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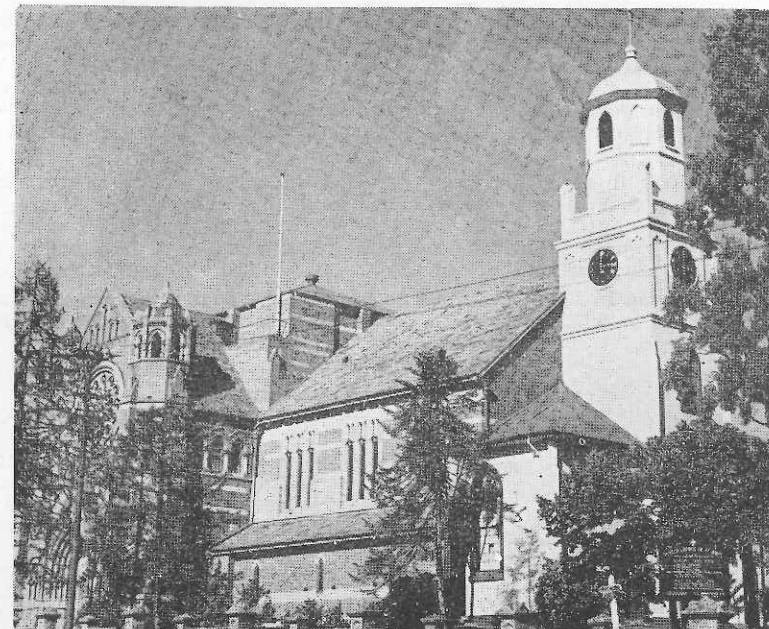
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SUNDAY SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
 11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, with Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays
 7 p.m.—Evening Prayer, with Holy Communion on Fifth Sunday.
 St. John's Sunday School, 9.45 a.m.
 Junior Church, 9.45 a.m.
 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
 Saints' Days and Holy Days, as announced.
 Holy Baptism (by arrangement beforehand).—Sundays at 3 p.m.
 Marriages and Burials by arrangement with the Clergy.

LAY OFFICERS

Churchwardens: Messrs. R. W. J. Hart, F. J. Jones, and F. H. Cookman
 (Hon. Secretary).
 Vestry: Messrs. Frank Ikin (Hon. Treasurer), M. L. Cox, F. R. Dowse, M.B.E., L. Denham, M. M. Easter and R. H. Watson.
 Hon. Lay Reader: Mr. A. G. Hart.
 Sunday School Superintendents: Miss E. Kingsmill and Miss E. J. E. Kiddle
 Deputy Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. A. H. Wills.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Since my letter last month Mrs. Sutton and I have had a restful and interesting time on the mainland. We spent more than a fortnight in Queensland where we were able to enjoy surfing when Tasmania was experiencing widespread snow storms. We attended two services in the beautiful cathedral at Brisbane where we heard the Archbishop preach. It was our first visit to the northern state and for us a novel sight to see fields of sugar cane, bananas and pineapples (but no potatoes).

While we were away we were very sorry to hear of the serious illness of Archdeacon L. S. Dudley, of Hobart. More recent reports indicate an improvement in his condition which we pray will be maintained.

When in Melbourne I met the Rev. F. A. Stewart, who has just been appointed the vicar of Ferntree Gully parish. He sends his greetings to all friends in Launceston and reports that Mrs. Stewart and the children are well.

A letter from Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, our organist on extended leave, tells of his visits to English cities, towns and villages. He seems to have accomplished a great deal in four days despite the weather! An extract from his interesting letter is printed in another paragraph. He sends his warmest regards to all.

Diocesan Synod is to meet in Hobart this coming week. The agenda includes matters of diocesan law and finance; consideration of "The Constitution of the Church of England in Australia;" "State Aid for Non-State Schools;" and the holding of Synod in Launceston next year. The Women's meetings are held during the same week. In addition to the interest of the business discussed Synod time is always an opportunity for meeting friends from all parts of the diocese.

Last month there passed away an old friend of St. John's in the person of the late Mrs. S. F. Best. She will long be remembered by her friends not only in this parish but also in those parishes where her husband had been rector. She lived to be a great age and despite failing health continued to attend church and church meetings which were of the greatest interest to her to the end.

The situation in Egypt continues to be critical. I trust that we shall continue to pray for national leaders that their deliberations may be guided by God's Spirit for a peaceful and wise solution of the problems.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The C.M.S. Convention, previously known as the "Summer School," will be held in Launceston next month. It will commence on Sunday, 14th October, when there will be special preachers at church services. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be meetings in C.M.S. House. On Thursday evening there will be the concluding Thanksgiving service in St. John's. This year we are fortunate in having as our visiting speakers, three missionaries on furlough. They will be the Rev. E. Bellingham, headmaster of St. George's school, Hyderabad, Dr. Julie Backhouse, Jungle Doctor Number 4, from Central Tanganyika, and Miss Barbara Spring, a young school teacher, home on her first furlough after work in Tanganyika. In addition, on the Sundays during the Convention, the Bishop of Tasmania, the Assistant Bishop, and Bishop D. Blackwood, will be preaching on the work of C.M.S.

Full particulars of all services and meetings will be given on a leaflet to be published next month.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The last meeting was held at the home of Miss S. Brownrigg. Interest was keen and the attendance good. Mrs. Max Bushby, our guest speaker, spoke of mission work in Egypt, and of how the Egypt General Mission commenced. Church Missionary Society and Egypt General Missionaries have been working together in the Old Cairo Hospital for a number of years past, but due to

the political situation at the present time, all missionaries in Egypt are in great danger and need much prayer.

The C.M.S. Convention was discussed, and in particular the tea which had been decided upon for the Monday night at C.M.S. Tea Room at 6 p.m. on 15th October. Miss E. Kingsmill was appointed organiser for this tea.

Our next meeting will be held at St. Oswald's on Tuesday, 18th September, at 8 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new sheet of hymns is being printed for our Anniversary Services on 18th November. We hope that parents and scholars alike will combine to make all three services on this date a worthy and memorable occasion.

Several new scholars have been welcomed recently—we are always pleased to see newcomers.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

An Admission and Enrolment Service for members of St. John's JUNIOR G.F.S. will take place at the evening service on Sunday, September 16, at 7 p.m. This group is now functioning well with some very keen members.

All members, senior and junior, are working for the Diocesan G.F.S. Exhibition of needlework, arts and crafts, cooking and floral work, to be held in St. John's Hall on Saturday, 22nd September. The Exhibition will be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Bishop Barrett; then will follow a programme of verse speaking, folk dancing and singing games by junior branch members.

Afternoon tea will be served. The Exhibition will be open again at 7.30 p.m. and at 8 p.m. a programme of folk dancing and singing will be given by Intermediate members, and singing and a play by Seniors. Three shields will be competed for. They are held at present by St. Alban's Claremont, St. Paul's, Glenorchy, and St. John's, Launceston. Please keep the date free for 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 22nd September. St. John's annual G.F.S. Fair will be held in November.

C.E.M.S.

At our meeting this month Mr. F. Marriott, M.H.A., gave a very interesting commentary on coloured slides which he showed of his recent visit to Africa and India. The speaker for our next meeting on Sunday, 7th October, at 4.45 p.m. will be our president, Bro. J. Sanderson.

We wish to thank the ladies and others for assisting in the kitchen during the course of the State Annual Conference last month.

Congratulations to Bro. B. O. Mau-mill (St. Paul's) on his appointment as Lay President, to Bro. B. Irvine, Assistant State Secretary, and to Bro. F. R. Dowse, who is now a State Vice President.

LINDSAY O'NEILL'S TRAVELS

"London is a most fascinating place and I never tire of travelling along the Strand and up through Piccadilly on the top of a bus. It gives you a thrill to realise that you are actually living in this grand old historic and ancient city.

Last weekend was a long one with Monday a bank holiday so I made the most of it. With two friends I set off for the West Country travelling through some of the beautiful and famous Cotswold Hills. First night we stayed at a quaint old 15th century inn in a little town near Oxford called Witney—a typical old English village, very peaceful and pretty. Over the other side of the village green was the 13th century parish church with a beautiful Norman door, a tall spire and a delightful organ which we were allowed to try.

Saturday, on to Gloucester—saw the Cathedral and noticed them getting ready for the Three Choirs Festival. A picnic lunch down by the river then on to Herford where we stayed at another quaint old pub. After attending Matins at Herford Cathedral we continued on to Worcester, another gorgeous cathedral town. Met the precentor who took us over the fabric on a tour of inspection: saw the memorial to Sir Edward Elgar who lived there at one time. Back to London via Oxford and Woodstock where we were able to visit Blenheim Palace—home of Duke of Marl-

borough. It was an open day and people were there in thousands to be shown over this fabulous mansion and its beautiful grounds. What fun!

The weather here . . . well, it's awful! to say the least. You simply can't sit down and wait for a fine day to do things—you have to put up with the rain. As for summer—well, we had that last Thursday week!"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Broadcast Service.—The 11 a.m. service on Sunday, September 23rd, will be broadcast on 7NT.

"Parish Messenger" Donations.—Miss M. Gee, 3/-; "J.R.," 10/-; Mrs. W. D. Crawford, 4/-; Church Boxes, £1; Mrs. E. Cunningham, 3/-.

Mothers' Union.—The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be an admission service on Thursday, 27th September, at 2.45 p.m. The speaker will be Archdeacon L. N. Sutton.

Parents and Friends of the Sunday School will meet in the Kindergarten Hall on Friday, 14th September, at 8 p.m. All associated with the Sunday School and parishioners able to assist are warmly invited.

Missionary Boxes should be handed in this month for the quarterly opening.

Confirmation Service will be held at St. John's on Friday, 12th October, at 8 p.m.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.—An American Tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Saturday, 15th September, at 2.30 p.m. Proceeds in aid of St. Luke's Hospital. Come and support our own Church Hospital.

Bible Society Annual Meeting will take the form of a Social Welcome to the Rev. Dr. W. J. Platt, of London, General Secretary of the B.F.B.S. and Chairman of the "United Bible Societies." It will be in Chalmers Hall, St. John St., at 8 p.m. on Monday, 10th September. All welcome.

St. John's Guild will meet on Thursday, 13th September, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Max Cox, 6 Merivale St., Sandhill. All women invited.

Youth Tea on Sunday afternoon, 16th September, at 5 p.m. will have as speaker the Diocesan Youth Organiser, the Rev. Andrew Schreuder. All young people invited.

HOLY BAPTISM

John Albert Viney, Gregory Desmond Booth, Janet Izard, Leanne Rose Dadd, Colleen Anne Lawes.

MARRIAGES

Arthur James Hayes and Lois Ivy Shipton.

Lindsay Tanner and Colleen Leith Parker.

AT REST

Susan Fisher Best.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all who have been bereaved.