

Parish Mission Work

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Miss Richardson acknowledges with thanks the following donations on behalf of the Mission work:—W. R. Rolph, Esq., £2 2s. for a special case; useful parcels, from Mrs. W. Martin, Mrs. Read, Miss Cox; three dozen loaves of bread, Mr. T. B. Dean; Mothers' Aid Society, 14 new garments.

Old linen is urgently needed for the sick. Illustrated catalogues and coloured chalks or

paints to amuse convalescent children would be most gratefully received at THE MISSION HOUSE, CANNING STREET.

Donations for "Messenger."

The following donations to the cost of printing the "Parish Messenger" are acknowledged with thanks by Mr. Castley, hon. secretary:—St. John's Mission Hall, £1; St. John's Church box, 9/10; St. Oswald's £2.

Do You Realise the Importance of the Missions of the Church?

Do You Realise that they ARE the Mission of the Church?



COME AND HEAR

the Message of two fine Preachers and Scholars and Missionaries at our Parish Church.

Rev. S. Deuchar, M.A., and Rev. A. Stephenson, M.A., B.D..

will preach at ST. JOHN'S on **SUNDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER**

(See daily Papers).

MOVING PICTURES and LECTURE

describing the work in India, in **ST. JOHN'S HALL, TUESDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER, at 8 p.m.**

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"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., 106 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 Rector 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.

Meetings, Societies, etc.

MONDAYS.—Union Jack Athletic Club (Girls).

TUESDAYS.—Boys' Athletic Club.

WEDNESDAYS.—Ladies' Sewing Guild, 2.30; Girls' Friendly Society, 7.45; Teachers' Preparation Class, 8.15.

THURSDAYS.—Choir Practice, Union Jack Athletic Club (Men).

FOURTH THURSDAY IN EACH MONTH.—Mothers' Union, 3 o'clock.

"Lest We Forget."

THE MEMORIAL TO THE SOLDIERS from this parish who gave their lives as the price of Australia's safety in the Great War is to take the form of a reredos in the sanctuary of St. John's. This is estimated to cost, together with a suitable brass memorial tablet in the body of the church, £300. The brass tablet is to contain the names of all our fallen soldiers in alphabetical order. The work will not be commenced till the money required is in hand or promised. The Rector confidently appeals to the parishioners to place this memorial in the church as soon as possible. He will be glad to receive donations for this worthy object. Mr. A. E. Evershed is hon. secretary. A list of donations will be published in our next issue.

Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION AND THE BIBLE.—Read Acts, viii., 14-17; Acts, xix., 5, 6; Hebrews, vi., 1, 2.

CONFIRMATION AND THE PRAYER BOOK.—Read Service for Baptism of Infants, last paragraph. Note also title of Church Catechism. Read Confirmation Service. The candidates confirm the promises made in their name at their baptism. God, the Holy Spirit, confirms the candidates with spiritual strength. Children from 13 years of age should come to the Confirmation Classes to receive instruction. No one is too old for Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE NOW BEING HELD AT ST. JOHN'S AS UNDER:—SUNDAYS, AT 3.30 P.M.; WEDNESDAYS, AT 8.15 P.M. All those who wish to be prepared for Confirmation are invited to these classes. Adults may be prepared separately if they so desire. Confirmation Classes are also held at the Girls' Grammar School, at Broadland House School, and at the Methodist Ladies' College. The Rector will be glad to see anyone on the subject of Confirmation after any of the services.

News and Notes.

A HANDSOME BRASS PULPIT DESK has been presented to St. John's by some of the parishioners in memory of Anzac Day. It supplies a want, adds to the beauty of the church, and is a mark of kind thoughtfulness which is greatly appreciated. This nice present was dedicated by the Rector on Sunday, 8th August. One little girl was so much impressed with its appearance that she asked, "Is it really gold?"

THE MEN'S SERVICE on August 1 was very well attended, when the Rector gave an address on "Property and Personality," of which excellent reports appeared in the "Examiner" and "Telegraph." It is hoped that the Rev. A. Stephenson, M.A., B.D., who has been engaged in educational work in India for some years, will speak on "Indian Problems" at the Men's Service on September 5.

A DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION for the parishes of Launceston and the surrounding district has been formed, and a report of the first meeting has appeared in the daily papers. The hon. secretary is Miss E. Broaden.

MISS GOOD, Headmistress of the State School at Trevallyn, has kindly promised to give a talk to teachers at the next meeting of the association, to be held at St. John's Hall on Tuesday, September 14, at 8 p.m. This address will deal chiefly with work among the very little children, and will be followed by a conference of the teachers with Miss Good on Kindergarten principles as applied to Sunday School work. All Sunday School teachers are invited. We hope that all from this parish will be present.

MR. C. H. BURCHAM has kindly consented to accept the position of Superintendent of St. John's Sunday School, and hopes to begin work shortly. He will receive a hearty welcome from all workers at the Sunday School. Our thanks are due to Mr. M. E. Robinson for so kindly acting as Superintendent for several months. More teachers are still needed.

THE REV. H. G. J. HOWE, Rector of Leichhardt, Diocese of Sydney, will preach at St. John's on Sunday evening, September 12. During the following week Mr. Howe will give a series of addresses on "The Second Advent of

Our Lord" at the Mechanics' Institute, in conjunction with another visiting clergyman, Mr. Lamb.

MISS HENRY will be much missed from St. John's Choir. She has gone to Sydney, and takes with her the good wishes of the best part of Launceston. She will receive a good welcome whenever she comes back here.

THE REV. S. DEUCHAR, M.A., and the REV. A. STEPHENSON, M.A., B.D., are to preach at St. John's on Sunday, September 5. Mr. Deuchar is the Victorian Secretary for the Church Missionary Society, and Mr. Stephenson is on furlough from India, where he has been engaged for some years in educational work in connection with the C.M.S. They are both good speakers, and have a real message for us. They will also give us a lecture on Tuesday, September 7, in St. John's Hall, illustrated with moving pictures describing mission work in India. The church and hall should be full on those dates.

THE MOTHERS' UNION will hold the next monthly meeting at St. John's on Thursday, September 23, when Mrs. Kelly, of the Rectory, Carrick, will give an address to the members in our School Hall. Mrs. H. Weedon addressed our last meeting, and Mrs. Crotty spoke to the branch at Longford on the same day.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY meeting on August 11 was addressed by Mrs. de Coetlogon. Miss Quinne is to speak to the girls on September 22. The Corporate Communion of the G.F.S. should be on the third Sunday in each month, at 8 o'clock. Many of the girls must forget this.

A CHRISTIAN DUTY.—A part of the Rubric in the Order of the Visitation of the Sick reads thus:—" . . . And if he hath not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his will . . . But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates whilst in health." Relative to the above, the late Bishop Hopkins says:—"Every Christian who has property enough to make it worth while to dictate his last will and testament, is solemnly bound before God and the Church to consecrate a fair proportion of it—never less than a tenth part—to the maintenance of religion. If he have no

offspring to provide for, that proportion should be increased. Never, in that solemn act, should the cause of Christ be omitted or forgotten. Never should he fail to place on his last earthly record a testimonial of his faith, nor distribute his possessions without a suitable memorial of his pious gratitude to that God who has so kindly prospered him."—From a Melbourne church paper.

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH.—O God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy dear Son, unite us in true fellowship in furtherance of the Gospel, both at home and in heathen lands. Use each of us as Thou wilt in preparing Thy way; make us to abound more and more in prayers and in freewill offerings for the extension of Thy kingdom; bestow on us the manifold gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and grant us grace to stir up those gifts and use them always to Thy glory, and the salvation of mankind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.—O most merciful Saviour and Redeemer, Who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy Name to preach the Gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech Thee, with Thy continual favour, and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let Thy Ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that Thy word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high, and so prosper Thy work in their hands, that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake, and grant that all who are saved by Thy Name may be one in Thee, and may labour and pray for the extension of Thy kingdom throughout the world, to Thy honour and glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.—Amen.

ANOTHER CURATE, we hope, will soon be obtained. It is likely that one of our most promising theological students will be coming here to work by the end of this year.