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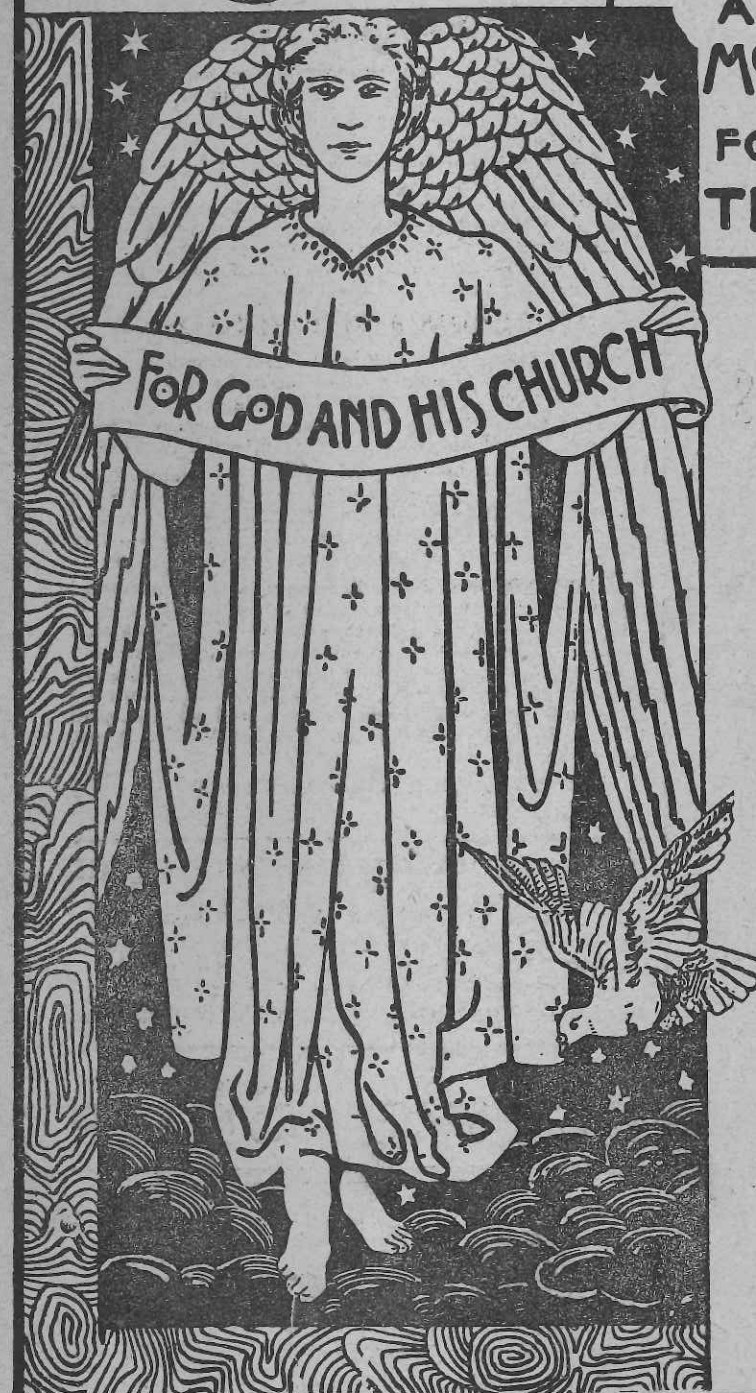
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THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATESMAN.

The elements of a great Commonwealth are Corporate Atoms. That is to say, the centre of its life is margined by agents who represent a thousand different phases of thought, desires, and motives. The light of Public Opinion acting as a veritable Rontgen Ray, sometimes even surpassing itself, discovers the false accessories to the State. Not amongst the agents of the lesser corporate lives. The bid for their position is not so high, therefore the eyes on those are not so keen. The agent of the Corporate Body of larger representation is a free lance as far as any very near influence determines his action; but with the lesser agent he is tried by the views of trade patronage and sentiment of this man or that.

Hence a grave difficulty meets a Statesman or Senator. It is how best to maintain the right under the contest of Principle v. Personality. His continued temptation is to allow the prior plea to the Person rather than to the Principle. Just so far as he allows the influence of the Personality to dominate his being rather than that of Principle, so will he find himself fettered in action. Our political and municipal leaders cannot have too great a care in educating themselves to live up to Principle, not merely a principle, so

that their mind is not saturated by functions, or otherwise Personalities!

No Commonwealth will be healthy where its leaders are guided by Persons for their ideals. Principle must ever live above Personality. Principle must ever be the ideal of Personality. If a man's Principle is low, let him remember that he is still lower. Alas for the time when our statesmen allow Personalities with all their discrepancies and failures to dwarf the efforts for good. The Church is to be the censor of public error. Not by condemning—that would be only negative—but by proclaiming a Principle of action. This is its positive mission. What is this Principle? It is a Principle personified, divine, incarnate. It is a Principle embodied in the Son of Man. It is a fundamental Truth of the Church. We are but ATOMS, and we need this Principle as a spiritual elixir to empower our aspirations to take form and energy for the common good.

EASTERTIDE.

GOOD FRIDAY.—April 5.

THIS, the great day of Atonement, when our sacred Redeemer suffered the bitterness of crucifixion for our sins, must be kept by all Church people as a solemn, sacred day. The world will offer many enticements. There will be picnics and excursions by flood and field. Satan will do his best to keep your mind off the great central cross and its dying Saviour; yet, O child of God, listen not! Spend the

day as far as possible in your church and on your knees. In all our places of worship there will be services. Attend those in your parish church, or if there be none near, yet you have your room, or some quiet spot, where you can study the accounts of the crucifixion given in the Gospels. In your hymn book there are many lovely hymns on the Passion. Try at all costs by studying these, and by deep, earnest prayer to realise the dear Lord's unfathomable love for you, and say—

Holy Jesu, grant me grace
In that sacrifice to place,
All my trust for life renew'd,
Pardon'd sin and promised good.

EASTER DAY.—April 7.

To-day our blessed Lord rose from the dead. All down the Christian ages it has been a joyful and glorious festival. It proves to us that the so-called dead will rise again. All the dear ones we have lost will one day be given back to us. Death will be conquered. What we now call death is but a change, a transition, a passing through the portals of Paradise, there to wait a little season until the consummation of God's elect, then at last will come the resurrection from the dead.

"EASTER COMMUNION."

On Easter Day all who have been confirmed should come to Holy Communion. Let nothing prevent your doing this. Because it is a holiday season many have become very careless in this matter. For your own part be firm. Find out where and when there is to be a celebration of the Holy Communion and be present. We heard of a young fellow in Queensland riding 30 miles last Easter for this purpose.

EASTER OFFERINGS.

For hundreds of years past it has been usual for parishioners to make

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"It means that, according to the learned professor, animals should be classed in the order of dignity, i.e., 'in proportion as their fore limbs are used, not merely as organs of locomotion, but as organs of prehension.' Now, man and each member of the anthropoids no longer uses his hands for locomotion, but as organs to serve the brain, and these, the hands and the brain, become in time correlated, working together for some definite end. Watch a skilled carpenter at work. He will split down a plank with his saw, cutting straight along the line with the utmost precision; then he will shoot the edge perfectly true with his long plane; then he will take up his hammer and drive in nails where he wants them, always hitting the heads fair and square; and all the while he will be singing of his 'Bonny Annie Laurie,' for whose sake he is prepared to lay him down and die." This correlation of organs is found in a less degree in the parrots. A Kea would be able to perch firmly with one foot on a branch and hold up a bunch of berries with the other, and peck them at leisure like a gentleman. But an old hen, whose organs have not yet arrived at this stage of co-adaptation, will seize a piece of meat you throw in the back yard and roll it about in the dirt, and make a regular mess of it; finally, the greedy rooster will come up and snatch it away from her. Thus, in a rational classification, parrots should come before the Gallinae."

"Yes, I think I understand that, and it appears all very reasonable."

"And now, to go back to this sheep-killing business, I imagine that the Kea may not have developed his criminal habit merely by seeing sheep's heads thrown out of the slaughter-shed."

"How else could he have developed it?"

"Well, it is just possible that 'familiarity breeds contempt' among birds as well as men. Now, it is likely enough that, after being accustomed to see sheep lying about, Mr. Kea took it into his head to fly down and perch on one of their backs, just to see if there

might be anything there in his line. Then, possibly, he saw a tick, and of course promptly ate it; then, with his strong beak and claws, he would be sure to search for more ticks, and finally, by over-doing it a little, he might get at the kidney fat, which would please him better. Thus his career as a criminal might perhaps be explained, and in some degree palliated."

"Perhaps so; but they will kill him all the same, Woodpecker!"

"Yes, I am afraid they will; and your sorrow and mine won't mend matters. But I want you to understand that all living organisms are existing in a more or less plastic condition; they are not fixed and unchangeable entities, either in their appearance, their habits, or their organs. You see how the introduction of sheep into New Zealand has modified the habits of gulls and the Kea. This process always is, and always has been, going on; there is an inevitable struggle for existence, and a consequent 'survival of the fittest,' through 'descent with modification.'"

"Yes, I think I understand all that; it is the cause of what we call 'new species' appearing, is it not?"

"Yes; and there is another matter which badly wants a little daylight letting into it. Farmers and gardeners have got into a stupid practice of arranging all living things in two classes. One they label 'Friends,' and the other 'Foes,' and they arrive at this decision from their knowledge—or perhaps I should say their ignorance—of what these things eat. But my own experience is that the diet of birds and animals is far more varied than is usually supposed, and that some birds that are put into the list of foes at one time of the year should go into that of friends at another time."

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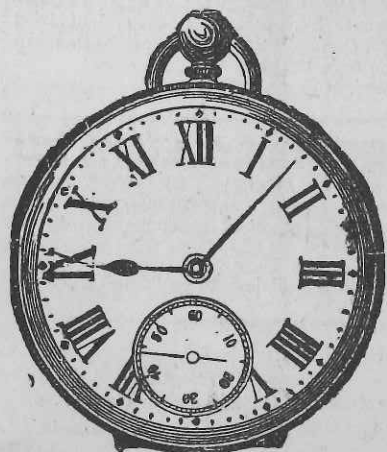
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"Do you think so?"

"Yes, I do. Take crows, for instance. Of course, crows now and then kill a lamb or two; everybody knows that. But everybody does not know that they also consume immense quantities of grubs and insects. I came across a case the other day, when a crow's stomach was found crammed full of the undigested elytra of the golden beetle and one of the Cetoniae, which exists hereabouts in large quantities, and is very destructive to certain plants; and I heard the other day, on perfectly reliable authority, that they will also eat the dreaded 'corby,' or grass ground grub. A farmer living in this neighbourhood, whose paddock was badly infected with this pest, took it into his head to irrigate a portion of it and watch the result. The result was that the grubs at once came to the surface, and the crows set to work and devoured them by the thousand! Now, what ass would shoot a crow after that? Again, there is the sparrow, for whom personally I have little love. Truth, however, compels me to admit that he destroys immense quantities of caterpillars and Aphidoe, and also eats the seeds of many noxious weeds. Would you think miners would eat bread crumbs and other kitchen refuse?"

"Hardly, Woodpecker."

"Well, but they do, dozens of them, every winter in my back yard. Would you believe that native cats will drink milk, eat iced cake, and demolish hens' eggs in quantities?"

"I should not have thought it."

"But I am assured, by a correspondent who is a most careful observer, that they do. The sum of the whole matter, Tommy, is this—we want more knowledge of living things. That is the first desideratum. And the next is that we—farmers and gardeners especially—should learn to interfere with the 'balance of nature' as little as possible. But it is time you were off to your lessons. Let me, as a last word, read you a little extract from an American paper sent me by a naturalist

friend in Queensland:—"Wolves are unpleasant neighbours, but, having killed them off, the farmers of Kansas are overrun with prairie dogs, who are, metaphorically, eating them out of house and home. The hardest lesson for man to learn is that it does not pay to disturb the balance of nature."

Feb. 26.

SYNOD.

THE doings of Synod have been widely reported through the medium of the secular press since our last issue. It would be somewhat wearying, therefore, to our readers were we to attempt anything like a reprint of what has gone forth. A few comments on certain of its aspects, acts, or resolutions, appear to us to be all that is necessary, rather than a very learned and staid article which, like all "leaders," would probably remain unread, and for all practical purposes might equally well have been written in Chinese.

The bishop's address was delivered in the cathedral in the afternoon of February 10. It was full of power and of interest from end to end. We regret our space will not permit a reprint. Those who would like to see it "in extenso" should secure a copy of the "Church News" for March, in which it appears. We give a few extracts only in this issue. We note that the "Monitor," the official publication for the Church of Rome in Tasmania, takes very violent exception to the historical position taken up by the Bishop, yet this is what the Church has ever claimed, and that, too, as shown by the charge in question, not as assumed, but as proved from hard historical and legal facts. The "Christian Record" also tilts at the Bishop's conclusions. We are not surprised at this. It is not the first time that oracles such as the "Monitor" and the "Record" have intuitively joined hands against the church. We fear neither. The time for either to do us much or any harm has gone for ever. We do not desire to be cynical, yet we dismiss the hysteria of the one, and the dictation of the other with a calm R.I.P.

THE DIOCESAN MEETING.

The annual gathering in the interests of the general fund of the Diocese took place on the evening of February 11. Mr. C. A. J. Piesse delivered a short and clear address on the financial position. The Rev. A. G. Lingley spoke with great force on the need of educating our children in

Church schools; whilst the Rev. R. K. Collisson delivered an address on "The work of a stationary parish," and, like Mr. Lingley, said many excellent and humorous things.

The Bishop of Ballarat (the Right Rev. A. V. Green, D.D.), who had journeyed all the way from his Diocese to speak at this meeting, gave a very brilliant and cheering address, the barest outline only of which we are now able to give. He said in some of the sermons recently delivered by various wise and sagacious men there was a note that suggested a grave outlook, but it was a mistake to suppose that every tendency of a grave character always came to fruition. It was not, therefore, right to be too downhearted or too despondent. It pleased God to send different sets of circumstances, and they must courageously face them. That certain stream of tendency they must oppose if it went in a wrong direction; and support it if it went in a right direction, and leave the rest to God. It was necessary to be more self-reliant in the manning of their own dioceses, and they would soon show that the Church in Australia was no longer an exotic, but was the Church in Australia, and for Australia. (Hear, hear.) Before long the Church would have to reckon with the temper of the young Australian element rising to power, both laity and clerical; he believed that element was of a hopeful character, because they would find that the younger generation in coming to its heritage would make wholly and entirely for peace, and would tend to unite their ranks. The success of the Church did not depend upon outward show and circumstances, but upon that which was inward; that which was moral and spiritual. (Hear, hear.)

A collection was made on behalf of the General Church Fund.

On the motion of Mr. Justice McIntyre, seconded by Dean Kite, votes of thanks were accorded to speakers.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD.

During the week which ended on February 16, the Synod met each day. No less than 38 resolutions and three bills were passed and became law. How many others were rejected we won't conjecture, but we can bear solid testimony to the uselessness, not only of those passing to the waste paper basket, but of a fair majority also of those accepted. Members who had travelled

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

from the furthest limits of the Diocese to take part in the deliberations were, in numberless instances, wearied beyond the expression of words at the hopeless verbosity of certain speakers who, like Tennyson's "Brook," could say, "And I go on for ever." They spoke to every resolution. Whether they understood it or not, it was all the same. One witty cleric, a caricaturist, hit off one or two of these orators as "puppies barking at the moon." Such exercise does the "lunar goddess" no harm, and possibly developed their own lung power. Yet, they might have learnt a little lesson when they noticed two-thirds of the Synod, and it was even whispered the "chair" itself also, were meanwhile worshippers at the "shrine of Morpheus."

The following resolutions were apt and necessary:—

I. "That in the present circumstances of the Diocese, it is desirable that there should be one Archdeacon for the two Archdeaconries of Hobart and Launceston." The Venerable Archdeacon Whittington has been appointed to this most important post. For this we are truly thankful, believing, as we do, that he is the right man in the right place. It now remains for the various parishes to aid the Archdeacon to carry into effect his various schemes for the welfare of the Diocese.

II. Is a lengthy resolution creating a committee, composed of two members from each Rural Deanery in the Northern parts of the Diocese, to act in conjunction with the Diocesan Council in certain ways.

If this proves workable, it may save some friction, and help to develop the corporate life of the Church by securing a kind of general representation in our Church's councils.

III. "That this Synod desires to recommend to the Board of Education that in order to strengthen all Church day schools in the Diocese enjoying only church tuition—

- (1) All such schools be formed into a Diocesan association.
- (2) That all like schools existing throughout Australasia be formed into a Church federal league.

A WORD OF THANKS.

We are asked by all the members of Synod resident in the north of the island to convey their hearty thanks to the various families who so generously entertained them whilst in the south. Had the debates in Synod been only one-half as enjoyable as the social side of Hobart life, we could have wished that it might have lasted twice as long.

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THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The following extracts are from the Bishop's address to Synod—

"THE CHURCH OF MONARCHS."

Our first duty to-morrow must be the passing of an address both of condolence and of fervent loyalty to His Majesty King Edward VII. He is the latest of a long line of Kings of England, from Alfred's time, who have been baptised, confirmed, married, and consecrated Sovereigns by our ritual, and at length all of them are buried by us in those cathedrals where the worship of the English Church has been continuous since they were built, except in the time of Cromwell. It is true that we are here a daughter, with an independent life now, and with our own Ecclesiastical Courts. But were the King to come here, he would find that we all, Bishops and Clergy, have taken the oath of allegiance to him as our temporal Head, not only as citizens, but as Churchmen, and we should give him the same Means of Grace which he and his have ever valued. We are proud to trace our unbroken descent through our Mother to the day when the Church of England helped to make the first King of England. I note that some doubt this continuity with the beginnings of the English Church and Kingdom. The best proof to a layman's mind is that which is given by the title deeds to property. The other day a lease for 999 years given by the Church in King Alfred's time fell in at the expiration of the term. The lease was resumed by the authorities of the Church of England, since they were the undoubted issuers of that lease. The oldest existing house in England still in the hands of the original possessors is Farnham Castle, the residence of the Bishop of Winchester, having been the property of the Bishops since S. Swithun's time (860). Neither Henry VIII. nor Edward VI. took away land from one Church to give it to another, or Mary would have given it back, but she said no word about reinstating an old Church. Freeman's words put the matter in a nutshell:—"The general taking of property from one religious body and giving it to another, which many people fancy took place under Henry VIII. or Elizabeth, simply never happened at all." But I may not linger over the plainest facts of our history. Anyone can read them for himself.

THE CHURCH'S PROGRESS.

Statistics.—Figures are dry reading. I gave you none last year. And those I am going to put before you are a comparison between the statistics of 1889 (when I came to the Diocese) and those of 1900. Total moneys raised for Church

purposes: In 1889, £9407; in 1900, £13,259; increase of £3852 (and 1900 was below the average of late). The churches were 72, and are now 125; increase, 52. Other building used for worship were 88, and now 142; increase, 44.

Confirmations vary from year to year. A good average is now 800. In 1900 there were 630, with 19 parishes unrepresented; in great part through my own fault. I should like to remind you also that from 1890 to 1897 a sum of nearly £35,000 was spent in this Diocese upon church buildings, parsonages, etc. I suppose we may consider it to be not far short of £50,000 now. This will help you in estimating the amount we should raise in our thanksgiving scheme.

Sunday services were 6035; now, 10,030; increase, 3995. On week days they were 3972; now, 7238; increase, 3266.

Celebrations of Holy Communion were 1467; now, 3008; increase, 1541.

Communicants were 2972; now, 5872; increase 2900.

Baptisms were 1727; now, 1997; increase, 270.

Sunday-school children, 4950; now, 8180; increase, 3230.

Sunday-school teachers were 520; now, 864; increase, 344.

The value of such statistics is in the general view they give of Church life; and where there is increased activity we hope the right spirit and motive is behind it.

You will note that about 100 places are used for worship in addition to those in existence in 1889.

The additional Sunday services are gratifying, but still more gratifying are the additional week-day services and the large growth of opportunities for Holy Communion.

The communicants now approach 6000 and have doubled. I should like to see Sunday-school children number 10,000.

I am most anxious to note how we progress in our increased State school teaching. All I can say at present is that the clergy at Oatlands, Richmond,

Georgetown, and Cressy are to be added to those who are most active; and I look forward to another addition to them in the Rector of Stanley. No work is more fruitful.

THE CHARACTER OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH.

We are accustomed to speak of a national character. Going further back we come to race characteristics, and from the race there may spring more than one nation. If we penetrate back through the nation to the race, and trace the same features in both, we reach characteristics which must be almost ineradicable. I am hardly qualified however, to say more on such a subject, although it grows in importance. I mean that the struggle seems to be more and more between races in these days, and we come to think of a race Church, which is more than a national Church, as a possibility, perhaps in a century. Now a National characteristic of the Englishman is a love of freedom, based on his individual responsibility. Ever self-reliant, he leaves his birth place readily, trusting to his own ability to found a home somehow and somewhere. The same feature is evident in his religion. He has a firm belief in his individual responsibility in the sight of God; that to God he is answerable for his life, and to no one else. This was the meaning of the Reformation movement. As a race we are not theologians and care little for theories, but we cannot endure opinions or systems which threaten our inbred love of individual freedom. No religious system has a chance with us which tampers with that love of personal liberty. This was the conviction which at last completely upset the Papal encroachments; and it is so strong a sentiment that I believe any religious "fad" has more chance of acceptance with us than that foreign form of religion which we banished for ever during the Reformation century. The reformed Prayer-book possesses just this note all through. It is the manual of a nation which believes in standing before God in our individual right, and speaking directly to Him. All the Means of Grace are offered to our people in the same spirit, to be received with full intelligence and of free will. The conscience of each person is to be educated to govern the life with as little interference from others as possible. Our children are so trained, the object being to inculcate truth in such a manner as to make it act from within from personal appropriation, and thus to build up a strong character, able to walk alone. The special helps which are the heritage of the Church were not destroyed. Our Reformers knew too well how manifold were the needs of the human heart, especially at critical times. So Confession was not

abolished, but all that was compulsory about it was destroyed. It remained as a strong medicine to be used by those who themselves need it. With the conscience so trained as to be accustomed to go to God as a son to a father at all times, application to the Priest for the Ministry of Penitence and for the Church's special absolution afterwards, was to be a rare act, not contemplated at all in normal cases, at any time of life. Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Holy Orders—none of these depended of necessity upon the inquisition of any one first into the heart's secrets. As another natural result of the same Reformation movement, the Bible was thrown open to all at any time, and was commanded to be read through and through every year in the churches. Thus it stood forth before all men as the test of doctrines which, unless they can be proved thereby, are not to be believed as Articles of the Faith, or thought requisite or necessary for salvation. Naturally, with this granted freedom the danger of wilfulness in forming strange judgments with insufficient knowledge had to be faced. But it was felt by our race (and we still feel it) that this in the end was a less danger than suffering the sense of individual responsibility and freedom of access of the sons of God to their Father. This system naturally stamped another characteristic upon the English Church—that of learning. There is no more learned Church in Christendom, and it is learned enough to keep its intimate organic continuity with the Church of the Apostles, ready to accept new light or to confess error and reform it, and yet to have roots so deep in the past that the passing breezes of opinion do not endanger it. This is our heritage in the Church, and there is not a clergyman in this diocese who does not heartily say Amen to every word I have uttered, and is not prepared to defend it to the last.

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY.

A THEOLOGY class for members of the Church of England in Launceston is about to be formed. The subjects studied will be those prescribed for the Th. A. diploma in connection with the above college. The class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 in the vestry of Holy Trinity Church. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 20. The classes will be open to all members of the Church of England without fee, and will be conducted by the Rev. W. S. Stone.

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SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

The self-denial week proposed for Holy Week is to assist the local object in connection with the 19th Century fund. It would be too foolish to suggest some object extraneous to that aim and pledge laid upon us. The Church should show something more than a theoretical self-sacrifice that week. The effort would give to our people the opportunity to put into practice what they hear from the pulpit. Whether we had no special fund or five of them, it does not alter the fact that such a proposal should really be unnecessary. We propose the devotion of certain offertories at that season in certain ways, and then fight shy of that which is of intrinsic parts, and should be means to open those offertories. It is the cart before the horse. The result gained should rather be on the spiritual side than material. This latter might be obtained through the system of envelopes, to be presented after special offertories, arranged on behalf of the above object.

The Commission on the Teaching of the Sisters of the Church.

The commission met at the Diocesan office on Thursday, March 7. Captain de Hoghton having refused to lay his charges against the teaching of the sisters of the Church before the commission appointed by the Bishop, and the commission having referred the matter to the Bishop for further instructions, his Lordship has now requested the Commissioners to examine fully and carefully into the religious instruction given in the Collegiate School, and to report to him thereon. The sister-in-charge has, therefore, been requested to lay before the commission all text books used in such instruction with MSS notes, whether of their own or their pupils'. The commissioners would be glad to receive from the parents of pupils, past or present, any notes which they would desire to commend to their notice. The commission stands adjourned to Thursday, March 14, at 10.30 a.m.

The "Messenger" is published as nearly as possible in the middle of each month. Our latest date for receiving MS. for publication is the 7th of the said month. We cannot, therefore, be held responsible for the non-appearance of any matter received after that date.

DIOCESAN LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

THIS was the title given by the Bishop to the group of volunteer workers at Deloraine. This association is ready to admit any voluntary workers who desire (without in any way binding themselves) to test their capacity and will for parochial work. Deaconesses and sisters are not from the very nature included under the title. When we say "voluntary," perhaps we might say that board and lodging would be found in a school house, which may be built soon. His Lordship is visitor, according to the constitution. The rules are not many, but so selected as to prevent the possibility of any harmless custom, act, or habit lubricating the glib tongue of the slanderer. School tuition and visiting forms a prominent feature in the work. The remotest corners of the district are visited, and it is encouraging to note the expressions of gladness that are elicited from those under the shade of the Tiers.

Mission services are conducted on the week days and Sundays. Mothers' unions and Bible classes for girls are formed where possible.

A critical and hortatory theological study, inclusive of Church history, and an outlined acquaintance with the fathers is conducted by the rector at 6.45 a.m. on four mornings of the week. Household prayer is at 7.30, to maintain the sacred sentiment of the home, Matins in the church at 8.45. Surely there are some who would like to devote their lives to the sacred work of the Church; at any rate, if shy, so desirous as not to hesitate to accept the opportunity of a testing time. "The Master calls for thee," reader.

OUR NEW GUINEA LETTER.

IN January we had our first big confirmation service. Twenty-eight natives were presented for confirmation—15 men and boys and 13 women. This brings our number confirmed up to 34.

On St. Paul's Day a charming little boy about three years old was baptized, receiving the name of Paul. His father, a South Sea Islander, died; his mother, a New Guinea woman, wished to marry again, so willingly gave the child to the mission. This branch of our work is steadily increasing. We have nine mandated children now.

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Three of our staff are on furlough.—the Rev. Copeland, from Mambara, Mr. Dakers, from Taupota, and Miss Sully, from Dogura.

We are well into the wet season. (Signed), Anglican Mission, British New Guinea.

WINDSOR.

WINDSOR being now much in the thoughts of all British subjects, it may be interesting to go over some of its most notable spots of beauty and fame. First let us think of Frogmore as the place made sacred to us, being the resting-place of all that is mortal of our late beloved Queen Victoria. The mausoleum was erected as the tomb of the late Prince Consort by his widow, and it had always been her wish that her body should rest beside his at her death.

This mausoleum is situated at a short distance on the left from the Long Walk, which is a magnificent double avenue of elm trees over 300 years old. The tomb is built in the form of a Greek cross, with transept chapels, north, south, east, and west, with an aisle to connect each. From the centre rises a dome about 70ft. in height, which is lighted by eight windows of stained glass, three lights in each.

The ceiling is painted sky blue, with stars of gold. The floor is inlaid with polished marble, and in the centre under the dome stands the sarcophagus of polished Aberdeen granite.

At each corner is the figure of an angel kneeling, cut in white marble, with spread wings and clasped hands. Upon the tomb lies the recumbent figure of the Prince Consort in white marble, attired as field-marshal, and wearing the mantle of the Order of the Garter. At the south side is a long inscription in gold letters:—"To Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emanuel; married February 10, 1840, to Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland; died at Windsor December 14, 1861."

For forty years on the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort our late Queen and the members of the Royal family have attended a special service of mourning of a very impres-

sive character in the mausoleum, usually conducted by the Dean of Windsor. After this service the Royal servants and friends have been graciously permitted to view it during the rest of the day. This building was never open to the public except on this special occasion.

As we think of the mausoleum as it was we look forward to hear of the additions and alterations which will be made now that the late Queen lies there.

No inscription can tell of her goodness and wisdom or of the love which her people bear her.

Nothing can ever destroy the influence which her life has had upon all nations of the world; and though comparatively few can pay homage to her earthly resting place, yet we can one and all bless her memory, and thank God for her most noble example.

M.A.S.

(To be Continued.)

OUR NOTE BOOK.

There are many outstanding accounts on the books of the "Messenger" for last year, and the subscriptions for 1901, now due, are coming in very slowly. Will friends kindly accept this intimation, and act upon it?

If contributors to our columns discover that proper names are misspelt or distorted beyond recognition, they are alone to blame. Time over and again we have had to call attention to the urgent necessity for all names to be written most clearly. Through this intimation being ignored, much trouble and vexation has been caused in this issue.

The very many friends of the Rev. Frank Parnall in Launceston and the North generally will be pleased to hear that he has been appointed to the charge of Balaklava, South Australia, an important and wide-spreading district. His untiring energy and enthusiastic devotion to his duties will doubtless bring much and lasting good to his parishioners. He is reported as being in excellent health, which will be the best of news to all who know him.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

The Rev. Canon Howell has undertaken the temporary charge of the parish of Carrick, Tas.

The Rev. R. K. Collisson, Rector of Carrick, has been appointed Vicar of Newtown, Hobart.

The Rev. E. A. Reader, formerly vicar of Strahan, has left Tasmania for the mainland.

The Rev. W. S. Stone, curate of S. John's, Launceston, has accepted the curacy of S. Paul's, Launceston.

The Archbishop of Sydney has filled the vacancies in his list of chaplains by the appointment of the Rev. William Hough, rector of S. Jude's, Randwick, and the Rev. John Dixon, rector of S. Thomas', Balmain West.

The Rev. Canon Martin, the new incumbent of the Cathedral parish of Goulburn, N.S.W., and Mrs. Martin were formerly welcomed to the parish at a meeting held in the Church Hall on the evening of the 12th inst. There was a good attendance.

The Ven. F. D. Pitt, M.A., Archdeacon of Cairns, North Queensland, has paid a visit to Cairns, and is expected shortly in Townsville. Now that he has been relieved from parish work by the arrival of the Rev. C. C. Gillett, he will take up his Archidiaconal work again amongst the parishes.

A visitation, chiefly to the parishes in the north-eastern portion of the diocese of Melbourne, has been arranged by the Bishop to take place between April 15 and May 22. The arrangements are, however, subject to modification, to permit the Bishop's presence at Melbourne during the time of the Royal visit, or in any other unforeseen circumstances.

The following despatch was recently received from King Edward VII. by Lord Hopetoun, the Governor-General, and has been communicated by him to the Archbishop of Sydney:—"His Majesty the King and Royal Family very grateful for sympathy of Church of England in the Commonwealth, and desire the Primate of Australia to be warmly thanked on their behalf."

THE CHURCH IN OTHER LANDS.

The Archbishop of Capetown intends visiting England shortly.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes has subscribed £3000 to the Building Fund of the New Cathedral at Capetown.

The Bishop of Madras has ordered his Surrogates not to grant marriage licenses to divorcees, innocent or otherwise, or to those who have been living in sin, so as to make their marriage less public.

A leading Welsh Congregational minister—Rev. W. P. Williams—has decided to study for Holy Orders. On bidding farewell to his flock after 18 years ministerial work Mr. Williams was presented with a gold watch.

The following are amongst the subscriptions lately received towards the founding of the proposed diocese at Southwark:—The Merchant Taylors' Company, £525; the Leathersellers' Company, £500; Sir John Watney, £105; the Hon. Harriet Brodrick, £100; Mr. R. P. Barrow, £100; Mr. J. E. Street, £100; Mr. M. N. Buttanshaw, £52; Mr. E. N. Buxton, £50. The fund now amounts to £40,000.

The death of Bishop Key of Kaffraria has recently been announced. The late Bishop arrived in Africa close on forty years ago and during the whole of this period he has been engaged in mission work among the native tribes in the Transkei territories. His work has been characterised throughout by rare simplicity, earnest zeal, and constant industry, and to his efforts a remarkable degree of success has been granted. Bishop Key was an alumnus of S. Augustine's College Canterbury.

MISSIONARY.

The Rev. W. H. Abbott has left New Guinea and proceeded to England.

The Rev. Copland King will shortly arrive in Sydney from New Guinea. He will spend six months' in Australia, and during a portion of the period will preach and lecture on behalf of the Mission.

The present staff of the Anglican Mission in New Guinea is 34. Since the Mission was established in 1891, 52 have joined it; of the 18 no longer working in it, four have died, and five others have been obliged to leave for health reasons.

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Early in the year the Bishop of New Guinea administered confirmation to over thirty native Christians—this was the first large confirmation. Holy Communion is regularly celebrated in the Wedauan dialect, and Evensong is sung in the same dialect every evening.

The Anglican Mission in New Guinea will keep its tenth Anniversary in August next. It is hoped that at least one Australian Bishop will be present. Rev. Copland King and Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson will all complete ten years' service in the Mission, if spared to the end of the year.

CLIPPINGS.

In ancient days in the Celtic Church bishops were attached to monasteries as usual articles to keep on the premises. The Bishop of Tinnevely, in India, is evidently of opinion that the C.M.S. has a similar use for bishops in their party organisations, and no more. His Lordship writes:—"In C.M.S. affairs the bishop has little voice, but is useful for ordinations, sermons," etc. As long as jurisdiction or power of government is retained in the hands of a bureaucracy the ideal of Catholic Christianity must be mutilated. "Ubi episcopus, ibi ecclesia" is the only possible hope of the realisation of the One, Holy, Catholic Church.—"The Church Commonwealth."

Canon MacColl's "The Reformation Settlement" has reached its ninth edition. Now that this volume is procurable at a cheap rate there is no excuse for anyone to be without a safeguard against Walsh's garbled history. The author deals, in the preface to his last edition, with the recent Round Table Conference at Lambeth, and shows clearly from the record of the Conference that the only position utterly incompatible with the Church's position is that of the extreme Protestants. There is no room for Zwinglianism in the Anglican Communion. "The Prayer Book and the Prayer Book only" as the interpreter of Holy Writ was a recent cry of the Evangelicals, and the Prayer Book has no room for those who deny the Sacramental Presence in the Holy Sacrament—"The Church Commonwealth."

TEMPERANCE JOTTINGS

At the recent session of the Synod a constitution for the formation of a Temperance Society in this Diocese was approved. A committee was elected, and the Bishop will be asked to appoint a secretary.

In Belfast, Ireland, a list was made of fifty-four persons who had each been convicted of drunkenness over one hundred times. Of these forty-four were women, one of whom had considerably over two hundred convictions against her name.

The Minister of Public Instruction in France has issued a strongly-worded circular to all head teachers calling attention to the deplorable fact that more alcohol is consumed per head in France than in any other country, and directing that Temperance teaching is to be imparted "in just the same way as grammar or arithmetic." Temperance is to be made a subject of examination in which pupils will be expected to pass.

Mr. John Abbey, of Norwich, makes a fervent appeal to the Church to do what it can to prevent the drink traffic spreading to South Africa. He refers to reports that appeared in the "Times" of a brewing firm in Capetown and another at Johannesburg that are preparing to greatly extend their operations, and he says "unless a strong counteractive influence is immediately set up, the whole country will speedily be covered with a net-work of drinking dens and a 'gigantic evil' will follow in the shape of a 'national degradation' as certainly as evening follows morning."

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

"Self-reliance is the best weapon with which to fight the battle of life."—James Ellis.

"Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's and truth's."—Shakespeare.

"You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one."—Froude.

"Consider how the greatest things on earth have been done by little and little—little agents, little persons, little things."—Guthrie.

"Every human being is intended to have a character of his own, to be what no other is, to do what no other can."—Channing.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

Question 30—Thirteen years. 1 Kings vii. 1.

Question 31—Four hundred and fifty years. Acts xiii. 20.

Question 32—Diotrephes. 3 John, 9-10.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE COMING FEDERAL ELECTIONS

(To the Editor of the "Church Messenger.")

Sir,—The elections to the Federal Parliament are close upon us. May we hope that we shall recognise the importance of the occasion, and not hesitate to vote, and vote straight for God and religion.

Everything depends upon the calibre of the men who are entrusted with the great work of rearing the fabric of the Commonwealth. If it is to stand is must be reared upon a sure and firm foundation. We must therefore send men who we know will place this first, before all other considerations whatsoever. This is the greatest need of these times and places; and no other sort of excellence will make up for the lack of it. Let us who love God and are zealous for His name to be honoured and who desire the best for the young nation, work together on this important occasion, no matter though we worship in different churches and do not see eye to eye in matters ecclesiastical. Let Christian men vote for Christian men only, and do nothing to send as our representatives, men who, whatever else they may be, do not act as Christian men, and, for example, are never found acknowledging God either in church or chapel, even on the Lord's day. No doubt such men will venture to claim our votes on the ground that politics have nothing to do with religion. Do not let us be led away by such sophistry as that; politics in a Christian land not founded upon religion will lead that land to ruin. Let our election "ticket" be for God and the faith." It will not be difficult to vote upon these lines, and if all true men will unite to do so, I think we can carry our men. But there must be no refraining, no hesitation, no considerations whatever must be allowed to influence us. Even the ties of relation and friendship must give way if needs be. Vote, and vote only for able men who fear God, who show that they fear God, and who by their example encourage others to serve

Him. These are the men to whom we may with confidence entrust the work of constructing a new nation upon a good and sure foundation, and let us see, so far as we can help it, no other men shall go.—Yours, etc.,

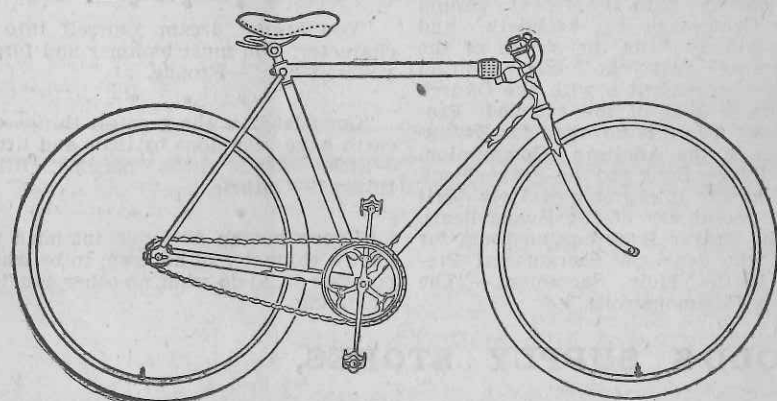
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THE ARCHDEACON ON TOUR.

(To the Editor of the "Church Messenger.")

Sir,—It may guide the clergy in suggesting to me when I should visit their parishes, if you will do me the kindness to give publicity to the details of my first tour, which have been, of course, submitted to the Bishop. For Sundays, 10th, 17th, and 24th of March I am, D.V., to be at Zeehan, Strahan, and Queenstown respectively, and it is proposed to occupy the weekdays in visiting Gormanston, Kelly's Basin, Macquarie Heads, and any other place the local clergy recommend. For March 31 (Palm Sunday) the Launceston rectors have invited me to be in Launceston, and all Holy Week, with Good Friday, will be occupied in the northern city. Easter Sunday arrangements are not yet finally made, but that day and the succeeding week will be spent in some of the parishes of the north. Then I go to Avoca, Fingal, Cullenswood, and St. Mary's, to be followed probably by a visit to Scottsdale. For the last Sunday in April I shall be back in my parish at New Town, and for the following Sunday evening am ordered to take my preaching turn at the Cathedral as one of the Chapter. This completes my programme for the present, and I publish it so that my brethren of the clergy may know how far I am already pledged. Let me add that as the Bishop requests me to give special attention to the finances of the parishes, I am asking the clergy to arrange that I shall meet their churchwardens, parish council, collectors, and all who have to do with monetary matters. It is thought, too, that whenever possible the collections at the Sunday services



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PARISH ECHOES.

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THE Rev. W. S. Stone has accepted the curacy of S. Paul's, Launceston. He will leave us at the end of May. During Mr. Stone's residence amongst us he has won many friends, who view his departure in any but a spirit of calm resignation. His gifts as a preacher and as a teacher are rare, and we shall not readily find his peer. We are glad, however, to know Mr. Stone will not lose his interest in us, and will, so far as his future duties permit, be occasionally at S. John's. However hard it may be for us, yet we cannot but feel that Mr. Stone's going to S. Paul's will in due time strengthen the church in Launceston. We have long felt that our old friend, the Rector of S. Paul's, needs the help of an able and young man, and in Mr. Stone he will have obtained him. We wish every success to our young and popular friend in his new sphere of work.

Miss Hutchins, who for many years has been engaged in church work with the late Canon Handfield at S. Peter's, Melbourne, has come to help us at S. John's Mission House. Miss Hutchins is the daughter of the late Colonel Hutchins, who was a noted linguist. His daughter inherits her father's gifts in this direction, and amongst her most recent works is the translation of S. John's Gospel into the native language of New Guinea. This work is being revised by the Rev. Copeland King, and will in due time be published. As Miss Hutchins has had much experience in every branch of church work, we trust her arrival may strengthen our hands at the Mission House.

The annual Lenten circular has been widely distributed. May we ask all to carefully study its contents. In Holy Week Archdeacon Whittington will give a series of addresses in the three city churches. On Monday and Wednesday he will be at Holy Trinity; on Tuesday at S. Paul's; on Thursday at S. John's. It is hoped all our church people will try to attend each of these of services, which begin at 7.30 p.m.

On Good Friday there will be ante-communion at 7.30; morning prayer at

in the parishes I visit should be for the general church fund, as this will give me an opportunity not only for pleading for the fund, but also for giving information to our people about diocesan work. Even should this mean having the special half-yearly collections a little out of the regular time, it will probably be best to adopt that course. May I earnestly ask the prayers of our people for guidance and blessing upon the new departure in diocesan administration?

I am, sir, etc.

FRED. T. WHITTINGTON.

Archdeacon of Hobart and Launceston.
February 28th.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HOMES FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS.

(To the Editor of the "Church Messenger.")

Sir,—Dr. Barnardo's Homes are so largely advertised in the colonies and elsewhere, that everyone knows all there is to tell about them, but I doubt if members of the Church here know that there is a kindred society called the "Church of England Waifs and Strays Society," which Church people are bound to support.

Perhaps some little account of the work and its results may not be unsuitable for the "Church Messenger."

Nineteen years ago a young man in her Majesty's office of works, named Edward Rudolph, conducted a mission service in the school-room at S. Ann's, South Lambeth, where the Rev. W. Morris is vicar. There he gathered a number of poor children on the Sunday, taught them, and visited them during the week. From such a small beginning has arisen the large association known as the "Church of England Waifs and Strays Society," only exceeded in extent by the homes of Dr. Barnardo.

At Mr. Rudolph's mission school were a family of five boys, the best behaved and cleanest in the class. Suddenly they ceased to come to school, and Mr. Rudolph lost sight of them. Some months after he met them again, their feet were bare, and they were nearly naked. Their father had died, and their mother had deserted them. Under these circumstances Mr. Rudolph got two of them into Dr. Barnardo's Homes. They

were well trained and carefully taught, but the question arose in Mr. Rudolph's mind, how is it that the Church has no organisation of its own for the reclamation of waif children? The omission seemed a grave one, and at once he set himself to repair it.

After a meeting with a number of friends who were in sympathy with him, they interviewed the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Tait) on the question. The scheme had his entire sympathy, and, after some enquiry, he gave them his countenance and blessing.

A home was opened in Dulwich, and six children housed there. For nine years Mr. Rudolph spent an hour in the morning, an hour at noon, and some time in the evening in the organisation and development of the work, until it grew so wonderfully that he threw up his Government appointment and devoted his whole time to the cause. In 1893 he was ordained by the Archbishop. Eighty homes are now distributed throughout England and Wales, which are constantly being added to. Last year the income was £66,000. Most of the homes are what they call cottage homes, accommodating from six to thirty children. Several larger institutions for training girls and boys in industrial occupations are in existence, others for the special care of crippled children. Another branch which yielded very blessed results are the homes, of which there are now five, for little girls rescued from immoral surroundings. The largest home is at Eccleshall, a farm colony, where there are 90 boys, 20 from this place are today in South Africa fighting their country's battles.

There is plenty more to tell of this institution, but I have already made my letter too long, perhaps, for publication in the "Messenger."—Yours, etc.,

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10.30; the three hours' service from noon till 3 p.m.; a communicants' class at 7.30 p.m. There will be no other services in this parish on that day, and these will, of course, be held in S. John's. Archdeacon Whittington will take the "three hours." Let all who can, attend. The offertories during the day will be in aid of "Hope Cottage," Hobart. On Easter Sunday there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, 10, 11 a.m., so that everyone in the parish may be enabled to attend. It is the plain duty of all who have been confirmed to receive Holy Communion on Easter Day.

By the death of Miss Abbott S. John's choir has lost a most useful and dear member. For twelve years she had served as an alto, and to her was allotted all the most exacting work for that voice. The last singing she did was in Sterndale Bennett's "God is a Spirit" at the Friday's practice about a fortnight before her death. Her refined, gentle nature had endeared her to every member of the choir. Her thoughtful little acts of kindness to her fellow-workers, especially the boys, will never be forgotten. On the occasion of her funeral S. John's choir sent a floral cross and wreath. The wardens also sent a wreath, and were present at the funeral to represent the congregation. The organist and three other members of the choir walked at the side of the hearse, and at the conclusion of the burial service, which was conducted by the Revs. Canon Beresford and W. S. Stone, the choir sang with great feeling "Peace, Perfect Peace." A pleasing memento appeared in the vacant choir stall where Miss Abbott usually sat on the following Sunday. It was a simple wreath of white flowers, with the inscription—"And with the morn those angel faces smile."

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.
During the sermons, touching reference was made at both morning and evening services.

Diocesan Examination.—The inspector's report of the Diocesan Examination of 1900 is to hand. It is very complete, and must have taken up a lot of Rev. J. L. Clougher's time in its compilation. We of S. John's deeply regret this is the only report we are to receive from him, as he is leaving the

diocese next month for England. To S. John's it provides some very interesting information. As usual we sent up by far the largest number of candidates and papers. Throughout the diocese thirty Sunday-schools sent in 896 papers from 635 candidates, and of this total S. John's, without its branches, provided no less than 211 papers, or nearly one-fourth, the number of candidates being 129, or one-fifth of the total. We had an increase of 43 papers over 1899, and our average of passes jumped from 25 per cent. to 45 per cent. The next highest number of papers sent in by one school was 122, the average gained being 84 per cent., which, of course, puts us in the shade in point of excellence, but the remarks of the inspector that this school was "probably presenting only selected candidates" tell their own tale. S. Aidan's, with the Old Testament subject, got 92 per cent. for 26 papers, coming second to the 100 per cent. of S. Matthew's, New Norfolk, who, however, only had four papers; while, for any subject, they were beaten by three, whose average of 100 per cent was gained with not more than six papers. Coming to individual efforts, in the New Testament we head the list for the lower middle division; in the Old Testament we occupy the first four places for the same division, and equal with three others for first place among the juniors. Of the four who gained over 200 marks we claim the one who comes third on the list.

Children's Offertories.—Glancing through the various Sunday-school accounts as presented with the annual report, there is one line which seems to stand out very prominently, viz., "children's offertories." We are afraid that many of our congregation hardly realise the extent of the generosity of S. John's School. During last year the children's offertories amounted to no less than £56. Of this sum £23 was given for mission purposes—home and foreign. Towards the Library over £5 was contributed, and to the treat fund over £7, while other funds were considerably helped by the children. The congregation is only asked at anniversary time for special help, and we would impress upon them to bear the above in mind when that special comes round, as the amount contributed on

anniversary Sunday is nearly all absorbed for prizes each year.

"The Crucifixion."—According to custom, in the season of Lent, Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be given by the choir of S. John's. The date and time fixed is Palm Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Fray has arranged for the assistance of an orchestra, with Mr. Alexander as leader. This should add much to the effect of this beautiful musical and devotional work, the production of which should serve to direct the thoughts of the congregation to the solemn events of the season. Archdeacon Whittington, it is hoped, will deliver a short address, and the offertory will be devoted to the choir funds.

Marriages.—February 5, Charles Radford to Susanna Mary Ann Smith; February 13, Charles Parker to Edith Henty Barnes; February 27, Thomas Johnston to Minnie Catherine Smith; February 28, John Keogh to Elsie May Shipton.

Baptisms.—February 13, Henry Edward Clayton, Alfred George Dickenson; February 20, Albert Edward Parish, Elizabeth Horwood Barrett; February 27, Robert Knox Doherty, Vera Emma Burnett; Inez Lamont Cowle, Henry Emms, Robert Neale Cameron; March 7, Donald Harcourt Fraser, Robert Henry Wood.

S. JOHN'S MISSION HOUSE.

All classes are being resumed at the Mission House this month. Some have already started with very good numbers. A new departure this year is the formation of a men's class, which is held on Monday nights. This is in charge of Miss Hutchins and Mr. Burnett.

The following donations to the Mission House are thankfully acknowledged:—Mr. Sharman, clothes; Mrs. Whitton, clothes; Miss Hogg, bed and mattress; Mr. Dumaresk, clothes; Mr. Gleadow, black and purple cloth; McKay, Sampson, and McKinlay, pattern pieces; Mr. Dempster, hats; Dunning and Brown, hats.

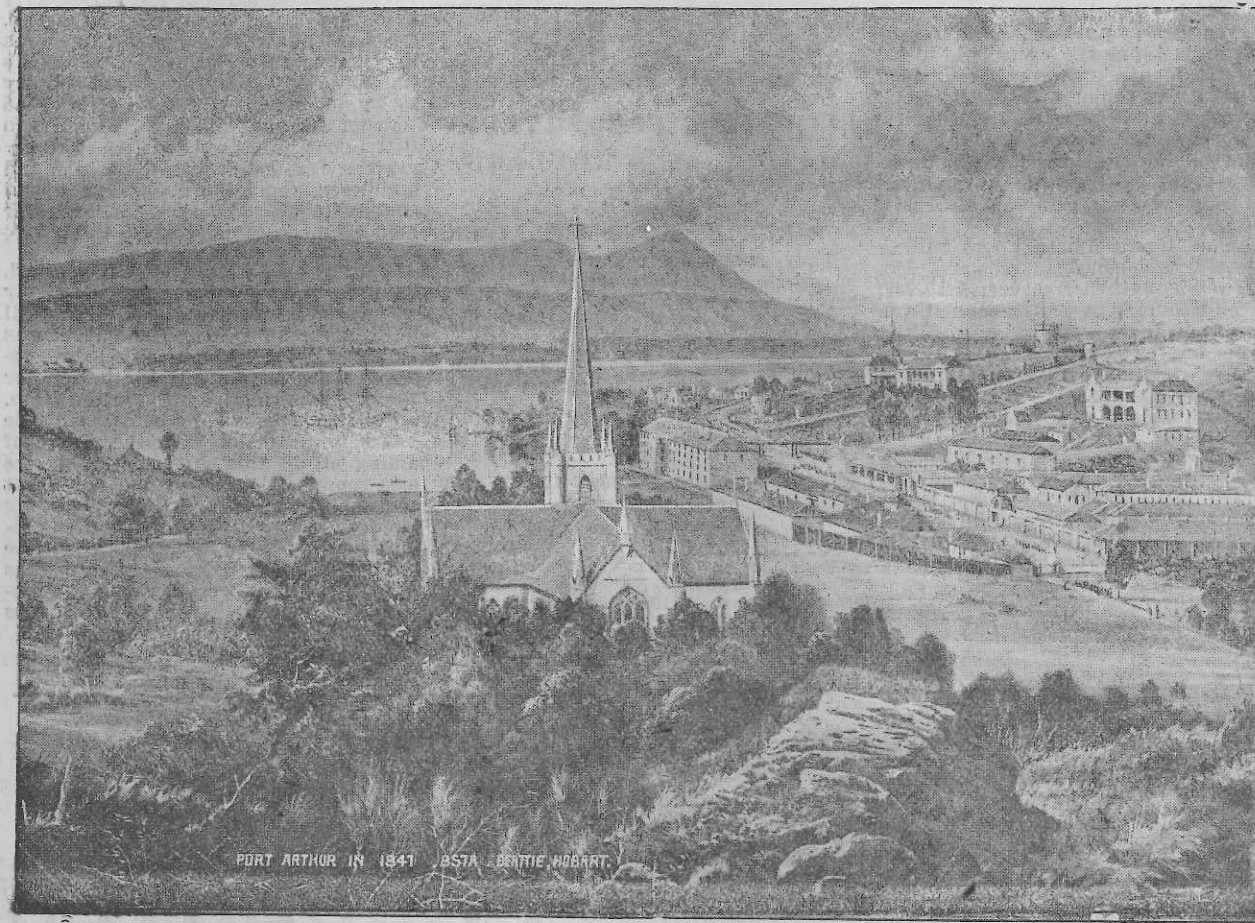
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SHEFFIELD.

OWING to the meeting of Synod, we failed to send any notes last month to the "Messenger," so hasten to repair if possible our neglect.

The Sunday-school sports and tea at Sheffield on January 16 were very successful as far as the children's enjoyment was concerned, but the attendance of outsiders and the consequent takings were only small, only £1 10s being realised.

Wilmot sports' day, January 30, was shadowed by the gloom of the national bereavement, and it was at first proposed to postpone the event. So many preparations had, however, been made that this was found to be impossible. All worked hard, especially the ladies, and about £8 was added to our funds.

The general meeting of parishioners was held at S. Barnabas Church on Thursday evening, January 10. Mr. Roberts was nominated as vicar's warden, and Messrs. Luttrell and Billing re-elected as people's wardens. Mr. Roberts was elected treasurer, and Mr. Luttrell secretary. A parish council was elected. As there was not the required quorum for the election of a lay representative the meeting was adjourned till January 13, when Mr. W. J. Luttrell was unanimously re-elected.

The news of our late Queen's death was received with profound sadness. The sad intelligence was first made known in the township by the solemn tolling of the bell of S. Barnabas' Church about midday on January 23. In the evening a solemn service consisting of parts of the burial office and the Litany, was attended by a large

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The remoter parts of the parish have enjoyed a flying visit from the bishop. His Lordship was conducted to Lorinna by the rector of Deloraine, where he was met on Monday evening, February 25, by our vicar. Middlesex Plains, the Vale of Belvoir, and the Bismuth and Bell Mount mines were visited. Family prayers were conducted at Lorinna and Middlesex, and a short service was held at Bell Mount, the first, we believe, ever held in those parts.

Before next "Messenger" is published, Easter will have come and gone. May we take this opportunity of urging all faithful people to keep Good Friday as a solemn day of meditation on the Passion of our Lord, and humiliation for the sin which nailed Him to the cross. Special services will be held at suitable hours in Sheffield, with the object of aiding all in this direction. May we also remind all our communicants that our Church imperatively commands her children to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day. There will be celebrations arranged on that day as far as possible to suit everyone's convenience, and we trust we shall miss none from the heavenly feast.

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A SERIES of addresses are being held at Christ Church on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Mr. Lingley will preach on the 6th, Mr. Stone on the 13th, Mr. Murray later.

The harvest thanksgiving services will take place at Christ Church, Longford, Thursday, March 14, at 7.30 p.m.; Sunday, March 17, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Cressy Road, Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m.; Pateena, Sunday March 24, at 3 p.m. Collections in aid of the rectory debt. It is intended to raise money for this fund, as our effort for the 19th century thanksgiving fund.

The children's annual prize-giving was held at Christ Church school-room on Monday, the 4th inst. A large number of children, with some friends and elders were present. Hymns were sung, and prizes and rewards were presented. Ruby Paulden gained a special prize, given by Mr. and Mrs. Tarleton to the girl who was second in the Diocesan examination. Tasman McIntyre gained the special for boy who had highest number of marks in same. Hilda Bowskill gained a special prize in her class, given by Miss Ward, for attendance.

Thanks to kind friends, the rector has been able to purchase a new horse. A service is to be held at Panshanger on Thursday, the 7th, at 7 p.m.

Baptisms.—Florence Pinkard, Harriet Ellen Welly, Ada Catherine Robinson, Dora Grace Bricknell, William Redvers Dawson, Lorna Walker, David Percy Duff, Linda Pretoria Harmon, Elvy Clara Wise, William Henry Roy Ellis Sparks.

Great regret is felt by the residents of the parish, and especially by the children of Pateena school, at the departure of Miss Watson, now Mrs. Poulter. She is beloved by all, and deservedly so, for she gave her time and talents to the work beloved by the Master, namely, to feeding the lambs of His flock. All join in wishing her and her husband many happy years together, and a safe return to Tasmania.

The prize-giving for the Pateena Sunday-school is to take place at Mount Ireh on March 8. Captain Dumaresq has been good enough to furnish funds for the books.

BELTANA.

THE annual treat in connection with Beltana Sunday-school took place on Saturday, March 2. It had been arranged to meet S. Mark's S.S., Bellerive, half-way between the two places, and then combine forces, but, owing to the rain setting in, this arrangement had to be abandoned, the Beltana School using the school-room, Lincoln-street, Beltana, and the S. Mark's the Social Institute, Bellerive—singing, readings, indoor games, photographing, and when the rain was over tug-of-war, rounders, races, etc. Tea was

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served out of doors, the children using the forms from the school-room to sit on. The superintendent, who had two cameras, took snapshots and groups. Could the "Church Messenger" illustrate these in some future issue? If local Church events were illustrated by photos the "C.M." circulation would increase by leaps and bounds. The following ladies helped during the afternoon:—Mrs. Bennetto, who made all arrangements; Mesdames Gordon, Mitchellmore, Misses M. Pinkerton, E. Bennetto, and S. Gordon, and the thanks of all are due to so many friends giving money, cakes, etc. The children all enjoyed themselves. The school now numbers 26 girls and 24 boys, representing 17 families, Mr. Hedley Westbrook being superintendent, Mrs. Gordon and Miss M. Pinkerton teachers. Last year the children contributed 35s to the C.H.M.U.

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ALL SAINTS', HOBART.

THE usual double daily services are being held this Lent, the special Wednesday evening address being given by the rector and the Rev. A. Pollard.

The parish council have issued collecting cards to the face value of 10s each, with a view to raising £25 towards paying off the arrears of £128. Some 50 of these have been taken up, and it is hoped that the full amount will be raised during Lent, and offered on Easter Sunday. It should be known that the cause of this deficit is the pecuniary loss the parish sustained upon the death of the late Mr. Kennedy, who subscribed yearly during his lifetime £77 to the parish funds; and, although he left the munificent bequest of two houses in his will to All Saints, the churchwardens have only received during the four years since his death a sum of £139, instead of £308, which they would have received if he were still living. The balance of rent has gone in necessary repairs to the two houses, and, although we have the satisfaction of knowing that the church property is being improved, we have had to suffer an annual loss of over £40; and, besides this, some of our best supporters have left the parish, so there is a need for special effort just now, and we hope our people will rise to the occasion so as to relieve the churchwardens of their present anxiety.

The quarterly meeting of the communicants' association was held on Monday, February 28. There was a fair attendance, and, after the transaction of business, a short address on 2 Cor. iv. was given by the rector, and it was decided to have the association communion on Wednesday, March 6, at 7.30 and 11, and the offertories to be given towards the church doors.

About 30 candidates are attending our confirmation classes, and the confirmation for All Saints will be held on Palm Sunday, March 31, at 3 p.m. The S. Raphael's confirmation is not yet fixed.

Lent services are being held at S. Raphael's Chapel on Friday evenings, which is now very well lighted.

Offerings in church for the month:—All Saints—February 2, 5s 3d; 3, £4 7s 5d; 10, £10 4s 10d; 17, £4 6s 9d; 20, 6s 11d; 24, £3 1s 5d. Total, £27 12s 7d.

Baptisms.—February 1, Olive Florinda Maxwell; 15, Harry Millwood Denny.

Marriages.—February 16, William John Webber to Minnie Blanche Carter; 23, James Harris to Mary Alice Lees.

S. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, HOBART

VERY solemn services were held at S. John's, as at all other churches, on the occasion of our late beloved Queen's death and burial. On Tuesday, January 27, at the celebration of the Holy Com-

munion, in special intercession and in sermons was the fact treated as our religion directs. On Saturday, the 26th, Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there was again a celebration in the parish church, and afterwards our people, as they had opportunity, attended the memorial service at the Cathedral. On Sunday, the 3rd, our minds were filled with the thoughts of our national loss, and yet with thankfulness for the long reign, peaceful ending, and good life of our late sovereign. In the pleading of the great sacrifice on Calvary in Holy Communion for the whole church, we have never ceased to pray that she, and those inside the veil, may have remission of their sins and all other benefits of His Passion, even "mercy at that day," and a happy reunion with their loved ones. We may trust that so great an example may rouse in us all once more the passion for goodness.

The meetings of S. Andrew's Brotherhood have been resumed. We have to regret the resignation of Mr. Good as a member, and can but here express our appreciation of his earnestness and zeal in the past, and our assurance of our best wishes for his spiritual future.

Our annual offertories and collections for the general church fund were made on the 10th. The Rev. C. J. Brammall, rector of Hagley, preached in the morning, and the Rev. E. G. Barry, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Launceston, in the evening.

On the 16th we held our Sunday-school treat. The children went in tramcars to the long beach, Sandy Bay, when a most enjoyable time was spent. Our banners are becoming old and weatherworn. They were presented to the school by the Rev. Tice Gellibrand about 30 years ago, and have done good service. We must see what can be done to renew them. The next day the children marched in procession from the School to S. David's Cathedral to attend the united children's service. The cathedral was packed with children and their teachers. There was no other congregation, and the preacher was the Rev. W. J. Copeland, the rector of Zeehan.

Will all S. John's readers possess themselves of the Lenten leaflet? It will then be seen that the Very Rev. the Dean is preaching a course of sermons on Wednesday evenings on the epistles to the seven churches of Asia; the rector a course on some points from the 2nd epistle to the Corinthians, and on Sunday evenings, "Cardinal sins, illustrated in the lines of the patriarchs." Will each one interested in these discourses endeavour to secure the attendance of their friends? When visiting clergy are good enough to give us their services, we should show our appreciation by securing a large attendance.

On the 27th of the present month the rector will conduct a quiet day at Holy Trinity Church for church workers and

others. Of course, S. John's workers will be welcomed.

The choir has resolved to perfect its organisation. Meetings have been held, a secretary appointed, and work arranged. Already there is an improvement in the attendance at practices, and we have had the consent of the churchwardens to supply the funds for a fresh supply of books. May we suggest a better attendance at the Guild celebrations, and a more tender regard for the weakness of cloth-bound books.

There was a meeting of the parochial branch of the Australian Missionary Union on the third Friday in the month, when an admirable paper was read by Miss Norris, B.A., on the life and work of Bishop Chauncy Maples. The boxes were handed in, the amount received being about £2 10s. We must have additions to our roll of some 26 members. There are no fees or subscriptions. Each member is supposed to take a collecting box, and get something for the cause periodically. Papers are read at the monthly meetings by members on subjects connected with missions to the heathen throughout the world. The meetings are held on the third Friday in the month in the schoolroom, immediately after evensong, in the church at 7.20.

The Guild of Perseverance has presented the church with a beautifully-worked violet altar frontal. The Guild supplied the material, Mrs. Gruncell the work. The churchwardens and parish council have, by special resolutions, expressed their appreciation of this gift, and letters have been written to the donors embodying the same. Anything that rightly and ecclesiastically symbolises "the beauty of holiness" ought to be helpful to real Spiritual worship. As the glorious beauties of God's handiworks in nature lead us to the wonder and admiration of the Creator, so, as of old, may

Beauty spread around us,
Born of holiness,
Arch and vault and carving
Lights of varied tone.
Send our thoughts before us
Far o'er yon horizon
Where our God abideth.

So that our life may be hidden with Christ in God, remembering ever that "Here we have no abiding dwelling place, but seek one to come."

Baptisms.—Ash Wednesday, Thomas Nathaniel Cragg, Horatio Bates (private baptism); February 21, James Archibald Saddler.

Burials.—February 4, Joseph William Lewis, aged 65 years.

Communicants and Offertories.—February 2, 5 communicants, 1s; 3, 39 communicants, £4 18s 5½d; 7, 11 communicants, 2s 4½d; 10, 22 communicants (G.C.F.), £5 10s 3d; 14, 4 communicants; 17, 11 communicants, £4 9s 0½d; 20, 7 communicants, 3s 9d; 21, 4 communicants; 24, 27 communicants, £4 9s 3½d; 28, 4 communicants, 2s 10½d.

SORELL.

A FEW weeks ago a mission was held in Sorell by Mr. Stewart, and under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. The meetings, held on each evening for ten days, were well and generally attended. Mr. Stewart is a plain, earnest, and eloquent speaker, and we have reason to believe that many were impressed for good, and have made good resolves for the future. Such persons, must not be discouraged if they find their religious feelings have not always the fervency they desire. On the other hand, they must remember that the best guarantee for the permanence of religious emotion can only be found in settled convictions, convictions respecting the burden of sin, their own weakness, and the superlative holiness and claims of Christ. Such a state of mind will then prompt them to make use of and rely upon the regular means of grace as well as to look to special occasions for Spiritual help.

Harvest festivals have been held in Sorell, Coppington, Dunally. At Sorell the occasion was also made use of to hold a church parade. The weather was very good on all the above occasions, and good congregations were the result. At Sorell particularly, for the first time for many years, seating accommodation failed, nearly 200 being present.

On February 24 Mr. Archibald Blackwood died at Carnarvon in his 80th year, and was buried on the following Wednesday, the incumbent making a special journey for the purpose. A notice of the career of Mr. Blackwood has appeared in the "Mercury," so that we will not repeat it here. We may mention that Mr. Blackwood was one of those staunch churchmen who could combine practical zeal for his own church with large-hearted charity for other denominations. He was one of those who largely assisted in the erection of the church at Long Bay, in the Channel, and while in good health at Carnarvon did what there was to be done in the business affairs of the church, as well as being a regular attendant at divine service. Men of his stamp are wanted everywhere.

There has been some discussion in Sorell respecting the organ in use in the Presbyterian Church, and a meeting was held in connection with it. Much cause for congratulation exists for the friendly and courteous spirit that marked all that was said and done. On the one hand, the Presbyterian Church relinquished all claim upon the instrument, and on the other hand, the minister and wardens of the Church of England, having been made aware of all

the relations of the two churches in the past, were desirous that the instrument should be retained in perpetuity by the Presbyterian body. We cannot doubt, however, that the outcome of the meeting has been to take the best and most practical step in the matter. Another instrument is wanted, and a decision was made to obtain a really good organ for the Presbyterian Church, and to let the instrument now in use there, which has done many years' service, be returned for use in the Sunday-school of the Church of England. We are sure that generous help will be forthcoming from the church people to assist in procuring a new organ for the Presbyterians, and we hope a sum will be raised so as to enable such an instrument to be purchased which will be worthy of the work and the position it will hold.

Baptisms. — Sorell Erwyn Samuel Wells, Sorella Erna Amelia Wells, Edgar Charles Parkinson, Athol Blackwood Wellard, Ivy Victoria Young.

CLARENCE.

ON Saturday, February 9, the long-looked-for floral fete was held on the site of the proposed new church, in aid of the building fund. The weather was, fortunately, fine. In the unavoidable absence of Lady Dodds, the Hon. N. J. Brown opened the proceedings with a felicitous speech.

In spite of counter attractions, there was a very good attendance. Under a marquee was served afternoon tea, strawberries and raspberries with cream by the Misses Lamb, Morrisby, Ross, and other young ladies; whilst a well-stocked jumble stall was presided over by Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Bailey, assisted by Miss Shaw and Miss O'May. Mr. Wertheimer (from Hobart) brought over a gramophone, which afforded great amusement. There was an Aunt Sally; also donkey rides and a shooting gallery. The Bellerive Band kindly gave their assistance. The floral procession proved the principal attraction. It consisted of four-wheeled carriages and pagnal carts, bicycles, and go-carts decorated with nowers, prizes being for the most artistic. Messrs. F. J. Heywood and Roland acted as judges. Prizes were awarded as follows:—For the best turnout on horseback, Master McDermott, dressed as a jockey; carriages, Mrs. J. Robertson, who drove a pagnal cart beautifully decorated with sun flowers; bicycles, Miss Murphy 1, Miss Green 2, Miss Murrige 3; go-carts, Miss Henri; sheep go-cart, Miss Lord; decorated dogs, Miss Gulliver 1; Miss

McIntyre 2; special prize given by Mr. Green for a decorated goat, Miss Shepherd. Great credit is due to Mrs. Bailey, the originator and manager of the fete, for her untiring efforts, and we are all glad that they were crowned with success. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Hedley Westbrook (hon. sec.) and the various members of the committee. The gross receipts amounted to £20. After £5 had been deducted for expenses, a balance of £15 was left for the building fund. The total sum to the credit of that fund now amounts to about £400.

On Saturday, March 2, our annual treat for the Sunday-school children was held. The children, with their superintendent and teachers, attended a short service at S. Mark's Church at 1.30, when the rector officiated. If the weather had been fine, we had intended to join with the Beltana Sunday-school at a short distance out of Bellerive, and hold a united treat. However, the rain came down so steadily and persistently that all thoughts of a "march out" had to be abandoned, and we turned our steps to the Bellerive Institute, where both girls and boys were amused in various ways under cover until tea time. After tea, the weather cleared up, and we all trooped down to the beach, where the usual races and other sports were carried on until dusk. One of our returned soldiers, Mr. Frank Morrisby, gave us valuable assistance with the boys' sports, being a specially good authority on the "tug-of-war." The proceedings closed with the singing of an evening hymn, after which hearty cheers were given for the teachers and other friends, who had assisted in providing the treat.

FORTH AND LEVEN.

ON Sunday, February 17, the Sunday-school prizes were distributed at Abbotsham Church, the building being crowded. The rector expressed his earnest thanks to the superintendent of the school, Miss Annie Shaw, who had faithfully and loyally kept to her post undaunted by any difficulties. He also heartily thanked the teachers, namely, the Misses Eva Guest and Haydon, and Mr. A. Houstain, for their valuable services during the year. The following scholars won first prizes:—Ruby McCulloch, Ronald Haydon, Mabel Williams, Owen Bingham. Special prizes were also very kindly given, and were won by a number of the scholars.

The Wednesday evening Lenten services at the parish church are being very fairly attended, some 35 persons coming each evening. Many cannot attend by reason of their work, but all

should earnestly endeavour to make the Lenten season a time of special discipline and real self-denial, fighting manfully against some besetting sin, observing Good Friday most carefully and reverently; and so, with the answer of a good conscience, and with a mind at peace with God and man, coming with thankful hearts to the glorious Easter Eucharist, and realising, as perhaps never before, the full meaning of that most ancient portion of the Divine Liturgy, which comes down to us from the very Apostolic age—"Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord." "Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do."

After consultation with the churchwardens of the parish church, it has been decided to set apart Sunday, March 24, as the day on which to make a special and earnest effort to clear off the rectory site debt. This debt now amounts to £5, and we feel sure that our people, realising that in just over two years no less than £220, together with interest at 4 per cent., has been paid off this debt will make every effort to wipe it off altogether at the special offertories on March 24. The church in this parish will then rejoice in the unencumbered possession of a most valuable property in a beautiful position adjoining the parish church, two acres in area, and looking out upon the Leven River, the Dial Range of Mountains, and the sea. During this year, God willing, the rectory will be built on this beautiful site, and the future rectors of this church will not be so heavily handicapped as is the case at present, the rector's house now being more than a mile from the church. When the rectory is built, all that then will remain to be done in the way of building will be the erection of a church suitable to a town of the size and importance of Ulverstone and the needs of the Anglican community in this town and district.

We hope to be able to announce in the next number of the "Church Messenger" that another addition to the working staff of the parish has been made. The present staff cannot cope with the work of the parish, which has grown very greatly, and, although we have no grant for another paid worker, yet we hope that arrangements can be made whereby we can obtain the services of a gentleman who desires to come to us.

DEVONPORT.

SINCE last writing Canon Howell has left, and on the first Sunday in Lent the rector again took charge of the

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parish after his serious illness. To show their appreciation of Canon Howell's services the parishioners have sent him a little present in the shape of £15, which was subscribed to by nearly ninety persons, through the instrumentality of Mrs. Major Spilsbury, who is always to the fore in all church work. Mr. L. Moore, the church warden of S. John's, Devonport, forwarded the amount with a letter, to which Canon Howell sent the following reply:—

"Trevallyn, Launceston,
Feb. 23, 1901.

My dear Mr. Moore,

Your letter came upon me as a great surprise. I am sure it was very kind of Mrs. Spilsbury and the other ladies of your parish to do as they have done, and the great number of the names on the list you enclosed makes me feel all the more grateful to the Devonport church people. I was treated so kindly while I was with you that I shall always feel that I have friends in Devonport, and shall be glad to know that things are prospering in the church there. When you lay the foundation stone of the new S. John's I hope you will invite me to be present.—I am yours, faithfully,
E. T. HOWELL.

The following are the names of the subscribers:—J. C. L., Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Bovill Mrs. Fulton, F. Bourne, W. H. Sayer, G. Tucker, Mrs. Bishton, Mrs. Kinsella, Mr. Drew, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. J. Saunders, Mrs. McLaren, Miss Gleadow, Mrs. Gardam,

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ZEEHAN.

THE second meeting of the S. Luke's Church Workers' Guild was held in Tuesday, February 26, at 8 p.m. Unfortunately, owing to a number of meetings being held in the town on the same night, there was only a small attendance. The first part of the meeting was devotional, intercession being made for the parish and the various branches of Church work in it, after which the rector gave a short account of each branch, and papers were circulated among those present for the signatures of any who wished to help in the work.

The scheme for the 20th Century Fund was then described, and the question was raised as to whether the money collected should be devoted to the building of the much needed rectory, or to the paying of the existing debt upon the church. It was decided in favour of the latter.

The annual distribution of prizes to the scholars of S. Luke's Sunday-school was held on Sunday afternoon, February 17, in S. Luke's Church. In the absence of the rector at Synod the prizes were given away by Mr. White.

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DELORAINÉ.

LENT brings a call to increased devotion, first to the individual privately, then to the individual as a member of the congregation. Will church people please remember the obligation that rests upon them at 5.30 Fridays; no, this is too late, since service is at 5.30; perhaps 5 o'clock is better, but this must give place to 4.30. This gives time to go and bring another.

Holy Week.—Celebrations of Holy Communion on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, as announced. Good Friday at 9 o'clock, Litany and Matins. Three hours' services (12-3) conducted by the Rev. Wm. Stone. Those attending need not stay the whole time. Every man and woman who has any devotion to their Master MESSENGER—DELORAINÉ N. N. should come for awhile. The earnest preacher will greatly aid this means of spiritual strength. 8 p.m., Evensong and address to communicants. All church people are appealed to that they will witness a noble self-sacrificing faith on Good Friday. On Christmas Day we should have perhaps our matches and other athletic meetings, our excursions and so on, but let us be careful not to lose a right opportunity on this day.

Easter Day.—It is hoped that the Archdeacon will be present. This, as we write, being uncertain, we withhold the notices.

Decorations.—Landowners are requested to keep by some sheaves for the harvest festival services, and garden keepers to carefully tend Easter flowers from the frosts.

Confirmations.—The event to which many have been looking forward during the past months has come and gone, but not so either the remembrance or the results. During the three days' visit of his Lordship the Bishop to this parish about 90 candidates were privileged to take part in the holy rite of confirmation. Open-air services were held on Friday, the 22nd, on the Tiers and at Jackey's Marsh, and in the church at Meander; also on Sunday afternoon, 24th, at Holy Cross, and at S. Mark's on Sunday evening, when there was a large congregation present to witness the simple but solemn ceremony, and to add their prayers to those of the Bishop and clergy on behalf of those who came to receive a blessing. In the Bishop's charge he emphasised the thought that the children of God are called to be soldiers to fight in the battle against foes invisible, but not the less real, and that all we who confess ourselves soldiers of Christ must strive manfully and constantly to uphold the banner of our Divine Captain.

Night School.—After a lapse of some weeks during the hot weather, the night school, which is held at Boys' Club room, in Barrack-street, has re-

opened. Hours, from 7.30 to 9 o'clock on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Besides the usual subjects taught, classes are held for elementary bookkeeping and natural science, etc. Fortnightly lectures are to be given on various subjects, for which a small extra charge will be made, and non-members welcomed. The weekly fees are, 9d each boy, or 6d each for brothers.

Baptisms.—February 7, Gertrude Jean Cole, Delorainé; February 8, Henry Murray Maxwell, Delorainé; January 8, Sylvia Eileen Sims, Dairy Plains.

Marriages.—February 6, at Holy Cross, Percy William Ernest McNeair, of Parkham, to Barbara Walsh, of Parkham; February 13, at Holy Cross, Ernest John Stephens, of Dunorlan, to Emily Amelia Atkins, of Dunorlan.

CARRICK.

THE rector, the Rev. R. K. Collisson, bade farewell for the present to his parishioners at the end of February, and on Sunday, March 3, the Rev. E. T. Howell, as acting-rector, preached his first sermons in Illawarra, Hadspen, and Carrick, Mr. Collisson accompanying him, and taking part in each service. It happened, through the sad death of Mrs. Pugh, that they had to visit Bishopbourne also on the afternoon of that day to officiate at her funeral, at which a very large number of friends and neighbours attended. Mr. Howell took possession of the rectory on Friday, March 8. The building is in good repair, but it sadly needs painting, as it has had no paint for many years, and it is hoped that an effort may be made soon after Easter to raise a little money for this purpose, as well as to purchase the force pump, etc., which supply the house with water. These, being fixtures, should go with the rectory.

MACQUARIE PLAINS.

EXPECTING that the doings of Synod would take up most of the space last month, our jottings were reserved for this, and now we must cut things short, or the editor will do it for us. The churchwardens of this year are—At Macquarie Plains, Messrs. Lyne, J. F. Walker, and T. Ball; at Plenty, Messrs. R. Read, Winspeare, and W. Morgan, jun. Dr. E. Crowther again represents us in Synod.

A parish picnic on February 9 was much enjoyed by the hundred and eighty people present. Sports were indulged in of various kinds. A sale of work made £2 towards parish funds. We are much indebted to Mr. Rayner for the use of his field, and for the kind way in which he provided forms and other necessities. Mr. Blackmore

was, as usual, a host in himself wherever help was needed, and our good friend Mrs. Ellis, with other equally willing workers, guaranteed success at the tea.

S. MICHAEL'S, WEST TAMAR.

AT Windermere, S. Matthias, after the safe return of our troops from South Africa, we sang the "Te Deum" and hymns of rejoicing and praise as an act of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for so many mercies vouchsafed to them. At the same church special evening service on Christmas night was held, conducted by the vicar, who preached to a large congregation. The edifice was tastefully decorated by Mrs. Frank Rosevear, Misses Amy Rosevear, and Daphne Plummer.

The high winds and rough water on the first Sunday in January prevented Rev. Corvan and the congregation from crossing the river to Windermere Church. Special hymns were chosen in memory of the late Mr. William J. Genders, who was called to his rest after a short illness. He was for some time our lay representative in Synod, and very highly respected by all who knew him. His early demise was deeply regretted throughout this district, and the most sincere sympathy expressed for his bereaved family. The vicar of this parish made special reference to his death and loss to the Church of England at the "In Memoriam" service, held in S. Michael's School-room, exhorting all his congregation to follow his splendid example, and "abound in the works of the Lord."

There is much to be done in this district in church work, and applications are made for ready helpers. Our new church we hope soon to see in course of erection. When complete we feel convinced there will be a great future before us if churchworkers are forthcoming, as we hope they will be.

An "In Memoriam" service was held at the school on February 3 out of respect to our beloved Queen Victoria and Empress of India, whose memory will be cherished by her sorrowing people, coupled with thankfulness to God for his many mercies and peaceful and long reign of our deceased sovereign. Our sympathy is with the sorrowing Royal family in their loss and grief. The Rev. Corvan impressed his congregation by his sermon, imploring them to work while there was time, as life was uncertain to all. His text was taken from Corinthians xv., 58. "When Our Heads," "Days and Moments," "Thy Will Be Done," and "Thy Way, Not Mine" were the hymns sung. The school-room was suitably

draped in black, relieved by white wreath and cross draped with purple silk, by Miss Coates and Miss D. Plummer. The annual meeting to elect churchwardens, etc., was held at Rosevears last Friday. A vote of thanks was passed to the Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge for donation of £15 to the building fund of S. Michael's Church. There was a slight balance in the accounts. Mr. Victor Plummer was elected minister's churchwarden, and Messrs. H. Atkinson and R. Goetze re-elected as people's wardens, Messrs. G. Luck, C. Beauchamp, and Freeland, jun., Cormiston, as churchwardens. Any donations or furniture will be gratefully received for our proposed new church by any of the above-named wardens for St. Michael's.

FRANKFORD.

THE many friends of Mrs. Harry Robinson (who is organist of S. Saviour's Church, and was organiser of the Sunday-school) were very pleased to welcome her back to the district after her illness and protracted stay in Hobart. During her absence Miss L. Smith kindly presided at the organ.

The Sunday-school treat was held at Mr. Durand's. Prizes were given away; tea and prizes for racing were also provided. The school children and parents spent a pleasant afternoon. Three hearty cheers were given for Mrs. Harry Robinson, as founder of the Sunday-school, and her safe return to Frankford, and Mr. Durand for loan of paddock.

BRIGHTON-CUM-KEMPTON.

AT the last annual meeting of parishioners at Kempton a suggestion was thrown out that it might be of advantage to the work of the church if the rector could live for a week in a month at the Kempton end of the parish. The parishioners present said they would guarantee to furnish a room if the rector could see his way clear to fall in with the proposed arrangement. The latter said he would gladly do so. The parishioners set to work to carry out their guarantee, with the result that a comfortable room at the parsonage was furnished, and the rector and wife occupied it for the first time for the week beginning March 3. We trust that this arrangement may tend to an increased interest in church work, as the rector will now be able to visit the outlying portions of his parish at the Kempton end, as he has not been able to do before.

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The Sunday-school picnic was held near the parish room on the following Tuesday, and was unanimously voted to have been the best-attended and most enjoyable one that has been held. The enjoyment of those present was considerably enhanced by the fact that their old rector, Rev. J. K. Wilmer, was present and looking remarkably well after his late illness. He was able to stay for an hour or so, and as he left three hearty cheers were given by the parishioners present for their old rector. The Rev. W. H. Murray, of Cressy, who is always a welcome visitor to the parish, was also present, and helped to make things go pleasantly. In thanking those who helped to the success of the picnic we must not forget to thank Mr. Weston for supplying the necessities for a permanent swing, and also Mr. Green for erecting the swing.

The Tea Tree picnic was held under the willows at Woodlands. Needless to say that under the management of Miss Barwick everything went most happily and to the enjoyment of those present.

Considerable interest is being taken in the fair that is to be held at Broadmarsh on Easter Monday, and we trust that when the day arrives the promoters may find their efforts crowned with success. Contributions

RINGAROOMA.

THE election of sidesmen, postponed at the annual election of wardens, took place on Saturday, February 2. The following were elected:—Messrs. William Wilson, George Andrews, Stephen Symons.

On February 3 the memorial service for the late Queen was held by the rector. The service was very impressive. The rector gave a very feeling address on the good life of our Queen.

The hymns and, at the close of the service, the "Dead March" were beautifully and solemnly played by Mrs. A. Lewis, who very kindly presided at the organ in the absence of the organist. All the black for draping the church was very kindly lent by Mr. James White, who is always so willing to oblige and help the church officials. In the absence of the organist for some weeks, the organ was taken by Mr. W. Condor, who very kindly played under difficulties, as the choir were also away.

The rector being away at Synod, Mr. Bernard, of S. John's, Launceston, came for morning service on the 17th. We were all glad to see him again, and would be very pleased to welcome him as curate to our rector, who is badly in need of an energetic man to help him in this large and scattered district. In draping the church with black for the memorial service one of the texts was utterly destroyed. It is a pity work of that kind could not be done properly and with care. The texts were only a short time ago made and presented by two lady members of the church. They were taken down, and, I am told, are not fit to be put up again.

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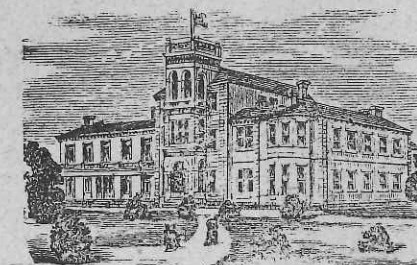
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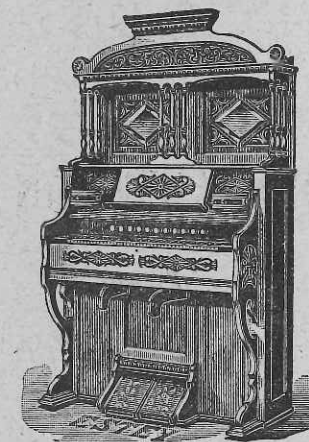
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