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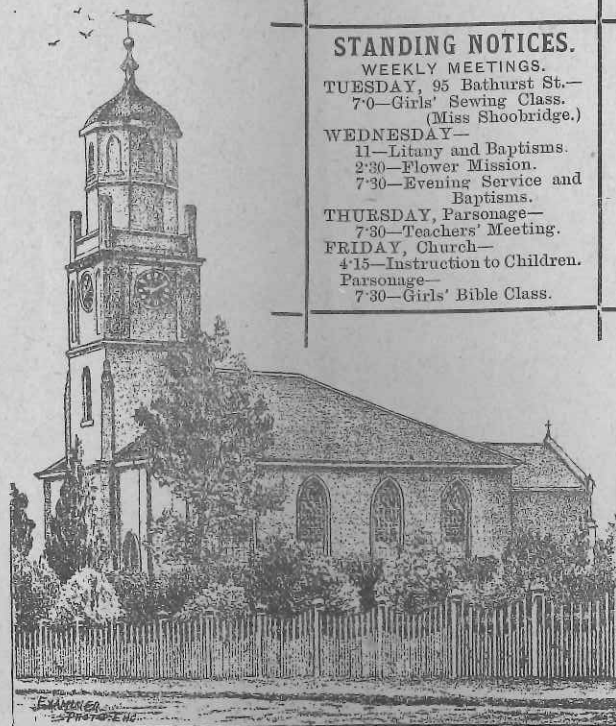
WEEKLY MEETINGS.

TUESDAY, 95 Bathurst St.—
7-0—Girls' Sewing Class.
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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.
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7-30—Girls' Bible Class.



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Second	10 a.m., 7.0 p.m.
Third	11.0 a.m.
Fourth	8.0 a.m.
Fifth	10.0 a.m.

(And at other times according to notices.)

BAPTISMS.

Wednesday... .. 11.0 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

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.

N.B.—Daily Service in Lent 5.30 p.m.

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, MARCH 1, 1893.

FORWARD!

LAST month we looked backward at the progress God has granted to us in the past year. This month our glance is forward to the work we must take in hand. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the Parish Church is attended by—and, indeed, could only accommodate—a portion of our parishioners, and that very many attend no place of worship at all. There are many reasons for such non-attendance: the Church's shortcomings, the difficulty unlettered people find in following the Church service, the fulness of the Parish Church, aggravated by the pew system, and we must add in fairness, the indifference of the non-attenders themselves.

This month we set before you what we intend to do in the matter. We are in negotiation for premises at some little distance from the Church—and if we fail in them, shall get others—for use as a Mission House, which will be opened almost as soon as we obtain possession. First, of the services: recognising the difficulty many find in following the Prayer-book, we shall use a simpler and freer form, into which all will be able to enter. We shall not bind ourselves to the set order of hymn, prayer, lesson, and sermon, but arrange the service just as may seem most helpful. By

degrees we hope that those who attend will be able to understand and to love the fuller form of Church service as used in the Parish Church. We shall avail ourselves too, in the mission services, of the help of laymen; at present they have but a very small scope, but in the mission they have a free hand. As for other meetings, they will be started as the need and opportunity occur. Miss Shoobridge already has a Young Women's Sewing Class, that is turning into useful channels the energy that might run wild in the streets. There are anxious enquiries about a Mother's Meeting; that will soon follow. One of the Churchwardens has promised to undertake the management of a Penny Bank or Thrift Club that will encourage the thrift and economy, to the absence of which so much distress is often due. In course of time we hope that a Boys' Club and similar agencies will be started.

Now for funds. Certain members of the St. John's Church Union have made themselves responsible for collecting or subscribing small sums (6d. a week and upwards). This pretty well covers the matter of rent, and I am glad to say that among our contributors to the rent fund are some of our Nonconformist friends. But, of course, besides the current expenses, there will be the cost of furnishing. May we ask friends for donations towards the cost of seating, and other necessary furnishing? We should like the room to be really decent to start.

Such is the plan of our mission that we hope will be started before the next *Messenger* is in your hands. We are not trying anything ambitious, and shall not open with a flourish of trumpets, but hope by quiet persistent work to win some of those souls we have allowed to drift from us.

Since writing the above, arrangements have been made for taking the Queen's Head, a late Public House in Wellington Street, for the Mission. The rent is £1 a week. It is not in very good order for our purposes, but there is a fairly large skittle alley in the building which with a few forms and a prayer-desk will do very well for holding Mission services in.

As soon as we can get things together, services will be held on Sunday evenings.

If funds avail, a little cleaning up with the whitewash brush would be highly desirable.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

Mr. Whittington preached in St. John's on Sunday morning last. A meeting was held in the School-room on Tuesday evening, which was very well attended. An interesting lecture on New Guinea was given and £4 9s. 6d. collected for the Funds of the Australian Band of Missions.

Missions—The Rev. F. J. Whittington brought a more important matter to our judgment than perhaps all who heard his earnest manly words would fully recognise. The fact is that the Church has recognised the necessity *officially*, in its *united capacity* of sending on "to the regions beyond" the Word of Life; the very object of her existence is to gather men into the

Fold of God our Saviour. The Church can never stand still without betraying the trust her Lord has put upon her. I am often filled with shame and dismay when (as I try to do at least once or twice every week) I bring our local plans and ways and ideas of service to measure themselves against the judgment which is yet reserved for them all IN THAT DAY. The Spirit of Christ is all a spirit of unselfish earnest zeal to "give light to them that sit in darkness." About three-fourths of conventional christianity is a selfish anxiety to get smoothly and comfortably through this world, and complacently slide into some dim kind of happiness in the next world too. And the Church has had its full share with the rest in cultivating this parody of christianity.

Now, how does it stand as to missions? The Bishops of all the Australian Dioceses have, thank God, set themselves to lead in the true direction. They have, with full sanction of General Synod, been formed into a Board of Missions, so that the Church throughout Australia has now formally taken up the crusade against heathen darkness. So Mr. Whittington brings to us a much more important matter than the mere question of New Guinea or Melanesia. The message he brings is that the Church has accepted, *as part of its very life*, the duty of winning the desolate lands of heathenism to Christ. Now the cross is laid at our feet very solemnly indeed. Shall the Church deny the Christian Spirit and refuse to lift the burden?

Queensland Floods.—Many opportunities of offering a helping hand to those unfortunate people in Queensland are offered. We are going to offer our alms to God and our sympathy to these sufferers by devoting the collection on Sunday, the 12th inst., to the Relief Fund. I hope that the true Lenten spirit may lead many to forego some pleasure to give the more to this, and I hope that many may prefer to give liberally thus "in secret" by way of Church alms.

Holy Trinity, a daughter parish of St. John's, has, it seems, attained the age of fifty years. We gather from the papers that some jubilee services were held a few Sundays ago. We wish them God speed in their work. "We are members one of another;" the Parish of Holy Trinity is a large one, and whatever strengthens the Church in her work there we can all rejoice in. We are glad to hear also that a Parsonage is to be built for the parish shortly.

Confirmation Classes.—We shall commence these classes on Tuesday evening, March 14th, at 7:30. The classes will be held in the School-room.

Men's Bible Class.—I have had this on my mind for a long time, but did not see how to fit it in; now the way is opened. Mr. M. E. Robinson has undertaken to conduct such a class on Sunday afternoons in the Church at 3 p.m. Now, I hope the young men will take this up and make it go. Mr. Robinson has talked over the methods and procedure with me; he intends to do all he can to bring all questions affecting life and Godliness into the light of open, fair, and duly intelligent discussion. All the help offered by the investigations of the present day he will try to bring to bear on a reverent and intelligent understanding of the history of the Faith of God whether in Bible story or Church History and doctrine. May God guide and bless this important effort. Now encourage your brothers and husbands and sons to make use of this opportunity for a quiet hour of mutual helpfulness in Christian thought on a Sunday afternoon. First class will meet on Sunday next. Any age—17 to 70. All most welcome.

Lent Services.—In a place like this, where so few are masters of their own time, we scarcely expected that many would be able to avail themselves of the quiet twenty minutes of daily prayer. We have been surprised, therefore, to find so many attending. Fifteen or sixteen is about the average.

“More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.”

On Wednesday evenings we are going through the study of a very important epoch in the history of that nation which offers the most interesting problems to the student. The social, political, and religious problems of the times when the loosely attached tribes were formed into a close federation and kingdom, under Samuel's guidance, are most important studies for all.

Holy Week.—This is the only week of His life in which we can follow our Lord step by step (and often hour by hour) with certainty; but of this week there is no doubt. May we not make it a week of deep earnest study and solemn prayer?

“Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.”

In addition to the daily evening prayer said at 5.30 there will be a SPECIAL SERVICE OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION EVERY EVENING IN HOLY WEEK at 7.30. Mr. Parnall will deliver a series of addresses at these services. Subject: “The stumblingblock of the cross.” (Gal. v. ii.).

Good Friday Services.—

11.0 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon
4.15 a.m., Children's Service
5.30 Evening Prayer
7.0 Litany and Meditation

Easter will fall on April 2nd. I hope we shall have a goodly array of white flowers sent to make the Church look festive for this, the great festival of Christianity. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 8, 10, and 11 on Easter Day.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on first Sunday after Easter.

Abbott Street.—Special services of a simple character will be held in the Abbott Street School (corner of Arthur Street) by Mr Parnall on the remaining Wednesdays of Lent at 7.30 p.m. He will take as subject throughout—God's great grace: Our sins: Christ's remedy.

Sunday School Building Fund.—Mr. George Harrap very generously offered to give the whole proceeds of a run down the river in S.S. Centennial to the above fund; the Churchwardens, who are always energetic—aren't they?—got to work manfully to make good use of this kind offer, and through the Sunday-school children and others, got a large number of tickets sold, and on Monday last at half-past seven the Centennial was well under weigh with a large company thankful to secure a breath of fresh cool air. Our thanks are indeed due to Mr. Harrap. About £14 was thus gained for the Building Fund.

In Memoriam.—When Mrs. Nicholls was called hence, quietly breathing her last after a long period of weakness and illness, the parish lost one who, though unable to be active in good works of late, yet never lost in the least her kindly, intelligent, sympathetic interest in all that concerned the real well-being of her Church and her fellow parishioners. I knew when we left her body in the grave that many a heart in Launceston would be conscious of the loss of one who was a good true friend in time of need.

“They rest from their labours and their works do follow them.”

Acknowledgments.—Sunday School Building Fund; offertory at Children's Service on Sunday (26th Feb.), 11s. 3d. Mr. Harrap's trip of Centennial, £14.

The presentation made by the Confirmation Candidates of a handsome brass desk for the Holy Table has at length arrived from England, and has been duly placed in the Church.

Mr. Perrin has presented the Church with a new “fair linen cloth,” and Mrs. Barnes with other necessary linen. Miss Shoobridge has been receiving kind contributions of meat regularly from Mr. Ferrall for making soup for the sick.

Miss Shoobridge will undertake the work of the Servants' Registry carried on by Mrs. Kelly hitherto. Hours every day, 9 to 10 a.m.; Monday also 2 to 6. Fees: servants, free; mistresses, 2s. 6d. (*All fees go to parish funds.*) Miss Shoobridge has a girl's sewing class on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 8.30 Any young girls welcome. Any cases of sickness in the parish, in which help would be welcome in nursing women or children, looking after family while the mother is ill, etc. etc., may be referred to the clergy, or to Miss Shoobridge direct, 95 Bathurst street.

For the Sunday-school Children.—

I. COLLECTS.—What does Collect for first Sunday in Lent teach us about Jesus? Give account of what it refers to. What does Collect teach us it has to do with us?

II. OLD TESTAMENT.—Give an account of Jonathan and David's friendship.

Hope Cottage.—Contributions of cakes, pastry, milk, onions, fruit, vegetables, and parcels of clothing, etc., have been thankfully received from Messrs Hickson and Sutton, and Mesdames Dobson, Rattray, and Westbrook, and a subscription from a former inmate. The past year's subscription list will appear in next issue.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

DATE.	MORNING SUBJECT. THE COLLECTS FOR THE DAY.	AFTERNOON SUBJECT.
March 5 3 S. in Lent.	God, our Defender	Acts xv. First Council of the Church
March 12 4 S. in Lent	More than our desires	Acts xv. 36-41. Sins and faults of Holy Apostles
March 19 5 S. in Lent	Governed by God's “Look”	Acts xvi. St. Paul's second Missionary journey begun
March 26 6 S. in Lent	The sufferings of Jesus	Children's Service

N.B.—Children's service in church 4th Sunday in month (March 26), 3 p.m. Offertory will be devoted to the Sunday School Building Fund.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

- Feb. 1—Claude Keith Graves, Patersonia
 8—Norbert Stanley Kingston
 8—Annie Walker Smith, 94 Balfour Street
 8—Elsie Turner, 141 Wellington Street
 8—Emily Edwards
 8—Herbert Redman Clark, 20 Gunn Street, Invermay
 8—Herbert Oliver Davies, 21 Victoria Street
 8—George Henry Jones
 15—Emily Madge Lakin, High Street
 15—Reginald Gordon Samuel Harvey, Arthur Street
 15—Elsie Ruby Bremner, 87 Galvin Street
 15—Byron Arthur Allen Prosser, Batten Street
 15—Edwardina Elsie Costain, 39 Welman Street
 15—Edward William Ford, 66 Wellington Street
 15—Gilbert Henry Joy, 17 Arthur Street
 22—Ivy Muriel Poultney, 239 Brisbane Street
 22—Bessie Laura Emily Parish, Union Lane
 23—Ayton Beveridge, Sandon Street
 24—Richard Gordon Powell, 42 Elizabeth Street

MARRIAGES.

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

- Feb. 1—Harry Ernest Adams to Annie L. Crosier
 21—Robert Cooke to Mary Emma Jordan

BURIALS.

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

- Feb. —Harold J. L. Howell (infant)
 13—Mary Edith Nichols, Wellington Street
 25—Tasman Edward Spicer, Lawler's Lane (infant)

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.)

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.

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