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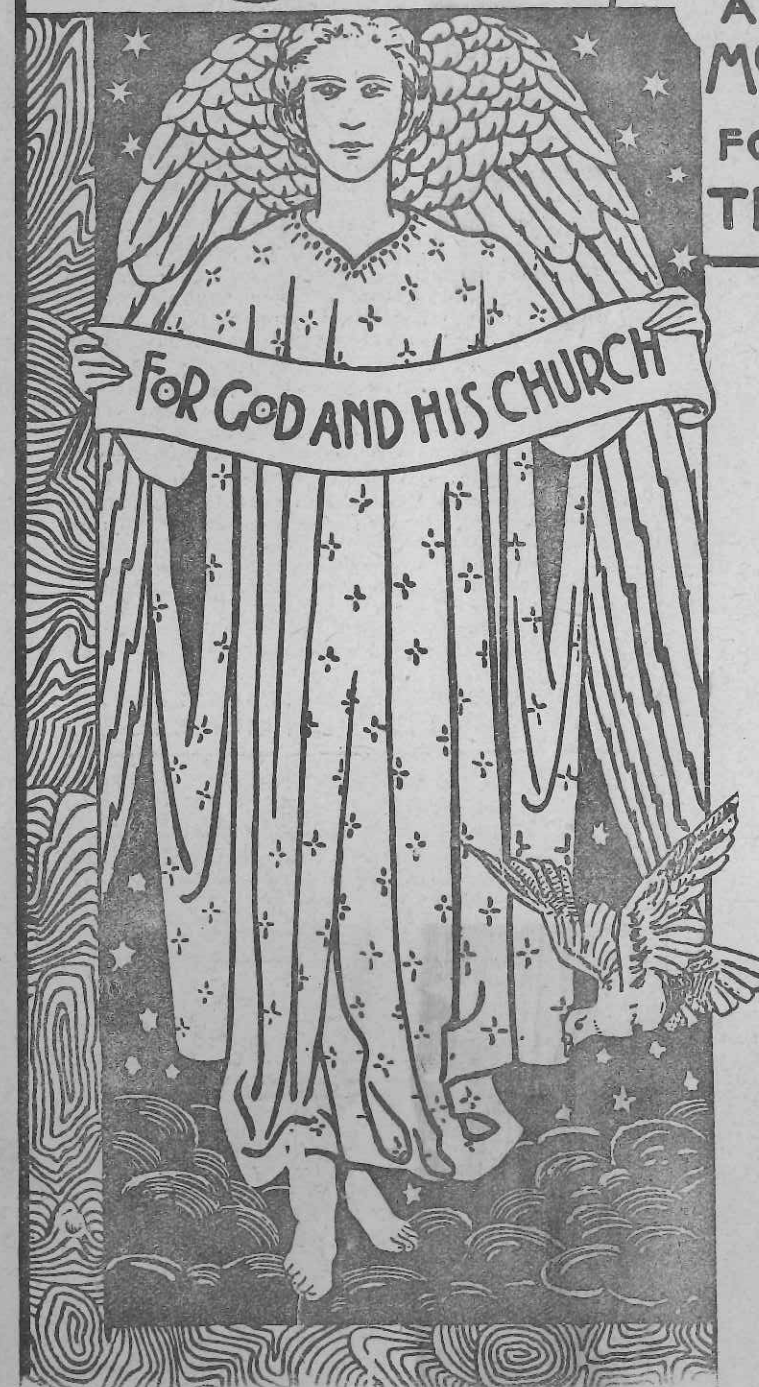
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THE BISHOP'S RESIGNA- TION.

As announced early this month, our
Bishop has resigned his See. The
resignation will date from the end of
October. The news came as a great
shock to churchfolk generally. Nothing,
perhaps, could have been further from
our expectations. The news is not wel-
come, though largely modified, by the
fact that his Lordship will leave us to
fill a position of the highest possible
trust and usefulness as Episcopal head of
the great mission society, the S.P.G., in
England. No greater compliment could
have been offered to our island dio-
cese. It is a sphere of world-wide im-
portance, and eclipses in its heavy re-
sponsibility anything these colonies
could offer.

His Lordship is the fourth in succe-
sion in this diocese. Bishop Nixon ad-
ministered it from 1842 to 1863. A
year later came Bishop Bromby, who
remained till 1883, and was succeeded
by Bishop Sandford, whose withdrawal
took place in 1889, since which time
Bishop Montgomery has been with us.

In retiring from his diocese in favour
of so high and honourable a position
there can be but one feeling on the part
of all right-minded laymen as to the
Bishop's work, and that is the sense of
thoroughness which has characterised
it. Never before has every corner of
the diocese been so faithfully visited

and cared for. Though gifted with an
activity and a physical strength seldom
equalled amongst the clergy, yet often
and often must S. Paul's confession,
"wrung from him in pure self-defence,
where he speaks of his endless journey-
ings made in great peril, in weariness
and painfulness, have been true of our
chief pastor also. We have only to
name the West Coast as it was a dozen
years ago to bring vividly before the
mind's eye what frequent ministering
in those parts meant.

The Bishop has ever had a very high
ideal before him, and in endeavouring
honestly to reach that ideal has un-
doubtedly raised the standard of work
and life amongst his clergy, and, through
them, the people to whom they have
ministered. Wherever the clergy have
been diligent in the discharge of, and
devoted to, their work the Bishop has
ever stood nobly by them; but the lax
and invertebrate priest has rightly been
made to feel his just rebuke with a
vigour comparable only to true mili-
tary discipline. It is natural such
should whine out his discontent when-
ever anyone has been weak enough to
listen. These are the men who, trying
to injure his influence in the minds of
certain ill-informed laymen, have ac-
cused the Bishop of being an "extreme
man." If there be anything extreme in
him it is in the direction of his libe-
rality. His boast has always been that
in this diocese fair play and complete
tolerance have ever been given to the

three great schools of thought. Some
doubtless, will recall the names of indi-
viduals whose licenses have gone by the
board, and try to contravert this state-
ment, yet let such remember it was not
because of their "school of thought,"
but rather because of their ineptitude
begotten of inertia, or, worse, be-
cause they wilfully violated the
Church's moral or canonical law, that
they had to go. If these men were all
of the same "doctrinal complexion" it
speaks anything but well for their
especial "school." In the face of any-
thing that may be said to the contrary,
we boldly maintain that during the pre-
sent episcopate the diocese has made
great progress, and we cannot but feel
that when our new Bishop appears he
will find it no light task to tread in the
footsteps and to bear the burden of our
present respected and honoured chief.

WITH THE S.S. CHILDREN to Hobart and Back.

(By One in the Crowd.)

"Well, I suppose you have had
enough of the train to-day." Such was
the first greeting we received as the
children's train came slowly up to the
Launceston station, bringing the ma-
jority of us back after taking part in
the children's demonstration in con-
nection with the Royal festivities. Well
might that question be asked, consider-
ing that for eleven hours we had been
travelling at the "special express"
(that's what our train was officially
called) speed of 12 miles an hour, and
the boilers didn't burst, while we had

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virtually only a mouthful of "tucker" for over 12 hours. But of this little item more anon—so to hark back to the very beginning. I may state how we came to have this trip. When the idea of taking 1000 children to Hobart for the Sunday School demonstration was first mooted, the secretary of S. John's and the City Missionary seemed to be the only representatives who had faith in the success of the affair, and the former started to work straight away, with the result that he had his arrangements completed for our benefit before the other denominations actually made a start with theirs. A difficult problem to be solved was how could accommodation be found for so large a number of children at such a time; but "where there's a will there's a way," and this "way" appeared to be through the Diocesan Sunday School Association in Hobart, and the splendid help they gave the Church of England schools enabled us to be represented in Hobart by over 150 scholars, or more than one-third of the total from Launceston. Had the others taken the matter up like our representatives, there is not the least doubt that more than double the number of Launceston children would have had the opportunity of seeing their future King and Queen. The Government seemed to be specially desirous of giving the Northern children a treat, and the scheme planned by the Minister of Lands for our comfort could not have been improved upon. We were to have a trip by special express to Hobart and back for 2s 6d, and our railway tickets were to hold good for nearly a fortnight. We were to travel during the best time of the day, and be provided with refreshments at the Government's expense on the day of the demonstration. We of the Church of England assembled at Trinity School-room on the Tuesday, when the first train went, and marched down to the railway station. Right glad were we that our secretary included that in his plans, for by that means we were enabled to have a carriage all to ourselves, and be under proper control of our teachers. Oh, wasn't it cold that morning! The frost was thick on all sides, but we seemed to forget all about the weather when once we got into the carriage, and everyone

was worked up to a pitch of excitement, for the scene was animating. The parents and friends of the children who were on the platform in force to make sure that Tommy or Sissie didn't miss the train being even more excited than we were. At last we were "off," and our secretary was "on" the platform, "left lamenting," a fate which turned out a rather harder one than even he anticipated, for the railway officials, with genuine forethought, let him know on Wednesday evening that the Thursday morning's train was cancelled. That night two individuals were seen knocking at people's doors in various parts of the city. They were, however, on legitimate business only, so did not come under the ban of the by-law, and before 9 o'clock came, over 50 children were informed that they could lie in bed a little longer in the morning. Alas, that that little pleasure should have to be denied them after all, yet still they slept in peace. Not so our secretary, for he tells us that it was just approaching that "witching hour" when the creepy things go about that a poor unfortunate railway man found out where he lived, having been sent from one end of the city to the other, with the news that the train was to go at 9 o'clock after all. Up betimes in the morning, his colleague of the previous night's exploit, Mr. Rushforth, was commanded, much to his disgust, for he had made up his mind to "lay in," as he had been told he could. However, such was not to be, and soon two cabmen were driving in different directions, and wasn't there a flying round, all on account of these unsympathetic railway people! They all got away, however, though I did hear that a teacher from Trinity was disturbed in the middle of "ham and eggs" with a five minutes' notice to catch the train. I don't think his was the only breakfast left unfinished. At Hobart we were welcomed by the secretaries of the Diocesan S.S. Association, and our friends were in waiting to take us away.

Friday morning, the day of the demonstration, found busy scenes being enacted at the various schools where the children were to meet, and from there march to the Domain. Teachers

were rushing here and there in their effort to vest each scholar with the necessary distinguishing badge or scarf of the school to which they belonged. We were distributed amongst the different schools, the majority being with St. David's. Marching down Macquarie-street what a fine sight was in view, for right along that street was to be seen line upon line of children with smiling faces and bannerettes flying, all moving in one direction, with each cross-street acting as a tributary to the main stream, that eventually found its way on the broad surface of that prince of reserves, the Domain. We were soon seated on the stand provided for the children, thanks to the splendid arrangements made, and, as we had nearly an hour to wait, we had plenty of time to look round. Here and there could be seen well-known faces from our Launceston schools. To turn our attention from the platform, what a beautiful panorama is presented to us. To our right lay the city, seemingly quite quiet, with nothing to remind us of life save the strains of a distant band with the trades' procession. On our half-left stands Mount Wellington, which, "as in the eastern sky the upward sun looks out, effulgent, from amid the flush of broken clouds, the rapid radiance instantaneous strikes the illumined mountain," created a picture which no artist could copy, no science make. Directly in front of us, in the foreground, standing at ease, were our "noble defenders," naval and military, and amongst them those brave fellows who went to uphold the integrity of the Empire. Oh, what a welcome they received, second to none; no, not even that given to the Royal party. Away in the background, stretching over to the limits of the Domain, was a sea of quiet expectant people waiting for the coming of their Royal Highnesses. To our right was to be seen the Government House flying the Royal Ensign, while in the distance could be caught glimpses of the calm reaches of the Derwent nestling so peacefully between the wooded hills, contrasting so strangely with the excitement around. The cheering of the assembled multitude was the signal that the Royal party was approaching, and the 6000 children on the platform

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took up the cheer with increased vigour. Her Royal Highness drove up, and was conducted to a special dais, while the Duke, with Lord Hopetoun and suite, ride on horses. Then there were anxious enquiries as to which was the Duchess and which the Countess of Hopetoun? Replies were given, though I know of several who were a little mixed. Still, they were quite satisfied they had recognised everyone, and it would have been disappointing to have dispelled the idea. I need not dwell on the singing, which reflected credit to our conductor, Captain Reynolds, the distribution of medals to our returned soldiers, the review, etc., sufficient to say the whole scene left an impression on my mind which will remain for all time. Every scholar and teacher was given a bun—"Haywood's best"—and the platform was cleared in the same good order as it was filled. In the evening we assembled at our respective schools for a great tea, which the Government provided, and which everyone enjoyed. After this we roamed about at our own sweet will, wishing "to-morrow" was farther away. "If to-morrow never comes," Saturday does, and we had to return then. What a lively place was the special platform for our train. Superintendents, teachers, and scholars, the former looking like so many anxious mothers as they each counted over their children to see that all for whom they were responsible were safely aboard the train. At last we were ready to start, but not so the railway people, for we were cheerfully (?) informed that we would have to wait until the carriages provided were all filled. By whom we couldn't say, for all our lot was there. Thanks to the Hon. W. Hart, who got to one end of a telephone, we got the something more definite, viz., we would leave at 11 o'clock. We could hardly credit the ironical news, for we had been on the platform since 9 o'clock, but the event proved the fact, and after the weary wait in a place devoid of even sunlight, we steamed away, little knowing we would not reach home till 9 o'clock that night. The "special" rate we travelled at filled us with alarm, and we began to dread the approach of "tucker time," because nobody anticipated that important function would occur in the train. To entertain the children and to keep warm were problems the teachers did their best to solve. Fortunately (or unfortunately) we had no worry about dinner, for the simple reason that we had provided nothing. However, we made the best of the inevitable, and sang "Songs of Welcome"

and other patriotic songs to our heart's content. Now and then a teacher would sing for us, while we found among us a regular glee party. One of our teacher even attempted some Shakespearean recitations! but his efforts were nipped in the bud by another, whose aspirations were evidently not for the "Bard of Avon." All served to pass the time and relieve the monotony of a tedious journey. At last the end came, and we steamed up to the Launceston station singing with more than usual fervour (accounted for by the lack of food all day) "There's no Place Like Home." We were thankful to get to our homes, but glad to have had the opportunity of going so far to participate in so great an event, while we so greatly appreciated the kindness of our Hobart friends, who made for us a pleasure we shall always remember.

TALKS ON NATURAL HISTORY.

(By "Woodpecker.")

XXVIII.

"You broke off rather suddenly last time we had a talk, Woodpecker. I was hoping to hear more of old Lanky."

"Well, I think we talked long enough, Tommy; anyway, we were at it longer than usual."

"Yes, but I want to know how you came across Lanky the other day, and all about it, you know."

"I made some enquiries from a man, whom I got into conversation with, as we were on the 'Lottah' going to Daniel's Bay. He was, in some way, connected with the administration of the law in those parts; and, I think we will call him Mr. Stone. After talking for a while about various matters, I said to him:—'By the way, there is a man down there whom I used to know; he went by the name of 'Lanky.' Do you think there will be any chance of my seeing him?'"

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"Oh, you will see him safe enough," he replied; 'he's bound to be on the wharf; any way, I never come here without running up against him.' And, in due course of time—as Daniel's bay began to open out in front of us—I saw a solitary figure on the look-out, which, by degrees, resolved itself into Lanky, but it was Lanky with a difference!—as soon as the rope was made fast I jumped out, and went up to him. 'Hello, Lanky old chap,' I said, 'how are you?'"

"'Oh! I'm middlin'," he replied, 'how's yourself?'"

"Don't you know me?" I asked.

"No, I doo-ant knaw ye," he replied rather coolly.

"Just then, Stone pushed in between us, and said, 'Why, Lanky, this is the So-and-so, So-and-so.'"

"What!" he shouted. 'It isn't, it is!'"

"Yes, old chap," I said; adding, in defiance of grammar,—'it's me safe enough!'"

"Well," he said, 'who'd a thought of that? I'd niver a knaw'd ye; no niver,' he added. Then suddenly he turned to Stone, and shouted—"but what do you want 'ere? We doo-ant need none of your sort; whenever any o' your kidney comes to Bruni there's trouble for somebody; you'd better get back on the steamer, and go where ye came frae—that's what you'd better do; we don't want any of the likes o' you, I can tell ye that, and you'd better be off!'"

"Whether this tirade was real, or feigned, I do not know; but Stone only laughed. Just then, somebody said the boat was waiting for me, as we had to cross the bay; so, telling Lanky to look out for me early in the morning, I bade him a hasty good-bye.

"When I got down to the boat, I did not much like the look of things. She was small, and did not seem over strong; there was a great pile of freight in her from the steamer, and there were four adults, and the kid—in addition to the boatman—to get in; besides, there was a stiff south-wester blowing, which we were bound to feel, when we got away from the land. However, as there appeared no help for it, I got in with the rest.

"Presently I became aware of some dismal sounds, apparently issuing out of the cargo; and, on enquiring the cause of them, somebody pointed to the nose of the boat, where I perceived a huge rooster in a biscuit tin. His comb was jammed flat under the lid, and his legs bent double, owing to his great height; and, altogether, he was in a forlorn and pitiable condition. But his groaning, Tommy, was something awful! I would not have be-

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lieved that such dreadful sounds could have proceeded from the throat of any bird; whether the lid of the tin had the effect of a sounding-board, I do not know.

"We were told afterwards that he was a celebrated Wyandotte chief, who had been suddenly dragged away from his friends and lovers, in Hobart, thrust into that tin-box, and brought down in the steamer, to improve the general deportment of the Bruni egg-layers.

"I pitied that poor creature from the bottom of my heart; but mind, if we had begun to ship water—which I was momentarily expecting—he would have been the first thing to go overboard!"

"But surely you don't believe in omens, Woodpecker?"

"No, not as a general thing, Tommy, but I can assure you the groaning of that bird was enough to upset anybody."

"How far was it across the bay?"

"Oh, not more than three-quarters of a mile, I should imagine. But I soon found our man knew his business; he kept the seas nicely abaft the quarter, and we didn't ship a drop.

"On landing, we walked up a slope, and found the house, where we were to stay, pleasantly situated in a dry, sandy, ridge. There was afternoon tea ready for us, and I was just in the enjoyment of a refreshing cup, when our hostess came to say, 'there was an old man at the door, called Lanky, who wanted to know if I was there.' So I went to see him."

"And was it Lanky?"

"Yes, he had walked round the bay to make sure he had not been imposed on, in some way, or else dreaming. I said, 'Well, Lanky, is that you?'"

"Yes," he replied, 'it's me; but I come to see if it's you. They tell'd me on the wharf as you was there; and I thought I'd seen ye, and then I fancied I'd mebbe been thinking; and you'd niver been there at all. So I com'd round to make sure, for I gets fancies sometimes.'

"After we had talked awhile, he said, 'Well, I'd niver a knawed ye; but I've thought on ye many a time; they tell'd me you'd gone away, to'ther side o' the country; and nobody niver heer'd nothing about ye. But,' he added, 'do ye really want to go to Cloudy?'"

"Yes, certainly," I said, 'that is why I have come; to see you, and to get you to go with me, that is, if you can manage it.'

"Oh, I can manage hard enough," he replied; but they tell me you hev two gells with you, and a bairn, can they do it; mind it's twenty good mile there and back?"

"They'll be all right," I said, 'the kid can walk twenty miles any day, and as for the gells, as you politely call them, they have both been trained to walk that distance. But,' I added, 'I may as well tell you, old chap, that one of the "gells" is the kid's mother!'"

"Ah!" he exclaimed, 'they tell'd me as you was married. I hope she's a good sort?'"

"Very good," I replied, thinking she might perhaps; hear us from the house.

"Well," he said, 'I've thought on ye, many and many a time!'"

"But how's your wife, Lanky?" I asked, in order to change the conversation.

"Ah!" he said sadly, 'she's dee-ad, poor thing; an' I tuk her to Esperance; and I wish now I'd kep her here."

"I wonder why he buried her there?"

"It is a common practice, in that part of the country. In the lovely bay of Esperance there are three islands—Faith, Hope, and Charity—whether so named by the early French explorers,

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by whom the place was discovered; or by the early colonists, I do not know. But someone, through the prompting of a beautiful sentiment, proposed that Faith I. should be made a public cemetery; and since then the honoured dead have been thither borne, even from long distances. It is, in fact, the lona of the South, and truly a lovelier spot for that, or any other purpose, could not well be imagined. But I felt sorry for having inadvertently touched on a sore subject."

"But why should Lanky have regretted his wife's burial at Esperance?"

"Ah, don't you see, Tommy, that, in Lanky's thoughts, the fact of his wife being separated from him by ten miles of stormy water, would make her seem really further from him than if her grave had been dug somewhere on Bruni?"

"Yes, perhaps it would."

"After awhile Lanky motioned me to come a little further from the house; and, after we had walked together awhile, he stopped, and asked, 'What-ever made ye come over 'ere?'"

"Oh," I said, 'I came here because they told me on the steamer that these people took in lodgers.'

"But," he said, nodding towards the house, 'they'll mak ye pay in theer! and I doo-ant believe i' payin', not unless I can't help it.'

"Well," I said, 'but, you see, I must pay somebody for bed and tucker, eh, Lanky?'"

"Why didn't ye come to my place?" he asked. 'I've got a good bed over there; adding reflectively, 'there's feathers in it; and I can make a fine damper, an' I al'ers mak' it wi' a spoon!'"

"Yes, I have no doubt," I replied, 'everything is very comfortable; but why should we put you about?'"

"Not a bit on it," he said, 'you could hev' all squeezed into the bed, and I could ha' tuk the floor. I'd a brought ye a cup o' tea i' the morning—ye wouldn't a' minded a pannikin?'"

"Not at all, old chap," I replied; 'but, you see, I made arrangements to come here, and could not very well leave now.'

"Well, perhaps ye know best," he said. 'What time did you say i' the morning?'"

"Oh," I answered, 'we musn't be late. Supposing we meet you at nine o'clock at the head of the bay?'"

"All right, I'll be there," he said; and we shook hands on it, and Lanky turned to go. Suddenly a thought seemed to strike him, and he said in a whisper, 'Is that chap Stone in there wi' ye?'"

"Oh, yes," I replied, 'he's there having some tea.'

"Well," he said, in a voice expressive of solemn conviction, 'don't ye tak no notice of anything he says to ye;—there's niver no good comes to nobody when them kind o' cattle comes tramping round!'" Lanky's double negatives were quite Shakspearean.

"All right, old chap," I said, laughing, 'I'll promise to keep an eye on him.'

"Then I turned to go back to the house and finish my tea, or rather to get a fresh cup, for the first was cold. After that, as the day was still young, we, that is my party, decided to go for a walk, and, striking a track at the back of the house, we soon entered into the forest, where it was very pleasant walking; for, although the trees were close together, there was no undergrowth. After walking about a mile, we came upon something that surprised my companions, although I had seen it before."

"What was it?"

"It was an old burial ground; and several of the mounds had headstones; evidently cut from the quarry at Point Ventenat, and were surrounded by palisade fences, or the remains of them. In other cases, nothing but the raised earth showed what lay beneath. I will give you what memorials were obtainable—

- (1) Ellen Willis, wife of Richard Willis. Died Ap. 18, 1856, aged 20 years.
 - (2) Hannah Green. Died Mar. 8, 1865, aged 4 months.
 - (3) Wm. John Callaghan. Died Dec. 17, 1869, aged 15 years.
- Thomas Mears. Died June 15, 1874, aged 56 years.

"I am not aware that any of the relatives, or descendants of these people are now living on Bruni, anyway the names are unfamiliar to me. But we may say of those who committed them to the ground, that—

"They laid them by the pleasant shore And in the hearing of the wave."

"And the thought came into my mind that—

"Perchance in this neglected spot is laid Some heart once pregnant with celestial fire."

"Oh, I know that, Woodpecker; it's from 'Gray's Elegy.' Don't you remember that Wolfe repeated parts of it, as he was crossing the St. Lawrence; and said, he would rather have been the author of that poem, than win the battle that was before him?"

"Yes, I remember. But he won the battle, did he not, dying in the moment of victory?"

"He did."

"Well, I grant the Elegy is a very beautiful poem, and perhaps the most popular poem in the language; yet there is hardly a single original idea in it."

"Is that so?"

"Yes, it is; you can find most of Gray's originals in earlier English and Italian poetry; yet, I admit it is very beautiful. And I believe with him that there are many now, living in humble positions, who have in them the elements of greatness; men painfully digging the ground, or delving far beneath the earth in mines, or sailing over the deep sea, or sitting at monotonous work, in the counting-house, who have in them the elements of greatness. Perhaps they were not able to

"Grasp the skirts of happy chance; or, it may have been that no chance came to them! But I would advise you, my boy, to cherish noble thoughts, from whatever source, for they are often safeguards against ignoble actions."

"And where did you go then?"

"We went down to the beach, which was close at hand. One of the girls found some specimens of *Psammobia zonalis*, and the other got a couple of *Acmaea crucis*—"

"I don't know those words; what do they mean?"

"*Psammobia* means 'that which lives in the sand,' and *zonalis* is descriptive of the lines of colouring that ornament the shell of this species. *Acmaea* is 'something that runs up to a point,' as all the members of this genus do; and *crucis* (literally, of the cross), because this particular species has a beautiful purple cross on the apex. But you

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"Why is it called Woody Island?"

"Because it used to be completely covered with timber, which, I regret to see, is rapidly disappearing. Soon there will be none of it left. Officially, it is termed Satellite Island; but I do not care for either of the names, much preferring the native name, which was Way-ah-ree, but I do not know what that means."

"I suppose the term 'Satellite' Island was chosen because it was so close to Bruni."

"Yes, no doubt, but, by the same reasoning Bruni is only a satellite of Tasmania; and Tasmania itself a satellite of Australia; but I think you would have to stop at that."

"Why not consider Australia a satellite of Asia?"

"Ah, Tommy, that would never do. Australia is a primary; zoologically, ethnologically, botanically, and in every other sense. But I do wish we could get rid of some of our absurd and misleading names in Tasmania; for instance, Bagdad, Jericho, Jerusalem, and the rivers Nile and Jordan, et id omne genus!"

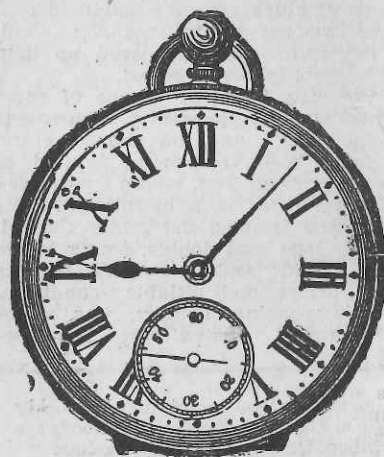
"I remember about this time it was beginning to get dark, so we turned back, and made the best of our rough way to the house, which we reached just before night set in. Indeed, our good hostess had begun to get anxious, and had tried to induce her husband to go in search of us. But he told her he thought we knew our way about, and declined to budge."

"By the way, this same host turned out to be a capital fellow; and he was a self-made naturalist, too, and knew the fauna of S. Bruni, with little help from books. I was also pleased to find he had not overlooked the habits of that peculiar creature the Ichneumon fly."

"What are its habits?"

"Remind me, and I will tell you some other time. But I may as well mention that the host had got a nice collection of native weapons, picked up on Bruni, which he kindly placed at my disposal. They consisted of hammers, scrapers, and borers; and, much to my surprise, were all of a very hard quartzite, which proves that they had come from a distance, as none of this rock occurs on Bruni; and, of course they were of the Palaeolithic stage."

"What do you mean by that?"



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"And did you succeed in getting to Cloudy Bay next day?"

"Rather! We left, as arranged, a little after nine, and reached the southern edge of the lagoon about half-past twelve. Here we had lunch, and then crossed the high sand ridges to the beach, where we separated, Lanky and one of his girls, with the kid, went westwards along the beach for shells, while I and the other took the opposite direction towards the reef, hoping to find specimens of the acmaea I wanted."

"Did you succeed in finding them?"

"Alas! no. We tried every likely rock, jumping from boulder to boulder, like a couple of mountain goats, till the perspiration dropped from our faces like rain; but we never found the one spot where I had first seen them, and, I believe, it would take a whole day to discover it. We, however, obtained some nice specimens of the marine fern, *Asplenium marinum*, which never appears to thrive out of the reach of the salt spray; and, then we turned back and joined the others."

"Had they been more fortunate?"

"Yes; nothing absolutely new, but they brought some nice shells, in good condition, which we were glad to have, and then we turned our faces homewards. But I need not say much of the return journey, for you have been over the ground with me before. We just managed to get round the lagoon before the tide was too high, and reached the marsh without adventure. Here, however, I was astounded to find a couple of girls, and they were smartly dressed, too."

"Was there anything peculiar in that?"

"Certainly there was, in that place. I had been over the ground often before, and had never met a single soul. Lanky appeared to regard the circumstance in the same light, for he stopped short, and shouted, 'Hello, what are you a doin' ere?'"

"We're getting ferns," said the elder of the two.

"I doo-ant believe ye," he politely replied, and then, after a pause, "Does your mother know ye're ere?"

"Yes," answered the girl.

"You're tellin' lies," he exclaimed, getting worse and worse. "Here," he shouted, "get i' front o' me, both on ye, an I'll tak ye home to your mother."

What's them things you've got i' your hands?"

"Ferns," said the elder of the girls. "I think you are making a mistake," I remarked; "those are not ferns."

"Yes, they is," she said, with a toss of her head.

"What do ye want wi' 'em, anyhow?" asked Lanky.

"I'm getting 'em for a man i' Hobart," she replied.

"Were they not ferns, Woodpecker?"

"Not they. They were certainly cryptograms, but not ferns. They had two big bundles of them; one lot was *Lycopodium densum*, and the other *Selaginella uliginosa*—there were acres of them, all over the marsh."

"It was about two hours afterwards, I think, when we struck the line of the old tramway, and, noticing a path that led away towards the east, I said to Lanky, 'That's our old road, isn't it?'"

"Yes," he answered, "would you like to go? Sainty would be proud to see ye, he would so."

"No," I said, "it is too far; they'll be tired enough by the time we get back." The truth was, I thought it would hardly be fair to break upon Mrs. Sainty with such a large party, some members of which might not have relished the Homeric banquets of her establishment, where "They feed like horses, when you hear them feed."

"And, I suppose, that was about the end of your adventures."

"Yes; we got home safely, after a most enjoyable day. The only thing to be regretted was not having had more time at Cloudy. Next morning we were on the steamer, admiring the grand view of the mountain-masses, that stretched, in a N.W. direction, from behind the S. Cape to the headwaters of the Huon River. A beautiful panorama! and one that will, I think, live in our memories."

BISHOP MONTGOMERY.

The Committee of Prelates to whom was delegated the choice of a successor to Prebendary Tucker in the secretaryship of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel have done a very popular thing in fixing on the Bishop of Tasmania as their choice. Few men were more popular than Dr. Montgomery, and he was greatly missed when he went out to the Antipodes. He was best known as the Vicar of S. Mark's, Kensington, the church overlooking the Oval, an exceedingly fitting place for one who was a keen cricketer. He is one of Dr. Farrar's clerical sons-in-law, and was for a time Dr. Farrar's curate at S. Margaret's, Westminster. As Dr. Montgomery went to Tasmania in 1889

it is to be hoped that he may see his way to return. His colonial experience would be extremely serviceable to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which is a colonial as well as a missionary organisation. The lack of progress made by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for many years, and the failure of its bi-centenary appeal, makes the appointment one of the utmost importance to the society, and, indeed, to the Church at large.—"Yorkshire Post," June 29.

REV. J. E. M. ROCHE, B.A.

Elsewhere an announcement is made that the Rev. J. E. M. Roche has decided to enter upon scholastic work at the pretty and prosperous town of Devonport, on the Mersey. For some years past Mr. Roche has been engaged in parochial work in this diocese, and has only just resigned the Cure of S. Leonards. He is a gifted teacher and an accurate and finished scholar, as shown by his University distinctions. Certainly Devonport, with its future grammar-school and splendid climate, ought to attract boys, not only from all parts of the North-West Coast, but from the heated and unhealthy climates of some of the northern colonies of Australia. Mr. Roche enters upon his new duties in October next. Those desiring fuller particulars will find such given in an advertisement accompanying this issue.

HOME MISSIONS.

The gradual falling off of the amounts sent on by the different parishes for Home Missions has been a great disappointment to those who have the management of the Union. During the first year, 1899, the quarterly amounts of the Children's Union were over £30. In 1900 the total amount for the whole year was barely £100. In the first and second quarter of 1901 the amounts are respectively £23 11 9d and £22 14s.

The amount contributed quarterly by the Ladies' Home Mission Union has not varied much, but on the other hand it has not increased as we hoped it would have done. The outlook for the future, too, is not very promising. Very few of the parishes have kept up to their early promise. Some have dropped out, while there are still several who hold aloof from the work altogether. And yet surely the Home Missions should appeal to the most selfish of us, for the money is spent entirely on Missionary work in our own Diocese. The Diocesan Council in their estimates for the grants to the country clergy

rely on a quarterly sum of £50 from the ladies and children, and it is a serious disappointment when we are not able to pay this amount. In order to make up the deficit for this half-year, it has been decided to hold a cake and fancy fair at Bishops Court early in September. As this will be the last of many fairs held at Bishops Court, it is earnestly hoped that all friends will do their best to make it a success. Mrs. Montgomery, the organising secretary of the Union, will be glad to receive promises of help.

The departure of the Bishop and Mrs. Montgomery will, it is feared, be another blow to the Home Mission Union. Mrs. Montgomery had made plans for visiting all the parishes early next year, and encouraging the workers. This work must now devolve on others. We sincerely trust that until another secretary is appointed the branch secretaries will do their best to keep up the interest of the members. The money sent in is most urgently needed, but still more important is it that all should realise that it is their duty and privilege to help, however slightly, on the Church work of the Diocese.

Mrs. Montgomery will be able to receive contributions for the third quarter ending September 30. She much hopes that before her departure she may have the pleasure of paying in the full quarterly amount of £50 to the Diocesan Council.

S. JAMES'S AND NEW GUINEA MISSION.

It is gratifying to know that in this Diocese S. James's Day, as the festival associated with the New Guinea Mission, was well observed. A week before the festival a meeting was held in the Synod Hall, under the presidency of the Dean, at which addresses were given by the Archdeacon, the Rev. R. K. Collisson, and Mr. Bernard Shaw. The leading lady might well follow Mr. Shaw's example and help the clergy by speaking at missionary meetings. It is a notable fact that laymen in England are now often found doing this, and among such speakers may be frequently seen some of the distinguished Englishmen who have been brought face to face with heathen missions in our Indian and Colonial Empire. On S. James's Day there were celebrations at the Cathedral and the churches of Hobart and suburbs, in Launceston, on the North-West Coast, and in some of the country parishes. In many centres, too, there was also an evening service with sermon, and in most instances the collec-

tions were given to New Guinea. Our Bishop preached at the Cathedral evening-song. The Archdeacon gave a lantern lecture in S. George's, Invermay, on the eve of S. James, and the £1 13s 8d collected is to form the nucleus of what is hoped will be an annual £5 contribution from the Sunday-school for the support of a scholar in New Guinea. The Rector of Deloraine also promises to provide for a second scholar from his parish from the beginning of next year. The Bishop of New Guinea is anxious to give further prominence to the work of children in supporting the mission, and for this purpose desires to have a children's secretary in each Diocese. Who will volunteer for Tasmania? The Rev. W. H. Murray, formerly of New Guinea, and now of Cressy, is our Diocesan secretary for the mission.

THE NEW BISHOP OF LIKOMA.

While on the subject of missions to the heathen, we are reminded of the fresh glory which has been put upon the Church in Australia by the Rector of Christ Church, Sydney, being nominated as Bishop of Likoma, part of the field of operations of the Universities Mission to Central Africa. The Rev. Gerard Trower, M.A. (Cantab), was chosen a few years ago, when a curate at S. Mary, Redcliffe, Bristol, to succeed Rev. C. F. Garnsey at Christ Church, Sydney, and very soon established himself as a power in the mother city of Australia. Towards the end of last year he went on a visit to England, and letters recently received from him in Sydney spoke of his early return to his parish there. But he has now decided to exchange the delights of a leading city parish for the dangers and isolation of a missionary bishopric. This means a distinct loss to Australia, but we should never grudge our best men being called to difficult outpost duty. The devotion and self-sacrifice involved in such work may well prove a stimulus to the faith of us all.

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RECORDS and ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Owing to a serious outbreak of influenza amongst the workers at the printing office the issue of this month's edition of the "Messenger" has been delayed nearly a week. It is one of those things which cannot be remedied, and we ask the kind forbearance of our readers in consequence.

The Rev. F. A. Fernau has gone to work at S. John's, Launceston, for three months.

The Bishop inducted the Rev. W. J. Wellesley-Smith into the parish of Queenstown on July 17.

Mr. Ashcroft is in charge at Gormanston, as stipendiary lay-reader and a candidate for Holy Orders.

The Rev. Mr. Hooker has left England for this Diocese. The Bishop hopes to appoint him to Strahan in six weeks.

The Rev. T. Pitt has by arrangement undertaken to divide his time between Swansea and Buckland until a permanent clergyman can be obtained for Swansea. Mr. F. Mace meanwhile helps Mr. Pitt by arrangement.

There is no clergyman at Waratah till Mr. Webb comes, but Mr. Martin has been licensed to officiate there till a clergyman can be obtained.

The Rev. W. Earle has returned to Penguin, after doing much valuable work at Waratah in officiating and organising parish matters.

The Bishop has been informed that 1500 copies of his "Light of Melanesia" have been sold. A last cheque for profits had been received for £6 15s, which has been handed, as in previous cases, to the Melanesian Mission.

The Rev. Mr. Webb has been sent to this Diocese from S. Augustine's, Canterbury. He is in priest's orders, and has done good work in the colonies. The Bishop proposes to send him to Waratah. He also has left England for Tasmania.

The Rev. J. A. Priestley has earned the thanks of the Diocese by more than three months of most energetic and effective work at Queenstown, making the advent of the new Rector much easier. The Bishop desires to express his gratitude to Mr. Priestley for his unwearied efforts. Mr. Priestley has returned to Oatlands.

The Bishop some months ago asked the Rev. F. G. Copeland and the Rev. Canon de Coetlogon to exchange their parishes, and the two Rectors at once

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complied with the request. Each of these clergymen has done excellent work, and the change was suggested solely upon the principle that after a lapse of years it is good for excellent clergymen to change their spheres. Moreover, the Rev. F. G. Copeland had spent six years upon the West Coast, a period which is probably long enough for that region. The West Coast will now possess a member of the Cathedral Chapter, who is to be Rural Dean, an ex-officio initiator of movements covering the whole area of the West Coast.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

The Episcopal ring, presented by the clergy to the Bishop of Carpentaria, has arrived. It is exceedingly massive and handsome.

The parish of Braidwood has raised £100 towards the Goulburn Century Thanksgiving Fund, and the parish of Bungendore has contributed £200.

The Archbishop has secured the services of two young priests from England, the Revs. H. F. E. Wigram and M. C. Elphinstone, for special service in the Diocese of Sydney.

June 29, S. Peter's Day, 1901, was the thirty-second anniversary of Bishop Cowie's consecration to the Bishopric of Auckland in Westminster Abbey. A special prayer was issued for use in the diocese.

The Rev. C. Winterbotham, B.A., arrives from England at the end of the present month to take up work as assistant-curate at Grafton, N.S.W. Mr. Winterbotham has been engaged for the past three years in the big London East End parish of Wanstead.

The nominations of a secretary in each diocese to attend to the interests of the Australian Church Congress to be held in Adelaide in September of next year are being received. Amongst them are Archdeacon David, for Brisbane; Archdeacon Tucker, for Ballarat; Dean Pownall, for Goulburn; Rev. E. T. Howell, for Tasmania; and Canon Garland, for Perth.

THE CHURCH IN OTHER LANDS.

"The Times" reports that the Bishop of Pretoria has received permission to return to his diocese, after waiting 18 months in Natal.

Dr. Gibson, coadjutor Bishop of Capetown started in May on an expedition into Great Namaqualand. This is the first time any Anglican prelate or priest has penetrated into that country. On June 29 he wired from Swakopmund:—"Arrived here yesterday evening. Journey successful. Deo gratias."

"Hymns Ancient and Modern" are to be again changed. The numbers of the hymns will be changed, and many hymns will be omitted, but those who are content with the present book will be still able to obtain it, as it will be kept on sale. Three years or more have already been spent in revising the book.

The King as a Churchman.—The author of "The Private Life of King Edward VII." says that his Majesty's ecclesiastical views are decidedly broad, and he prefers that a service should be choral, and accompanied by due observances and dignity. Yet his admiration for the picturesque has never induced him to attend service in anything but an English church. When Prince of Wales he was once in Rome at Easter, when people of every sect and religion were crowding into Roman Catholic churches, yet he went quietly into the plain little English church, remarking as he did so that when Church of England people were in Rome they should be more than usually particular to uphold their own form of faith.

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Referring to the enthronement of Dr. Winnington-Ingram as Bishop of London, the "Guardian" says, "it is a safe assertion that never before in the history of the present building has there been such an impressive and imposing scene. If the enthronement service of four years ago was an advance upon Post-Reformation precedents, yesterday's (April 30) ceremonial marked a further advance. The new Bishop wore both cope and mitre, and the Dean and Canon Residentiaries of S. Paul's wore their Jubilee copes. Some 400 clergy of the diocese in surplices and hoods were seated under the dome. In the procession the Bishop's private chaplain carried the pastoral staff; the chaplain to the late Bishop carrying on a cushion the beautiful ivory mitre inlaid with crimson. The Suffragan and assistant Bishops walked in front of their Diocesan, all wearing scarlet robes, except Drs. Wace and Barton. The newly enthroned Bishop celebrated at the Holy Communion, and afterwards, in cope and mitre and holding the Pastoral staff, pronounced the benediction.

MISSIONARY.

New Guinea Mission.—The Rev. Copeland King, who has been on furlough for some months, left for New Guinea on Tuesday, July 16.

The Government of British New Guinea has from the very first testified to the value of the work of the missionaries in the possession. As early in its history as 1886 the Special Commissioner stated that "a great and noble enterprise has been conducted by a set of most self-sacrificing men, who have carried the message of Christ to a savage race of inhuman murderers." Sir W. MacGregor and Mr. Le Hunte have spoken no less emphatically to the same effect.

The annual report of the Melanesian Mission shows that during the year New Zealand contributed £2952, as against £2247 last year; Australia gave £1874, as against £1455; and England gave £2697 0s 6d, as against £1289 12s 10d. During the year, for new ship fund, New Zealand gave

£1193 0s 4d (and, in addition, a promise of £1000, to be paid when needed); Australia, £2166 18s 7d; and England £60, paid in Auckland, also about £3000 not transmitted to Auckland.

New Guinea is regarded by most Australians as a land far removed from their large centres of population. Yet, as a matter of fact, both Port Moresby and Samarai are nearer to Brisbane via Cooktown than Thursday Island is, the three places being respectively—1388, 1433, and 1451 miles distant from Brisbane. And there is no point in the remotest part of British New Guinea oceanic waters as far from Brisbane and Cooktown as Normanton, which is 500 miles beyond Thursday Island, or 1951 miles from Brisbane.

The recent tragedy in New Guinea, in which a mission party of 14, including two white missionaries, was massacred, calls attention to the fact that mission work was commenced in what is now, British New Guinea in 1872, the London Missionary Society placing teachers in October of that year in Redscar Bay. The Roman Mission of the Order of the Sacred Heart was established in Yule Island in June, 1886. The Wesleyan Mission began work in the islands to the east in June, 1891, while the Church of England Mission was established on the North-East Coast in August, 1891.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

Dr. Wallace holds that the oceanic areas beyond the depth of 2000 fathoms, constituting about seventy per cent. of the whole ocean floor, have been ocean throughout all known time.

When a person remains for some time in the mountains, the blood is altered in three ways, namely, increased oxygen capacity, increase in number of red corpuscles, and increase in iron.

Experiments on the insane have shown that a demented person frequently becomes unmanageable if confined in a room with red glass windows, but becomes tranquil soon after being removed to a room where the light is admitted through blue glass.

Outbreaks of enteric fever in Southwark, Lambeth, and Kensal Town, London, are ascribed by Dr. Hamer to "an article of food not hitherto suspected of causing enteric fever," namely, the consumption by the sufferers of fish purchased from a particular vendor, and almost entirely in the form of fried fish.

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At the recent Royal Society conversation, Mr. W. Duddell succeeded in drawing musical sounds from the electric arc light. This is done by superposing alternate currents on the direct current through the arc, the result being the setting up of vibrations producing a musical note. The pitch can be varied by altering the capacity or self-induction, and a tune can be played on the arc by this means. It was found during the evening that the tunes played on the experimental arc were simultaneously produced in the arc lights in other parts of the building and in the street. It is to be hoped that no practical jokers will "get at" the public lighting plant. Popular songs are all very well in their way, but we do not want them all down the street.

TEMPERANCE JOTTINGS

The King has become a patron of the Church of England Temperance Society, and is a subscriber to one of the branches.

It is estimated that of the 142 millions spent on drink last year in England eighty-five millions came from the working classes.

Major-General Sir W. Gatacre, speaking at a meeting held in connection with S. Mary's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society in S. Mary's Parish Hall, Crawford-street, Marylebone, the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield (the rector) presiding, pointed out that drink was not what soldiers craved for on their return home; what they wanted was a hearty welcome.

The formation of a Northern Temperance Alliance has been agreed upon. It is to consist of representatives from

all existing temperance organisations and the different religious bodies. It will not be a separate society, but will represent a federation to further united action in the interests of the temperance cause. It is hoped that this will stimulate public opinion to demand reprimand of existing abuses and a better enforcement of the clauses of the Licensing Act in Launceston and elsewhere in the north.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE LICENSING ACT.

Section 14.—Every person to whom liquor is sold contrary to the provisions of this Act shall forfeit a penalty not exceeding twenty-five pounds, unless he informs against the seller of such liquor, or becomes a witness against him in respect of such act of selling.

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MUSICAL ECHOES.

(By "Open Diapason.")

Sir Alexander C. Mackenzie gives some interesting details concerning the late Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Te Deum," which it is intended to give at S. Paul's, London, when the weary war is over. The work is a military Te Deum, scored for string orchestra and military brass band. There are five separate movements, each of which is of considerable length. At the commencement the first two bars of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," are heard on the strings before the choir introduce the main subject of the piece. The final "Vouchsafe, O Lord" begins precisely in the same way as the first movement. Then the well-marked rhythm of the familiar hymn gradually steals in, and the tune ultimately commands the situation. One is reminded by this account that it must be on lines similar to the late composer's "Festival Te Deum" produced in 1872, in which the hymn tune "S. Ann's" is introduced at the same places as his own tune, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The selection committee of S. John's Sunday-school Festival have met and made their choice of hymns, which will embrace several of Limpe's tunes and an anthem by the same composer to be sung by the children, Mr. J. H. Fray

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is writing a setting of the Te Deum introducing a theme from Hadyn's Seventh Symphony.

Our organist readers will appreciate the following story:—In a leading London church it was the custom for the congregation to remain after service while the organist played a few organ selections. To this the sexton seriously objected. He declared that the committee, in their great care in preparing the specifications of stops for the organ had entirely overlooked the most important stop of all—the nine o'clock stop!

S. John's choir held its annual meeting in the school-room on the 26th ult. Canon Beresford presided, and in moving the adoption of the report and financial statement, congratulated the choir on the excellent spirit of unity and good feeling that existed among its members. Mr. T. W. Rule was again re-elected secretary, Mr. W. A. Whitaker treasurer, Mrs. Bennett and Mr. J. Tevelein librarians, and the following committee Miss Jones, Mrs. Wiseman, and Messrs. F. McDonald and E. T. Tevelein. After the business of the evening a social half-hour was spent, with music and refreshments. The congregation was represented by the wardens, Messrs. W. Perrin and M. F. Brownrigg.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

"There can be no religion but truth, and no heresy but falsehood."—Prof. Sedgewick.

"Cultivate not only the cornfields of your mind, but the pleasure grounds also."—Whately.

"One soweth and another reapeth, is a verity that applies to evil as well as good."—George Eliot.

"Grant graciously what you cannot refuse safely, and conciliate those you cannot conquer."—Colton.

"There is a prudent reserve which every man ought to keep in his discourse with a stranger."—Crabb.

"Talents are best nurtured in solitude; character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world."—Goethe.

"People should examine and weigh the real merit of the person, and not be imposed upon by false colours and false pretences."

"A man may do wrong and his will may rise clear out of it, though he can't get his life clear. That's a bad punishment."

"The world isn't made of pen, ink, and paper, and if you're to get on in the world young men, you must know what the world's made of."—George Eliot.

"If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair."—Dr. Johnson.

"See that each hour's feelings, thoughts, and actions are pure and true, then will your life be such. The wide pasture is but separate spears of grass, the sheeted bloom of the prairies but isolated flowers."—Celesta Coley.

GATHERINGS.

A mean man cannot be happy.

A grudge is like a coal of fire; the longer you hold it the deeper it burns, and it burns nobody but you.

He who is too busy to find time for prayer is busier than God asks him to be, and the fruit of such labour is a poison unto death.

Some people's religion is just like a wooden leg. There is neither warmth nor life in it; and although it helps them to hobble along it never becomes a part of them, but has to be strapped on every morning.

CLIPPINGS.

"Lord Milner, of Capetown, has had an almost royal reception in England. We who know the man do not wonder at the splendid endorsement of his policy. May he live long to fulfil the magnificent promise of the past four eventful and difficult years, and by a combination of firmness and gentleness consolidate the widely divergent political and racial interests of this remarkable country."—Capetown "Young Men's Journal."

"Bishop Scott, of North China, has returned to England after many years to appeal for men. The good Bishop's idea of answering the late massacres by the establishment of another Bishopric in China is quite in the spirit of ancient Christianity. He asks not so much for a fund, but for a band. We would that the cash side of the question were kept a little more out of sight by the American Protestant Missions and also by the Roman Catholics."—"The Church Commonwealth."

"When a Parliament can be found capable of settling points of law and interpretations of its past acts better than judges or lawyers; when presumptuous quacks are taken as guides in medicine; when the man in the street can truly expound the latest scientific discovery and find trustful listeners; when the schoolboy can remove all our historical perplexities, and the strumming amateur tells all we want to know about harmony and melody; then let Synods of Australia and Tasmania turn from their multifarious occupations to enlighten us on the doctrines of the Church."—"The Church Commonwealth."

"The Century Thanksgiving Fund does not seem to have excited much enthusiasm so far amongst Churchmen. Perhaps it is the recollection of the fate of past similar efforts which cools the ardour of some. The freedom, however, of each parish to devote any moneys raised to any local object, might well induce a few earnest souls in each centre to 'buy up the opportunity.' We notice in the diocese of Goulburn the small parish of Binda has already raised £257 for its fund, and it is announced that Mr. Isaac Shepherd has canvassed the district on behalf of the committee. We know nothing of the circumstances, but this seems an ample example which might well be largely imitated."—"The Church Commonwealth."

ODDS AND ENDS.

There was a young lady of Derry
Who couldn't read Crockett's "Cleg Kelly."

When told, "It's the fashion,"
She replied in a passion,
"Yes, I know, so's Marie Corelli."

A WAIL FROM QUEENSTOWN.

Dirty days hath September,
April, June, and November:
From January up to May
The rain it raineth every day;
All the rest have thirty-one
Without a blessed gleam of sun,
And, if any had two and thirty,
They'd be just as wet and twice as dirty.

Dean Burgon, well known for his hostile criticism of the Revised Version of the Bible, once preached a sermon on the merits of the Anglican theologians, in which he extolled Jeremy Taylor, the Author of "Holy Living and Holy Dying," and Bishop Bull, who wrote the "Defence of the Nicene Faith." Waxing fervent, the dean tumbled into this verbal infelicity: "May I live the life of a Taylor, and die the death of a Bull."

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PARISH ECHOES.

LONGFORD.

The Rector may be said to be restored to health again. During his enforced absence the services were chiefly taken by Mr. Arthur Whitfield, a tried lay-reader, to whom the thanks of all are due. The Revs. C. Arthur and T. Hale also helped. The Rector has made a thanks-offering after his recovery, in the shape of a beautiful large hanging "Rochester" lamp, chiefly for the use of the choir. He hopes the whole church will eventually be lit with these lamps. Will any reader help? If several united the expense would be small. Such lamps will help to warm the church; six will take the place of the present ones, nearly 40 in number. The members of the choir presented Mrs. Birchall with a bound organ copy of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," on her leaving the parish in July. The Rector, on making the presentation, expressed deep regret that so useful a member should be departing. Confirmation classes have been begun, for boys on Thursday at 8 and for girls on Friday at 4, followed by evensong in the church at 4.45 p.m. As this will be the Bishop's last visit to the parish (in October) it is hoped many will present themselves. The Archdeacon has kindly consented to come on August 22 to give us his inimitable "Hour's fun

with Dickens." This will be held in the Sunday-school, which will be filled we hope. Thursday, 22nd, song, music, etc., will also be given. Funds are urgently needed for various objects. It is intended to hold the annual spring Bulb Show again about the third week in September. We hope many more will help to make this a greater success than in 1900. It will be on a much grander scale than before, and should prove a great attraction for the early spring. The date will be fixed as soon as possible.

Besides the new platform, the interior of the Sunday-school has been painted and coloured, and now looks very well.

PERTH.

A portion of the money (£8 10s) raised at the very successful annual Autumn Show has been well spent on repairs to plaster in church, and on grubbing gorse and renewing or mending fences which had got into a disgraceful state.

We regret to say Miss Youl, so well known for her good works, is seriously ill.

It is to be hoped the choir will be better attended, as the services are.

S. MICHAEL'S, WEST TAMAR.

On Sunday last the usual service was held at St. Matthias' Church, Windermere, where the Rev. W. H. Edwards preached an eloquent sermon to a fair congregation. The Rev. Edwards gave notice that there will be a meeting of the Churchwardens of the combined parish on Tuesday, 14th, at 1 o'clock p.m. In the evening Archdeacon Whittington will give a lecture, and the following Sunday, August 18, Archdeacon Whittington will preach at Windermere, it being the Archdeacon's first visit to this parish, it is to be hoped there will be a large congregation.

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I am sorry to have to report the loss of Mrs. Gus. Plummer from our district, as she was a great helper with Church matters and a member of our choir. But our loss will be Frankford's gain.

HOLY TRINITY, LAUNCESTON.

Last month we were liberally entertained with lectures, which proved such a treat to all who were able to attend, that our kind lecturers may be sure of a hearty encore whenever they can pay us another visit.

Mr. E. Whitfield led off on Wednesday evening, July 17, by reading a paper before the Lads' Club in Holy Trinity school-room on "What is done with our rubbish." The wonderful transformation of refuse into costly dyes, wood-shavings into paper, and the almost miraculous origin of other articles in constant use, sounded more like a fairy tale than solid fact. A good muster of lads listened with rapt attention to Mr. Whitfield's interesting paper.

On Tuesday, July 23, Archdeacon Whittington delighted a large audience in Holy Trinity school-room with his lecture "An Hour with Charles Dickens." Cleverly weaving the briefest outline sketch of Dickens's career in between select readings from the great author's works, the Archdeacon, as it were, introduced each of us to his hero. At the close of his lecture we all felt that we knew and loved Dickens as a personal friend. Admission to the lecture was by silver coin. The total takings realised £3 13s 3d, of which amount £1 17s 6d was handed to the General Church Fund, the balance, after defraying incidental expenses, going to a local object.

Confirmation classes are now being held weekly as under:—Wednesday, 5 to 6 p.m. at St. George's, Invermay, for young women and girls. Friday, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. in Holy Trinity vestry, for young women and girls. Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, in Holy Trinity vestry, for young men. Intending candidates are urged to send in their names and join the classes as soon as possible.

S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

On Wednesday, July 24, Archdeacon Whittington gave an address to a well-filled room on the New Guinea Mission. His lecture was well illustrated with capital lime-light views. Mr. H. Brown-

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rigg kindly lent his lantern, and also worked it most successfully throughout the evening. At the close of the lecture a collection was taken up, which, after clearing incidental expenses, realised £1 13s 8d. The Rector proposes to devote this towards starting a fund to help the New Guinea Mission. It is suggested that S. George's, Invermay, should try to raise £5 for the New Guinea Mission before the new year (1902) commences. This comparatively small amount will support a native lad for a year or two at one of the training homes of the mission. The new dado of stained hardwood and the calcimined walls (a warm terra-cotta colour) have given the interior of our school-room an inviting, homely appearance. The alterations are well worth the small outlay, and quite come up to our expectations. £12 10s out of £15 has already been subscribed among church folk at Invermay towards the improvements.

Baptisms.—July 25, Lawrence York Samuel Harvey, Eveline Ethel Loveridge; August 1, Stella Dorothy Gridley, Florence Adelaide Cranwell, Lea Kathleen Matthews; 4, Alfred Henry Nash.

Marriages.—July 30, Arthur Hobart Wherrett to Alice Grant.

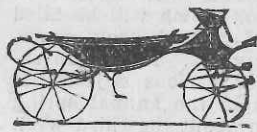
Burials.—July 8, Susan Thimblebee; 16, Eliza Bottomley; August 2, David Molyneux.

ST. JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON.

As very full reference is made to the Sunday-school teachers' and children's trip to Hobart to see the Regal party, in another part of this issue, there need be nothing more, therefore, said of it here. The same remark applies to the annual meeting of the choir, some notice of which comes under the heading of "Musical Echoes."

The Rev. F. A. Ferneau has promised to assist at S. John's for three months. He will possibly have arrived before this note appears.

It has now finally been decided to lay the "memorial stone" of the new portion of S. John's with "Masonic honours." The function may possibly be performed by our new Governor, if not, it will be undertaken by our leading "Mason." October 28 is the date fixed, though it may be necessary to delay it somewhat later.



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Our Confirmation will take place about the middle of October.

On Sunday, August 4, a very pleasing little episode occurred. It took place in the Sunday school-room at the conclusion of the afternoon school-work. It consisted of a nicely-worded address accompanied by a tiny case containing two highly-chaste gold sleeve-links, which were presented to Mr. Edward Tevelein, the popular and indefatigable "general" secretary of the S. John's Sunday-schools. The Rector made the presentation in the names of all those who had so recently journeyed to Hobart to take part in the Regal festivities. He stated that much exertion and most careful planning had been necessary to make the trip pleasant as well as successful, and the one person to whom the movement owed its enjoyable issue was Mr. Tevelein. He assured that gentleman of the affection of all the teachers and scholars for him, and was deeply pleased these little mementoes had been selected as the outward evidences of the appreciation of those especially concerned of his goodness and self-denial on their behalf. A word of thanks from the Rector to Mr. Tevelein for his invariable loyalty and unceasing help in all school matters concluded a little function which gave deep pleasure to all concerned.

Sunday-school.—The children's festival season is within hailing distance. The hymn committee have got their work done, and the children are practising for their special day. The selection of hymns has been well made, while it is intended that greater effect shall be given to a decision last year to make

more use of our prayer-book service. With this end in view our church organist, Mr. Fray, has arranged a special Te Deum, while more attention is to be paid to the psalms. In the past too much reliance has been placed on the choir, who think that they should only be "strengtheners" on the day which essentially belongs to the children, as they like to be "hearers" as well as "doers" sometimes. The festival dates are—S. John's, October 13; S. Aidan's, October 17; Mission House, November 2.

The following subscriptions and donations to the Mission House are thankfully acknowledged:—A Friend, £1; Miss Phillips, 10s; Miss Dobson, 5s; Mr. Gooch, 2s; Mrs. Lithgow, 1s; Mr. Whitaker (printing), 18s; Mr. M. E. Robinson, £1. All subscriptions to be paid to Sister Charlotte at the Mission House or to the lady collectors appointed by her.

Mrs. Norton Smith, vests; Mrs. Whitton, clothes; Mrs. Edgell, clothes; Miss J. Thomas, clothing; Mr. P. O. Fysh, pair blankets. Also our thanks to the many friends who so kindly helped a sick and destitute widow with three small children.

Baptisms.—July 10, Myrene Rule, George Mervyn Tait; 17, Charles Leonard Simpson, Henry Hubert Nichols; 24, Ella May Richardson, Herbert Blanchard Robertson, Ernest James Woodward Castley, Keith William Plummer; 28, Gladys Margaret Staggard; 31, Francis James McCarron; August 1, George Gorringer Elwell, Thomas George Plumbbridge; 7, Winifred Margaret Eyre, Rudolph Charles Thomas Milner, Mervyn William Brown, Aubrey Tasman Torpey, Henry Edward Wainwright.

Marriage.—July 17, Frederick St. George Bushman to Ambrosine Adelaide Fullbrook.

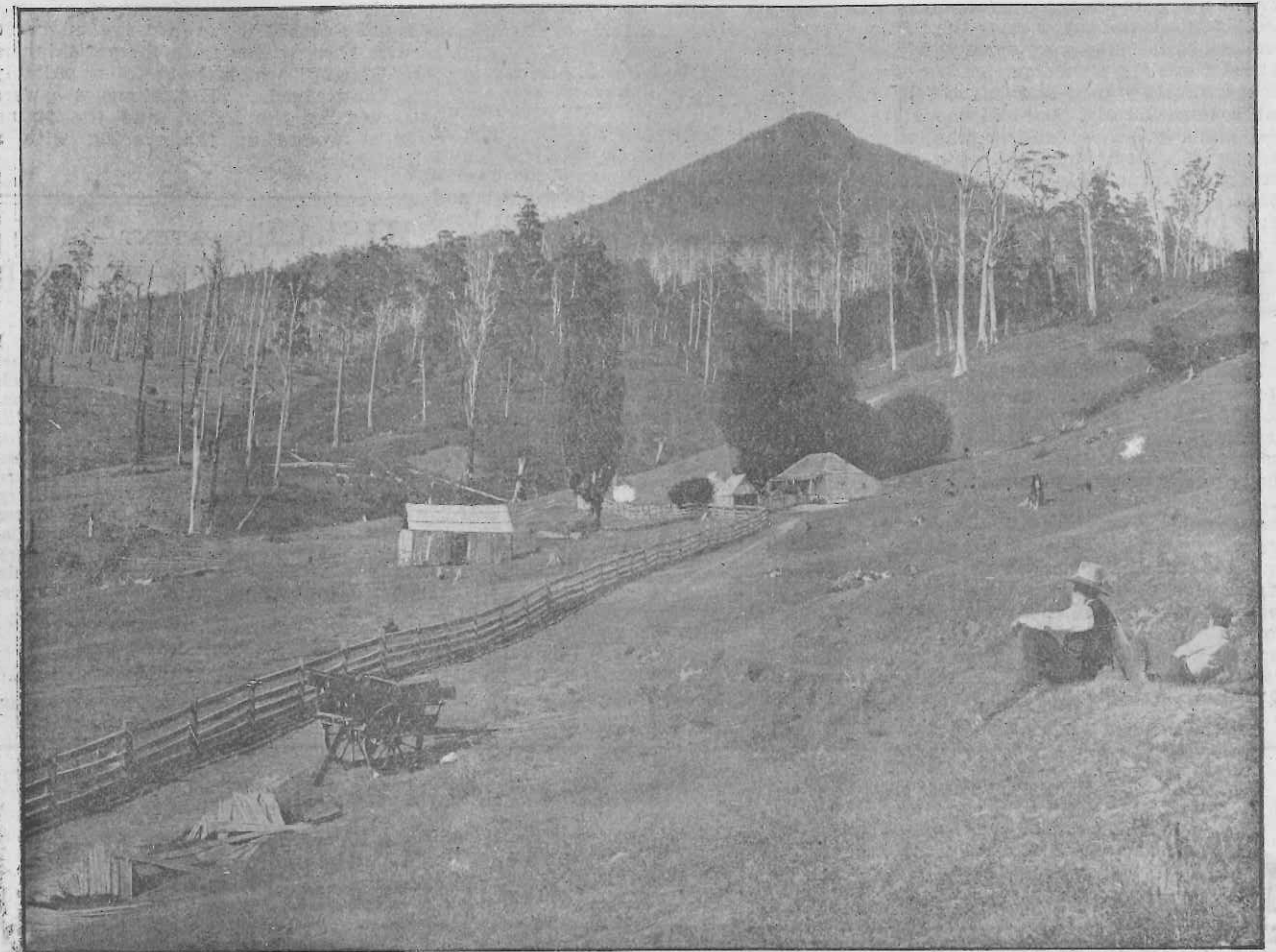
Burials.—July 20, Beinda Jane Griffin; 28, John Vincent.

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EVANDALE.

Baptisms.—Reginald Tack Eastoe, May 30 (omitted last month); Rita Guinneth Baker, July 6; Leila May Viney, July 24.

Burials.—Susan Littlejohn, aged 69 years; Ann Jane Bell, aged 78 years; Margaret Duffy, aged 41 years.

Mrs. Bell had been a resident at Lymington for many years, and died after a very brief illness. She was a good churchwoman, and much respected for the uprightness of her character, and her blameless and industrious life. The death of Mrs. Duffy is an event that has caused more regret seeing that she was comparatively young, and leaves behind her a large family, four of whom are but children. The funeral was very largely attended, and the hymn sung during service was No. 401, Ancient and Modern, which was a favourite with Mrs. Duffy. The family are all very good churchpeople, and much sympathy has been felt for them by all classes of the community in their recent sad bereavement.

We have lately succeeded in raising sufficient funds for reroofing St. Andrew's Church. The shingles which the building was covered with when it was first built, now upwards of 30 years ago, were found to be much damaged, and the rain came through in many places. A meeting of churchmen was held at the Rectory on March 9 to consider the matter, and it was decided not to trust to entertainments of any kind for raising the money for this purpose, but to make a direct appeal to members of the church. The following gentlemen gave or collected the sums opposite their names:—J. C. Von Steiglitz, M.H.A., £5; Dr. Johnson, £6; Mr. J. Duffy, £8

16s; Mr. J. Cox, £6 12s 6d; Mr. H. Crawford, £5 15s; Mr. A. Sutton, £4 9s 6d; Mr. W. F. Perkins, £1 10s; Mr. J. Daymon, £5 15s 6d. Total, £43 18s 6d. The contractor for the work was Mr. J. Eastoe, of Evandale, who reroofed the entire building with corrugated iron to the satisfaction of the wardens. We are much pleased to have this necessary work completed, and also to find that sufficient money was voluntarily given to cover all expenses, and still leave a small balance in the hands of the wardens.

QUAMBY AND HAGLEY.

A terrible disaster has befallen us. During the hurricane on the night of the 29th ult. the church door was blown open and the centre light of the beautiful east window was blown out and sadly injured. It consists of our Lord on the Cross with the Magdalen at the foot; the side lights are the Virgin Mother and St. John. If not the best window in the Diocese, as I think it is, it is certainly one of the best, and was presented by Lady Dry in memory of her husband. Messrs. Gunn have taken charge of the injured part and have sent it to Melbourne to be repaired, but, of course, it will never be again what it was.

Baptisms.—Winifred Nellie Drake and Keither Mary Viney.

Burial.—William Hunter, aged 87.

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BANGOR.

A pleasant evening was spent at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hammersley's residence on June 25 to bid farewell to Mr. Clement Dowling, whom we regret is leaving the district, after being with us for nearly two years. Mr. Churchwarden Bladon presided, and explained the object of the meeting, and invited Mrs. Atherton, of "Gresford," to present Mr. Dowling, on behalf of the churchwardens and members of the congregation with a parting expression of goodwill, the present consisting of a handsomely-chased silver card-case, engraved with "best wishes from the parishioners of Bangor," which the recipient suitably acknowledged. Refreshments were served by the ladies, and the young folks wound up the evening with a dance.

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CRESSY.

An entry of the death of an interesting old man (whose life connects the present with the past) appears in the old book of burials in Lake River churchyard. A pensioner named Robert Mann died at Connorville some time ago at the advanced age of 96.

Mr. Norman knew him well, but could only communicate with him by signs. He was a powder monkey on the "Victory" under Nelson, and was rendered stone deaf by the cannonade.

During the Vicar's absence in Launceston on June 9 (while preaching at St. John's on behalf of Foreign Missions) we were glad to have a visit from

Rev. J. E. M. Roche, who took the services during the day. Unfortunately, the weather was wet, but we hope Mr. Roche will see Cressy under more favourable circumstances some other time.

On Saturday, June 15, a successful entertainment was held in the Town Hall in aid of the Church Lads' Brigade. The members of it are very grateful to Miss Norman for her trouble in arranging it, and also to all the friends who gave their help, many of whom came from a distance.

The parish has suffered a loss through the removal of Mr. H. Cole, our State-school teacher, to Hobart. On Wednesday, June 26, a few friends met by

invitation of Mr. D. Campbell to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Cole. The Rev. W. H. Murray, on behalf of the others, presented him with a handsome tea and coffee service. Mr. Cole suitably responded, and the evening was pleasantly spent in singing, and was concluded with joining of hands and "Auld Lang Syne."

On Wednesday, June —, the church and choir suffered another loss through the marriage of Miss Luscilla Norman, the Rector's youngest daughter. She was married to Mr. Geo. F. Thirkell, jun., of Leverington. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion by some lady friends, and the ceremony performed by the Rev. W. H. Murray.

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CARRICK.

The concert held in Carrick to pay
off the little debt for repairs to the
Hadsphen school was carried out success-
fully on Tuesday evening, July 30, Dr.
Anderson, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Sar-
gent very kindly coming to help the
local performers. The night was fine,
and there was a fair attendance, the
chief defect being the absence of the
parents of the Hadsphen scholars, who,
as it was for the benefit of the school,
were specially invited to attend. How-
ever, the sum realised was sufficient, and
we have reason to be satisfied in this
respect. Our accounts show receipts
at the door, £3 7s 3d; absent friends,
10s; while the expenses were limited to
6s 3d, leaving a balance of £3 11s. Of
this £3 has been paid to Mr. A. Frost,
completing the amount due for the new
roof, and the remainder will be spent
on repairs inside the room. We are
very much pleased to think that the
custom is being established of those
who sympathise but cannot attend send-
ing their entrance money. There would,
of course, be no reason to expect this
in the case of an entertainment got up
for private advantage, but church con-
certs are as much a means of asking
people to give for church purposes as
of providing amusement, and it is well
that our people remember this when
they find it inconvenient to come to
them. The fair to be held at the end of

September promises well, help being
promised from Entally and Illawarra.
We hope that it is understood that the
object is to repair the rectory, which
needs painting sorely, and some other
repairs, without which it will soon be-
come dilapidated. St. Andrew's Church
needs even more attention, but that
must be undertaken in due time in con-
nection with the Century Thanksgiving
Fund, and, we hope, by a straightfor-
ward contribution from all classes of
the parishioners. We have yet to learn
how much can be accomplished, without
grievously burdening anyone, by uni-
ted action of all members of our congre-
gation. Will the Carrick congregation
notice and reply to the circular sent out
by the wardens respecting a sum of
money due to the Synod? It is a small
matter, but it should not be left to any
one or two members of the congrega-
tion. We are steadily increasing the
number of subscribers to the "Messen-
ger" in the parish, and it is very needful
that we should. We wish all our people
to take an interest in general Church
news, as well as to know what is going
on in the parish. Will those who already
subscribe commend it to their neigh-
bours who do not, and send names of
those willing to do so to the Acting
Rector?

The Friday evening service has not
been so well attended of late as it might
have been. It is surely good at least

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once on a week-day to leave work for an
hour to worship God. Of late addresses
have been given at these services on the
Lord's Prayer, and in future there will
be systematic instruction on the Faith,
based upon the S. Paul's Manuals
of Christian Doctrine, which are
used for catechising the el-
der children in the Sunday-
school. Teachers and those who wish
to know what the Church believes (and
who does not, or at least should not?)
are invited to attend regularly.

As our Bishop, to our great regret, is
leaving us, it is not likely that we can
have a confirmation this year. But we
must keep one in view and take the
first opportunity next year.

Offertories and Communicants.—Car-
rick, July 7 (15), 11s 11d; 14 (5), 4s 9d;
21 (4), 6s 9d; 28, (7), 4s 4d. Bishops-
bourne, 7, 5s 6d; 14, 3s; 21, 3s 6d; 28,
5s 6d. Illawarra, 7, 3s 2d; 14, 6s; 21,
(8), 7s 1d; 28, 6s 7d.

On St. James's Day there was a cele-
bration of Holy Communion with Litany
and prayer for the New Guinea Mission
at Illawarra at 11, and evensong with
the same intercession at Carrick at 7.
The offertory for the mission in the for-
mer case was £1 2s, in the latter 6s.
Hadsphen also contributes 3s, being the
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Entally on August 4, at which, we
regret to say, there were only four com-
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SHEFFIELD.

The news of our good Bishop's impen-
ding departure in November caused us
some temporary anxiety over and above
our natural sorrow at the prospect of
losing him, for it was in the beginning
of that month we were expecting him
among us to administer confirmation.
This has been set at rest by the news
that he will visit us a little earlier in-
stead of in October. We are grateful that
his Lordship, among the many pressing
engagements he must have on the eve
of his departure, proposes to come to
this out-of-the-way not-too-flourishing
corner of his Diocese. We have already
commenced classes both in Sheffield and
at Beulah. At the latter place we are
indebted to the kindness of a friend for
the use of a room, our church there
being still among the things hoped for
but not yet realised. We are also hope-
ful of getting a few candidates at other
out stations.

We are very glad to be able to chroni-
cle the fact that a Sunday-school has
been opened at Beulah, and we hope will
soon boast a good number of scholars.
It is a want which has been long felt,
and is a venture of faith. It would have
been established long ago had a compe-
tent superintendent been available; but
tired of waiting for the ideal person,
we have resorted to the bold experiment
of starting without one. Several of those
who worship at our services are taking
an interest in it, and we pray God a
blessing may rest upon it.

The usual winter accompaniments of
cold, rain, and mud have kept many
from the services lately, but with the
return of better weather we already see
signs of increased numbers of wor-
shippers. At the parish church the
choir has been for some months past

in a condition bordering on utter col-
lapse. It was refreshing, therefore,
last Sunday to hear the communion ser-
vice sung once more. There are not a
few good voices among us, and if all
would rally to the help of the choir we
should soon have, if not very high-class,
at least hearty and tuneful singing at
our services.

DEVONPORT.

St. Paul's, East Devonport.—A meeting
of parishioners was held in the vestry-
room on Wednesday, the 24th July, at 8
p.m. There was a very good atten-
dance, and the rector explained that the
object of the meeting was to take steps
to erect a new Sunday-school building.
Mr. Leupolt (churchwarden) read a
statement showing that the sum of
£75 odd was in hand towards erecting
the building. The chairman then laid
the plans and specifications of the pro-
posed new building on the table for in-
spection, and also fully explained them,
and the immediate need there was to
proceed with the work for the spiritual
good of the parish, and also to claim the
grant of £15 made by the S.P.C.K.
Society. After full discussion, in
which all present took part, Mr. Towsey
proposed and Mr. G. Tucker seconded
the following resolution, which was
carried unanimously:—"That the con-
gregation of St. Paul's, having
about half the sum (£75) in
hand for the erection of a Sunday-
school, and certain parishioners being
willing to guarantee the raising of the
other half, it is desirable to pro-
ceed with the erection of the same.
And for that purpose the following per-
sons be elected a building committee,
viz.:—The rector and churchwardens
(ex officio), the guarantors, Mrs. and
Miss Young, the superintendent of the
school (Miss Wilmer)."

The first meeting of the committee
is called for Wednesday, the 7th August,
and we hope to be able to report that
the tender is accepted before the next
notes appear in the "Messenger." The
rector desires to tender his grateful
thanks to those gentlemen who so
liberally came forward and consented to
guarantee the raising of the balance of
money required.

The social evening for the single
young men of the parish, which we
mentioned in our last notes that we
hoped to start at the rectory every
Tuesday evening, is now fairly under
way. About a dozen or more have as-
sembled for the last three weeks at
7.30 to 10.30 p.m. The time has been
spent in games, social talk, and re-
freshments. At the next meeting a
part of the time will be spent in an
historical debate. The rector desires to
thank his two lay-readers (Messrs.
Towsey and Squire) for their valuable
help on these evenings.

S. Olave's, Don.—Since last month
Messrs. Nickols and Towsey and the
rector have spent some time in planting
trees and marking out burial plots

around this pretty little church. Very
many of our people at West Devonport
have expressed a wish that when they
are called to leave this world their
bodies may be laid to rest in this pic-
turesque spot rather than the dismal
public cemetery at the Bluff.

S. James, Northdown.—Some more
trees have been planted in this church-
yard, and the organ of this church has
been put in thorough repair by Mr.
Lathey, of West Devonport, who, as
our readers I dare say know, is the hon-
organist of St. John's, Devonport. Mr.
Lathey also last month re-leathered the
bellows of St. Paul's, East Devonport,
pipe organ, and made other necessary
repairs, to the entire satisfaction of the
rector and churchwardens. In fact, the
instrument is not like the same one—it
is so greatly improved in tone, and is
now a pleasure to play on. We would
call the attention of the clergy and
churchwardens in adjoining parishes to
the fact that Devonport now possesses,
in Mr. Lathey, one who is in every way
competent to repair pipe or reed organs,
and that there is no occasion to send
now to Melbourne or Launceston when
they want their instruments repaired.
The rector desires all that wish to be
candidates for the last confirmation our
beloved Bishop will hold before he
leaves us for a more important position
in the motherland to send their names
to the rectory at once. The classes will
commence immediately.

At the first meeting of St. Paul's
Church, East Devonport, Sunday-school
building committee, held on August 7,
it was unanimously resolved that Mr.
Priest, architect, be asked to call for
tenders for the erection of the new Sun-
day-school building. We, therefore,
hope that in a few weeks we shall see
the work commenced.

We omitted to mention the obligation
the congregation of St. Paul's are under
to Mr. J. C. Leupolt for giving the
money for repairing the whole of the
spouting outside the church.

Baptisms.—July 10—Gertrude May
Lomer, Stanley; Gordon Lomer; 16th,
Harold Darcy Curwen; 22nd, Bessie Gee,
Chester George Gee, Frederick John
Slater; 23rd, Linden Arthur Levy; 26th,
Lancelot Ogle Moore.

Burials.—July 24, John Hair McCall;
23rd, George Frederick Smee; 30th,
Johanna McCall; 26th, Catharine Har-
rison.

SCOTTS DALE.

During the incumbency of the present
Rector this parish has suffered heavy
loss by the removal of active Church-
wardens to other places. The last, and
perhaps the greatest loss, is the depar-
ture of the Rector's son, Mr O. Henning-
ham Root, to Launceston, to which place he
has been appointed. As soon as the
news of his intended removal was made
known regret was expressed by all sorts
and conditions of men. At the last

court he attended, the Hon. C. O'Reilly,
S.M., expressed his regret at Mr. Root's
departure, and spoke very highly of the
way in which he had performed his
public duties and assisted the magis-
trates. The other magistrates spoke in
the same eulogistic terms. The cricket
club, of which he was captain and trea-
surer, presented him with a bat, with
inscription on silver shield, and the
tennis club entertained him and Mrs.
Root at afternoon tea the Saturday be-
fore he left.

But it is as a Churchwarden he will
be most missed. He was warden and
general secretary and treasurer as well,
and during his wardenship he made it a
point of honour that the stipend was
always paid up, and so Scottsdale has
the honourable distinction of being one
of the very few country parishes not
in debt to its clergyman. He was also
a regular and valuable member of the
choir, in whose name and on whose behalf
the Rector at the close of the evening ser-
vice, July 14, presented him with a
"Cathedral Service Book," "Prayer
Book," and "Hymns Ancient and Mod-
ern," in appreciation of his services.

But this was not all. A public fare-
well social was held in the Mechanics'
Institute in his honour on Friday, July
12, and was attended by representatives
of all shades of opinion. The Hon. C.
O'Reilly presided, and in the course of
the evening presented an address to Mr.
Root. The address spoke of his activity
both in Church and state, and referred
to his work as a public official, a church-
man, a cricketer, and member of the
tennis club. Mr. Button regretted the
departure of Mr. Root, and then Mr.
Cavanagh, for the press, thanked Mr.
Root for his unfailing courtesy, and
described him as a "finished gentle-
man." Mr. Root and family left on
Monday, July 15, and though it was wet
a number of friends were on the plat-
form to wish him and Mrs. Root good-
by and God speed. Our loss is Launceston's
gain.

Still another loss—Mr. and Mrs. Hutt-
ley have left us for Launceston. Mrs.
Huttley was for some time superinten-
dent of the Sunday-school, and Mr.
Huttley was Churchwarden. We wish
them success in their new sphere of
labour.

The Bishop paid us his last visit, alas!
on Friday, August 2, when he confirmed
eight persons, viz., Charles Frederick
Walters, Benjamin Yates Witham, Eli-
zabeth Ranson, Lillian Maud Ranson,

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Isabel Florence Ranson, Lucy Frances
Ranson, Irene Amy Constance Lester,
and Gladys Madeline Simonds. The
next day, August 3, he and the Rector
went on to Ringarooma, where they
were the guests of Mr. F. Krushka, and
in the evening three more received the
holy rite, viz., Williams Henry Krush-
ka, Jessie Elizabeth Krushka, and Edith
Alice Krushka.

The next Sunday he was driven by
Mr. Krushka to Derby, and from there
to Moorina and Weldsborough by Mr.
A. Hardman. On Monday he went on
to Gould's Country, en route for S.
Helen's and Ferneux Islands. There
was great regret that we should see his
face no more, for he has shown himself
an ideal Bishop.

Marriages.—June 24, James Chalk to
Mary Ann Shadwick; July 24, Charles
Pinnell to Annie Maria King; July 29,
Louis Frederick Johnson to Caroline
Jeton.

RINGAROOMA.

A concert to raise funds towards
holding a sale of gifts in September was
held on the 27th. The Ringarooma
Brass Band, after playing at the door
for some time, played the overtures in
the first and second parts. Miss Brown,
Alberton, got up several tableaux; they
were—"Peace," "Fortune Telling,"
"Over the Garden Wall," "Bachelor's
Bliss." Those taking part were:—Mrs.
F. Krushka, Misses Edie and A.
Krushka, Misses Clark (3), Miss Brown
(2), Messrs. F. White, W. Krushka, C.
Abel, B. Walker. Those who assisted
at the concert were:—Miss Clark, Mrs.
F. Krushka, Miss Brown, Mrs. Pender,
Messrs. C. Abel, Brown, Walker, Ryan,
Haines, and Mr. Peterson with his
phonograph. The concert was a de-
cided success in every way.

The Rector had service Sunday morn-
ing, 28th, and a baptism after service.

We expect a visit from the Bishop
shortly. I am sure everyone will be
sorry to know it will be the last we will
have from him. We have always been
sure of a visit once a year from him,
and always confident that he had the
welfare of the parish at heart. How
the Church will miss him we will soon
find out.

CLARENCE.

Bellerive.—On the evening of July 26
a successful entertainment was given
by our young people in the Public In-
stitute in aid of the Sunday-school
fund. The first part of the entertain-
ment consisted of a little play illustrat-
ing the difficulties that are experienced
by housekeepers in engaging domestic
servants, in which all the actresses
acquitted themselves well. A miscel-
laneous concert followed, in which the
banjo solos of Mr. Midwood, the violin-
cello solos of Mr. Dave Benson, and the
songs and choruses of the Hull family
were specially appreciated. Mr. Andrew

Holden acted as chairman, and announced the various items. The charge for admission was low, but a sum of £1 15s 3d was cleared, the hall being well filled. Miss Muridge, who was manager, deserves great credit for her spirited and successful effort to draw out the latent talent of our young folk.

On Friday evening, August 2, a meeting of our new church building committee was held in the reading-room of the Institute. The following members were present, viz:—The Rev. F. B. Sharland, Rector (in the chair), Messrs. Justice McIntyre and A. O. Green, the Hon. Nicholas J. Brown, M.H.A., Messrs. P. M'Arnell, Hedley Westbrook, Wilfrid Westbrook, and E. P. Harrison. The Rector briefly addressed the meeting, and showed that during the last few years a sum of £180 had been added to the building fund, which now amounts to £416.

Mr. A. O. Green was appointed hon. sec. to the committee and was requested to make enquiries as to the feasibility of obtaining a loan of £200. If, at the next meeting, the secretary can give a favourable report of the task assigned to him, the question of plans and specifications will be discussed.

Beltana.—The committee appointed to raise funds for the purchase of a church site have gone to work bravely and perseveringly in spite of various difficulties and drawbacks. They have held two concerts, with the proceeds of which they intend to buy materials for the working classes, which it is intended to commence at an early date.

Rokeby.—At S. Matthew's, Rokeby, Miss Percy presided at the organ again last Sunday. We were glad to see her in her place again, after a time of severe trial.

The work of reglazing the church windows has been almost completed.

S. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, HOBART.

At the monthly guild celebration of Holy Communion at 7.40 a.m. on July 14, Horace Finnis presided at the organ, thus relieving the organist.

On the 15th there was a missionary meeting at the Synod Hall, in connection with the New Guinea Mission, the speakers being the Venerable the Archdeacon of Hobart and Launceston, and the Rev. R. K. Collisson. A number of the members of our parochial branch of the "A.M.U." were present. On S. James's Day there was a united service at the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.; also in

connection with the New Guinea Mission. The singing was done by the united choirs of the city churches, several of our members being among the number.

The paper to be read at the next meeting of the "A.M.U." on the 16th, by Miss C. S. Newman, will be on the "History of the Universities Mission to Central Africa." This should be of special interest at the present time as the Rev. Gerald Trower, of S. Laurence, Christchurch, Sydney, who has been on a trip to England, has been appointed Bishop of Lebombo—leaving a parish with an assured income to risk his life on the mission field for £25 a year and his keep.

On the 27th Mr. Thomas Durey, one of the oldest residents of the parish, was laid to rest at the ripe age of 82 years.

After evensong on the 28th, the Rector held a short intercessory meeting for the mission of 1902. The Rev. Percy Wise writes:—"It is good that you have started the Service of Intercession. Will you please remind your workers of the promise—'If two of you shall agree as touching anything, it shall be done for them of my Father.'" The Bishop will shortly write a letter for circulation through the parish.

The S. John's Association winter evenings were started on the 29th, when the Venerable the Archdeacon gave a lecture on "Wit and Humour in English Literature." The entertainments will be held fortnightly during the next two or three months; season tickets may be obtained from members of the Parish Council at the price of one shilling.

On August 2, at 3 p.m., the Parish Council presented a portrait of our late Queen to the State-school. The Rector in a few words pointed out to the children how they could all in their differ-

ent ways follow the example left them by so good and noble a life. Several members of the council were present. The children, after singing the National Anthem and giving three cheers for the King, were dismissed.

We give Mr. G. A. Gurney a warm welcome into the choir. Mr. Major has kindly offered to give an extra hour to the choir every week for the next few months, in order that the younger members especially may learn something of the rudiments of music and reading. This should mean a good improvement in the singing.

On Monday evening, the 5th inst., the "Young Men's Club" held a social evening. There were over 30 present. Singing, games, and gymnastics were indulged in. Shortly after 10 a coffee supper was demolished; the Rector then spoke a few words to the members, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Communicants and Offertories.—July 4 (3 communicants), 6s 9d; 7 (14), £4 4s 6½d; 11 (4); 14 (28), £3 14s 9d; 18 (4), 3s; 21 (13), £3 16s 2d (2s 6d S.S. library); 25 (4), 1s 6d; 28 (17), £3 1s 10d.

Baptisms.—July 3, Roy Thomas Gray, Osra Lillian Benjafield, Raymond Henry John Stewart, Roy Stanley, Robert Stewart; 13, Charles William Parker (private); 16, Edward Thomas Peter Summers; 21, Eileen Amy Paine, Alfred Edward Smallhorn; 26, William George Edward Gittus; 29, Gertrude Marie Rogers (private).

MACQUARIE PLAINS.

The harmonium, which has for many months been unused at Glenora for want of some one to play it, is to be taken to the Bluff, where Mrs. Howard has kindly undertaken the duties of organist.

The hon. secretary and treasurer of our parochial funds organised a jumble sale in aid of the stipend fund. Miss Walker and Miss Lyne worked it up so vigorously that the substantial sum of £12 12s was netted, and the stipend from parochial sources has been paid in full to the end of June. There are a few pounds still owing for the church roof, which we hope to get by a tea meeting.

We very much regret to lose Mr. Ball from the State-school. During his short stay he has made himself a general favourite. We hope that his health may improve in his new home. We offer a friendly welcome to our neighbours from Glenora.

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FORTH AND LEVEN.

As has been already announced, the rector resigns the charge of this parish on September 30, and, at the request of the Bishop, takes charge of the parish of Zeehan, becoming also Rural Dean of the West Coast. It is not a small or an easy matter to leave a parish where the work is intensely interesting, and where the laity are so loyal and faithful as in this parish; but the rector realises that duty calls him away, and the call of duty is imperative. It is good and encouraging to know that the new rector is to be the Rev. F. G. Copeland, rector of Zeehan, and Rural Dean of the West Coast. This parish will have at its head a clergyman of proved capacity and great energy—one who has, with great self-denial and perseverance, fought the battle of the Church on the West Coast for some years, and has, under great difficulties, paid off a heavy debt in connection with the Church. This great parish, with its 15 settled churches, will tax to the utmost the mental and physical powers of its rector, but we feel sure that the grand work so nobly done by Canon Beresford in days gone by, but not forgotten, will be well and earnestly continued by Mr. Copeland. The rector is confident that the unfailing kindness and loyalty which the parishioners of Forth and Leven have ever shown towards him will be extended in a like degree to Mr. Copeland. With regard to parish debts, we are now in an excellent position. Ulverstone itself is free of debt altogether, and has a valuable site for the new rectory. Nearly all the other centres are out of debt. The final effort to be made before the rector leaves the parish is the sale of gifts, which is fixed for September 27 and 28. The stalls are being well worked up, and we are hopeful of a very successful sale. The miscellaneous stall will be managed this year by Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Langley, as Mrs. Ede, who gave such valuable aid at last year's sale, cannot undertake the management of a stall. We are very thankful to be able to say that our good friend Captain Noake, sen., has come forward to take up the position of superintendent of Holy Trinity Sunday-school in the place of Mr. Lakin, who has done such a noble work in this capacity. On a recent Sunday morning close upon 130 children were in attendance at 10 o'clock. Much of this success is due to Mr. Lakin's unwearied efforts, and a letter of earnest thanks and appreciation, signed by the rectors and teachers, is to be presented to him at the children's service on August 11. We have to

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chronicle the departure of Mr. Martin to a fresh field of work. During his short stay amongst us Mr. Martin has worked earnestly, patiently, and humbly, and has made himself many friends in the parish. We wish him all success and happiness in his important post at Waratah. The Rev. F. A. Fernan, who has been helping in the parish for the past five weeks, is about to go as curate to Canon Beresford. He carries with him our hearty goodwill and esteem, and our thorough appreciation of his services. Mr. Fernan was the special preacher for the New Guinea Mission on St. James's Day, and gave an interesting account of the Mission.

Abbotsham is working up a special children's service, to be held on August 25, and Miss Annie Shaw, of "Molenda," is carefully training the children.

We desire to express our very earnest sympathy with our good townsman, Dr. McCall, and his family in the heavy blow which has fallen upon them. The knowledge that they have the sympathy of us all will help in some measure to console them under their great loss.

NORTH BRIDGEWATER.

The annual distribution of prizes to the children attending S. Mary's Sunday School took place on Thursday, August 1, in the Bridgewater Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. T. Wood, senior. The prizes, including many handsome volumes obtained by local contributions, were presented by the Rev. H. H. Marten and Mr. G. E. Piesse, who addressed the children in kindly words of encouragement. There were present a large number of parents and friends, including the churchwardens, superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School. After the presentation of prizes a very enjoyable evening was spent, and musical selections rendered by Misses James and Piesse. Refreshments were then partaken of, being the liberal gift of Mrs. R. James, of Parkholme. Regret was universally expressed at the absence of Mrs. Marten, wife of the rector, who was unable to be present owing to ill-health.

DEBORAH.

Alteration in Times of Services.—Beginning the first Sunday in September, for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays respectively. On 5th Sunday, as before, no services except according to notice. On festival days, such as Easter, Whitsun, and Advent, these times may be altered so as to arrange times for celebration of Holy Communion:—St. Mark's—1st Sunday, 8 (H.C.), 11, and 7; 2nd Sunday, 7 (H.C.), 11 and 7; 3rd Sunday, 8 (H.C.), 11, and 7; 4th Sunday, 9.30, 11.30 (H.C.), and 7. S. Luke's—1st, 10 (H.C.); 2nd, 11; 3rd, 5; 4th, 3. Holy Cross—1st, 11.30 (H.C.); 2nd, 2.30; 3rd, 11; 4th, 3. Good Shepherd—1st, 3; 2nd, 11.30 (H.C.); 3rd, 7; 4th, 5. S. Saviour's—1st, 2.30; 2nd, 2.30; 3rd, 2.30; 4th, 9.15 (H.C.) and at 7. S. Columba—1st, 7; 2nd, 10 (H.C.) and at 7; 3rd, 3; 4th, 7. Parkham—1st, 7; 2nd, 4; 3rd, 3; 4th, 11.30. Jackey's Marsh—1st, 11; 2nd, 3; 3rd, 11; 4th, 3. Brook Head—2nd, 7; 4th, 3. Quamby Brook, 1st, 3; 3rd, 10.30. Note—Wet Sundays will not interfere with the attendance of the clergy at these services. On Sunday, September 8, there will be no services at the following:—Good Shepherd, Brook Head, Parkham, Jackey's Marsh, Quamby Brook.

Sunday Schools.—S. Luke's, at 2 o'clock each Sunday; Good Shepherd, at 1.30 each Sunday; S. Columba, at 3 p.m. on 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays, and at 2 p.m. the 3rd Sunday of the month; Kimberley, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays at 2.30, 4th Sunday at 10.30. The Sunday School at Kimberley will be superintended by one of the clergy; those at Chudleigh and Mole Creek by Miss Emerson. Probable times for Holy Cross Sunday School—1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays at 2 o'clock, and on second Sunday at 1.45.

Mole Creek.—Consecration of the Church of S. Columba by the Bishop of the Diocese on Wednesday, September 4. Probable programme, liable to alteration—11 o'clock, confirmation service, seats will be reserved for relatives of candidates; 3 o'clock, dedication of the Church of S. Columba; 4.30, tea

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Choir Committee Meeting.—On Wednesday, July 10, the members met to consider various improvements which were suggested at the choir social. Several important items were carried, among them being the optional subscription of 1s a quarter (or 6d for junior members, or where several in a family are members) towards a fund for procuring new music and anthems. It is hoped that the choir will be able to render an anthem every month or so, and occasionally an organ recital, with solos and quartettes, etc., after evening service.

Mothers' Union.—This still continues to be appreciated. Although mainly intended for mothers, yet small members are admitted and welcomed to the meetings. Therefore we hope no mother ever stays away on account of babies at home to amuse, for we provide accommodation and toys for these little folks, who are said to be the sunshine of the world.

G.F. Society.—Will all members make a note of the fortnightly gatherings held in the school-room, on Monday evenings, and endeavour to make them a success by attending as often as possible. A nation is made up of individuals, a congregation of units, and in an undertaking of this sort, it is only by each one doing their part, that success is possible.

The Boys' Night School is making steady progress, and interest in the various subjects is well maintained. Musical drill, wood-carving, and natural science, form pleasant adjuncts to the usual routine of school. The attendance is good, but there are still vacancies for a few more pupils. The contributions to the museum are most varied and very good; interest therein continues to increase.

Parkham Meeting.—Plans for the new church were decided upon, approved by A. North, Esq. They were a little in excess of expectation, but there is possibility of meeting the demand, because of the generous offers of voluntary labour. The plans are as neat as any bush plans can be. This is the opinion of the architect.

Special Celebrations.—Holy communion and address for those confirmed last summer. At S. Mark's, October 20, at 8 a.m., for Deloraine, Redhills, and Quamby, etc. At Holy Cross, October 6, at 11 a.m., for Elizabeth Town, Dunorlan, and Brook Head, and Parkham. At S. Saviour's, October 27, at 9.15, for Meander. At Jackey's Marsh, October 20, at 11 a.m. At S. Columba, October 13, at 10.

Elizabeth Town.—Concert and coffee supper, on Wednesday, August 28.

Baptisms.—July 24, Arnold Noel Nutting (Meander); July 24, Madge Onellis (Meander); July 24, Roy Wilfred Stagg (Meander); July 31, Joseph George Sheriff (Deloraine); August 1, Albert Alfred Sinfield (Chudleigh); August 2, Walter Baden Larcombe (Deloraine).

S. LUKE'S, ZEEHAN.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a confirmation in S. Luke's Church on July 14, at which 22 candidates were presented by the Rector. We regret to say that owing to the festivities in Hobart and to his Lordship's visit being earlier than was expected a great many candidates had to be placed on next year's list.

Many will have missed the face of Mr. T. C. Collings from his customary post as server in the church, from which, through illness, he has been absent for several weeks. No one will have missed him more than the Rector, to whom it is a great relief to feel that there is someone whom he can leave the cares of "serving tables," and that, for instance, after the sermon he can remain on his knees instead of attending at once to the collections.

S. MARTIN'S, QUEENSTOWN. RURIDECANAL CONFERENCE.

The proceedings in connection with the induction of the new rector, the Rev. W. J. Wellesley Smith, to the charge of the Queenstown parish of the Church of England were commenced on July 17, when a ruridecanal conference was held in the Masonic Hall, which has been kindly lent for the occasion. The meeting was open to the public, and a large audience assembled. The Rev. F. G. Copeland, rural dean, was in the chair, and there were present, the Lord Bishop, the Rev. J. Arthur Priestley, and the Rev. W. Earle.

After a short prayer the dean introduced the Lord Bishop.

Dr. Montgomery gave a short address dealing with rural deaneries, and the "one archdeacon" scheme by which

Archdeacon Whittington will be enabled to travel and visit all centres. His Lordship was accorded a good hearing.

After a hymn had been sung the chairman called upon Mr. J. P. Bradford, who read a paper entitled "How can our services be made more congregational?" Mr. Bradford dealt severely with the practice of going through the service in monotone.

His Lordship the Bishop briefly spoke on the paper, and Messrs. Douglas, Hart, Cruickshank, and others having spoken to the question, strongly opposing some of Mr. Bradford's views, that gentleman briefly replied.

The reading of a paper on "The life of Bishop Patterson" by the Rural Dean was foregone, owing to lack of time, and the rev. gentleman laid the paper on the table.

A paper on "Protestantism" by the Rev. J. Arthur Priestley was an exceedingly able effort, very careful and concise in definition. During the discussion which ensued, the Lord Bishop pointed out that the subject was one in which the field for and against was a large one, and that it should be handled in a delicate and kindly spirit.

Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman, the contributors of papers, and also to the Masonic Lodge for the use of the hall. Appropriate hymns were rendered at intervals during the meeting.

Mr. E. J. Collins was unavoidably absent, and his paper on "Our Church and its Worship" was not read.

INDUCTION OF NEW RECTOR.

In the evening a service was held in the church, there being a large congregation.

The Rev. J. A. Priestley conducted the service to the end of the third collect, the lessons being read by Rev. Wilfred Earle and Mr. J. R. Hart.

The Lord Bishop then inducted the new rector, the Rev. W. J. Wellesley Smith, M.A., and at his call the churchwardens, Messrs. J. Gourlay, S. C. Prismall, and J. Comber, handed the new rector the church key.

The Rev. F. G. Copeland preached the sermon, taking for his text "I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord.'"

The benediction was pronounced by the Lord Bishop.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

At 8 a.m. there was celebration of Holy Communion, there being a good number of communicants. The service was full choral. The Bishop was celebrant.

At 10.30 Matins was said, and a little later the Ruridecanal Chapter met.

At 5 p.m. a confirmation service was held in the church, the holy rite being celebrated by the Lord Bishop. The Rev. J. A. Priestley presented about 30 candidates, to whom the Bishop gave a most earnest address. The whole service was peculiarly impressive.

In the evening a public meeting was held in Cairns' Hall, the hall being well filled. Mr. R. J. Hart presided. Short addresses were delivered by the Lord Bishop and the Rural Dean, Rev. F. G. Copeland, and an address of welcome to the new rector, the Rev. Wellesley Smith, was read by Mr. J. Gourlay, the treasurer-warden of the Church. The rector having fittingly replied, a farewell address to the Rev. J. A. Priestley was read by Mr. Comber, one of the churchwardens. The members of the Ladies' Club also presented Mr. Priestley with a framed photo group of the members and office-bearers of the club; the girls of the confirmation class made a presentation of a biscuit-barrel for Mr. and Mrs. Priestley; and the chairman, on behalf of parishioners and others, handed the popular cleric a purse of sovereigns in recognition of the great work he had done in Queenstown. The recipient of so many tokens of good will responded very feelingly, and said how sorry he was to leave a place where he had made so many friends, and asked the congregation to rally round Mr. Smith as they had rallied round him.

A really capital musical programme was gone through at intervals between the events already recorded, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Lord Bishop and visiting clergy, the performers, the ladies' committee, and the chairman, after which refreshments followed.

GORMANSTON SOCIAL.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

On Tuesday night a very successful social to welcome the Lord Bishop and the new Anglican rector, the Rev. Wellesley Smith was held in Gaffney's Hall. The opportunity was also taken to bid farewell to the Rev. J. A. Priestley, who has made so many friends during his short sojourn on the Coast. Previous to the business of the evening being started the Gormanston Brass Band played a selection in good style. Owing to the terrible weather many who had purchased tickets did not attend, but still there was a very fair attendance. Mr. W. T. Batchelor was chairman, and there was also seated on the stage his Lordship Bishop Montgomery, the Rev. J. A. Priestley, the Rev. Wellesley Smith, and Mr. A. W. Ashcroft.

The chairman in his address said they were there to bid welcome to his Lordship the Bishop and the rector designate, Rev. Wellesley Smith, and also to say farewell to the Rev. J. A. Priestley. He did not know Mr. Priestley personally, but he knew him by reputation, and was very sorry they were losing him. From enquiries he found that there were more Church of England people in Gormanston than people of any other denomination. It should be an easy matter for them to build a church. They had a block of ground which was almost freehold, and only requiring a small sum to be paid to the Government. (Applause.)

Songs, recitations, and pianoforte solos were given during the evening by Miss Marron, Mr. and Miss Tilley, Mrs. B. Morrison, M. C. H. James, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Pullen, and Miss Iles. The accompaniments were played by Miss Marron and Mr. Ker. The only encore accorded was to Miss Marron for her rendering of the song "Say Au Revoir." During the interval and refreshments Mr. W. Baxter amused the audience with selections on his gramophone.

His Lordship Bishop Montgomery in his address said that he considered himself a very old West Coaster, having been here some 11½ years ago. He pegged out the ground for the first church on the West Coast, and was at Mount Lyell when some 17 men were trying to obtain gold from the capping of the now famous mine. He was greatly indebted to Mr. Priestley, and could not say enough for him. The new rector, Mr. Smith, came to them with a great reputation, and he was sure he would be the right man in the right place.

An address of welcome, nicely got up and framed, was then read by Mr. W. J. Cowen, and presented by him to Mr. Smith. The address was signed by Mr. A. W. Ashcroft (lay reader), Mr. W. J. Cowen (treasurer), Mr. R. Peate (secretary), and the members of the committee.

The Rev. Wellesley Smith, in reply, said that he had only been in Tasmania 14 days, and that before leaving the old country one party who did not know the colonies had said to him, "Do not go; your place is here." But others who had been to or come from the colonies said to him, "Go, it is just

the place for you." He thanked them from his heart for their address of welcome, and said he had met with great kindness everywhere. His Lordship had mentioned the example set by the Rev. Mr. Priestley, and he would do his level best to follow out the work set by that gentleman. (Applause.)

Mr. R. Peate read a farewell address to Rev. J. A. Priestley, got up in a similar manner to the one mentioned above. The address set out the good work done by Mr. Priestley, and mentioned the great sorrow all felt at his departure from the district.

The Rev. J. A. Priestley, in thanking all for their kindness, said the address would be hung in his study at home, where it would be a constant reminder of his sojourn on the West Coast. He deplored his neglect of Gormanston, but he had started to go round Queenstown and attend to the work there, and he had not finished Queenstown yet. He referred to the splendid work done by Mr. Ashcroft, and said he wished he could take him with him to Oatlands. He then outlined what Mr. Ashcroft intended doing with reference to building the church, and on conclusion sat down amidst great applause.

Mr. Ashcroft, being called upon to say a few words, said he could not express his feelings of sorrow at the departure of Mr. Priestley, and was sure he would find his way to Oatlands before long. Still, he knew they had got a splendid man in the new rector, one who would carry out the good work with vigour.

Refreshments prepared by Mrs. F. W. Nicholls were served out to all present, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close about 10.30 o'clock.

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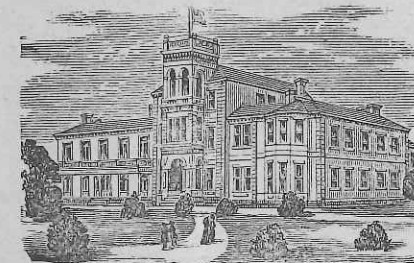
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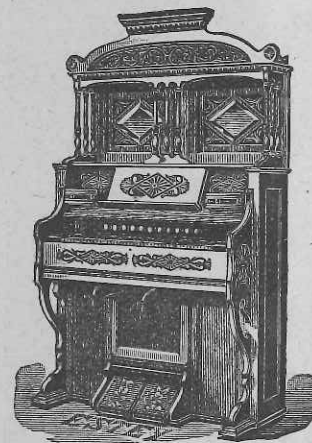
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