

the last-mentioned performance half the proceeds (amounting to over £5) were given to St. John's Organ Fund.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL still needs more teachers. Will those who can help in this great work please do so? The quarterly business meeting of teachers was held on 25th May. Teachers' preparation classes are held each Wednesday evening by Rev. T. Smith. The Rector

has arranged to give a series of monthly "Talks to Teachers" on the principles and methods of teachers. Children's services are held at St. John's and St. Aidan's on the last Sunday in each month.

TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS, the Rector wishes to remind parishioners that no meetings or entertainments may be held in any of the church buildings of the parish without his consent. In a large parish such as this it is essential that he should be consulted as soon as possible about all proposed plans.

THE MOTHERS' UNION will hold their annual meeting at St. John's on 24th June, when an address will be given by the Rector.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Miss Richardson wishes to acknowledge with thanks the following gifts received at the Mission House for use in the Mission district:—Fruit and vegetables from Harvest Thanksgiving Services at St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, and Holy Trinity, Cressy, also a basket of clothing from Mrs. Geo. Perrin. Any illustrated papers or magazines would be welcomed at the Boys' Club, which meets each week at the Mission Hall. The Rector would be glad to receive any at the Rectory.

ST. JOHN'S FAIR

At ST. JOHN'S HALL

ON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

AFTERNOON — AND — EVENING.



HELP THE LADIES to HELP THE CHURCH!
COME and BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Miss E. MURRAY, Hon. Sec.



"Inscribed upon the Cross we see in shining letters—GOD IS LOVE."

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Clergy.

Rev. Cassian Crotty, B.D., The Rectory,
St. John Street. Phone No. 525.

Rev. Thomas Smith, B.A., Abbott Street.

Organist and Choirmaster

Mr. G. F. Hopkins, City Organist.
39 High Street.

Verger.

Mr. Tacey, Verger's Cottage, Elizabeth Street.

Parish Mission Worker.

Miss Richardson, Mission House, Canning St.

Services.

ST. JOHN'S—

Daily Services, 7.30 a.m., 7.30 p.m.

Service and Address, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Matins and Evensong, each Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. each Sunday,
10 a.m. second Sunday in month,
11 a.m. first and third Sunday in month; Saints' Days and Holy Days, 7.30 a.m.

ST. AIDAN'S, EAST LAUNCESTON—

Matins and Evensong, each Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Holy Communion, fourth Sunday, 11 a.m.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN—

Evensong, each Sunday, 7 p.m.

Holy Communion, third Sunday, 11 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION HALL, CANNING STREET—
Mission Service, each Sunday Evening,
7 o'clock.

HOLY BAPTISM AND CHURCHING—

At the Parish Church, on Wednesdays, at 11 a.m. "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism." "You are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him."

CONFIRMATION—"Then laid they their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost." The Vicar will be glad to enrol candidates. Classes in preparation held early in each year. Adult candidates prepared separately.

(By Arrangement with the Rector).

MARRIAGES—"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

FUNERALS—"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Please advise the Rector at once in case of the death of a parishioner.

VISITATION OF THE SICK—"I was sick and ye visited me." "When any person is sick, notice shall be given to the Minister of the Parish."

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER OR FOR SICK VISITING may be left with the Clergy, the Verger, or any of the Church Officers, or at the Rectory.

VISITORS OR NEW ARRIVALS in the parish are asked to make themselves known to the Clergy.

News and Notes.

"DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME," is a commandment; it is a commandment of Christ, and Christ is God, and He who spoke thus said also, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." If our love of Jesus Christ is to be judged by our obedience to this commandment of His, how shall we stand the test? Our Lord invites us to His Table, the Lord's Table, we call it. He promises us a share of His own spiritual life in this Sacrament, and He gives us the consecrated elements of bread and wine as sacred symbols of His Body and Blood offered for us upon the Cross of Calvary. "COME, FOR ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY."

HOLY BAPTISM is administered at the Parish Church of St. John's each Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Parents are urged to bring their children to be admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, to be made members of Christ's Church as soon as possible, in accordance with the spirit of our Lord's words, "Suffer the children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," and again, "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

A CONFIRMATION SERVICE for the parish will be held in St. John's early in November, soon after the Bishop returns from England. Due notice of classes will be given. The clergy will always be glad to receive the names of those who wish to be prepared for confirmation. Candidates come to the confirmation service to be confirmed—that is, strengthened by God's Holy Spirit, and they come to confirm with their own lips the vows made in their name at their baptism by their God-parents.

CLASSES FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION are taken by the Rector at the Church Girls' Grammar School, at Broadland House School, and at the Methodist Ladies' College. Parents of Church of England girls are asked to

see that all girls over 13 years of age attend the Rector's classes at these schools. Religious instruction is also given at Charles Street State School by the Rector, Rev. T. Smith, and Miss Richardson, and at the East Launceston State School by the Rev. T. Smith. Church of England parents whose children are attending either of these State Schools should see that their children attend these classes.

HOLY MATRIMONY is a sacred ordinance of our religion. There are legal and necessary requirements insisted on by the State, and there is the blessing of the Church. As Christians we insist on Christian marriage as being a life-long contract. This is emphasised right through the marriage service in our Prayer Book, which should be studied carefully by those who wish to be married according to the Church of England service. Those about to be married should communicate with the Rector as soon as possible regarding the date of the marriage in order that arrangements may be made so as not to clash with other services or meetings. In St. John's Church safe there are records of marriages celebrated in the parish over 100 years ago.

A MEMORIAL to those soldiers who gave their lives for us in the recent world war has not yet been placed in our Parish Church, but it is likely that this neglect will soon be made good. In response to the invitation of the Rector, a small but representative meeting of parishioners was held on 17th May, when it was decided that it was advisable that such a memorial be placed in the church, and that it was advisable that it should take the form of carved stonework on the sanctuary wall of the church, covering the rough brickwork left for that purpose, culminating in a reredos, and that a large brass tablet be placed in a prominent place in the church, commemorating the names of all those soldiers from this parish who lost their lives in the war. The Rector was asked to confer with Mr. Cunningham, who was responsible for the carved stonework in the church, as to plans and cost, and to report to another meeting to be held as soon as possible. Further particulars will be given in next issue of the "Messenger."

THE LATE MR. F. J. PRICHARD, Editor of the "Examiner," will be greatly missed in the parish, especially at St. Oswald's, where he was regarded as the "Father" of the congregation. Would that there were many more laymen like him in this parish, and in other parishes. His last article in the "Examiner," on "The New Crucifixion," stressing the need of unselfishness, had the true prophetic ring in it, and was a masterpiece of its kind. He set a high example in his public and private life as a journalist, a citizen, and a churchman for the rising generation to follow. His widow and family have the sincere sympathy of the people of Launceston in their great loss. The following is from a report in the "Examiner" of a personal tribute from the Rector, spoken from the pulpit of St. John's Church on Whitsunday, 23rd May:—Referring to the death of Mr. F. J. Prichard yesterday, the Rector of St. John's, the Rev. C. Crotty, B.D., said:—"The late Mr. Prichard was a regular attendant at the services at St. Oswald's Church, and a valued officer, who acted as hon. secretary, treasurer, and trustee of the church property for over 20 years. He was never absent from his place at public worship except on account of sickness or other sufficient cause. I esteemed him highly as a broad-minded, large-hearted, and courteous Christian gentleman. The press has lost an able, high-principled, and fearless journalist, the city of Launceston and the state of Tasmania have lost a patriotic citizen, the parish has lost a loyal and faithful member and officer, and one more family has lost a dearly-loved head. Such men we can ill afford to lose. We thank God for his life, we condole with his bereaved relatives in their sorrow, and we pray that we may all be able to live lives of usefulness and uprightness such as his life was amongst us."

THE LENTEN SELF-DENIAL BOXES brought in £64, of which £7 was for St. Oswald's special needs, and £4 for St. Aidan's, leaving £53 for St. John's Church debt, less £6 16s. 6d. for boxes, printing, etc. We are indebted to Miss L. Murray and those ladies who helped her in distributing and collecting the boxes for their efforts in this direction. The quarterly collection for Interest and Sinking Fund on Whitsunday, 23rd May, amounted to £32 11s. 1d. This debt is a great handicap to the work of the parish, the charge for last year to the parish for Interest and Sinking Fund amounting to more than the stipend of another Curate.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY meets each Wednesday evening at 7.45 in the Kindergarten Room. It seems necessary to remind some members even of this, for the attendance this year has not been nearly as good as it should be. Will slack members please rouse themselves and make this movement a success? Some new members and associates will shortly be admitted. Mr. H. H. Scott gave a most interesting address on Nature Study lately, and members were able to study various specimens with the help of his microscope. The girls are working for St. John's Annual Fair, to be held on 9th June, when there will be a G.F.S. stall, which should do well if all work hard.

MISS ADAMS recently gave us a most interesting account of her Home Mission work in out-of-the-way parts of the diocese and among the hop-pickers, "mutton-birders," and among the people of the lighthouses and islands round the coast of Tasmania. The lantern views were much appreciated, and a collection was taken up to help in the good work. Miss Adams is a real missionary at heart, and her visit should stimulate our interest in the Home Mission work of the diocese.

THE RECTOR REGRETS that some people who came to St. John's at 7 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month twice recently were disappointed at finding there was no service. This service was arranged for by the Headmaster of the Grammar School for the boarders, and the Rector is in no way responsible for it. On one occasion Mr. Bethune was ill, and on another occasion he was away from home. The service will not be advertised in future.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL FAIR will be held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 9th June, afternoon and evening, opening at 3 o'clock. All parishioners are asked to make this venture a big success. Miss E. Murray is acting as hon. secretary, and a large number of energetic workers are associated with her.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION HOUSE AND MISSION HALL have been put in a state of thorough repair. All the exterior woodwork of these buildings, as well as sheds and fences and gates, etc., have been painted and repaired. Altogether during the last six months repairs and improvements to the extent of £85 have been effected on this property.

ST. AIDAN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL children and those who trained them are to be congratulated on the success of the operetta, "Red Riding Hood." Three performances were given at St. Aidan's Schoolroom, and one at St. John's. At