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TUESDAY, Parsonage—

7:30—Bible Lecture.

WEDNESDAY—

11—Litany and Baptisms.

2:30—Flower Mission.

7:30—Evening Service and
Baptisms.

THURSDAY, Parsonage—

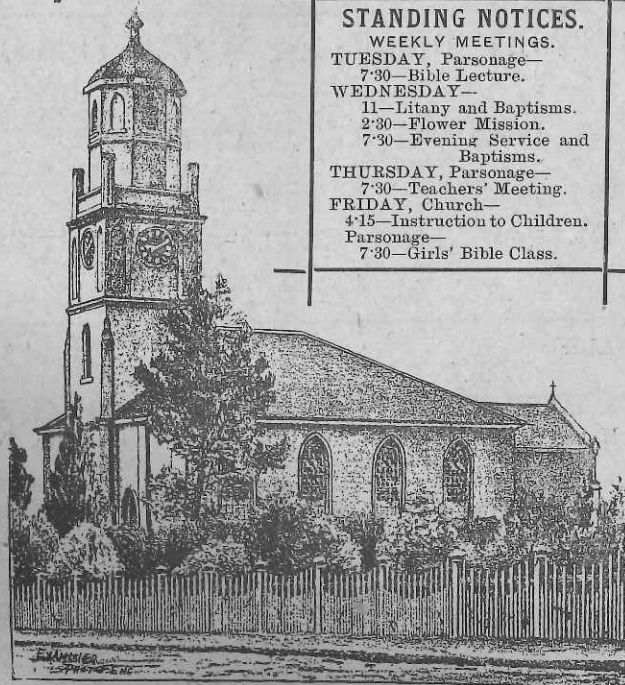
7:30—Teachers' Meeting.

FRIDAY, Church—

4:15—Instruction to Children.

Parsonage—

7:30—Girls' Bible Class.



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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.				

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, NOVEMBER 15, 1892.

IS IT THE CHURCH'S MISSION TO BE MISSIONARY?

WE have had in the past week a quiet little visit from a great society, for I think we may take the visit of Mr. Eugene Stock and his friend as a visit from the Church Missionary Society—"the C.M.S." as most call it. Now, what is the exact place which the Missionary idea ought to occupy in a healthy, vigorous, Christian Church? For answer I would like to go to two Christian communities little known in this island—the *Quakers* and the *Moravians*. These small but very earnest communities are the only Christian bodies which realise perfectly the ideal of the Missionary spirit of Christianity so far as my personal experience goes. After these I should undoubtedly place the Roman Church, though the Lutheran Church of Denmark would hold a high place, for they also recognise the fact that churches chiefly exist to fulfil the Missionary Commission of Christ Jesus—"As my Father hath sent me, so SEND I YOU."

The Quakers (or, as we ought to call them, the Society of Friends) have no regular Missionary organisation, but when, as happens constantly, men and women of exceptional power among them have seen it their duty to go forth to preach the Gospel of Peace, in all such cases the Society of Friends makes every arrangement for the support and furtherance of such Missionaries. It is considered quite as much part of the ordinary expenditure of the faithful as paying the gas bill of the meeting house.

The Moravians I really think can claim to be the spiritual fathers of all modern zeal in Protestant Missionary work. For while the Romans never have left out of sight this great duty, the Protestant Churches were long content with looking after their own comfort. The "Moravian Brethren," a very insignificant little community in Germany at the time, sent out their first Mission in 1732. This was to the slaves of the West Indian islands. The Brethren's instructions were to *become slaves themselves if needful* so as to have access to the poor creatures on the sugar plantations! This holy spirit of self-sacrifice has characterised them always. And though a poor and small body, they have done marvels because their church exists only for the purpose of fulfilling Christ's command. Their zeal, quiet, unobtrusive but *unwearying*, has had wide influence. Like almost all the rest of Christendom their church is Episcopal.

The Missionary duty of our Church was altogether ignored after the Reformation until the disgraceful neglect of those colonies which now form the United States of America claimed attention, and our first Missionary enterprise was strictly speaking not Missionary at all, but a feeble effort to follow our own people. In 1701 the S.P.G. ("Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts") was founded mostly through the zealous action of a clergyman who had officially visited America. Thus began that work which has enlarged *in less than two centuries* into the Anglican Churches of U.S.A., of Canada, of South Africa, of the West Indies, and of Australia, and into the Missions of the Church in India, China, and Asia generally, Africa America, and the Pacific. When people talk of "slow results" one wonders what they would call quick! How long did it take to christianise that little bit of an island called England? It was certainly not done in anything like as short a time as two centuries: no nor in twice that time either. The fact is we are only beginning to realise our high calling that God has called the Church to work for the saving of humanity. We have been so busy I fear covering the Cross of Christ with flowers, and have grown so content to "rest" under its holy shade, that we have forgotten that the Master's orders were that the cross was to go forward, *and on our shoulders*. Of course the actual men engaged in the Mission work may be anything but geniuses and apostles. Well, let us send better, though for my own part I would not mind changing brain and heart both with some I could name. Meantime let it be carefully noted that the Church Missionary Society's representatives came not to ask for money for their society, but to *refuse* it. They have arranged to stop the sending of large contributions to London. They want Australian money to support Australian Missionaries to whatever country they may be sent.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have had to attend a meeting of the *Mission to Chinese in Tasmania*. Every church and denomination in the island joins to support ONE MAN to discharge our common duty to the scattered Chinese

throughout the island. Yet with all of us combined we had to decide that three months notice must be given to the Missionary who has been carrying on the work for seven years because all Tasmania fails to find his modest stipend. Following the example of Archdeacon Hales we there and then gave an additional subscription to make up what was actually owing. It is certainly a grim comment on the Missionary zeal evoked by conventions and missions. It is of course "undenominational," and I have never yet seen the "undenominational" agency that was a real success, excepting only the Bible Society, and it has very grave weaknesses too.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

General Church Fund.—The half-yearly offertories were made on the last Sunday of October. The total amount was £67. Last year it was £110. This is a falling off we all regret, I am sure: there will be a shrinkage I fear in the fund altogether in these bad times. There were some members absent from church on the occasion of the collections. From one of these I have received £5 since, thus making the offering £72.

The Sunday School.—We had a gathering of some 40 teachers from the three parishes in the drawing-room at St. John's on Tuesday, 8th inst., to meet Mr. Eugene Stock. We all felt his wise and earnest words most helpful.

An Examination in Acts (i.—xiv.) will be held in December. This is the first time our Sunday School entered the Diocesan Examination. The papers are sent to the Diocesan Inspector, and the result will figure in his annual report. Miss Hogg's School and the Grammar School also enter.

The Sunday School Anniversary.—This important festival has been fixed for the last Sunday this month, November 27. We hope we shall then welcome among us *all* the parents of our school children. Meeting together thus year by year, children and parents showing their interest in the schools and church, is a sure way of strengthening both. As usual the children will bring flowers for the benefit of the hospital. There will be the usual eight o'clock service of Holy Communion. We hope that the teachers will one and all present themselves before the Lord at this quiet service. Where may we so suitably pray for that spirit of self-sacrifice which our blessed Saviour there shows us to lie at the root of all real work for God or for the saving of souls? There let us first and early ask for the grace of God's Spirit to be with us in our work among the children. We hope too that many of the parents and friends, and those of our scholars who have been confirmed, will join us in this quiet hour as a preparation for the more exciting services of the day. We shall arrange for breakfast at the Parsonage for all teachers who may find it a convenience to stay instead of going home. The following Sunday (December 4) the combined Festival Service for children of the three parishes will be held in St. John's instead of St. Paul's, whose turn it is to make the arrangements for the Festival. On Wednesday, December 7, the usual outing will be given to the children. We shall commence the day at 10 a.m. with a *very* short service in the church, when the children will sing a hymn or two, and join in prayer for God's blessing on the day.

The School Funds.—I hope that we shall have an offertory at our anniversary sufficient to ensure the efficiency of our work in the coming year. I do not like prizes being given in Sunday Schools at all myself, but the children do, and a nice book is after all a very pleasant memento for them. What I should much rejoice to see would be "prizes" given to the teachers by the parents to show that they are (as they should be) grateful to them for their trouble with the youngsters.

The Church Building Committee are about to present their report. Let us all, rich and poor, high and low, who really desire to see the sadly needed extension of St. John's Church undertaken, make it a point of conscience to attend the meeting on the 24th. The committee have been at work arranging plans and estimates, and now have a full and clear scheme to lay before the congregation. In so important a matter it is scarcely too much to hope for a large meeting, and a calm and careful consideration of the report to be submitted. The work can be carried out if we bring the right spirit to it—a spirit of self-sacrifice and united effort. Ladies are invited to attend.

Presentation.—The confirmation candidates desired to make some slight offering in memory of their confirmation this year. They have subscribed and sent home for a handsome brass bookstand to be placed on the Holy Communion Table for the Service book to rest upon.

St. John's Church Union.—I hope to arrange for an early meeting of the Union (probably Wednesday, 23rd), when the subject of the mission work of the church will be dealt with, and we shall take counsel as to forming plans of systematic interest in this obligation of our faith. I hope Mr. Tarleton will give us an account of the whole history of the Melanesian Mission. My chief difficulty in keeping myself *au fait* with the church's work in the foreign field is that most of the papers relating to it have so much sentimentality and spiritual "gush" about them that I cannot swallow the dose. The Melanesian Mission has gone to quite the other extreme, but it makes healthier reading.

Summer Camp for Boys.—It is quite certain that unless some little courage is shown by parents we cannot carry out this excellent suggestion. It will be obvious to anyone that we must have some basis on which to make calculation. We cannot arrange a camp and then say, "kindly walk in." We must have the names first of those who propose to avail themselves of a sensible cheap holiday. Mr. Martin reports that a place near Bangor Pier will offer facilities for the camp. He and Mr. George Harrap will take a large share in the administration of its affairs; Mr. North kindly promises help in the way of giving us a little talk on the botany of the bush, etc.; Mr. Evans will carry us in the s.s. *Nellie*; and I am sure we can get some safe boating arranged for, and probably a little shooting under the personal charge of the Volunteer officers. We shall sleep under canvas and have all done with military system and regularity. The boys will enjoy themselves while being taught a little manly self-reliance and self help. We propose to camp for a week, say from January 7th to 14th. The cost we can only tell *after procuring our number*. It will not be more than 2s. a day at very highest. Any boys of any creed or status are invited to send in their names at once.

Tuesday Evening Bible Classes.—We shall soon have concluded our study of Colossians. This will form the last series for this season. The summer is not a good time for meetings in hot rooms. We shall resume our classes in the autumn. Meanwhile, we clergy get a little more time for our own private studies, without which I fear we should fare ill.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27.—The children have their "Anniversary," why not the congregation? St. John's Day is the natural anniversary of this parish. Last year we had a special celebration of Holy Communion on this day which was well attended by our church workers. This year we shall, of course, do the same. But let us hope that not only the regular church workers, but all who value the fellowship of the faith, will meet together for a quiet hour of prayer and praise at the Feast of Christian Thanksgiving. The hour of service will be announced in due time. But another possibility seems open to us. We must really try and arrange to have a Church Outing. Suppose we have a run down the river on the afternoon of St. John's Day; land at a certain pier I have taken careful note of (it is one steamers do not regularly call at); take a stroll ashore; have tea, and return. I have gone so far as to make preliminary enquiries, and I know how to contract for a capital tea at a very moderate price.

We cut the following from a London paper:—It would seem that the spirit which has endowed the church through so many ages is not lost yet. By the munificence of a lady whose family has many associations with the district, Camberwell (the *Daily Chronicle* says) is about to receive in gift a completely equipped new parish, taken from the existing parishes of St. George's, Camberwell, St. Luke's and Camden Church, famous for its long line of great Evangelical preachers. The lady is Mrs. Gooch, of 8 Porchester Gate. The entire cost will be defrayed of a handsome and commodious church in East Surrey Grove; an institute and club house, a spacious mission room in St. George's road, a parsonage, and a convalescent home (already in existence) at Margate for the benefit of the sick poor of the parish. In addition to defraying the cost of all these institutions, it is the intention of Mrs. Gooch to permanently endow the parish with a sum the assured income of which will not be less than £450 per annum. The entire value of the gift is estimated at rather more than £30,000. The new parish will contain a population of 8000 souls, mainly crowded upon the two banks of the Surrey Canal.

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Hope Cottage.—We are requested to make the following acknowledgments:—Contributions of fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs, sausages, dripping, large parcel of groceries, meat for soup, parcels of clothing, etc., have been received with thanks from Messrs. Morgan, Hickson, and Sutton; Mesdames Kelly, E. Cooke, Cleminshaw, Dobson, Genders, D. Ritchie, Waterhouse, Wetton, and Stackhouse; Misses Barnard, Stewart, and Whiteford. Mr. Brickhill is kindly contributing the *Daily Telegraph*, and we are indebted to a friend for putting our flower garden in order.

St. John's Parsonage.—Mrs. Kelly requests me to state that she will be "at home" on the first and third Fridays of the month in future, and not every Friday.

Diocesan News.—DEVONPORT—The energetic parishioners of Devonport are getting up an "Exhibition" in December. I have much pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement in this *Messenger*. The Schedule of "Competitive Exhibits," I saw, offered a large variety of entries—Art, Gardening, Fancy Work, etc. We wish them all success.

The Rev. A. Cass is leaving St. Leonards this month.

We are glad to welcome to Launceston the Rev. W. R. Webster, as curate of Holy Trinity. We all will join, I am sure, in wishing him "God speed" in his work in our neighbour parish.

The Rev. G. Bourdillon has returned from his visit to England. Mrs. Montgomery is also back again, happy to return to her southern home. We hope the Bishop may be back safe and sound before our next issue.

We have lost one of the few retired clergy by the death of Mr. Fooks at Hobart.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

- Oct. 18.—Dorothy Grace Drummond Walker, Erina street.
 19.—Geoffrey Ransome Irvine, St. Paul's, Avoca.
 19.—Katie Theresa Grace Berry Miller, Keane street.
 19.—Minnie Frances Blackberry, West Tamar.
 19.—Clara Victoria Gray, 130 Margaret street.
 19.—Elsie Holt, 42 Frederick street.
 19.—Violet Pearl Rusden, 95 Bathurst street.
 22.—Christopher Henry Duncan Champion, Church Grammar School.
 22.—Charles Dredge Bunce, Batten street.
 26.—John Kelly Mitchell, 142 George street.
 27.—Thomas Flory Nugent Fuller, Mayne street, Invermay.
- Nov. 2.—Christine Merle Genders, Bourke street.
 2.—Unice Stella Webster, Sandhill.
 2.—Leslie James Roberts, Scottsdale Road.
 2.—Frederick Albert Suckling, 107 Margaret street.
 9.—Henry Joseph M'Ennulty, 27 Welman street.
 9.—William Edgar Cyril Strutt, 98 Elizabeth street.

MARRIAGES.

Send Thy Blessing upon these Thy servants whom we bless in Thy Name.

- Oct. 17.—Edwin Bouverie Primrose to Ketha Clarisse Walker.

BURIALS.

☉ 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.

- Oct. 17.—Stanley Richard Jarman, 27 Wellington street, infant.
 Oct. 31.—Ellen Thorpe, York street.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The whole time will now be devoted to the Acts of the Apostles (i.—xiv.)
in preparation for the Diocesan Examination, to be held in December.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The *Messenger* was issued by way of experiment. It has proved a much
greater success than we could have anticipated. Our issue began with 300,
it is now 500. We shall issue our next number with the New Year, and
thenceforward appear in the beginning of the month. This will make the
twelve numbers of the first year complete with the June issue.