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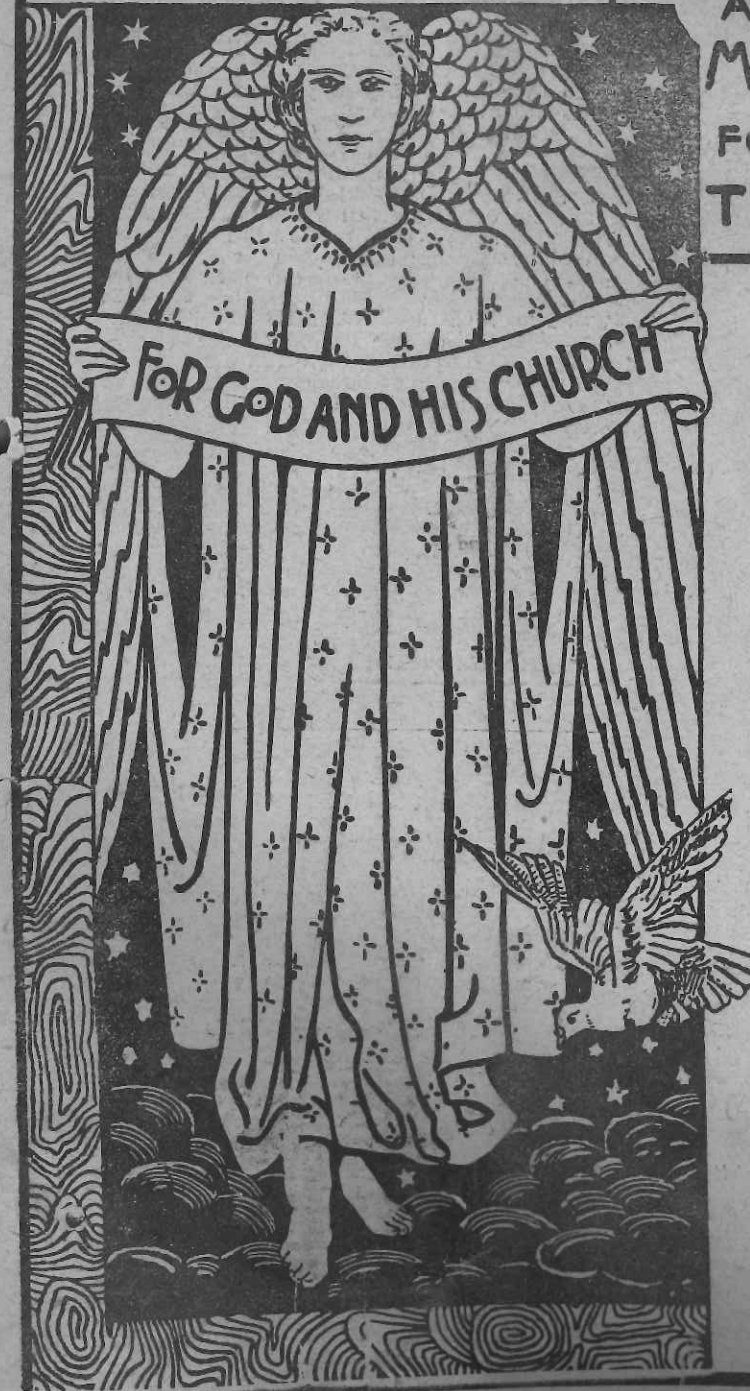
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Tasmanians will have read with interest the cable which recently appeared in the newspapers announcing that the Bishop of London has presented the Right Rev. H. H. Montgomery, D.D., secretary of S.P.G., and former Bishop of Tasmania, to the Prebend of Wenlocksburn in St. Paul's Cathedral—a stall held by the Rev. H. W. Tucker, Dr. Montgomery's predecessor as secretary of S.P.G. for some 25 years.

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Few churchmen can have read unmoved the news of the sudden illness of the grand old man of the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury, which came upon him during the course of a speech in the House of Lords on the Education Bill. All will unite in wishing him a speedy recovery and many more years of activity, for very few men have deserved better of the church at large than has the Primate of all England.

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The interest which Canon Betesford's letter to our local press on "Christian Reunion" has excited is a happy sign of the times. Without entering into the details of the controversy, if controversy it can be called, we venture to express the strong hope that it will lead to something practical, that the clergy of all denominations will begin to insist more and more on those points as to which we all, whether Anglican, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Wesleyan—what you will—are one, rather than on the matters on which we disagree.

The Rev. J. Russell in a letter to the "Examiner" submits a statement which he says is being circulated among the Australian free churches as a basis for negotiations as to re-union. We reprint it without comment, as we deem it well worthy of careful study by church people.

The statement is as follows:—
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3. That the Godhead is essentially triune.
4. That Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh, and is truly God and truly man.
5. That God is love, and that His love is holy and sovereign.
6. That the Divine Fatherhood expresses an eternal relationship, which has been revealed most clearly by Jesus Christ, through whom the children of men come into the possession of the Spirit and the privileges of sonship.
7. That sin is universal in the human race, and implies lawlessness and alienation from God, and unless repented of and forgiven involves death eternal.
8. That salvation is wholly of God, having the Father as its source, Jesus Christ as its mediator, the Holy Ghost as its agent, and is appropriated by faith.
9. That the active and passive obedience in the life and death of Jesus Christ is vicarious and propitiatory.

The Church.

1. That Christ instituted a church upon the earth of which His people are the members.
2. That Jesus Christ is the Supreme Head of the Church, and that He calls men to the ministry of teaching and ruling.
3. That the people, under the guidance of the Spirit of Christ, recognise and choose those whom He calls and

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They simply love the children, and would not miss their yearly treat on any account. Sir George is a Christian gentleman, as generous as he is wealthy; he has never been known to refuse a subscription to a worthy object, and last year he gave £10,000 to a convalescent home for Renwick. He loves his church, and, wet or fine, he is always in his place.

Now Lady Dashwood is heard saying in a clear, sweet voice:—

"Nell Robinson, I have much pleasure in giving you my prize this year. I watched the race with the greatest interest, and quite envy you being able to run so well."

"Let's see it, Nell!" "Oh, you lucky girl!" "I guess it's—"

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That night, when Nell was snugly tucked up in bed, mother came softly into her room to kiss her "Good-night."

Bending lovingly over her tired girl, as she gently stroked Nell's silky hair, she said: "I am very proud of you, Nell, and more pleased than I can say that you won Lady Dashwood's prize. I wish I could always keep you as you are now; but alas! you will grow old, and then only too soon you will know what trouble is! I do hope, Nell dear, you will remain a child, and enjoy your races and games for some years yet."

CHAPTER II.

It is midwinter, and the white roofs of the bush township of Tarrawang are shining in the clear moonlight. Bitterly cold as the air is outside, all is snug and warm in the dining-room at the Elms. The curtains are drawn, and by a cosy fireside sit two old ladies. One drops her needlework now, and looks up. She has been a

handsome woman in her day, and a good one too, for her sweet old face with its silver hair, its clear blue eyes, and kindly smile is like a lovely sunset in autumn, full of the calm and joy of God.

"Marian!"

"Yes, Nell dear, what is it?"

"I was only thinking of the long ago, Marian, when you and I were girls together. What splendid times we had! You see that old work box?"

"You don't mean to say, Nell, that's the Lady Dashwood prize, that I ran you so close for over forty years ago!"

"Indeed, then, I do."

"How well you've kept it!"

"I wouldn't part with it for its weight in gold. It reminds me of the happiest time of my life. You remember that dear old Sir George left £100 to S. Jude's parish, so that for fifty years after his death the Dashwood prizes might still be run for at the yearly school picnic? Well, last spring I was staying at Renwick, and I couldn't resist it—I went out to the children's sports. Oh, Marian, it made me quite sad—the girls are so changed since our days! They've no go in them. All they seem to think of are dress and spooning with the lads. There was that dear, energetic little soul, Lucy Fitzpatrick, going round from one to another of the elder girls, and not one of them would enter for the Lady Dashwood prize. I was so vexed with them I could hardly contain myself.

"Girls," I said, 'forty-five years ago I won the Lady Dashwood prize at these sports, and I have it still. I am turned sixty now, but if I wasn't so short of breath, and my poor old joints so stiff with rheumatism, I would show you how to run! You will grow old soon enough, girls!

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They simply love the children, and would not miss their yearly treat on any account. Sir George is a Christian gentleman, as generous as he is wealthy; he has never been known to refuse a subscription to a worthy object, and last year he gave £10,000 to a convalescent home for Renwick. He loves his church, and, wet or fine, he is always in his place.

Now Lady Dashwood is heard saying in a clear, sweet voice:—

"Nell Robinson, I have much pleasure in giving you my prize this year. I watched the race with the greatest interest, and quite envy you being able to run so well."

"Let's see it, Nell!" "Oh, you lucky girl!" "I guess it's—"

Quick as lightning, string cut, paper torn off—a handsome polished work-box is brought to light!

That night, when Nell was snugly tucked up in bed, mother came softly into her room to kiss her "Good-night."

Bending lovingly over her tired girl, as she gently stroked Nell's silky hair, she said: "I am very proud of you, Nell, and more pleased than I can say that you won Lady Dashwood's prize. I wish I could always keep you as you are now; but alas! you will grow old, and then only too soon you will know what trouble is! I do hope, Nell dear, you will remain a child, and enjoy your races and games for some years yet."

CHAPTER II.

It is midwinter, and the white roofs of the bush township of Tarrawang are shining in the clear moonlight. Bitterly cold as the air is outside, all is snug and warm in the dining-room at the Elms. The curtains are drawn, and by a cosy fireside sit two old ladies. One drops her needlework now, and looks up. She has been a

handsome woman in her day, and a good one too, for her sweet old face with its silver hair, its clear blue eyes, and kindly smile is like a lovely sunset in autumn, full of the calm and joy of God.

"Marian!"

"Yes, Nell dear, what is it?"

"I was only thinking of the long ago, Marian, when you and I were girls together. What splendid times we had! You see that old work box?"

"You don't mean to say, Nell, that's the Lady Dashwood prize, that I ran you so close for over forty years ago!"

"Indeed, then, I do."

"How well you've kept it!"

"I wouldn't part with it for its weight in gold. It reminds me of the happiest time of my life. You remember that dear old Sir George left £100 to S. Jude's parish, so that for fifty years after his death the Dashwood prizes might still be run for at the yearly school picnic? Well, last spring I was staying at Renwick, and I couldn't resist it—I went out to the children's sports. Oh, Marian, it made me quite sad—the girls are so changed since our days! They've no go in them. All they seem to think of are dress and spooning with the lads. There was that dear, energetic little soul, Lucy Fitzpatrick, going round from one to another of the elder girls, and not one of them would enter for the Lady Dashwood prize. I was so vexed with them I could hardly contain myself."

"Girls," I said, 'forty-five years ago I won the Lady Dashwood prize at these sports, and I have it still. I am turned sixty now, but if I wasn't so short of breath, and my poor old joints so stiff with rheumatism, I would show you how to run! You will grow old soon enough, girls!'

"Don't be fools! Enjoy your life while you are young. Be children as long as you can."

Children's Home Missionary Union.

The half-yearly collection for this object has just been taken up, and, although rather late, owing to various reasons, the amount is satisfactory. It will be interesting to our little subscribers to know that their efforts are thoroughly appreciated, and their help really valuable, and that each half-yearly cheque from S. John's is eagerly looked forward to by the Hobart headquarters. The sum realised was £2 11s 2d, and this, added to £46 12s 8d which has already been sent, makes the total £49 8s 10d.

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Holy Trinity, Launceston.

The consecration of the new parish church—an historic event, eagerly looked forward to by many parishioners for months past—is now an accomplished fact. December 4, the day fixed for the ceremony, broke gloriously fine, and the delicious weather helped in no small measure to the enjoyment of all who attended the consecration service.

As a full description of the ceremony appeared in the daily papers it is unnecessary for us here to issue a second edition.

Invitations had been sent to all the clergy in the diocese, but unfortunately, owing to sickness and pressure of parish work, comparatively few were able to attend.

The visiting clergy from Hobart and the country included Ven. Archdeacon Whittington, Rev. Canon Finnis, Revs. H. D. Atkinson (Evandale), W. H. Root (Scottsdale), L. T. Tarleton (Longford), Dr. Craig (Westbury), E. T. Howell, M.A. (Carrick), C. J. Brammall (Hagley), R. W. Montgomery (Cressy), A. W. Schapira (George Town), W. Hogg (Latrobe), E. C. Spink (St. Leonards), W. H. Edwards (Beaconsfield), M. Cockerill (Cullenswood), J. A. Priestley (Oatlands), F. G. Copeland (Ulverstone), J. S. Roper (Sheffield), J. Hayes (Deloraine), and Messrs. A. P. Martin and J. C. Brammall (lay readers).

Our best thanks are due to the many kind friends who generously offered hospitality to our visiting clergy.

The co-operation of loyal parishioners in St. John's and St. Paul's parishes was a most gratifying feature in a somewhat arduous undertaking. That the three sister parishes should unite in sharing each other's burdens is only as it should be, and as long as such good feeling continues to exist there are few problems the church in Launceston will not be strong enough to face without fear.

But to return to the new parish church. One of the handsomest pieces of furniture within its walls is a stately bronze lectern, the munificent gift of Mrs. Chas. Kent and her family, bearing the inscription on the pedestal, "To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Charles Kent. Died August 22, 1900, aged 75."

The east window is another gift, placed where it is by the subscriptions of parishioners to the memory of the late Ven. Archdeacon Hales. A new holy table of carved oak from a handsome design has been ordered, and will be the gift of the communicants, while the children are collecting at their monthly services for a new font.

The object lesson of such gifts is so salutary we almost regret the wardens were able to afford a handsome carved pulpit from the building funds, glad as we are to have it.

Miss K. Richardson and Mr. W. W. Thornthwaite are heartily to be congratulated on the musical portion of the consecration service. The rendering of the various chants and hymns denoted that no pains had been spared in the training of the choir, while the absence of display in all the selections lent a welcome reverence and simplicity to the music, most suitable to the occasion.

Holy Trinity parish was very well represented at the consecration service, and, with a fair sprinkling of visitors, filled the church from end to end, so that by the time service commenced every available seat was occupied.

The collections during the day were in aid of the church building fund. At the consecration service the offertory amounted to £47 3s 7d, at the evening service to £11 12s 7d; total, £58 16s 2d.

In the afternoon a most successful garden party, organised by Miss K. Richardson and a committee of ladies, was held at Newstead. This social feature in the proceedings proved most enjoyable, and gave our country visitors and others an excellent opportunity of meeting their friends. Our warm thanks are due to Miss Gunn for kindly lending the grounds for the occasion.

THE EVENING SERVICE.

Another large congregation filled the new church to its utmost capacity, when the Bishop preached the consecration sermon.

We take the following excellent report of the Bishop's sermon from the "Examiner":—

Taking his text from Isaiah xiv., 15, Bishop Mercer said that they had that day dedicated the church in which they were assembled to the Almighty God, who hid himself in mystery. Although He was a God who hid Himself, they had built that place in which to worship Him, because He was a God who was the Saviour of His people. The parish in which the church stood had not been in existence for more than 50 years, which fact recalled to his (the Bishop's) mind a certain place in Wales, the town of St. David's, where there was a cathedral erected in a hollow, which had been in existence for 10 times that period. That cathedral had many beautiful associations, and when looking at it one was carried back to ancient history when the making of the British Empire began. The visitor would come to the sea-shore, where there were a line of rocks called St. David's Heads—the oldest known rocks in the world, and which carried one back to the mysterious past. Many a time while seated upon these rocks he had become lost in reverie, thinking of the past which lay enshrouded in mystery. If a man of modern thought

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had intruded upon him at such a time it would only have been to ridicule him for giving way to his feelings. Such a man would say, "We are agnostic, like one who does not believe in a God who hides Himself." Because such men could not prove a God by showing Him through a telescope or microscope they denied His existence. It is such men who ridicule the action of the fond mother in placing a wreath upon her child's grave. Science had done a great deal, but it could not discern the mystery of God. Both time and space were mysteries, as was also matter. The mind of man was one of the greatest mysteries, but the heart and centre of all mysteries was God, who hid Himself in the clouds about His throne. God was a Spirit, and they that wanted to know and feel God must do so in spirit and in truth. The Bishop appealed to those present to make an offering of themselves to God, and to place their trust and faith in the Almighty. Faith was the whole man going out, and God only revealed Himself to those who sought Him; but it was necessary that they should humble themselves. As they had that day dedicated a church to God, so they should dedicate their lives to Him, and become His children. It was their duty also to bring their own children within the spiritual sphere. They should also bear in mind that marriage was not merely a state affair and solely a matter for the registrar. Such a marriage was not a spiritual one. It was their bounden duty to bring up their families as children of God. The love of a mother was nothing to the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down His life on the cross of Calvary for the salvation of men. It was impossible to measure the love of God, who revealed Himself to those who sought His help and guidance. The Bishop brought his discourse to a close by quoting the well-known hymn—
Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home—
Lead Thou me on.
Keep Thou my feet; I do not asked to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.
On Friday evening the rite of confirmation was administered by the Lord Bishop of the diocese in the presence of a fairly large congregation. Thirty

candidates were present—eight males and 22 females. The service was most impressive, and the Bishop's address to the candidates was listened to with rapt attention by all present.

The usual services were held on Sunday, December 7, the Bishop preaching an earnest and eloquent sermon at evensong, from Rom. viii., 21, "Because the creature itself shall also be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

The transepts and nave were again filled to overflowing, and the offertory amounted to £15 17s 7d.

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Whose glory and whose greatness we adore,
Thou gracious Lord alone and King most high,
To Thee we dedicate with praise and prayer
This building, to be Thine for evermore;
Then set Thy seal on its proportions fair.
The riches and the honour all are Thine;
Unworthy we to offer anything;
And yet herein we see Thy Love Divine,
That Thou didst walk this earth a ransom meet,
And Thou desirest that we come and bring
The fruits of Thy redemption to Thy feet.
Then we would humbly pray Thee make this place—
Upraised now and meet Thy House to be—
Make it a temple, Jesus, of Thy Grace,
Where weary-hearted ones who long for rest
May lose their load of care in finding Thee,
And as they bless Thee may themselves be blest.
And through the ages as they onward move,
Thy will be known and done more fully here;
The foolishness of our weak faith reprove—
O loving Father, Son, and Spirit good,
To every humble, waiting soul appear,
And spread abroad love's wider brotherhood.
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Diocesan Examination.

At the time of writing we have not received the diocesan inspector's report for 1902, and therefore cannot make a comparison of our position with other schools, but the examiner's report for our parish gives us the very satisfactory information that we have excelled ourselves, at least, in the parent school. Our total number of candidates, viz., 173, was the same as last year, but we increased our papers from 263 to 284 for the three schools. Unfortunately, St. Aidan's have fallen off in their number of passes, and the Mission House obtained a lower average, though a larger number of papers were sent in. St. John's 138 candidates supplied 242 papers, and the pass list jumps from 137 to 175, while the superiority of the work is shown in the fact of no less than 57 of the number being "credits," as against 35 last year. The lower, middle, and junior divisions were very prominent, the 47 candidates in the former gaining 33 passes, and all but two of the latter obtained passes in both subjects. The average result is an increase from 62 per cent. to 72 per cent. of passes. The prize-winners for St. John's are:—Seniors—Gertrude Foot, 152 marks; Leonard Fray, 85; upper middle—Ruth Tevelein, 175; Arthur Thomlinson, 93; lower middle—Octavia Good, 158; Eric Tevelein, 172; juniors—Ivy Poultenay, 161; Harold Thomlinson, 140. St. Aidan's—Muriel Milsom, 84. Mission House—Ernest Harding, 167. The "Bishop prize," which is now given for the best candidate in each parish

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was gained by Ruth Tevelein, this being the fourth year in succession she has headed the list. In individual subjects, Florence Huston, with 94, is the highest in catechism, and Vera Grubb, in New Testament, with 92. It is pleasing to note that five teachers sent in papers, one of them Miss Dobson, getting to within 4 of the maximum marks for Old Testament, all the rest gaining passes in each subject.

S. John's Extension Fund.

Those who have not already subscribed to this object are reminded that the year is drawing to a close, and that their donations will be thankfully received by the treasurer or the secretary. The work on the new edifice is now at such a stage that further large outlays must be made if it is to be continuously pushed forward. The cost of material and labour is a very heavy item month by month, and it is apparent to all who are watching the progress of the building that a considerable income is required to balance expenditure. Much gratification has been expressed at the substantial character of the design—one that will be a credit to Launceston—and it is confidently hoped that the endeavours of the building committee will be supported in such a way as to permit of the work being pushed on with the utmost rapidity. Will everyone do their best to give liberally at this season of the year, when the Gospel message of peace and goodwill to men is so prominently brought forward by our church?

Humours of Education.

The following extracts from children's "compositions," given exactly as they were written, are taken from S. Anne's, Soho, "Parish Magazine" for last August:—

From an Essay on the Moon.—"The sun is so hot it don't no what to do with itself, so it gives some of its light to the moon, and that's what make the pavements glitter."

From Domestic Economy Essays.—"The symptoms of scarlet fever are a very bad sore throat, and interruptions on the face."

"The heart is a big machine; it pumps up the impure blood and the pure blood down the other side; it is full of bright, red blood, and all over the rest of our bodies we have only dirty blue blood. You can easily tell a drunkard's heart, it is fat all over; but a healthy heart is all nice and clean."

"There are four symptoms of a cold—two I forget and the other two are

well-known. I would treat a cold in this manner—by rubbing a rough towel, or a coarse flesh brush."

"Soups may be made by bones, and pieces of meat, and gently simmered for a long time, then the meat is strained off and called soup; but the pieces of meat should be allowed to run out, when they can't be kept in."

From a Citizenship Essay.—"All rent, rates, and taxes are given to the Queen for the purpose of many different things, such as the dustmen, the lamps at night, and the workhouse; generally the rent is collected by the landlord and given to the county council, and then paid to the Queen. The city of Westminster is remarkable for the quantity of laws and things that get past."

From an Ambulance Essay.—"The best thing to restore a drowned person is to tie their tongue under their chin, and make them walk about, or else keep them warm, and give them something better than brandy; another way is to take them home, dry their clothes, and put them to bed, and give them something to bring them to."

From a Kindness to Animals Essay.—"It is pain to a cat to tread on its paw, and it swears, but in a different manner to what we do."

From an Essay on Shakespeare.—"There are some passages in Shakespeare's work which are quite pretty, as 'Spoil the rod, and bare the child,' and lots of others."

From a History Essay.—"When Henry VIII took the throne the older Catherine got the less he liked her, because he said she was getting uglier, so he asked the Pope weather he ought to marry his brother's wife, thinking he'd say 'No,' but the Pope said it did not matter, for he had had her all those years, and that surprised him.—"Church Bells."

Missionary Notes.

A society has been started in Italy, with the sanction of the Pope, closely resembling the English S.P.G. Its object is to spread throughout Italy a knowledge of the printed Gospels. It has issued a book, by the authority of the Vatican, being a translation of the Gospels and the Acts. Orders from the clergy for 150,000 copies have been received. All who wish to see the Caurca of Rome reformed from within will rejoice at this decision to replace some of the innumerable books of devotion with the actual story of Christ's life.

The title for the new quarterly review for the study of Missions, issued by the S.P.G., will be "East and West," is net. Orders may be sent to the S.P.G. House, or to any bookseller.

PARISH ECHOES.**MACQUARIE PLAINS.**

The new rector, the Rev. R. W. F. Montgomery, is expected here at the end of the month, just after the present rector leaves for Bothwell.

We hope that our bazaar on the 10th will clear off all debt on the rectorery. Lady Lewis will open the bazaar.

If the "Church Messenger" and "Church News" join forces it should be of great advantage to the diocese; but, whatever may happen, the diocese ought to support any paper published solely for the good of the church.

PENGUIN.

On Monday, the 17th ult., our Bishop paid Penguin a visit, and in the evening held a confirmation service in S. Stephen's Church, when 14 candidates—11 female and three male—came forward. Our little church was crowded, and the service was a most impressive one.

Church sports will (D.V.) be held at North Motton on January 7, Riana on the 14th, and Gunn's Plains on the 21st.

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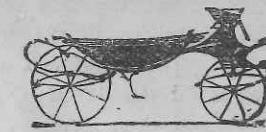
PERTH.

The first visit of our Bishop was a great event, and also a most happy one. On November 30 the Bishop preached at S. Andrew's to a fair congregation.

A cordial welcome was given to the Bishop in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday, December 3. Some glees were rendered by members of the choir and some other friends, Mrs. Hepworth playing the accompaniments. Songs were sung by Mr. A. Clayton and Mrs. Tarleton. Miss F. Clayton played a piano solo and also a duet with Mr. A. Clayton, who played the violin. The Bishop made a clever and humorous speech. The room was prettily decorated, and everything was well arranged.

BRIGHTON-CUM-KEMPTON.

I have sent no notes lately, but that does not denote sloth in church work as far as Pontville is concerned. The ladies have been working hard for a fair to provide funds for the improvements to S. Mark's.



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FORTH AND LEVEN.

The visit of the Bishop to this parish has of course been the principal event of the past month. During the day and a half that he spent among us he held three confirmations in different parts of the parish—the first at Penguin, the second at Sprent, and the third at Ulverstone. Though we should all have liked to have given him a public welcome, such as he has received in other parishes, the pressure of time entirely forbade such a course, and instead the churchwardens at Ulverstone presented him with a short address of welcome, which he received at the altar rails before the commencement of the confirmation service. The different churches were all prettily decorated, and the congregations were good.

The rector has been absent for ten days visiting King Island. During his absence services were kindly taken by Mr. Roche, who came over from Devonport for the purpose.

The practices for the children's Sunday school festival to be held next month are going on very well, and the children are keeping up their attendance at them better than in former years.

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The Pulpit and the Pew.

It is not our intention to discuss in the present article the vexed question of the relative importance of the sermon and the other constituent parts of public worship. Undoubtedly there have been times when, under the influence of Puritan feeling, preaching has been over-estimated, to the depreciation of the sacraments and of praise. It is possible, though we are not convinced that it is the case, that the pendulum has swung too far in the opposite direction, as the Bishop of Durham contended at the Church Congress. In any case, however, it is certain that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and as sermons undeniably form a considerable part of the duties of the clergy, and a part with which nobody seriously proposes to dispense, it is obvious that ineffective preaching means a wholesale waste of spiritual opportunity and

a substantial hindrance to the work of the church. The conviction that our preaching is far less effective than it ought to be, and than it might be, is very widespread, and, it seems to us, by no means unfounded. Anything like an exhaustive examination of the causes of failure would be impossible here, and we shall only attempt to speak of one or two out of many reasons.

One reason certainly may be found in ineffective delivery. Every Sunday, probably, scores of sermons are delivered which represent careful preparation and deep thought, but yet fail to rivet attention or to impress any lesson, because they are only half audible, or because they are hurried in delivery, or intolerably monotonous, or marred by some eccentricity of utterance. The Bishop of Ripon did well when he invited Sir Squire Bancroft to speak on this subject at the Ripon Diocesan Conference the other day. There must always be marked differences between the delivery of the pulpit and the delivery of the stage; but, none the less, the preacher has much to learn from the "well-graced actor," who allows no sentence to fail of its effect from want of clearness in elocution or expressiveness of manner.

Important, however, as the manner of a sermon may be, it is superficial in comparison with the matter. If the subject is ill chosen and the argument is ill digested, a brilliant delivery will make but poor amends, and for the proper choice and effective treatment of a subject it is essential that there should be a certain sympathy of thought and mutual understanding between preacher and hearer. This sympathy, we fear, is very often absent from the pulpit, and its absence is the secret both of the emptiness and of the inattentiveness of the pew. It is not to be supposed that the fault is on one side only. It is often true that the word preached does not profit because it is not mixed with faith in those who hear it, among whom faith ought to have been found. It is certainly the plain duty of the preacher

not to water down Christian doctrine or Christian duty to the taste of a careless or sceptical congregation. It is natural that there should be a certain divergence of view between the man who speaks, or ought to speak, with something like professional knowledge, and the man who comes to listen with the careless eclecticism of the amateur. But, after all, the preacher has to take his congregation as he finds them, and he must endeavour to influence them as best he can under the conditions which he finds imposed upon him by the circumstances of the parish. Nor do we doubt that, if we put aside the disloyal and the indifferent, there are a great many well-disposed and thoughtful laymen who would willingly be guided if only they could find firm and clear and sympathetic guidance in the sermons to which they listen. But these same men, if they find that the preacher always avoids the difficulties which are exercising their faith or treats the subjects in a way which shows that he has no real knowledge of the nature of their doubts, will soon come to regard the sermon as a merely conventional exercise, and after a period of looking up and not being fed, the hungry sheep will cease to look up at all.

We should like to plead for a little more courage in the pulpit, both in dealing with difficulties of belief and in dealing with questions of duty and practical conduct. The courage that is required is, of course, not the courage of rashness which rushes in unprepared to offer superficial solutions of deep problems, but the courage which comes of patient study and of a faith which has been hardly won. This means time and effort no doubt, and even where effort would not be grudged time is hard to come by amidst all the claims of populous parishes, and the multiplicity of tables which a twentieth century priest is expected to serve. Certainly it is hard, but in no other way are men of culture, or even intelligent artisans, likely to be attracted into the ranks of churchgoers.

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We doubt whether it is always realised how keen is the spirit of enquiry about the nature of revelation and inspiration, and what anxiety there is for guidance as to the results of modern discussions about the authorship and composition of the books of the Bible, and the methods of interpreting their message to us. Such questions are often raised in a very direct way by the lessons, especially the Old Testament lessons, which are read in church; if we may judge by our own experience it is comparatively seldom that any attempt is made to remove perplexities. It is true that criticism has not arrived at final results, but it is still more true that it has made the exegesis of a generation ago impossible in hundreds of passages. In many cases suspension of judgment is necessary, but if it is impossible to solve each individual difficulty a general treatment of the nature of the Biblical revelation is far less disastrous than the silence which fosters unbelief and unbelief. Very urgent, too, are the difficulties connected with miracles and with prayer, as the discussions at the Church Congress showed, and, as a correspondent has recently pointed out in our own columns, the rapid progress of superstitions like theosophy and Christian science has been facilitated

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by the neglect of preachers to grapple with the delusions which are ensnaring so many of their hearers. On the practical side also the need of a prudent courage is equally great. If spiritual "direction" is still the exception among us rather than the rule, there is all the more need of a wise and really spiritual "moral theology" in the pulpit. We are all lamenting the disappearance of Sunday; can it be said that all our congregations have had clear teaching about the principles on which Sunday observance should be based and the practical rules which must be kept in order to secure opportunities of rest and worship all round? Is there not great timidity in treating many other questions of "applied Christianity," such as the conditions under which manufactures are carried on, the responsibilities of investors, and the stewardship of wealth? Thorny subjects all of them, no doubt, but the penalty for shirking them is the inevitable forfeiture of the respect and sympathy of the men who are in earnest, the men who distrust a religion that appears in any way to divorce itself from the practical guidance of life.

The preacher enjoys an immemorial immunity from interruptions and awkward questions. Fifteen hundred years ago Gregory Nazianzen, when invited to explain the obscure phrase "Sabbaton deuteropton," replied that it was a difficulty which he would prefer to deal with in church, and more modern

divines might doubtless apply his words to many a vexed problem of greater importance. Yet the advantage of immunity to the individual would be dearly bought by a general failure to remove the obstacles to faith and the hindrances to duty which beset perplexed but sincere minds in a time of transition.—"Guardian."

Parish Echoes.

STRAHAN.

The Bishop arrived at Strahan on the 4th ult., on his way from Hobart. The rector of Queenstown and the Rev. Clement Dowling met his Lordship, and he had interviews with the churchwardens, Messrs. Searle and Green. On the following Thursday evening his Lordship preached at Kelly Basin, when there was a large congregation, in spite of pouring rain. On the 7th the Bishop addressed the children in the state school, and in the afternoon returned by steamer to Strahan, where the ladies had decorated the vicarage for a reception, which was well attended. This gave the Bishop the opportunity of meeting many of the parishioners, and his Lordship announced that he wished to retain Mr. Dowling's services as curate-in-charge. In the evening a confirmation was held. There were 15 candidates, and the church was packed with a congregation numbering about 200. The Bishop was entertained by Mrs. Miles at "Moana," and spoke of Strahan as "a charming place."

CARRICK.

The Bishop visited this parish on Monday, December 1, and was welcomed by the acting rector at a general meeting of the parishioners in the Pub-



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lic Hall at 4 p.m. The Hon. T. Reibey was among those on the platform, and spoke of the time when the ground on which the fine hall stands was honeysuckle scrub. Mr. John Millar also spoke, dwelling on the favourable impression made upon him by the Bishop. The latter, in a very happy reply, told the people that the fact that so much had been done for them by Mr. Reibey in times past ought to teach them how to give and how to help. He also spoke of the mistake made by those who were always criticising, telling them how much better it was to work than to find fault, though sitting in the critic's chair was comfortable, and it was very easy to see where others made mistakes. The Bishop then gave away the diocesan certificates and the Sunday school prizes to the scholars of Carrick, Illawarra, Bishopsbourne, and Hadspen; after which a parish tea was held, the children having had theirs earlier in the afternoon. In the evening Mr. A. W. Monds, assisted by others, gave a little entertainment. The proceeds of the day were for prizes and rewards, the amount from all sources being £7 13s, and the expenses £2 1s 9d.

We can only briefly mention the successful annual gathering at Mount Ireh of the Illawarra and Pateena school-children and parents, which took place November 12; and at Bishopsbourne, of the local families, Nov. 25. Much gratitude is due in each case to those who prepared and carried out the meetings.

Baptism.—In the Church of the Nativity, Bishopsbourne, Nov. 24—Charles Wilfred Willes.

The amount collected for the church repair fund is now £26.

S. JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON.

During the last month there has been little of interest to chronicle, for all things have gone on the even tenor of their ways.

The Bishop of the diocese presided over a clerical conference held in the rectory on December 5, at which various matters of interest were debated, and amongst other matters it was decided that a diocesan conference ought to be held in Launceston next year. Should such a conference be held we hope all church people of Launceston and the district will co-operate to make it a real success.

The present number of the "Church Messenger" is the last of the present series.

The rector desires to thank all in the parish who have helped

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S. Aidan's Church.—A distinct improvement in the ventilation of the church has been effected by making two of the windows to open, an improvement which is much appreciated by clergy, choir, and congregations.

All classes are now suspended at the Mission House for the summer recess. The girls' sewing class was the first to break up. Canon Beresford gave a closing address, and presented the prizes. Six girls gained the maximum number of marks. On the Tuesday following the girls' club closed for the year, ending their session with a supper.

The climax was reached on Friday, when the members of the mothers' meeting had their annual breaking up. At 2.30 about 40 mothers and 33 little folk assembled at St. John's Church, where the Bishop gave an excellent address on the three objects of the mothers' union. The service was conducted by Canon Beresford. A drive was afterwards taken in two large drags for a couple of hours, all coming back to the Mission House to a bountifully laid-out tea, generously donated by many kind friends, who have taken a warm interest in the success of the work, and to whom we now offer our sincere thanks. After tea was over a humorous speech was made by Canon Beresford, during which he made presentations, on behalf of the mothers, to Sister Charlotte, Mrs. Craske, Misses Griffiths and Dobson. Sister Charlotte then also on behalf of the mothers presented Canon Beresford with a beautiful inkstand. All feelingly responded, and the National Anthem closed a very merry gathering.

A carol service will be held at the Mission House on Christmas night, when all will be welcome.

A meeting was held at the rectory during this month to decide and make arrangements for holding a "Mother Goose" fair next May, in aid of the building fund of the Mission House. This is the age of novelties, and so it was thought wise to make an attempt in this direction. All the stalls will be of a fancy character, representing principally nursery rhymes or stories.

It is expected over 100 children will take part in the fair, which is to be open in the evening only, and prior to commencing the business a parade will be made by those in fancy costume.

Baptisms.—July 27, William Henry Sydes; November 10, Arthur Primrose Tregurtha; 12th, Iris Florence Rumpff; 19th, May Elizabeth Sing; 26th, Eric William Flaherty; 26th, Daisy Beatrice Artis; December 3rd, Ivy Victoria M'Gee.

Marriages.—November 22nd, Richard George Allison to Jessie Hilda Panton, December 6th, John Arthur Panton to Kate Elizabeth Newman.

Burials.—November 8th, Walter Leonard Littler; 12th, Arthur Primrose Tregurtha.

S. PAUL'S, LAUNCESTON.

On Advent Sunday our choir boys all wore their new surplices. Our best thanks are due to the mothers and sisters who made them all so well. The choir has been considerably augmented by 12 ladies, who sit in the seats just outside the chancel, and are a great help to both choir and congregation. A generous churchman has kindly provided them with both psalters and hymn books.

On December 7 we held our Sunday school festival. Unfortunately it was a wet day, but it did not damp the spirits of the children. His Lordship the Bishop paid his first visit to St. Paul's at the morning service, and was attended by his chaplain, who carried the pastoral staff. He preached from the text, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and his loving and helpful words will, we hope, be treasured by us all for many years. We had processional and recessional hymns, and the special children's hymns and psalms were most heartily sung. In the vestry the Bishop spoke some very kind words to the choir-master, Mr. A. L. Wells, and congratulated him upon the musical portion of the service, and before leaving shook hands with each member of the choir. In the afternoon the Bishop was present at the Sunday school, and presented the prizes and rewards, saying some cheering words to each child. We congratulate Allan Kildea upon winning "the special prize for all-round improvement." This prize, we may say, is presented annually by Mrs. Hopwood, in memory of her husband, the late Mr.

Stephen Hopwood, for many years an earnest church worker at St. Paul's. Before leaving, the Bishop was presented to the teachers and visitors, and complimented the superintendent, Mr. Symmons, upon the excellent arrangements and order in the school. In the evening the church was crowded, and the rector gave a most instructive address upon the text, "I am the Good Shepherd." The service was fully choral, special Psalms and hymns being sung. On Wednesday the annual treat was held at Glen Dhu. Fortunately the rain held off, and games, races, etc., with a plentiful supply of provisions, were the order of the day. Our thanks are due to Mr. H. Weddon, Mr. Symmons, and others for the prizes for the races. The superintendent and his band of workers have every reason to be gratified at the success of their undertaking.

KING ISLAND.

The church services on King Island are increasing in number with its population. At one time it was only possible for our late Bishop to visit them once in each year, but now the population has so far increased as to number about 350, it is believed, and with the increase of population and trade the communication has improved, so that there are regular weekly sailings to Launceston and the N.W. Coast, with occasionally an intermediate trip to the West Coast. This has enabled the church to send a priest down twice this year, and it is hoped that for the future one will be sent three, or even four, times in each year. It must not, however, be thought that these visits are the only ministrations that the islanders receive. On the contrary, they have regular services held by Mr. A. Dawson, a man loved and respected by one and all, and who is quite the patriarch of the island. There is also a flourishing Sunday school for the instruction of the young. The following is an outline of the last visit from November 20 to November 30:—Soon after midnight, November 20, s. Yambacoona left Burnie, having arrived from Launceston early in the evening. After a fine trip she arrived at Currie Harbour between 4 and 5. Priest hospitably entertained by Mr. Geo. Huxley, and furnished with a home. Paid a few visits in the evening, and spent next day visiting, being

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driven about by Mr. Dawson. Sunday services at the Public Hall—At 11.30, Holy Eucharist and sermon; 1.30 p.m., evensong and sermon; 7.30 p.m., evensong and sermon. Most of the people coming from a distance brought their lunch, and boiled the "billy" between 12.30 and 1.30 p.m. The services were most hearty and well attended, the musical portion of the services being under the able direction of Mr. George Robinson, who also accompanied on the piano. Monday an early start was made for Cape Wickham, over 27 miles north. A good service held in the Lighthouse schoolroom, attended by "all hands," at 3.30 p.m. A return was then made as far as "Yamba-coona," the estate of Mr. Stephenson, where a second service was held at 8.30 p.m., which closed a busy Monday, with 40 miles riding and two services. Tuesday return made via "Yellow Rock," Mr. Fred. Burling's place, and on round the beach back to Porkey, where the night was spent with Mr. Willie Bowling. Wednesday people visited on the way south, child baptised, and state school (held also in Public Hall) inspected; found a large attendance, considering how scattered the population is, and the school work going on satisfactorily. Wednesday afternoon visited Surprise Bay, and became the guest of Mrs. Dowling. This place is right down south, and some 45 miles from Wickham, which is up in the north. Held evensong at Mrs. Dowling's at 8.30 that night, and Holy Eucharist, with address, at 10 a.m. Thursday. Left in the afternoon, and returned via Mr. Hardy's, where a pleasant evening was spent chatting about various parts of the world of mutual interest. Friday Currie Harbour was once more reached, and a took-out for the boat kept till Saturday, when she left about 3 p.m., arriving in Burnie 7 a.m. The priest, after preaching and dining at Burnie, borrowed the rector's bicycle and rode home, arriving at 5 p.m., and having his luggage sent on by train next day.

EVANDALE.

Since our last notes appeared in the "Messenger" death has once more visited our parish and taken from us a very old resident, in the person of Mr. Jas. Franklin, sen., at the ripe old age of 84 years. He was for many years sexton of St. Andrew's Church, and most of his family, who are all grown up, still reside in the district. Although he became very feeble and his sight partially failed him, he was able to get about up to within a few weeks of his death. On Sunday, the 9th ult., the anniversary of the Sunday

school was held. The weather was all that could be desired, consequently there was a large congregation at both services, the collections being larger than they have been for years. The children were trained by the organist (Miss H. Atkinson), and very creditably sang the selected hymns. The rector (the Rev. H. D. Atkinson) was the preacher at the morning service, and he was assisted at the evening service by Rev. C. Fawns, of Trinity Church, Launceston, who gave a very nice address to the children, which was much appreciated. The annual church parade of the Evandale volunteers was held on the same day, when a good muster turned out under Captain Hawley. After the morning service an unusual ceremony was performed, namely, the unveiling of a monument erected by the said company in memory of two of their comrades who lost their lives while on active service in South Africa. The function, after the reading of a prayer by the rector, was performed by Colonel Cameron, who in a few well-chosen words suitably addressed the very large congregation present. Since the unveiling of the above memorial it has been enclosed by a neat iron fence, which greatly adds to its appearance. The annual treat of the Sunday school was held on the following Thursday, having been postponed from Wednesday, owing to the very inclement weather, which prevented a number from being present. Baptisms.—Alfred John Hawkins, Doris Ethel Viney, Norman Geoffrey Viney.

LONGFORD.

The first visit of our new Bishop to us in his official capacity has been full of pleasure and help to all of us. He arrived at Longford on Saturday, November 29, when a public reception was held at the Sunday schoolroom. A small representative gathering was present. Messrs. A. Youl, R. Gould, J. McMahon spoke, as well as the rector and Dr. Anderson, to welcome the Bishop, and his Lordship replied. In the afternoon Mr. Campbell sent a buggy and pair for the Bishop and Rural Dean, who drove to Cressy, where a very pleasant social was given by all the ladies of the district as a welcome to our Bishop. On Sunday, November 30, the Bishop paid a visit to our Sunday school, and spoke to the children. He then proceeded to Christ Church, where he celebrated the Holy Communion and preached. During the morning service the Bishop dedicated a beautiful new Bible, given in memory of Ruby Estelle Paulden by her parents

(the old Bible was 54 years old). In the evening his Lordship administered the rite of confirmation. Twelve candidates were presented by the rector. There was a large congregation. More candidates had promised to come, but some had left the district and others had dropped out of the classes.

A welcome social was tendered Bishop Mercer at Christ Church schoolroom on Tuesday, December 2, when there was a large and representative gathering of church people to welcome his Lordship. The room was tastefully decorated by the ladies of the parish, and the following programme was rendered during the evening:—Selection, orchestra; songs, Rev. Montgomery, Dr. J. F. Anderson; recitation, Miss Poppy Steer; piano solo, Misses E. Hutchinson and Montgomery; chorus and coon song, by Mr. Harington and the choir. An address of welcome was presented to his Lordship by the Minister's warden (Mr. T. G. Hudson) on behalf of the parish, signed by the rector and wardens of Longford and Perth. The Bishop responded in a happy speech, and thanked the people for the hearty welcome they had given him. In his address the Bishop made special reference to the work of the Christian Social Union of England. A supper was nicely arranged by Mrs. L. Archer, Misses Mackinnon, Whitfield, and Hutchinson. The decorations were carried out by Mrs. Tarleton, Misses Doderly and Nellie Wright.

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All traces of the old chancel have now disappeared, and the contractor has succeeded in getting a solid rock base on which to place his new concrete foundations. These are all now in, and a considerable portion of the basement wall is also up. No better object-lesson could have been given those parishioners who were sceptical enough to think that there was no necessity to remove the whole of the eastern end than the appearance of the old foundations when they were laid bare. The wonder is that the chancel remained up so long as it did, and Mr. Stabb is to be congratulated on having removed it without any mishap whatever. We are not able to state the date of the laying of the foundation-stone yet, but we expect it will be about the first week in the new year.

The first of a series of river excursions was made on the 22nd of last month, and proved most enjoyable. All are looking forward to the next.

The Advent Sunday services were very helpful, and comprised four celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, an office of admission for servers, sacristans, and other lay helpers, matins and evensong, and at 3 p.m. a flower service. Special hymns had been prepared, and were sung very creditably by the children, who brought bunches of flowers and placed them as offerings upon a table just outside the communion rails. They were afterwards taken to the hospitals, and we hear they gladdened the hearts of many who are deprived of the privilege of seeing flowers in the natural state. At evensong the first of the quarterly collections for the building fund was made; £5 was asked for; over £6 was received. During the day the attendance of communicants was satisfactory. The number was 99.

The Sunday school prizes are to be given away on the 14th. Mrs. Mercer has kindly consented to distribute them, and also to address the children.

An endeavour has been made to reach all the communicants of the parish by means of a circular, and those who have not been written to are requested to leave their names and addresses in a box at the church door provided for that purpose. (The hours of week-day celebrations are Wednesdays, 7 a.m.; Thursdays, 6.30 a.m.; and Fridays, 10.30 a.m.)

DELORAINÉ.

In the parish alone the rector travelled 532 miles last month, paying 78 visits. Mr. Brammall has been seriously ill, but is happily now recovered. His work consequently had to be lessened. On December 17 there will be a sale of gifts to raise funds to pay off some part of the debt on the schoolroom. The stipendiary lay reader has not been paid up to date for his work in the parish. Will every parishioner see that some special subscription, however small, is sent to a church worker for this purpose? He is supposed to receive £25 a year from the parish and his board and lodging from the rector. The second annual tea came off at Mole Creek on the 26th. This, as well as Red Hills, showed a net result (over £8) higher than that of last year. We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Whitley on the success of their own efforts and those of the committee who assisted them. Thanks are due to contributors, and especially to Mr. Rose, who allowed the sports to

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be held in his paddock. The rector and Deloraine churchwardens have decided to send Rev. A. G. Lingley the sum of £12 3s 6d, being a year's interest due on the sum of £275 advanced by him to the building committee. When this is done there will be left about £6 for the payment from this part of the parish for stipends of clergyman and his assistant. The Sunday school prizes will be presented on Sunday, December 7. On November 6 the Mothers' Union ended their winter session with a tea at their room. It was to have taken the form of a picnic, but the state of the weather forced the mothers indoors. The tea was a great success. The lady associates excelled themselves in their lavish hospitality.

On the 9th the Rev. A. Brazier, assistant curate of All Saints', S. Kilda, took part in our services.

Saturday, 22nd, his Lordship the Bishop officially visited the parish. He was received by rector, churchwardens, and citizens in the Town Hall. We appreciate most highly the kindness of "those who walk not with us." Nothing could exceed the cordiality of their utterances. We thank them, as the daily papers reported the gathering was most successful. The Bishop celebrated Holy Communion, and preached at S. Mark's, Deloraine; Holy Cross, Elizabeth Town; and in the schoolroom, Kimberley. At Elizabeth Town and Kimberley addresses were presented to the parish, asking his Lordship to take action in the direction of helping the places beyond and at the extreme limits of the parish to have more frequent services than are at present possible. On the day following his Lordship consecrated the church and burial ground of S. Saviour, at Meander. The service was most solemn and impressive. In his address the Bishop explained simply and eloquently the nature of the consecration services, and defended the ancient custom of consecration of a God's acre in which to lay the bodies of Christian people. The visiting clergy were the Revs. C. J. Brammall and J. K. Wilmer.

On the 30th the Rev. John Hayes preached his last sermon as assistant curate at S. Mark's. It is determined by the churchwardens and others to present him with a purse of sovereigns on the evening of the sale of work, December 17. We regret his leaving us deeply. It is not possible for us in our present financial state to fill his place. We thank Mr. Lingley for making it possible for him to be in the parish free of cost for so long. We trust the parishioners will never forget or cease to appreciate his many and earnest labours for their spiritual advancement.

Following on the reduction of the clerical staff, several alterations have been made in the saying of services.

Five gentlemen have consented to help as voluntary lay readers. With a few exceptions this will make it possible to keep things going much as they are at present. Let us ever realise that our church is the church of the laity, led by the clergy, and, above and beyond everything, let us hold the truth in the bonds of peace and unity.

Baptisms.—November 7, Vera Doris Smith, Annie Clara Russell; 25th, Cyril William Harley Bonney, George Herbert Bonney, Dorothy Amelia Bonney; 23rd, Ashby Reginald Cullen, Thomas George Izard; 26th, Ivy Broomhall.

Marriages.—November 12, Joseph Boxhall to Clara Agatha Johnson; 26th, Henry Keep to Eliza Heger, William Thomas Sherriff to Margaret Whitley.

Offertories and Communicants.—November 2, 14 communicants, £1 0s 2d; 4th and 9th, 21 communicants, £2 15s 5d; 16th and 20th, 18 communicants, £3 1s 5d; 23rd and 27th, 31 communicants, £5 18s 6d; 30th, 20 communicants, £2 3s 1d. These include communicants and amounts received at all services in the parish.

DEVONPORT.

The great event to the whole parish since last writing has been the visit of our new Bishop. His Lordship arrived from Uiverstone by the early morning train on November 19, and was met at the station by the rector, and went straight to the rectory. After breakfast, in company with the rector, he visited the Church High School, and expressed his pleasure to the principal (Rev. J. E. M. Roche, B.A.), to find such a flourishing school in the town, and after a few words to the pupils requested from the principal that the rest of the day might be devoted to pleasure and recreations, which was readily granted, followed by cheers from the boys for the Bishop.

In the afternoon a public reception was held in the Town Hall, when about 400 shook hands with the new chief pastor of the church in Tasmania. The rector in a few words welcomed the Bishop in the name of the parishioners, and Mr. F. Squire (churchwarden and hon. lay reader) read and presented an address of welcome from the whole of the churchwardens, lay readers, Sunday school teachers, and churchworkers of the whole parish. The acting chairman of the town board welcomed the Bishop to the town, and Rev. S. C. Flockart did the same for the Methodists. Apologies were read by the rector from the Revs. D. Brown and G. Mackay, representing the Congregationalists and Baptists. After this the Bishop replied to all the addresses in a most telling and eloquent speech, which won all hearts. The hall had been most tastefully and beautifully arranged as a drawing-room by the reception committee, who are to be congratulated and thanked for the great success of their labours.

At 7.30 p.m. the same day the holy rite of confirmation was held in S. Paul's Church, East Devonport, when, in spite of the wet weather, the sacred building was packed to the doors. Twenty-six candidates—19 males and seven females—were presented to the Bishop for the laying on of hands. Three of the candidates were presented by the principal of the Church High School, and the rest by the rector. The service commenced with a processional hymn; the Bishop, clergy, and four lay-readers, all in cassocks and surplices, entered the west door. The Rev. J. E. M. Roche acted as chaplain to the Bishop, carrying the pastoral staff. The Bishop's address to the candidates was a most helpful one to them, and to all in the large congregation. The musical portion was well rendered by the large choir and Mrs. Wilmer, the organist, and the service was the most hearty and congregational that has ever been rendered in this parish.

S. James's, Northdown.—Miss Davis sends the rector the enclosed letter, which he read after service a few Sundays ago, and he would like it printed if you can find space:—

"The Nook, Nov. 9.

"My dear friends,—I wish to thank you all most sincerely for the handsome present you have given me. It has always been a great pleasure and privilege to me to play the organ in Northdown church, and I feel that I have done very little to deserve the kindness you have always shown me. I am afraid my acts of kindness have been very few, and have been returned by you fourfold. I shall always value your present, and the very kind thoughts in your address, as I do the beautiful brooch you gave me before. Thanking you for your good wishes, I remain, your sincere friend, M. L. Davis."

The annual Sunday school picnic was held at Hawley, Port Sorell, on November 26, when over 100 persons, young and old, spent a most enjoyable day. Mrs. M. A. Loane and Miss Sullivan, the teachers, did their best, with the assistance of others, to make everything pass off most successfully. The rector was present, and, like everyone else, enjoyed himself very much.

S. John's, Devonport, Sunday school festival will be held on Sunday, December 21, morning and evening, in the church, and the distribution of prizes, etc., in the Town Hall at 3 p.m.

S. Paul's, East Devonport, Sunday School.—The annual picnic will be held on Saturday, December 13, and the special collection for prizes will be held on Christmas Day, as in former years.

A social evening was spent at the rectory on Wednesday, November 26, when the rector and Mrs. Wilmer in-

ited the members of S. Paul's and S. John's choirs to be their guests. About 30 accepted the invitation, and it is hoped that there will be many more similar social functions at the rectory.

Baptisms.—November 10th, Harry James Washington; 12th, Ayle Rupert Dewhurst; 13th, Clara Towers; 15th, Edward James Proctor; 17th, Rhoda Kate Lockwood, — Cole.

Burials.—November 10th, S. Paul's churchyard, Peter James Guthrie, 3 months; 20th, S. Olive's churchyard, — Cole, 7 days.

CLARENCE.

Bellerive.—On Wednesday and Thursday, December 3 and 4, a cake and general produce fair was held in the Bellerive Institute, in aid of S. Mark's new church building fund.

The committee and stall-holders had been working very energetically for some months before, and the results of their labours were manifestly apparent when the doors were opened on Wednesday afternoon, and visitors were admitted on the payment of a silver coin. The stalls had been neatly and artistically decorated with drapery and flowers, and the various tables were crowded with the wares that had been prepared and collected for the purpose of tempting purchasers. This was more especially noticeable in the case of the general produce stall, which simply groaned beneath the weight of the substantial eatables arranged upon it. At the back of the hall a Christmas trees served at the same time as a handsome ornament and also a source of attraction to the young people. The inevitable fishpond was also in evidence. Punctually at 3 o'clock Mrs. Mercer arrived, and was presented by Miss Eva Macnaghton with a handsome bouquet of white flowers, which had been tastily arranged by Miss Ross. After having been introduced to the members of the committee and stall-holders, she was conducted to the platform by the rector (the Rev. F. B. Sharland), who invited her in the name of the committee to open the fair. This she did in well-chosen words, giving a brief account of the work of collecting funds for the proposed new church, which had been commenced 12 years ago, and encouraging the workers in their undertaking, and at the same time wishing them every success. Business then commenced in real earnest, and with the aid of various sideshows, strawberries and cream, and afternoon tea, and the kind assistance of the Bellerive Band, all passed off well. The visitors to the fair were principally residents in the town of Bellerive and its neighbourhood. The proceeds amounted to £49. After ex-

penses have been paid, the balance (about £44) will bring up the whole sum actually in hand for the purpose of erecting the new church to £555. Before the fair closed the rector, on behalf of the committee, thanked all those who had so kindly helped to make the fair a success, and stated that contributions had been sent from all parts of the widely extending parish. While all worked well, the success of the fair was more especially due to the efforts of the secretaries, Mrs. G. Bailey and Miss Lamb.

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On the 4th the Bishop dedicated a memorial eagle lectern and altar rails in S. Mary's Church. The ceremony was most solemn and instructive. He afterwards preached a most helpful sermon, taking for his text I. Tim., iii., 15—"The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." The rector was assisted by the Revs. Canon Finnis, Dr. Craig, and C. G. Wilkinson. A special dedication hymn, written for the occasion, was sung as a procession-al. The next evening a social meeting to welcome the Bishop was held in the Montacute Hall, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Roe. After a selection, played by Mrs. Paton, which wound up with "See, the Conquering Hero," the rector addressed the Bishop, assuring him that had he been a total stranger the church people would have received him loyally as their Bishop, but now that he is known to everybody through the press, everybody tendered him a heartfelt welcome. Father Kelsh and Mr. Tarleton sent apologies, and Rev. Mr. Hardie (Presbyterian) and Mr. R. French (Methodist) welcomed him in the name of their constituents. The Bishop replied as we all know he can and does reply on such occasions. Afterwards there were some good songs, a good supper, and the National Anthem.

The following dedication hymn was sung:—

O gracious God, accept the gift
We dedicate to Thee,
In faith and love and gratitude
And deep humility.
Oh sanctify our gift, to bear
Upon its eagle wings
Thy Holy Word, which, to the soul
Patience and comfort brings.
Grant to Thy children gathered here,
O Lord, for ever blest,
That they may hear it, read, mark, learn,
And inwardly digest.
May they bear witness by their lives
Abroad, and in their home,
That they are members of the Christ
Who shall in glory come.
All praise to Thee, O God most high,
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- 22—M., Revelation, 7, 13-17.
- 23—Tu., Revelation, 11, 15-19.
- 24—W., Revelation, 14, 13-16.
- 25—Th., Christmas.
- 26—F., S. Stephen.
- 27—S., S. John.
- 28—First Sunday after Christmas.
- 29—M., Revelation, 19, 11-16.
- 30—Tu., Revelation 20, 11-15.
- 31—W., Revelation, 21, 1-7.

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