

It takes the mind away from common thoughts. It sends the person back to the world with renewed ideal and purpose. It provides instruction not obtainable elsewhere. And as an act of intercourse it strengthens people in mutual faith and care. As a family act it is priceless to nation and to individual.

THE OBJECTS of church attendance are:—Worship, Prayer, Intercession for others, Hearing God's Word read and preached. Thanksgiving in word, thought, and in other contributions to extend the Kingdom of God on earth. THE END of church-going is COMMUNION, partaking of the Holy Communion regularly, and enjoying constant fellowship with God.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION (SHOOLIDGE HALL).—The Sunday School Anniversary will be held on Sunday, the 29th October. The work of the Mission is being carried on successfully by Miss Kelly, and all the parishioners ought to be proud of this. Some of you might show your interest by occasionally looking in at the various meetings to see what is being done.

OUR OWN MISSIONARIES.—We hope to despatch our usual box of Christmas presents to the Roper River Mission. Articles as under are suitable, and may be brought to the Church or left at the Depot by the third week in September:—Phonograph records (cylinder or disc), mirrors, brushes, combs, fishing lines and hooks, old pocket-knives, scissors, sewing needles, pins, cottons, thimbles, unbleached and white calico, navy blue maids' cloth (for dresses), patchwork quilts, old linen (for medical work), Lifebuoy and other soaps, slate and lead pencils, tables games and toys, Bibles and Prayer Books, Hymn Books (Hymnal Companion, second and third edition), boiled lollies, and also personal presents suitable for Mr. Perriman, Mr. Joynt, Timothy, and Sara. We do not think it advisable to send a box to Miss Garrard, but would like to send a gift of money to her, as we did last year. It is very interesting to record that, as a direct result of our Summer School in Launceston last year, Miss Peck, the dis-

penser at the General Hospital, has definitely offered for Mission work, and is now in training in the Deaconesses' Institute in Sydney.

#### DONATIONS.

No charge is made for this little paper; it depends entirely for its publication upon the freewill offerings of those who appreciate it. The distributors will gladly accept donations, or they may be sent to the Rector or Mr. A. A. Castley, 66 Brisbane Street. The following have been received during the last two months:—Mr. F. Cleaver, 10s.; Mrs. Holland, 5s.; "Anon," 5s.; Mrs. J. Beck, 4s.; Mr. Bessell, 3s.; Mrs. Broadley, 2s.; Mrs. Dryden, 2s.; Mrs. L. Ford, 2s.; Mrs. Pardey, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Davis, 2s. 6d.; Nurse Bradshaw, 2s.; Mrs. Humphreys, 2s.; Mrs. Maher, 1s.; Mr. J. Cock, 1s.; Mrs. Kayser, 2s.; Mrs. Thurston, 2s.; Mrs. Barrett, 2s.; Miss Genders (Penguin), 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Craine, 1s.; Mr. Pegg, 5s.; Mrs. Davidson, 2s.; Mrs. Brown, 2s.; Mrs. Mitchell, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Cox, 2s.; Mrs. Genders, 3s.; Mrs. R. J. Sadler, 10s.; Mrs. V. Phillips, 2s.

#### BAPTISMS.

Beverley Joy Cadman, Robert Charles Lumsden, Anita Joyce Westlake, Margaret Isabel Brooks, Sylvia Joan Bushby, Arthur John Lindsay, Thomas Douglas Harber, Dawn Allison Dargan, Hilda Rose, Ernest William O'Toole, Ethel Marion Alice O'Toole, Francis Henry Norman O'Toole, Ronald Burr Eastburn, Joan May Smith, Derrick Ernest Claxton, Gladys Rosena Moss.

#### MARRIAGES.

William Henry Loudon Woolnough and May Lavina Scott Brown.  
William Mitchell Rose and Mabel Florence Cox.

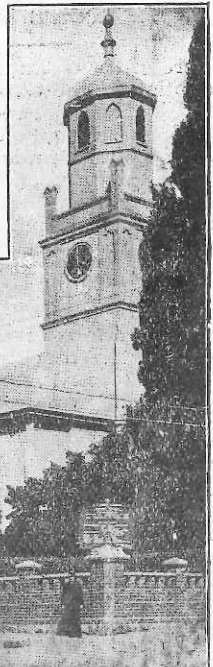
#### OFFERTORIES.

Sunday, 2nd August (very wet), £6 11s. 6d.; 9th August, £12; 16th August, £10 1s.; 23rd August, £10; 30th August, £10 18s.

VISIT C.M.S. DEPOT—AFTER-NOON TEA, 9d.; LUNCHEON, 1s.

# St. John's Parish Messenger

A Monthly Message from the Mother Church of Launceston. St. John's Church was opened 1825, but our records go back to 1811. The new portion (still unfinished) as shown below, was commenced in 1901.



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#### APPOINTMENTS:

SUNDAY SERVICES, 8, 11, and 7—Sunday School, 10 and 3. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (every Sunday), 10 a.m. (second Sunday), 11 a.m. (first and third Sunday).  
WEDNESDAYS—Ladies' Sewing Guild, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society. Baptisms, every Wednesday, 11 a.m. Special Service, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.  
THURSDAYS—Choir Practice; fourth Thursday, Mothers' Union.  
SATURDAYS—Boy Scouts, 7.30.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN—Service every Sunday, 7. Holy Communion Fourth Sunday, at 11 a.m.  
ST. JOHN'S MISSION, CANNING STREET—Service every Sunday, 7 p.m.  
CORMISTON—Every alternate Sunday, 3.30 p.m.

A CORDIAL INVITATION is hereby given to ALL to Attend our SERVICES. YOU will be Welcomed, Shown to a Seat, and, if necessary, provided with Books.

## RECTOR'S NOTES.

There is, you know, a very fine description of the Christian soldier in the sixth chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, giving all the different parts of his uniform and armour from his head to his feet. A rough old soldier once said, "An army fights on its stomach." It is none the less true that it fights on its feet. It must be well shod, and it must be able to stand its ground. Therefore, said the Apostle, "Have your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." The thoughtful will dwell upon these words, "The gospel of peace." The war is over, and we live in what we sometimes call "the days of peace."

Dr. Frank Crane, in a recent volume, "Why I am a Christian," refers to an article by another writer, entitled "Ubique" (everywhere), evidently a satire upon professing Christians.

A man had occasion to go for the first time to the town of Ubique on business. He arrived at the station on a blustering winter's day. As he walked along the street he saw women dressed in costly furs, and gentlemen in warm overcoats, but all having bare feet. The population seemed respectable and well-to-do, but no one wore shoes. At the dinner-table he sat next to a prosperous-looking old gentleman, and fell into conversation. "Pardon me," he said, "but I notice that nobody in this town seems to wear shoes, yet everyone seems to suffer from cold and bruised feet. Would you mind telling me why?" "Ah," said the old gentleman, raising his eyes piously, "why, indeed!"

The traveller took a walk through the town, and found that here and there were beautiful buildings, more elaborate and larger than the ordinary. Seeing the janitor sweeping the steps of one of these structures, he asked, "What is this building? I am a stranger in this town, and notice there are many buildings like this." "This is a shoe factory," said the janitor. "Oh! Then they make shoes here?" "Oh, not at all," was the reply; "they just talk about making shoes, and sing about shoes, and pray about shoes." Pointing to a sign by the door, he saw an announcement that the chief official of the factory

was going to give a lecture every seven days on shoes. The subjects listed included "The Origin of Shoes," "The History of Shoe-Making," "Varieties of Leather," etc. He was informed by the janitor that once every seven days every other business in town was required by law to close, that nothing was allowed to be open, but the shoe factories and the people all gathered in them to sing and pray and hear lectures about shoes. But no shoes were produced, and nobody wore them.

Finally, in a little side street, he found a small shop, inside of which was an old cobbler making a pair of shoes. He bought a pair, and took them back to his hotel to present to the old gentleman with whom he had become acquainted. To his surprise, the old gentleman declined the gift, assuring him that none of the best people ever wore shoes, and, in fact, it was considered a sign of fanaticism and hypocrisy ever really to wear them.

The point in this story is only too well taken.

It seems a pity (as Dr. Crane says) that religion, the very best and most usable force in the world for developing character and making happiness, should have been jockeyed into such a position that people are afraid to claim that they have it and use it.

Religion as topic of conversation for polite conversation in society is taboo. It is not considered well-bred to discuss religion in social circles. Personally, I have noticed there is an impatience to hear sermons at all. When the clergyman visits a house the inmates would far rather that he played cards with them than talk about religion. The principal subject of conversation with some after a service is so often merely to refer jokingly to some peculiarity in the appearance of the choir, or their behaviour, or to something funny in the way the notices were given out by the clergyman—anything, in fact, rather than the real business of the church service, is spoken of.

And yet I believe that most people are better Christians than they think they are. There is no reason why you should fear to give expression to your thoughts sometimes; at least, it is a wholesome exercise.

You are not asked to become merely

a partisan.—Do not argue!—If one has to argue about a piece of music in order to show its value, for that reason it probably has little value. No one argues that the sunlight is good. We bask in it with delight, and we tell everybody we meet, "Isn't it a glorious day!"

When the Sun of Righteousness has shined upon your heart, your face will beam, your tongue of praise will be loosened, and you will discover that your feet are well shod, and that you run and leap for very joy.

DAVID ROSS HEWTON,

1st Sept., 1925.

Rector.

["The Daily Express" (London) this week states that a prominent citizen, as protest against high prices, walks on the boulevards daily barefooted, but otherwise dressed in the height of fashion.]

## GENERAL NOTES.

RENOVATION OF THE RECTORY.—The very best thanks are due to those who so kindly responded to the request for donations. The exterior presents a very different appearance, now that the work of painting is completed. The amount subscribed was £28 is., and the cost was £27 19s. Anything further which may be sent in will be devoted to the cleaning up of the church grounds. Will friends please note this?

C.M.S. CENTENARY.—The monthly sale at the Depot, No. 92 St. John Street, will be held on Tuesday, 8th September, from 3 p.m. to 5.30. It will be called the Centenary Stall, and a very, very pressing invitation is given to all to send something or to come.

Remember that we are to have a visit from the Right Reverend Bishop Taylor-Smith, who has just retired from the position of Chaplain-General of the Imperial Forces, who is coming to Australia in the interests of the Church Missionary Society. A cable message has been received by a leading churchman, announcing his departure from England, in which the Bishop says: "Let your prayers prepare my way, for I hope to be of great service to Australia, for which I consecrate myself afresh." He hopes to be in Launceston on Sunday, the 8th November next.

FAVOURITE HYMNS.—Notwithstanding what the Rector says in his notes this month, it must not be taken

that all the parishioners fail to speak of the essential things. The fact is that very many, and often, are the relevant remarks that we hear. One has particularly asked that the congregation be asked to express their choice of hymns. This we gladly do, and any written requests will be carefully passed on to the organist and members of the choir.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

—The children have for some time been trained in the special hymns, and parents and friends of the young people are asked to note the Anniversary Sunday, viz., 11th October. Our friend, Rev. W. R. Barrett, M.A., Principal of Cressy College, will be the preacher at the afternoon and evening services. It is some time since he has officiated in St. John's, and we look forward with pleasure to his coming.

CONFIRMATION.—Our Bishop will administer the rite of confirmation on Thursday evening, the 24th September, at 8 o'clock.

CENTENARY OF ST. JOHN'S.—We are to be favoured with a visit by the Rev. H. N. Baker, M.A., who is coming specially from Sydney to conduct services at St. John's on Sundays, the 15th and 22nd November. We are hoping that special invitations, which will be sent as far as possible to all who have been in any way associated with this church, all who have been baptised, confirmed, or married here, will bring large congregations to the services. If readers of this notice will let the Rector have the names of any such we shall be glad to add them to our lists. "BACK TO ST. JOHN'S" is the motto for these two Sundays.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting of the associated branches of this society is to be held in St. John's Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, the 8th September, at 8 p.m. All men are invited.

CHANCEL CARPET.—The Centenary gift by the Girls' Friendly Society is a handsome new chancel carpet for the church. The Girl Guides are also presenting a new set of Festival Book markers. These will be in place in time for a service to be held on the day before the confirmation service.

CHURCH-GOING is one of the happiest and ennobling of employments.