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## MISSIONARY NOTES

C.M.S. Summer School in St. John's Hall, February 16 to 21. Leaders—Chairman, the Rev. R. B. Robinson, Rector St. Paul's, Chatswood, Sydney; the Rev. Canon Hillard, Mombasa Cathedral, East Africa; the Rev. H. S. Kidner, Tanganyika; Miss Seanle, China.

Welcome meeting in St. John's Hall, Saturday, February 16, 8 p.m. Daily Time-table—9.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Devotions and Intercessions; 10.15 a.m., Bible Reading; 11 a.m., Recess; 11.20 a.m., Missionary Address; 8 p.m., Illustrated Lecture; 9 p.m., Closing Meditations.

Afternoon Meeting for Women—Tuesday, 19th February, at 3 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

A Missionary Play by members of the Missionary Service League will be given on Wednesday, February 27, at 8 p.m.

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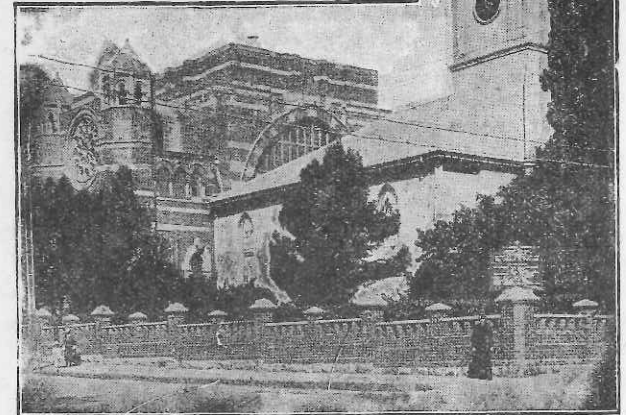
Afternoon Tea & Light Refreshments

All proceeds over and above expenses go to help Missions.

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.



FEBRUARY

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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. 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.  
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

By the time these notes reach you we shall be well settled in the New Year of 1935. May it bring to all of us much happiness and some measure at least of prosperity. Two thoughts press upon us at this time, first the sense of the inadequacy of what we have done in the past year, and the second a realisation that a new one opens to us in which we can by God's grace use fully in service for Him who gave all that we might have life and have it more abundantly. I am sure that every one of the many workers at St. John's is resolved to make 1935 the very best year yet, full of spiritual achievement and consecrated service.

The Rev. C. J. Nash after two years of devoted service as Curate of St. John's left at the beginning of December for Melbourne en route to England. He made many friends during his stay in Launceston, and will be affectionately remembered by us all.

I am glad to offer a warm and sincere welcome to my new colleague, the Rev. L. F. Benjafield, Th.L., as he takes up his duties at St. John's. He has the advantage of not being a stranger to the parish, and so has quickly settled in to his duties. He has already given abundant evidence that his ministry among us will be fruitful in blessing. He will find, as all the Clergy of St. John's have found, that no happier sphere could be wished for, and that every effort that is made to extend the Kingdom of our Lord has the loyal support and co-operation of its congregation.

It is very difficult to express the very deep sorrow felt by all at the sudden and unexpected death of the late Miss Norah Beresford. Her interests were very wide and in St.

John's, St. Oswald's, C.M.S. Depot, Broadland House School and other organisations she rendered most devoted service and will be very sorely missed. Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to Archdeacon Beresford to whom her passing means so much. Indeed, it is hard to measure just how great this is. Since the Archdeacon has been laid aside with increasing infirmity, Miss Beresford was both eyes and ears to him, and her loss is great indeed.

I have expressed to the Archdeacon how sincerely the people of his old parish feel for him in this time of bereavement.

I want to draw your attention to the notice of the forthcoming C.M.S. Summer School, which you will find in the "Missionary Notes." It is an event we all look forward to with eager anticipation. We are to have a good team representing various parts of the Mission field, and I want you to make a point of keeping the dates (February 16 to February 21) quite free and enter wholeheartedly in this period of inspiration and interest.

What a wonderful time Christmas Day was at St. John's? It was most inspiring to see so many hundreds of communicants coming to the Lord's Table. A striking tribute, surely, to the strong devotional life of our parish.

Looking back over the months of keen and intense preparation for the Batman Centenary pageant, one fact has impressed itself very definitely on my mind, and that was the by no means small success that attended the socials held by the various stall committees. These socials seemed to fill a real need and their success has made me decide to experiment an idea that has been in my mind for some time, namely, the launching of a St. John's Fellowship.

I want this Fellowship to have an open membership, no rules, and no subscription. To meet on the last Tuesday in each month with all our various societies uniting for that particular night. I hope to call together the executive officers of our various organisations to a meeting to draw up a syllabus for a series of monthly meetings from April to October. Complete details of the Fellowship will be given in the next issue of the "Messenger."

May I commend to your prayers Mr. R. Tholler, who enters Christ College as a theological student early in February to train for Holy Orders. He is one of our own lads, and a product of our Sunday School, Bible Class, and Missionary Service League. Already he has shown not only earnestness and keenness, but considerable aptitude for his chosen profession. The Warden of Christ College will be remembered by many as one who served his only curacy at St. John's.

This summer has shown a surprisingly large number of overseas visitors to our historic church. The recent Melbourne Centenary, of course, had much to do with this. Many from various parts of the world have spoken of their delight and surprise at such a large and impressive building. It serves to remind us of the wonderful enthusiasm of St. John's people in days gone by, and that they have handed to us a torch to carry on. I am quite confident that the present generation are not going to be a whit less devoted to the Church and Parish whose roots go back to the very beginning of this city.

It is interesting and in a sense surprising to note that in the two years that have passed since I came to St. John's I have seen almost a complete change in the personnel of

the clergy of Launceston. In that time four of the five parishes have changed their Rectors, and in one case twice. The clergy and congregation of St. John's offer to the new Rectors of St. Paul's, St. Aidan's, and St. George's, every good wish as they enter upon their responsible work.

It is good to know how many people have felt the helpfulness of a few minutes spent in prayer and quiet rest in our Church. Its ever open door invites those in trouble and anxiety to come apart and rest awhile. It is God's House, consecrated for ever for His praise and worship. Its quiet and peaceful atmosphere, hallowed by many sacred memories, brings comfort and healing to those who for a moment leave the busy street to linger within its sacred walls.

At our watch-night service I gave the text, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," as a text for the New Year then dawning. It was interesting to me to receive the following day a New Year card from my old Vicar, now very aged, in England, with the same motto. Let us hold fast, then, to His words—"Let not your heart be troubled."

W. GREENWOOD,  
Rector.

## GENERAL NOTES

Sunday Schools throughout the Parish re-commence on Sunday, February 3rd.

There are still a number of copies left of the history of St. John's Church. These can be obtained at 1/-. As it is impossible to reprint these booklets owing to the high cost today of such a unique publication those interested will be well advised to purchase their copy as soon as possible.