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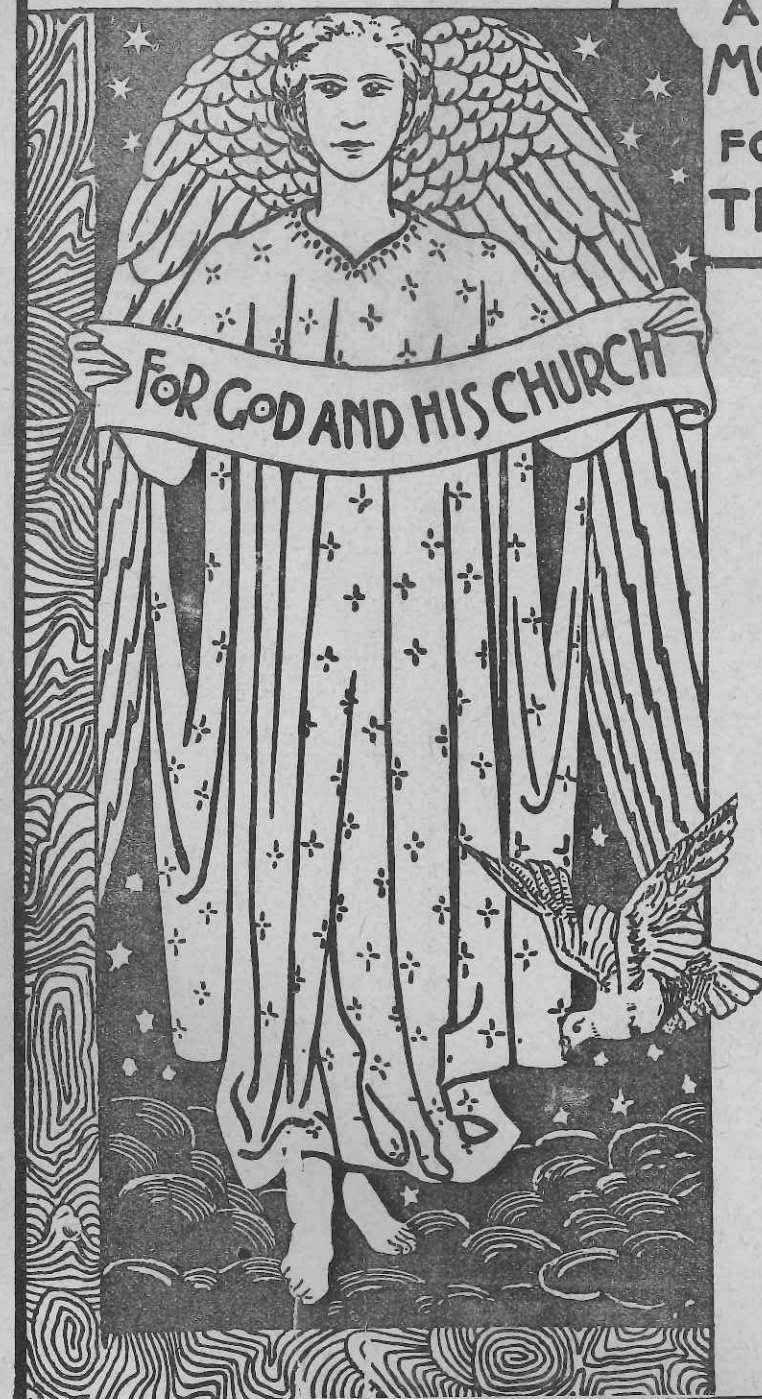
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The official notification in our "Records and Announcements" that the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Bishops acting with him, have selected the Rev. J. E. Mercer, M.A. (Oxon.), to fill the vacant See of Tasmania, ends what has necessarily been an anxious time of suspense for us in this Diocese. And, so far as can be judged from present information, an excellent appointment has been made. Mr. Mercer is apparently in the prime of life, probably about 45 years of age, and is now Rector of a parish of 17,000 souls near Manchester. It is said that his name was suggested by Bishop Moorhouse, whose breadth of view is well known, and whose acquaintance with Australian life peculiarly fits him to advise as to the type of man needed for colonial bishoprics. The Bishop-Elect has done some work as a Missioner, and this would bring him into contact with all phases of Church work and thought. He is also said to be keenly interested in the Christian Social Union—the growing Association that is uniting all sorts of Churchmen in the attempt to apply the principles of Christianity to our commercial and common life. We shall await with the deepest interest fuller details as to the appointment; and in the meantime can assure the Bishop-Elect of a most cordial welcome and the loyal support of both clergy and laity in the discharge of the duties of his sacred office.

The recent session of Synod, if it did not consider any burning questions, at any rate got through a good deal of useful work. There was an evident desire to transact the business in a business-like way, and to support the Administrator in his unusual responsibility in having to occupy the position of President. It is pleasant, too, to

hear the widespread hospitality that was extended to the visiting members of Synod. Besides the usual kindly welcome given to the clergy in many homes of Hobart and suburbs, the Administrator and Mrs. Whittington entertained the whole of the clergy at luncheon on the first and second days of the session, and the Dean and the city clergy also gave luncheon parties. The ladies of the city and suburban parishes provided afternoon tea for Synodsmen during the session, and also undertook the whole burden of supply the refreshments at the conversation in the Town Hall on the first night of Synod. After the session ended there were hearty acknowledgments heard on every hand of the good-will thus freely shown to our brethren.

Records and Announcements

At Hamilton Rectory, on Saturday morning, 3rd inst., the Administrator received from Bishop Montgomery a cablegram notifying that the Rev. J. E. Mercer, M.A. (Lincoln Coll., Oxon.), Rector of Galton, near Manchester, had been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the co-selecting bishops, as Bishop of Tasmania.

Collections ordered by Synod are now as under:—January, Clerks Superannuation Fund; March, General Church Fund; Whitsun Day (or S. Andrew's Day), Foreign Missions; July, Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund; September, General Church Fund.

The Administrator inducted the Rev. Canon Finnis, L.Th., into the Cure of Deloraine, on Wednesday, April 16th, and the Rev. Arnold G. Lingley, M.A., into the Cure of S. John's, Hobart, on Sunday, April 20.

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The Rev. Canon Banks Smith, Rector of St. George's, Hobart, died at his residence, Battery Point, on Friday, April 25th, in his 76th year. He was ordained deacon by the first Bishop of Tasmania 50 years ago, and had been Incumbent of St. George's for 43 years. The Synod being in session at the time of his death, placed on record a feeling acknowledgment of the lengthened services the deceased had given to the Diocese.

On Sunday, April 6, the Administrator dedicated a handsome vestry which has been added to St. Paul's, Glenorchy, as part of the plan for the completion of the church.

A beautiful three-light chancel window was dedicated by the Administrator on Sunday, April 13, in St. Peter's, Fingal, being the gift of his widow, in memory of R. G. Talbot, of Malahide, who had been for several years a churchwarden of the parish.

The Council of Patronage for the Southern Archdeaconry will meet on Wednesday, May 14th, in connection with the vacancy of the Cure of St. George's, Hobart.

The Administrator has received the subjoined letter, and publishes it for general information:—

ARCHDEACONRY OF LAUNCESTON
CLERICAL SOCIETY.

211 S. John-street, Launceston,
April 30, 1902.

Dear Mr. Archdeacon,

A meeting of the above society was held on April 21st. There were 20 clergy present. The following resolutions were carried unanimously, and I was instructed to forward them to you:—

The One Archdeacon Scheme:

1. "That in the opinion of this meeting every effort should be made to retain the services of the itinerant Archdeacon."
2. "That this meeting is of opinion that it would be to the best interests of the Diocese that the Archdeacon should reside in Launceston."

The Coronation Ceremony and Special Services:

"That the Administrator be at once approached, and requested to sanction a form of service for use on Coronation Day."

I remain, dear Mr. Archdeacon,
Yours sincerely,
W. S. STONE, Hon. Sec.

Talks with a Naturalist.

(BY WOODPECKER.)

No. XXXI.—(Continued.)

"But tell me, Woodpecker, after you lost the rabbits, did you give up keeping pets?"

"Oh no; the ruling spirit was still a strong one. Let me see, yes, at different times I remember to have kept an owl, a kestrel, a starling, a song-thrush, a linnet, a pair of sea-gulls, and a squirrel. Of these, the owl choked himself in trying to swallow a mouse; the kestrel managed to regain his liberty; the starling, the thrush, and the linnet died; the two gulls were killed by a cat; and I gave the squirrel to a friend to escape further responsibility. So you see my experiences as a boy in keeping pets were not satisfactory."

"And have you had any experiences out here?"

"Oh yes, I regret to say, past failures had not taught me wisdom. There was a woman living up in the bush, to whom I had done some trifling service, and one night her husband came to see me, with a strange looking beast in his arms, which he said he had brought as a present in return for my kindness to his 'missus.' It was a wombat, *Phascolomys ursinus*, which is peculiar to Tasmania, and certainly he was most amusing. Sometimes he would take it into his head to rush all over the house at full speed, upsetting everything that came in his way; then he would look up at me with his little eyes, as much as to say, 'haven't I been making things lively?' I never confined him, but left him perfectly free, to go and come just as he liked. Sometimes he would absent himself for a day or two, and as on these occasions I always left the door open he would be found lying among the ashes in the fireplace, probably for the sake of warmth."

"Were you not afraid of dogs biting him?"

"The dog has not yet been invented Tommy, whose teeth would make any impression on the hide of a Tasmanian wombat."

"How long did you have him?"

"For about two years, I think; but on one occasion he appeared to be absent for an unusual time, so I made enquiries, but could learn nothing. A good while after I heard indirectly that some 'splitter' living up in a place called 'Slab road' had killed him with an axe. So I went to see about it, and all the satisfaction I got from this idiot was that 'he heard something scratching at the door, and when he went to look found the wombat and thought it was a wild one!'"

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"But that was absurd!"

"Of course; but it would have been idle to say anything. Advance Australia!"

"So I suppose you began to look out for another wombat?"

"No; but one day when I was on Brun Island I came across a couple of young sea-eagles which were not quite able to fly, and I managed to run one of them down, getting my hands nicely scratched over the business, and brought him home in a basket, and fed him on fish, his usual food. In time he grew to be a splendid bird, and as I did not confine him, his habit was to perch on the branch of a tall gum tree. There he would sit and watch me fishing for his dinner, and when I came back to the jetty and held up a rock-cod or a mullet he would fly down and take the fish out of my hand, and go back to his perch to eat it."

"Now I thought to myself I have solved this difficult question of keeping pets. Here I have a fully grown sea-eagle as healthy as he can be, and yet quite tame, and the reason must be that I have never confined or petted him, and I believe still that this conclusion was sound so far as it could be applied, and yet I lost my eagle."

"Ah! how did that happen?"

"Well, you must know, I had neighbours. And one day a young fellow whom I barely knew came and asked me if he could have the loan of my axe, which I had only had for a week or so. Yes, I replied, you may have it if you take care of it, and return it safely! and he brought it back the day after none the worse. A few days after he came for it again, and I let him have it, telling him to look out for the stones, as all the place was covered with shingle, being only a raised beach. The day following I was absent from home, and did not return till late. Next morning when I looked for the axe it could not be found, but after hunting all over the place for it I at length discovered it, hid under a log, and, on taking it up, found there was a gap in the blade a couple of inches across; in fact, the axe was ruined! But, would you believe it, within a week my visitor reappeared, to borrow the axe once more. Then I showed him what he had done, and said I could not agree to his having it any more."

"Then I was compelled to be away for a few days, and on my return missed the shrill greeting of the sea-

eagle, and looked everywhere for it in vain. In fact, I never beheld it again; and a couple of years passed before I got to know what had become of it."

"What was it?"

"Oh, simply that the young fellow that had had my axe killed the poor bird during my absence, because I refused to lend him the axe after he had ruined it. And I should not have known this even then if my informant and the other miscreant had not happened to quarrel. Advance Australia!"

"By Jove! but that was too bad! I suppose, Woodpecker, you were so disgusted that you gave up keeping pets?"

"No, I had another while living down there, but I was hardly responsible for that one."

"Why?"

"Well, you must know, it was a monkey, sent down by a friend living in Hobart; and a note came with it, in which he said the 'beast was quite tame,' sarcastically adding, that it would 'make a nice companion for me!'"

"And pray how did he shape?"

"Pretty well for a time; but unfortunately he developed heniside in an aggravated form."

"Developed what?"

"Heniside. I am compelled to coin a word for what is clearly a new form of disease. The fact is, the beast killed all my fowls!"

"Good gracious! Whatever made him do that?"

"I have not the least idea. But he used to watch me throwing grain about in the yard every morning, so he threw things—bits of his food, and anything he could find; and as soon as a fowl came near enough he would seize it, and at once disembowel it, 'ante ora parentum.' In fact, he killed every bird I had, except an old rooster, who, having seen the others die, had the sense to keep at a distance."

"Shortly after this little episode I went to live at 'Ultima Thule,' and managed to get a pair of laughing jackasses sent over via Melbourne. But alas, they lived only for a short time, although I got them snakes and lizards, and sometimes varied their diet with beetles and cockroaches. Probably the climate was too bleak, and they missed the warmth and shelter of their home in the Gippsland forests."

"And now I must tell you of the last pet I ever had, or mean to have, notwithstanding any temptation that may come."

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in a banksia tree. Presently he at-
tempted his first wavering flight, and
alighted just in front of my horse, on
the grass.

"I jumped off and put him in my
pocket, and brought him home. But
I determined to keep this pet on a
new plan altogether; so I took him
into the garden, put him down, and
left him. Next morning I got a fork
and began to turn over the ground
where he was, and he seemed to take
some interest in the proceeding.

"Presently he picked up a worm of
his own accord, and ate it; then a
grub or two, and then I left him.

"Every morning after this was re-
peated, and the bird appeared to un-
derstand my object, until I only had
to take the fork, and shout 'Dick!'
and up he would come, hopping along,
and feeding himself until I thought he
had enough.

"This continued for at least six
months, and I fondly imagined that the
difficult problem of successfully keep-
ing pets had been solved at last.

"The only thing I had done for this
one was to sink a small pie-dish level
with the ground so that he could have a
drink and a bath whenever he liked.
In fact, the bird was quite tame, but
no one was allowed to touch him or
give him any food."

"But, alas! one morning while we
were all at breakfast one of my little
girls went out for something, and pre-
sently came running back, and ex-
claimed, 'Poor little Dick's dead!'"

"Dead! Where?" I asked, incredu-
lously.

"He's drowned himself in his bath,"
she replied.

"Then everybody rushed out, hoping
that some mistake had been made; but
no, there he was, lying in the pie-dish,
with barely enough water to cover him.
I at once took his little body up and
rolled it in flannel, and put it on the
warm bricks near the oven, hoping that
perhaps there might be some signs of
life. But it was all in vain; he never
moved again. So I solemnly vowed
then and there that I would never again
take bird or beast out of his natural
surroundings and try to make a pet of
it—a resolution which I have kept, and
mean to keep."

"So that was the last of poor Dick?"
"Not quite, for later in the day I
heard my children had decided to have
a funeral, and they asked me to make
a little box and dig a grave in a spot
they had chosen. And when the time
came they were all ready, dressed in
white, and apparently regarding the
affair as a pleasant pantomime. But
when we got to the little grave and I
had lowered the box into it, with the
bird lying on his side, a sudden and
unaccountable change seemed to come
over the spectators. How it all hap-
pened I do not know; but I remember
somebody said, 'Poor Dick!' and an-

other added, 'Poor little fellow!' and
then, without a moment's warning, they
all burst into a perfect storm of grief,
and their weeping and sobbing were
astounding. 'What is all this nonsense
about?' I shouted. 'What on earth are
you crying for? It's only a little bird.'
All the same, Tommy, there was a film
across my eyes, and I stepped behind
the privet hedge and blew my nose vio-
lently, and I registered a vow then and
there, as I told you before, that I would
never again take any bird or animal
out of its natural surroundings and seek
to make a pet of it. And this vow I
have kept."

"And what about my kangaroo-ra—
I mean my rat-kangaroo; will he die,
think you?"

"Well, Tommy, judging from my own
experiences, which you will see have
been large and varied, I think he will.
Anyway, were I in your place, do you
know what I would do?"

"No."

"I would tie up the dog next Saturday
afternoon; then I would put the little
kangaroo into a basket and carry him
carefully back into the Breadalbane
scrub, and leave him there. Depend
upon it, my boy, old Dame Nature is
a wise mother, and knows how to pro-
vide for the well-being of her innu-
merable offspring far better than we
do."

"By jingo, Woodpecker, I think I
will."—Advance Australia!

March 25.

Synod, 1902.

Besides a large number of resolutions
dealing with the disposal or re-arrange-
ment of property, the following were
the most important decisions arrived
at:—

That this Synod heartily approves of
the proposition to make the retail
liquor traffic in the Federal Capital a
monopoly of the Commonwealth Go-
vernment.

That the Diocesan Secretary shall,
early in Lent of each year, call the at-
tention of the churchwardens of every
parish to the resolution in the Digest
(1889), page 118, concerning Easter of-
ferings to the clergy, and request the
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in a banksia tree. Presently he at-
tempted his first wavering flight, and
alighted just in front of my horse, on
the grass.

"I jumped off and put him in my
pocket, and brought him home. But
I determined to keep this pet on a
new plan altogether; so I took him
into the garden, put him down, and
left him. Next morning I got a fork
and began to turn over the ground
where he was, and he seemed to take
some interest in the proceeding.

"Presently he picked up a worm of
his own accord, and ate it; then a
grub or two, and then I left him.

"Every morning after this was re-
peated, and the bird appeared to un-
derstand my object, until I only had
to take the fork, and shout 'Dick!'
and up he would come, hopping along,
and feeding himself until I thought he
had enough.

"This continued for at least six
months, and I fondly imagined that the
difficult problem of successfully keep-
ing pets had been solved at last.

"The only thing I had done for this
one was to sink a small pie-dish level
with the ground so that he could have a
drink and a bath whenever he liked.
In fact, the bird was quite tame, but
no one was allowed to touch him or
give him any food."

"But, alas! one morning while we
were all at breakfast one of my little
girls went out for something, and pre-
sently came running back, and ex-
claimed, 'Poor little Dick's dead!'

"Dead! Where?" I asked, incredu-
lously.

"He's drowned himself in his bath,"
she replied.

"Then everybody rushed out, hoping
that some mistake had been made; but
no, there he was, lying in the pie-dish,
with barely enough water to cover him.
I at once took his little body up and
rolled it in flannel, and put it on the
warm bricks near the oven, hoping that
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then and there that I would never again
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surroundings and try to make a pet of
it—a resolution which I have kept, and
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"So that was the last of poor Dick?"

"Not quite, for later in the day I
heard my children had decided to have
a funeral, and they asked me to make
a little box and dig a grave in a spot
they had chosen. And when the time
came they were all ready, dressed in
white, and apparently regarding the
affair as a pleasant pantomime. But
when we got to the little grave and I
had lowered the box into it, with the
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pened I do not know; but I remember
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astounding. 'What is all this nonsense
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"And what about my kangaroo-ra—
I mean my rat-kangaroo; will he die,
think you?"

"Well, Tommy, judging from my own
experiences, which you will see have
been large and varied, I think he will.
Anyway, were I in your place, do you
know what I would do?"

"No."

"I would tie up the dog next Satur-
day afternoon; then I would put the little
kangaroo into a basket and carry him
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"By jingo, Woodpecker, I think I
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The New Guinea Mission.LETTER TO YOUNG AUSTRALIANS
FROM THE BISHOP.

My Dear Friends,—I want to interest you in the work of the Church in British New Guinea. It has been going on for ten years now, and in view of the white people settling in the country and the immense native population they will mix with it has a strong claim upon all young Australians.

Why is this so? For these reasons:
1. These are our marching orders—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." The command is to "evangelise," not to

convert. This latter is the work of God, the Holy Spirit. But man's duty is to "evangelise," to deliver the "good news" of redemption through the life and death of Jesus Christ, to give "equality" of opportunity to all men everywhere. There is no word in the Bible about waiting until everybody in one place is a true Christian, before the truth is proclaimed elsewhere. We have no right to keep anybody waiting. Men are dying daily, and we want them to hear at once. The seed has to be scattered everywhere, and God will, as He sees fit, "give the increase"—that is, look after the "conversions." But "evangelisation" comes first, and it is your duty and mine to fulfil the Divine command—"The Gospel must be preached to all nations."

I was coming into Sydney one morning last month on the top of an omnibus, and two gentlemen, whom I judged from their conversation to be engaged in the law, were seated near me. As we passed along the front of the houses we saw the lady occupant of one of them applying the hose to her little plot of grass, her creepers, and her flowers. After she had well watered her own garden she turned the hose over the little iron gate on to her neighbour's flowers and grass. This struck one of my companions as a generous act. "That's Christianity," said he; "watering your neighbour's garden." It is also the ground principle of foreign mission work—"watering your neighbour's garden," and not confiding your attention selfishly merely to the needs of your own soul.

2. But British New Guinea is in a sense your own garden. Australia has annexed a territory in that vast island equal in area to the state of Victoria, with half a million souls living in it.

Why did she do this? For defensive purposes. It was not deemed safe by Australian statesmen to leave a coastline only 80 miles distant to the tender mercies of some hostile nation. The northern coast of Australia could be easily menaced, and the command of the Torres Straits, one of the greatest highways of the world, would pass out of our hands.

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only message we have for them? I do not think any of you will say "Yes."

It is our duty to make known to our King's subjects in New Guinea the principles on which our social life rests. The school, the hospital, the Church are too important, too fruitful in beneficent influences to be left out of the landscape, in which we have painted in the hotel, the gaol, and the barracks.

But to the great mass of natives in New Guinea teaching, healing, and nursing, and moral and spiritual influences can only come through the missionary, and they cannot come through him without your help.

The work of the Government, "pressure from without," must be supplemented by the work of the Church, "influence from within." What right have we to shoot and imprison men for fighting and stealing if we do not teach them why those things are wrong?

There are no schools or nurses or religious teachers in British New Guinea except those supplied by the mission.

Will you back them up, and extend their beneficent work, giving the Papuan a share in the noblest side of our civilisation?

3. New Guinea is now, from the point of view of civilisation, very much where Australia was a century ago. I want you, therefore, to do for New Guinea what England has done, and in parts of Western Australia and Queensland is still doing, for you. Bishops, clergy, money for churches, stipends, endowments were lavishly contributed from England. Some of the sums that were so given to the Church in Australia in the early days bought land, which now supplies the means and support on which the Church relies for some of the most useful of her work. Nothing disgusts me more than to hear Australians refusing scornfully to help New Guinea, when they themselves perhaps, certainly thousands of their fellow Australians, are still asking the old country for Bishops for their leading sees and clergy for their back-blocks. Let us be fair all round. "All get and no give" is a very ugly attitude of heart and mind. "Freely ye have received, freely give," and you will be all the better for it in pocket and in character.

I have in my possession the jaw-bone of a New Guinea boy of 15 years or so, who was eaten by a raiding tribe of cannibals near the Kumusi river,

only three miles from the coast, in September last. I want to found our next mission station on that river. Will Young Australia help Young Papua by giving me £500 to found and maintain that station for three years? That boy so horribly murdered and eaten, only a few months ago, might now be a mission boy on one of our stations, living happily and learning rapidly, had we pressed forward our Master's work more earnestly in years gone by.

Will you pray for a blessing on this work? Will you give up something week by week to enable it to be carried on? Then, perhaps, the day may come when you will yourself go to New Guinea and take part in it, helping to brighten and cheer darkened hearts and neglected lives in that far-away land. It will be a joy to me to welcome you to New Guinea, or ever to know that you are helping with your money and your prayers those who represent you in your mission there.

With every good wish for your welfare, I remain, ever your sincere friend,

M. J. NEW GUINEA.

Full information about the mission can be obtained from the N.G.M. offices—Sydney, 77 Queen Victoria Markets; Melbourne, Cathedral Buildings. The Rev. W. R. Mounsey, organising secretary, will be delighted to hear from any young Australians who feel called either to go to New Guinea or help the work in Australia. He suggests that those who cannot go to the front should help those who are there, first by prayer, and then by raising £5 a year (2s a week) to feed, clothe, and educate a New Guinea boy at the mission. The quarterly letter to young people will be sent to anyone asking for it. Foreign stamps are very useful. Now is the time to do something; do not put it off, but resolve to do it at once.

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Owing to the extreme pressure upon our columns, it has now become absolutely necessary to limit the amount of space at the disposal of each parish for notices and records of events. As a rule parishes which sell 100 copies will be allowed one column (400 words), and others less in proportion, according to the number sold. If more matter than this is sent in it will be subject to a rigid curtailment. Writers, therefore, should bear in mind that "Brevity is exceeding merit."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A correspondent at Mole Creek writes a somewhat lengthy eulogy of the good work done in that neighbourhood by the Rev. A. G. Lingley and his band of workers.—Ed.

THE

Church Messenger.

LAUNCESTON, MAY 17, 1902.

The Temperance Problem.

One of the most important recent contributions to the somewhat voluminous literature of this problem is most undoubtedly Messrs. Rowntree and Sherwell's "The Temperance Problem and Social Reform," which, though published so far back as 1899, has run through eight editions, and has also within the last few months attained the distinct dignity of a sixpenny edition.

The keynote of the book is struck by the second clause in the title, for though there have been books in superabundance dealing with the problem in general, yet the number treating it from a sociological point of view is very limited indeed. At a time when our local licensing laws are about to undergo revision, and it seems more than

possible that increased and very unnecessary facilities may be given to the trade, it seems to us to be very advisable to direct the attention of all really thinking men and women to this book, and to endeavour to induce them to study it that they may have some rational understanding of the points at issue, something not unfrequently wanting in a good many earnest temperance advocates.

The book opens with a statement of the problem—the relation of intemperance to national life and efficiency and the social and political menace of the drink traffic. To attempt to give even the briefest outline of this section of the book would be to attempt the obvious, for unhappily the problem is one with which every clergyman—nay more, every thinking man and woman—must be familiar; yet it is worth while to notice a fact brought out by Messrs. Rowntree and Sherwell, and it is this—that while there has been a distinct growth in the temperance sentiment there has also been an increase in the consumption of alcohol. From which the conclusion is very fairly apparent that the problem is one which needs solution.

From the statement of the case our authors have gone on to discuss some of the solutions which have been attempted, such as "state prohibition," enforced in two of the United States; "local option," as enforced in not a few other of the states; high license, also an American idea, as is the Dispensary system; the Government spirit monopoly of Russia; the company system of Sweden and Norway, better known, perhaps, as the Gothenburg system. The majority of these solutions are condemned as being either inadequate or partial failures. Prohibition is described as being very distinctly a partial failure in Maine and Kansas, the two states where it is enforced.

A good many reasons are given for this poor result, among which is one of no small moment, namely, the corrupt and degraded state of local politics, which makes anything like a rigid enforcement of the law impossible; but

the important reason given—so far as the general argument of the book is concerned—for the intermittent and defective administration of the law is that public opinion, so far from being united in favour of the law, is very greatly divided on the question.

As regards local option, the authors' verdict is fairly expressed by the following extract:—"It has succeeded precisely where prohibition has succeeded, namely, in rural districts; it has only been found operative in the larger towns." As regards "high license," which briefly may be defined as placing very heavy taxation on the trade, the condemnation is not less emphatic.

Practically it has not made for temperance at all, for in the states of New York, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania, though it was expected to operate in the reduction of the number of saloons, it has simply resulted in the creation of unlicensed drinking dens. But perhaps the gravest impeachment brought against this system is that it leaves the political power of the trade unimpaired—the electioneering influence of the saloon untouched. Two other evils of this system are worth noticing. It gives the districts benefiting by the increased revenue from license fees a direct interest in the traffic, and secondly, it intensifies the interest of the dealers in pushing sales.

As regards the Russian spirit monopoly, our authors, while admitting that it has been entered into with an honest desire to lessen intemperance, yet raise a query as to whether it is prudent to give the state the revenue from drink, as in time it might become the important thing in the official mind. Certainly the monopoly has operated in the great reduction of drunkenness, but then it has been helped by the rigid quasi-paternal Government of the country, which could hardly be imitated elsewhere.

As regards the Dispensary system, which may be defined as a system under which the retail trade in liquor is taken out of private hands and carried on in dispensaries under public management,

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The last of these attempted solutions of the temperance question considered by Messrs. Rowntree and Sherwell is the company system of Sweden and Norway, which, broadly speaking, surrenders the trade into the hands of companies under very stringent restrictions designed to minimise the evil of the trade. Perhaps its most glaring defect consists in the appropriation of a part of the profits to rate aid—always somewhat dangerous. Yet in many ways this system has done more for temperance than any which the wit of man has been able to devise.

The last section of the book is devoted to the solution of the problem, and merits most careful study. Its leading ideas can best be expressed by such words as public control, education, recreation, and the like. Space forbids our doing more in conclusion than urging on our readers the imperative duty of studying these questions and of arriving at some definite opinion, based not upon passion nor prejudice, but knowledge. A careful perusal of Messrs. Rowntree and Sherwell's great work will be most useful for this purpose.

What to Read.

At the present time there are a large number of thoughtful persons who are anxious to learn the truth about the Reformation, and to understand the position of our Church on various subjects under discussion. For the guidance of such we propose to recommend books giving reliable information. They will be stocked by Messrs. Hopwood and Co., Brisbane-street, Launceston; also at the Diocesan Book Depot, Murray-street, Hobart. The following should be read by everyone:—

"Macoll's Reformation Settlement" 4/
"What does the Church of England Say?" 3/
"The Church and Her Accusers" 2/
"The Church and Her Teachings" 2/6
"A First Book on the Church" 1/
"A First Book on Church Principles" 1/6
"Mason's Faith of the Gospel" ... 4/
Some of the above are already in stock. Orders for the others may be booked.

PARISH ECHOES.

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For some considerable time past the condition of the walls and foundations of the chancel has been such as to cause grave anxiety to the wardens, and recently exhaustive reports have been obtained from Messrs. Walker and Salier, architects, and from Messrs. Stabb Bros., builders. These tend to show that immediate attention should be given to that portion of the church, and at a recent meeting of the wardens it was decided to obtain an estimate of cost of repair, and to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Parish Council. When the time comes for subscription lists to be opened we trust that no difficulty will be met in raising the necessary funds. We shall look to all those, and they are many,

whose early church associations are those of S. John's to assist, and we confidently trust that they will not see their old church tumble down for need of funds to repair it.

At a meeting of the S. Andrew's Brotherhood, held on April 17, Mr. A. Chatterton was elected secretary and director in place of Mr. Brammall, who has gone to Deloraine. The director, on behalf of the chapter, presented Canon Finnis and Mr. Brammall each with a nicely bound hand-book of the brotherhood, and the recipients warmly thanked the members. Mr. J. A. Tate has kindly repaired and rebound the lectern Bible.

On Tuesday, May 6, the annual flower show in connection with the parish was held in the schoolroom. Lady Dodds arrived at 3 p.m., and was met by the Rector, and, replying to his words of greeting, Lady Dodds declared the show open, expressing the pleasure it gave her to do so, and hoping the results would be satisfactory. This hope was verified in every way, for the show compared favourably with those of a like kind which have been held in the past. The Parish Council was responsible for organising the show, and, as usual, the greater portion of the work fell on the shoulders of the secretary. Mr. V. F. Chambers was, however, quite equal to the strain, and much of its success is due to his energy.

Miss F. Rule gives us her annual report of the A.M.U. During the year ten meetings have been held, and papers have been read on the following subjects:—Life of Bishop Smithies, by Miss C. Norris; Missionary Work in Africa, by Mr. John Stone; Universities' Missions in Africa, by Miss Newman; The S.P.G., by Miss M. Johnstone; Melanesian Mission, by Mr. Brammall; Missionary Work Before the Reformation, by Canon Finnis; and Life of Bishop Paterson, by Miss F. Rule. Besides the above papers the Bishop spoke on missions in general, Miss Kingsmill on work in China, and



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Rev. W. S. Stone on work in South Africa. A sum of £8 3s 7d has been forwarded to the N.G. Fund, and a parcel of clothes made by the members reached the station just in time for Christmas. Members do not increase in number, but they could be more regular at the meetings.

Baptisms for Month.—April 9th, Harry Austin Abel; 13th, Joseph Champ; 15th, Florence Mary Johnson, William Edward Warn; 16th, Zoe Isabel Shott; 20th, Vivienne Lucy James; 23rd, Phyllis Beatrice Giblin; 28th, Clytie Vera Jane Carpenter, Doris May Brown.

Wedding.—Cyril Royal Aubrey to Ada Elizabeth Eretta O'Rourke, May 1. Burial.—Doris May Brown, April 30.

LILYDALE.

Now that Easter has passed, when so many changes take place amongst our clergy, we have to chronicle the arrival of Mr. S. P. H. Martin from Waratah. Our harvest thanksgiving service and distribution of prizes took place on April 13 in the church, which was appropriately and beautifully decorated by kind and willing hands. The principal decorative texts were "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow" and "While the earth remaineth seed time and harvest shall not cease." Mr. Martin preached an instructive and encouraging sermon, making many kind and appreciative remarks to the children as he presented the prizes. We are glad to join in the universal praise of the district which is being bestowed upon Mr. Martin for the energetic, untiring, and most unselfish manner in which he is endeavouring to cement the good feelings of the people in the parish, evidently being a firm believer in the motto "Unity is strength." He has already formed a choir, ladies' work guild, and boys' intellectual and physical club, all of which in so scattered a district call for one's constant and untiring attention. We trust that his labours may be abundantly blessed.

DEVONPORT.

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in S. Paul's Sunday schoolroom, East Devonport, on April 13. Present.—The rector (in the chair), and Messrs. M. Loane, L. Wilson, from S. James's, Northdown; C. Naylor and J. Chapman from S. John's, Devonport; and F. Squire, W. C. Towsey, and Major Spilsbury, from S. Paul's, East Devonport. An apology was sent from Mr. Nichols, of the Don. The hon. treasurer stated that the stipend for 1901 had been paid up, with the exception of £12, and that £10 being paid at this meeting would enable him to send the whole amount to the Diocesan Secretary at once. The assessments for stipend purposes for the various subdivisions of the parish for the year 1902 were agreed to be as follows:—

West Devonport, £80; East Devonport, £51; Northdown, £55; Don, £10; total, £196.

It was agreed that in future the quarterly meeting should be held on the second Monday in January, April, July, and October, at East Devonport at 7.30 p.m.

Through the kindness of the Rev. J. E. M. Roche, the principal of the Devonport Church High School, and the lay readers, the Rector was enabled to stay in Hobart the Sunday after the close of Synod. The funeral of Canon Banks-Smith taking place that Sunday, he was present with many other clergymen from all parts of the diocese to show respect to that good man, who was loved and respected by all his clerical brethren in Tasmania.

We are sorry to have to report the serious illness of Dr. Smith, who until about twelve months ago was for some years hon. lay reader at S. Paul's, East Devonport. We trust he may soon be restored to his usual good health.

We omitted in our last notes to mention the kind and thoughtful present of Mr. J. C. Leupolt of ten chairs and a table for the new Sunday schoolroom of S. Paul's, East Devonport, which are much appreciated by the teachers and scholars. We have now to announce the arrival and placing on the shelves of the library of the same school over one hundred new books for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. A sum of £4 was sent home, and the society kindly doubled the amount, for which we desire to tender them our grateful thanks. Any parishioner, as well as Sunday scholars, can obtain books by applying to the librarian (Miss Wilmer, the rectory).

It is expected that a monthly Sunday service will be started, commencing on the first Sunday in June at 3.30 p.m. at the residence of Mr. Wilson, Melrose, and as the new bridge over the Mersey will be opened in a few days the rector hopes also to hold a monthly week-night service at the same place.

Baptisms.—April 16, Emma Elizabeth Sayer; May 5th, Eric James Laphorne. Marriage.—April 9, John William Henry Hardstaff to Jessie Ann Jones.

RCS' VFEARS.

There are many workers at our pretty little church who are ever ready to help to make it more beautiful. It did indeed show to good advantage on March 5, when it was decorated for the marriage of Miss Amy Rosevear to Mr. Alec. Freeland. Miss Rosevear has long been connected with S. Matthias as an earnest worker; she will indeed be missed. For several years she has filled the position of honorary organist in a most pleasing manner. She also undertook many other duties in connection with the church, bazaar work, etc., etc. On the eve of her marriage Miss Rosevear was presented with a hand-

some marble clock in recognition of her services as organist of S. Matthias, and postmistress of the district. As the clock was presented some very complimentary remarks were made to the recipient. The name of Rosevear has long been connected with this church. In 1851 Miss Rosevear's grandfather was elected warden. Since then her father and brother have several times filled that position. Our harvest thanksgiving was held on the third Sunday in April. Rev. H. Edwards preached in the afternoon. At evening song Mr. Haslam, a lay reader from Holy Trinity, Launceston, assisted by Claud Rosevear, took the service.

BRIDGEWATER.

On Monday night, April 14, opportunity was taken by residents of the township to acknowledge the services of the Misses M'Williams, state school teachers, who have recently removed to Claremont. At the quarterly meeting, held in S. Mary's Church, the Rector, on behalf of the attendants of the church, presented a nicely-framed address expressive of the loss the church would sustain, and thanking them for the many services rendered during a residence of 21 years. Afterwards, at the hall, Mr. T. Hodgman, M.H.A., was voted to the chair, and in referring to the departure of the Misses M'Williams, spoke, as visitor to the school, in highest praise of their ability as teachers. He called on Mr. W. N. Jones, one of the late teachers' old scholars, to read a beautifully framed address, in which the residents expressed their deep debt of gratitude to the Misses M'Williams for conscientious attention to duties, and expressed the hope that their removal would be to their advantage. Accompanying the address was a massive silver-plated tea service and salver, which was suitably inscribed, and which the chairman presented from the residents, with the remark that all hoped they might live long to enjoy the use of these articles. Mr. Geo. E. Piesse and the Rev. H. H. Marten also spoke in eulogistic terms of the teachers. Miss M'Williams replied very feelingly, expressing the thanks of her sister, Miss Lizzie, and herself, for these last acts of kindness from those she had lived so long amongst. Words, she said, failed her to properly express

all they felt. Cheers for the Misses M'Williams, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Piesse and the chairman, brought the meeting to a close.

SHEFFIELD.

The postponed sports and tea are fixed to take place at Sheffield on Wednesday, May 14. The results of the Lent self-denial are nearly all to hand, though a few shillings may come in yet. The total amount realised is a few pence short of £10, of which Sheffield contributed £7 5s 1d, Wilmot £1 5s 6d, Beulah 10s 10½d, and Nook 17s. The donors have allocated their contributions as follows:—Vicarage debt, £6 0s 7d; church debt, £2 13s 3d. Beulah church, 1s; foreign mission, 4s 1½d; Devon Hospital, 19s 6d. The amount of the contributions of course varied, but the form in which most of them were presented showed that they were the result of definite self-denial. The Wilmot harvest festival service on April 20 was most hearty. The little building, which was most elaborately decorated, was crowded to the doors, and a large number were unable to gain admission. The amount contributed by the worshippers totalled 19s 5d. A similar service is to be held at Beulah next Sunday.

CARRICK.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, April 13, as follows:—Illawarra, 11 a.m.; Carrick, 7 p.m.; Bishopsbourne, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Illawarra church was very creditably decorated by the Sunday school children, and at Carrick the decorations were simple, in the very best taste, and altogether what they should be, the church looking very pretty.

The Diocesan Inspector having decided that only one Bishop's prize should be given this year in each parish, instead of a prize to each school, the acting Rector has presented a prize on his own account to Ida Bellinger, of Hadspen State School, and Adye M'Bain, of Bishopsbourne State School, both of whom passed with credit. It is believed that next year we shall revert to the old plan, and a prize will be given to each school where it is merited.

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The annual subscription to the "Messenger" is now due, and may be paid, at any time to the acting Rector, who has made himself responsible for the amount due from the whole parish.

Baptism.—In S. Andrew's, Carrick, May 4, Augustus George Delphin.

Communicants and Offertories.—April 6—Carrick (14), 15s 6d; Bishopsbourne, 4s 0½d; Illawarra, 4s 9d. 13th—Carrick (3), 17s 8d; Bishopsbourne, £2 12s 3d; Illawarra, 13s 4d. 20th—Carrick 2s 7d; Bishopsbourne, 4s 6d; Illawarra, (16) 13s. 27th—Carrick, 2s 6d; Bishopsbourne, 4s 9d; Illawarra, no service. Total for April—Carrick, £1 18s 5d; Bishopsbourne, £3 5s 6½d; Illawarra, £1 11s 1d.

LONGFORD.

It is intended to hold the spring bulb show in September. Will all friends mark this and prepare for it? The harvest thanksgiving service was held at Pateena on Sunday, April 13. The little chapel was decorated with grain, vegetables, fruit, pot plants, and was filled on this occasion with worshippers. Why is this not always so? The services are regular; the people should attend them. Mrs. Dumaesq continues her labour of love on Sundays in teaching the children of this part of the parish. The harvest festival at Cressy road took place on April 27; about 40 were present. There should have been many more, especially farmers. The next monthly service will be held there on May 25 at 3 p.m.

On Saturday, April 19, the choir and other church workers met at the Rectory to say farewell to Miss Ward; to wish her happiness in her future married life. The Rector, in the name of her fellow workers, spoke of her devotion to her duties in choir and Sunday school, and presented her with a

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handsome plated jug. Miss Ward made a suitable reply.

Our organist, Mr. Harington, having obtained six months' leave of absence, is going to England. A social was tendered to him on the eve of his departure.

A very successful show of fruit, vegetables, etc., was held at Perth on St. George's Day, April 23, £30 being raised. We hope to give more particulars later.

S. JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON.

Our annual harvest thanksgiving services were held on April 13. The decorations on these occasions are always good, and provoke high praise. This year they were "exquisite." The wealth of colour of every conceivable shade of gold and scarlet from the blended tints of fruit and autumn leaves was perfectly lovely to look up. The names of the ladies who did all this, and they were many, we will not give. There is a growing belief amongst them, and it is a noble and proper one, that their work is an offering to God, and is not meant for parade in newspapers. Yet we thank them sincerely, in God's name, for their willing and gifted help. Services were held at 8, 11, 3, 7. That in the afternoon was for children, and was full of brightness. In the evening a hundred at least were unable to gain admission to the building, and amongst them many whom we were truly sorry to know had to be turned away.

On the following Sunday S. Aidan's put on her festal robes, and vied with the Parish Church for the "primacy." The little church was certainly at its best, and much praise was given to those who decked it.

The music both at S. John's and at S. Aidan's was very good.

On Tuesday, April 22, the Rev. F. A. Fernau delivered a most interesting and telling lecture on "English Church His-

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tory," in the schoolroom. It was beautifully illustrated by lantern slides. The room was well filled, and the general verdict "that it was one of the best lectures we have heard for a long time."

Mrs. J. H. Fray, with her usual energy, is arranging a taking little children's cantata for May 21. It promises to be highly attractive and popular. The proceeds are in aid of the church extension.

Steps, we understand, have been taken to start the walls of the new building at once. Laus Deo!

On Ascension Day a united service of the three parishes was held in S. John's Church. The music was rendered by the combined choirs. The preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon Whittington, who delivered a stirring address from the words, "Ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken from thee." The first lesson was read by the Rev. W. S. Stone and the second by the Rev. E. G. Barry. The service was intoned by the Rev. C. G. Wilkinson. The other clergy present were Revs. A. Barkway and F. A. Fernau. The Rector (Canon Beresford) and Rev. C. A. Pawns were both prevented by indisposition from attending. The church was crowded with worshippers. The collection, amounting to nearly £5, was devoted to the Choir Fund.

"An Evening with the Kiddies" is the title of a concert to be given in S. John's Schoolroom on May 21. The proceeds are to be given to the Church Extension Fund, and a good evening's amusement is promised those who attend the performance. The programme is under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Fray, and is presented entirely by children. Admission is 1s, children 6d.

S. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN.

S. Oswald's, Trevallyn, is pursuing the even tenor of its way. The annual meeting was better attended than for some years past, and the finances showed that all engagements had been met, and there was a small balance in hand. The expenditure for the year was £64. As the outcome of the annual meeting a ladies' committee has been formed, and one of their first acts was to organise a very pleasant social. The building was full, and those present seemed to enjoy themselves. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Thomlinson, who kindly attended, added considerably to the pleasure of the evening by their contributions, and several young Trevallyn aspirants also acquitted themselves creditably. Miss May Edwards sang clearly and sweetly, Miss Hilda Beck showed to advantage in an instrumental solo, and Miss May Standrin, Miss Parsons, and Miss Turner took part in

instrumental duets. Mr. and Mrs. Parker (old favourites) also gave a vocal duet, and Mrs. Parker a solo. The social financially was a success, over £4 being netted. Messrs. Munnew and Findlay kindly lent the piano. The ladies' committee purpose raising funds for a new carpet, which is much needed, and hope to carry out several other improvements. The monthly morning service lately arranged by the Rev. Canon Beresford, promises to be well attended, and to add materially to the welfare and success of the church.

HOLY TRINITY, LAUNCESTON.

On Tuesday evening, April 29, the Girls' and Young Men's Clubs opened their winter season by giving a combined social in the schoolroom. The entertainment was well attended by members of both clubs. Mr. E. Whitfield led off by reading an impressive and eloquent paper on the life of the late Bishop Hannington, which was listened to with rapt attention, and, to judge by the applause, thoroughly appreciated. The young people spent the remainder of the evening amid the delights of indoor games of every variety and light refreshments; and if bright faces and merry laughter are any indication of enjoyment, the evening was a complete success.

A week later, on Tuesday May 6, Archdeacon Whittington gave a series of readings entitled "American Wit and Humour" to a delighted audience in the parish schoolroom. In spite of a wet evening, a full house greeted our popular lecturer, and the unceasing ripples and roars of laughter that flowed through the house told how fully the various selections from Max Adeler, Mark Twain, Bret Harte, etc., were appreciated. Mrs. A. C. Ferrall, Miss D. Collins, and Messrs. Leslie E. Morgan and Frost supplied vocal items during the interval, Miss K. Richardson acting as accompanist. The proceeds will be devoted to wiping out the debt on the Sunday schools.

Our thanks are again due to the Revs. C. G. Wilkinson and W. S. Stone for kindly taking duty at the parish church on Sunday, April 27, thus enabling the Rector to remain in Hobart to represent the clergy of Launceston at the funeral of the late Canon Banks Smith.

The Rector would remind all communicants who intend to make offerings towards the fund for providing a holy table for the new church that it will be a distinct help to have their promises of donations at an early date. It is important that the work should

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S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

The yearly harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, April 13. Uncertain, showery weather accounted for a moderate attendance at morning service; but in the evening the hall was literally packed, when the Rev. W. S. Stone gave a telling, vigorous address, basing his remarks on Gal. vi., 7-9. The schoolroom had been lavishly decorated with much taste and care by a small band of willing helpers, whose labour of love did them infinite credit.

The following Wednesday the first of a series of monthly entertainments—a most successful harvest social—was given by the church workers. The decorations had been renewed with freshly gathered flowers, and added to with festoons of flags, so that, as one entered its doors, the hall wore a bright air of welcome. The evening was passed in the most pleasant, informal manner, and evidently thoroughly enjoyed by all present. An especial word of praise is due to Mr. J. H. Brown, whose originality provides us each year with clever and novel designs for church decorations. Besides faithfully discharging his duties as organist, Mr. Brown is the moving spirit in every good work in connection with the church at Invermay, be it a pleasant or unpleasant task. Indeed, we are more deeply indebted to his untiring labour of love than many of us wot of.

Mrs. A. Weedon, Miss Bonnerly, and the Misses Barnard, Goyder, Warner, and O'Halloran are also heartily to be congratulated on the artistic and efficient manner in which they managed both the decorations for the thanksgiving services and refreshments at the social.

On Thursday evening, May 1, the Rev. F. A. Fernau gave a most interesting and instructive lecture in the schoolroom entitled "An Evening with the Church of England." In an able manner the lecturer briefly sketched in outline the history of our Church from the earliest times to the present day. His remarks were profusely illustrated with lantern views, including a magnificent series of our English cathedrals. The attendance was unusually meagre for Invermay, owing, no doubt, to short notice and counter attractions of a mass political meeting at the Al-

bert Hall. Those who stayed away missed a real treat. The Building Fund reaped 9s profit after defraying incidental expenses. Mr. Harold Brown-rigg kindly managed the lantern. It is proposed to arrange for a series of monthly entertainments at S. George's schoolroom during the winter evenings, should the patronage accorded the effort warrant its being made. Early in June the Rev. C. A. Fawns will read a paper entitled "A Christmas Holiday in Rome," which will be illustrated with lantern views.

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Sundays.—Holy Communion on the first and third Sunday after matins; on the second and fourth Sundays at 8 a.m., and on the fifth Sunday at 10 a.m.; matins and sermon, 11 a.m.; evening-song and sermon, 7 p.m.; the Catechism meets in the church at 3 p.m.

Week Days.—Matins, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 10 a.m.; evening-song, followed by choir practice, on Fridays at 7.30 p.m.; Holy Baptism any morning after matins.

The Communicants' Class will meet in the church on Tuesday, June 10, at 8 p.m.

The Catechism.—The following names have been added to the roll of honour, having obtained the 'Red Seal' excellent for analyses of the instructions:—Katie Barrett, Walter Rogers, Olive Bennett, and Hilda Atkinson.

The 19th Century Thanksgiving Fund.—The total reached for this year at present amounts to £25 7s 1d. A number of subscribers are in arrears with their payments. Doubtless this will soon be rectified.

The "Church Messenger" is winning its way, but there are yet many who ought to become subscribers. The full year's members can be obtained by applying to the Rev. W. S. Stone.

The Children's Column.**DAILY BIBLE READINGS.**

(From the Brisbane Diocesan Syllabus.)

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- 1—First Sunday after Trinity.
- 2—M., S. John, 13, 1-5.
- 3—Tu., S. John, 14, 15-21.
- 4—W., S. John, 15, 8-15.
- 5—Th., S. John, 16, 7-14.
- 6—F., S. John, 16, 26-33.
- 7—S., S. John, 17, 20-26.
- 8—Second Sunday after Trinity.
- 9—M., S. John, 18, 24-28.
- 10—Tu., S. John, 19, 1-7.
- 11—W., S. Barnabas.
- 12—Th., S. John, 19, 17-24.
- 13—F., S. John, 20, 1-10.
- 14—S., S. John, 20, 19-23.
- 15—Third Sunday after Trinity.
- 16—M., Acts, 1, 6-11.
- 17—Tu., Acts, 2, 1-6.
- 18—W., Acts, 2, 38-42.
- 19—Th., Acts, 3, 1-7.
- 20—F., Acts, 4, 5-12.
- 21—S., Acts, 4, 31-37.
- 22—Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
- 23—M., Acts, 6, 1-7.
- 24—T., S. John Baptist.
- 25—W., Acts, 7, 1-8.
- 26—Th., Acts, 7, 54-60.
- 27—F., Acts, 8, 14-17.
- 28—S., Acts, 8, 35-40.
- 29—Sunday, S. Peter.
- 30—M., Acts, 9, 1-9.

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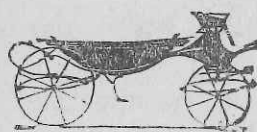
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Harvest thanksgiving services have been held at S. Mark's and all the outlying churches, at the room lately erected at Jackey's Marsh, and at the state schools at Parkham and Kimberley. Decorations were tastefully and elaborately made, and congregations exceptionally good. On the 19th the Rev. Canon Herbert R. Finnis was solemnly inducted to the charge of the parish, after evensong, by the Administrator, the Venerable Archdeacon F. T. Whittington. There have been two meetings of the churchwardens of S. Mark's, and it has been decided to hold the annual meeting on Tuesday, May 11, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The new rector wishes to thank the parishioners for the kind and generous way in which he and Mr. Brammall have been received, and assures them that it will be his aim to serve them

in the sacred ministry, God's Holy Church, to His glory and the good of the souls entrusted to his care.

At most of the churches special hymns have been sung, and prayers offered, for lady workers of the parish now en voyage to the old country. Those who most regret their departure should now set themselves to show by increased devotion to the Church in prayer and almsgiving, that the earnest labours of these ladies have not been in vain.

The services, with one or two omissions and some alterations in the hours of holding them (made in the interests of horse flesh), have been continued as heretofore. It is the intention of the Rector to carry on, as far as may be possible, the good work continued and initiated by the late Rector, and that, slowly and carefully, trying at present simply to learn his way about. The church school is steadily going on under the charge of Mrs. Hayes, assisted by the Rev. J. Hayes, Miss C. Mabel Shoobridge and Miss Morgan. The religious instruction is shared by the clergy and Mr. Brammall. The Parkham Church is rapidly approaching completion, and will be a pretty, as well as useful, building. It is the wish of the people that the late Rector shall take part in the opening service, which will probably take place next month.

Baptisms.—April 1, Shirley Louisa Addison; 12th, Myrtle Elvina Richards (private baptism).

Marriage.—April 23, William Aylett to Alice Sherriff.

Burials.—March 1, Elsie Andrews, aged 16 years; April 4, Isabella McGregor, aged 38 years; 21st, Joseph Albert Chaplin, aged three months; 15th, Joseph Raynor, aged 60 years.

MACQUARIE PLAINS.

We held our harvest festivals in April, except at Bluff, where the festival will take place on Whit Sunday. The churches were beautifully decorated, and there were large congregations.

The Ven. Archdeacon Whittington visited us on the 30th ult., and gave one of his entertaining readings at the annual tea meeting. The proceeds of the meeting, amounting to £5, go to the Stipend Fund.

On Friday last, 2nd inst., by invitation of Mr. Bell, parents and friends of the children met at the state school for the prize-giving and school feast. Hon. Ellis Dean gave away the prizes. The day was bright, the children enjoyed themselves, and everyone went home happy.

FORTH AND LEVEN.

A ruridecanal meeting of the two Rural Deaneries of Burnie and Devonport was held at Ulverstone on April

9, at which a fair number of clergy and laymen were present. The proceedings were as follow:—Litany and Holy Eucharist, at 10.30 a.m.; chapter, 2 p.m.; conference, 4 p.m.; and evensong and sermon by the Rev. J. Wilmer, 7 p.m.

A coffee supper in aid of the Sunday school prizes was held at North Mot-ton on Thursday, the 17th. As usual, the ladies of the district maintained their reputation for cake-making, and those who partook certainly had no reason to grumble at the excellence of the fare spread before them.

The Rector and Mr. Earle attended Synod. Now that the coast is clear for raising funds, we shall soon hope to see the building of the new parsonage put in hand, and in a few months the Rector's labours lightened and time saved by living a convenient distance from the church.

Copies of the new list of services for the next four months have been distributed over the parish. We regret the loss of both Major Brown and Mr. E. Adams from the number of helpers since it was drawn up, though we must heartily congratulate the major on his appointment, and Mr. Adams on being chosen for the front.

Baptisms.—April 1, Frederick Vale, 15th, Albert James, s. John and Jane Cox, Kindred; 17th, Irene Mary, d. James and Mary Johnstone, Ulverstone.

QUAMBY AND HAGLEY.

The parish has sustained a loss in the person of Mr. Richard Boutcher, a colonist of 75 years' standing. His father first took up his abode at Frogmore, near Sorell, and Richard, when 12 years of age, used to drive a bullock cart across the flats for stores, and sometimes the tide would come in before he could return, and the body of the cart would be in the water. When the lad was fourteen his father came north. There are few people in the state in private life more widely known or highly respected than Mr. Boutcher. He was successful both in agriculture and stock raising. He had a kind heart and an open hand, and his word was his bond. He was twice married, and leaves a widow and a numerous family of sons and daughters. The funeral, at St. Mary's Church and cemetery, was largely attended. Amongst the followers were the Hon. T. Reibey, member for the district, and Mr. Burke, warden and member for Cressy. The deceased was in his 82nd year.

SPRENT.

Parish Echoes from Sprent received too late for insertion in this issue.