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SUNDAY . . . { Morning, 11:0
Evening, 7:0

WEDNESDAY . . { Litany, 11:0
Evening, 7:30

HOLY COMMUNION.

First Sunday in month . . 11:0 a.m.

Second " " 10 a.m. 7 p.m.

Third " " 11:0 a.m.

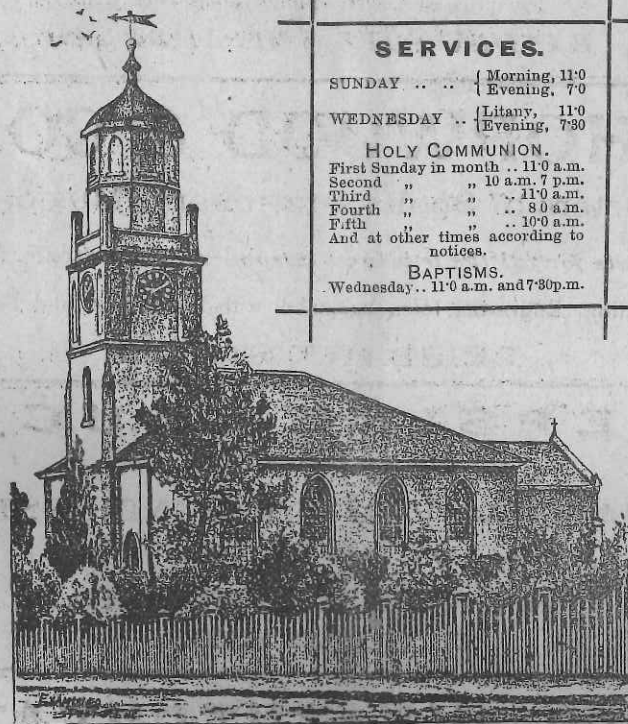
Fourth " " 8:0 a.m.

Fifth " " 10:0 a.m.

And at other times according to notices.

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



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STANDING NOTICES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

St. John's	10-0 a.m. and 3-0 p.m.
Abbott Street	9-45 a.m. and 3-0 p.m.
Mission House	9-45 a.m. and 3-0 p.m.

Children's Service, Fourth Sunday in month, in Church, 3-0 p.m.

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.

WEEKLY MEETINGS, ETC.

Monday	...	6-30	...	Girls' Sewing Class	...	Mission House
Tuesday	...	7-30	...	Confirmation Lectures	...	St. John's School
Wednesday	...	11-0	...	Litany and Baptisms	...	
	...	2-30	...	Flower Mission	...	Parsonage
	...	7-30	...	Evening Service and Baptism	...	St. John's Church
Thursday	...	7-30	...	Mission Service	...	Abbott Street Schoolroom
	...	2-30	...	Mothers' Meeting	...	Mission House
	...	4-15	...	Confirmation Lecture	...	St. John's Church
Friday	...	7-30	...	Teachers' Meeting	...	Parsonage
	...	7-30	...	Girls' Bible Class	...	Parsonage

MISSION SERVICES.

Mission House (late Queen's Head) Sunday Evening.
Prayer Meeting, 6-30. Service, 7.
Abbott Street Schoolroom, Wednesday, 7-30 p.m.

Servants' Registry.—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.*) Any cases of sickness in the parish, in which Miss Shoobridge's 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 at the Mission House, Wellington Street.

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 **VE-TRY** 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.

ADVERTISEMENTS SOLICITED.

MR. E. A. COOKE has kindly consented to act as hon. agent for advertisements. The Messenger can be had from the District Visitors or Messrs. Hopwood and Co., stationers, Brisbane street.

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, MAY 1, 1893.

"THE WORLD IS MY PARISH!"

So said John Wesley. And in the thought is much truth. At any rate our *Parish Messenger* must at times bring our parish news to us from a wider field than the bounds of our own four corners. In fact the constitution of our Church demands this, for our Bishop is really the Pastor of the whole Diocese, and the parish clergy are his representatives. I wish the careful and deep address of the Bishop to Synod each year could be heard by a wider circle than the Synod itself. Some echoes of the Diocesan review at least must find place in our *Messenger*.

NEW CHURCHES consecrated or completed during the year: The Fern Tree (a beautiful little church, quite unlike the ordinary ugly wooden buildings which seem the traditional type in the country), Glen Exe, Conara, South Arm, Whiteford Hills, Derby, Barren Island, Longley, Coppington, Strahan, ten in all. There are eleven more licensed churches this year, and five more unconsecrated ones used for worship (we shall have two to add next year, for we have services regularly now in Abbott street and in our Mission House).

There is an increase of 422 in total number of Sunday services, and 106 on week days. Celebrations of Holy Communion have been increased by 212. Baptisms have increased by 115 (surely there ought to be a greater increase in this), the total being 2307.

A GOOD EXAMPLE FROM HOBART.—"One new venture," says the Bishop, "begun silently, but with a true zeal, is the Hobart Lay Missioners Association. It is a body of young men who are ready to hold services anywhere at the request of any incumbent, and working under a special form of license from myself." They attend a class of instruction every week. In some six months they have held 71 services. The Rev. H. Anderson (head master of Hutchin's School) is in charge of this work and the young men work entirely under his direction.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS.—"The amount of instruction given is large, and I thankfully recognise the willing labours of the clergy. I do not wish to minimise the good effect produced by our Sunday schools, especially by the influence of personal character upon our children; but the very least I can say is that the teaching in the State schools is every whit as important as that given in the Sunday schools, and as many more hours can be spent in State schools than in Sunday school work, I look upon this department of work as of quite priceless value. Synod will be surprised to hear of the extent of the work so done, implying an amount of concentrated effort not easily computed. St. George's, Hobart, heads the list with 140 instructions in the year. The total number of classes taken in the 12 months is 1368. Not a single parish in the Southern Archdeaconry has failed to give instruction; five in the Northern Archdeaconry have failed in this most important duty. I have taken 'no returns' to mean work not done. Most earnestly do I pray for a blessing upon this work, and I call on the Church at large to recognise the

amount of labour thus tabulated: work which is of infinite value in Christian training, but which lies beneath the surface, as so much of our best efforts must ever do."

MISSIONARY WORK AT HOME.—After referring to other matters of missionary interest the Bishop said:—"I cannot close this survey without reminding you of two of our most pressing duties—our care, as a Christian Church, for the aborigines of Australia and for the Chinese who live among us. I believe there are more than 1000 Chinese in our colony, and the great majority of these are in the north-east of our diocese. Men may well scoff at us for sending our money to India, Africa, and China if we neglect the heathen at our door. The time has come, gentlemen, when we must have our missionary to the Chinese in our own land, and I should be glad if there were a debate upon the whole question in Synod. The 'Gleaner's Union' recently started here has undertaken to support this cause, and I applaud this resolution. It is so distinctly upon the lines laid down by our Blessed Lord. The Apostles were to begin at Jerusalem—that is, at home. Following this sacred precedent we will begin with our own hemisphere. We will not neglect our own Chinese, nor our aborigines, nor the circle of islands called Melanesia, nor New Guinea. All these causes I earnestly press upon you, and I trust our fire is hot enough to warm regions lying farther off. But these, these are in our midst; these we may never neglect." (With regard to the Chinese in Tasmania Synod has this year made a noble move. I had the honour of laying before Synod the state of the case as to the 'undenominational' Mission, so long carried on, but now just closed, and was able to assure Synod that Mr. F. L. Fysh, the local treasurer of the late mission, would continue his valuable assistance if we proposed to step into the breach. Synod placed this work on the list of missions, for one or other of which collections are to be made, and also voted £50 to be used by the Bishop in promoting a mission to the Chinese. Already negotiations have been opened by the Bishop for obtaining a missionary to recommence this work. The object was felt by all to be so absolutely unquestionable that both motions were carried unanimously and heartily.)

RESCUE WORK.—"You are aware that the House of Mercy in Hobart is still doing its duty, and is still being abundantly blessed, though there are incessant anxieties, and there is need for constant watchfulness. No effort in the name of Christ, who loves all sinners, needs more prayer and a firmer resting on Divine strength. But the North has also now its inspiring task at Hope Cottage. It is not the same work, but it has its analogies. It brings a heavy strain upon a few devoted people, but it will also bring its rich blessing to those who work. I commend both institutions to your practical sympathy."

THE LAMBETH JUDGMENT.—Like the vast majority of the Church the Bishop feels thankfulness at the Privy Council and the Archbishop's judgments coinciding, as there seems thus at last a basis of understanding possible. The judgment will of course be law if ever need arise to appeal to it.

1897 seems a long way off, but already the Bishop refers to the fourth great conference of Anglican Bishops to be held that year at Canterbury, and expresses the earnest hope that one outcome of the conference may be a revision and enrichment of our Prayer Book. Most heartily do I say amen to that. The idea that the Church is the slave of a printed book is deep rooted, and cannot fail to cause grave misunderstanding. But apart from the indirect result of a new issue of the Prayer Book, the gains directly would be most welcome. We suffer from a lack of variety. The Bishop says: "No one can fail to be struck with the courage, and at the same time self-repression, of the Church in America in their recent Prayer Book revision. It will well repay study, and I earnestly recommend the book to you. The variety imported into the various offices, the liberty given to substitute Psalms which are appropriate for some which are often inappropriate, the extreme beauty of the

variations in the communion office, the addition of collects for most important occasions which are wanting in our book, the insertion of new services for many occasions suitable to our developed Church life—all this makes us long to participate in the riches of prayer and praise, which could be so easily utilised."

THE CHURCH AT HOME.—The Bishop referred to the large sums spent in England during the last 20 years on one item alone of Church work, that, namely, of Church Building and Restoration. I should like to supplement the Bishop's remarks from a Parliamentary return just published. The Church at home has, at any rate, the grace of an earnestness which will bear some strain. In the last eighteen years over £20,000,000 has been spent in one item alone—in building and restoring churches. In this no account is taken of any sums of less than £500 spent on any one such church. With these lesser sums it is estimated that £60,000,000 would be the figure! Another index of life is the vast amount spent on schools and in mission work. The Church Year Book gives figures for 1891 of voluntary contributions for Church work at £5,160,820.

The Bishop's concluding words bring before us in a peculiarly lucid way a truth, from neglect of which the spiritual life is sadly hampered. He takes as his illustration the work going on at the Cathedral—the building of the new chancel. "Now all of you will certainly visit the half completed Cathedral chancel in the next few days. You will notice how the ground is covered in all directions with cut stones, some lying by themselves, others heaped up, but not in order, one above the other. So far you will be looking upon a very fair representation of the views of many excellent Christians upon a deep question. They consider that the one thing needful is to be polished and cut stones, awakened, converted, possibly baptized; but there the thing needful ceases, and they are indifferent what is done next with those stones so well cut: it sometimes seems to us as if some Christian people believe they are so dressed in the Great Mason's yard simply to lie about till the Judgment Day. Now look up at the stately fabric rising slowly before you. What lesson does it teach you of truest Christian life? First, that when you are taken in hand by the Great Mason it is in order to fit you, not for yourself alone, but to live in closest unity with your neighbour stone. Even the slightest angle in you implies a corresponding alteration in him. But this is not all, though it is a great deal. There is something wonderful happening by the instrumentality of single stones. A Church is rising for the worship of God. This is something quite new. It is a fresh creation. There were stones before, there is a building now for distinct and manifold uses. Such thoughts may help some of you to realise the enormous importance of the corporate life of the Church. If I may so put it to you, we are not a mere aggregate of Christian souls; we are, by virtue of being the Church, a new creation. Something exists now which did not exist before at all, something with its own power and promises and blessings. A man when he realises this would as soon think of self-destruction as of leaving the place God has given him in His Church. He would as soon think of neglecting his duty to his Church as he would of attempting to pull a stone out of the chancel wall that he watches slowly rising 'in so fair sanctity.'"

It is in realising this truth that we can alone get the key to the deep truths our Church presents to us. It is thus alone we can get any true or satisfactory grasp of the teaching of Christ and His Apostles as to the sacraments. To find our place as members of the one body is the surest way of attaining to a strong humble habit of life.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

The Diocesan Council, which carries on the business of the Church in the Diocese, has hitherto consisted of a number of laymen, with the Bishop, Dean, and the Archdeacons. Synod has passed a resolution adding to the number by three lay and three clerical members. I have the honour to be one of the three clergy elected by Synod to serve on the Council. One task committed to the investigation of a joint committee of the Diocesan Council and others, is to consider what can be done to reduce the heavy expenditure in connection with the Diocesan Secretary's office.

Deaconesses.—A great disappointment has befallen us. The Bishop will not ordain Deaconesses in the Diocese without concurrence of Synod. Canon Banks Smith was to move a resolution requesting the Bishop to organise the order; and I had hoped to second this. But it was ascertained that this would have evoked a demand by others for the institution of a Diocesan order of Sisters; but as the Bishop, with many who wished for Diocesan Deaconesses, was opposed to the institution of a Diocesan Sisterhood, the matter was allowed to drop and Canon Banks Smith's motion was withdrawn. Unfortunately this postpones the possibility of Miss Shoobridge's ordination, which is a great disappointment.

Easter and Harvest Decorations.—In the name of the congregation I tender my thanks to the band of workers who did so much to help us to enter into the brightness of these services by the beautiful arrangement of God's gifts of flower and leaf and fruit, of colour and form, which they gave us.

The Cantata.—"An hour in Fairy-land" was a very great success, and after drawing an overflowing house the first night had to be repeated. The financial result was close upon £30. This brings the Building Fund deficit down to £80. Debts are not right and I hope this will soon be wiped out now. The thanks of us all are due to the energy of the ladies who so constantly taught the children, to Mr. Smith, our organist, and to several gentlemen who formed an excellent orchestra; to Mr. Newey for a lot of labour in carting, etc., and Mr. and Mrs. Dempster, for the decorating of the stage and the loan of material. Nor must we forget the efforts of the churchwardens, Messrs. Perrin and Whitfeld. The children all fulfilled their parts in a most enjoyable programme thoroughly well.

Abbott Street.—Services are to be continued on Wednesday evenings. The Sunday School here has grown so that it is becoming a serious matter to accommodate our numbers. Would that God would put it into the heart of some faithful person to put up a little mission room here as the beginning of a district church! It will be seen in our notice column that our Sunday School here has now begun to meet morning as well as afternoon—9.45 and 3 o'clock.

The Mission House.—We had a large gathering of friends at the Mission on Friday, April 7, when the little chapel was unable to accommodate those who came to join in the service of praise and prayer with which we formally commended the work to God. After this we had a pleasant hour of social intercourse, which took the form of a tea provided by Miss Shoobridge and some friends in the parish. Our Sunday evening mission services are proving useful and are well attended. Messrs. Rattray, F. L. Stephenson, W. J. Genders, and M. E. Robinson, have taken part with the clergy in conducting the meetings. I hope other friends in the laity will come forward to help us, and "open their lips boldly" in the setting forth of the life of Christian grace. The Sunday School is growing too.

The Girls.—One hope we had in opening the Mission was to get the young girls together and teach them something better than parading the streets, and this we are doing, I rejoice to say. The girls' sewing class is steadily growing. Last Monday no less than 43 girls attended the sewing class. This was the night of the Cantata, and the fact that this made no difference in the attendance proves conclusively that we are on the right track, and have got hold of a set that we have hitherto failed to secure.

The Boys are claiming a share in our efforts too, and constantly ask "When are you going to do something for us?" Will anyone help us to get a gymnasium arranged in the loft above the Chapel? I am anxious to start a drawing class too, either mechanical or freehand, as this is a most useful adjunct to any boy's education, and gives healthy and intellectual pleasure.

Helpers Wanted.—(1.) For Mother's Meeting on Thursday. (2.) For girls' sewing class on Monday. (3.) Boys' class. (4.) Singing class. (5.) Drawing class.

For the Sunday School Children.—

I. What does Ascension Day teach us (1) about our Lord; (2) about ourselves?

II. Acrs.—What happened to St. Paul at Athens? Where is Athens, and what makes it so famous?

St. John's Mission House.—Received: Donations.—Private celebrations, £1 13s 3d; Mr. J. C. Genders, £5; per Miss Shoobridge—Mr. Darling, £1; thank-offering, £1; Dr. Dundas, 2s; Mrs. Douglas, 5s; Mr. Doubleday, 5s; small sums, 4s; Miss Bushman, £1 1s; Mr. Farmilo, £1 1s; Mrs. Montgomery, £1 1s; Miss Wigmore (proceeds of concert), £1 7s; Mr. W. Martin, £2 2s; E. D. H., £1; Mr. T. Gunn, £1 1s; Mr. E. Wilmot, £1; Mrs. Oakden, 10s; "First fruits," 10s; Miss Horne, 10s; Mr. H. L. Smith, 10s; Miss Grey, 10s; Mrs. Flexman, 5s; Mrs. Weatherhead, 4s; Girls' Friday class, 13s 9d; Miss Phillips, 5s; Mr. Parkhouse, 10s; Mrs. Brooks (collected), 7s; Mrs. Massey (collected), 10s 6d; Misses Griffiths, 7s 6d; Miss Wheen, 2s 6d; Mr. Webb, 1s; F. N., 4s; Box, 1s; fancy work, 1s; per Rev. F. Parnall—Small sums, 3s; registry fee, 2s 6d; offertories in Mission Chapel, £1 15s 6d.

RENT FUND (continued).—Mrs. H. Flexman, 2s 6d; Mrs. Champion, 5s 6d; per Mrs. Weatherhead (Mrs. Richards, Mrs. C. Kent, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Eberhard, Mrs. E. A. Cooke, Miss Cooke, Mrs. G. Lakin, Miss Standage), 8s 6d; Miss Sadler, 2s; Miss D. Waters, 2s; Miss E. Waters, 2s; Miss Griffiths, 4s 6d; Miss M. Nichols, 4s; per Mrs. Lakin—Mrs. Barnard, 4s; Mrs. Kingsford, jun., 2s 6d; friend, 1s; Mrs. H. Lakin, 5s; Miss Vincent, 2s; per Mrs. Spicer—(Miss Stewart, 7s; Mrs. Kingsford, 10s; Mrs. Carter, 3s; Mrs. Sandon, 1s; Mrs. S., 1s); Miss Genders (collected), 13s; per Mrs. Davey (Mrs. Fairthorne, Miss H., and Mr. Mowbray), 6s 6d. Rent of stables, rooms, etc., 15s. Total receipts to date: £38 3s 9d. Liabilities: rent (£52 per annum), gas, etc.

To be noted—

MAY 4.—Thursday 7.30, Communicants' Meeting and St. John's Church Union, Mission House: all invited. Missionary and other business. *Missions to Chinese* in Tasmania; admission of members to Union.

MAY 11, Ascension Day.—According to old Church practices, and according to our Prayer-book this day is as much to be observed as Christmas or any other Dominical Festival. Holy Communion, at 8 a.m.; evening service 7.30.

WHIT SUNDAY.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

TRINITY SUNDAY.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

DATE.	MORNING SUBJECT. THE COLLECTS FOR THE DAY.	AFTERNOON SUBJECT.
May 7 5th S. after Easter	Good Thoughts and Good Deeds	Christ Crucified.
		Acts xviii.
May 14 S. after Ascension	Jesus Exalted	The Gospel in Ephesus.
May 21		
Whit Sunday	The Holy Spirit	Victories at Ephesus.
May 28	The Power of God	Children's Service.
Trinity Sunday		

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

- March 29.—SIDNEY ARTHUR ATHERTON, 289 Brisbane Street
 April 3.—ROBERT WILLIAM PATTERSON, 27 Welman Street
 „ 5.—ELLA BERTELODA JARMAN, 129 Patterson Street
 „ 5.—VIOLET MAY MURRAY, Gunn Street
 „ 10.—GERDA EVELYN THOMPSON, Low Head
 „ 12.—CYRIL MONOUR JONES, Launceston
 „ 12.—ELLA HORWOOD BARRETT, Meander Rise
 „ 12.—EDWIN WILLIAM CHEETHAM PRIOR, Young Town
 „ 17.—EMILY VICTORIA KIDDLE, West Tamar
 „ 17.—STELLA BERTHA STRICKLAND, West Tamar
 „ 17.—GLADYS CAROLINE STRICKLAND, West Tamar
 „ 19.—HAROLD LEWIS JACK, Trevallyn
 „ 19.—ETHEL MARGARET ELEANOR EDWARDS, Abbott Street
 „ 26.—FREDERICK JOHN McLUTCHEN, 55 Canning Street
 „ 26.—LESLIE VIVIAN HOLLIDAY TAYLOR, Balaclava Street, Invermay
 „ 26.—LINDSAY THOMAS CARSWELL, Franklin Village
 „ 26.—EDWARD CHARLES YOUNG, 21 Margaret Street
 „ 26.—SARAH JANE HAWKINS GRIFFITH, 3 Earl Street

A Correction in last month's Messenger.
 March 8.—For Corbett please read Corlett.

MARRIAGES.

Send Thy Blessing upon these Thy servants whom we bless in Thy Name,
 April 12.—FRANCIS TEMPLE VANE to CHARLOTTE HAZLEWOOD HANNAN

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.

March 30.—AYTON BEVERIDGE, Sandon Street, Infant.

St. John's Church Mission, LATE QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL,

WELLINGTON STREET.

MISSION SERVICES

Every Sunday, 7 p.m.

BOOKS PROVIDED. ALL WELCOME.

OTHER MEETINGS AT PRESENT ARRANGED:

Sunday School, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 a.m., 3 p.m.

Girls' Sewing Class, Monday, 6.30 „

Mothers' Meeting, Thursday, 2.30 „

SERVANTS' REGISTRY

(FREE TO SERVANTS).