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Parish Church.	See Front page.
St. Aidan's	SUNDAY, 11.15 a.m., 7 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, 7.30 p.m.
	N.B.—Holy Communion twice a month.
	Sunday School, 9.45 a.m. (Children's Service) and 3 p.m.
St. Oswald's (Trevallyn)	SUNDAY EVENING, 7 p.m.
	Sunday School, 3 p.m.
Mission House (Wellington Street)... ..	SUNDAY, 7 p.m.
	Sunday School, 9.45 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
	(Other Meetings, see below.)
Franklin Village	SUNDAY, 7 p.m. (Holy Communion by notice.)
Breadalbane	ALTERNATE SUNDAYS, 3 p.m.

WEEKLY MEETINGS, ETC.

Monday ...	6-30 p.m...	Girls' Sewing Class (Junior)	Mission House
	7-30 p.m...	Boys' Gymnasium	St. John's School
Tuesday ...	8-0 p.m...	Men's Club	Mission House
	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction ...	State Schools
Wednesday ...	7-0 p.m...	Girls' Sewing Class (Senior)	Mission House
	11-0 a.m...	Litany and Baptisms ...	St. John's Church
	2-30 p.m...	Flower Mission	Parsonage
	7-30 p.m...	Service and Baptism ...	St. John's Church
	7-30 p.m...	Service	St. Aidan's
Thursday ...	7-30 p.m...	Children's Union (practice)	Mission House
	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction ...	State Schools
	4-15 p.m...	Confirmation Class	St. John's Church
	2-30 p.m...	Mothers' Meeting	Mission House
	7-30 p.m...	Boys' Drawing and Writing Class	"
Friday ...	7-30 p.m...	Bible Class (Adults)... ..	"
	7-30 p.m...	Teachers' Class	Parsonage
	2-30 to 5...	Work Party	Mission House
	2-30 to 5...	" (2nd and 4th Fridays)	Parsonage
	7-30 p.m...	Confirmation Lecture	"
Saturday ...	7-30 p.m...	Girls' Bible Class	"
	8-0 p.m...	Prayer Meeting	Mission House

Monthly Communicants' Meeting, Thursday before first Sunday in Month, 7-30. Mission House or St. John's School.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—Monthly, according to notice.

Special Prayers for Missionary Work, at 8 a.m. Celebration first Sunday of every month.

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.

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 the additional Curate's Stipend Fund.

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, AUGUST 4, 1894.

MOTHERS.

"You may"—to use the strong words of Lord Charles Beresford in the House of Commons—"you may legislate till you are *blue in the face*, but legislation won't reform the Navy." Quite so. Legislation will really reform nothing. It can only remove hindrances. Where, then, are we to look for the *real* force of the reforming power needed to meet the increasing drift and tendency of our nature, in each new generation, to the easier and the worse way? There are two people in each family to whom alone we can look for this force: the father and mother of the household. English tradition has, somewhat unfortunately, fallen into the idea of the mother being chief—if not sole—educator in the home. It is all a mistake, but we must begin where we find things, and I now ask that the mothers of all degrees and ranks should say, "Can we not be more definite and stronger in our method of preparing our children for the world before them?" There is an excellent and simple association which was started in Winchester many years ago and has spread far and wide because it has been found so very helpful and so easy to work. I have sent to Winchester and got the papers, and have already started a branch here with some twenty or thirty members to begin with. The association might fitly be joined by any mother in the Church. Here is a brief sketch of the objects and methods of

"THE MOTHERS' UNION."

No pledge or promise is taken. The members join with following simple declaration: "I desire to remember that my children are given up, body and soul, to Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism, and that my duty is to train them for His service." Then on the card of membership a few rules are suggested, as follows:—"1. Try, by God's help, to make them obedient, truthful, and pure. 2. Never allow coarse jests, bad, angry words, or low talk in your house. Speak gently. 3. You are strongly advised never to give your children beer, wine, or spirits without the doctor's orders, or to send young people to the public-house. 4. Do not allow your girls to go about the streets at night, and keep them from unsafe companions and from dangerous amusements. 5. Be careful that your children do not read bad books or police reports. 6. Set them a good example in word and deed. 7. Kneel down and pray to God morning and evening, and teach your children to pray. 8. Try to read a few verses of the Bible daily, and come to church as regularly as possible"—ending with a prayer which may be said daily.

In addition to the help thus provided in the simple suggestions above there is a quarterly magazine (price 1d.) of exceptional interest and value, judging from the few numbers I have seen. Mr. Cecil Fawns kindly left a number of specimens, and it is to him that I owe the inauguration of this movement. It may be asked—"Why need we join? We know our duty." In reply I say—

Join for your own sake, and join to help others. Duty may be known, but most of us find all duties need systematising and developing if they are to be wisely performed, and no duty needs more care and receives less methodical attention than the grave duty and responsibility of parents. But think of others too. There are numbers of parents who make no effort to give a system and method of godly life to their children, and this from lack of thought rather than from lack of heart. It will be a very easy and kindly way of helping these to begin a new plan at home if they know that there are throughout the parish many souls who have joined them in definitely putting their duty to their children before themselves. Bonds of sympathy and Christian grace are constantly formed from the links of a common effort.

A special service will be held once a year for all members, and perhaps a meeting annually or quarterly. I propose to ask Canon Whittington or the Rev. Claude Roberts to come up to address us at our first meeting. I now beg all mothers of every part of the parish to attend a special meeting to be held in St. John's School on Monday, August 13, at 4.30 p.m., when further particulars will be given and intending members may be received.

THE CHURCH'S WORK AMONG THE KANAKAS.

BY FRANK PARNALL.
(Continued.)

I SAW in those few days not only part of what the Church is doing, but I saw registered the result of what she has done in the progressive development from the heathen and half-heathen at the plantation service, through the regular scholars and attendants at the Sunday service, to the Rev. A. Maclaren's fellow-martyr to the deadly New Guinea climate. No one who has seen these things can doubt of the reality of the good work done among them.

The most striking testimony is that the planters are almost unanimously supporters of the Mission, and say that it would pay them to support it (apart from other motives) because of the influence it has had in stopping drunkenness and fighting and promoting honesty and truthfulness. The opponents are mainly those who base their objections on the fact that it makes the boys "too knowing"!

Is there a dark side to all this, though? Yes, and the Church's workers admitted it. Of course there is drunkenness, in spite of all laws; there is idleness; there are graver vices, and the returning labourers take these things back to the islands. But it is mainly among the heathen. Of the Christians, Mr. Clayton told me that he only knew of 3 or 4 per cent. who fell right away; but it is a fearful thought that these few furnished most of the dregs of the Kanaka population, and the root of it was self-satisfaction after they had become Christians. They were "Christian finished," duly baptised and confirmed; so all effort ceased, and they dropped back and back. Is there anything parallel to this among *white* Christians?

There is another dark side—the insufficiency of the work done. The missionary at Bundaberg is the only one in Brisbane diocese, and, I believe, in Queensland; other clergy of course do something for the Kanakas in their parishes, but can only give them a small part of their time and attention. But Kanakas are to be found at the plantations all the way up the coast.

But let us conclude with a bright picture. I have never known a clergyman's house which was so thoroughly the home of his flock as the missionary's is, every member of his family, including his servant, taking a personal interest in each "boy" and his doings and wanderings. On Sundays the Kanakas made the garden and yard their headquarters, meeting and smoking there before and after service and school. And his must be an enviable position in knowing

plainly that he has been privileged to turn this and that one from darkness to light; in knowing that the thought "I am a Christian boy"—"Me go 'long Mr. Morris' class"—"Me Mr. Clayton's boy," has kept many a boy straight—made him feel it an insult to have his truthfulness suspected. The boys are very easily influenced for good or evil. They believe—and *do*—just what they are told. It lays a terrible responsibility on those on whom they are so dependent, but it must bring with it a joy that we—who are so rarely taken seriously, regarded as teachers or guides, and who find custom or conventionality holding people so strongly—more rarely know.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

Hope Cottage.—The annual meeting of subscribers was held on June 30, the Bishop presiding. The helping of those who have fallen into sin is the first duty of the Church. That it is hard work—trying, disappointing—none knew so well as He who for long years patiently endured "the contradiction of sinners," yet He persevered, and bore their sins in His own body on the Tree, as He bore sins of the best and purest of His saints. The poor girls we have to help are for the most part mere children—God help them. The report is now published. We cannot think it right to give personal details forth, as was done in Mrs. Soltau's day, and therefore our report must be more general. I hope that those subscribers who see this will kindly send in their subscriptions without further *personal* appeal. It throws an unnecessary burden on the few workers to have to appeal personally for these subscriptions.

The Staff.—In Mr. Lingley's departure the parish has lost not only a marvellously good worker (worth one and a-half of average curates) but also a young man of rare character. Having spoken from the pulpit of his work and worth, I refrain here. "May God's blessing go with him, and God's providence bring him back to us," will be the prayer of many a heart besides mine. At a social given to the Bishop in the Mission House Mr. Lingley was presented with a small purse hastily collected and gladly subscribed. I give below his letter of farewell and response.

"MY DEAR FRIENDS,—I must beg a few lines of this month's circulation to thank you for your very kind thought in presenting me with so handsome a souvenir. As a mark of any past service I could not accept it, but rather I would look on it as a *link* between a happy *past* spent in your midst, and, perhaps, a *future* of a longer period, if it be God's will so to ordain. I would tender the like thanks to those among whom I have more directly laboured for the grateful memories wherewith they have treasured me to bear homewards. These kindly gifts make me feel severely and deeply my shortcomings of the past. Hospitality and tender kindness have all along strewn the path of my Tasmanian course. There is an extensive field for work, and, what is more, the land is yearning to be ploughed. It is indeed 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He may send more labourers into the harvest.' And at this period of the work, when virgin soil has been upturned and workmen seem so scarce, I would appeal to all to put forth that vitality the Church so much now needs, and to so *work together* in self-abasement that a willing and united support of the clergy may worthily win for the parish the title 'The Lord's vineyard.' Bidding all a sincere 'God be with you,' I remain, in Christian fellowship, yours very sincerely, A. G. LINGLEY."

I am now corresponding with friends in England as well as in Australia for an energetic, capable man. Will the faithful pray for God's guidance in sending out a loyal and true servant of Christ?

Notes from Mission House.—For help in the social to the Bishop we beg to thank the Misses Richardson, Mr. Savigny, Miss Ferguson, Miss Griffiths, as well as a large number of our own workers.

The girls of the *Sewing Classes* had a special evening last month, and on 24th ult. the Bishop came down at the conclusion of the usual service in the chapel and spoke a few kindly words to the children, and distributed small prizes and gifts to the regular members. We do not intend to launch out into the prize system, but a few gifts were made for this occasion.

The *Band of Hope* is getting into order. An "open night" was given on Wednesday, 18th ult., when the chapel was packed—crammed—and a good meeting held. Mr. David Storrer (of Chalmers Church) gave an excellent address.

Acknowledgments.—Mr. Eardley-Wilmot, bag of sugar and tin of tea; "A Friend," new clothes; Messrs. Dunning and Co., new materials; Messrs. Griffiths and Ferrall, bones for broth; Mr. Marriott, ditto; Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Clark, and other kind friends, clothes, vegetables, etc.; Mr. Whitfield, bag of rabbits. **Receipts.**—Mrs. Bailey, 12s.; Miss Sadler, 6s. 6d.; per Mrs. Weatherhead, 4s.; Misses Walters, 4s.; Mrs. Champion, 4s. 6d.; Miss Nichols, 5s.; No Name, 6s.; Miss Foster, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Spicer, 6s.; per Mrs. Davey, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Craske, 1s. 6d.; Donation, 6d.

Trevallyn.—St. Oswald's is the happy recipient of a grant of £30 from the S.P.C.K. (Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge) of England towards Building Fund. The treasurer (Mr. A. Evans) also acknowledges promises of £10 from Mr. Barnes, £1 from Mr. Prichard, and £1 (paid) from Rev. R. C. N. K. towards the lining of the walls, which with the grant of £30 will go a long way to paying for this most needful improvement. He will be glad to receive any sums. The lining was nearly finished last Sunday, and the difference in comfort is wondrous. The platform—which was far too high—has been lowered, and the little school is altogether vastly improved. An inner porch or vestibule will shortly be added. We had the first baptisms there on June 10, and the first celebration of Holy Communion on June 24 at 9.45. (After celebration and sermon at St. Oswald's I found it a hard push to get to St. Aidan's, even by 11.15, for a second service.) I sorely need Sunday School teachers and a few earnest adult helpers for the choir. The children are scarcely competent enough for choir purposes.

The *Election of Wardens* was held at the first annual meeting of the congregation on 23rd ult., the Lord Bishop in the chair. His Lordship explained the nature of the case and the duties of the officers to be elected. He had formally nominated Rev. R. C. N. Kelly as curate-in-charge of the chapel, and Mr. Kelly then nominated Mr. A. Evans as his warden. The congregation unanimously elected Messrs. T. H. Prichard and A. Beck as people's wardens. The Finance Committee—consisting of curate-in-charge, wardens (*ex officio*), Mr. Barnes, chairman, Mr. Stephens, hon. secretary, and F. Prichard—were also elected for the current year. The Ladies' Committee, to assist Finance Committee, stand as before, with Mrs. Evans as secretary.

A *Social* of a most successful kind was held on the 17th, when in the nicely-decorated room a most pleasant evening was spent with music and games. Mr. Barnes, on behalf of the residents, welcomed the Bishop and Mrs. Montgomery. A youth named Moore, who recited, gives promise of exceptional skill with further training. His recitation we were sorry to see somewhat severely criticised in the daily press. The Bishop in his address referred to the nickname of "Noah's Ark" given to St. Oswald's, and augured from it happy results.

The children of the Sunday School had a gathering on the following evening and enjoyed quiet festivity and games, assisted by the teachers, Mr. Evans, Mr. Barnes, and others.

The thanks of the congregation and parents in Trevallyn are due to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, who have so unselfishly come such a distance to fill up the gap and conduct the Sunday School. *Teachers are wanted.*

The *Choir* is in an embryo state, and will need much careful training and more system to make it what it might be. Mr. Prichard has been taking charge of the choir practices for a few weeks. Mr. Tool will for the present act as choir master and Mr. Breguet as choir librarian. The wardens acknowledge the gift of a set of music books, canticle chants, etc., from R. C. N. K., to start the choir library.

Wanted—A large organ, lectionary Bible, service book for Holy Table, communion vessels, matting for floor, curtains for dossal. N.B.—*Two cassocks and surplices* for the chapel would be a great boon.

Hymn Books can be had from the wardens at market price.

Monday, August 6, lecture on Islands of Bass Strait, with lantern views, by the Bishop. Admission, 6d.; *moonlight*. To follow next month: Lantern lecture on Fiji, by Mr. Prichard.

Mission to the Chinese.—A Chinese catechist has been training in Sydney for some time to work in Tasmania. The Bishop has decided to allow him to remain longer, that his training may be more complete. Meantime, the Rev. Soo-hoo-ten will arrive here on August 11 with a Chinese catechist, who will start the work. The Bishop requests me to intimate this in the *Messenger*, and he will probably arrange for a mission to the Chinese to be held here by these missionaries shortly. This work may well form the subject of our prayers. The Bishop has arranged a public meeting of those interested in work among the Chinese in Tasmania for Friday, August 17, at 8 p.m.

Temperance.—The Launceston United Temperance Council kindly offer to help in our work, and a meeting will be held at the Mission House in August, when a deputation will be sent.

Union Jack Gymnasium Club.—Practice has been kept up regularly since the club's commencement, and it has now 123 members. The committee have purchased vertical poles, jumping stands, mattresses, clubs, dumb-bells, wands, boxing gloves, and singlesticks, and the gymnasium is now fairly well equipped. An "open night" (by invitation) is to be given on the 16th of this month, and judging by present appearances it will be very successful.

Literary and Debating Society.—A social will be held in St. John's School, probably on Tuesday, August 14, when Canon Whittington will give a lecture on "American Humourists" (see *Mercury* of 1st inst.).

A Dry Remark for a Wet Sunday.—A clergyman, remonstrating with his congregation for the fatal habit of staying away from church "because it rained," clenched his argument with the remark, "There was a time when Christians were *fireproof*. It is difficult now to find one that is *waterproof*."

He Must Draw the Line.—Bishop Magee was not only one of the best preachers of the day, but a great wit too. Speaking once of the multitudinous claims upon the time and energy of clergy in general and Bishops in particular he said, "I go to almost everything, but I will *not* go to the opening of the *curate's new umbrella*."

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

June 30—Edwin Arthur Carr, Hopkins street

July 4—Norman Thomas, Law street

4—Allan Jacob Jacobson, Penquite

4—Violet May Jane McGillvray, Middle street

St. James' Day—Dorothy Vera Flynn, Inveresk

Elsie May Quarry, 62 Margaret street

Ella Louisa Edwards, Elizabeth street

Alice Ray, Gunn street, Invermay

August 1—Reginald Gordon Anstey Rockwell, Racecourse Crescent.

MARRIAGES.

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

July 23—William Brockett to Susan Elizabeth Brooks

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 1—Edwin Arthur Carnes, Hopkins street

19—Edward Williams, Brisbane street, aged 67

29— — Hunt, Thomas street.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

	MORNING.		AFTERNOON.		HYMNS.	
	(2 KINGS.)	(St. MATTHEW)	(St. MATTHEW)	(St. MATTHEW)	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.
August 5. 11th Sunday after Trinity.	Josiah's Youthful Zeal (xxii.)	The Bearing of Spiritual Infirmities (viii. 28 and ix. 8)	145, 130.	210, 134.		
August 12. 12th Sunday after Trinity.	Finding the Law (xxii. xxiii. 30)	More Acts of Mercy (ix. 18-38)	134, 131.	145, 151.		
August 19. 13th Sunday after Trinity.	The Kingdom Hastening to Ruin (xxiii. 31, xxiv.)	The Apostles (x.)	158, 160.	238, 162, 154		
August 26. 14th Sunday after Trinity.	Downfall of the Kingdom (xxv.)	Catechising in Church.	182, 165.	164, 179.		
September 2. 15th Sunday after Trinity.	Captivity of People and Prophet (xxv. and Jer. xlii., xliii.)	His Witness to the Baptist (xi.)	198, 207.	228, 233.		

SICKNESS—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.



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