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Fourth " " 8'0 a.m.

Fifth " " 10'0 a.m.

And at other times according to

notices.

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STANDING NOTICES

Parish Church. ... See Front page.

St. Aidan's ... SUNDAY, 11.15 a.m., 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, 7.30 p.m.

N.B.—Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays, midday.

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 3 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
	8-0 p.m...	Men's Club	Mission House
Tuesday	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction	State Schools
	7-0 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...	Service and Baptisms	St. John's Church
	7-30 p.m...	Children's Union (practice)	Mission House
	7-30 p.m...	Lecture and Service	St. Oswald's
Thursday	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction	State Schools
	2-30 p.m...	Mothers' Meeting	Mission House
	7-30 p.m...	Bible Class (Adults)	"
	7-30 p.m...	Teachers' Class	Parsonage
Friday	2-30 to 5...	Work Party	Mission House
	4-15 p.m...	Instruction to Children	St. John's Church
	7-30 p.m...	Girls' Bible Class	Parsonage
	7-30 p.m...	Lecture and Service	St. Aidan's
Saturday	8-0 p.m...	Prayer Meeting	Parsonage

Monthly Communicants' Meeting, Thursday before first Sunday in Month, 7-30.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—Monthly, according to notice.

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

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, DECEMBER 1, 1894.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

CHRISTMAS is in sight again. I feel drawn to say a word to the large number of our readers whose "home" Christmas lies behind them in the memory with other sacred associations of boyhood or girlhood. Not only the many who are cut off by half a world's distance from the old Christmas of dark, cold days and firesides and "yule-logs," but the vast distances of Australia separate many native-born by enormous distances from the old home; and to these, too, does one give a special word of good cheer.

Well is it that memory takes us back to the days of youth at such a time. We are reminded by looking at our own development—the "changes and chances of this mortal life"—how our true home is neither behind us as *lost*, nor with us as if *here* were all we have; but that the glory that shines upon the first Christmas Day is a glory sent by God to illumine all human life. As the Prince of Heaven, then, takes up the lot of human story, it is to brighten for all future ages the story of human life by transplanting our "homs" love, our "home" interest, our "home" of rest and joy and peace, to safer and surer regions. The Home of the Family of God is yet before us.

Thank God heartily for all recollections this season brings of days gone by "when all the world was young." Yet let the memory of that happy childhood point to the Divine Child who is ever with us, and let His presence urge us on to the blessed hope of eternal happiness in the Home of the Saints of God. And let us also, as we turn our thoughts to the Childhood of Jesus, take a thought of the childhood about us here too. Let us try to make our homes bright for the children of our day; bright, not with foolish indulgence, but with strong, innocent pleasure—a pleasure which, when "children of a larger growth," they will associate with thankfulness for *our* memory and with deep feelings of reverence for the way in which we tried to blend natural mirth with gratitude to God and with teachings of the Divine Life which grew manifest in the growing of the soul of the Child Christ.

To one and all a

Bright and Happy and Merry Christmas.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

Advent.—*St. John's.*—Daily services, 5·15, except Wednesday, when it is 7·30.

St. Aidan's.—Friday evening, 7·30, lecture; 8·15, short form of evensong.

St. Oswald's.—Wednesday, lecture 7·30.

A Confirmation will probably be held here by the Bishop at the end of this month.

Christmas.—There will be celebrations of Holy Communion at each centre. Hours to be announced later.

Christmas Carols.—A short form of evening service, with some Christmas carols, will be held at *St. Aidan's* on *Christmas Eve* at 7·30.

The Rev. W. H. Christie, already known among us, takes up his work here on our staff as Senior Curate. Mr. and Mrs. Christie will, I am sure, receive a hearty welcome. We hope to give them a public welcome on Monday at the social in the schoolroom.

Sunday School Anniversaries—So far as the services and the conduct of the children and the accuracy of their singing and the selection of music and the care given to its preparation by Mr. Findlay and the choir and organist,—so far as all these things are concerned, there was a general feeling of distinct advance on the standard of previous years. Our school work is also progressing in all ways in which human judgment can test it. The Examination by the Diocesan Inspector shows a high standard of attainment: the organisation and method is distinctly improved; the staff of teachers has grown, the number of schools is enlarged, and the number of scholars in each one increased. We can thank God and take courage.

Yet one fears that there are large numbers of our people who recognise no share in the command, "Feed my lambs," or who ever try (even by once a year dropping sixpence into the coffers of the schools!) to catch the spirit of the picture of the Good Shepherd who bears the young in His bosom. It is not quite right that one or two pounds should represent the sum total of the amounts sent by the many absent parents through their children to enable the work of the Sunday school to be carried on—a work which is to help them, for the love of God, to bring up their own children.

Nor can it be said that the congregation realises its full share of responsibility in the work. *The less the parents of our scholars care to interest themselves in the welfare of the schools the more urgent need there is of others "caring for the souls" of these children.* That is grim logic, surely. When we ask for interest to be taken in heathen missions the reply constantly is, "Oh, we want to help the work at home." But this desire to help the home mission of the Church seems to stop short of the children, at any rate. The total collections were £26, being £2 15s. less than last year.

Mr. Brammall in his excellent address to parents at the morning service recalled our minds to those good "old-fashioned" ways which are yet ever new in their use—ways of accepting the responsibility of parentage with a deep sense of the need of grace and the necessity of careful systematic training in the simple elements of the Christian faith, which alone can give the child's mind a

wholesome direction. In this work parents and teachers must earnestly co-operate. And when our work in the Sunday school is thought of it is obvious that Bibles, lesson books, lesson papers, and prizes (which certainly are somewhat lavish here in Launceston) are difficult to provide for a whole year out of £26. May we not appeal at once for, first, more interest in the work of our schools; secondly, more readiness for offering (on the part of our communicants) of personal service; and lastly, more cheerful generous response to the necessities implied in the work? No school could be as efficiently carried on at less cost—unless, indeed, we deprived the children of the innocent pleasure of prizes, which have to be earned by marks reaching a high standard.

Let us hope that the gathering of congregation and parents on Monday next for a pleasant social evening may result in a better understanding and more hearty desire to share the work committed to us in training the children for God's Kingdom.

The anniversaries in the branch schools—*St. Aidan's*, *St. Oswald's*, and the Mission House—have not been held before we go to press. We hope they may be well supported to-morrow.

The Home Missions to Australian Heathen.—This movement has been a remarkable effort. Probably it is unique, as there is, I fancy, no instance of all Australasia being included in one organised scheme for simultaneous and joint action of any kind, religious or secular. Whatever the financial result of this great project, the more spiritual results are already to be recognised. It is no little gain to have thus brought home to us the fact that in the Church we recognise a unity greater than that of country or locality.

" We are not divided,
All one body we;
One in faith and doctrine,
One in charity "

It requires but a very rudimentary grasp of principle to advance from a recognition of our duty to our fellow-Christians to recognising a duty as urgent to make fellow-Christians of our fellow-citizens, whose lands we absorb and whose work we share, who are bound to obey our laws and share our civilisation, but who may well lack its spirit unless we give them a share in our spiritual heritage—the knowledge of God in Christians.

But now we must see that we turn not back from this work. I hope we shall be able to bind together in a great Australian Missionary Union all who have taken it up.

Maps.—An excellent map of Australia, with missions marked, is to be had at booksellers, price 2d.

For the Children.—I offer a prize of 5s. (book to be chosen by winner) to any of our scholars who sends in one of these maps best filled in as follows:

1. Take colours to illustrate the different heathen races named in corner of map, and paint map to show where they are found.
2. Mark in some distinct way the Bishoprics of the Anglican Church.

Maps to be sent in to me at Parsonage, with names and class (and school), by New Year's Eve. Canon Whittington will judge their merits for us. *All maps will be returned afterwards* for their own use.

Mission House.—In response to our appeal, many thanks for the things sent in from Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Brownrigg, "Anon," and Mr. Bennett; also Mrs. Taylor, vegetables.

For the Dedication of a House.—The following lines by that strong-souled man of God, George Macdonald, are written as a house-warming for a new dwelling-house. Perhaps they may lead some to seek, with Christmastide and the New Year, to dedicate to God homes of longer standing. But while caught with the "prettiness" of poetic words, let us ask, Do we mean what we say? "Thine is every bed and chair, every table, every book." It is an immense simplification and pleasure in one's life to say and mean such a thing.

Lord, this earth so high and great,
All its floors and stairs and towers,
All its splendour and its state,
Is Thy Father's house, and ours.

But, like birds in sheltering wood,
Nests we build of warmer stuff,
Lest Thy strong house-angels should
All unwittingly be rough.

Lord, this house is all Thine own—
All and whole and every part;
Let the guard around it thrown
Be Thy presence in its heart.

Thine is every bed and chair,
Every table, every book;
Meet us up and down the stair,
Talk with us in every nook.

Thine is every servant-hand,
Thine each foot upon the floor;
Never shall the Master stand
Waiting at unopened door.

Always here—come every day;
Always with us—nearer come;
Till these walls shall melt away
In the light of very home.

Hope Cottage.—Contributions of milk, meat, dripping, vegetables, large parcel of clothing, two pairs curtains, etc., etc., have been thankfully received from Mesdames Kelly, Hickson, Westbrook, Sandon, W. W. Sutton, and Dowling.

Notes from St. Oswald's, Trevallyn.—On the 15th October a very enjoyable and excellent concert was held at St. Oswald's on behalf of the building fund. Thanks are due to Mr. T. H. Prichard for his trouble in arranging this, as also to Mr. and Mrs. Bowden, Mr. Beck, and others who helped in the work involved, as well as to the performers. The committee tender their best thanks to Mr. Munnew for the loan of the pianoforte.

The ladies of Trevallyn and their friends have been very busy for some time preparing goods for a "sale of work" or bazaar to be held in St. Oswald's on the 5th December. Let us hope the attendance and returns will be good. The bazaar will be opened by Mrs. Barnes at 3 p.m. We hope some of our friends from St. John's parish will come up to our hilly suburb and patronise our little effort. Prices all moderate.

The first Sunday School Anniversary is arranged for Sunday next, December 2.

Mission House.—*Error* in last month: Mrs. Lakin, 8s. 6d., should have read—Per Mrs. Weatherhead: Mrs. Lakin 2s., "Friend" 2s., other sums 4s. 6d.

Received, with thanks: Misses Walters, 5s.; Mrs. Champion, 2s.; per Mrs. Massey, 6s. 6d.; per Mrs. Weatherhead, 3s.; Mrs. Flexman, 2s.; Miss Stewart, 10s.; Mr. C. Fawns, £2 10s.; Mrs. Craske, 5s.; Mr. Arthur Evans, 15s.; Mr. Joseph E. Clarke (for Girls' Fund), 5s.; Miss McKie, 4s.; A. C., per Mrs. Wetton, 2s. 6d.; rents, £2 1s.; collections, £1 14s. 2d.; General Church Fund collection, £1 2s.

We have lost 4s. a week rent by losing the tenant of the stables. A good tenant would be welcome.

Juvenile Concert.—Miss Spotswood very kindly undertook to get up a concert among her young charges for St. Aidan's Building Fund. A very excellent entertainment was accordingly given by her pupils on November 7. The work done was of a very high order, and the reciting of one or two small children was remarkably good, reflecting great credit on the training given. The wardens have to thank Miss Spotswood for £7 18s., the proceeds of this concert.

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.

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.

Board and Lodging.—Girls and others needing it can have board and lodging at Mission House at 12s. per week. One or two can often be taken in at 7s. if willing to take share of housework.

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.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

November 7—Joseph William Davies, 25 Eardley street
 7—Horace George Smith, 97 Wellington street
 7—Arthur Aubrey Sadler, 36 Arthur street
 14—Keith Vernon West, Charlotte street
 14—Daisy Rubina Rusden, York street
 14—William John Evans, Franklin Village
 21—Walter Clarence Moss, Trevallyn
 21—William George Wilson, Inveresk
 21—James Thomas Jones
 28—Tasman Harold Robinson, 33 York street
 28—Emily Davis, Cimitiere street
 28—Thomas Benjamin Dean McClymont, Howick street
 28—Gordon Tasman Mawmill.

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