

the last messenger, letters have been received from Mr. H. L. Perriman, who was having a very busy time as they were short-handed. A delightful report from Mrs. Dyer of their visit to Roper River and Groote Eylandt; and also of their work at Cenpelli. Unfortunately Mrs. Dyer is feeling the strain of the responsibility and the work too much for her. Also a letter from Bishop Chambers telling of the opening of the new cathedral at Dodoma. Also a copy of the "Tanganyika Standard," published at Dar-es-Salaam has been sent to Miss Murray, our hon. secretary; also telling of the opening of the cathedral at Dodoma and of the week of witness being held there. Still another letter has been received from Miss Garrard, who tells us that from July, 1932, till July, 1933, she has travelled doing her safiri work 3760 miles, and out of this long distance she had only gone 760 miles by car, which means 3000 miles on her push bike. Can any of us realise what that means in a climate like Uganda. We are hoping to send her a Christmas present of a little money to go towards her car fund. Christmas presents for Roper River and Groote Eylandt can be left at the depot till the 26th of this month, and for Miss Garrard's car fund any time up to the end of this month.

The Missionary Service League are having their annual missionary play in St. John's Hall on Tuesday, October 3. It promises to be even better than the last, which was such a success. The play is called "Triumphs in Tanganyika." The Y.P.U. are giving a missionary dialogue. Rev. H. Warren will give a lantern lecture, and he has some beautiful slides. There will also be some musical items. Tickets 1s. Proceeds towards stipend of Rev. and Mrs. Wynne Evans.

A very successful missionary afternoon was held at St. John's Rectory on Wednesday, September 13.

There was a wonderful response to the invitations sent out and a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon was spent. The Rev. C. J. Nash outlined the work being done by St. John's Missionaries in the field. The stall erected in the Rectory Hall was quickly cleared of articles and the financial result was most satisfactory.

The great historic value of the early records of St. John's has been emphasised recently by the request from the Government Registrar-General that all records of Baptisms, marriages, and burials previous to 1838 be sent to Hobart for purposes of being copied, the state not possessing any records previous to that date. As Synod recently passed a resolution authorising rectors and church wardens to forward such records on loan, I have forwarded same accordingly.

The entries are of intense interest and reveal some very interesting facts. In 1833 the population of Launceston was about 4700, there being only one church then in existence—St. John's. In a return made by Chaplain Youl, rector of St. John's, to the Archdeacon of New South Wales, he mentions the number of day schools then existing, number of scholars and salary of teachers, etc.

I hope, when the records are returned, to give some of these details in a future issue of this parish paper, I feel sure many of our people would be interested to read them.

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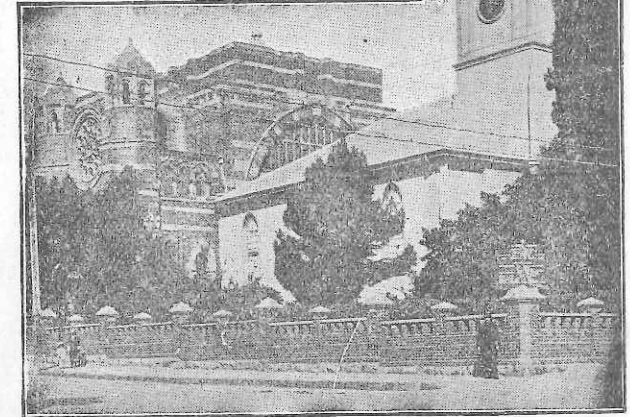
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St. John's Parish Messenger

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), also Saints' Days at 7.30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 10.15 a.m. Young Men's Bible Class, 2.30. Young Women's Class, 2.30.
MONDAY—Missionary Service League, C.M.S. Depot, 7.45 p.m.
TUESDAYS—G.F.S., 7.45 p.m. C. of E. Boys' Society, 7.45 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS—Boys Scouts and Cubs, 7.30 p.m. M.M.A., 1st and 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Baptisms every Wednesday, 11 a.m. Church Service, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Girl Guides, 7.30 p.m.
THURSDAYS—Choir Practice, 8. Missionary Band, 4.15. Fourth Thursday, Mother's Union, 3.
ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN—Service every Sunday, 7 p.m. 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

The whole parish has been deeply moved by the sudden and very serious illness of the Rev. D. Ross Hewton. Coming so soon after his retirement from St. John's and after a long ministry singularly free from sickness, we all have felt sincere sympathy with him in this time of pain and anxiety. We join in earnest prayer for his complete recovery and look forward to seeing him once more coming in and out among us.

The result of our appeal for the reduction of the parish overdraft exceeded our expectations. The total was just over £140, and is an eloquent tribute of the love and loyalty of St. John's people for their church. In these days of great financial stringency this amount represents considerably more in better times. St. John's has very few wealthy families within its borders and to realise such a result has meant real self-sacrifice on the part of many. Our very warm and sincere thanks are offered to all those who gave so generously and especially to the keen body of sidesmen who carried the effort through so successfully.

I would ask for the prayers of the congregation on behalf of those who will be confirmed on Sunday, 1st October. This is a big and important step in the life of our young people and can mean so much to them. The Bishop will administer the rite of confirmation in the afternoon at St. John's at 3 p.m.

Many of us are gravely concerned about the trend of modern life, especially from a spiritual point of view. It is not so much the open hostility that is to be feared. Times of persecution have served to purify the church and produce great men and women of faith, and history will always repeat itself. It is nom-

inal church membership and spiritual apathy that gives the greatest concern. The lowering of ideals and the acceptance of a lessened sense of spiritual values becomes the danger facing the church to-day. We can so easily become "cumbered about with much serving" that we forget the need of sitting at the Master's feet, where alone grace and peace can be found.

Yet, in spite of this, there seems a real and genuine seeking after God. These grave and troublous days have caused many to turn their eyes to the church for light and leadership and we must not fail them. Never was the need greater and never the opportunity more golden. Let us put on the whole armour of God and in faith march on to victory, counting not the cost, but gladly suffering and bearing all things for the sake of Him who counted not His life dear unto Himself, but gave Himself a willing sacrifice that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Lord when I long for rest and ease
And lovely things and sights that
please,

When I hate each contradiction
Flinch at every light affliction,

Remind me Lord.

Thou had'st not where to lay Thy
head,

No peaceful room to break Thy bread
Hindered, disturbed, misunderstood,
Thou did'st not answer back and
brood.

As I do Lord.

With cheerfulness Thou did'st forego
The calm of heaven for strife below,
Lord, when I long for rest and ease
Help me to seek and find both these.
In serving others.

W. GREENWOOD,
Rector.

GENERAL NOTES

OBITUARY.—Death has been busy amongst us during the past winter, and many homes have suffered bereavement. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Lester on the loss of his wife. She had suffered considerably for a long time, and was confined to the house. Her passing makes a big break in Mr. Lester's life and we feel with him in this time of sorrow.

St. John's Mission Charity Fund. This club is self supporting and has helped several organisations during the year. Thanks are due to the Misses O. Justin and E. Scott for their untiring efforts.

ST. OSWALD'S.—The American Tea held in St. Oswald's Hall on Wednesday, August 9, was very successful, and the financial result will considerably help the funds of the church. An energetic band of workers had made the hall look very pretty, and in asking Mr. Greenwood to formally declare the American Tea open, the rector warmly congratulated the Rev. C. J. Nash and his helpers on the result of their efforts. On the previous Sunday the Patronal Festival was held, with services at 11 a.m., 2.45 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Revs. H. C. Cuthbertson and E. W. Julien kindly came and gave helpful addresses.

SHOBRIDGE HALL.—The annual fair is fixed for Thursday, November 2. There will be the usual stalls and donations of cakes, vegetables, sweets, etc., will be gratefully received. Also secondhand clothing for the jumble stall.

New and secondhand clothing has been distributed to many poor families during the winter.

Miss Kelly desires to thank all kind friends who have assisted in the charity work of the mission.

A folk dancing and gymnastic display by St. John's Mission Girls' Club will be held on Monday, October 30, at 8 p.m. Silver coin admission, proceeds for Limbless Soldiers and

CORMISTON.—The whole district has been greatly shocked by the sudden and tragic death of Mr. Brian Thomson, who was attacked and gor-

ed by a bull, and subsequently died in the Launceston Public Hospital. He was a very fine type of young man, a good athlete, and keen member of the Old Launcestonians' Football Club. He was very popular with all classes, and his sudden and tragic passing caused a gloom to pass over the district. We offer to his father, mother, and sister our sincere deep sympathy.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Mrs. Dryden, 2s; A. L. G., 2s; Miss White Parsons, 3s; A. Friend, 4s; Mrs. A. Smith, 3s; Mr. Bessell, 5s; Miss Rollins, 3s.

HOLY BAPTISMS.—John Hurst, Ian Edward Boucher, Fay Claire Brown, Landon Graeme Harris, Leonard Edward Robinson, Leslie William Webber, Vernice June Apted, Anthony John Griffiths, Beverley Ann Lonergan, Pamela Lonergan, Charles Henry Warden Jones, William Beresford Martin, Leona Margaret Wiltshire, Dorothy Jean Lamb, Bryan George Campbell, Grace Eileen Faulkner, Alice Mary Roberts.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—Robert Matthews and Kathleen Mary Hibbs. John Charles Henry Pinner and Jean Mary Springer, Percy Alfred Tatham and Betty Bluebelle Hughes, Arthur Edward Viney and Sheila Targett, Carlyle Cunningham and Edith Stephens, Frederick John Thomas and Geraldine Douglas Lade, Lewis Keith Robinson and Thora Muriel Easter, Trevor Keith Colquhoun and Doris Irene Huxtable, Gerald Lewis Hamilton Hart and Winifred Mary East, Robert Raymond McArthur and Elvie Elizabeth Hudson, John Ernest Scarborough and Elizabeth Lilian Rule.

MISSIONARY NOTES.—It was with great thankfulness we heard of Rev. and Mrs. Wynne Evans' safe arrival at Groote Eylandt, after "a good trip and all well." Many prayers had gone up for their safety. Since