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THE ORGAN BUILDING FUND is benefiting by the generosity of Mr. Richard Green, who is giving £100 previously lent by him without interest. Lovers of good music will greatly appreciate Mr. Green's gift, for which we are all sincerely thankful.

THE GENERAL CHURCH FUND COLLECTIONS will be taken up at all services on Sunday, 18th April. Without this fund the work of our Church in many places could not be carried on, and if the collections diminish and the income of the fund suffers the work of God is hampered and hindered. The need is great. The opportunity is present. God loveth a cheerful giver.

ST. MARK'S DAY, Sunday, 25th April, will be the anniversary of the landing of our Australian troops at Gallipoli. The name of "Anzac" is one that we shall never forget, and the lessons of duty and sacrifice that it stands for need emphasising at all times. Special services will be held at St. John's on St. Mark's Day, particulars of which will be advertised in the daily papers.

"THINK ON THESE THINGS."

All we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good shall exist;

Not its semblance, but itself; no beauty, nor good, nor power,

Whose voice has gone forth, but each survives for the melodist,

When eternity affirms the conception of an hour.

The high that proved too high, the heroic for earth too hard,

The passion that left the ground to lose itself in the sky,

Are music sent up to God by the lover and the bard;

Enough that He heard it once: we shall hear it by-and-bye.

From "Abt. Vogler"—R. Browning.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS.

O God, who through the Annunciation of the B.V.M. didst raise the position of womanhood to a dignity before unknown, help us, we beseech Thee, to serve Thee with such diligence and humility, such fervour and purity, that we may be found worthy of our high calling, and set forward the glory of Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

"IN QUIETNESS AND IN CONFIDENCE SHALL BE YOUR STRENGTH."

In silence and in quietness  
God's mighty works are wrought;  
Unheard, unseen, His workmanship  
Is to perfection brought.

Help us, O Lord, in quietness  
To do our work, like Thee,  
And our souls brace, with Thy sweet grace  
Of high tranquility.

—John Oxenham.

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## News and Notes.

ANOTHER LENT has come and gone, with its messages of warning and encouragement, with its opportunities of making a fresh start, of edification, of progress. The Sunday services were well attended, though not many attended the special services. An improvement in the Sunday morning congregations is noticeable, and the attendance at Sunday evening is well maintained.

THE THREE HOURS' SERVICE on Good Friday was conducted this year by the Rector, the prayers being read by the Rev. T. Smith. A large number of people remained for the whole of the time, and very few went out at all. The hymns chosen were well known, and were heartily sung. Mr. Hopkins played the organ. The spoken meditations at the Three Hours' Service were appropriately followed in the evening by the musical meditation by Sir John Stainer, "The Crucifixion," and the large congregation present thoroughly appreciated this devotional and popular work by one of our notable Anglican Church musicians, and were grateful to our organist and choir and helpers for this further proof of their zeal for sacred music. The offerings at St. John's on Good Friday amounted to £14, and were devoted to the Home of Mercy, Hobart.

THE EASTER SERVICES were well attended, and there were over 400 communicants, though not so many as last year. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11. There was a large congregation at 11 a.m., and a very large one at 7 p.m., at both services the side chapel being well occupied. Good congregations assembled also at St. Aidan's, St. Oswald's, and the Mission Hall. The church collections at St. John's amounted to £27 12s. 5d., a little more than the amount received last Easter. In addition, an Easter offering of £125 was received from Mr. C. E. H. Beaman towards the cost of providing a second Curate.

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OPENS ON 13th APRIL. The Rector of St. John's is one of the selected speakers at the public meeting on Monday evening of the 12th. He was asked by the Bishop to preach at the Cathedral on Sunday evening, 11th April, but, as he was not able to get away, owing to lack of clerical help, he was obliged to decline the invitation. While the Rector is at Synod the Rev. T. Smith, B.A., will be available in case of need.

A BOYS' ATHLETIC CLUB has been formed, and meets each Tuesday evening at St. John's Hall under the supervision of Mr. Ricketts (late of A.I.F.).

THE UNION JACK ATHLETIC CLUBS have resumed operations at St. John's Hall.

SOME NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS are Miss Potter, Miss Davern, Miss Richards. In the name of the children, the Rector thanks these teachers for responding to his appeal for volunteers to carry on this important and Christ-like work. We still need more teachers, especially in the morning Sunday School.

THE NEED FOR A SECOND CURATE was stated in our last number, when the Rector appealed for £250 from St. John's, which, together with the promised contribution from St. Aidan's and St. Oswald's, would make it possible to pay for two Curates. The Rector has received a very kind letter from Mr. C. E. H. Beaman, of York Street, enclosing £125 as an Easter offering towards the cost of a second Curate, and expressing the hope that the rest of the necessary amount will be speedily supplied. The Rector is deeply grateful for this practical and generous mark of appreciation of the work of the ministry, and hopes that this good example will encourage others to go and do likewise.

ST. JOHN'S MISSIONARY DEPOT AND TEA-ROOM has made splendid progress, and reflects great credit on Miss Murray and her co-workers in this direction. In March the Depot Committee sent £10 to C.M.S. for the support of Miss Cooper, the Depot's own missionary in Western China, and also £10 for support of Rev. C. P. Young, B.A., St. John's own missionary in North India. There are great opportunities in the world to-day, and the only solution of the present industrial and international unrest is the Gospel, and more of it. But: "How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" and how can they be sent except Christian people provide the cost of sending missionaries and maintaining them at their difficult work?

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH DEBT is now £2650, for which the parish has to pay a large amount each year in interest, as well as reduce the principal as much as possible. The quarterly collections from boxes in March yielded £11 12s. 9d. It is hoped that in next issue we shall be able to announce that a large sum has been received in the Lenten self-denial boxes for this purpose.

OUR HON. READERS are doing a most valuable work for the Church, and deserve our best thanks for their valued help. Without them it would not be possible to provide as many services as at present in the parish.

THE PSALM BOARDS, for the Sunday Psalms, are much appreciated by the congregation. They were given by one of our hardest workers and best friends, Mr. H. R. Lakin, and we thank him sincerely for his kindly gift.

THE MEN'S SERVICES will be resumed on the first Sunday in May, when the Rector will speak at 4 o'clock in St. John's on the subject of "Christ or Chaos."

THE HON. SECRETARIES FOR OUR OWN MISSIONARY BOXES will be in attendance at the Parish Church on Sundays, 11th and 18th April, to receive and give out boxes.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOYS kindly saved the sum of £2 13s. from their pocket money during Lent, and the Headmaster has handed this amount to the Rector to help those that are sick and would appreciate such help. The Rector was glad to accept the invitation of the Rev. J. W. Bethune, M.A., to speak to the boys one morning in Holy Week, and took the opportunity of thanking them for this bit of practical Christianity.

THE STONE GALLERY in the north transept now fulfils the useful purpose of providing accommodation for the ladies of St. John's Choir. We hope it will never be known as the "whispering gallery," but it has been whispered that it might be called the "angels' gallery" now. At any rate, it is a pleasant fact that the ladies' presence there has greatly added to its attractiveness, and that their singing sounds a great deal better than when they were in the chancel.

THE ORGANIST AND CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S rendered Sir John Stainer's well-known work, "The Crucifixion," in a very creditable manner on Good Friday evening. At St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Stainer's "Crucifixion" is rendered by the organist and choir each Good Friday evening, and it is difficult to find a seat in the Cathedral unless one is there early. We hope that this may be the case in time with St. John's, the mother church in the metropolis of the north. Lovers of our Lord and His Church and of good music are grateful to Mr. Hopkins and his co-workers, who are trying to keep up the Anglican tradition of sacred music, and we hope that our ideals of church music may be maintained on a high level.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION HALL continues to be the centre of much useful work, under the direction of Miss Richardson. Last month the Rector spoke to the Mothers' Meeting, and Canon Wilmer preached at one of the Sunday evening services, and the Rev. T. Smith gave a mission address on Good Friday evening. If there was electric light available lantern services could be held there. Miss Richardson acknowledges with thanks offerings of fruit and vegetables from harvest festivals at Illawarra and St. John's, and a box of apples from Miss Johnston, also £2 from Mr. Richard Green, which has been used for fittings at the Mission House.

AT ST. OSWALD'S a fair will be held on 17th April to provide funds for a Sunday kindergarten. The Sunday School has lost a good worker in Mr. Stuart Maslin, who has been transferred by the Education Department to a country school. However, we have gained the valuable help of Mr. Claude Rosevear, who has undertaken the important work of Superintendent, relieving Mr. Peter Anderson, who has kindly acted in that capacity for some time past until a permanent appointment could be made. Mr. Rosevear has also taken the place of Mr. Prichard as Hon. Secretary of the Church. It is good to know that Mr. Prichard continues to act as Hon. Treasurer. Trevallyn is to be congratulated on obtaining such a fine new State School, and in having such enthusiastic and capable teachers as Miss Good and her assistant.

THE MOTHERS' UNION meets regularly at St. John's on the fourth Thursday in each month. The Festival of the Annunciation is a special day for the Mothers' Union, and there were celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30 and 10 a.m., which were attended by a few of the members. The members from the three Launceston parishes attended St. John's at 3 o'clock, when there were about 100 present. The Rector of St. John's conducted the Service of Intercession, and gave the address, dealing with the lessons to be learned from the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mr. Hopkins kindly played the organ, and thus greatly helped with the services. The offerings for the day, amounting to £3 6s. 1d., were for the Sick Fund of St. John's Branch.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES' WORKING GUILD is now a going concern. It was started on its way at a meeting of ladies held at the Rectory last month, and meets each Wednesday in St. John's Hall at 2.30. Working members will be welcomed at all meetings. Some ladies who can-

which the Bishop presided, and promised his sympathetic support to the great work of this society. The Rector of St. John's was appointed Northern Secretary, in the place of the Rev. H. N. Baker, M.A. We want more members of the C.M.S. in Launceston, and in Tasmania generally. A list of members will be published in the next number of this paper. The Rev. S. Denehar, B.A., Secretary of the C.M.S. for Victoria, has promised to preach in this parish as soon as he possibly can.

FOR THE CHURCH DEBT we have received by means of the Lenten self-denial boxes the sum of £44 17s. 2d. to date of printing this paper, and more boxes are expected, the contents of which will be acknowledged in our next number.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR will be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Wednesday, 9th June. Further particulars will be found in our next issue.

THE MISSIONARY BOXES in connection with the Women's Auxiliary of the Australian Board of Missions brought in £6 12s. this Lent. Miss E. Murray is Hon. Secretary for this parish.

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PRAYER.

I cannot tell why there should come to me  
A thought of someone, miles and miles away,  
To swift insistence on the memory.  
Unless there be a need that I should pray.

He goes his way, I mine, we seldom meet  
To talk of plans, or changes, day by day,  
Of pain or pleasure, triumph, or defeat,  
Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spare thought  
For days together, of some friends away;  
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought  
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps just then my friend has fiercest fight,  
A more appalling weakness, or decay  
Of courage—darkness—some less sense of right,  
And so in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me if I intrude  
Unmasked upon you on some busy day;  
Give me a moment's prayer, as interlude,  
Be very sure I need it, therefore pray.  
—M. Farningham.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO-DAY?

We shall do much in the years to come,  
But what have we built to-day?  
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,  
But what did we give to-day?  
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,  
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,  
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,  
But what did we speak to-day?

We shall reap such joys in the by-and-bye,  
But what have we sown to-day?  
We shall build us mansions in the sky,  
But what have we built to-day?  
But here and now, do we our task?  
'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,  
Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,  
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ASCENSION DAY, Thursday, 13th May, is one of the great festival days of our church. It has been called the Coronation Day of the King of Kings. There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at St. John's on Ascension Day at 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m., and choral evensong and address at 7.30 p.m. Don't forget this Holy Day. Come to one of these services.

THE EARLY CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION on Saints' Days and Holy Days are attended by very few. Perhaps people have not so much time as used to be the case; perhaps there is not so much devotion as formerly. But, although there are many who cannot attend services on week days, still there should be many more communicants at the early services on Sundays. The attendances at these services are not what they should be. Some who are unable to come to service at 11 o'clock could come to an early service. In the early church a Sunday without the Eucharist was unknown, and Christians did not feel that they had observed the Lord's Day properly unless they had been to the Lord's service to commemorate His meritorious Cross and Passion, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension, to thank God for His gifts, and to intercede with Him, as well as to receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation in the Holy Sacrament.

ALL YOUNG COMMUNICANTS should make a special effort to begin Sunday well by coming to the Table of the Lord and obey His command: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

THE BISHOP OF TASMANIA has left for England to attend the great conference of Bishops from all over the world, which will shortly meet at London. Matters of the greatest importance will be discussed by the Bishops, and it would be a great loss to our Bishop and to this diocese if he were absent. A collection was hurriedly made to provide for the Bishop's travelling expenses in connection with his visit to England, but very little has been received from this parish; a personal canvas has not been made, but the churchwardens or the Rector would gladly receive any donations that may be sent to them.

THE GENERAL CHURCH FUND COLLECTIONS on Sunday, 18th April, amounted to a total of £44 for the parish. At one time St. John's used to give a lot more than this.

AT ST. AIDAN'S the Sunday School children are preparing for a cantata, "Little Red Riding Hood," to be given at St. Aidan's Schoolroom on 28th and 29th April in aid of their Sunday School Building Fund, and is sure to be a great success. The cantata will also be rendered in St. John's Parish Hall on 11th May, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

ST. OSWALD'S Sunday School workers and congregation are to be heartily congratulated on the marked success of the fair held on Saturday, 17th April, to provide funds for a Sunday School kindergarten. The fair was opened by the Rector, who also called on the Rev. T. Smith and Mr. C. Rosevear to speak. The proceeds amounted to about £33. On a recent Sunday afternoon the Rector spoke to the children of St. Oswald's Sunday School; he also introduced the new Superintendent (Mr. C. Rosevear), and hoped that his work would be greatly blessed.

AT ST. JOHN'S MISSION HALL the Boys' Club is now in full swing every Tuesday evening under the direction of Mr. F. Cleaver, assisted by Mr. Potter. Visiting there recently, the Rector found 43 boys spending a pleasant evening at various kinds of amusements and exercises. On the same evening at St. John's Parish 26 members of our boys' Gymnastic Club were going through their exercises under the direction of Mr. Ricketts. Miss Richardson reports improved attendances at the Sunday evening mission services at the Mission Hall.

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD should have been held this year at Launceston, but, as it was the Bishop's first year as President of the Synod, place was given to Hobart. It is our turn next year, and we shall look forward to having Synod here. The Synod was not exciting, but some useful work was done, among which was the allocation of £4,000 received as compensation for St. David's Burial Ground; £2,000 of this was added to Archdeacon Beresford's fund to make the total £10,000, thus liberating some £550 a year interest to help those country clergy who are receiving very small stipends. Several speakers expressed appreciation at the Archdeacon's work in connection with this fund. Two thousand pounds was voted to a fund to provide adequate educational facilities for the training of candidates for Holy Orders. It is hoped to provide a residential college in connection with the University, so that the clergy may be better equipped for their increasingly difficult work.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE was one of the big subjects debated at the Synod. It is one of the biggest problems we have to face. We should know that the Christian Sunday is not the Jewish Sabbath, but the Lord's Day, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, on the first Easter Day. We should know that it is not a day of gloom and sadness, but a day of joy and gladness. But we must keep it as a HOLY day, a solemn, sacred day, and not allow it to become a mere holiday. This is a real danger. Sunday is not merely a day of rest and recreation, but a day of worship, and every Christian should consider it his or her duty to be present at public worship in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day. The question of Sunday amusements must be decided by our conscience, enlightened by the teaching of the Bible and the church, with due regard for the feelings and needs of others. A person may see no harm in doing certain things on a Sunday, yet such action may cause offence or scandal to our neighbours, and good breeding as well as Christian charity should guide us in this matter, as in others.

WHITSUNDAY, 23rd MAY, is the Festival of the Holy Spirit, and is often spoken of as the birthday of the Holy Catholic Church, of which the historic Church of England is a part. This festival reminds us of the reality of the spiritual in life, of its supreme importance, and of the continual work of the Holy Spirit of God in the lives of people. The Holy Spirit is called in the Nicene Creed the Lord, and the Giver of Life. His great work is to strengthen our spiritual life, to teach us, to guide us into the way of truth and life. The Holy Spirit works in many ways; He works by means of Scripture and Sacraments. In Confirmation we receive the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit of God to strengthen us in our daily life, to help us to be better Christians.

A CONFIRMATION SERVICE will be held at St. John's early in November, and due notice of the preparation classes will be given. As no parish Confirmation was held at St. John's last year, there should be a large number of candidates.

TRINITY SUNDAY, 30th May, is the day on which we specially think of that great mystery of our faith, the Trinity in Unity—

"Three Persons praise we evermore,  
One only God our hearts adore;  
In Thy sure mercy ever kind  
May we our true protection find."

AN ALMS BAG for offerings from St. John's Choir has been made and presented by Miss W. Bryers, and for her kind gift we are grateful.

ST. JOHN'S ORGAN is steadily growing, thanks to Mr. Hopkins and the subscribers to the Organ Fund. Every week sees some addition to the marvellous mechanism, thereby increasing the efficiency of the instrument. A condition attached to Mr. Richard Green's generous gift of £100 to the Organ Fund last month was that the churchwardens should give Mr. Hopkins an honorarium of £50 as some recognition of his valued services in giving us his time and talent in this great work, and charging us only for the cost of materials and other out-of-pocket expenses. This cheque has been paid, and parishioners will be glad to know of this appreciation of Mr. Hopkins' devoted labours.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS contribute greatly to the beauty of our churches, and we are deeply grateful to those who provide flowers for our churches, and to those who arrange them so tastefully.

THE ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICES on Sunday, 25th April (St. Mark's Day), were very well attended, and the collections for the day at St. John's amounted to £17. The Rev. J. W. Bethune preached at 11, Rev. T. Smith at 3, and the Rector at 7. In the course of his sermon the Rector said that he had looked in vain for a memorial of our brave soldiers in St. John's, and wondered how long it would be before a worthy memorial were placed there. Anzac Day, he said, should be a sacred day, on account of the sacrifice of our best, and on account of those who would never return, and of those who were bereaved of their loved ones. To celebrate the day by means of a holiday, with races and sports and dances was like dancing over a grave.

THE MOTHERS' UNION will meet on 27th May, when the Rev. E. G. Muschamp, M.A., Rector of Longford, lately Chaplain to the Forces, will give an address on "Work in a Casualty Station in France." At the last meeting Mrs. Crotty gave an address on "The Power of Womanhood," when about 60 members were present.

SOME MORE NEW TEACHERS in the Sunday School are the Misses Isabel Lewis, Thelma Rowell, and Jean West. Mr. Potter is now Hon. Secretary. We need some men teachers for boys' classes. Who will volunteer? On a recent Sunday afternoon there were 110 children in the Kindergarten Room. Some of these could be moved on if there were more teachers in the next division. "Feed My Lambs."

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY held a meeting during Synod week at Hobart, at