Synod Hall. On St. James' Day there will be celebrations of holy communion in all the churches, and a united service at the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop being the preacher. The Archdeacon will officiate in some centre outside Hobart.

RURAL DEANS.

The term of office for the Rural Deans of the Diocese having expired, the Bishop has had to face the general question of the appointment of Rural Deans. He believes that the majority of the clergy desire that he should continue at present to appoint the Rural Deans, as in the first instance. The Bishop is of opinion that this is at present the best course, and hereby appoints the following clergy as Rural Deans for a period of five years:—

The Dean of Hobart, ex officio. — Parishes of Hobart, New Town, and Glenorchy.

Rev. S. Bucknell, M.A.—Parishes of Huon, Kingston, and D'Entrecasteaux.

The Rev. F. B. Sharland, B.A.—The parishes or districts of Clarence, Sorell, Buckland, Swansea, and Richmond.

The Rev. J. Oberlin-Harris, M.A.—The parishes or districts of New Norfolk, Macquarie Plains, and Hamilton.

The Rev. J. Corvan, B.A.—The parishes of Brighton-cum-Kempton, Bothwell, and Oatlands.

The Rev. H. D. Atkinson, B.A.—The parishes of Campbell Town, Fingal and Avoca, Cullenswood, and Morven.

The Rev. Canon Beresford.—The parishes of Launceston, together with the parishes or districts of S. Leonards, East and West Tamar.

The Rev. W. Henningham Root.—The parishes of S. Helen's, Scottsdale, and Ringarooma, and the districts along the Scottsdale line.

The Rev. L. T. Tarleton.—The parishes of Hagley, Carrick, Deloraine, Westbury, Longford, Perth, and Cressy.

The Rev. J. Tryon Wilson.—The parishes or districts of Forth and Leven, Emu Bay, Waratah, and Circular Head.

The Rev. J. K. Wilmer.—The parishes of Devonport, Mersey, and Sheffield.

The Rev. F. G. Copeland.—The parishes of Zeehan, Queenstown, and Strahan (West Coast).

THE S.P.G.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel will celebrate its bi-centenary this month. An effort is being made throughout this Diocese, which has greatly benefited from help accorded to it from the funds of this Society, to send home a kind of "thank offering" as soon as possible. The Bishop expresses a sincere hope that each Parish will donate at least one offertory towards this laudable object. Those who care to see a fuller account of the work of this venerable society will find it in the June number of the "Church News."

OUR NOTE BOOK.

The business manager of the "Messenger" is desirous of reminding a very large number of our supporters that their subscriptions for the current year, and in many cases for 1900, are still unpaid. Will they kindly oblige by forwarding amounts owing to the manager, 2 George-street, Launceston.

We regret that owing to the pressure of other matter the continuation of the articles on "Windsor" and notes from "Our Wandering Archdeacon" cannot appear in this issue.

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May we also take this opportunity of notifying to the clergy that their "Parish Echoes" for the future must be more condensed, as our space is too limited to allow several columns for any one parish, as asked this month. A neglect of this warning will only necessitate the epitomising of the same by the editor, which is neither pleasant nor convenient. Will all remember that our last date each month for receiving matter is the seventh.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

It is contemplated that the next meeting of the Tasmanian Diocesan Conference will be held in Launceston during the last week in October.

Rev. W. A. Turner, of Hughenden, and Rev. J. Pike, of Charters Towers, have been appointed Canons of Townsville Cathedral.

Good reports from St. John's College, Armidale, N.S.W., are to hand. The work of the new Warden, the Rev. E. A. Radcliff, M. A., is much appreciated.

The Rev. J. P. Bridges, B.A., formerly of Tasmania, was inducted to the charge of the church at Kyabram, Victoria, a short time since by Archdeacon Langley.

Canon Tucker, of Christ Church, South Yarra, has resigned his position as secretary to the Council of Trinity College, which he has held for a long time.

Mr. R. G. Kent has been appointed by the Bishop of Melbourne to fill the position of lay canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr. J. F. Richardson.

The Bishop of Bathurst was presented with an Episcopal Chair by the parishioners of St. Barnabas' Church, South Bathurst, in connection with the occasion of the dedication of the recently erected tower and spire.

We understand that the Bishop of Adelaide has invited Canon Gore and Canon Knox Little to come to Australia in connection with the Adelaide Church Congress, to be held at Michaelmas, 1902.

The Bishop of North Queensland contemplates carrying into action shortly the scheme proposed by the Synod in 1895 for the formation of a brotherhood to enable the scattered country districts to have more regular ministrations than can be possible under the ordinary parochial system.

On Sunday morning, April 21, the Bishop of Carpentaria arrived at Burketown, one of the oldest towns in Northern Queensland, but which has not been visited even by a priest for a great number of years. In the evening the Divisional Hall was filled by a very large congregation of men, and the Bishop preached a practical sermon which was listened to with great attention, and made, apparently, considerable impression.

THE CHURCH IN OTHER LANDS.

It is proposed to hold the jubilee of Trinity College, Toronto, in June, 1902.

Amongst the Court appointments announced in the "Gazette" we notice—the Bishop of Winchester to be Clerk of the Closet in Ordinary, and the Bishop designate of London to be Dean of the Chapels Royal.

The King has given a donation of one hundred guineas to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the bi-centenary of which was observed by a special service in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, recently.

On a recent occasion Canon Gore gave a scholarly address to London Wesleyan ministers at Wesley's Chapel, City Road, his subject being "The Virgin Birth of Christ and its Religious Significance and Historical Evidence." There was a large attendance.

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The Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, of Capetown, whose name is a household word throughout South Africa, has just celebrated his 70th birthday. On the occasion he was the recipient of an address signed by the Premier (Right Hon. Sir Gordon Sprigg), the acting-Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Buchanan), the Hon. W. P. Schriener, representative members of Parliament, the leading divines of the Roman Catholic and Dutch Reformed Churches, and of all the Nonconformist bodies, also by the Chief Mohammedan Priest.

The vicar of St. Luke's, Barrow-in-Furness, is making an attempt to revive the old practice of catechising the congregation. After evensong on Sunday he holds a special mission service, consisting of prayers, the reading of the Bible, the Creed, hymns, and a sermon. The vicar then catechises the congregation on some of the points in the sermon just preached, and also on what they were taught the previous Sunday. The apparent novelty of the services has drawn together large congregations, and great interest is taken by the people in the catechising, the answers to the questions being readily given.

MISSIONARY.

WHAT THE NEW GUINEA MISSION HAS DONE.

At Samarai there is a day school; at Hioge a Christian Industrial Settlement has been established; at Dogura there is a Farm, an Orphan Home, a Boarding School, and a Printing Press. Natives to the number of 150 have been baptised; of these 32 are communicants. The staff consists of the Bishop, three priests, eleven laymen, ten ladies, and eight South Sea Islanders.

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WHAT THE MISSION WANTS.

At Samarai—A church and a proper residence for those who work there, a clergyman to make this his headquarters and work among the whites here. At Dogura—A clergyman is needed here and a medical man. At Mukawa—A college for the further training of native teachers. Collingwood Bay and Cape Nelson—A clergyman is wanted to take command here. Mamba River—We need a better boat than we have; an oil launch would be useful. A steam launch is a necessity for the Bishop. From April 1st to 23rd he was stranded at the mouth of the Mamba River, while three missionaries were waiting for their Easter Communion. Contributions are needed to wipe out the overdraft of £1500.

CLIPPINGS.

"We go wild with delight over the ceremonies and uniforms of Imperial troops, and we are getting ready to go off our heads in a delirium of self-flattering excitement over the Duke of Cornwall—both very pardonable excitements, surely, but either pomp or ceremony is utterly sinful, or it is capable of being put to good use. If it is not sinful to use it for soldiers and Royalty, then it must be still further removed from sin to use it for the worship of Almighty God, and the sooner we put this principle into practice the better. It is in peril of becoming sinful whenever we touch it, because we do nothing at all to sanctify it."—Auckland (N.Z.) "Church Gazette."

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While the Puritan fanatics have been raging horribly against Bishop Winnington Ingram, it is all the more refreshing to find that General Booth, of the Salvation Army, is more liberal than the foes of his own household. General Booth writes to the Bishop—"We cannot but regard it as a blessed promise for the reign of his Majesty King Edward VII. and for the century that so young and yet so experienced and so devoted a servant of the poorest should be chosen for this great appointment." Dr. Winnington Ingram replies—"Dear General Booth, I thank you for your very warm-hearted welcome to the difficult post to which I have been called. It is a great strength to me to know that I shall have your prayers and the prayers of your people.—Yours very gratefully (signed), A. F. Stepney."—"The Church Commonwealth."

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

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jects I have set before me. Will not many of our people send their promises to me at once without waiting for any further appeal? I hope I shall be allowed to resume the printing of an annual report, in which the collections and subscriptions from each parish will be shown, so that there may be a wholesome emulation in helping to put upon a sound basis the most important fund of the Diocese.—I am, Sir, etc.,

FRED. T. WHITINGTON,
Archdeacon of Hobart and Launceston.

THE MISSION SHIP.

To the Editor of the "Messenger." Sir,—The Bishop of Melanesia has asked me to report what we in Tasmania have done for his proposed new ship. I will, therefore, also give an account, if you will allow me, to our people of what the returns have been to this date. Sunday schools, Trevallyn, 9s. 6d.; West Devonport, 7s. 6d.; East Devonport, 10s. 6d.; S. Aidan's, Launceston, 5s. 6d.; Holy Trinity, Hobart, 12s. 6d.; S. Paul's, Launceston, 25s. I have also received from Ulverstone 12s. 6d., from Beaconsfield 12s. 6d., Circular Head, 25s., Longford 12s. 6d., Miss Maxwell 50s., Miss Chambers 4s. 6d., K. W. 2s. 6d.—Total £9 10s. Twenty-two of the clergy to whom I sent books have made no report as yet. May I beg of them to do so?—Yours, etc.,

E. T. HOWELL,
Hon. Sec. S.B.A. for the Diocese.
Carriack, June 6.

A HAPPY SUGGESTION.

A suggestion has been made that a framed and glazed portrait of Queen Victoria should be placed in every State-school in Tasmania on June 20, Victoria's day.

The idea has been taken up in many parishes. It is hoped that it will be carried out universally.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

"Russian Scandal."—Have you ever played a game called "Russian Scandal?" You begin by whispering a little story in your neighbour's ear, who whispers it on to his neighbour, and so it goes the round of the company; the last player repeats it aloud, and it is generally so grown and altered that you would hardly recognise your own

story. For instance, if you begin by saying, "I went to market yesterday and bought a fine black and white pig with a curly tail for £3 10s," the chances are it will come out something like this—"I went to Margate to buy a magnificent blue and yellow parrot; it had two beaks and four tails, and cost £310." We may sometimes learn a lesson at play, and I think this game teaches us to take care how we tell even a small and seemingly innocent story against our neighbour, for stories grow as snowballs do.

LAUNCESTON RURAL DEANERY.

A chapter meeting was held during the fore and afternoon of the 28th ult. Most of the clergy were present. A number of matters of passing interest were discussed, and certain suggestions made as to future action. The Rev. C. Fawns, M.A., read an excellent paper on "English Reminiscences." It was full of suggestive hints on the possible development of parochial work on higher lines amongst us, as well as being replete with descriptions of Church life in England. It was greatly enjoyed.

In the evening a conference was held, when a fair number of laymen and clergy entered an appearance. After the election of the Rev. E. G. Barry and Mr. E. Whitfield as members of the new Advisory Board for this Deanery, Mr. Whitfield read a first-rate paper on "The Layman's work and place in the Church." Coming, as it did, from a man of varied and very wide experience, and, withal, one truly a son of the Church, it was most valuable. We had hoped to have printed the greater portion of it in this issue, but the pressure of other matter has made it impossible. It may come later on. The drift of the paper was to show how varied were the ways in which laymen can assist in Church work. The loss of power where no lay-work was attempted was pointed out, and sharply contrasted with the efforts of some of the Nonconformist bodies, markedly, the Salvation Army. A long and interesting discussion followed, in which many took part. It is a pity more lay folk, of both sexes, could not have heard the arguments for renewed efforts to strengthen the hands of the clergy, instead of waiting to be ministered unto as though they were sick children. We trust much that was said may induce the Diocesan Conference Committee to place the subject, and some of the speakers' names, on the programme for November next. A practical matter like this is worth many others, so common on these occasions, which have no bearing on our daily work and life.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

"To a man of earnestness life is given to be used and accounted for."—Edmonds.

"No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage ground of truth."—Bacon.

"Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good action to all eternity."—Lavater.

"Pray for wisdom and pursue the path dictated by conscience, and then peace will follow."—William Wilberforce.

"Man exists for culture; not for what he can accomplish, but for what can be accomplished in him."—Goethe.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GENERAL CHURCH FUND.

(To the Editor of "The Messenger.")

Sir,—I send herewith—by order of the Bishop—some notes of my first tour as Archdeacon for all the Diocese, and I ask leave to draw special attention to what I there say as to the absolute need for a more general support of the fund by means of annual subscriptions. The fund has lost nearly £1000 a year of its income through the fall in the rate of interest, and now it seems we shall be deprived of some £200 per annum more, because the large half-yearly collections from S. John's, Launceston, are apparently being diverted into the important and necessary work recently begun, of rebuilding the Parish Church. But there is no cause for wild alarm even in the face of this serious state of things if only a larger number of church-people will become regular subscribers to the fund. A printed report in the Diocesan Office, dated 1887, shows that then there were more than 200 yearly subscribers, while last year's list gives under 80! This makes it quite plain that a most important branch of the finances of the fund has been allowed to fall almost into abeyance. To revive the annual subscription list is one of the main ob-

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SCOTTSDALE.

Our annual Jubilee Fair for paying off the Church debt was held last month. The weather, for the first time for some years, was all that could be desired, and this, together with the hearty co-operation of everyone, made the Fair the success it was. A good deal of preliminary work had been done under the Rector's wife, Mrs. Hevingham Root, who had also a general supervision of the whole Fair. The stall-holders and their assistants were as follow:—Refreshment—Misses Roberts, assisted by the Misses Whittham, Selwood, and Muriel White. Fancy—Mrs. Huttley, assisted by Mrs. Rogers and Miss Hoakway. Lolly—Misses Bussel and Fleming. Produce—Mrs. and the Misses Salier and Miss Ladbury. Vegetable—Messrs. Ladbury and Wade.

It will be seen by the following balance-sheet that the gross amount taken was nearly £51. We take this opportunity of thanking all our kind friends in Launceston and elsewhere who so readily responded to our appeals. Receipts, £50 17s 6d; expenditure, £2 7s 6d; leaving a balance of £48 10s towards the debt extinction.

Ascension Day was a busy one with us. It is almost impossible to have an early celebration here, except on very rare occasions, owing to a variety of causes, so we generally celebrate the festivals that fall during the week by Festal Evensong. This year the Rural Dean, Rev. W. Hevingham Root, decided to hold the Ruridecanal conference on Ascension Day. His object was to try to bring into greater prominence this festival day, which has not hitherto been observed as have Christmas and Easter, although it is of equal importance with them. The conference met in S. Barnabas Church at 4 in the afternoon, and, as one result of its deliberations, the Rural Dean and Mr. R. G. Ladbury were appointed the representatives of this Deanery on the Advisory Board.

A good congregation assembled at Evensong, when a very bright service was held. The preacher was the Rev. C. L'Oste, of S. Helen's, who came on his bicycle all the way (about 70 miles), through rough and mountainous country, doing the journey in one day. This is a record for one of his age—three score years and ten! We regret to say that on his return journey his machine met with an accident near Lot-tah. Luckily, however, as far as we can learn, the reverend rider was not injured, as he walked the remaining 17 miles to S. Helens.

Whit Sunday and Trinity were both very miserable days—sodden, dark, and raw. On Trinity, however, we were

favoured by the presence of two visitors from Launceston, who not only helped us in the choir, but sang two anthems—Miss B. Ferguson, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair"; Mr. Morgan, "Consider the Lilies."

The Archdeacon has been visiting the outlying parts of the Parish with the Rector. He left Hobart by the mail train on Tuesday night (May 28), was writing in the train for the "Church News" till 2 a.m. on Wednesday morning, reached Launceston at 7 a.m., left for Scottsdale at 8.15 a.m., arrived 11.30 a.m., had lunch and started for Ringarooma, which was reached at 5 p.m. After tea at Mr. F. Kruska's, met the Churchwardens at 7.15; had Evensong afterwards, together with a baptism. If this be a specimen of the average 24 hours' work of the Archdeacon, we can safely prophecy that in a very short time a fresh Archdeacon will be needed. The next day (Thursday, May 30) was taken up with visiting Branhxholm, where he was the guest of Mr. Wilson, and Derby. Here, after Evensong, he met the people, and told them what had been done towards getting a Curate for Ringarooma and Derby. Collectors were appointed for Derby (Misses Westrope and Heathorn), Branhxholm (Miss Wilson), Moorina (Miss Nobes). On Friday, Scottsdale was reached, and in the afternoon he had a talk with the Churchwardens on various matters. In the evening he drove to and assisted at the entertainment given at Springfield for clearing the Churchyard. On Saturday he left for Hobart, and, in spite of the harassing week, said the trip had done him good. But this hurried visit has plainly shown that his appointment will not influence the G. C. F. only, but will tend to unify and solidify the Diocese in every direction, and will make itself felt in various ways and divers forms throughout the Diocese.

SPRINGFIELD.

In my last contribution I neglected to say that Mr. Lowther, superintendent of the Sunday School, had removed into Scottsdale. This left vacant the superintendency, which has now been filled by the election of Miss Lodge to the vacant post. On Trinity Sunday the Rector distributed the prizes to the Sunday School scholars. Before doing so, he explained the principle on which they were awarded, showing how each scholar only received the prize earned by his own efforts and conduct. A good deal has been done in clearing up the Churchyard, of which accounts have at various times appeared in "The Messenger." But still more remains to be done, and on the 31st ult. a concert and coffee supper were held in the school-room, which was crowded to the doors. Most fortunately, the Venerable Archdeacon Whittington was visiting the Parish,

and he very kindly gave us two readings—we wanted four—which were highly appreciated. Mr. Clayton also gave a reading. Mr. O. Hevingham Root, Mr. Clarke, and Miss Muriel White each sang. The Misses Lester played some instrumental pieces, whilst Mr. Waller performed the duties of an accompanist. All did their best, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Below is the balance-sheet of the Sunday School for 1900:—

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1899	1	14	8½
Proceeds of Concert	4	2	4
Books Sold	1	7	6
	£7	4	6½
Dr.	£	s.	d.
Prize Books, etc.	5	12	6
Catechisms, etc., etc.	0	9	0
Making Tent	0	8	0
	6	9	6
Cash in Hand	0	15	0½
	£7	4	6½

ST. JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON.

On Ascension Day the choir of the Parish Church took part in the united service at Holy Trinity. As reference is made rather fully of this enjoyable function in our "Musical Echoes," and also in the local notes from Trinity itself, it is hardly wise to give a third version. We may, however, say how pleased we were to see such a good muster of choristers, and to note the kindly feeling evinced all round. We desire to thank the "Trinitarians" for their hospitality on the day in question. Lastly, let us express a hope that never again will this great festival of "The Ascension" be less well observed amongst us than on this occasion. In days gone by hardly any notice was taken of it, though the Prayer Book has special services to mark it, and a careful study of these, reveals the fact that it is of equal importance with Christmas or Easter.

The monthly meetings of the members of our Communicants' Union have not been so well attended of late as they should be. Many of the male members are in the local forces, and are summoned regularly to parade on the evening set aside; others have to attend the Technical School, and hence their absence. We have considered the advisability of changing the evening in question, but find no other time would suit so well. It is a pity that once a month all other engagements cannot be cancelled in favour of this little gathering, which is a simple preparation for the monthly Communion, and not to be lightly overlooked. Let us remind all communicants, young or old, that a special address is always prepared by one of the clergy, and it is a poor recompense when many never give the "class," as it is called, a second thought.

Our confirmation classes are in full swing. There has, however, been much valuable time wasted in efforts to secure the attendance of the proverbially "shy" young man or woman who takes a tremendous amount of persuasion. This parish has never, at any rate of late years, been fully manned, and the extra exertion imposed on the clergy in this one matter alone is hardly credible. It is surely one plain duty of parents or of employers to induce suitable candidates to come forward.

The monthly meeting of district visitors was poorly attended, owing, doubtless, to the inclement weather. Ladies should make an effort to attend. The good done by this little band of workers is a proof how greatly the poorer families value their visits. We want many other such helpers. Who will offer?

The annual meeting of the Young People's Christian Union was held on the 4th instant. The roll number is nearly 50. Thirty-six meetings were held during the year. Some of these were for Bible studies, under the clergy, others were work parties on behalf of the annual Fair for the Mission House. Several socials were also held. Miss Bird, the secretary, deserves great praise for the able manner in which she has handled the matter, though, in naming her, we are not unconscious of the devoted allegiance of many others. We hope this year to raise the numbers to a hundred. Next year this Union intends "running" a complete stall at the above-named Fair. Well done, young people!! Miss Bird, or the clergy, will be thankful to hear of the names of any young men or women who will join the Union. The Rector occupied the chair at the meeting in question.

The Rev. W. S. Stone left us on the 31st ult. to take up his work at S. Paul's. It is with very deep regret we part with Mr. Stone. About eighteen months only has he been at S. John's, and yet he has left many warm friends behind him. All wish that blessing and happiness may await his labours in his new sphere of work.

"Troubles never come alone, but in troops," so our great poet tells us, and an instance is forthcoming in the further news that Mr. Burnett, our trained evangelist, may be leaving for other work at the end of the present month.

More of this anon. Without regular clerical help, the work will fall heavily upon the Rector, and his people must rally round him, and do all they can to assist him. The confirmation classes and the lessons given regularly in the day schools make the work unusually heavy. Let all pray that some whole-hearted man may be raised to take Mr. Stone's place. We are thankful to be able to announce that the Rev. Wilkin-son will assist the Rector as often as possible.

The foundations of a part of the new church are now in, and a magnificent groundwork they are for the future fabric. The money we have raised is swallowed up in the portion done. A scheme has been evolved for the collection of further sums. All who owe any allegiance to, or who bear any kindly feeling towards, S. John's will be asked to give as much as they can spare each year for three years. Now, if never before, must the spirit of self-denial be shown by all who have the welfare of S. John's at heart. At least £5000 must be raised if the transepts and chancel are to be completed.

The mural tablet in memory of the late Mr. W. J. Genders, for many years superintendent of S. John's Sunday school, erected in the school-room, was unveiled by the Rector last month. The time chosen was during the afternoon school, when a large number of visitors and several hundreds of children were present. A special little service had been prepared for the occasion. The Rector spoke at some length about the splendid life and fine work of Mr. Genders, and very touching it was to note the evidences of sorrow in the children's faces as he referred to the affection the deceased bore to all the scholars. Such a life amongst us, so full as it was of high intelligence and devotion to God, will not readily be forgotten. The tablet, by its presence, cannot but recall his memory vividly to all who knew him, and when these have passed away,

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S. John's Branch of the Children's Home Missionary Union. — The secretary desires to acknowledge the receipt of the various sums given to this good cause as hereunder:—Anderson, H., 2s.; Bentley, M., 1s.; Cooper, P. M., 1s.; Collins, 1s.; Evans, R., 6d.; Evans, N., 8d.; Evans, F., 6d.; Fairthorne, L., 1s.; Fairthorne, Gordon, 1s.; Fairthorne, F., 1s.; Fairthorne, M., 1s.; Fairthorne, G., 1s.; Genders, M., 1s 6d.; Genders, D., 6d.; Green, L., 1s.; Gaunt, D., 6d.; Gaunt, K., 6d.; Gaunt, L., 6d.; Martin, C., 6d.; Martin, S., 6d.; Martin, G., 3d.; Martin, E. C., 1s.; Meredith, M., 6d.; Meredith, G., 6d.; Perrin, C., 2s.; Perrin, S., 6d.; Perrin, I., 6d.; Perrin, N., 3d.; Pardy, V., 6d.; Stackhouse, J., 6d.; Stackhouse, E., 6d.; Tenniswood, E., 1s.; Unsworth, A., 3d.; Unsworth, N., 3d.; Wilkinson, J., 6d.; Wilkinson, C., 6d.; Wilkinson, M., 6d.; Wilkinson, Joyce, 6d.; Whitfield, R., 1s.; Whitfield, M., 1s.; Wilmot, A. P., 6d.; White, L., 1s.; S. John's Sunday School, half-yearly collection, £3 4s. 9d.; S. Aidan's Sunday School, half-yearly collection, 9s. 3d. Total collections, £5 5s. 2d. This makes a total of £40 2s. 2d. sent from S. John's Parish since this Union was started. Although this is indeed gratifying, there must be large numbers of children and young people who should make an effort to contribute to this good work. All the money collected goes towards the missionaries who preach the gospel in the bush and back blocks in Tasmania. We do not really recognise how important this is, because we have a comfortable church, clergy, plenty of books, and so on; but far away in the bush people often go 10 miles to a service held perhaps in a barn or shed. Remember, then, that your donations are valued highly indeed, and God blesses children who do their best to spread the gospel in this way. The secretary (Mr. G. Cox) will be glad to enrol names and receive subscriptions for this cause. One penny per month is the subscription for members, but more is often given. The next collection will be taken up about next October and, then, after this year, we shall try and make the half-yearly collection in January and July.

Marriage.—May 27, William Huxley to Georgina Arvonja Gertrude Parry.

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Burials.—May 17, Albert Henry Windsor; 20, Charles A. Wathen, Henrietta Emily Thompson.

Baptisms.—April 14, Irene Quigly; May 8, Eric Randolph Thompson, Florence Ethel Watson, Percy Basil Lyle Bryce, Fanny Ona Florence Peattie; 15, Frederick Thomas Dalton, Violet Florence Jacobson, Edith Miriam Robson, Ernest Keith Lee; 20, Hazel Frances Roberta Saunders; 22, Ruby May Bickrell, Eliza Jane Bishop; 24, Vera Rebecca Myrl Mummings, Myrl Victoria Southers; 29, Vera Grace Bryant, Colin John Hunn, Tasman Hussey Hare, Clarence Victor Brown, Reginald Henry Booker.

S. JOHN'S MISSION HOUSE.

The following subscriptions and donations are thankfully acknowledged:—Miss Laurence (Melbourne), 5s.; Mrs. W. S. Johnstone, £1; Mrs. Lithgow, 1s.; Mrs. Alex. Evans, 5s.; Mrs. Fisher, 5s.; Mrs. Craske, 10s.; Mrs. Home, clothes; Dempsters, hats; Mr. Brockett, clothes; Mr. Brammall, clothes.

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

The long-talked-of and long-expected rifles for the Church Lads' Brigade are now actual possessions, through the kindness of Mr. A. L. Green, who generously presented the deficiency of money before they could be obtained. The annual prizes were presented last month. The one given by their chaplain, Canon Beresford, for the greatest improvement and regularity, was won by Sergeant Fred. Howell; and the one given by Mr. A. Curtis for neatness and deportment was won by Corporal Stanley Craske. Their instructor, Colour-Sergeant Dobson, put the lads through some rifle exercises, for which they were highly complimented by Canon Beresford, who was much pleased with the progress they had made. The boys then sang the National Anthem, and dispersed.

The success which attended the Mission House Fair was a cause for much gratitude, and abundantly shows both the hard work that was put into it and the generosity of our many friends, both town and country, who responded so freely to our appeal. Considering that it was only six months since we



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had the last one, and the fact of so many being away in Melbourne at the festivities in connection with the Royal visit, the net result of the Fair, about £68, was beyond our expectations. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Fray for so kindly undertaking all the entertainment part, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, and to Messrs. Munnew and Findlay for the loan of the piano. All the stall holders deserve the highest praise for the trouble they took to make the Fair so successful, and especially Mr. E. T. Tevelein, who had the lion's share of the responsibility. The Fair will now be held annually in May, as this is considered the best time of the year for such "functions."

S. AIDAN'S.

The Sunday-school has recently suffered a heavy loss in the enforced retirement on account of ill-health of its popular superintendent, Mr. Miller, who for some years has done so much for this work. It was hoped Mrs. Miller might have been able to continue, even though her husband had to retire, but it has proved too much for her strength. The very warmest thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Miller for all the valuable work done and the self-denial they have shown for S. Aidan's. We are thankful to know that Mr. J. Rushfirth has been induced to fill Mr. Miller's place, though by the arrangement S. John's School loses a good worker. No one thus far has been found to fill Mrs. Miller's especial sphere.

HOLY TRINITY, LAUNCESTON.

On Ascension Day a united service was held at the parish church in the evening. The service commenced with a processional hymn, sung as the choir and clergy entered the church at the west door. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. W. S. Stone, the first lesson

was read by the Rev. C. G. Wilkinson, the second by Canon Beresford, and at the close of the service the Rev. A. Barkway gave the blessing.

The Rev. A. W. Schapira, Rector of Cullenswood, preached an earnest and eloquent sermon from the text, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in."—Psalm xxiv.9. The preacher's intimate knowledge of the Holy Land lent his words peculiar interest and impressiveness. His address was listened to with rapt attention by a large congregation.

The choirs of the three Churches—S. John's, S. Paul's, and Holy Trinity—combined for the occasion under Mr. A. L. Wells, the choirmaster of S. Paul's, and Miss K. Richardson ably discharged her duties as organist.

We hail these united services with joy, as setting forth the true ideal of Church worship. Though our work lies apart in different districts of the town, and among every shade of creed and character, yet in aim, in heart, in worship, we are one—one in Him whom we adore, and one in holy fellowship with each other.

As we keep this high ideal before us, these united services cannot fail to be uplifting and helpful, as well as bright and popular.

The Rector returned on May 22 from a month's holiday in Melbourne.

We take this opportunity of thanking the Revs. C. G. Wilkinson and J. E. M. Roche for so kindly helping us in the Sunday duty, thus enabling the Rector to enjoy a well-earned rest.

We should like to call the attention of our parishioners to the fact that evensong is said daily in the parish church at 5 o'clock. At present the daily service is but poorly attended. Surely there are some who could spare half an hour so as to become "remembrancers who keep not silent, and give the Lord

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The Young Men's Club held a most successful social in the schoolroom on the evening of May 31. The entertainment was of an informal nature, most of the young people present enjoying a variety of indoor games, between the vocal and instrumental items.

The president, the Rev. E. G. Barry, gave a short address during the evening, in which he set forth the aims of

the club, and also appealed to those present for support. A small committee of ladies—Mrs. Croft, the Misses Fraser, Dell, and Sutton—superintended the refreshments, which were served during the interval. The club's committee are to be congratulated on all their arrangements, especially on having such loyal and capable helpers among the ladies.

A healthy rivalry among the girls and young women in the parish has led them to set on foot a movement to have

a weeknight club of their own. With this object in view they will meet in the schoolroom on Thursday, June 13, after the evensong, to form and elect a committee to serve the new "Girls' Social Guild."

Baptisms.—May 9 Martha Vera De Boo; 16, Doris Emma May Emms.

Burials.—May 6, William Leggett; 16, Emma Mitchell.

Marriage.—May 22, Alfred Charles Ferrall and Edith Maud Mary Oliver.



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S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

A handsome new porch and vestry with stained glass windows have just been added to the schoolroom by Messrs. J. and T. Gunn, from designs by Mr. Alex. North, architect.

By the removal of the temporary vestry, additional seating accommodation for thirty to thirty-five persons is obtained at the back of the hall—just what we wanted. The building had to be closed for a Sunday while the improvements were being made, but was opened again for divine service on Whit Sunday. Though the morning and evening services are well attended, there are comparatively few children in the Sunday school. We would urge parents at Invermay to send their children to the school. It is held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and is under the superintendence of the Rev. C. A. Fawns.

S. PAUL'S, LAUNCESTON.

On Wednesday evening, June 5, the parishioners and friends of S. Paul's met in the schoolroom to celebrate an event unprecedented in the history of this parish, viz, the advent of an assistant Curate. In spite of the wet weather the room was well filled. The welcome took the form of a social gathering. The Rector introduced the Rev. W. S. Stone, formerly assistant Curate of S. John's, the neighbouring parish, whom Canon Beresford, at great loss to himself and parish, had allowed to leave to take up the duties of an assistant at S. Paul's. In the course of his speech the Rector, referring to his connection with the parish of over 40 years, said that he considered this a red-letter day, and one which he could never have dreamt of seeing. Mr. Hardwicke Weedon addressed a few words of welcome on behalf of the

churchwardens. Mr. Stone responded in a suitable manner.

The engagement of an assistant Curate has been rendered possible through the liberality of an unknown donor. The Rector hopes that the parishioners will take the "Messenger," as notices can be issued from time to time, and any alterations or additions to the standing list of services can also be notified in this column. The present list of services is as follows:—First Sunday in month, Matins and H.C., 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Second Sunday, Matins and Litany, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Third Sunday, H.C., 8 a.m.; Matins and Litany, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Fourth and Fifth Sundays, Matins and Litany, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Matins, 10 a.m.; Friday, Evensong, 7.30 p.m.

DELORAINÉ.

Conference.—On Wednesday, May 8, a Conference for clergy and laity was held at Delorainé. The Rural Dean, the Rev. L. T. Tarleton, presided, and several of the neighbouring clergy were present, amongst whom were Dr. Craig, Rev. J. Brammall, and others. The day's proceedings were begun by a celebration of the Holy Communion at the church, followed by luncheon at the Rectory, and a business meeting in the schoolroom, at which Mr. A. Horne was elected as lay-representative of this rural deanery of the Advisory Board to the Diocesan Council. Conferences are certainly not popular with the laity. Over 50 were asked from this district, and seven came; 15 promised to come to lunch, and three came. Some, wardens included, never even favoured us with a reply. This is hardly business-like. A chance to

"buy back the opportunity" is noted under the paragraph "District Council."

Sunday School Tea.—This event took place on Wednesday, May 15, when the children of S. Mark's Sunday school assembled in the playground at 1.30, and from there marched to the Recreation Ground, where, the weather being bright and fine, the afternoon was spent in games and races. At 4.30 they returned to the schoolroom for tea, and afterwards were entertained with the gramophone and with a magic-lantern. One item served to depress, however, and that was the news of the resignation of the superintendent (Mr. W. D. Harris) from the Sunday school, where he has laboured for so long. The evening closed with a happy medley of cheers, buns, and lollies.

Ascension Day.—Four services marked the anniversary of the day of special import in the Church's year.—Holy Communion at 7.30, a service for children at 9.30, Holy Communion at 11.30, evensong with address at 5.

A Lecture on Travels in Egypt and Palestine was given on May 17 by the Rev. A. W. Schiapira, whose account of the life and customs of the Eastern people was most interesting. Their various styles of costume were shown on living representatives, who sat and reclined on the platform in graceful attitudes, and added much to the charm of the graphic descriptions of the lecturer. A coffee supper was afterwards served, and several musical items enlivened the evening, those who contributed being Mrs. Hayes, Miss Young, and Mrs. Quinlan.

District Council.—The time has come to formulate our work. It is necessary to put our parish organisation on definite lines. Those living at a distance who accept Church office must have opportunity, and rea-

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lise their responsibility, to bring themselves into touch with the Church work of the district as a whole. It is therefore proposed to open what is usually understood by a parish council for the whole district, to meet once a year. This time it had better meet in July, but usually in November or December. You ask what is a parish Council? Come and see. What will it do? (1) It will endeavour to place the finances of the parish on a progressive basis, if you will allow an Irishism; (2) It will endeavour to consolidate the spiritual side of the work. Every worker, male or female, from the Rector to the church mouse, has a right to a seat and vote in the Council.

Sunday School.—We welcome Mr. J. R. Alcock as superintendent. He has had experience in this work when at Manchester, England.

Notices.—There will be no celebration of Holy Communion on Sundays 16 and 23, owing to the Rector's required administrations at Oatlands. Noonday celebration on 30th at St. Mark's. Our people in the district are asked to remember that the 30th is the fifth Sunday of the month, when no services are held except according to special notice.

Holy Cross Concert is proposed for Wednesday, June 26; St. Mark's Choir Social, Thursday, June 27. On June 29 (St. Peter's Day), celebration at St.

Mark's at 7.30 a.m.; on Friday, June 28, at Delorainé, Service for those lately confirmed.

First Friday in each month in the schoolroom at 7.15, Teachers' Class for S. Mark's Sunday school.

On each Friday afternoon, commencing July 5, in the old Baptist Chapel, a Bible Study at 3.15; open to all.

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LONGFORD.

The services on Ascension Day were
Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and even-
song at 7.30. The Thanksgiving
feast was very badly attended. Surely,
in our large district, more than the
faithful "two or three" should be found
fulfilling our Lord's command on such
a triumphal day! The music at the
evening service was bright and hearty,
and the glorious hymns of this season
are always inspiring.

On May 15 a cantata, called "A Har-
vest Lay," was rendered by the children
of Christ Church Sunday-school. They
were trained for this occasion by the
Misses Hutchinson, who kindly gave
much time and thought to fitting the
young people to play their parts.
There were about 40 performers. Louie
Bowles and Tasman McIntyre, who
were "Queen" and "King" of the har-
vest Revellers, were recalled by the
audience. Other groups were much ad-
mired, both for their appearance and for
the way in which they delivered their
speeches. We may mention four dear
little mites, dressed in white, with
white Puritan bonnets, who were
greatly applauded. The new platform
looked its best, filled with happy little
people, who are proud of paying for
this addition to their school-room.

Mrs. Dodery kindly lent stage proper-
ties; Mrs. Whitfield and Miss Ward
originated costumes for the performers;
Miss Boyes and Miss Mackinnon, Mrs.
Bowles, and Mrs. W. Bean, Mrs. Crack,
and Miss Hilda Crack, and Mrs. L. Tar-
leton helped in decorating the room.
The stage decorations were carried out
with rushes, grain, and bright chrysan-
themums, as well as a rustic bower
above the "throne." There were other
kind helpers who dressed and enter-
tained the children afterwards. The
after-part of the entertainment was a
concert, in which the performers were—
The Misses Brammall (2), Miss R.
Hutchinson, Mr. Harington, Mr. Ste-
phens, and Mrs. L. Tarleton.

The cantata was repeated on the
Tuesday following, when the after-
programme was altered. Mrs. Hardy,
Miss Gutteridge, and Mr. Stephens
kindly contributed songs. Mr. Ernest
Cox made much amusement with his
gramophone, and Mr. Arthur Musgrave
gave some clever character sketches.
The proceeds for the two nights came
to £8.

The offertories in the parish church
for the month show a very serious fall-
ing off, which is the more to be regret-
ted as the rent of glebes for the year
will be £27 less than usual. It would
be well if absentees from church

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The usual monthly service was held
at Cressy road on May 26. The little
chapel was well filled, in spite of heavy
rain falling in the morning, showing
how much the services are appreciated.
A social is talked about.

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The last two Sundays, owing to the
inclemency of the weather, there was
not any service held at Windermere.
The weather was both boisterous and
wet. From what I hear, our new
clergyman (Rev. W. H. Edwardes) was
surprised to find that there were not
any, or but very few, of the congrega-
tion prepared to cross the river for ser-
vice in such bad weather. We do hope
those concerned will hurry the build-
ing of the new church on this side of
the river, which really is so badly
needed, for many would attend divine
service were it not for crossing the
river in rough weather.

We are glad to hear of Claude Rose-
vear returning to his business, after
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CARRICK.

We can now give an account of the
proceeds of the concert kindly given by
Mr. and Mrs. Fray on April 30
for Rectory repairs. The receipts from
tickets and entrance were £4 17s. 3d.,
while the expenses were—Cab hire,
18s.; hall, 10s.; printing and advertis-
ing, 8s. 6d. Total, £1 16s. 6d. Some
of our friends, namely Mr. Dumaresq,
Mesdames Beatty, Jones, and Hardman,
Miss George and Ruby Finney,
however, very kindly contributed 16s.
in all towards the expenses, and so the
net result comes out at £3 16s. 9d.
This is the first instalment of a fund
which we must endeavour to raise to
save the Rectory from falling into a
dilapidated state. The sewing meeting
mentioned last month has not been
arranged for owing to the delay in
getting a room. This, however, we
hope will soon be provided.

The first celebration of Holy Commu-
nion at Entally at 9 a.m. was attended
by six communicants. It is probable
that instead of taking place quarterly
it will be on the first Sunday in each
alternate month. On Sunday, June 30,
being a fifth Sunday, there will be
morning prayer, Holy Communion, and
sermon at Bishopsbourne at 11 a.m.,
the afternoon service on that day being
taken by the lay-reader.

There being a debt of £3 still owing
for repairs to Hadspen schoolroom, an
endeavour will be made to pay it off by
means of an entertainment, to be held
in the room towards the end of the
month. We hope all our Hadspen
friends will co-operate in making this
successful.

The Century Thanksgiving leaflets
have arrived, and will soon be distrib-
uted. In Carrick we hope a steady effort
will be made to pay, by direct giving,
for the numerous small repairs needed
in the church. The exterior needs
colouring again, and there are some
leaks in the roof. We are not a rich
community, but a small contribution
from every member of the congrega-
tion, according to his or her ability,
will in two or three years raise enough
for our purpose. The scheme of the
Thanksgiving Fund extends over five
years, but we hope to have our repairs
done before that. Though the offer-
tories are very small, our people are
willing to give to any good work when
asked.

The Children's Home Mission Union
had been somewhat forgotten in the
changes which have taken place this
year in the parish, but the members
are now contributing again. Miss Guest
having been appointed secretary. We
did well at first, and we hope to main-
tain the reputation of the parish in this
matter. The number of subscribers to
the "Messenger" is also increasing.

Offertories and Communicants.—Illa-
warra, Good Friday, for the House of
Mercy, 10s. 3d.; Easter Day (17), £1
13s. 7d.; April 14, Harvest Thanksgiv-
ing, for the G.C.F., £2 10s. 6d.; 21st
(12), 6s. 4d.; 28th, 7s. 8d.; May 5th,
5s. 1d.; 12th, 8s. 9d. Ascension Day
(9), for the Melanesian Mission, 6s. 6d.;
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rick.—May 5th (19), £1 4s.; 12th, 4s.
3d. Ascension Day (6), for the Melan-
esian Mission, 6s. 9d.; 19th (6), 6s. 3d.;
26th, 3s. 9d. Bishopsbourne.—May
5th, 4s. 6d.; 12th, 12s. 3d.; 19th, 2s. 3d.;
26th, 6s.

CRESSY.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services
plied to many others which have be-
(unavoidably postponed) were held on
Sunday, May 5. The Church was pret-
tily decorated with flowers, fruits,
vegetables, and corn in appropriate
form and designs. A small haystack,
which was a novel and complete orna-
ment, looked quite picturesque. The
services, morning and evening, were
conducted by Rev. W. H. Murray.

On May 8 the funeral of Mrs. James
Hayes took place in Pisa Churchyard.
Great sympathy is felt for Mr. Hayes,
who has been singularly unfortunate,
two of his children having died of
whooping cough not very long ago.

A fresh start has been made with
the Church Lad's Brigade. The right
man for commanding officer has been
secured in Mr. E. H. Lea, who has seen
service with the Tasmanian Contingent
in South Africa. A number of picked
lads are being drilled, and others will
be added to the strength of the Com-
pany as time goes on. The movement
is very popular here, and the boys may
be sure of help from their friends if
they try to make the brigade a success.

On Wednesday, May 15, in common
with the whole of the State-schools,
the Union Jack was punctually un-
furled at Cressy at the appointed time.
At 12.30 the children assembled in the
school yard, and were formed up by
the head teacher (Mr. Cole). Parents
and friends were present in goodly
numbers, and were accommodated with
seats. The Rev. J. M. Norman
gave a short introductory address,
and the signal from the local Tele-
graph Office was awaited. The sig-
nal was given; the flag officer (Miss
Bertha Perkins) pulled the halyard, and
the grand old flag was instantly un-
furled, and as a nice breeze was blow-
ing it streamed out gaily. As the flag
unfurled all present joined in singing
the National Anthem, and then three
hearty cheers were given. Mr. Howard
sang "Rule Britannia," all present join-
ing in the chorus, and short addresses
were made by the Rev. W. H. Mur-
ray and Mr. T. Owen, who impressed
upon the children the importance of
the ceremony in which they were tak-
ing a part, and the necessity for re-
membering that they would in a few
years grow up to be citizens of the
Australian Commonwealth, which was
now fairly launched, and which formed
a part of the greatest Empire the world
has ever seen, exhorting them to be
loyal to God, loyal to their King, loyal
to their country, loyal to themselves,
and to strive to uphold the honour
of the flag which waved above them.
A song, "The Union Jack," was then
sung by the children, and the cere-
mony closed with the singing of the
doxology.

In the afternoon there were sports
for the children, Mrs. Powell kindly
sent her large brake down and gave
the little ones a free drive; and a tea,
at which 170 in all were entertained,
concluded the day's proceedings.

Great credit is due to those respon-
sible for the complete arrangements
made. The teachers were assisted by a
large number of willing hands, who
worked hard to make a success of the
ceremony. The flag and halyard were
bought by money collected by the chil-
dren from friends, and a balance re-
mains in hand, which will be applied
to erecting, painting, and rigging the
new flag-pole.

QUAMBY AND HAGLEY.

On Flag Day the Union Jack was
hoisted at the State-schools of Hagley
and Westwood at the time appointed.
At the latter place W. Carswell, the
senior boy, stood at the halyards vested
in a white scarf adorned with stars for
the six states. The Rev. C. J. Bram-
mall gave an address, and at the signal,
up went the flag, God Save the King
was sung, three hearty cheers given,
and then J. Millar, Esq., addressed the
children, and Miss Viney, the teacher,
entertained them and their friends at
a picnic.

At the State-school, Hagley, on
May 24, the flag was flying
half-mast. The Rev. C. J. Bram-
mall unveiled a beautiful portrait of
Queen Victoria, and the following lines
written for the occasion were re-
cited:—

Victoria! Gracious Queen and mother,
Pattern monarch, woman, wife!
The world is better for thy life—
So great, so good, beyond all other.

Thy jewelled diadem of glory
Is dim beside thy crown of love,
Reflecting glory from above,
Thou brightest star in England's story!

And we, thy children, sadly mourning,
Would fain rejoice at thy reward,
Thy blessed presence with the Lord,
Waiting the Resurrection morning.

Oh, may thy son, our gracious King,
Following thy footsteps wise and
pure,
Reign, in his people's love secure.
And we with heart and voice will sing.

Then, followed God Save the King,
and three lusty cheers. The Rev. Mr.
Hardie, Presbyterian, made some happy
remarks, based on the promise of the
little Princess when informed that she
was the future Queen—"I will be good."
How nobly she fulfilled the promise!

Ascension Day was observed as usual.

Confirmation classes have been going
on for the last three months.

DEVONPORT.

On Saturday, May 18, the Archdeacon
of Launceston paid his first official visit
to this parish, arriving from Ulverstone
by the afternoon train. On Sunday
morning he commenced the work of
the day, being driven by the Rector to
St. Olave's, Don, where he celebrated the
Holy Communion, assisted by the Rec-
tor, and preached a most impressive
sermon from the text Psalm xcvi. 6., at
9 a.m. This church has been pulled
down and removed from the parish of
Forth and Leven and re-erected in the
parish of Devonport on a magnificent
site at the junction of the Latrobe and
Devonport roads, generously given by
Mr. C. J. Nichols. This was the first
service since its completion, and the
interior of the building is now every-
thing that can be desired, from a
church point of view. Some new furni-
ture has been made by the contractors,
a new altar cloth has been made by
Mrs. Wilmer. Mr. Towsey has ren-
dered great help in many ways—he has
made a beautiful I.H.S. for the altar
frontal, besides other work for the Rec-
tor. The contractors have given great
satisfaction for the faithful work they
have done, and Mr. Luttrell, the archi-
tect, kindly superintended the work

free of charge. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols
have displayed a liberality in giving
time and money that is most praise-
worthy, and we trust that other
Church people in the parish and all
over the diocese will imitate them.

The attendance on the opening day
for so early an hour (9 o'clock) was
very good—over 40, and 18 communi-
cants. With the help of lay-readers,
the Rector will be able to provide a
service every Sunday, with a monthly
celebration of Holy Communion at this
church, without taking away any ser-
vices from the rest of the parish. The
Archdeacon also preached the same
day at St. Paul's, East Devonport, at 11
a.m., and was assisted in the service by
the two lay-readers, Messrs. Webb and
Towsey. At St. James's, Northdown, he
also preached, the Rector taking the
prayers, and for the fourth time in the
day he delivered a most powerful ser-
mon at St. John's, Devonport, the Rec-
tor singing Evensong. The mission
room was crowded. On the following
night (Monday) a public welcome was
tendered to Archdeacon Whittington as
the new Archdeacon of Launceston, in
the Town Hall; after which he de-
livered a most amusing and entertain-
ing lecture, entitled, "English Fun and
Fancy"; and at the conclusion of the
lecture he had a talk with the Church
people on the affairs of the parish. The
attendance was very good, considering
the number of other meetings in the
town that night. A cheque of £3 was
the result of the meeting for the Church
fund.

On May 21 Mr. Stearn Phillips, one of
the oldest lay-readers of the diocese,
entered into his rest. He had been a
great sufferer for some months. About
six years ago he came to Devonport
from Westbury, where for many years
he acted as lay-reader and also super-
intendent of the Sunday school, and
until the last six months he has regu-
larly, three Sundays out of four, taken
the morning service at St. John's,
Devonport. On Whit Sunday at Even-
song the Rector, at the conclusion of
his sermon, referred in feeling terms to
the loss he and the congregation had
sustained in the death of Mr. Phillips,
and he trusted many would be led to
follow his good Christian example.

At a meeting held at St. Paul's, East
Devonport, on May 13, Major Spilsbury
was elected churchwarden in the place
of Mr. C. Drew, resigned. At the same
meeting the Rector brought forward
the question of making an effort to
build the new Sunday schoolroom
within the next 12 months, or the £15
granted by the S.P.C.K. Society would
be lost; and he showed how there
would be no difficulty whatever if all
were in earnest about the matter.
Since the meeting the Rector has had
plans and an estimate placed in his
hands, and after consulting with the
churchwardens, will call another meet-
ing of parishioners to see if matters

can be arranged, and call for tenders for the building, and be in a position to claim the grant.

We are glad to see Mrs. Nichols has recovered from her late serious illness, and was able on Trinity Sunday to return thanks to Almighty God in St. Olave's Church, Don. On the same day a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held at the Don in the newly-erected church. It would have been held before but for the delay in finishing the church. Talking about thanksgiving, a layman said to the Rector the other day, "How many people seek the prayers of the congregation, but how few return thanks." And this is quite true. Would that more would return thanks, especially in the Holy Eucharist.

There is a great deal of sickness just now in the parish; several cases of diphtheria. The Rector's eldest daughter has been a great sufferer from the dreadful disease for the last 10 days, but, we are thankful to say, is improving now. The Rector and Mrs. Wilmer desire to thank the parishioners for all their kind sympathy during this anxious time.

Baptisms.—May 6, Cyril Windsor; 9, Doris Burgess, Elena Weller; 17, Robert John Irwin.

Burial.—June, Louisa Butler Twibell.

FORTH AND LEVEN.

We have to chronicle a very welcome visit from Archdeacon Whittington, who arrived in this parish on Saturday, May 11, and gave us one week. On Sunday, May 12, the Archdeacon officiated at St. Stephen's Church, Penguin, in the morning; addressed the Ulverstone Sunday school in the afternoon; and preached in the parish church in the evening. In all cases the congregations were large, and the able and eloquent sermons were greatly appreciated. On Monday, May 13, a Welcome Social was given to the Archdeacon in the Ulverstone Town Hall. The weather was unfavourable, but the attendance very good. We were heartily glad to see parishioners from Forth, Abbotsham, and North Motton present. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the Archdeacon contributing an excellent speech, and a recitation which greatly interested and amused the audience. Charades, songs, and a first-class coffee supper contributed greatly to the general enjoyment. We express our most hearty thanks to all who so

kindly helped to make the evening pass off so successfully. The next evening an entertainment was given in the Upper Castra church building, which was crowded to the doors. The room had been carefully and beautifully decorated, and every effort had been made to secure the comfort of the visitors from Ulverstone. The Archdeacon gave several readings, which were received with hearty applause, and were evidently much enjoyed. Several ladies and gentlemen from Ulverstone kindly gave songs and recitations, and the whole entertainment passed off excellently. The ladies of Upper Castra provided a capital coffee supper, and Messrs. Traill, Flint, and others did all in their power to help in every way. The next day, May 15, the Archdeacon lunched at "Westleigh," Mrs. Beecraft's hospitable house, and visited during the afternoon, returning in time to give an address in the evening at the parish church. On Ascension Day, May 16, the Archdeacon celebrated at the 7.30 a.m. Eucharist at the parish church, when there were 12 communicants, and then journeyed to All Saints' Church, Forth, when the Holy Communion was celebrated, and an address was given by the Archdeacon. There were 10 communicants at this service. In the evening the Archdeacon gave a stirring address at Trinity Church. This was a hearty service, and we thank the choir members for their valuable aid in the singing. Archdeacon Whittington left the parish on Saturday, May 18, having greatly helped and encouraged us by his welcome visit, and stirred us up by his eloquent addresses.

A meeting of the rural deaneries of the Mersey and North-West Coast was held in Ulverstone on May 22. The following clergy attended:—Archdeacon Whittington, the Revs. Tryon Wilson, R.D.; J. K. Wilmer, R.D.; W. Hogg, J. S. Roper, W. Earle, and the Rector of the parish. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 11.45. The chapter met at 2 o'clock, the Rev. J. Tryon Wilson, Rural Dean of the North-West Coast, being in the chair. At 4 o'clock the Chapter and Conference met. The laity who attended were Messrs. Towsey and Webb from Devonport; and Messrs. Berry, Martin, Lakin, Barkworth, and Henslowe, all of whom represented the Forth and Leven parish. An excellent and interesting meeting was held. The Rev. J. Tryon Wilson presided at this meeting also. In the evening a Choral Service was held, and

was very well attended. The Rev. J. K. Wilmer, Rural Dean of the Mersey, intoned the first part of the prayers, the Rev. J. S. Roper taking the second part; the Rev. W. Earle read the first lesson, and the Rev. W. Hogg read the second. The Rev. Tryon Wilson was obliged to return home by the evening train, and so could not join in the service. The Archdeacon preached a most able and thoughtful sermon. The day's offertories, amounting to £1 12s., were given to the S.P.G. It was a genuine pleasure to welcome the visiting clergy and laity to Ulverstone, and we are very grateful to our Ulverstone friends who so kindly gave them hospitality.

A well attended meeting of the parish Council was held at the Rector's house on May 28. Representatives attended from Penguin, North Motton, Forth, Kindred, Abbotsham, and Ulverstone. A good meeting was held. It has been decided to hold a Sale of Gifts in connection with the Church on September 27 and 28. The matter has been well taken up, and several stalls are already arranged for. The sale will be held in the Ulverstone Town Hall, and every effort will be made to make it a success. We are heartily glad to learn that a Sunday school has been started at Upper Castra, under the care of Mr. Wright, jun., and hope it will increase in numbers and prosper greatly; Mr. Martin, our reader in those parts, is doing good work there. We also hear that our Sprent people are desirous of obtaining a bell for their pretty church. It would certainly be a great acquisition, and we hope the effort to obtain it will be successful.

Confirmation classes are now being formed in various centres, and we hope many candidates will be forthcoming. The classes are being formed somewhat earlier this year, so that the Bishop may hold confirmations before the Rector leaves the parish.

SHEFFIELD.

Ascension Day was kept in this Parish by services in St. Barnabas' Church—Matins and Holy Communion at 10.30, Evensong at 7—but the attendance was miserably small. We do trust that our people here will learn to prize and make fuller use of this great festival.

The last three Sundays have been wet, so the attendance was small in consequence. We regretted this especially on Whit Sunday.

The Bishop has announced his intention of paying us a visit in November for the purpose of administering confirmation. Classes will shortly be formed, and the Vicar will be glad to receive the names of all who wish to attend, so that he may arrange when and where to arrange them, so as to suit everyone as far as possible. May we remind our readers in this Parish that all are welcome to these classes? Those who have already been confirmed, those who wish to be confirmed, and those who wish to learn what confirmation means before making up their minds are especially invited.

RINGAROOMA.

Our new font has arrived and been placed in the church—the result of the labours of the last Sale of Gifts—something for all who helped to raise the funds and all who so willingly gave to be proud of. Archdeacon Whittington officially visited us on the 29th, had service in the evening, and dedicated the font; he also had a meeting with churchwardens to see what could be done towards raising the stipend for a curate. The difficulty is a financial one, and now is the time for all true members of the Church to come forward with any little help they may be able to give. At present the burden of supporting the clergy falls on a few. The Church services have been held as usual with the exception of one Sunday, as our lay-reader and his brother, Messrs. Phillips, were called away by the death of their father, of which every one was sorry to hear, the deceased gentleman being greatly respected.

Baptisms.—Daphne Clair Symons.

LILYDALE.

Ascension Day was duly observed with a very hearty service at the Church of the Ascension. There was a large congregation. We have received two very acceptable presents lately. The Vicar has worked with his own hands a well-designed reading-desk, which was used for the first time on Whit Sunday, and Mr. James Barclay, of Launceston, has generously given a pendant with two lamps. We are very sorry that Mr. Clement Dowling talks about leaving next month, after being in the district nearly two years. We heartily wish him God-speed in his new sphere. He is studying for the Diaconate, for which he hopes to obtain a title shortly.

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amounts to £60 a year, which will soon pay off all debts and start a balance at the bank for future use.

S. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, HOBART.

On Wednesday and Sunday, May 22 and 26, the annual Sunday School Fair and Concert took place, both of which passed off very satisfactorily, the net proceeds amounting to £16 14s 8d. Upon the secretary, Miss Rule, rested the lion's share of the responsibility, the other teachers forming a willing band of helpers under her superintendence. The following ladies assisted at the stalls:—Work stall, Mesdames C. B. Pitman and Boyes, and Misses Miller and Norris; cake and refreshment stall, Misses H. and M. Hudspeth; sweets stall, Misses F. Rule and C. S. Newman; competition stall, Misses Day and M. Miller; snowball, Misses Johnstone, Gourlay, Butcher, and I. Pain. Some competitions in the room added to the evening's amusement, especially the ladies "nail driving" and the boys "hat trimming." The Fair was open from 3 to 5.30 and 7 to 9.30, and was largely attended by the Sunday School children, their parents, and friends. The Concert the following evening at 7.30 was even better attended, the room being crowded to the doors, many having to stand throughout. The programme consisted of songs, choruses, recitations, tableaux, piano and violin solos, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Boyes very kindly undertook the training of the children and management of the concert, and, assisted by Mrs. C. B. Pitman, brought it to the above-mentioned successful issue. We heartily thank Mrs. Boyes for the time and trouble spent in arranging such a pleasant evening for us, and hope we shall have another children's concert of a similar kind before the winter is over.

On May 9 some of the children, under the management of Miss Lizzie Williams, gave a concert, the object being to provide a new Sunday School banner before the Royal visit next month. The amount of £1 8s. 6d. was realised. The

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children are all looking forward to the part they are to play in the reception of the Royal visitors, and taking great interest in practising the songs of welcome. We must all hope for bright, sunny weather for the occasion.

The S. John's Young Men's Club has not been so well patronised this winter as has previously been the case; several new members joined this week, and it is to be hoped they are the forerunners of many more. We intend to make it more of a gymnasium club now, as this will make it more attractive to the young men.

Communicants and Offertories.—SS. Philip and James, 3 communicants; May 2, 4 communicants, 3s. 2d.; 5th, 39 communicants, £4 9s. 3d.; 9th, 7 communicants, 1s. 8d.; 12th, 14 communicants, £3 18s. 7d.; Ascension Day, 16th (Clerks' Superannuation Fund), 12 communicants, 7s. 1½d.; 19th, 18 communicants, £3 15s. 7d.; 23rd, 4 communicants; 26th, 28 communicants, £4 5s. 2d.; 27th, 3 communicants; 30th, 4 communicants; 31st, 24 communicants, 10s.

Baptisms.—May 10, Henry Kelly (private baptism).

Burials.—May 16, Catherine Renard, aged 75 years; 25th, Robert Cathcart Eckford, aged 52 years; 31st, Augusta Felicia Finnis, aged 46 years.

The Rector wishes to express his appreciation of the symbols of affection and sympathy shown to him during his late bereavement; in the first place, by our own people, and secondly and to a marked extent, by friends in S. John's Parish of other denominations. It is a great comfort for him to have had their assurances of the esteem and affection in which his dear wife was held by all classes and creeds.

The Rev. Percy Wise, of Adelaide, has consented to hold a mission at S. John's, probably before Lent of next year. Possibly there will be a mission in all Hobart Churches at the same time.

On Ascension Day there was a celebration of Holy Communion at twenty minutes to 8 in the morning, Matins at 10, and choral evensong and sermon at twenty minutes past 7.

On Tuesday evening, May 28, at 7.30, the majority of the members of S. John's choir joined in the united thanksgiving service at the Cathedral to celebrate the bicentenary of the Society for the propagation of the gospel.

At the last monthly meeting of the A.M.U. on May 17, a very interesting paper on Bishop Smithies was read by Miss C. Norris. The missionary boxes were opened, the amount for the quarter being £2 0s. 7d. The next meeting will be held on the 21st, when a paper will be read by Mr. J. V. Johnstone.

The following is an abstract of the balance-sheet of the annual Parish Flower Show:—Amount taken at produce stall, £4 7s. 2d.; picture stall, £2 9s. 1d.; sweets stall, £2 1s. 8d.; cake and refreshment stall, £1 17s. 6d.; sale of flowers, 13s. 3d.; donation, 12s. 6d.; sale of tickets and admission at door, £2 15s. 9d.; total, £14 17s. Total expenses, £3 7s. Net proceeds, £11 10s.

ALL SAINTS', HOBART.

The Nineteenth Century Thanksgiving Fund for this Parish is now fairly started, and bids fair to be a success. The inaugural meeting on the 6th inst. was well attended, and much interest was taken in the proceedings. The Rector, who presided, announced that promises amounting to about £140 had been already received. The first motion approving the general scheme as adopted by Synod was ably proposed by Mr. Thomas Stephens, and seconded by the Archdeacon of Hobart and Launceston in a forcible and convincing address, and was unanimously adopted. Mr. C. J. Maxwell moved a resolution to the effect that the All Saints' Fund should include the paying off the debt on the Rectory (about £400), and it should extend over a period of three years, having an influential and representative committee, to whom the carrying out of the scheme should be entrusted. This was seconded by Mr. L. Macleod, and carried. It was then resolved on the motion of Mr. A. Mault, who strongly advocated regular and systematic giving, and seconded by the very Rev. the Dean, who is also ex officio Rural Dean of the City, that any surplus remaining after paying off the debt should be devoted to the Home Mission Fund of the diocese.

Mr. L. Macleod was appointed hon. secretary of the committee, and Mr. C. J. Maxwell hon. treasurer on the motion of Mr. R. W. Butler, seconded by Mr. Dudley Allport.

During the singing of a hymn, a collection was taken in aid of the Fund, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

The half-yearly Mothers' Union social was held in the school-room on Wednesday, the 5th, and there was a large gathering of members and associates. A short programme of songs and recitations was highly appreciated. The Rector gave a short address, and the mothers were afterwards entertained to tea. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies who had kindly given their services, including Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Ledger, the Misses Giblin, Butler, and Mitchell. Many ladies also assisted Mrs. Buck-

nell, Mrs. Kemp, and Miss S. Butler in the arrangements, which were admirably carried out. Next half-yearly gathering takes the form of a service in All Saints' Church.

Baptisms.—May 8, Ivy Irene Matilda Jane Wise; 17th, Wallace John Ward (private).

Church Offerings.—May 5, £3 15s. 8d.; 12th, £4 4s.; 16th, 14s. 6d.; 19th, £4 1s.; 26th, £4 9s. 4d.; 27th, 1s. 6d.; 28th, 1s. 1d. Total, £17 7s. 1d.

HUONVILLE.

A Flower Show was held in the local hall in connection with St. James's on 17th ult. A fair number of exhibits were staged, the fruit section being very good, but flowers and vegetables were not up to the usual standard. The sum of 11 pounds some odd shillings was netted, which will be devoted to Church purposes. The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Whit Sunday evening; the church was tastefully decorated for the occasion with fruit, corn, vegetables, and flowers; the Rector officiated, and the congregation was good.

On Wednesday, 5th inst., a pretty Wedding took place in St. James's, when Miss Emily Newbon, daughter of our churchwarden, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr. C. Beltz, of Franklin. A large number assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rector. The chancel was decorated with evergreens and white flowers, and a large floral bell was suspended from the chancel arch.

On Monday, 3rd, a Social was held in the schoolroom to enable Miss Newbon's many friends to wish her God speed and happiness in her future life, and also for the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school to present her with a token of esteem for her services in the school as teacher, and which took the form of a handsome teapot and butterdish.

Another very old resident passed away on 24th ult. Mr. Edward Dowling, for many years sexton, until old age compelled him to resign in favour of a younger and stronger man. Deceased and his family have always been very highly respected, and much sympathy is felt for the family in their bereavement.

CLARENCE.

Since the events that have occurred in this parish have been chronicled, various Church meetings have been held, and it may be well that the results of such meetings should be made known to the parishioners generally by means of the "Messenger."

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Bellerive.—The result of the meeting respecting the patronage of the Cure was that it was left in the hands of the Bishop, as before. A meeting of the Church Building Committee is to be held shortly, in order that we may see how our building fund stands, and what further steps shall be taken with a view to the erection of the new church.

Beltana.—At the annual business meeting held in the hall, Messrs. Brammell and Bennetts were re-elected as Church managers. The Church accounts were passed, showing a small balance in hand. A short report of the Sunday school work was given by Mr. Brammell, on behalf of Mr. Hedley Westbrook, superintendent, showing a total number of 50 children on the books.

On May 30 a meeting of parishioners was held in the hall, the Rector presiding. The object of the meeting was in order to consider what steps shall be taken in order to raise funds for the purchase of a piece of ground on which to build a church. A letter from Mr. M. W. Simmonds was read, in which he offered to give a piece of ground for church building, on condition that a church is erected upon the site within a period of six months. It was agreed that Mr. Simmonds should be asked if he will kindly omit the condition made in his generous offer of a piece of ground for Church purposes, or alter the time specified from six months to 12 months. The following ladies of the congregation were appointed as a committee to carry out the object for which the meeting was called, with power to add to their number, viz.: Mesdames Brammell, Bennetts, Willes, and Wilson.

Rokeby.—At a meeting of churchwardens held at the residence of Mr. Hy. Morrisby on May 2, the Rector in the chair, it was decided that the tender of Mr. Herbert Stokell for reglazing the windows of S. Matthew's Church for a sum of £20 be accepted. The churchwardens had intended to use what is known as greenhouse glass for filling the church windows, in order to save a few pounds, which it was thought could be well spent in recolouring the interior of the church; but as soon as the members of our church repairs committee learned what was contemplated, they held a meeting, and virtually made themselves responsible for the extra amount that will be required if the best cathedral glass is used for the new church windows. The Rector and churchwardens at once decided that the better article should be employed, and so the figure to be paid for the new windows will stand at about £23. Last Sunday two of the new windows had been inserted, and were much admired.

Much sympathy is felt in this community for Mrs. Percy, of Bay View, and her family, on the occasion of the death of her daughter, Mrs. Finnis, the wife of Canon Finnis, a former incumbent of Clarence. During Miss Percy's absence, on account of her sister's illness, her place as organist has been kindly filled by Miss Sophy Chipman and Mr. C. Johnson. We were also glad on two occasions to see Mrs. W. Benson, of Bellerive, presiding in her old place at S. Matthew's organ. She expressed herself as being much pleased with the improved condition of the venerable instrument since she last had an opportunity of playing it.

NORTH BRIDGEWATER.

On Thursday, April 25, a Tea Meeting was held in Woods' Hall, the funds of which are to be devoted to St. Mary's Church. The entertainment proved a great success, and a sumptuous repast was provided by the ladies of the congregation, the tables being presided over by Mesdames R. James, A. Dickenson, W. Wood, W. James, D. James, the Misses M'Williams, Piesse, and Wood.

After tea a very pleasant evening was spent, and those present enjoyed immensely the gramophone, which was kindly brought and managed by Mr. Broadribb, of Hobart. Several instrumental pieces were rendered during the evening by Miss Piesse. At the close the audience rose and sang the National Anthem.

Before separating, Mr. Hodgman, M.H.A. for the district, disposed of the surplus provisions by auction, and by this means the funds were largely augmented.

Mr. G. E. Piesse, treasurer churchwarden, on behalf of his brother churchwardens, thanked Mr. Broadribb very warmly for coming so far and affording such a treat as he had given them that evening.

On the following Sunday the Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in St. Mary's Church. The sacred building looked very bright and beautiful for the occasion, being profusely decorated with flowers, fruit, and vegetables, while suitable banners and texts adorned the walls. Special psalms and hymns were nicely rendered, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rector. Mrs. Alfred Dickenson presided at the organ. The fruit and vegetables which were used for the decorating were of very fine quality, and were afterwards forwarded for the use of the patients in the General Hospital, Hobart.

Wedding Bells.—A very pretty wedding, and one that created a great deal of interest in the township of North Bridgewater, took place in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, April 24, the bridegroom being Mr. Ernest Jones, of Hobart, and the bride Miss Letty Wood, of North Bridgewater, the latter being a Sunday school teacher, and very popular in the district. The church was prettily decorated by friends of the bride, and the choir sang the special psalms appointed for the marriage service and the well-known hymn "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden." The Church organist, Mrs. Alfred Dickenson, presided at the organ, the Wedding March being played in an effective manner. The sacred edifice was crowded to witness the ceremony, and the bride looked exceedingly well in a charming grey dress trimmed with white, hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Jones (sister of the bridegroom), who wore a very pretty fawn dress and blue hat. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. H. Marten, Rector of the parish, and a wedding tea was given at the residence of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left, amidst a shower of rice, for the honeymoon, the first part being spent in the north of the island, and then on to Melbourne in time to witness the festivities held in honour of the Royal visit.

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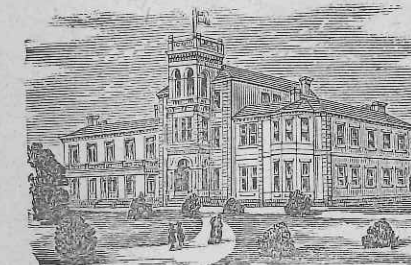
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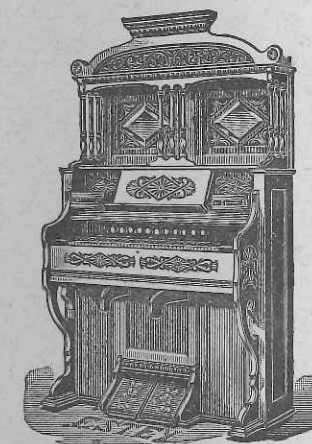
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