

the promises of Christ regarding the future life. For the faithful departed we hope that they will enjoy eternal life, progress, and fellowship, and that, while they rest from the oppressive, worrying, painful side of work, yet they will be given work to do for God in the higher, nobler life beyond the grave. While there are a large number of little ones in the Kindergarten, it would seem that some of the older children are not attending as regularly as they should. Parents are asked to co-operate with the clergy, superintendent, and teachers in this important matter. Mr. Barnes continues his visits to the local State School for religious instruction, and thus gets to know more of the children, who look forward to his talks to them. The Boy Scouts recently paraded at St. Oswald's, when Mr. Barnes spoke on their motto, "Be Prepared."

THE SOWERS' BAND.—We are very pleased to be able to report that this branch of missionary work has been revived, and promises to become a very healthy and enthusiastic work. Up to the present we have six helpers and many members on our roll, and all are working with much enthusiasm for a Sowers' Band Japanese Fair, to be held in the early part of November. We have very gratefully received a generous donation from one of the Church's oldest members to enable us to get materials for our young people to work up for the Fair. Any old cards, beads, etc., will also be very gratefully received if anyone feels inclined to help us in this work, which will, we trust, become a very useful part of our Church life. The proceeds of the Sowers' Fair will go towards our parochial contributions to the work of the Church Missionary Society. Meetings are held every Friday at the Mission Hall at 7 o'clock, and on alternate Saturdays at St. John's Kindergarten Room, at 3 p.m.—F.G.C.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY is not progressing quite as well as we would like; still, we are doing all we can to induce members to attend. During the past month we have had a very enjoyable social, and also a costume night, when there was a very bright and amusing sight and plenty of fun, but at these and other of our meetings we have missed most of our associates. On Wednesday, 6th July, the annual festival will be held at St. Paul's, at 8 p.m.—F.G.C.

St. John's Mission Hall.

The work at the Mission Hall is still progressing, an increase of numbers at the Sunday evening services, the Sunday School, and the various organisations steadily going on. Our stall at St. John's Fair was very successful, owing to the hearty interest and enthusiasm of those who so willingly gave their time and work. We hope to have several candidates for Confirmation, both adults and young people. Still we are needing left-off clothing, etc. Will our readers please remember us, for during the winter months the supply is far short of the demand? Any parcel sent to the Mission House will be most acceptable. Do remember this, for the need is truly pressing. We wish to thank Mr. Whitton, of P. O. Fysh and Co., for the very useful samples he so kindly sent, which are rapidly being made into quilts for these cold nights. It is mainly for the children we ask your help, and for their sakes do not forget us in this important part of our work at the Mission Hall. We also wish to thank Mr. Dean for the welcome supply of bread he sent, and which was a great boon to many of our families. A steady increase in attendance is evident at the Mothers' Meetings each Thursday. Both the Rector and the Curate have spoken at these meetings lately. Services, meetings, etc., as under:—Sundays—Sunday School, 2.45 p.m.; Mission Service, 7 p.m. Mondays—Boys' Club, 7.30 p.m. Tuesdays—Girls' Club, 7.30 p.m. Thursdays—Mothers' Meeting, 2.45 p.m. Fridays—Sowers' Band, 7 p.m.—F.G.C.

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Services.

ST. JOHN'S—

Daily Services, 9 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.

The Parish Church is open daily from 8
a.m. to 8 p.m.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN—

Evensong, each Sunday, 7 p.m.

Holy Communion, fourth 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 prepara-
tion 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' Club.

WEDNESDAYS.—Ladies' Sewing Guild, Girls' Friendly Society, Teachers' Preparation Class.

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

FOURTH THURSDAY IN EACH MONTH.—Mothers' Union.

FIRST MONDAY IN EACH MONTH.—Men's Society.

ALTERNATE SATURDAYS.—Sowers' Band.

The Pulpit and the Pew

HOW THEY MAY HELP ONE ANOTHER.

Has the Church forgotten that its chief function is to preach the Gospel and to save souls? The clergy, in a conference this month, are going to face this question. Their congregations should be asked to face it, too. No preacher can act alone. He is limited or multiplied in power by his congregation. Preaching is not a one-man act. The congregation acts with the preacher by receptiveness, sympathy, prayer, and expectation, and by these things the poorest sermon can be made strong enough to convict and convert the hearers. The effectiveness of the sermon has as much to do with the congregation as the singing or the prayers. The minister is representative. He is trained and appointed to give out, Sunday by Sunday, the witness of the whole body of Christian people to the truth as it is in Jesus.

The first thing to ask is: Are we looking for results from our services and sermons? Do we ever hear of conversions? Do we pray for them and expect an answer each Sunday? Or do we argue that people who attend church are good enough already, and don't need converting? What does God say? What do the people themselves feel about it, when they are compelled to measure their lives by the divine standard?

It is my conviction that the conversion of the Church is needed to-day, even more than that of the world; for nothing but a converted Church can be of any use to an unconverted world.

Let us see the world as God sees it. "Israel would have none of me." "They are all gone away." "All the people will walk, each in the name of his god." And how many these gods are—pleasure, excitement, gain, the world, sin, indulgence, fashion, caste, and the praise of men. Of how many in this perishing world can it be said, as it was of Caleb, "He wholly followed the Lord his God"?

Then, let us trust in the power of the Gospel, when it is made known in the power of God's Spirit. A Gospel without a voice is like a bell without a bellringer—it hangs silent and unring; it gives no invitation to the world. Hence the need of a witnessing Church. Christ first wrought out the plan of salvation; next He ordained a Church to go and preach it, and then He endowed that Church with a power to make the message effective. We have it all, but we are not seeing to-day miracles of grace in the conversion of men and women to God. Conversion has been defined as a change of mind, followed by a change of life. The light of God alone can lead to seeing things in a new light; the love of God alone can produce the change in our way of living. Turn the motto into a prayer—"Let light go before, and let love come after"—and look for the answer in your own Church every Sunday.—(Canon Langley, M.A., in the parish paper of St. Mary's, Caulfield, Melbourne.)

News and Notes.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are now being held at St. John's on Sunday afternoons at 3.15 for boys in the Vestry, and for girls in the Chapel, as well as at the Mission Hall, and at Broadland House School. It is not too late for adults who wish to be prepared to communicate with the Rector, who will be glad to prepare them individually. The exact date of the Confirmation Service will be given in the next number of this paper.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE TO BE CONFIRMED.—Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that Thy Holy Spirit may be imparted to all those who are to receive the Apostolic rite of the Laying on of Hands. Endue them with power over sin, purity of heart, and constancy in Thy Church, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Amen.

THE REV. J. W. BETHUNE, M.A., kindly preached at St. John's on Sunday, 5th June, when the collections for the reduction of the Church debt amounted to £34.

MR. HOPKINS gave the first of a series of organ recitals at St. John's on Wednesday evening, 15th June. A fair number were present, and were much impressed with the music. Mr. Hopkins is to be complimented on his work of bringing the organ to such perfection, and also for giving people an opportunity of hearing good organ music. The recitals will be held on the third Wednesday in each month, the next being on 20th July. At each recital a collection will be made for the payment of new organ pipes now on order from England. Towards the special effort on behalf of the Organ Fund we have to acknowledge with thanks a donation of £12 10s. from Mr. and Mrs. A. Laurence Green.

ST. JOHN'S FAIR this year was a greater success than ever. The Mayoress (Mrs. Monds) made a model little speech in opening the Fair, and from start to finish all went without a hitch, thanks to Miss E. Murray and a devoted and energetic band of helpers. Everybody seemed to be in good humour, helped no doubt by the excellent music of Mr. Ches. Edwards' orchestra and Mr. Rose's mandolin orchestra. The gypsies were a novel feature this year, and were directly and indirectly responsible for the amount of £27 being added to the receipts. The largest amount received from any stall was from the Ladies' Sewing Guild, who handed in £25, the Savoury Stall coming next with £17. Everyone worked heartily and well, and all workers are to be congratulated on the excellent result; £165 was cleared, being the best result for many years. At a meeting of stall-holders and other workers in connection with the Fair, held at the Rectory on 16th June, to receive the financial statement of the Fair, a special vote of thanks was passed to Miss E. Murray, who acted as organising secretary. The ladies present decided to accept the kind offer of Mrs. Holyman to allow them to hold a garden fair at her residence in High Street during the last week in November, the proceeds to be for the Church Debt (Sinking Fund and interest). The parish is greatly indebted to the ladies for their devoted work for the Church.

THE MEN'S SERVICES will be resumed on Sunday, 3rd July, at 4 p.m., when the Rector will speak on "WORLD BROTHERHOOD AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS." All men are heartily invited to these monthly services.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY recently held an Australian Conference in Melbourne, and the Rector of St. John's accepted the invitation of the General Secretary to attend. A great deal of useful work was done

in adopting an Australian constitution for the society. It was an inspiring sight to see 400 men at Holy Communion in St. Paul's Cathedral at 8 o'clock on a Monday morning (King's Birthday). All present sat down to breakfast in the Chapter House, when one had the pleasure of listening to speeches from the Bishop of Bathurst (Dr. Long), the Bishop of Gippsland (Dr. Cranswick), Rev. E. R. Harrison (from Japan), Mr. L. V. Biggs, Mr. Cromer, and others. Such meetings help to keep us from becoming parochial or provincial. Our Men's Society will meet in future on the first Monday in the month.

THE REREDOS in memory of our soldiers from this parish who fell in the Great War should be in its place in St. John's this month. When in Melbourne recently, the Rector made final arrangements with Messrs. Brooks, Robinson, and Co. With reference to the memorial tablet, to contain the names of the soldiers commemorated, Mr. E. A. Gee has been trying for the last six months to complete the list. When complete, the tablet will be made and placed in position in the Church.

THE MOTHERS' UNION annual meeting was held on 23rd June, when the Rector presided and gave an address. Mrs. E. Barnes will speak at the next meeting, on 28th July.

THE BOYS' CLUB at St. John's is making great progress under the management of our energetic Curate (Mr. Barnes). New members will be welcome. The club meets each Tuesday evening.

THE REV. A. BARKWAY, of revered memory, who recently passed to his rest after over 50 years' residence in Launceston, left a valuable library. A public appeal has been made by representative clergymen of our Church for funds to purchase the library for the use of the clergy and lay readers of Northern Tasmania. The library ought to grow into a really big one, and should form a fitting memorial to an honoured fellow-citizen and devoted parish priest. The Rector will be glad to receive donations for this worthy object.

ST. OSWALD'S, Trevallyn, has lost a most regular worshipper and helpful worker in Mr. J. H. Standrin, who passed to his rest last month. Another highly respected and devoted member of our Church was called away a short time before in the person of Mr. Arthur Evans. The Rector made feeling reference to our departed friends at an "In Memoriam" service at St. Oswald's on 5th June. He emphasised the reality of our Christian Hope, founded upon our faith in God and in