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OUR SPIRITUAL NEED.

We appeal to those of our fellow Churchmen who are as distressed as we are at the alarming indifference to Divine truth and worship which prevails among us to fasten their hopes upon the only remedy that can ever avail to bring the people back to the worship of God, namely, a real out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. Till we feel that we need that we shall have to remain as we are, and, if Christian history repeats itself, to see things becoming worse instead of better.

We are in the thick of difficulties which I venture to say were never greater in the memory of man. The wholesale indifference to religious truth and worship amongst all classes is absolutely appalling. It is growing at a frightful rate. The very atmosphere we live in seems to feed it. The Church, with her noble and splendid workers, and her manifold and glorious schemes of Christian endeavour, is powerless to arrest it. It is only a fringe of the people that she touches. The great masses brush by her without a thought of her existence. The hearts of the bravest men who are doing her work are sometimes broken to pieces by failure; and the religious outlook was never so gloomy as it is to-day.

Of course, there is another side to all this, with which we are not concerned for the moment. There is much to encourage; but we are living in a fool's paradise if we refuse to look things in the face and to recognise facts as they exist; and the facts are glaring and are such as bring every earnest minister of Christ to his knees before God, that He might revive His work in our midst. The remedies that are suggested

are repeatedly incomplete and wide of the mark. Men seriously meet together and discuss the present conditions, and separate with the only result in their minds that perhaps if we preached better, or had more simple services or more elaborate ones; or the Church were more democratic; or we threw ourselves more into social work; or less, things would be different; as if all or any of these—conducive as some of them may be to wider spiritual results—in any way touched the real weakness from which we are suffering.

The real element of weakness—the real want in Church-life and Church-work and Church-workers to-day—is the lack of Baptism of fire and power from God. We want the anointing of the Spirit. We want Pentecostal outpouring and life. If we were all mightily filled, as the earliest Church was, with the Holy Ghost, the signs of the Spirit would be present, and the fire of God would run along the ground; our hearts would be enlarged; our mouths would be opened; our activities stimulated; our influence multiplied a hundredfold; and the Church of the living God, in the power of an outpoured Spirit, would carry the forces of evil before it.

Why cannot the whole Church of England come away for a moment into the wilderness before God, and plead, and plead with conquering unanimity before Him for that which can alone help us in our distress—a Pentecost of Blessing, and an outpouring of the Spirit?

Many of us look with confidence and expectation, but sometimes with a little disappointment, to the rulers of the church for a definitely spiritual lead. Why will they not give it?

Why is the Church of England to be the only spiritual body in the land which is allowed to be left without any distinctly spiritual call from its rulers to cry out for the power of God? Why cannot the Bishops, in one great pronouncement, summon us all to bury our differences and to unite as one man, in every parish, in churches, in meetings, in family and private worship, to plead with God for one thing—that He would pour out His Spirit upon the land, and baptise us all with fire for the tremendous and blessed work which He has put into our hands.

Such a pronouncement God would honour. Such a call God might be expected to respond to; and how it would encourage the hearts and stimulate the endeavours and strengthen the faith of thousands of clergy and godly laity no tongue can tell.

GENERAL ITEMS.

It is with intense satisfaction and gratitude that the treasurer of the New Guinea Mission is able to announce the completion of the fund for the endowment of the bishopric of New Guinea. A capital sum of over £10,500 has been paid over to the Colonial Bishops Fund, who will now provide an income of over £300 for the Bishop. All fears as to the future of the see are now gone, so far as the question of episcopal income is concerned. The Bishop hopes to inaugurate a great forward movement this year. Several new workers, including two priests, hope to join the staff soon, and this will enable him to open new work north of Cape Nelson. The Bishop of Stepney and Bishop Montgomery addressed a meeting in the Church House, London, on March 28th. This meeting was held for the purpose of putting before the supporters of the work the latest information. It was not for the purpose of begging, but of thanking those who have helped hitherto.

The Bishop of Croydon addressing himself to his brothers in Orders, makes a strong appeal to them to make temperance work an essential part of their parochial organisation. The Bishop deals with his subject plainly and effectively. He brings together suggestive statistics, the opinions of responsible persons—such as doctors, magistrates, and judges—and provides illustrations from his own experience showing how great is the need for renewed organised temperance effort on the part of the Church, and how appalling is the extent of the evil to be battled with:—"During the twenty-five years between 1855 and 1880 there were slain in all the wars in Asia, Africa, Europe, and in America, including the Crimean, American, Russian, and German wars, 2,188,000 men! In this country alone, it is computed that during the last twenty-five years drink has slain 1,500,000 persons. It costs the nations of the world to wage these wars during the 25 years, £2,625,000,000, or about £2 per head for every man, woman, and child; but we have spent in this country alone in drink during the last twenty-five years a great deal more than £3,000,000,000." The methods for working reform suggested by Dr. Pereira are eminently practical. He points out what can be done by Acts of Parliament, but makes it plain that the heart of the evil can only be reached by personal effort, especially personal effort on the part of the clergy. He would have a branch of the C.E.T.S. established in every parish, managed by churchworkers under the lead and guidance of the priest. He would have special efforts made to attract the interest of the children by causing the principles of temperance to be taught in the elementary schools, and by promoting more branches of the Band of Hope. But, he urges, none of these means for promoting sobriety will be effectual without the personal attention of the clergyman.

Parish Notes.

S. JOHN'S PARISH.

The special Lenten services held during the last month have been on the whole very well attended, we are pleased to be able to note. The fact that they have been organised by the three Parishes in conjunction seems to be teaching a needed lesson, that of unity, which we trust will be felt in many other departments of our Church's work in Launceston, for unity means strength, division weakness.

The Lord Bishop paid us his promised visit from March 22nd to 27th, preaching in all three Parish Churches during the week, and on the Sunday, March 27th, in addition to preaching both in S. John's and Holy Trinity Churches, he also delivered the Men's Lecture in the afternoon at Holy Trinity.

Many years ago the writer was privileged to attend one of the famous conferences held in the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris by Didon, the great Dominican preacher, one of the most eloquent orators of the nineteenth century in Europe. It was just an address to men on the theme of God, but there were some three or four thousand present, and the fact that it was possible to gather such a congregation together, made a great impression on me, for it seemed to me that here was something the Church of England might well adopt.

Men's Services have certainly become a recognised part of Church work at home, and have certainly done very great good. We trust they will never be allowed to die out in Launceston during the greater seasons of the Christian years.

Before the next number of the "Churchman" is in the hands of our readers, Holy Week and Easter will have come and gone once more. May we remind S. John's people of the sacredness of that solemn season, our annual commemoration of the World Tragedy, and urge them as far as possible to attend the services regularly.

Many leave town for the Easter holidays. May we remind them they are not excused thereby from the observance of Good Friday and Easter Day, but should endeavour to attend the nearest Church.

At the last session of Synod a resolution was carried unanimously, on the motion of Rev. F. B. Sharland, seconded by the Rev. C. A. Fawns, "That in the opinion of this Synod a Self-denial Week should be set apart, in the course of which a special effort shall be made to raise money for the purpose of Church Extension in the Diocese, and that His Lordship the Bishop be asked to give effect to this resolution before the next session of Synod, such fund to be administered by the Diocesan Council, or by the Bishop-in-Council.

His Lordship the Bishop set apart Passion Week (April 9th to 16th) as Self-denial Week. The money so raised will be allotted to the formation of a Church Sites and Building Loans Fund, the purpose of which is sufficiently indicated by the name. To give effect to this envelopes were distributed on Sunday, April 9th, to receive the proceeds of such self-denial, the envelopes to be returned on Sunday, April 16th, and we trust the appeal is meeting with a generous response.

On Friday, March 24th, the members of the Mothers' Union in Launceston held their annual festival in

S. John's Church. The Lord Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion at 10, assisted by the Rector, and the Rev. F. A. Fernau, and also delivered an inspiring address to the members. There were 47 Communicants. We must congratulate the members of the local branches on such an excellent muster.

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Supporters of the excellent work, S. John's Mission House, will, we are sure, be pleased to hear that work has at length been commenced upon the new premises in Canning Street. We trust it will not be allowed to languish through want of funds.

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We deeply regret to have to record the death of Miss E. Dempster on Sunday, March 26th. Her body was laid to rest on Tuesday, March 28th, the Rector and the Rev. F. A. Fernau officiating at the grave side. The sincere sympathy of S. John's clergy and people goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Dempster and family in their terribly sad bereavement.

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If the attendance and the interest taken by those present at the meeting held on the 13th inst. is any criterion to work on, then the prospects of the newly formed S. John's Young Men's Club are very good indeed. The difficulty in the road of forming the Club in the past has been the want of the necessary room, but the disbandment of the junior division of the gymnasium has left the schoolroom vacant for each Friday evening, and the room will be occupied by the Young Men's Club for the future. At the meeting, which was held at the Rectory, rules were framed, and officers elected for the season, which is fixed to run from the beginning of April to the end of October. The Club is to be open to all over 15 years, irrespective of denomination, and the subscription is fixed at three-pence per fortnight, with an entrance fee of sixpence for those under 18

years, and for over 18 years sixpence per fortnight, with an entrance fee of 1/-. The officers appointed are:—Patron, the Lord Bishop of Tasmania; president, the Rector of S. John's; vice-presidents, the three Churchwardens, with Messrs. C. Dempster, H. Weedon, and W. Martin; secretary, Mr. E. Tevelein; treasurer, Mr. H. Brownrigg; committee, Messrs M. Brownrigg, A. R. Wiseman, Allen, Symmons, Field, and Findlay. As the expenditure to start with a full supply of games will be a little heavy, we would be thankful if anyone who has any spare games would let the committee have them.

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It was intended to start the new series of winter entertainments in the second week in May, but owing to the schoolroom being occupied by the Synod meeting, we will not be able to commence till Tuesday, May 23. Though the school authorities have gone to a considerable expense in obtaining the bioscope, they do not intend to increase the price of admission to these entertainments. The modest sum of one penny is still to be the charge for the scholars, while parents we be allowed the privilege of attending for the moderate sum of threepence.

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The Rev. F. A. Fernau will leave us in a few weeks to take up his appointment to the cure of Beaconsfield. We hope he will find it a congenial sphere of ministration.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH.

March 19.—The preacher on the evening of this Sunday was the Rev. R. Richards, of New Norfolk, who came to preach at the different services for the week. A good congregation at the Wednesday night service, and a very large one on this evening, greatly appreciated his earnest address.

March 20.—The members of the Girls' Bible Class, and of the Young Men's Class, were entertained by Rector and Mrs. Barry at a social evening at the Rectory. A round of progressive hearts was played for the greater part of the evening and keenly enjoyed, the prizes being carried off by Miss Marjorie Gregory and Master Vivian Valentine respectively, the booby prizes going to Miss Elsie Rosevear and Richard Rosevear. Supper was spread on the balcony, and a happy evening came to a close all too quickly.

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The same evening, March 20th, at a meeting of the Wardens and Sidesmen, held in the Vestry, at which all the Wardens were present and twenty (out of twenty-eight) Sidesmen, with T. W. Massey in the chair, it was unanimously decided that commencing this year, and for the future, the offerings in Holy Trinity Church on Easter Day shall be handed to the Rector of the Parish in accordance with English custom.

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March 22.—The Lord Bishop preached at the Special Lenten Service on this night, and it was pleasing to see so good a gathering on a week night. On the following Sunday, March 26, we had our Bishop again in the pulpit in the morning, and the Church was full in every part. In the afternoon His Lordship took the men's service, there being well over 300 men present. The subject of the address was "Christianity and Modern Citizenship." Many a distinct murmur of approval could be heard, the fine body of men being markedly moved by a truly magnificent address.

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March 27.—The Annual Meeting of the Trinity Young Men's Club was held. There was an excellent attendance, and a very interesting report was presented by the hon.

secretary, Mr. C. Rosevear. It showed how the season of 1904 had been a great advance on previous years. The balance sheet showed that the Club was in a good position financially, there being a credit balance of 18/18/8. The receipts for 1904 were 31/13/7, against 13/6/10 for 1903. Mr. C. Rosevear was again elected hon. secretary by the members at the general meeting, instead of leaving the appointment to the committee. We think one and all wished to let Mr. Rosevear see how much they appreciated his services. The following are the officers for 1905:—President, Rev. E. G. Barry; vice-presidents, Rev. H. B. Atkinson, Messrs. T. W. Massey, W. Mosey, and H. P. Kissling; committee, F. C. Croft, T. Dobson, V. Valentine, E. S. Bromley, E. A. Champion, and secretary and treasurer, Mr. Claude Rosevear. While the Club has a good supply of games, etc., it is the intention of the committee to still further increase the furniture of the Club, most likely by providing a second billiard table. The Club will re-open on Monday, April 10, at 7.30 p.m., and be open on Monday and Thursday till after Easter, when the nights will be Monday and Wednesday.

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March 29.—On this Wednesday evening the Rev. R. K. Collisson gave the special Lenten address, and after preaching at the various services at the other Churches, again preached in Holy Trinity on Sunday evening to a large congregation.

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Trinity Mission Hall, Inveresk.—The Mothers' Meetings, held on Monday evenings, have started their 1905 season, and this year the work has been extended in scope by the formation of a dressmaking class among the young women. Now the girls can be taught to make for themselves, or indeed to make on the spot under efficient superintendence. A new sewing machine has been

purchased for the work. May we again ask friends to remember us when they have old clothes to give away. During Lent a week-night service is being held on Thursday evenings.

The young people of the Hall are practising for an entertainment, which will be held shortly after Easter. A concert in aid of the Sunday-school prizes will also come off after Easter.

Newnham and Mowbray. — On Tuesday, March 21st, a concert was held in the Mowbray Hall in aid of the Building Fund. Mr. Thelwell had organised it and got together a very good programme. The result was a great success, for the Hall was filled to overflowing, and all passed off without a hitch. We understand the Building Fund will benefit to the extent of about £6. Another entertainment will be held for the same object at an early date, Mr. C. White, our hon. secretary, having the arranging of it. As soon as we can have a more convenient building, kept entirely for Church purposes, much can be done, which just now is out of the question.

S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

The first annual meeting of the Guild was held during the month. There was a very good attendance of members, and after the usual service, the balance sheet for the year was read and adopted. It was thought that it would be good for the Guild if something in the way of a social was held during the winter months, and after some discussion it was decided to hold a musical social on the evening of Wednesday, May 17th. A committee was formed to make the necessary arrangements, and we would suggest to all the members of the Guild that it is necessary for them all to work well to make the evening a success. A great deal depends upon the proper pre-

sentation of Christianity in its many aspects to people, and one of the ways that Christ's work is most effectively done is by bringing the people of a congregation together for an evening's amusement, and a social gathering of this kind for members of a band of recognised Christian workers will do at S. George's what it does elsewhere, namely, afford wider views of the scope and comprehensiveness of Christianity.

The superintendent of the Sunday-school reports that he has had to make another infant class to cope with the increased number of scholars. The staff of teachers had to be increased to do this, but a willing volunteer came forward, and has taken over a very important duty, that of teaching the first principles to an infant class. During the winter months it is proposed to hold a series of social evenings for the elder classes of the Sunday-school, and it is suggested that the first of these be incorporated with the guild social, regular monthly ones being held afterwards.

We were all sorry to hear of Mr. Foster's serious illness, and are glad to learn that he is in a fair way towards recovery. He contemplates taking a change down the river, and we hope that the well known healing and strengthening properties that a change of air and scene has will restore Mr. Foster to health and strength again.

Subscriptions are invited on behalf of the Jerusalem and the East Mission to be added to several Good Friday offertories made in this Diocese for the Fund. Mr. Ambrose Dowling has received authority from Bishop Blyth to collect for Tasmania, and has started an account in the Launceston Savings Bank in view of increasing the amount generally sent.

S. PAUL'S PARISH.

The Lenten services in connection with the three Anglican Parishes, we are glad to say, continue to be well attended. The Rev. R. Richards, M.A., will always receive a warm welcome from the parishioners of S. Paul's, who will not soon forget the touching and helpful address so eloquently given. The Lord Bishop, who is a great favourite with our people, found a good congregation, notwithstanding the threatening weather, and many went away deeply impressed with His Lordship's earnest words.

On Sunday evenings, two in Lent, the Rector and congregation have been gladdened by assistance so willingly given from S. John's and Holy Trinity, and they acknowledge with hearty thanks such valuable help.

The members of the S. Paul's branch of the Mother's Union joined with S. John's at the Mother Church on the Feast of the Annunciation when the annual Festival Service was held. There was a good attendance of members. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Lord Bishop, assisted by Canon Beresford and the Rev. F. A. Fernau, and a most instructive and helpful address was given by His Lordship. The service closed with the special printed service used on those occasions. Unfortunately the Bishop was not aware that the members of S. Paul's were present until the service was concluded. We hope to commence our work party in connection with the Mother's Union as soon as possible, but at present we, with the other parishes, are very busy making preparations for the meeting of Synod to be held in Launceston, that it has been thought advisable to wait until we get most of the hard work over. It is rather a large order to ask our church folk to provide refreshments for two

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afternoons in one week, namely, to take their share in the "At Home" in the Albert Hall on Monday, the 8th May, and on Thursday, the 11th, take their turn to provide tea for the members of Synod in the marquee which will be erected in S. John's Church Ground; however, we know, as of old, that each and all will do their best to make each function a great success. Some of our lady friends are now asking for donations, and should any persons be inadvertently missed, we shall be glad if they would leave word at the Rectory, as their help will be greatly appreciated.

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What about white flowers for Easter? It is to be feared that all the gardens received a great shock on Friday morning, when we found all our beautiful white dahlias ruined with the heavy frost, but if one and all will try to do their best to send even a few to the Sunday-school on Saturday morning, April 22nd, we shall not fall far short of being able to make God's House of Prayer bright and charming on that great Festival.

S. John's.

BAPTISMS.

- March 15—Cyril Morton King
Stephen Richard Goetz
Edna Isabel May Radford
Gwendoline Violet Annette Blackburn
- " 22—Iris Vonda Cartwright
- " 29—Neale Henry Edwards
Muriel Florence Sheppard
Thomas Clyde Manning
Henry Norman George Long
Dorothy May Sabine
Amy Burnett.

MARRIAGES.

- Febr'y 9—George Gillam to Catherine Mary Crawford
- " 14—Alexander John Harley to Amy Gertrude Coates
- March 1—George Thomas Harmon to Annie Ena McLeod
- " 20—Newton Robert Smith to Ida Mary Weedon

- March 29—Charles Augustus Bullock to Amy Helena Meadowcroft
- " "—Arthur S. John Roach to Corra Lynn Estella Baker.

BURIALS.

- Febr'y 28—Guy Wilson
- March 20—Cyril Morton King
- " "—Hannah Avery
- " 28—Elizabeth Dempster
- " 30—Walter John Stroud
- April 4—Harry Conway.

PROVIDENCE.

Man, considered in himself, is a very helpless and a very wretched being. He is subject every moment to the greatest calamities and misfortunes. He is beset with dangers on all sides, and may become unhappy by numberless casualties, which he could not foresee; nor have prevented, had he foreseen them.

It is our comfort, while we are obnoxious to so many accidents, that we are under the care of one who directs contingencies, and has in His hands the management of every thing that is capable of annoying or offending us; who knows the assistance we stand in need of, and is always ready to bestow it on those who ask it of Him.

The natural homage, which such a creature bears to so infinitely wise and good a Being, is a firm reliance on Him for the blessings and conveniences of life, and an habitual trust in Him for deliverance out of all such dangers and difficulties that may befall us.

The man, who always lives in this disposition of mind, has not the same dark and melancholy views of human nature, as he who considers himself abstractedly from this relation to the Supreme Being. At the same time that he reflects upon his own weakness and imperfection, he comforts himself with the contemplation of those Divine attributes, which are employed for his safety and his welfare. He finds his want of foresight made up by the omniscience of Him who is his support.

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He is not sensible of his own want of strength, when he knows that his helper is Almighty. In short, the person who has a firm trust on the Supreme Being is powerful in his power, wise by His wisdom, happy by His happiness. He reaps the benefit of every Divine attribute, and loses his own insufficiency in the fulness of Infinite perfection.

To make our lives more easy to us, we are commanded to put our trust in Him, who is thus able to relieve and succour us; the Divine goodness having made such a reliance a duty, notwithstanding we should have been miserable had it been forbidden us.

Among several motives, which might have been made use of to recommend this duty to us, I shall only take notice of those that follow.

The first and strongest is, that we are promised, he will not fail those who put their trust in Him.

But without considering the supernatural blessing which accompanies this duty, we may observe that it has a natural tendency to its own reward, or in other words, that this firm trust and confidence in the great Disposer of all things, contributes very much to the getting clear of any affliction, or to the bearing it manfully. A person who believes he has his succour at hand, and that he acts in the sight of his friend, often excites himself beyond his abilities, and does wonders that are not to be matched by one who is not animated by such a confidence of success. I could produce instances from history, of generals, who out of a belief that they were under the protection of some invisible assistant, did not only encourage their soldiers to do their utmost, but have acted themselves beyond what they would have done, had they not been inspired by such a belief. I might

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in the same manner shew how such a trust in the assistance of an Almighty Being, naturally produces patience, hope, cheerfulness, and all other dispositions of mind that alleviate those calamities which we are not able to remove.

The practice of this virtue administers great comfort to the mind of man in times of poverty and affliction, but most of all in the hour of death. When the soul is hovering in the last moments of its separation, when it is just entering on another state of existence, to converse with scenes, and objects, and companions that are altogether new, what can support her under such tremblings of thought, such fear, such anxiety, such apprehensions, but the casting of all her cares upon Him who first gave her being, who has conducted her through one stage of it, and will be always with her to guide and comfort her in her progress through eternity.

David has very beautifully represented this steady reliance on God Almighty in his twenty-third Psalm, which is a kind of pastoral hymn, and filled with those allusions which are usual in that kind of writing. As the poetry is very exquisite, I shall present my reader with the following translation of it :

The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye;
My noon-day walks He shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.
When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountain pant;
To fertile vales, and dewy meads
My weary wand'ring steps He leads;
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
Amid the verdant landskip flow.
Tho' in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For thou, O Lord, art with me still;
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dreadful shade.
Tho' in a bare and rugged way,
Through devious lonely wilds I stray,
Thy bounty shall my praise beguile;
The barren wilderness shall smile,
With sudden greens and herbage crown'd,
And streams shall murmur all around.

—Addison.

THE BIBLE IN JAPAN.

A unique experience befel a missionary in Japan while he was engaged in distributing the Bible Society's Gospels among the Japanese troops. Near the garrison town of Zentsuji, one of the officers had his men marshalled in a Buddhist temple, where, by permission of the authorities, not only were the Gospels distributed to the men, but it was specially asked that an address should be given. "Take your own time," said the commanding officer. "We shall be glad to hear you." And for nearly half an hour the men listened to an address concerning the object of the distribution and the nature of the Book that was being distributed.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

Preaching at St. Paul's on February 5th the Bishop of Stepney, referring to the revival in Wales and the American mission in London, said that such a coincidence was remarkable, and a sign of the times not to ignored or slighted by the people of the Church of England even if they could not follow the same methods. There was need for a similar soul-stirring within that church herself, and he prayed that the double example now before their eyes might lead to a great renewal of faith and earnestness and zeal within her own borders.

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Talks with the Children.

GOOD FRIDAY.

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

I am going to talk to you, dear children, about Good Friday. You have often heard the name, but I wonder whether you have ever thought what a solemn, sacred day it is!

Why is it called "Good" Friday? Because it has been set apart by the Church as a holy day, when we should specially think of the crucifixion of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and all the benefits the sacrifice of Himself upon the cross brought us.

Let us look to the first Good Friday, so many years ago. Round the green hill, spoken of in the hymn that children like so much, a great crowd is gathered, gazing at the One who for 33 years has lived and worked amongst them, and is now slowly dying, nailed to a rough, wooden cross. Some are mocking and jeering, while at the foot of the cross, with bowed heads and hearts full of sorrow, stand those who love Him most—His mother and His greatest friend. Upon His head there is a crown of thorns. His face is calm, and no word of complaint falls from His sacred lips, though He is suffering such great pain. Above the cross these words are written: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." If He is a King, why is He hanging there?

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven;
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.

Yes, dear children, it was for love of you and me and all mankind the Son of God suffered this cruel death.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of Heaven and let us in.

Will you spend this Good Friday in trying to learn more of the love of Jesus, who died for you, and show your gratitude to Him by loving and serving Him all your lives?

Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved
And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming Blood,
And try His works to do.

EASTER EVEN.

The day after Good Friday is called Easter Even. Such a quiet, peaceful day it is, when we think of the poor wounded body of the Lord Jesus resting in the tomb, in which the good Joseph placed it so carefully, and His soul in the Paradise of God.

All the pain and anguish are over now. The Father's will is done, and the beloved Son will soon return to His home in Heaven.

EASTER DAY.

Now we come to a very different scene. It is the morning of the first Easter Day. Slowly and sadly the holy women wend their way to the sepulchre, just as the day is dawning, bearing the spices and ointments they have prepared, to anoint the body of the Lord Jesus. But when they get near the tomb they are surprised to see the stone, which had been placed at the entrance, rolled away. "And they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus." But while they stood wondering two bright angels appeared and said to them, "Why seek ye the living amongst the dead? He is not here, but is risen. Do you not remember He said, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" Then the women returned with haste to tell the Apostles the joyful news. This

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is the story as St. Luke tells it, and on Easter Day we decorate our Churches and sing our joyful hymns because, by His resurrection, Christ, our Lord, has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of Everlasting Life.

A little girl once asked the question, "Shall I hold mother's hand when I die?" "Dear child! She felt it would be lonely dying by herself, but if her mother could go with her she would feel quite safe.

No, we cannot take those we love with us when we are passing away from this world; but we need not fear, for Jesus has died, and if we love and trust Him, He will be with us and lead us safely through the "valley of the shadow" to the light beyond, and as He rose again, so shall we, and all who "sleep in Him." Try to understand something

of the joy that Easter brings *now*, so that when you are older it may be to you a real, living truth, which will make you happy in this life, and help you to look forward with hope to that which is to come.

Jesus lives! To Him the Throne
 Over all the world is given,
 May we go where He is gone,
 Rest and reign with Him in Heaven.
 Alleluia!

At Weston-super-Mare the Bishop of Bath and Wells said that some people were ready enough to find fault with the extravagances of the Welsh revival. If such extravagances did exist that was no reason why anyone should deny the whole principle that God called people to rouse them to a sense of what they might be and would be if they only let Jesus Christ bring to them all He had for them.



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