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THE CHURCH'S SEASONS.

In these times, when hurry is the order of the day, few even of the Church's own children ever pause sufficiently long to grasp to the full the unique beauty of our Spiritual Mother's arrangement of her Year. Advent gives place to Christmas, Christmas to Epiphany, Epiphany to Lent, Lent to Easter, Easter to Whitsuntide and Trinity, which last leads us once more to Advent, and for many that is all. Few ever seem to dream that there is purpose in the whole—that it is a deliberate design to help in the building up of the complete Christian Life; and not a few begin to wonder at what they deem the steady uniformity of the Church's teaching, the apparent absence of the constant invitations to the Higher Life which they realise should be in the forefront of all teaching, stamped and hall-marked as Christian, being ignorant that each season of the year has its special messages for the soul, its special invitation to the Higher Life. It is not our purpose here to enlarge on the origin of these divisions of our Church year, and so suffice it to say that they were not the product of any one age, but rather of a slow evolution which had its beginning in Apostolic times, and thus we, at least, have the testimony of antiquity to their value. What we would do is to attempt once more to demon-

strate to Churchmen their spiritual value, and to urge their utilisation.

We are now in Advent, the special season of preparation, not only for Christmas joy, but also for the Second Coming of the Lord in Glory to Judgment. Special courses of sermons on Sundays and Week days alike are being given wherever possible, and yet the attendance at them, especially in our larger centres, is so small and out of proportion that the obvious inference is that Church people do not appreciate the teaching of the Seasons.

We cannot, if we are wise, afford to ignore the Advent Message, which in effect is summed up in the Saviour's Own injunction to "Watch and Pray," for if we do we shall run no small danger of slipping away from the Christian state of readiness into that easy Epicurean conviction that "God is in His Heaven, and all is right with the World," which, though it be characteristic of the day, is most certainly not Christian nor befitting any really concerned for their Spiritual Welfare.

Further, Advent teaching rightly understood, properly assimilated, must act on the general spiritual life, for the man who is watching for the coming of his Lord will be watchful over his own spiritual state, quick to note his own progress, his own failures, in the higher way of Jesus Christ.

This is the main reason why the Church accentuates Advent and its

Message, and would press it home to the hearts and consciences of all her children. Christmas, too, is drawing very near—the nineteenth hundredth commemoration of the Coming of the Messiah to seek and to save this poor lost world of ours! How many are looking forward to it only as a season of secular rejoicing, of festivity, of family reunions! How few ever remember the deep spiritual significance of that Great Day.

It is right that we should make that Holy Season a time of rejoicing, and mark it out as a "red-letter day" in our year, yet it is not right that we should allow ourselves to ignore its spiritual meaning, or to forget that if we are rejoicing it should be in harmony with that.

We wonder how many of the hundreds who will be leaving home for the "Holy Day" will bear in mind the best way to keep the "Feast" is to receive in humble faith and devout thankfulness the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Church in the larger towns and everywhere will give all possible facilities for that. Will they be utilised?

One thought more. Before another number of the "Messenger" makes its appearance Advent will have gone, Christmas, too, will have passed, and we shall be in another year—a New Year.

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Each New Year you hear much the same message, much the same invitation to note the flight of time, to let the future be purged of the sins of the past, and possibly you are letter-perfect in the stock phrases appropriate to the occasion. It is not our wish to repeat them, much as they need continual repetition and reinforcement, but to make a suggestion, and it is this—"That in the future you give the Church's year a fair trial; note its divisions; try to grasp their meaning and their message to your soul." And before 1903 dawns you will find by your spiritual progress their true value.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

In England it is a widespread institution for the various Church choirs to assemble and pass from house to house of friends and of honoured chiefs to sing quaint, but beautiful old carols. It is a fine old custom, likely to be elbowed out of the world by the growing adoration of "rush" and "hurry." There will soon be no time for anything save to make money and grow rich. A man was advised by his medical man to "lie up" a day or two, but the answer made was "I have no time to be ill." His sudden death harmonised well with his belief. We regret the disappearance of those old Christmas Eve carols. There seems no time for speaking of carols. I was wondering whether people in these days ever read Dickens's "Christmas Carols?" If not, gentle reader, do so before that lovely festival comes again this year. There was a lot of music in the great soul of Dickens. The way those carols of his stirred the soul of England did more to benefit the outcast and poor than almost all other combined agencies. "Scrooge's Dream" is but one out of many such splendid studies which are inimitable. But Dickens's notion of "Christmas Carols" was not quite what the world understands by such. He, noble soul, saw the starved thousands of East London gazing, un-

fed and dissatisfied, through the open windows of the banquet halls of the rich. Only a few feet, in a sense, separated Dives, in all his forgetfulness, and Lazarus, in all his pallid sorrow. Dives, in this case, was not hard, though somewhat selfish. He simply did not know, or at least, did not remember, the poor. Never in his long life having gone without a single meal, how could he even imagine what it was to be starving? It was at this stage that that high-souled prophet, Dickens, arose and drew the eyes and sympathies of England to the miseries of the down-trodden and sin-ridden and outcast among them. It seemed of little moment for a well-clad person, whose stomach had received ample attention during the freezing day, to scent the odour of "roast goose" as he returned to his mansion on Christmas Eve, when the earth was snow-covered. But, change the scene. It is an ill-clad, half-starved, penniless creature, on whose poor, dizzy brain that same scent strikes. That is his share. Like the proverbial goad to the jaded ox, or the spur to the wearied steed, can we wonder that frenzy took the place of prudence and patience, and that he cursed the rich. Or see the poor, pale-faced children in some large city who have never seen a green field, and have hardly ever tasted fresh, luscious, fruit, whose poor bodies are ill-clad and doubtless diseased. Can we imagine what effect carols, sweet Christmas carols, had on them? The sumptuous carriages splashing their poor clothes with mud as they bore away the overflowed to Christian services, and later on to all the luxuries of wealth! Yet all this was largely the outcome of forgetfulness on the part of the rich. They, like Cain, had forgotten they were their brothers' keeper. It was all a sin of omission—unconscious omission. It was the high privilege of Charles Dickens in his peerless Christmas carols to open their eyes, and the poor of England to-day are happier than ever they were before in consequence.

Dear readers, amidst your own glad enjoyment, during Christmastide, don't forget the old and the poor amongst us. If you know not of any, yet your clergyman will know of some, perhaps many, who need a little help. It is not noisy

importunity that is most deserving, but rather that sensitive, retiring, often refined, nature which would rather die than beg. Seek such out and hallow your own Christmas by being a blessing to others. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

THE DIVORCE BILL.

There are many answers to questions which, according to variable circumstances, may be termed right or wrong. It is also true there are many questions which can never, whatever may be the circumstances, have a variable answer applied to them. These we know as questions of casuistry. St. Paul allows the question of marrying to come under this category. He points out that there may be cases where it is the duty of a man to marry, as well as cases where it is expedient to remain unmarried.

Some have gone further and allowed the dissolution of marriage to become a point of casuistry. Immediately we allow this we lower the subject to a terrible, degrading standard. We have had a definite instruction given to us by the Founder of the Christian system, which permits of a bill of divorcement. Directly we dissent from this, we allow the question to be one of casuistry.

If we were called upon to legislate for an evil, the existence of which we are not personally responsible for, there would be some sense in the drafting of so drastic a bill. How many marriages are contracted in too hasty a manner! How many because of undue license. Rashness and abuse are the evils which have led to the desire for dissolution. It is against these evils we should legislate. We should deal with the root. We should put a controlling power at the source.

The irony underlying the proposed bill is food for delightful contemplation, and it would be difficult to find "clauses" more insulting to our Commonwealth. The insinuation that very many "couples" tire of each other

in about three years is anything but complimentary. Should it become law, it will be well to suggest to the clergy and registrars that, at the time of drawing up the marriage lines, they also draw up "on spec," and by way of saving time, the divorce lines!

They say "Love's blind." This bill will certainly make it very lame, too!

One argument brought forward to support the bill is that it will tend to uniformity. A leading article in an issue of the "Examiner" criticised adversely the expression "steam roller of uniformity," as used by the Bishop of Adelaide when preaching against the bill. In his sermon his Lordship does not speak against the necessity for uniformity, but he does protest against securing that uniformity by the metaphorical steam roller.

When uniformity is going to bring us down to a very low level, then let's away with it. Uniformity, if it is going to live and to empower, must have for its constituent parts elements of the highest degree. Statistics which have been before us in print are sufficient evidence to make us dread such uniformity as the bill would bring about.

How comes it that the question is allowed to be discussed in a conciliatory spirit at all?

1. Because of the laxity of parents.
2. Because of the admission some years ago by Parliament of the thin end of the wedge in allowing the rite of marriage to be consummated away from sacred precincts.
3. Because we do not always realise that marriage is a bond of union between spirit and spirit, and not merely between body and body.
4. Because of not remembering that the law of marriage is older, stronger, and more binding than the law of Christianity.
5. Because we forget that the question of divorce is not left open to us to discuss under certain divine advice, since God cannot advise. He can only commend. It would be derogatory to His wisdom to stoop to expediency and prudence.

Let there be no rest until the bill is rejected.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

The above title will possibly suggest the domestic arrangements at the festive board when all are under the influence of "kind goodwill." But the words were penned with something higher and loftier in mind. It is well to make home at such a time bright and attractive with flowers, but let us not forget the claims of Him whose birthday it is. The best and most chaste decorations should be those surrounding "The Lord's Table—The Altar of the Most High." The depth of a people's religion can easily be measured by the attention given to God's House. Let that be threadbare and neglected, and we wouldn't give much for the faith that permits it. On the other hand, where much attention is given to each little detail in that sanctuary, where everything is the best and most dignified that can be had, it bespeaks a living faith, vital, soul-saving. These outer evidences, we all know, do not of themselves save, but they are prompted by the hidden life beneath. The one is a proof of the other. Speaking last year to a strong, intelligent young woman, the conversation turned upon Church decorations. These, in her own special parish church, she declared were "superb" last Christmas. Queried as to what part of it she had undertaken, she confessed with drooping head and voice only just perceptible, "None of it." It happened that though so fine, these offerings to God had been made by a mere handful of devoted workers. Many others, like the young woman in question, had been content to criticise and enjoy, but not "to offer." Let us hope now, that new life has come amongst us, each will vie with the other in making God's House beautiful with chosen blooms to celebrate His first coming to save a sad and weary world. Such an interest will best prepare our own poor souls to meet Him when He comes again. There

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CHRISTMAS COMMUNION.

Need we again remind all Communicants that it is their plain duty to mark this great festival of the Nativity by receiving the Holy Communion. In all the Churches throughout the Diocese there will be opportunities afforded for each to do this. Many, we are conscious, permit the social aspect of this great day to overshadow its real teaching. It is, we know, a time of glad reunion, when, so far as it is possible, the dissevered units of family life are brought together, old friendships renewed, and feuds forgiven and forgotten; but, before all these, it is first the Festival of the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity—the coming into the flesh of the Saviour of the world—who purified family life and made all these secondary blessings possible. Let us not forget this, and amidst all its hallowed surroundings let this remembrance of our Incarnate Lord come first. Then all else becomes doubly blessed, because sanctified by His presence. There has of late years come a serious falling away from our old English ideals of Christmastide. We cannot, of course, expect that under conditions so altered in these sunny lands, as compared with the sternness of a rigid English winter, the observance of Christmas should remain the same. No! The physical aspect of it must harmonise largely with our new environment, but not so the spiritual. The story of that never changes. As long as the world lasts it will be.

"Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King."

Surely if ever in life we realise the wondrous song in all its matchless glory, it is when kneeling humbly before God's altar on a Christmas morn. We plead afresh the prized offering of that holy life, which is a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. We urge all to remember this:—Go to your Communion at an early hour, if possible, and then doubly blessed will be the sweet converse and the deep sense of happiness which will permeate and gladden the happy day.

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RECORDS and ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Taken from the "Church News.")

On Wednesday, November 6, in the cathedral, Messrs. Clement Dowling and Alfred Wells Ashcroft were made deacons by the Bishop of Tasmania. The Archdeacon presented the candidates, and the sermon was preached by the Dean.

The subjoined address reached the Bishop of Tasmania just before he left the diocese:—

"To the Right Rev. Henry Hutchinson, Lord Bishop of Tasmania. My Lord,—We, the undersigned residents of King Island, desire to offer to your Lordship our sincere congratulations upon your preferment to position of high honour in the motherland. During your Lordship's all too short episcopacy of this diocese we have been greatly helped and encouraged by your many visits to these very distant and isolated parts. Planned as they were amidst numerous other pressing engagements, and, moreover, undertaken at the cost of much physical exertion, not without an element of danger at times, we are doubly conscious of the affection and loving care for us which were thus evinced. Nor, so long as any vigour of mind remains with us, can we ever forget all this kind and earnest attention without which we should, doubtless, have been left wholly without the ministrations of religion. We ask your Lordship to accept these brief but earnest words as expressive of our feelings on this occasion, but which poorly describe our very deep and most sincere thanks for all your labours on our behalf. Though away in these remote lands, yet we shall ever take the warmest interest in your Lordship's welfare; and shall watch with ever increasing pleasure for that

success and advance which most certainly await energy so great and devotions so marked as that possessed by "our old Bishop." May your Lordship's future and that of each member of your family be full of that blessing and prosperity which you have ever sought to bestow so freely upon others is the sincere prayer of your grateful and faithful island friends, A. E. Dawson, L.R., Geo. E. Robinson, S.P., H. R. D. Pearson, W. Bowling, Geo. V. Huxley."

The Administrator, when in town, may usually be seen at the Bishop's office between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., and at other times by appointment.

The Rev. Canon de Coetlogon was inducted on Sunday, November 10, as Rector of Zeehan and Rural Dean of the West Coast by the Administrator.

The Rev. A. D. Webb, from the diocese of British Honduras, has been given a temporary letter of licence to work as second assistant curate in the parish of Holy Trinity, Launceston, to December 31 next.

The Rev. Clement Dowling has been licensed to the Rev. Canon Beresford, and placed temporarily in the parish of S. Leonards.

The Rev. A. W. Ashcroft has been licensed to the Rev. W. J. Wellesley-Smith, Rector of Queenstown, and placed at Gormanston.

The clergy are informed that a circular has come from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, notifying that for a limited period the society is prepared to make a grant from a special catalogue of its books for school and parish libraries to double the amount of remittances of not less than two pounds. Heretofore, it will

be remembered, the minimum remittance the society would receive for this purpose was five pounds.

The Rev. J. Arthur Priestley, Vicar of Oatlands, has accepted the post of hon. general secretary to the Home Mission Union, in succession to Mrs. Montgomery, and, in consultation with the Archdeacon and the clergy, is now arranging a programme of visits to the parishes, particularly those which have not yet established a branch of the union.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The subscriptions due for the "Church Messenger" commence each January and end each December. Our rule is that these should always be paid in advance, but that rule has been almost universally disregarded, with the effect that we are in arrears with our publishers. We are now faced with a crisis, and must either raise the annual subscription to eighteen pence or cease to publish it. In any case we request that sums now owing be sent at once to Mrs. H. Wetton, 2 George-street, Launceston. Further intimation will be sent to the clergy later on. The editor would be thankful to know from them whether, in the event of the publication being continued, the increased subscription is likely to be paid. The correspondence would be too heavy to write to each one separately, and a hope is expressed that each will send a reply in response to this.

Perhaps some of our readers, who can do so, would send us a donation towards the deficiency referred to. We need at least £30 to cover the outgo in excess of the income, even when received, to balance our accounts. Mrs. Wetton or Canon Beresford will gladly receive any such gifts.

PROTESTANTISM.

II.
Protestantism was the united demand of many men and many nations for religious freedom. The demand has been granted. Toleration has become the law of the civilised world. It has passed into the thoughts, the habits, the characters of men. It has penetrated into the former strongholds of persecution. Every opposing force has been reduced to submission. The resisting armies have been not only defeated, but disbanded. People can think freely in England; they can also think freely in Spain. Laymen can study their Bibles with impunity at Amsterdam; they can also study their Bibles with impunity at Rome. And so men are recognising the fact that the work of Protestantism has been accomplished. It is a mighty memory in the records of the past, but it has little to do with the work of the present and the future. Freedom in seeking for truth has been won by agonising struggle. The work of the centuries to follow is to use that freedom, to search for and attain to the truth. But some men in the name of Protestantism would destroy the great result of Protestantism. They would make Protestantism the means of enslaving the human race, not of emancipating it. They would make Protestantism the instrument of bondage, not of liberty. Their great principle is that the opinions of the sixteenth century, or rather the opinions of a portion of the world in the sixteenth century, should be the one standard of truth. But why should those opinions be the one, unchangeable standard of truth? Why should we, the heirs of all the ages, yield ourselves up to be absolutely controlled by the minds of the reforming leaders of the sixteenth century?

First, they have not the special claims which belong to the writers of the earlier centuries of the Christian Church. Their system had not received the impress of the fashioning hand of Christ; they had not listened to those who had been moulded into higher sanctity of life by many influences surrounding them, which came to them more directly from the life of Christ and the lives of His immediate disciples. The truth did not come to them in its primeval freshness and power, unmingled with the elements of the world.

In all things we have greater opportunities than they ever had, except in one. The Interpreting Spirit is as near to us as He was to them. But we have more accurate copies of the Bible and the ancient writers than they had. We have fuller and clearer knowledge of the original language of the Bible than they had. The re-

searches of many minds since their time has made far plainer the records of the past history of the Church, the facts which cast light upon the meaning of the Bible, the explanation of the workings of God in nature and with men. We have far greater freedom in the search for truth than they ever had. We live under far less distracting influences than they lived under. In all other things the world has moved far forward since their time. If anyone advised men to till the fields, as fields were tilled then, or to build ships, as ships were built then, or to travel, as travellers travelled then, people would consider him as mad. Why should we abide by the conclusions in theology of the men of the sixteenth century, since we abide by their conclusions in nothing else?

In many things the reformers of the sixteenth century did not agree. They adopted different opinions about matters of great importance; they followed different practices; they separated into parties and sects; they furiously attacked each other. How shall we accept as practically infallible those teachers, whose teachings were so very contradictory?

If we were to do so, we should cease to imitate the best and noblest reformers. The special greatness of the greatest and wisest reformers lay in their loyalty to the truth. The authority of mighty names could not make them desist from the search after truth; terrible penalties, threatened by most cruel laws, could not make them desist from maintaining what seemed to them the truth; tortures, imprisonments, agonising deaths were again and again chosen by them in preference to the denial with their lips of what their hearts and intellects held to be the truth.

If we walk in their footsteps, we shall examine and perhaps differ from their opinions, as they examined and differed from the opinions of the great schoolmen. We shall hold fast what we have grasped as the truth, as the treasure entrusted to us by the God of Truth; we shall be ready patiently and willingly to suffer for the truth's sake.

PHANTOM HANDS.

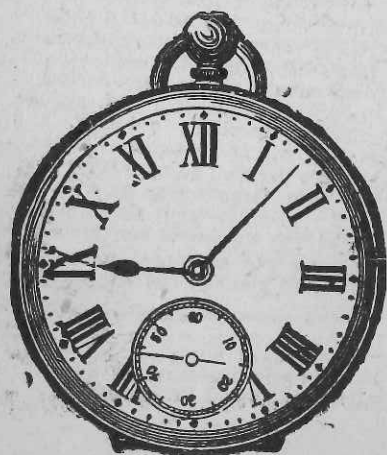
In the centre of the Public Museum in Launceston is a very fine trophy of tin from the celebrated Mount Bischoff mine. The discoverer of that wonderful mineral deposit was the late Mr. James Smith, of Hamilton on the Forth. This gentleman, owing to his rare and high intelligence, was commonly spoken of as "The Philosopher." It was a term of kindly endearment used almost universally of him by his warmest friends, of whom he had very

many. Some time after his lamented and somewhat sudden death, a certain young and gifted lady artist painted his portrait in oils from a photograph. This painting, which is an excellent likeness, she presented to the Museum in question, and, very fittingly, it was hung, and may still be seen, on the aforementioned trophy. Anxious, naturally, to know what others thought of it, she wrote to a friend in Launceston, asking him to go and see the picture and to report his impressions to her. The following was the letter she received. Written though it was on New Year's Eve, about two years ago, yet we publish it, as offering to those who love the weird and witching, a few minutes of pleasant distraction as the sands of the Old Year again slowly run themselves out.

"It is said as the Old Year closes phantom hands often stretch themselves out of the unseen for a last embrace, and I could well imagine the quaint Old Philosopher extending this honour to me on the memorable occasion, and asking 'By what kind of spiritual communion a young girl had been able to invoke his constant presence as guardian over that Bischoff Trophy?' I spent a weird hour amongst strange spirits, as it seemed to me, that afternoon. First, as I said, came the Old Philosopher, and, in his far-off meditative look, I seemed able, though for a brief moment only, to realise the unveiling of Nature's great and matchless secrets to such a mind, so reverent, so solemnly serious, and yet, withal, so keen, as it passes into the presence of the Unveiled Mysteries of the Great Hereafter. For, as I gazed, unspoken words seemed to float to me. 'Death is the golden key to the great secrets of the Great Unseen. To die as men speak of this vast and marvellous change, is not loss, but untold gain.' But no further revelation came. The head seemed solemnly to shake as I pleaded for some brief vision. 'It cannot be!' So silence fell upon us! The flash from the Unseen had passed! Then, at length, I left him, and wandered on to the end of the Museum, where were a number of skulls under a glass case. I am not going to write 'tragedy,' so don't grow pale and refuse to read. Well, amongst these skulls were awful craniums of criminals and mummy remains and such like—quite a tiny chamber of horrors—all so apt, too, in the sombre gloaming of a New Year's Eve—with the Philosopher, too, watching not far off. One mummy fragment was evidently the symmetrical head of a beautiful Egyptian Princess, B.C. 1700—a pretty old belle doubtless, but, yet, one such

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as Rider Haggard sketches in that book "Sha." You remember how this heroine of his had attained unto immortality, and never grew old, and how she worshipped each Eve of some great Festival down in silent and subterranean corridors, where were mummied remains of her dear one. Well, beside this "mummy-head of the faded Egyptian Crown," was an awful old hag's skull—one executed long ago for a dreadful crime—and beside that, again, another that was covered with a remarkably fine tint between vermilion and pink—I cannot name the exact shade, not being a colourist—and this third skull was all that remained of what the card below declared was once a beautiful South-sea Princess, who had been offered in sacrifice to a Fetish and then eaten. These old South-sea Chiefs did things very thoroughly, didn't they? Religion first! Economy next! No waste! This lovely little skull, so wonderfully attractive in its masked colouring, was taken from an old Chief's house, and, doubtless, he—the old rogue—afterwards became a Christian. I was about to suggest hanging as the best thing for an old scamp such as he, who had slain a beautiful girl and then eaten her. So see how strangely my hunt for your picture brought me into contact with Womanhood, past and present, in different lands, and how strangely different their pedigrees were! You know, I couldn't shake the feeling off, perhaps because it was the Old Year dying, and because there is always at such a time—so some believe—haunting presences of departed ones lingering near us. So I brooded on the mystery of life, and it impressed me so much that I saw all those little skulls again that same night—like a Christmas pantomime—ever changing, and taking fresh forms, and in amidst them all came again the quaint, sedate, far-off look of the Old Philosopher, who tried in vain to explain things to me. But the skulls were now robed with flesh, and bodies were added, which were clothed with right royal garments, and bedizened with jewels, save the wretched criminal, who had died so miserably, and whom I didn't want to see, but who would intrude her felon face and filthy garments in my dream as I slept. Repellent and dreadful, she kept, I remember, coming in between me and the cultured beauty of Ancient Egypt—the Queen of Tothmes III.—and the delicate rose-tinted face of the illiterate South-sea Princess, slain for her faith.

Really! I believe I will take to novel writing after this. And regard these as the three Fates of the Ancients; beautiful Clotho, who was said to spin the thread of life; dark-featured though lovely Lachesis, who allotted each one his portion; wizen-faced and villainous Atropos, who cut the thread of life with

abhorred shears at the appointed moment of death—all of immortal memory. And I might wind in and out amidst the labyrinth of the centuries, and show how they were all related, and how it came about that they are now exposed for the vulgar (such as myself) to gaze upon in this public hall! How one might conjure up by-gones! What love dreams had passed through the brain of the symmetrical Egyptian skull once clothed with raven silken tresses! The pose of the head, the erect carriage of the body which did so much in the quaint old pre-historic days, as they do now, to attract the future partner all unconsciously. Then think of the career of that partner—one, doubtless, who played a leading part in the dim early history of the world. And then the rush of sorrow that sweeps over one's mind when smitten by the tyranny of fate. The beautiful life spent. The wooing, the wedding, the domestic span, then the sad waving plumes and the costly sarcophagus in which were placed her mummied remains, amidst the last rites of a weeping Iris, to sleep her long sleep of centuries, with her delicate fingers clasping the emerald gems for use, as they taught, in the other world; only to be disturbed close on 4000 years after, her quiet tomb to be despoiled, her graceful head to be borne south to a land unknown in her own day, and there, in company with a murderess and a heathen savage queen, to deck a third-rate museum.

It is all too sad, so I wont moralise farther. If spiritualism, as held by its votaries, were anything, it would long since have carried off the embalmed and loved remains back to the rainless shades of its old rock-hewn tomb.

Now, isn't all this very nearly as good as a Christmas ghost story? And it all comes of my hunting for your picture, so if you are vexed with me please begin by scolding yourself. I expect had to-day been fine you would never have got this strange sort of letter, but it has been pouring for hours, and I have nothing to do except to read or write, and as the muse called me to the desk so I obeyed. It has been a gloomy, dark sort of day, after

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all the sunshine; and yet it is New Year's Eve. To-morrow brings fresh hopes. It is that glad time of which old Tennyson wrote—

Ring out the old,
Ring in the new;
Ring out the false,
Ring in the true.

But I wonder if Tennyson ever saw three such heads as those I have described. If so, should we not have had lines so immortal that even in the presence of his most supreme inspiration these in memory of the beautiful Egyptian queen would have burned with matchless lustre. Yet dear old Tennyson has now "Crossed the bar," and, like the honoured philosopher, has doubtless learnt that all these wondrous earthly figures which have passed from view are still playing their parts in vaster and grander realms, for which this tiny life was but a preliminary though necessary preparation.

OUR SIXTH SENSE.

One of the earliest lessons impressed on the juvenile mind has been, and still is, that "man has five senses."

The world at large still holds this to be a self-evident truth. Latter day knowledge, however, teaches differently. Thousands of shrewd and careful experiments made by noted anatomists and physiologists lead to the conclusion that we must learn to admit the existence of a sixth sense.

Nearly 100 years ago, M. Flourens noticed that doves whose inner ears were cut in certain places, showed a strange uncertainty of movement. The said cuts did not in the least affect the hearing of the birds; but so soon as the latter tried to move they began to make violent pendulous motions with the head, lost their equilibrium, turned somersaults, etc.

Since then innumerable observations and experiments have corroborated the opinion then enunciated that the ear is not only the organ of the sense of hearing, but also that of a distinct sixth sense—the sense of position, of equilibrium, or, to express it in one word, the static sense.

Some persons, having suffered from disease of certain portions of the ear, have found it difficult to maintain their equilibrium whenever they closed their eyes; lower animals, like the doves, on having their organs of the sense of hearing—or what were supposed to be their organs of sense of hearing—destroyed, invariably lost all sense of position.

Conclusive proof of the existence of the sixth sense can be had by comparison, for instance, of the behaviour of two cats, one of which is blind, while

the other's organs of hearing have been destroyed. The latter animal, though her sight be ever so keen, remains miserably inactive, is unable to move freely, cannot jump, because she has lost the power to maintain equilibrium, while the blind cat, in full possession of her other senses, behaves much like a cat enjoying eyesight.

A MYSTERY OF THE EAR.

It is to be remembered that even in our day the constitution of the inner ear is by no means fully understood, and that the functions of certain portions thereof are merely guessed at, not known. That is, so far as hearing is concerned. The function of the ears as the organ of static sense is explained thus:—

Within the ear are three small globular protuberances. The inner side of the latter is covered with innumerable minute cilia, each of which contains a very fine hair, surrounded by lymph. If an individual make any slight motion the hairs follow the motion, while the lymph, subject to the law of inertia, endeavours to retain its former position; thus the hairs are bent in a direction opposite to that of the movement made, and the irritation thereby produced is immediately telegraphed by the nerves to the brain, there causing consciousness of the movement.

If an individual rotate rapidly, as in dancing, until the lymph moves with the body, and then the rotary motion be suddenly stopped, the lymph endeavours to continue in its previous course, the minute hairs bend in the opposite direction and produce in the brain that peculiar sensation which we call dizziness.

The function of the minute hairs is supplemented by that of minute crystals swimming within the lymph surrounding those hairs. So soon as a movement of the body begins, the crystals, subject to the law of inertia, remains a little behind, pressing upon and irritating the wall of the cell, causing supplementary reports to the brain of the movement in progress.

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ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

This festival has for many years past been observed throughout the Anglican world as a time for special prayer and intercession for a blessing on all our Foreign Missions. There can be no doubt at all that much real advance has been observed in this especial sphere of Church work since this season has been so observed. "Ask and ye shall have" is a certain promise, and repeated very frequently in essence throughout the New Testament. The wonder has been that so little effort was ever made to petition the Almighty in a kind of collective sense for a blessing upon our work. Now that such is being done, now that we have taken God at His word, so to speak, blessings, beyond our expectation, are being showered upon us. Our own Australian Missions are being handled as they never were before, and the work is full of promise, and is developing rapidly. This is one outcome of our intercession. All the world over the same story is evident. Here in Tasmania God has especially favoured us by calling our beloved Bishop to the head of the great S.P.G. Society, which has an income of about £180,000 a year, and has Missions in every heathen centre on earth. May we continue to thus intercede, and especially for him in his great work, with its tremendous responsibilities. Special services were held this year in all our chief Churches in this Diocese. The three parishes in Launceston combined for the occasion, and held an united service in Holy Trinity Church. After Evensong a special Litany was said, with petitions framed for individual Missions. This is the kind of intercession we need.

Let us not ask in a vague abstract kind of sense, but petition God for special centres of work. Each of our Australian Missions was touchingly remembered, and we look for God's blessing, fully bestowed, upon them and those engaged therein. The Venerable the Administrator preached with his usual vigour. Portions of the address were very stirring, and others equally as pathetic, especially where he spoke of the heroes on the foreign service—not in South Africa—but for the King of Kings. Though the congregation was good, it was not one-quarter what it should have been. The Church on such an occasion should have been packed to repletion, and each one absent should have regarded it as a shame and a loss to his own soul. Until we get more of this element of sorrow into our own poor lives, for occasions lost of glorifying God, our religion will remain, as it appears in thousands of cases to be, a poor circumscribed effort to save our own miserably threadbare souls, which, when saved, can hardly, seeing how bereft they are of self-denial and the higher graces, be things either to please the Saviour or to adorn heaven. Oh! how we need to lay to heart the deep, solemn lessons of Advent—"From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead."

OUR NOTE BOOK.

The following touching note was received from our departing Bishop whilst in Melbourne by Canon Beresford:—"My wife and I were very much touched by the way in which many friends in Launceston crowded round us and carried us off to the steamer, with every preparation made for us. If you can do so, I should be glad if you will convey our gratitude to them, and tell them how much we appreciated their kindness. For the rest, we feel like the plant that has been pulled up by the roots—sore all over—as if we were dead and had passed forever from a pleasant land; but the path of duty is the only path worth living for, and my prayer is that God may send you a man as Bishop who may far more than fill the gap temporarily made."

The names of two warm and most earnest Churchmen must not be omitted from our "Notes" this month. One is that of Colonel Wallack, C.B., who is this week returning from the war in South Africa. Though we are conscious that our fellow-Churchman has been actively engaged in the strife in that continent, yet we must await some fuller account from himself before attempting to publish what has

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been told us. A banquet is to be proffered him by the officers of the forces in the north, and will doubtless be very largely attended. Colonel Wallack has, we understand, since leaving Africa paid a visit to the old country, and has, in common with other officers recently commanding troops, been presented at Court, and received the special distinction of C.B. For some time previous to his departure for the war "Major" (as we then knew him) Wallack was engaged in visiting the various rural corps, and will thus be widely known, and, we are sure, as enthusiastically welcomed home.

The second name referred to is that of Mr. Sidney Daniel. Mr. Daniel was an officer in the Commercial Bank, and is well known in Hobart, Ulverstone, and Oatlands, in each of which places he held appointments. His enthusiasm as a Churchman was a wonderful stimulus to all other young men who knew him. His spare time and all his spare money, it went without saying, was devoted to the work of the Church. In the early part of the present year Mr. Daniel went to South Africa, and within three days was offered a splendid position in the Standard Bank in Capetown, with an income which just about trebled that received here. He writes full of hope for his work, and as anxious as ever over the souls of others. Tasmania is poorer from the loss of such earnest, intelligent men. May his advancement be rapid, and may his work as a Churchman be as blessed as ever.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

The Century Thanksgiving Fund of the diocese of Goulburn (N.S.W.) at the close of last month had reached £4388, an increase of £767 for the month.

Dr. Goe, whose resignation of the Bishopric of Melbourne was formally accepted last week, has engaged passages for himself and Miss Shackles (the late Mrs. Goe's niece) by the R.M.S. Britannia, which will leave for London on April 8.

The portion of the building for the Christ Church Young Men's Club, Ballarat, which was opened recently, contains three rooms—library, meeting-

room, and reading and smoke room—and has cost £450. It will require £600 to complete the building.

The resolution to incorporate the Adelaide "Church News" with the "Church Commonwealth" was unanimously carried at a meeting of the shareholders of the Church of England Newspaper Company, Limited, which will be wound up voluntarily.

In connection with the creation of the diocese of Bendigo, Victoria, a meeting of the Bishopric and Endowment Fund Committee was held last week, when the Rev. F. H. Gibbs was appointed secretary. A number of donations, varying in amount from 10 to 25 guineas, were reported, and arrangements were made for further meetings and addresses.

The annual session of the Ballarat Church Assembly was opened on Tuesday week. Canon Potter preached the special sermon, and Canon Hayman, of Hamilton, delivered the address at the Communion service. Dean Parkyn submitted a motion protesting against the divorce law proposals now before the Federal Parliament as being contrary to the law of God, the teaching of the Church of England, and the welfare of the state. The motion was carried without opposition.

S. Mark's, Fitzroy, Melbourne.—This church was reopened on Sunday, 17th ult., after being closed for a fortnight during alterations. The whole interior has been transformed, and from being one of the ugliest churches in Melbourne it has become one of the stateliest and most dignified. The font has been moved to a carpeted platform against the western wall, and behind it there hangs a rich curtain which adds dignity to the place where the first sacrament of the Gospel is ministered. Then a wide centre passage

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leads to the choir, which a dwarf screen of carved wood separates from the nave. Before the steps of the choir there stands a Litany desk, and on either side a handsome gasolier specially designed for the purpose. The choir has been much enlarged, and the stalls have been altered so as to completely clear the chancel arch.

THE CHURCH IN OTHER LANDS.

The Marquis of Salisbury has subscribed the sum of £100 towards the Capetown Cathedral Memorial Fund.

The Bishop-Designate of Likoma has been given a mitre and episcopal ring by friends in England. He has handed over to the Churchwardens the balance of stipend which accumulated during his absence.

The Bishop of London has commissioned the Rev. George Washington, one of the chaplains in Paris, who is travelling in Russia, to inform officially the Archbishop of Finland of his appointment as successor to Bishop Creighton, and of his desire to continue that prelate's friendly relations with the Eastern Church.

At a meeting of the Liverpool Cathedral Committee it was resolved, on the motion of the Earl of Derby, seconded by the Bishop of the Diocese, that the style of architecture for the new cathedral should be Gothic. Architects are to be invited to submit portfolios of ecclesiastical buildings they have erected, and when these have been examined the committee will select a limited number of the profession to compete for the final design of the new Cathedral.

According to the "Times" of Natal a monument is about to be erected over the grave of Major-General Sir Wm. Penn-Symons. It consists of a large cross of Sicilian marble, with a carved pedestal of the same material, and resting on a base of freestone. The monument stands about 9ft. high, and bears the following inscription:—"Erected by his wife, in loving memory of Major-General Sir Wm. Penn-Symons, who fell mortally wounded at the battle of Talana Hill on October

20, 1899. 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.'"

Some idea of the massiveness of the new Cathedral of S. John the Divine, New York, may be obtained from the following item about the columns in the interior of the building:—"One of the most interesting architectural features of the new Cathedral will be its 32 granite columns. The architect's plan called for such giant columns that it was found necessary to build a special lathe to turn them. The lathe is by far the largest in the world, and is a unique piece of machinery. It is 86ft. in length, weighs 135 tons, and swings 6ft. 6in. by 60ft. It has eight cutters, each taking a 3in. cut, so that a column is reduced 2ft. each time the cutters traverse the entire length of the bed. The corners of the stone are roughly hewn off by hand before it is placed in the lathe. It takes six weeks to dress and polish a column. The final polish is done with the aid of emery and water."

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

There is a true dignity in manual service, in daily labour, in the commonest employments, if they are prompted and directed by high motives; and this sets the seal of greatness on the life.—Bishop Wilberforce.

Never did evil obtain such a triumph over pure goodness as when it nailed Jesus Christ, our Lord, to the Cross of shame. Never was the ultimate victory of goodness so clearly vindicated as on the morning of the resurrection.—Liddon.

The character of integrity has three sides—a self side, a neighbour side, a God side. These are set forth in the words sobriety, righteousness, and godliness. They live "soberly" who discharge the duties they owe to themselves. They live "righteously" who discharge the duties they owe to their fellow men. They live "godly" who discharge the duties they owe to God. They who discharge all these duties are entire Christian men.—Foster.

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

MISSIONARY.

An interesting service took place in S. David's, Mosman river, on Sunday, the 27th ult., when the Bishop of Carpentaria admitted to baptism 18 South Sea island men, two South Sea island women, and two aboriginal women, who had been under preparation at the hands of Mr. W. M. Wilkinson.

The Bishop of Mashonaland has been confiding to the Capetown correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" a plan of his own for hastening the end of polygamy among the South African natives. The custom is, in the Bishop's opinion, slowly dying out. Marriage with the native is a matter of barter, for he buys his wives at so many head of cattle apiece, from five head to fifty, according to the personal attractions of the young lady. The Bishop would put a tax on an ascending scale on every wife after the first. If the tax on the second wife were fixed, say, at £5, then for the third it would be £10, for the fourth £20, and so on. This scheme, the Bishop believes, would help to solve the difficulty of getting native labour. At present the man with many daughters grows rich easily by disposing of them. Under the proposed plan the man with one wife would have to work, because of his limited supply of daughters, and the much-married man would

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also have to work to pay his taxes. The Bishop, who has had a long South African experience, looks on his drastic scheme as quite practicable.

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It was only a sunny smile,
And little it cost in the giving,
But it scattered the night
Like morning light!
And made the day worth living.
Through life's dull warp a woof it wove
In shining colours of light and love,
And the angels smiled as they watched
above,
Yet little it cost in giving.

It was only a kindly word,
And a word that was lightly spoken,
Yet not in vain,
For it stilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly broken.
It strengthened a fate beset by fears
And groping blindly through mists of tears
For light to brighten the coming years,
Although it was lightly spoken.

It was only a helping hand,
And it seemed of little availing,
But its clasps are warm,
And it saved from harm
A brother whose strength was failing.
Its touch was tender as angel's wings,
But it rolled the stone from the hidden springs,
And pointed the way to higher things,
Though it seemed of little availing.

A smile, a word, or a touch,
And each is easily given,
Yet either may win
A soul from sin
Or smooth the way to Heaven.
A smile may lighten the falling heart,
A word may soften pain's keenest smart,
A touch may lead us from sin apart—
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2. Take 2oz. fine oatmeal, 6oz. sugar, 1 lemon. Mix the oatmeal to a smooth paste with a little cold water. Add the sugar and the juice and thin rind of the lemon, then pour over it 1 gallon of boiling water. Stand till cold. Cost, 3d per gallon. More oatmeal may be preferred, especially for workers.

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

A small piece of rosin finely powdered and kept on the toilet table will prove a great benefactor to those who are troubled with their eye-glasses falling off. Dip the top of the finger into the rosin and put what adheres to the finger on the side of the nose. It will then be impossible to shake the glasses off.

To remove rust from steel put the article, if possible, in a dish of paraffin oil or else wrap the steel in a cloth saturated with the oil. Leave it for a day or two. Then, if the spot is obstinate, apply salt wet with hot vine-

gar, or scour with brickdust. Rinse thoroughly in hot water and dry with a flannel cloth, giving a last polish with a clean flannel and a little sweet oil.

Bacteria v. Bacteria.—A curious observation has been made by a German bacteriologist in a study of the micro-organisms of a constantly-used swimming bath. The number of bacteria was found to increase regularly during the first day after the bath was newly filled with water, and then to decrease constantly. There was evidence that the decrease could not be due to the action of light, nor to sedimentation, nor to lack of food. The conclusion reached was that it resulted from the struggles of bacteria with each other, many being destroyed.

GATHERINGS.

An evil heart puts the worst interpretation on all that it sees, and turns it to its own hurt.

If we cannot live so as to be happy, let us at least live so as to deserve happiness.

Cast your bread upon the waters, but do not wait until it is too stale for your own use.

Gentle and quiet words are, after all, the most powerful words. They are more convincing, more compelling, more prevailing.

Let us learn how precious are solitary places and hours where others are sleeping or away in the night season; or a great while before day, when the earth and heaven are still, and the busy world has not yet come abroad to trouble the creation of God.

To-day is yours; use it; draw from it with a miser's eagerness every little of its riches; grasp its garlands of success; raise to your brow its crown of victory. To-day is yours; make it yield to you all that it possesses of joy, of glad triumph, of unfading glory.

The lines of suffering on almost every human countenance have been deepened, if not traced there, by unfaithfulness to conscience, by departures from duty. To do wrong is the surest way to bring suffering; no wrong deed ever failed to bring it. Those sins which are followed by no palpable pain are yet terribly avenged, even in this life. They abridge our capacity of happiness, impair our relish for innocent pleasure, and increase our sensibility to suffering. They spoil us of the armour of a pure conscience, and of trust in God, without which we are naked amid hosts of foes, and are vulnerable by all the changes of life. Thus, to do wrong is to inflict the

surest injury on our own peace. No enemy can do us equal harm with what we do ourselves whenever and however we violate any moral or religious obligation.

CLIPPINGS.

The Bishop of London is certainly ruling his diocese in a statesmanlike manner. Some feared that his youth and enthusiasm would outgun his discretion, but evidently he has succeeded in regulating the affairs of the most important diocese in the Empire. Since his arrival the "crisis," begotten of Puritan zeal and blatant fanaticism, has vanished like a pricked bubble. At the Brighton Congress his Lordship predicted an era of peace for the Church under his rule, and apparently his prediction has been fulfilled.—"The Church Commonwealth."

The recall of Bishop Montgomery from the Diocese of Tasmania, where he had such a widespread influence, and from which he exercised his unique power especially in the work of Foreign Missions, has not passed without considerable criticism on the part of the English Church Press. The question whether a Bishop is justified in leaving the special work to which he has been called in order to undertake the Secretaryship of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts is very debatable; but we are glad to note that the Church papers in the mother country are publishing extracts from our Australasian periodicals, in which the selection of Bishop Montgomery for the position meets with unanimous approval.—"The Melbourne Church Messenger."

ODDS AND ENDS.

A bright little girl, after listening to a missionary address about the blacks, asked her mother on the way home why God made black children. Whilst her mother was thinking of an answer, the little one answered her own question thus:—"I suppose because he was run out of white skins."

In Ireland the robins are believed to be God's special birds, and are always permitted to brood without disturbance, and are therefore never either caged or killed. The result is that they have become quite tame all over the Emerald Isle, and in cold weather fly into the farmhouses for food without fear. Small boys are taught to believe that God would be so angry with them for robbing the nest of a red-breast as to afflict them with innumerable warts upon their hands.

Among the many good stories told of the new Bishop of London is the following:—

One day in his beloved East End, he noticed a dirty little urchin playing be-

side the gutter. "Hullo, my little man," said the Bishop, who is a great lover of children, "what are you doing there?" "Making a kerfreedral," was the reply. "A cathedral," exclaimed the Bishop, "but where's the bishop?"

Dr. Ingram's sense of humour, always keen, was quite overcome when the small boy answered, "Please, sir, I ain't got dirt enough to make a bishop!"

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—As one of the founders of the "Church Messenger," may I say that I have always thought the price too low to make it pay. May I suggest that the majority of your subscribers pay 1s 6d per annum, and that in the February number let a small slip be inserted stating that the subscription of 1s 6d is now due, and should be paid to — (naming the person who is acting as agent in each parish). I do think many of the clergy might push the paper more energetically, and see also that subscriptions are paid promptly. It is not fair, sir, that you should have not only the anxiety, but also the responsibility of an overdraft because those who want the paper do not pay promptly for it. Hoping for a much increased circulation in 1902 and ever greater usefulness.—I am, etc.,

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The series of daily services, with addresses, which were held during the octave of All Saints' helped many of us to realise the high privileges enjoyed by those who dwell within reach of regular and frequent means of grace. The conductor's addresses on the Quiet Day dealt largely with the highest of all the means of grace, the blessed sacrament of Communion, and his strong and earnest words will long be remembered.

In the afternoon Mr. J. W. Gould gave a recital on the organ, assisted by Mr. Taylor, with his violin, and a larger number than usual were present. The choral service in the evening with a full choir closed a series of happy and inspiring services. We could have wished for more liberal thank-offerings, but our people have lately had many calls upon them in all sorts of ways. We fear we shall close our financial year with a deficit, and it is hoped that in view of some regular contributions to the weekly offerings falling off there will be more general support forthcoming in 1902. Recently the Church Wardens met to consider the continuation of the services, which are generally appreciated, of the assistant clergyman, and it was resolved to issue a circular to the congregation, setting forth the absolute necessity of additional subscriptions of £80 for 1902 if we are to retain the staff as at present constituted, and we trust that the appeal will be readily responded to. It may be well to repeat what has already been clearly stated that since the death of Mr. Kennerley the income of the church has seriously suffered. His generous bequest to the parish of the two houses in Elloden Place, intended to be an addition to Parochial Stipend

Fund, has already produced about £120 during the four years, whilst if Mr. Kennerley had lived, we should have received £77 per annum, or £308 in the four years, so that we have lost something like £50 a year during that period owing to the large amount which the trustees have been compelled to spend in repairs. This is a serious loss to any parish, and is the main cause of our present lack of funds. We hope the congregation will realise this, and do all that lies in their power to relieve the Churchwardens of their present anxiety.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Missionary Association was held on Monday, December 2. There was only a small attendance. A discussion took place on the popularising of these meetings, which are not attended by many, who, nevertheless, are deeply interested in foreign missions, and it was decided that papers on different mission fields should be prepared and read by members, and notice given beforehand of the subject to be discussed. It is hoped that this may result in a greater interest being taken in these meetings.

The Very Rev. the Dean is giving a series of addresses on Wednesday evenings on Advent. The first service, on the 4th inst., was well attended, the Dean taking for his subject "The Royalty of Christ, Past, Present, and Future." The Rector is giving a series of addresses on Thursday evenings at S. Raphael's.

Offerings in Church.—Nov. 1, £4 18s 1d; 3rd, £7 1s 7d; 6th, 2s; 10th, £3 13s 11d; 17th, £3 9s 5d; 24th, £3 17s 6d; total, £23 2s 3d. S. Raphael's, £1 12s 3d.

Baptisms.—Nov. 27, Daisy Gladys Sullivan.

Funeral.—Mary Riley, Macquarie-street, aged 71, at Cornelian Bay.

CIRCULAR HEAD.

We have been quite gay here lately with entertainments to raise money for the Church. The Dinah Minstrels have scored three decided successes. At Stanley a large and appreciative audience assembled in the Library Hall on November 11, when a sum of upwards of £15 was made towards paying off the debt at the Rectory. On November 21 they journeyed to South Road, and repeated part of their former programme; this time in aid of the South Road Church Building Fund, and again had a crowded house. Sports had been held in the afternoon in aid of the same object, and the net proceeds of the afternoon's and evening's efforts totalled upwards of £18. At Irish Town an excellent programme was again rendered on the 3rd instant, but this time to only a very small audience, who, however, much appreciated the evening's amusement.

A Working Bee will be held at South Road on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 7 and 8, to clear the ground upon which the Church is to be built. Lunch will be provided by the ladies. A social is to be held in the Library Hall, Stanley, on Tuesday, 17th instant.

HOLY TRINITY, LAUNCESTON.

On Friday evening, November 15, the Young Men's Club met the Girls' Club for the purpose of holding a social evening to mark the close of the season. Mr. E. Whitfield was the visitor, and, after being heartily welcomed on behalf of both clubs by the Rector, read a most interesting and instructive paper on "Extinct Animals." The lecturer handled a difficult subject so cleverly as to attract the interest of all present. The clubs then played against each other in various games, such as bowls, billiards, table croquet, bagatelle, etc. Refreshments were afterwards handed round, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by all joining in the simple service with which the Girls' Club always concludes its evenings. Mr. Whitfield, who stayed to the end, expressed himself as delighted with the whole movement.

On Sunday, November 17, the annual Sunday-school festival was celebrated. Good congregations were present at both services, numbers being unable to find seats in the evening. The Rev. W. H. Murray, of Cressy, was the preacher, and delivered two very thoughtful and earnest sermons. The collections for the day were slightly in excess of last year's. At the commencement of the morning service the children made their offering in aid of a font for the new church. School work in the parish is on the increase, and is awakening warmer interest in a really good and faithful staff of teachers.

On Wednesday, November 27, the annual picnic was held at St. Leonards. Between three and four hundred children with their teachers left the city by special train at 10.45 a.m. Favoured by lovely weather, a most enjoyable day was spent in playing various games, races, etc., and, tired but happy, the large gathering made its way to the train at 7.45 p.m. All regretted the absence, through illness, of Mr. Claude Rosevear.

On Friday, November 29, being S. Andrew's Eve, a special service of intercession for missions was held. The clergy of Launceston and S. Leonards took part, and the Archdeacon was taken up in aid of the Diocese of Carpentaria.

On December 4 the mothers' and children's meeting and classes, held in the Inveresk Hall, terminated with a tea at 6.30 o'clock, to which nearly 100 all told sat down, and did justice to the good things provided. An hour was then spent on the green in front of the hall in games in which, to the delight of the children, many of the teachers, led by the Rector, took part.

Returning to the hall, a short entertainment was provided, after which the Rector presented the various prizes to the children, also presents from the children to their teachers, in the shape of very pretty pincushion dolls, which reflected great credit on the artist. Miss Harrison was the recipient of a special gift from her fellow teachers, and Mrs. Barnard from

teachers and children. The following children obtained prizes:—

First Class.—Louie Harvey 1, Alvie Harvey 2, Elsie Fisher 3.

Second Class.—Alice Jones 1, Cissie Perkins 2, Essie Claridge 3.

Third Class.—Eileen Thorne 1, Florrie Matthews 2, Delia O'Neil 3.

Fourth Class.—Florrie Thorne 1, Ruby Bowen 2, Myra Courtney 3.

Fifth Class.—Nelly Hodson 1, Mabel Morris 2, Alice Tynan 3.

Sixth Class.—Vera Thorne 1, Florrie Holcombe 2, Blanche Berlowitz 3.

Attendance.—Alvie Harvey and Nellie Hudson.

Sunday, December 15, will see the fourth collection during this year for the Building Fund. It is hoped that all will respond in a generous way, as the sum of £35 is required to make up the £100 looked for in the year by means of these special offerings.

Baptisms.—November 14, Ian George Johnston.

Burials.—November 22, Joseph Heasman, 38 years; November 30, Henry I. J. R. Rooke, 56 years; December 2, Thomas Dawes, 87 years; December 3, Henry Hayward, 81 years.

S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

Everything passed off most satisfactorily on December 1, when we held our annual Sunday-school festival.

The morning service was well attended, and in the evening the school-room was literally packed. The Rev. C. A. Fawns took the morning service, and at evensong the Rev. A. D. Webb offered the prayers and the Rev. W. S. Stone read lessons and gave a forcible address, full of practical advice, to the parents. The children's singing gave evidence to the careful training they had received under our organist (Mr. J. Brown), and the collections for the day amounted to £5 0s 2d.

This sum will be spent on prizes for the Sunday-school children. Mrs. E. G. Barry has kindly consented to give away the prizes this year. The prize-giving will take place on Sunday, December 15, at 3 p.m. Parents of children are cordially invited to be present.

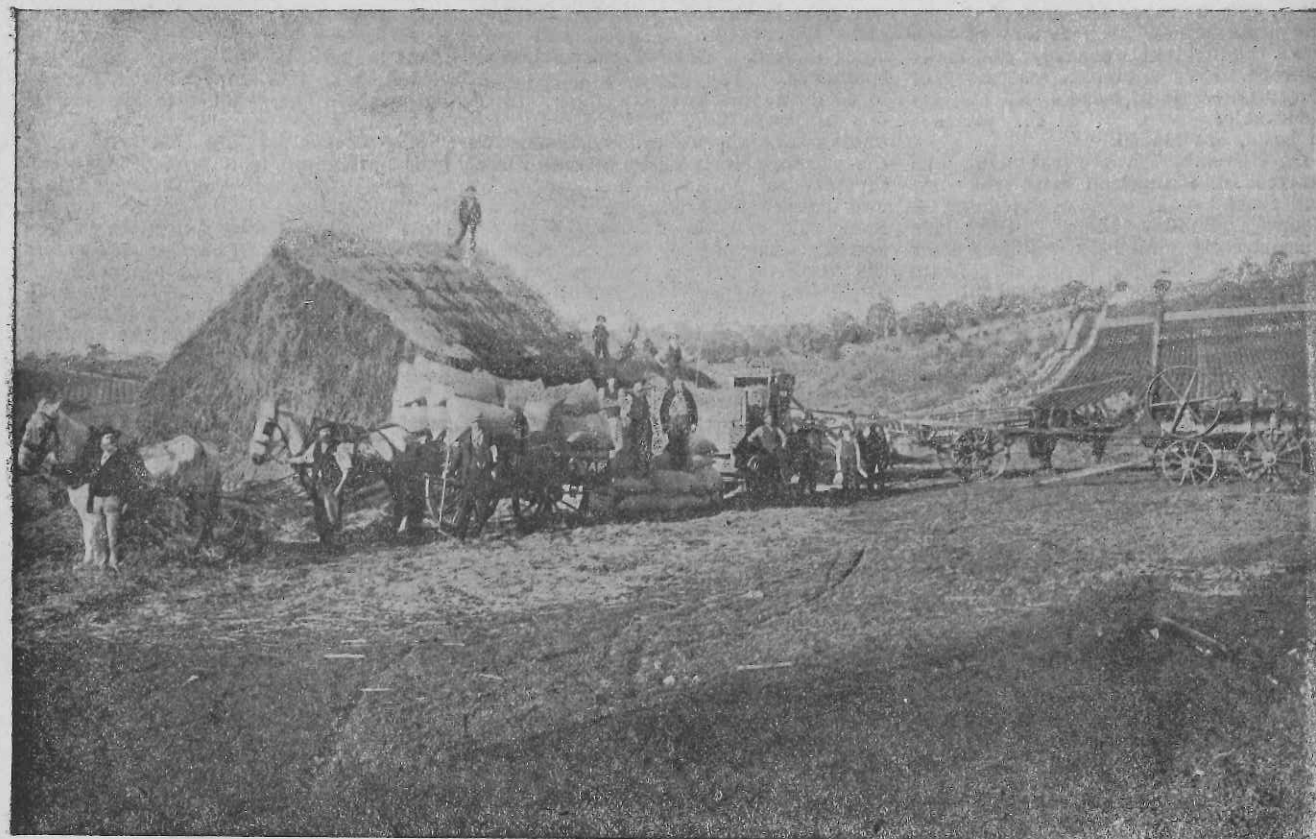
On Monday evening, November 25, a concert was held in the school-room in aid of S. George's building fund.

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Apart from the worthy object to be served, the excellence of the programme deserved a much larger audience than it drew from Invermay; indeed, but for a healthy contingent of visitors from the city the entertainment would have been run at a loss. It was proposed to hold a series of monthly entertainments during the coming year for the same object; but if the next few efforts in this direction do not meet with a warmer response from Churchfolk at Invermay it is more than probable that the scheme will be withdrawn.

Owing to the generosity of two friends (who wish to remain incognito), who defrayed the cost of tickets and programmes, we were able to keep down the incidental expenses and make a profit. We submit a statement of accounts:—Sale of tickets, £5 18s; incidental expenses, £1 6s 6d. Balance in hand, £4 11s 6d.

On November 13 a cricket club was started in connection with the first and second class of boys attending S. George's Sunday-school. Our lads were greatly elated by winning their first match this season against a team from Holy Trinity Sunday-school.

The match was played at St. Leonards during the day of the annual treat, November 27, and was quite the feature of the day's sports. Speaking of the treat, great credit is due to Mr. J. Brown for the excellent arrangements he made for everyone's comfort; also we are indebted to the many friends who generously contributed towards the children's enjoyment by money or provisions; and last, but not least, our thanks are due to the clerk of the weather for turning on a gloriously fine day.

The girls attending the Confirmation class at S. George's, with a thoughtful-

ness that does them credit, have subscribed the money among themselves for a set of fair linen for Holy Communion. The gift is most welcome. A firm in England was written to for the goods in October last, so we should have our fair linen in use early in the new year.

On Christmas Day, December 25, there will be morning service at S. George's, with a celebration of Holy Communion, commencing at 10.30. a.m.

ST. JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON.

On November 10 a Church parade of a portion of the local defence forces was held in S. John's. The Artillery had been ordered to Ross, and were much missed. Colonel Martin was in command. The occasion was meant to celebrate the birthday of his Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., the anniversary of which took place on the previous day. The various corps, in their gay uniforms and headed by two bands, were particularly attractive. Though the numbers were depleted somewhat by the absence of the Artillery, yet the Church was well filled, and the service evidently much enjoyed.

On November 13 a Fancy Fair was held in S. John's Schoolroom. It had been wholly planned and carried through by Mrs. and Miss F. A. Whitaker. A more praiseworthy and taking little venture could not well be eclipsed. The various stalls were wonderfully well arranged, and the old schoolroom never looked better. The one element of disappointment was the absence of many of S. John's people whom we might very reasonably have expected to have seen there. We need more enthusiasm amongst us in these matters. The

proceeds were in aid of the Choir Fund, and amounted to about £15. This was not as good as the effort and trouble taken warranted. Quite as much again could readily have been expected from the fine display of fancy goods. Our very warmest thanks are due to Mrs. and Miss Whitaker and to the band of lady helpers who presided at the various stalls.

On November 20 a meeting of the General Building Committee was held in the schoolroom. Mr. Alfred Green presided. The business included, amongst much else, the consideration of certain schemes for laying the "corner stone" of new S. John's. It was eventually decided to ask the Governor to lay the stone. After a short delay his Excellency has consented to do this some time in February next. The exact date has yet to be fixed.

The Advent services this year have been announced in a kind of "general pastoral" from all the three parishes in Launceston. This strikes a full, clear note betokening unity, which has pleased us much. The opening sermon on Advent Sunday was preached by the Rev. G. Marsh, of Adelaide, and was a brilliant and moving appeal on behalf of watchfulness for the coming of Christ. As the various preachers have been widely announced, we need not mention them now. We appeal most earnestly, however, to all to attend these services, which are meant to help. The course by the Rev. C. Fawns, M.A., on Thursday evenings is particularly good, and those who miss these addresses do so to their own deep loss.

Speaking of Advent naturally suggests Christmas Day. May we remind all our Communicants of their plain duty to attend Holy Communion on

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that great festival. There will be Celebrations at 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 in S. John's, and, if possible, at S. Oswald's at 9 a.m., and S. Aidan's at 11.15 a.m. This will permit each one at all earnest in this matter to be present.

As reference is made to S. Andrew's Day elsewhere, we need notice it no further here than to say special Celebrations were held at the Mission House on the eve of the day and at S. John's on the day itself to intercede for a blessing on our Mission work in foreign lands.

The Rector hopes to get away in January for a holiday, and will so arrange before going that everything will go on as usual.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FEAST.

Wednesday, November 6, the day fixed for S. John's Sunday-school feast, dawned bright and clear, to the no small content of not a few young Launcestonians who enjoy heartily and look forward year by year to their annual day. Before 10 o'clock struck groups of happy-faced children might have been seen about the town wending their way to S. John's and S. Aidan's, the two appointed gathering places. At S. John's, where the majority of the children gathered, the Rector conducted a short service, during which he impressed on the children the need of good behaviour and obedience if the

day was to be a success. Service over, the children were soon packed—no other word quite expresses it—into some 13 busses, and were driven off, a happy, not too silent, crowd, to Tattersall's sports grounds, kindly made over to us for the day.

Once there, happiness ruled supreme. Games were soon in full swing, and everyone, from the clergy down to the smallest child in the infant class, seemed to be enjoying a really good time.

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and acted up to the Rector's advice, and
thus there was little to mar the general
harmony.

A pleasant feature of the day was the
presence of all the clergy of Launce-
ton, and one which we trust will be-
come permanent on these occasions.
Many other visitors, not all parents and
friends of scholars, also showed by
their presence an interest in the Sun-
day School.

The general arrangements were ad-
mirable, and reflect the greatest credit
on Mr. E. P. Tevelein, the ever-energetic
secretary of the schools, and the
various committees, which one and all
worked hard and loyally, and with
complete success, to make the 1901 feast
the best on record in the history of S.
John's.

Baptisms.—Nov. 13, Eileen May Cor-
dell, Leonard William Charles Cordell;
18th, Herbert James Drinkwater; 20th,
Robert Edward Richardson; 27th,
Henry Joseph Martin, Edward William
Calcraft; Dec. 4, Marjorie Laura Crisp,
Wilvyn Percy Baker; 5th, Edith May
Pettersson, Georgina Annie Pettersson.

Marriages.—Nov. 8, William Joseph
Targett to Theodora Ellen Lloyd
Parry; 20th, Peter Irving Mitchelson
to Florence Emma Dyer.

Burials.—Oct. 29, Gladys Maud Lee;
Nov. 7, Agnes Winrow; 11th, Thomas
Budgeon; 17th, Arthurene Lerner.

The following subscriptions and do-
nations to the Mission House are
thankfully acknowledged:—Miss Oak-
den, 5s; Church Grammar School, £2

2s; Mrs. Clephane, 1s; Mr. Gooch, 2s;
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S. OSWALD'S.

Our Annual Sunday-school Festival
was held on December 1. There were
services at 11 a.m. and at 3 and 7 p.m.
Canon Beresford officiated at the first
and second of these, and the Rev. Cecil
Fawns, an old and popular friend, at
the third. The Church had been
tastefully decorated, and everything
prepared to mark the occasion as a
real festival. All the addresses bore
on the need of educating the young life
on lines calculated to touch the heart
as well as the head. Too much time
in these days was spent in the pursuit
of secular elements of education, whilst
less and less seemed to be devoted to
those deeper matters which concerned
a child's eternal welfare. The Sunday-
school was a protest, as indeed it ought
to be a remedy, against the mundane
aspect of things.

At the afternoon service the prizes
were presented to the children. Each
had come with a handsome bouquet of
flowers, and no flowers can eclipse those
at Trevallyn, either for abundance or
for beauty. These were placed grace-
fully along the chancel steps, and
looked strikingly well. The Canon

took the opportunity of thanking Mr.
W. Oldham, who had, Sunday after
Sunday, journeyed from the city to
conduct the little school. He spoke
a word of encouragement, too, to others
helping, and trusted all would unite
to make the work as light as possible
for the teachers, and a reality to the
children, by encouraging the careful
preparation of lessons at home. The
amount taken as offerings was a little
over £5.

On the following Wednesday the
annual picnic was held at St. Leonards.
Mr. Prichard had organised the trip
so well that not only were the children
cosily accommodated, but many friends
and parents went also, buses being
called into service for the occasion.
Mr. Oldham and the Rev. F. A. Fernau
were also present, and assisted to make
the outing pleasant and easy. For
years past "Jupiter Pluvius" has been
present at S. Oswald's picnic; nor has
he failed to enter into the children's
pleasures, and, as may be imagined,
somewhat damped their ardour and
their clothes. For a wonder, however,
he omitted his annual visit, and thus
rendered unnecessary the numerous
umbrellas and wraps provided for the
occasion. Hurrah! All got safely
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Since the departure of our late Rector (the Rev. J. E. M. Roche, B.A.) our services have been supplied by our earnest and honorary Lay Reader, Mr. Garrard, whilst Canon Beresford has journeyed out once a month to celebrate the Holy Communion for us.

On November 27 a Fancy and Produce Fair was held in the local hall. It had been organised with the aim of raising sufficient money to purchase a piano for use in the said hall. Mesdames Gardner and Garrard, assisted by the Misses Greer, Fletcher, and many others whose names we grieve to say have slipped our memory, and for which sin of omission we humbly apologise, took charge of matters. There was a little bit of everything at the fair—farm and garden produce, and wonderful evidences of skill from the kitchen, as shown in the stalls piled with cakes and good things, making the mouth water. Then the flower stall, with splendid specimens of that rarest of all flowers, the "Generalissima," looking their sweetest and best, and who ran similar "blooms" behind the fancy stall hard for first place. All this, gracefully completed by the presence of an adjoining tent for afternoon tea, made us hope the little function might become an annual institution. The fair was opened by Mrs. Grubb, of Strathroy, who said it gave her great pleasure to be present, and to assist in any way she could to secure a fitting instrument for the hall. Canon Beresford also spoke, thanking Mrs. Grubb for her kindness in coming, and congratulating all present in having worked so hard. The takings were about £15, and from first to last, we believe, everyone enjoyed themselves, though it was possible some were too tired to sleep that night.

S. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, HOBART

The third letter in preparation for the mission is now being distributed through the parish by visitors; this one is from the Missioners.

We have started practices on Sunday evening after evensong for men and boys only, in order that they may become well acquainted with the mission hymns. The date arranged for the commencement of the mission is January 18, and it is intended to carry it on till the 27th.

The young people who were confirmed on November 3 will receive their first Communion on Christmas morning.

At the monthly meeting of the parochial branch of the Missionary Union, on November 15, a short paper by Mr. Brammall on the Melanesian Mission was read by the Rector, Mr. Brammall being on the sick list. During the past week or two much of our Rector's time has been spent at the sickbed of one of the oldest attendants at St. John's, Mr. Lent. He passed away quietly on December 6, being 80 years of age. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and family.

We hear that our chief Missioner, the Rev. Percy W. Wise, has been appointed select preacher for the Adelaide Cathedral. The following is his letter to the people of S. John's:—

S. James' Rectory, W. Adelaide,
South Australia.

October 4th, 1901.

My dear friends,

You have already been informed in many ways that a parochial mission will be held in your Church in January next year, and your Rector has asked us, as your Missioners, to write to you on the matter.

The Missioner, remember, is God, the Holy Spirit. Mr. Stone and myself are the agents He will use to accomplish the great work He will do in your midst.

If we will all submit ourselves to God, and pray Him to use us as and when He pleases, and expect the most abundant of blessings, and a rich harvest of souls to be gathered into His kingdom, He will not fail, but will do more than we can ask or think.

To those who are to be associated with us as fellow workers, and who are already interceding day by day, and week by week, for this special campaign of the Church of God, permit me to say "Let your swords be bathed in Heaven." Soldiers of the Crucified, place yourselves continually at the feet of the risen Lord, and consecrate all your weapons of warfare to Him. I need not remind you how you can do this best, for it is in the Holy Communion when we offer ourselves, body, soul, and spirit to Him who died for us. "that we bathe our swords in Heaven," and Christ gives us Himself to be our Strength and our Life.

Remember us in your prayers, and resting on Christ's gracious promise: "If two of you shall agree upon earth as touching anything it shall be given unto you of my Father which is in Heaven." Be strong in the Lord of Hosts, and by His grace we shall prevail and win many souls unto righteousness.—We are, yours very sincerely,

PERCY W. WISE
W. S. STONE.

Marriages.—Nov. 27, Thomas William Evans to Agnes Jessie Thorne; 30th, David John Lankester to Bessie Kenny.

Burials.—Nov. 6, Jane Swift, aged 66 years; 28th, Emily Mackay, aged 37 years.

Communicants and Offertories.—All Saints' Day, 5 communicants, 1s; Nov. 3, 43 communicants, £5 17s; 10th, 11 communicants, £4 1s 2d; 14th, 2 cants, £4 7s 1½d; 21st, 2 communicants, 1s 1d; 24th, 21 communicants, £3 15s 9d; S. Andrew's Day, 7 communicants, 4s 3d.

Baptisms.—All Saints' Day, Ida Elizabeth West; Nov. 7, Florence Susan Evans; 8th, Doris Abbott, Horace Jenkins; 17th, Lucy Eileen Buchanan, Thomas Kemsley (private baptism); 22nd, Henry George Charles Dare.

MACQUARIE PLAINS.

Knowing that news must be abbreviated to find room in the "Messenger," we can only make a short report of our late festivities.

On November 22 the annual concert at the Plenty school took place. A chief feature of this entertainment was the singing and acting of the children, who well repaid the efforts of Mrs. Winspere and Mr. Eric Lyne in "coaching" them. With the assistance of a few friends the children made the evening passed very pleasantly. On the following Friday there was a tea and entertainment in the "Redlands" hop kiln, kindly lent by Mr. Read for the occasion. Between 300 and 400 were present, and a sum of about £18 was taken, so that we now have about £35 in hand to buy a new organ and some new carpet for St. John's Church. So many friends from far and near helped to amuse us that we will only mention Miss Nancy Brent's pretty dancing, which charmed everyone, and two sweet little songs by Miss Daphne and Master C. Downie. At the close of the evening the Rector, as a member of the committee, had the pleasure of thanking Mr. Read and the performers, especially Mr. Lytleton and his helpers for the many hours they had spent in getting the tea and concert rooms ready.

Our annual bazaar in aid of parish funds took place on the 4th inst., and was opened by Mrs. Lewis, who, in the

course of her speech, remarked upon the absence through illness of Mrs. and Miss Walker, and expressed her regret, which she said she knew was felt by all present. Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Arnold on one side, had a friendly rivalry with Mrs. Westerway and Mrs. Pigeon on the other side of the tea stall, the latter taking 4½d more than the others. The stall has never done better. Miss Walker, who had worked so hard for the produce stall, was too ill to be present, but everything went off well under the care of Miss Downie, helped by Mrs. T. Marshall, with Miss Reil and Miss M. Shoobridge. In a very short time all the fruit was sold. Those who served at this stall were Mrs. Dodson; Misses L. M'Master, M. Ma shall, S. Rogers; and Mr. T. Marshall as cashier. Mrs. Walker's fancy stall looked very pretty. Mrs. Lyne, Misses Orr, M'Killop, M. Rayner, and L. Ellis were kept busy selling long after the other stalls were empty. Miss M. M'Killop, at very brief notice, dressed in costume and told fortunes. We are specially grateful to Mr. Joyce, whose help is invaluable, and also to Mr. Ploughman for lending us boards for the tables. After expenses are paid we hope to clear £34.

It is sad, after all these gay doings, to have to speak of the death, from burning, of a little child of five years named Lilla Hack. Mercifully, the shock to the system was so great that suffering lasted less than 15 minutes. All the neighbours sympathise most deeply with the sorrowing parents.

S. LUK'S, ZEEHAN.

The Band of Hope has been coming to the front well, the fortnightly entertainments being very well attended and greatly enjoyed. Mrs. de Coetlogon is taking great pains to train the children, and the attendance of parents and

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friends is becoming larger. The Rector has held services at Dundas and Rosebery in November. At Dundas there was a good congregation, and a very hearty service. We have to thank Mr. Thurston for the free use of his hall, and Mr. Jenkins for his kindly aid. Miss Stevens acted as organist. After the service the Canon and Mrs. de Coetlogon walked back to Zeehan, accompanied by Mr. James, who is a Reader on the West Coast. The Rosebery service was not well attended, owing partly to the heavy rain, and partly to the fact that several of the congregation were away. Mr. Pybus treated the Canon to a sumptuous tea, and it was pleasant to see a former resident of the North-West Coast in the person of Mr. Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Karlson, of the hotel, refused to accept any remuneration for their kind hospitality.

On Sunday, November 10, the Archdeacon inducted Canon de Coetlogon as Rector of Zeehan, and Rural Dean of the West Coast. He preached able and stirring sermons, in the course of which he spoke in the highest terms of the self-denying labours of the former Rector, the Rev. F. G. Copeland. The next evening the Archdeacon gave a reading in the Masonic Hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed. On the 12th the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean, and the Rev. W. Hooker, Vicar of Strahan, went to Kelly's Basin, where a number of people were visited, and in the evening the Archdeacon gave a most enjoyable reading in Waxman's Hall. As at Zeehan, the Archdeacon took advantage of the opportunity to speak of parish matters. The next day a return was made to Strahan, and a special service was held in the evening. The Vicar read Prayers, the Rural Dean the Lessons, and the Archdeacon preached a very forcible sermon on the duties and privileges of Church people. A meeting was held after the service, when generous and kind friends lent £70 towards about £100 needed to add rooms to the Vicarage. This work is to be undertaken at once, so that the good Vicar and his wife will soon be more comfortable.

On the 14th the Archdeacon went on to Queenstown, and Canon de Coetlogon returned to Zeehan. We desire to thank heartily the good Archdeacon for his visit, and labours amongst us.

Matters in connection with our sale of gifts are progressing well. The Academy of Music has been taken, and some ten stalls are now duly arranged for. Two ladies are in charge of each stall, and there will be many other "side shows." We confidently anticipate that, notwithstanding the depressed condition of things just now, the full amount required will be raised, and we earnestly thank those who are working so hard for the undertaking. We hope in our next notes to give the names of the stalls and stallholders.

On Sunday, December 8, the Rector of Queenstown exchanges duty with the Rector of Zeehan, which will give our people here an opportunity of hearing an able clergyman who has but recently arrived from England.

SORELL.

On Sunday, November 10, being the day after the King's Birthday, Church parades of local volunteers were held throughout the state. In Sorrell this took place in the afternoon, when a fair number presented themselves. Occasion was taken to give the service something of a national and patriotic character, it being the first birthday of Edward VII. as head of the empire. The Warden as civil representative of the community, was present. After a bright and hearty service the preacher discoursed upon the miracle of the healing of the Roman Centurion's servant, the subject forming an opportunity of speaking of the characteristics of a good soldier, and also of a comparison of the true conditions of national greatness. The offertory was devoted to the Superannuation Fund of aged and infirm clergy.

On Friday, November 29, the Sorrell Sunday-school treat was held. The occasion was not at all behind any of its predecessors in the interest shown in it, not only by the regular attendants at the Sunday-school, but by other children in the township, whom we are glad enough to welcome. Over 100 sat down to tea. In the first time for many years heavy rain set in in the afternoon, and continued far into the night, interfering a good deal with the proceedings. In the evening a varied entertainment took place in the Sunday-school, consisting of recitations by the children, prize distribution, and a magic lantern display. In connection with the Sunday-school we are pleased to be able to report that the attendance has improved during the past year. We have to thank our many friends for the liberal supply of provisions at the treat. But we would again draw attention to the need of more teachers in the Sunday-schools. Among the many young ladies of the neighbourhood, are not more to be found who will show a little self-sacrifice by helping on the work of the Sunday-school? We are convinced that in the long run none would regret the effort. Every young man and woman ought to be doing something for his Church. No better moral or spiritual tonic can be prescribed for heart-weariness or wandering thoughts. It is useless to work up a better attendance at school unless we have a sufficiency of teachers.

Again we find ourselves at the last month of the year. Will those who have not paid their subscription for the "Messenger" please send stamps as soon as possible? We take the opportunity of mentioning that in future

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the distribution of copies of the "Messenger" by the Incumbent in Sorrell will be discontinued. Those desiring to continue it for 1902 are, therefore, informed that they will be required to forward 1s in advance to the "Messenger," 2 George-street, Launceston, when they will receive copies as usual. Any parochial news will be forwarded to the paper, month by month, as heretofore.

Baptisms.—Frances Lucretia Oliy Thallen, Leonard Adolph Higgins.

DELORAINÉ.

New Guinea Mission.—Supporters of Mission work will be interested to read the following from the Bishop of New Guinea's letter concerning the support of another boy at the Mission School. His Lordship writes that he is allotting to the people at Deloraine as their second child a lad named Begada, seven years old. There are 11 boys boarding at the school now—a promising lot, full of vitality, and as quick as can be. Some of these boys have actually eaten human flesh. It shows what they are being saved from. These children need many prayers to help them. Later on we hope for a photo and further reports of our lads.

Churchyard Bee.—We have cordially to thank Messrs. Lodjoy, Munce, Woodberry, sen., and Harvey for supplying helpers. We had expected very many more, but with these helpers, including Mr. Churchwarden Harvey and Mr. Terry, a very good day's work was done. It will be necessary to have another day to allow their work to have good effect. Next time a Wednesday will be chosen, when we expect a perfect army of volunteers. It is not the only work of the volunteer to stay at home to clean his rifle, and polish the buttons of his uniform.

Night School Concert.—Well-deserved praise was won by the boys of Mrs. Lingley's night school, both in singing, and in club and dumb-bell exercises under their instructor, the Rev. H. B. Atkinson. Several others contributed to the evening's entertainment, among them being Mrs. Hayes, Miss Thomas, Messrs. Hart, Allen, L. Bell, Walker, and Hodgkinson. The night school is now closed for the summer months.

Advent Vigil.—The night preceding the first Sunday in Advent was set apart for intercession, interspersed with hymns and meditative addresses.

Chudleigh.—The annual tea was arranged in a large tent, in the field kindly lent by Mr. N. Cameron, instead of, as in former years, in the Town Hall. Fine weather favoured the sports and games, which were kept up as long as light permitted. The day's entertainment closed with a concert and coffee supper, held in the Town Hall. Proceeds were devoted to paying off the debt on the building and repair fund.

Future Public Teas.—S. Mark's, Jan. 15th; Meander, Jan. 28; Mole Creek, Kimberley, and Parkham, not fixed yet.

Day School.—Scholarship examination to be held Dec. 23 and 24. School re-opens on Wednesday, January 29. Owing to the 28th being a whole holiday, no fees will be charged that week for the three days.

Carol Services.—Sunday, Dec. 22, services will be held at S. Mark's, Holy Trinity, and S. Columba at 7 p.m. Other services will be:—S. Mark's, 9.30 and 11.30; Golden Valley, 11; Kimberley, 11.30; S. Saviour's, 3; Good Shepherd, 3.30; Holy Trinity, 6 p.m. Prize giving.—There will be no services this Sunday at S. Luke's, Jackey's Marsh, Parkham, and Brook Head.

Christmas Day.—Meander, 6.30; S. Mark's, morning prayer and Holy Communion at 11; Holy Trinity, 9.30, Holy Communion and sermon.

Church Parade.—Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron is due on Christmas Day (instead of on 22nd, as announced) to inspect the local companies of the home force. At his desire, service will be held at 3.30 in the Church of Good Shepherd, Chudleigh. No services will be kept in outlying districts on the 5th Sunday, Dec. 29th, except at Golden Valley at 11. All Sunday-schools will be closed for two Sundays, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5.

Flower Services.—Children of all Church Sunday-schools in the district are invited to assemble at Deloraine, weather permitting, on Tuesday, December 31. Children will meet at the Rectory at 11 o'clock. Those bringing flowers to be presented at the service are asked to write their names and a text on a piece of paper or a card, and fix the same on to each bunch. Service at 11.30. Lunch at Recreation Ground at 1 o'clock.

Watch Night Service.—Tuesday, December 31, at 11.15.

Baptisms.—No special day is fixed for baptisms, arrangements are made according to the convenience of the parents. Nov. 12, Hedley Frank Morgan, Tongataboo; 20th, Raymond Vivian Russell, Deloraine; 19th, Monte Lawrence Miles, Mole Creek; Francis Keith Lee, Mole Creek; Alfred Edward Hefferon, Mole Creek; 27th, Madie Irene Williams, Deloraine; Douglas Arnold Hampton, Deloraine; Admitted, Ida Lily Hampton, Deloraine; Charles George Ward, Deloraine.

Marriage.—Nov. 20, William Albert Shepherd to Matilda Louisa Cuingdef, both of Red Hills.

Burial.—Nov. 29, Annie Johnstone, Deloraine.

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S. AUGUSTINE'S, BROADMARSH.

The readers of the "Messenger" will no doubt remember that on Easter Monday a fair, organised by Mrs. C. J. Bayley, resulted in the collection of about £20 for the repair fund, which was placed in the Savings Bank. This money has now been expended, and the repairs carried out by Mr. R. W. Chivers. A shelter shed for horses, containing six stalls, has been erected, and one side of the churchyard has been newly fenced. The spouting of the church has been repaired, and a new stove placed in the vestry, and a few minor repairs effected. Some new carpets have been placed in the church, also six chairs for the choir. The money has been well spent, and no doubt the improvements will be much appreciated.

Mr. Clarence Corvan has for some time conducted service at Black Brush in the school-room on the first Sunday afternoon in each month. So far the result has been most encouraging. Services are held here regularly on the second and fourth Sundays in the month, the attendance being about the usual average, but there are still many who render themselves very conspicuous by their absence from divine service.

On Sunday, December 8, we had a children's service, when the Rector gave a short address on the second advent. At the conclusion of the service Mr. Corvan distributed the awards to the Sunday-school scholars, all of whom were present to receive them. The prizes were kindly given by Miss Bayley (the superintendent) and Misses Jones and M. E. Nichols. We are glad to note a small increase in the number of scholars.

On Friday, the 6th inst., the local branch of the Ministering Children's League held its third annual fair and concert, which resulted in a little over £7 being raised for the convalescent home. This is a worthy charity, and calls forth practical sympathy from all Christians.

Our organ at the church is very much out of repair, and at present there are not any funds available to repair it. Will some kind friends assist us?

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Miss M. E. Nichols has been appointed by the Rector a collector for the "Church Messenger." Will our readers kindly forward their subscriptions to her, which are in arrears, and also the new subscriptions for next year, by the end of this month? She will be glad to receive the names of any new subscribers.

RINGAROOMA.

The Sunday-school picnic was held, as usual, on November 9. The weather was perfect, and a great number of people took advantage of the holiday, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the first holiday, as King's Birthday. Year by year, as the residents gather on the picnic ground (for everybody helps to provide for, and everybody is welcome at, Christ Church S.S. picnic), how the flight of time is noticed, when a few years ago those who were children of the school are now grown men and women, old faces disappear, and many others who have gathered there are in far-off lands, some have gone to rest, fresh faces appear to fill the places of the absent ones, all this makes one pause to think what a world of change this is, and that each one there will some day be absent from that yearly and happy gathering. For some reason the concert was not held in the evening, which has been the custom in past years; perhaps as some of the musical part of the community were at Scottsdale races and concert it was better postponed.

The Rector was here for evening service on the 10th, the first fine Sunday he had for some time, as the services were interrupted, some forgot the Sundays for the Rector's services, and things seemed confused. Everything is in working order again. Our faithful Lay Reader has service every Sunday morning again, which was also interrupted by rain.

The Rector has received the Communion linen ordered by Bishop Montgomery—£2 10s given by Church age.

people, the deficiency given by Rev. Mr. Glovers. The linen cost something like £5.

At the evening service on the 24th the Rector preached from the text, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." The very instructive discourse was attentively listened to by a good congregation. He explained the general confession made every Sunday by Church people and the absolution pronounced by the priest in the Prayer Book. He showed that the Church does not teach that any man on earth has power to forgive sins, and urged all loyal Church people to oppose every attempt to Ritualist practises and keep loyal to the teachings of the Church.

SCOTTSDALE.

The annual Sunday-school prize-giving took place on Sunday, December 1. There was a good congregation, and the children sang their hymns with great spirit. The collections were larger than for some years past. On Friday the annual picnic was held in Lade's paddock, kindly lent for the occasion. There were about 70 children present, who enjoyed themselves much in races, cricket, and the various sports and pastimes common on such occasions. A good number of friends also attended to and supplied a bountiful supply of provisions for those present. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely till about 7.30, when all dispersed to their homes. The Rector and Wardens desire to thank all those kind friends who sent contributions, either of money or provisions, and also Mr. Lade for the use of his paddock.

Some of our readers may perhaps remember that last year Miss Henningham Root, daughter of the Rural Dean of Scottsdale, won an exhibition at the Melbourne University. This year she has again upheld the reputation of our state by carrying off the exhibition in modern languages, which is worth £30, and we are specially glad that Miss Root is a "daughter of the parsonage."

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WEST SCOTTSDALE.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Friday, November 2nd, when an entertainment was given in aid of the state-school prizes. The schoolroom was crowded by an orderly and well-behaved audience, who testified their delight at the several items given by Messrs. J. Roberts, Downie, Clarke, M'Anally, Dunkley, C. Hookway, and Rev. W. H. Root; the Misses Roberts, Whitham, Salier, and Mrs. M'Donald. After votes of thanks had been proposed by Mr. Whitham, light refreshments were handed round, and a very pleasant evening came to an end.

The children of the Sunday-school and friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Goffton at their residence, West Scottsdale, on Wednesday, December 4th. After tea the Rector (Rev. W. Henningham Root) distributed the prizes, and complimented Miss Goffton, the superintendent, on the efficiency of the school, which she had maintained amidst much difficulty and discouragement.

SPRINGFIELD.

The church people and friends at Springfield have given many days and hours to clearing up the churchyard in their little township, and on Wednesday, the 4th inst., they had another "bee" for the same purpose. Mr. John Ranson, as usual, guided the operations, and his two sons, Sam and Archie, worked a team of 12 bullocks which he kindly lent for the occasion. The work was arduous and heavy, but the workers worked with a will, and by nightfall a very considerable amount of clearing had been done by the above, and their energetic helpers, Messrs. Glover, Waller, Humphreys, D. Cherry, Keddy, and T. Selwood. The strength and spirits of the party were kept up by the Rector, who in his shirt sleeves cheered them on, and by the Misses Hockmay, Lodge, and M. Ranson, who strengthened them by providing pleasant and appetising meals during the day. Need it be said that "bees" are so popular under these circumstances that before leaving we decided to hold another as soon as possible?

CARRICK.

We have been singularly favoured of late, inasmuch as we have had five days for the annual children's festivals, both Sundays and week-days. The Illawarra service took place on November 24, at 11 a.m., when there was a processional hymn, and the children presented little bunches of flowers,

which were duly offered to God, and ultimately sent to the hospital. The Illawarra and Pateena children had their treat on Thursday, December 5, at Mount Ireh, when there was a great gathering and a happy one, children, parents, and friends enjoying the beautiful weather. The Carrick services took place on November 24 at 3 and 7 p.m., at the former of which two children were baptised. Then tea took place on the following Wednesday in the church ground, realising £2 14s 4d towards the fund for prizes and rewards. The services at Bishopsbourne were at 3 and 7 on Sunday, December 1, and were well attended, a picnic being held in Christ College Lane on Tuesday afternoon, December 3, when everything went off most pleasantly, Mrs. M'Queen and the two Warden's wives superintending everything.

Press of business has prevented the Rectory repairs from being carried out at present, but it is hoped that something will be done immediately after the Christmas holidays.

We have been sorry to note the continued illness of Mr. Hardman. He does not seem able to shake off the effects of the influenza, which attacked him some weeks back. Constable Wells, who recently had a fall from his horse, which endangered his life, is now, we are thankful to say, convalescent. The petition against Senator Dobson's Divorce Bill has been signed by all the leading members of the Church in the parish, public opinion there being strong against any attempt to relax the law of marriage.

We understand that the Bishopsbourne picnic yielded £3 6s 7d towards the Sunday-school prize fund, to which may be added the Sunday offertory of £1 12s 10d, making in all £4 19s 5d.

After service on Sunday, November 24, the acting-Rector gave the following prizes to the Sunday-school children:—Boys, Robert Eastoe 1, Arthur Eastoe 2; girls, Myra Neven 1, Ida Heathcote 2; juniors, Elsie Eastoe 1, Mabel Heathcote 2.

Baptisms.—M. S. Andrews, Carrick, on Sunday, November 24; Beryl Edina Plumbridge and Haroldine Alberta M'Leod.

Communicants and Offertories.—Carrick, November 3 (19), 13s 1d; 10th (5), 5s 4d; 17th, (7), 4s 10d; 24th (3), offertory for Sunday-school, £1 5s 7d. Bishopsbourne—3rd, 5s 4d; 10th, 4s 3d; 17th, 4s; 24th, 6s 9d. Illawarra—3rd, 4s 1d; 10th, 7s 3d; 17th, (13), 6s 7d; 24th, 14s. Entally—December 1 (5), for C.W. and U., 3s 3d.

LONGFORD.

A church parade was held at Christ Church, in honour of the King's Birthday, on Sunday, November 10, when about 30 of the Defence Force, with the band, came. The Rector preached on King Alfred.

The members of the Defence Force and the Friendly Societies have been invited to a church parade on the 29th (Sunday), at 3 p.m. The Longford band has consented to be present.

Services and intercessions for foreign missions took place on Friday, 29th November, being the vigil of St. Andrew's Day, the preacher at 7.30 p.m. was the Rev. C. Fawns. Special addresses are being given each Friday evening during Advent. The Rev. E. T. Howell will preach on Friday, 20th December, the Revs. C. J. Brammall and E. G. Barry taking the remaining Fridays.

The services on Xmas Day will be at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion); 11 a.m., with sermon and second celebration of H.C.; and 7.30 p.m. This last will be a carol service, which we hope many who are unable to be present earlier will attend.

The usual midnight service will be held on New Year's Eve (vigil of the Circumcision) at Christ Church, beginning at 11.40 p.m.

Rev. R. Stephen, M.A. (Melbourne), will take the services on Sunday, January 12th, 1902.

EVANDALE.

Our anniversary festival for 1901 is now a thing of the past, and we are glad to say that everything connected with it has been an unqualified success. The morning of November 10, which was the day appointed for the festivity, saw the sun rising in all its splendour, and continuing to do so all day induced large congregations to assemble at both morning and evening services, additional interest being added to the morning service by the local volunteer corp holding their annual church parade. They turned out in very strong force, under the command of Colonel Cameron and Captain Hawley, and thus making the service so very enjoyable. Our respected Rector, the Rev. H. D. Atkinson, M.A., took the morning service, taking his text from Proverbs xxiii., 26, and delivering a very nice address on the duty of the soldier

in general, pointing out that absolute obedience was most essential in times of peace, as well as in times of war; also referring to the parade of last year, held on the Sunday after the relief of Mafeking, when Colonel Cameron, who was then Major, and a number of our men were away at the scene of action.

The children, under the tuition of Miss H. M. Atkinson, sang special hymns, the service terminating by singing the National Anthem.

The evening service was very largely attended: so much so that several of the congregation could only find standing room. The Rev. A. G. Lingley, of Deloraine, assisted our Rector by preaching an eloquent sermon, which was very attentively listened to by the whole congregation; and here we must tender our sincerest thanks to that gentleman for his assistance in coming from Deloraine, after having conducted two services in that very large parish, which must have meant a great deal of exertion on his part. While the offertory was being taken up, Miss C. Atkinson sang the solo "Calvary," which was very much appreciated.

The annual treat was held on the following Wednesday, when fine weather again greeted us, which, with the assistance of lady friends, who sent abundance of provisions, helped to make our feast such a financial success.

Baptisms for October (omitted last month).—Maud Amanda Winifred Belbin, William Edward Cameron, Matilda May Waddingham, Arthur William Beveridge, William George Holmes, Angus Edward George Langley.

Burials.—James Newman, 87 years (Launceston); Robert William Fisher, three months (Lymington).

PERTH.

Carols will be rendered on Sunday, 29th inst., at 7 p.m.

The monthly service of preparation for Holy Communion will be held at S. Andrew's on Wednesday, 18th, at 7.30 p.m. All who have been confirmed are cordially invited. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on the Sunday after Xmas (29th), at 11 a.m.

DEVONPORT.

S. John's Devonport.—A sad calamity has befallen one of the members of this congregation. Mr. Percy Lathey, son

of our respected hon. organist, is now lying at the time we write these lines at the point of death. On Friday last he was putting on the belt of the machine at Mr. John Luck's mill, when his coat became entangled in it. At the time he was standing on a beam with his back to the shaft, and he was caught up and hurled round the shaft with terrific force. When the engine was stopped the whole of his clothing was stripped from the body, even his boots. The right arm was broken in four places, the left leg badly broken, the right foot completely shattered, with not a whole bone left in it, and the back of the head cut. How the poor man came out alive is wonderful. Earnest prayers were offered in all the churches of the parish on Saturday last for the sufferer, his wife, and parents. And the whole community has shown their kindest sympathy to the family in their sad trouble.

The congregation will be glad to hear that improvement will be made in the ventilation of the mission-room, and when we get the electric light the building will be more bearable when crowded, as it is in the summer time. But we must not rest satisfied until we get a church, and it only wants a little more energy on the part of the congregation themselves. It is understood that one member is willing to give £20 if 19 persons would do the same. If this could be got, with the money we have in hand we might make a start with a portion of the future church.

S. Paul's, East Devonport.—We are glad to notice that the congregation at this church in the evening is steadily improving, thanks to the labours of our lay readers, Messrs. Towsey and Squire, who conduct the service every Sunday evening. During Advent there are daily matins and address in this church at 9 a.m., and the faithful few come to worship ere the bulk of the day's work begins. So far the attendance is encouraging. Of course this church, being adjacent to the rectory, is opened all day for prayer, meditation, and rest.

S. James, Northdown.—The annual Sunday-school treat was held at Hawley Beach, Port Sorell, on Wednesday, December 4. The children were kindly conveyed from Northdown by Mr. Thomas in a large wagon, Mr. Stott being in charge of the team. Messdames M. Loan, A. Loan, and Brown, the teachers, Misses F. Loan, Andrews, Sankey, Davis, and others whose names

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one does not remember just now, were most kind and energetic in attending to the wants and amusements of the children. The rector and Mr. Squire (lay reader of Northdown) were present, and in the afternoon Major and Mrs. Dumbleton were also present, and showed an interest in the children. Lovely weather was experienced, and a most enjoyable day spent by all. The distribution of prizes will take place on Sunday, December 22, after evensong, at 3 p.m.

S. Olave's, Don.—We are glad to see Mrs. Nichols back after a short visit to Melbourne for her health, which we are sorry to say is not so good as we could wish. The services are held every Sunday, and the congregations are fairly good considering the small number of church people in this part of the parish.

The Parish Almanacs for 1902 have arrived from England, and can be obtained from the rectory or the booksellers in the town, price 2d each. As they contain full particulars of all the Sunday services in the parishes, a text of Scripture for every day, besides beautiful pictures of our blessed Lord's life, they ought to be in every parishioner's house.

Baptisms.—November 9, William John Davonport Stroud; 17, Ira Sorell Reid; 22, Mary Linda Margaret Medcraft; 24, Amelia May Habner; December 1, Winifred Marion Saunders; 5, Violet Myrtle Acacia Lavell.

Burial.—November 9, George Tucker, 76 years.

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Amount to credit of de-			
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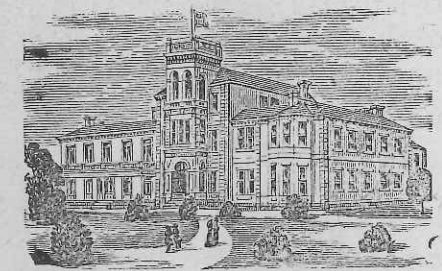
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