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First Sunday in month 8 & 11 a.m.

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

Third " " 8 a.m. 11 a.m.

Fourth " " .. 8.0 a.m.

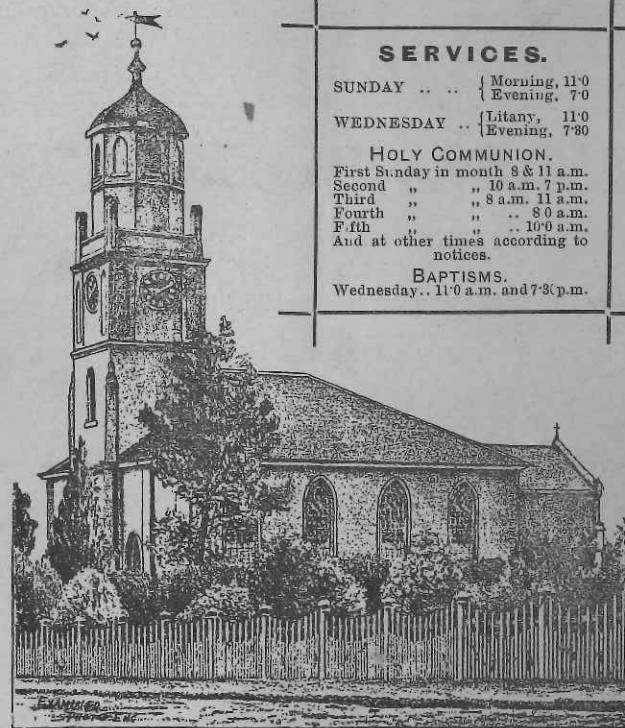
Fifth " " .. 10.0 a.m.

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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	9-45 a.m. and 3-0 p.m.
Mission House	9-45 a.m. and 3-0 p.m.

Children's Service—Junior Second Sunday, Senior Fourth Sunday, in Church, 3 p.m.

WEEKLY MEETINGS, ETC.

Monday	6-30 p.m.	Girls' Sewing Class (Junior)	Mission House
	8-0 p.m.	Union Jack Club	St. John's School
Tuesday	9-0 a.m.	Religious Instruction	State School
	6-30 p.m.	Girls' Sewing Class (Senior)	Mission House
Wednesday	11-0 a.m.	Litany and Baptisms	St. John's Church
	2-30 p.m.	Flower Mission	Parsonage
	7-30 p.m.	Evening Service and Baptism	St. John's Church
Thursday	7-30 p.m.	Mission Service	Abbott Street Schoolroom
	2-30 p.m.	Mothers' Meeting	Mission House
	10-0 a.m.	Cottage Service	Little Quadrant
Friday	7-30 p.m.	Teachers' Meeting	Parsonage
	4-15 p.m.	Children's Instruction	Church
	7-30 p.m.	Girls' Bible Class	Parsonage

MEETINGS AT MISSION HOUSE.

Sunday—Morning School	...	...	...	9-45 a.m.
	Afternoon...	...	...	2-30 p.m.
	Evening Service	...	...	7 p.m.
Monday—Junior Girl's Sewing Class	...	...	...	6-30 till 8 p.m.
Tuesday—Senior Girl's Sewing Class	...	...	...	7 till 8-30 p.m.
Thursday—afternoon Mother's Meeting	...	...	...	2-30 till 4-30 p.m.
	Evening Boys' Class	...	...	7 till 8 p.m.
	Bible Class for Adults	...	...	7-30 p.m.
Friday—Ladies' Work Party	...	...	...	2-30 till 5 p.m.

Friday Evenings—Lectures as arranged.

MISSION SERVICES.

Mission House (late Queen's Head), Sunday Evening.

Prayer Meeting, 6-30. Service, 7.

Abbott Street Schoolroom, Sunday, 7 p.m., 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.

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, OCTOBER 2, 1893.

THE WORK IN COUNTRY PARISHES.

THE ideal on which our Church works is high and noble. We have no "cause" to support in convenient places. We do not stay in the thickly populated centres, or wait till the way is smoothed before setting up the standard of our holy Faith. From times far back in the history of our nation the Church has sought to be the Church of the whole nation; and if the attempt has not always succeeded, yet it has always been attempted nobly. In these new countries, such as our own Diocese, this grand ideal is still attempted; and, with God's blessing, if we are all faithful to our share of the responsibility, the ideal will be more and more realised. In spite of the enormous and most discouraging difficulties of the situation, the *whole* of the inhabited districts of this colony are assigned to parishes, and some attempt is made to offer the administration of the Faith of Christ to the most remote settlements of the back country. There is something sublime—something that ought to be inspiring to us all—in the knowledge that under most trying difficulties this effort is made, in the knowledge, too, that no other form of Christian organisation professes even to make the attempt. In the well-to-do places and more settled centres half-a-dozen forms of Nonconformist ministry may be gathered together, but not one proposes to cover the whole ground as a vital principle of its organisation, or to afford pastoral care—even imperfectly—to the remotest and poorest districts. That we do, is a matter not for self-laudation, but for earnest thankfulness and a deepening sense of responsibility in each single member of our Church.

The comparison of the traditions of parish life and parish organisation which we have inherited from our English forefathers with the actual conditions of parishes as they are so generously sketched on our map would be distinctly amusing if it were not so serious in import.

I have been spending my holiday in the parish of Forth and Leven. This parish covers an area considerably greater than that of the Isle of Wight. I compared them on Ordinance Survey maps of same scale. Yet this parish has for years been under the charge of but one man. Nevertheless, with the help of faithful Lay Readers, the ministrations of public worship has been offered regularly in half-a-dozen different centres of this large district, which is not only large in area, but homestead after homestead extends up into the heart of the back country. The present incumbent has now the assistance of one Deacon, and will shortly have two; but *three* men even cannot adequately carry out proper work of pastoral ministrations.

But in other parts the work is even more scattered; yet, away into the bush, or up to the lonely shepherds by the Great Lake, the organisation of our Church sends the Pastors of these huge parishes of ours to offer to those who will receive it the ministrations of Christ's Holy Word and Sacraments.

I had the pleasure of visiting, with the Bishop, one of these lonely outposts of our work in the South some time ago, where a Confirmation was to be held. After a long wet drive into the thick bush we came upon a solitary homestead in a lonely glen. Here were gathered a group of faithful families from homesteads equally lonely, scattered through this district, together with one of our bush clergy. About 40 of us were packed into the kitchen of our kindly host—a Scotch farmer,—and one of the most happy confirmation services I can recall was held there in that simple kitchen in the lonely bush. We sang hymns from "Sankey" with right good heartiness, to the accompaniment of piano and fiddle, the fiddle being played by a lad of 15, son of the host. We sang Canticles and Te Deum with equal heartiness; and we joined as heartily in the same prayers there as were being offered that day in stately and noble churches of our communion throughout the world. The sense of this *oneness* of our worship under such varying outward conditions is very helpful to a deepening of the spiritual sympathies. *Nine persons were confirmed* at that service—the aged grandmother of 81 (!), her son, our host, and his two sons among them.

Now, what a source of strength it is to us, this faithful attempt to fulfil a high ideal. We believe in the mission of our Church to carry Christ to all within our borders. We cannot draw back from difficult parts, or parts where, because the sheep are few and scattered, the shepherd's work is weary. Our strength lies, it may be said, in a specially English grace. We are not great at sparkling novelties, nor do we adjust ourselves as speedily as might be—either as colonists or churchmen—to new demands. But for solid steady work towards an ideal when once seen, the history of English politics and the history of the English Church are parallel. This high ideal can only be maintained *in outline* at present. The parishes are too unwieldy for thorough work with the small number of our clergy. But little by little the outline is being more adequately filled in. Yet this present efficiency must depend upon having the power of sending men into the poorer parts, which means that they must look to General Church Fund for the modest sums apportioned to clerical incomes. I hope the efforts of a committee in Hobart, on which I am now sitting, may be able to effect some saving of expense in the Diocesan offices, and I trust that some effort will be made by all to take their personal share in this development of our Church's work by making generous offerings at our half-yearly collection this month.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

A Tea to the Girls' Sewing Class was given in the Mission House on Friday, 1st September. After tea the children engaged in various games, every available room being occupied, even the passages being called into use. The girls have made good use of this excellent class; and the little recreation so spontaneously carried out by the lady members just made a happy break in the steady course of working days. The suggestion has been made that the girls are bribed to these classes; let it be noted they pay coppers into the funds on the contrary.

Four Addresses on different aspects of the Holy Communion Service are being delivered on Tuesday evenings. I hope *nothing* will interfere with the attendance of all those confirmed lately, and I hope many others will avail themselves of this opportunity. The first was given last Tuesday, on the *Memorial of Christ's Passion*. The other divisions will be (II.) The Power of Christ to save "*unto the end*," (III.) The Basis of the Christian Fellowship, (IV.) The Basis of Christian Life of Sacrifice.

Presentation.—After the usual Sunday School service in Church on Sunday last, a presentation of a Pocket Communion Service was made to Mr. Parnall by those whom he had prepared for Confirmation. We hope it may be long before these young persons themselves come upon the lists of the sick members of the flock; but we also hope that whenever they do they may desire to be partakers, in the sick-room, of the same pledges of the Lord's Atonement as they receive when able to come to the Lord's Table with all the congregation.

Examination in Religious Knowledge.—Those of our Scholars who entered last year for this examination did, on the whole, so well that there will be more general courage to face it this year. The Teachers are now just commencing to go through Acts xv. to end again, with special reference to the history contained in the narrative. Miss Horne has also kindly offered to take a special class on week-days for any who will avail themselves of her tuition. We are grateful to Miss Horne for this offer, and hope that a large number will attend. Perhaps others may have time to take similar week-day work with their special classes. This also gives an opportunity for parents to show their children that they take a lively interest in the Sunday School by interesting themselves in their children's preparations for this examination.

Lecture on Dickens.—Mr. Edgell kindly gave us his lecture on "Charles Dickens," which had been unavoidably postponed, on Friday, September 22nd. After a brief sketch of his life Mr. Edgell proceeded to dispel the idea that is current that Dickens, because he satirised some types of religious extravagance and imposture, was an irreligious man. On the contrary, he was not only a staunch Christian himself, but devoted himself to training up his children in the same way. The lecturer then proceeded to read characteristic selections from Dickens' works, illustrating various characters and phases of life. During the lecture Mrs. Sherwin performed a musical selection, and Mr. Edgell rendered one of Dickens' songs. We are grateful to Mr. Edgell for delivering this most interesting lecture in spite of his indisposition, and hope that it will lead those who were present to read and study the writings of this standard novelist, instead of the flimsy stuff that is so constantly read now. Mr. Waterhouse has promised us a lecture on Milton; Mr. Nance on Astronomy.

V.D.L. Lottery.—Our efforts failed in this matter. It is not pleasant to record that our colony has stamped itself as less sensitive to moral principles than her neighbours. The protests recorded that there is a strong feeling on this matter in all classes of the community.

Diocesan News.—The Rev. C. G. Wilkinson, M.A., has been appointed to St. Leonards, and will leave Burnie about the end of the month. Our newly-formed band of Lay Readers has proved most efficient in helping to supply regular ministrations in this parish during the vacancy, and it has been also a valuable opportunity of getting experience in the work. With God's blessing, the band will be able to take up fresh work, and perhaps break new ground shortly.

Board and Lodging.—We call attention to the fact that comfortable board and lodging can be had by young women in the Mission House at 12s. a week. This includes separate bed-room and use of sitting-room. For a girl coming to business here among strangers this offers a most suitable home.

General Church Fund Collections will be made on Sunday, 29th October.

Mission House.—Received with thanks, for Rent Fund—Miss Sly, 2s.; Misses Walters, 5s.; per Mrs. Weatherhead: Mrs. G. Lakin, 2s., Miss Standage 2s., Mrs. E. A. Cooke and Miss Cooke 2s., Mrs. Richards 3s., Miss Weatherhead 2s.; Mrs. H. Flexman, 2s. 6d.; Miss Horne, 10s.; per Mrs. Spicer, 8s.; Mrs. Taylor, 2s.; Miss Griffiths and Mrs. Doubleday, 6s. 6d.; per Mrs. Wetton, 1s. 6d.; box, 2s.; offertories, 15s. 4½d. Also, magazines from Mr. Hopwood; old clothes, eggs, jam, flannelette pieces, patterns of blankets, etc., from Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Gaunt, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Hallows, Mrs. James, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Brownrigg, Messrs. Dempster and Co., Messrs McKay, Sampson, and McKinlay; bones for broth from Messrs. Ferrall and Griffiths. Thanks are also due to the *Examiner* and *Daily Telegraph* for papers supplied to the Mission House; to Mr. Storey for making text and notice, and Mr. Churcher for frame, etc.; and to friends who kindly provided and assisted at the tea for the Girls' Sewing Class.

Hope Cottage.—Contributions of jam, marmalade, meat, sausages, milk daily, material, lantern, etc., etc., have been thankfully received from Mesdames Hickson, Stewart, Sutton, and Weatherhead.

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.

MORNING.	AFTERNOON.		HYMNS.	
	SENIOR.	JUNIOR.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.
October 1. 18th Sun. after Trinity	Special Lesson.	Special Lesson.	4, 238.	160, 272.
October 8. 19th Sun. after Trinity	Acts xv. The Council Apostolic Failings	(Catechising in Church)	37, 161.	211, 267.
October 15. 20th Sun. after Trinity	Acts xvi.-xvii. 34. The Journey to Athens.	Acts xv.	268, 182.	259, 49.
October 22. 21st Sun. after Trinity	(Catechising in Church)	Acts xvi.-xvii. 34.	6, 221.	173, 269.
October 29. 22nd Sun. after Trinity	Acts xviii.-xx. 6. Work in Corinth and Ephesus.	Acts xviii.-xx. 6.	38, 266.	183, 264.
November 5. 23rd Sun. after Trinity	Acts xx. 7, xxi 26. Journey to Jeru- salem & reception.	Acts xx. 7, xxi. 26	12, 263.	153, 48.

N.B.—Children's services in church 2nd and 4th Sundays in month, 3 p.m. Offertories 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.

August 6.—Mary Frances Allen, Abbott Street.
September 2.—Claude Dennis Rock, Erina Street.
" 6.—Mary Kathleen Hague, Welman Street.
" 6.—Elka Bertha Evans, Upton Street.
" 6.—Horace Albert Evans, Upton Street.
" 6.—Alice Bradford, Prospect.
" 13.—Gladys Irene Campbell, 153 York Street.
" 13.—Eric Charles Henry Andrews, 126 York Street.
" 13.—Eileen Beatrice Taylor, 147 York Street.
" 13.—Alice May Taylor, 147 York Street.
" 20.—Gladys Honey, Welman Street.
" 20.—Elsie May Anderson, Upton Street.
" 20.—William Robert John Airy, 168 Brisbane Street.
" 23.—Thomas Charles Warren, Bathurst Street.
" 27.—Albert Henry William Bracken, Irvine St., Inveresk.
" 27.—Stanley Ratcliff Bacon, Distillery Creek.

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,

September 5.—Marjory Durham, Brisbane Street; aged 14 months.
" 26.—Thomas Warren, Bathurst Street; aged 2 months.

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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Mothers' Meeting, Thursday, 2.30 ,,

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