

the reverent handling of the subject. Each year sees an advance both in technique and acting. The financial result will help the fine work of Mr. Perriman, "Our Own Missionary," in the Northern Territory. The result is all the more creditable when one considers the difficult conditions under which the players had to perform. St. John's badly needs a permanent stage in the School Hall. The erection of such is well worthy of serious consideration.

The annual meeting of the Medical Missions' Auxiliary was held on Wednesday, March 20th, the Rector presiding. The officers were re-elected, and thanked for their work. It was pointed out in the report that 559 articles had been sent away during the year.

Recent reports from the Northern Territory state that Miss Dove visited Caledon Bay in the "Holly" and made contact with the natives, who still remembered Mr. Warren, and were saddened to hear of his tragic death. Miss Dove held service in the little church built by Mr. Warren and Mr. Dyer a year ago. Miss Dove speaks of the urgency of this work so gallantly begun by Mr. Warren being continued. Help is needed that this may be done.

St. John's "Own Missionary," Mr. Perriman, writes of the great strain of the work. He has been holding on in spite of many difficulties. He asks our prayers.

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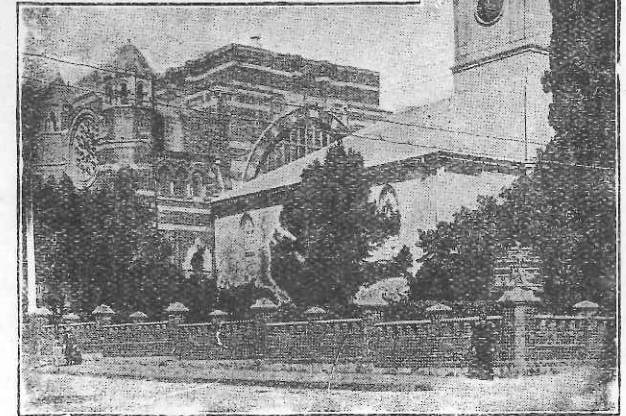
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St. John's Parish Messenger

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.



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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

This issue of the Parish Messenger will reach you in the middle of the solemn and important season of Lent, and I am sure that to those who give serious thought to its lessons it will indeed prove a period of real spiritual development. It is interesting to note that, in spite of the many and varied changes that have come to human life as generation succeeds generation, still the great lessons of Lent come to us as a necessary challenge. Selfishness is as rampant as ever, and, indeed, lies at the root of many of our social and economic ills. The Lenten call to self-denial is opportune to-day, and brings blessing to those who answer it in their daily lives. I am reminded of a simple little verse that serves to emphasise this:

Seldom can the heart be lonely
If it seek a lonelier still:
Self-forgetting, seeking only
Empty cups with love to fill.

Lent also speaks of self-discipline, a very necessary message to the present generation. We are too apt these days to over-emphasise the importance of freedom, forgetting that freedom is not license. Our Lord says: "Ye shall know of the truth, and the truth shall make you free." It is only as we know of Christ's power to deliver that we shall know the true meaning of freedom.

I was much interested in a remark made to me by a parishioner when visiting recently. This person said: "I feel that we can never really appreciate the joy of Easter unless we have attempted to keep Lent." There was much truth in this remark.

The C.M.S. Summer School this year proved one of the most successful of the series. We had a very good team of speakers, and the interest was well sustained throughout. I am sure the inspiration of the meetings will continue, and help to maintain that high reputation for missions for which St. John's is justly famed.

I want to offer on behalf of all our people of St. John's the heartiest congratulations and kindest good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stebbeings, sen., of Carr Villa, who celebrate their golden wedding on April 27th. It is given to very few couples to celebrate 50 years of married life, and we rejoice with them on that happy occasion. May they be spared many years yet to enjoy their happy union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stebbeings are a splendid example of loyalty to their Church. Although living several miles away, they are always found every Sunday morning in their places in St. John's Church. We wish them joy and happiness on their golden wedding.

I hope some time in April to call a meeting of representatives from our various parochial organisations to consider the suggestion of holding a series of monthly fellowship socials during the winter. The object is to offer an opportunity for our people to meet together in a friendly way, so that we might get to know each other better.

We are in need of teachers for our Sunday Schools at St. John's and Shoobridge Hall. I should be grateful for volunteers for this most important and necessary work.

I hope all our people have received a copy of the Lenten leaflet which gives full details of the services for Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter. I want to ask you all to use every endeavour to keep the spirit of Holy Week. We have need to be reminded of the awful suffering borne by our Saviour on Calvary. It was the great act of Redemption, Christ offering Himself a ransom for the sins of the world. Let us then follow to Calvary, to tread in spirit where He trod.

Many of us will not readily forget the solemnity of the Holy Communion service held last Holy Week on the night before Good Friday, thus corre-

sponding to the time of its institution by our Lord. St. Luke quotes our Lord's words: "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." And the beautiful consecration prayer of the Holy Communion service puts it in this way: "Who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He brake it." It is surely fitting that we should gather at the Lord's table to commemorate the institution of this great act of Holy Fellowship. The service will be at 8 p.m., and I feel sure many will wish to join us at this solemn service.

I need hardly remind you of the sacredness of Good Friday. Many denominations outside the Church of England who in the past, for some strange reason, have almost ignored the day, are now more and more seeking to make some worthy commemoration. Morning Prayer will be said at 10.30 a.m., the Three Hours' Service will be from noon to 3 p.m., and Evening Prayer at 8 p.m. It is fitting that our offerings on that day should go to the Home of Mercy.

By these services of solemn remembrance we shall be led up to the great and joyous Easter Festival. What a wonderful message—"Christ is Risen." Death is conquered. Alleluia!

W. GREENWOOD,
Rector.

GENERAL NOTES.

The appearance of the church grounds facing Frederick and George Streets has been much improved by the erection of a new paling fence. This was a very necessary work, as the old fence, which had done duty for so many years, had become very dilapidated. St. John's is very fortunate in the spacious grounds which surround both church and rectory, but their upkeep is a very severe drain upon the finances of the parish.

A Lenten leaflet has been sent out to all parishioners, accompanied by either a box or envelope. The church-

wardens appeal to all for a generous Easter offering. The extensive repairs undertaken recently in erecting a new fence round the church grounds and other improvements have been an added burden.

Parishioners are reminded that the parish financial year will close on June 30 instead of April 30. This is in accordance with a resolution passed at the last Synod. It will make the present financial year one of fourteen months, so that in future each year will commence on July 1. Our annual meeting then will be held during the month of July.

CHOIR NOTES.

The unexpected passing of the late Miss Ruby Price cast a gloom over the choir. She had been a member for many years, and will be much missed. The Rector made special reference to the life and work of Miss Price at the Sunday services following her funeral, and Madame Nora Webster sang "Abide With Me" to a special setting as a tribute to her memory.

The annual meeting of the choir took place recently at the Rectory. The report and balance-sheet disclosed a most satisfactory year's working. The Rector paid a warm tribute to the splendid efficiency of the choir work, and said that he had heard most complimentary reports from many members of the church and numbers of others outside it of the excellent rendering of the services.

On Sunday, April 14, the choir will render "Olivet to Calvary," by Maunder, and on the Wednesday in Holy Week Stainer's "Crucifixion."

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Congratulations to the young people who form our Missionary Service League on the fine production of their latest missionary play, "Is It Nothing to You?" It was a splendid success from every point of view. The large audience present greatly appreciated