

LAUNCESTON IN 1834.

St. John's Pageant.

For some time past various members of old St. John's have felt that some fitting pageant should be held in the church grounds this year to mark the church's part in the Batman Centenary. At a large meeting of parishioners, Rev. W. Greenwood in the chair, an interesting historical programme was outlined and adopted.

A civic service will be held in old St. John's on October 6, and on November 6 and 7 will be seen in the spacious grounds of St. John's scenes of Launceston, 1834. A replica of the Government cottage, Launceston, will be erected, and an 1834 military and naval guard will be on duty, and music in keeping with the times will be played. Sir George Arthur and suite will arrive in a State carriage and hold a reception, to which representatives of all the early settlers and others will be invited from all parts of the State. There will also be portrayed many of the earliest Launceston shops, such as Wade's Pie Shop, Ye Olde Toffee Shop, Robertson's Clothing Store, Flower and Seed Mart, Ackerman's, Dent's Ham and Beef Store, Miss Smith's Cake Shop, a produce mart, etc. All shops will be built in the grounds, and those in charge appropriately costumed. Special goods will be made from old recipes. A very special feature will be the Tam o' Shanter Inn. Here will be several old-style counter bars, and refreshments served in the quaint old style. The Rebecca will be in evidence. It is also suggested that a Maypole dance will be given at intervals, also various scenes of Batman's departure from Launceston will be acted.

The meeting was very enthusiastic, and all shops were allotted. A reception, designing, entertainment, and other committees were appointed, with Miss Eleanor Murray as general secretary.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

Raymond Walter Johnson, Bernice Caroline Stebbings, Gwenneth Percia Kafoed, Lesley Dawn Kerr, Margaret Rosina Green, Maxia David Kearnes, John Leslie Edwards, Mary Ann Emily Dalton, Fay Patricia Bishop, Joyce Amy Bass, Kay Pamela Frith, Shirley Dawn Wenn, Maxwell Ernest Wenn, Graham Barnard, Betty Con-

stance Hart, Harold Matthew Cartwright, Margaret Anne Brent, Pegg Green, John Sydney Wright, David Edward Franklin, Geoffrey Eustace Lamb, Ivan Charles Turmine, Barbara Louise Hayes, Edward John Archer, Freda Lilian Easther, Brian James McCudden, Valma Madge McCudden.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Alfred Ernest Speers and Lila Mary Niel.
Ernest Lacy Waller and Marianne Bothwell Brady.
Clement Byard Alan Cooke and Elma Louise Mallinson.
Tasman George Jones and Leila Woolnough.
Harry William Green and Mavis Hilda Page.
Richard Willoughby Aston Pudsey-Dawson and Frances Pollington Stone.
William Oliver Eade and Florence May Robertson.
Edward Sydney Thomas Hedger and Muriel Anne Haas.

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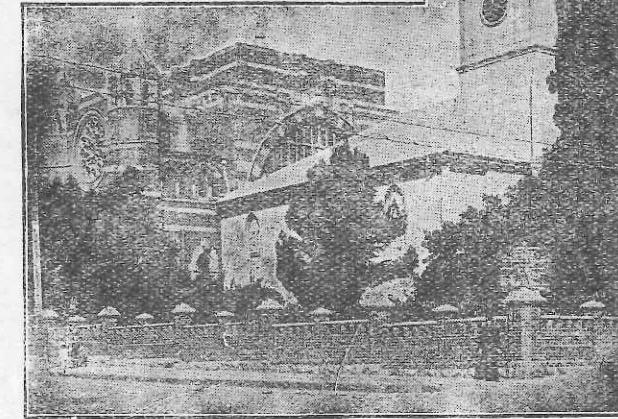
St. John's Parish
Messenger

A 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.

AUGUST

1934



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Verger—MR. A. FORD, "The Cottage," 39 Elizabeth Street.

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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 10.15 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. G. 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.

FRIDAYS—Brownies, 6.45 p.m.

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 sudden and unexpected passing of the Rev. G. Rowe came as a great shock not only to his parishioners at St. Paul's, but to us all. Mr. Rowe had become a very familiar figure in the life of Launceston, and his genial and hearty personality will be much missed. I know I re-echo the feelings of all at St. John's when I offer to Mrs. Rowe and her daughters our sincere sympathy. This makes the third clergyman associated with our church life in Launceston to pass away within twelve months—the late Rev. D. Ross Newton, Rev. W. Wynn Evans, and now the Rev. G. Rowe.

Death has also claimed another who has been closely identified with St. John's for many years—the late Mr. G. F. Hopkins. For over 17 years he officiated with skill and ability as our organist, and our present fine and outstanding instrument is a permanent memorial of his genius. It is very fitting that further developmental work so dear to Mr. Hopkins' heart should now be in course of construction. I wrote to Mrs. Hopkins not only in a personal sense, but also as Rector of St. John's, and expressed our sincere sympathy as a congregation.

The new organ console (keyboard) is now being made by Messrs. G. Fincham & Sons, of Melbourne, and will soon be set up on the chancel floor. This will fulfil a long-cherished wish, and will be a great boon to both clergy, organist, and choir. The unsightly opening showing organ loft in the north wall of the chancel will be filled in by the erection of thirty-two speaking pipes. This should serve to beautify that part of our church.

The cost of console and pipes will be £615, and the whole of this has been practically raised, and that by straight-out giving. It is a wonderful tribute to the loyalty and generosity of our people. I want to sincerely thank Mr. Brownrigg for his untiring

efforts to bring this work to a successful conclusion.

You will remember the decision unanimously agreed upon at our annual meeting that the memorial to the late Rev. D. R. Newton should take the form of a screen to stand in front of the organ console. Mr. North, who designed our beautiful church, has given us a very fine drawing for the screen, and one that will harmonise with the rest of the furniture. It will make a very fitting memorial indeed to our late Rector. The churchwardens, sidesmen, or myself will be glad to receive donations towards the memorial screen.

You will be interested to know that Mr. L. Beniafield will succeed Mr. Nash as curate of St. John's. He hopes to take his final exams. in October at Christ College and be ordained later in the year.

Two bequests of £50 each have been received through the will of the late Mr. Burrows for the St. John's Building Fund and C.M.S. Depot building respectively. We are grateful for these helpful donations, and more still for the kindly thought and spirit that prompted them. Only those of us who knew Mr. Burrows personally can value these gifts as they should be valued. His means were very small indeed, and to will £100 for the church's work under the circumstances means real self-sacrifice.

My worthy predecessor, Mr. Newton, often wisely and timely spoke of the importance of those able to do so to remember their Parish Church in their wills. In the old country the Church's strong financial position is due to endowments left by loyal church men and women in the past. Such gifts help to secure the work of the Church going on in the future in spite of depressions, etc.

When I look round our parish and see the numerous organisations con-

stantly and strenuously pressing on in their various activities, and the fine body of workers giving so unselfishly of their time and talents, I feel very hopeful of the future. Our prayers and endeavours must bring us closer to the ultimate victory.

May God give us the increase.

W. GREENWOOD,
Rector.

ST. OSWALD'S.—The annual meeting of the congregation was held after evening service on July 8. The experiment of holding the meeting in this way was very successful, a good number waiting behind. All the officers of last year were re-elected, with one or two additional names. The Rector warmly thanked the Secretary, Treasurer, and Ladies' Committee for their efforts on behalf of the church, and appealed for still further help in the coming year.

Mrs. Beck has very kindly agreed to act as Superintendent of the Sunday School until Mr. Nash's return or some permanent arrangement can be arrived at. There is a definite call here for a keen layman to come forward and help in this important work.

SHOOBRIDGE HALL.—Miss Kelly is very grateful for the parcels and donations sent to her for the work of the Mission, and the demand for clothing for poor families is still urgent.

The Mission has received £5 worth of clothing from the Mayor's Relief Fund. This help is much appreciated, as the funds available are quite inadequate to meet the demands constantly being received.

The Rector and Miss Kelly would appreciate recommendations from members of St. John's for board at Shoobridge House, where every attention and provision is made for either permanent or temporary boarders.

GENERAL NOTES.

The further additions to St. John's organ will be of interest to very many outside the members of the congregation. Like the church itself, it has been conceived on big lines, and speaks volumes for the vision of those responsible for its conception. The Bishop has granted a faculty both for the memorial screen and also for the placing of the console in the chancel.

Last year, in the month of August, the Rector and churchwardens sent out an appeal for a big freewill offering towards church funds. This was very liberally responded to, and helped very appreciably in trying to balance the parish ledger. A similar appeal is again to be made this August, and in due course every parishioner will receive a letter and freewill offering envelope. As the need is just as acute this year as last, the Rector and churchwardens are hopeful of a good response.

CONFIRMATION.—The Bishop will be coming to St. John's for Confirmation on Sunday, 25th November. The Rector would be glad to hear of young people wishing to be prepared for this sacred rite. Classes will be formed later on.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

The Rev. H. E. Warren has returned to his parish of Cullenswood after a strenuous deputation campaign in Victoria and South Australia. His leadership of the recent Caledon Bay peace expedition has created considerable interest in C.M.S. throughout the Commonwealth, and the work needs further consolidation.

A jumble stall to be held in Herd's Mart on Tuesday, August 14, is being organised by the Committee of the C.M.S. Depot, and all St. John's congregation are earnestly asked to support this effort, the proceeds of which are in aid of the Depot Building Fund.