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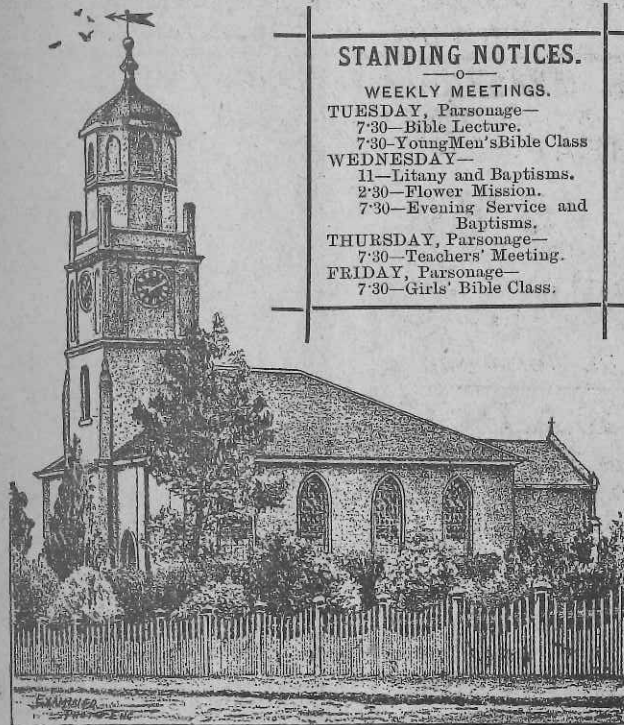
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ST. JOHN'S Parish Messenger

STANDING NOTICES.

WEEKLY MEETINGS.

TUESDAY, Parsonage—
7:30—Bible Lecture.
7:30—Young Men's Bible Class
WEDNESDAY—
11—Litany and Baptisms.
2:30—Flower Mission.
7:30—Evening Service and
Baptisms.
THURSDAY, Parsonage—
7:30—Teachers' Meeting.
FRIDAY, Parsonage—
7:30—Girls' Bible Class.



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The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, AUGUST 16, 1892.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

THERE are a great many in the parish (and among the readers of this *Messenger* too) who, to use a common phrase, "don't go anywhere." Let us say a word or two about this. It is, we feel sure, your loss and our loss alike that we don't have the happiness of meeting together to kneel in common prayer to the One Father, and to join in common praise to the One Saviour. It is no great sign of a unity of spirit, that the Body of Christ is split up into so many little self-contained fragments; but it is still less satisfactory to have so many of our brothers separated from the Body of Christ altogether. For that a vast number of straight-living men and women "don't go anywhere," who can doubt? Now if those people were right who say that this is a proof that "the masses have fallen into infidelity," it would be indeed a terrible thing. But I am pretty sure it is nothing of the kind. I believe they have fallen off from the *Churches*, but for the most part, scarcely from Christianity, and certainly not from faith in God. Now I think we are bound to acknowledge with humility and shame, that this state of things is chiefly the fault of the churches. Well, we acknowledge our share of the fault, and are willing enough I believe to amend our ways where we can. We have to thank the Puritans for that most objectionable "innovation" on the good old ways of the Church, the general use of the *pew system*, and the chilling effects it has had on church life. This partly accounts for the trouble. Well, in this world the wise man is he who takes things as he finds them and *makes the best of them*. And we are ready to do all we can to make the best of the system while it exists. Now do you meet us half way, for if there is good intent on both sides many a difficulty disappears. Come and you will find the churchwardens ready to receive you at the door, and to find you a seat and (if need be) lend you books too. And besides this, to make clearer to all concerned, our apprehension of the responsibilities we have in this matter, a notice has recently been placed conspicuously in the porch, that **ALL SEATS ARE FREE** from the moment any service commences. We hope also that it will not be long before we shall see St. John's enlarged and more ample accommodation provided: meantime come and crowd us; we shall be all the happier. I cannot help believing that a little effort of the will would clear off a lot of the hindrances which keep so many from worshipping in public that Father Most Holy, to whom they bow the heart, as I verily believe, in their own way. I suppose I need hardly remind our steady churchgoers, and more especially the members of our St. John's Church Union, that they have a great opening of loyal service for the Master in using their influence to bring others to church with them, and in courteous help in welcoming those who do so come. The ready offer of a seat, thoughtfulness in offering a Prayer-book, finding the Psalms, etc., these may all be turned into "cups of cold water" given in the Lord's name; but some people manage their giving in such a peculiar fashion, that instead of a cup for the thirsty, it serves to quench the "smoking flax" of Christian fellowship.

The Box in the Porch.—Please note this box and its use. People constantly say, "I went to that church for a year before I got to know the clergy." (Why they did not come and call on the clergy or announce their names, it would pass the heart of man to understand.) Now, if you know any such, just get them to drop a line in this box.

A Suggestion.—It seems a pity that the congregation should not "start fair" with the hymns. As a matter of fact the hymn is generally a bar or so advanced before all the congregation have got themselves well on their feet and are ready to join in. The choir rise while the last bar or two are being played over by the organist. Now, if all the congregation would get to their feet with the choir, they would be ready to join properly in the first notes of the hymn. The singing in St. John's is, I think, very congregational, but attention to this small point would help to make it even more so.

The Cantata.—The Sunday-school children have given this Cantata ("White Garland") three times now, so well has it been appreciated. Altogether £27 3s. 3d. has been added to the Building Fund from this source.

The New Plans for St. John's.—The sketch of the entire church according to the new design is to be seen in the porch. The Building Committee has the matter under consideration now, and important announcements may be looked for shortly.

A Working Party, for helping overburdened mothers to clothe their families, has been arranged by some of the District Visitors. They meet at the Parsonage on Thursday afternoons.

St. John's Church Union.—A service of admission of members was held in the Church immediately after Evening Prayer on Wednesday, the 20th ultimo. The Union now numbers eighty-one members.

The Sunday School.—Mr. Robinson, the Superintendent, has gone to England for some months on business. Mr. R. Cooke acts as Superintendent meantime.

A Sunday School Teachers' Social was held in the Schoolroom on Thursday last, when the gentlemen organised an entertainment to the lady teachers, and also kindly included in their hospitality the clergy and churchwardens. A very pleasant evening was spent in a thoroughly social manner. Now I really think there is in this an excellent suggestion for the St. John's Church Union. We have had our work, had our organisation, had our admission service; now let us have a social. Who will make the move?

British and Foreign Bible Society.—The Annual Meeting was held in the Milton Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd August. It is remarked in the "Review of the Churches," that the Society reports that "its income is £24,000 in arrear of its needs."

Church History Lectures.—There is a capital Magic Lantern with good slides, illustrative of English Church History, which is the property of the Diocese. This we hope to have here in the course of a week or so, when two lectures will be given, illustrated by lantern views. Now, this will, I hope, serve two purposes. First and foremost it will give us the opportunity of pointing out some of the important and salient features of English Church History, so we may look for a large gathering of those who take intelligent interest, or even an intelligent curiosity, in the history of their nation and church. Secondly the proceeds will go to help in making the history of this parish more interesting by clearing off the Sunday School Building account. Therefore if you cannot come yourself, buy the tickets and send a substitute. The dates and details of arrangements will be announced in due course.

The Choir.—A service of admission of new members to the choir will be held after evening service on Sunday next (21st). The annual meeting of the choir will be held at the Parsonage on Monday, the 22nd.

Holy Communion.—There are many of us who feel that this service is used best when it is used most often, and we must have at least one celebration every Sunday in this parish. Moreover, the service is perhaps most helpful when separated from other longer services. But at present this is only possible at 8 a.m. I cannot see why this should be the only hour made available. For some it is an impossible hour if they are to attend to home duties. I shall be very thankful to any who will give me their ideas of suitable hours, that I may judge what to arrange; 8.30, 8.45, 9, 9.30, 10, all seem to me possibilities. The present services will by no means be deranged, but further opportunities must be given. Suggestions as to hours might very conveniently be left in the "Clergy Box" in the Porch.

In Memoriam.—We have lost a worker in this parish by the death of Mr. Weatherhead. His kind help enabled me to start this *Parish Messenger*; for without advertisements I don't think it could have been started, and he kindly canvassed for them. Mr. E. A. Cooke has been good enough to take up this task in his place. Mr. Weatherhead was formerly churchwarden and synodman in St. Leonards Parish. The Revs. A. Cass and F. Parnall conducted the funeral service, which was held partly in our Parish Church. At the last meeting of the Union, a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Weatherhead and the family was passed.

In the death of the Rev. Thos. Garrard, of Macquarie Plains (Sunday, July 17th), the diocese loses one of the oldest of its staff of clergy. Mr. Garrard was appointed Chaplain to the Plains in 1855.

"At Home"—During the remainder of the winter months Mrs. Kelly and myself will be "at Home" every Monday evening from 8 to 10. We especially hope that those whose business life prevents our meeting them at other times will give us the pleasure of seeing them in this way.

Acknowledgements.—For Working Party. Material from Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Styant Browne, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Weatherhead, and Mrs. Findlay. The following subscriptions have also been received:—Mrs. C. Grubb, £1; Mr. W. J. Genders, 10s.; Mr. G. Genders, 10s.; Mr. R. Newey, 5s.; H. L., 10s.; Miss Turner, 5s.; Mr. R. Cooke, 2s. 3d.; Mrs. Wm. Turner, 2s. 6d.; Mr. M. E. Robinson, 10s.

For *Messenger* Fund. Mrs. Dempster, 5s.

I think we ought to have a periodical meeting in the parish to interest ourselves in missionary work. I hope there are not many of us whose ideas of the actual work going on are as wanting in detail as mine are. If there are it is certainly time to get to work to clear our minds.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

The Bishop sailed in the missionary schooner *Southern Cross* from Auckland, New Zealand, on the 8th instant to begin his missionary tour. It may be news to some, but those who are familiar with the history of the diocese will remember that Norfolk Island is a part of the Diocese of Tasmania; so that the Bishop will be in his own diocese again when he reaches Norfolk Island. I believe it is his intention to arrange the formal transfer of this island to the Mission Diocese. The Bishop took with him £7 10s. from our Sunday-school missionary box. This will go to the support of a scholar in the Training School. The Bishop will arrange for a definite application of our contribution to support a particular scholar.

New Churches—There was opened recently a new church at Native Tier, an outlying part of the parish of Hamilton. The new church at Scottsdale is to be opened on the 6th September. Special fares will be arranged so as to make it possible for the many here who are interested in the parish of Scottsdale to be present at the opening. Mr. Tarleton and his friends in Scottsdale hope to see a goodly contingent from the northern capital.

Home Mission Work.—At the request of the Bishop I have just made a short tour among some of the parishes of the north coast, to organise what we may call the rescue work of the church; principally in connection with Hope Cottage. The arrangement arrived at (and completed so far as I have yet been) is to have a recognised *correspondent* appointed in each centre or district, who will help the Committee in various ways to carry on the work of "seeking and saving those that are lost." I also brought back some *substantial* sympathy to add to the funds of Hope Cottage.

The very difficult post of matron at Hope Cottage has had to be filled up recently; and Mrs. Flexman has accepted the responsibility. We have every hope that her wise and kindly Christian grace will prove of good effect in this work, and we feel that the Church throughout the diocese is indebted to her for entering upon it. Our only regret is that this step will curtail her work in St. John's.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

NOTE.—We appeal to all parents to strengthen the hands of the teachers by taking an interest in what the children are taught, and by seeing that the *Repetition Texts*, etc., are learned thoroughly by the children at home.

DATE.	MORNING SUBJECT.	AFTERNOON SUBJECT. ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.
Aug. 21. 10S. after Trinity.	<i>Pioneering in Promised Land.</i> —Wars of conquest: <i>were they right?</i> Settlement of tribes. Caleb, etc.	Lesson xxiv.
Aug. 28. 11S. after Trinity.	<i>Settling down.</i> —Peace. Cities of Refuge. Tabernacle. Levites. "One law, one faith." Common duties of common life.	Perils of a Missionary.
Sept. 4. 12S. after Trinity.	<i>How Faith grew slack.</i> —Canaanites strong, clever, evil. Their bad influence. Rapid fall of faith. (Judges ii., iii.)	Catechising in Church.
Sept. 11. 13S. after Trinity.	<i>How they fell away from the Unity of the Church.</i> —"Each for himself." Disobedience and downfall. Victory of foes. "Judges."	Lesson xxv. The First Church Council. Lesson xxvi. Apostolic Failings.

N.B.—Children's service in church 4th Sunday in month (Aug. 28), 3 p.m. Offertory will be devoted to the Sunday School Building Fund.

Sick Visits.—The clergy request that any who desire pastoral visitation will send word to them to this effect. We are thankful to be sent for, but cannot possibly know of ourselves who may desire such visits.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Grant that Whosoever is here Dedicated to Thee by our Office and Ministry may also be endued with Heavenly Virtues.

- July 14.—Albert Edward Pearce, Earl street.
20.—Alfred John Cox, Thomas street.
20.—Irene Barrett, 20 Elphin road.
27.—Thomas Cyril Warren, Young Town.
27.—John Henry George Hodges, Dilston.
27.—Rosetta Austin, Pattersonia.
27.—Francis Raymond Evans, 11 Elphin road.
27.—Roy James Saunders Clark, Cleveland street.
27.—Gertrude Nellie Norman, French street.
Aug. 3.—Stanley Jack Harber, 38 Margaret street
3.—Arthur Frederick Summers, 59 Balfour street.
3.—George Henry Cann, Melbourne street.
3.—Vernon John Lindus, Cataract Hill.
10.—Mary Linda Maude White, Sandhill.
10.—Ewen Harcourt Wynne-Aubrey Meredith, Invermay.
10.—Percy Samuel Parkinson, Earl street.
10.—William Thomas Parkinson, Earl street.

BURIALS.

O Holy and Merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge Eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of Death to fall from Thee.

- July 20.—Lancelot Tulloch Sadler, 51 Elphin road, age 5 months.
20.—Alice Elizabeth Griffiths, West Tamar, age 14.
23.—Florence M. McDonald, 20 Percy street, age 7 months.
26.—Samuel Weatherhead, 163 Wellington street, age 64.
Aug. 8.—Alicia Louisa Meredith, Invermay, age 35.

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SUNDAY	Morning	...	11:0
					Evening	...	7:0
WEDNESDAY	Litany	...	11:0
					Evening Service	...	7:30

HOLY COMMUNION.

First Sunday in month	11:0 a.m.
Second "	"	"	"	"	7:0 p.m.
Third "	"	"	"	"	11:0 a.m.
Fourth "	"	"	"	"	8:0 a.m.

(And at other times according to notices.)

BAPTISMS.

Wednesday	11:0 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

St. John's	10:0 a.m. and 3:0 p.m.
Abbott Street	3:0 p.m.
Children's Service, Fourth Sunday in month, in church,				3:0 p.m.

BAPTISM AND CHURCHING.

There are **NO FEES WHATSOEVER** to be paid for these services: as however many like to make a Thankoffering on these occasions, a **BOX** is provided in the **VESTRY** to receive any such voluntary gifts. The money thus given goes to further the work of the parish (Sunday Schools, etc.)

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