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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.

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
	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 Baptism	St. John's Church
	7-30 p.m...	Service	St. Aidan's
	7-30 p.m...	Children's Union (practice)	Mission House
Thursday	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	"
	7-30 p.m...	Bible Class (Adults)	"
	7-30 p.m...	Teachers' Class	Parsonage
	7-30 p.m...	Work Party	Mission House
Friday	2-30 to 5...	" (2nd and 4th Fridays)	Parsonage
	7-30 p.m...	Confirmation Lecture	"
	7-30 p.m...	Girls' Bible Class	"
Saturday	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.

Hope Cottage.—Contributions of vegetables, meat, sausages, and parcels of clothing have been thankfully received from Mesdames Kelly, Hickson, F. Law, Lawrence, Tole, W. W. Sutton, Westbrook, and a former inmate.

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, JUNE 2, 1894.

"HER CHILDREN ARISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED."

THE opening of St. Aidan's was an occasion of no common interest. The church itself is one which, though only a nucleus at present, promises to become a typical structure for beauty of design and harmony of parts, and perfect adaptation to its purpose. Even what we have—the Nave,—though the least ornamental, as well as the most expensive part of the whole building, has a quiet strength and beauty and amplitude about it which all acknowledge; and no one fails to remark on the generous welcome the porch seems to offer to all worshippers. The simplicity of the design, ornamented in the chief features of windows and so forth, gives dignity even to so small a building; while the fine stone carving on the porch shows that richness of ornamentation which we may fitly look for in a House dedicated to the glory of God: for whatever scrutiny is paid to His works in the House He has given to the conscious spirits of mankind—the material universe—reveals at once the beauty of harmonious proportion and perfected forms.

The porch is still, of course, unfinished, and is only roofed in roughly, so it is a pity that the excess of zeal in the builders led them to put up so substantial a structure in the temporary belfry. It will, we hope, be needed only for a very short time, as it is not unlikely that some large gifts may be received to help raise the Tower before long, though the Transepts and Chancel would naturally come first if funds permit. The east wall, a temporary expanse of wooden boards, seems to appeal silently for the completion of the church.

The grounds are beginning to show signs that they too will, in time, be a beautiful feature of the church's surroundings, under the skilful management of Mr. Whitfeld. It is no small pleasure to relate how the first result of the advent of St. Aidan's has been to give most practical benefit to its neighbourhood. We have brought *physical light* with us, for gas is now available for our neighbours; we have also brought other public benefit with us in the "mending of the ways" and forming of good paths. It was not possible to have all ready by the opening, but a great deal has been done since.

The opening service was, of course, the great Christian Thanksgiving Service. We set forth the Lord's death in the blessed Memorial of His Atonement—the Holy Communion,—and the large congregation which assembled at 11 a.m. on a mid-week morning showed what hearty earnest interest is being taken in the work. Right glad were we to welcome, too, many of those who, in years gone by, had ceased, alas! to worship God with us after the manner of their forefathers, but who are ever ready to take a living interest in the Church's welfare whenever her work shows increase of activity.

The particulars of this and the other services of the Octave of the Dedication will be found in a special paragraph below. Here we may give a general survey of this and certain other work on the same general lines. I feel sure that many of us are glad to "thank God and take courage" for the blessing that has attended the effort of the old Mother Church of St. John to prove herself indeed a mother to all her children.

I well remember my first Wednesday evening service, when a large number of church workers gathered together, and I there pledged myself to try and help them to make St. John's a centre of useful influence to as wide a circle as possible. I remember also how, at

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our first Annual Meeting here, the programme of developing Mission centres was cordially received. Now, the history of this development is interesting. The Churchwardens of St. John's, whoever they have been, have always proved earnest—as well as cautious—fellow-workers in the care of the spiritual duties and interests of the parish. It was after full many a talk that we decided to make the first move in the direction of Abbott Street rather than of Wellington or Margaret Streets, to which I first inclined. In accordance with this resolve we took a corner shop in Abbott Street and opened a very tiny Sunday School, with two teachers and half-a-dozen children, on Whit Sunday, 1892. The Wardens at that time were Messrs. Robinson, Perrin, and Whitfeld. The work went quietly on for a year, till in Lent, 1893, we began a series of Mission Services on Wednesday evenings. The service was simple in the extreme, partly following the Bishop of Melbourne's Bush Services (which we still use in the Wellington Street chapel), supplemented by simple extempore prayers and addresses. By the end of our first year the room was crowded out as a Sunday School, and the evening services on Wednesdays were followed by starting regular Mission Services on Sunday evenings. At the same time (June, 1893), with Mr. J. C. Genders as Warden, in place of Mr. Robinson, the next move was decided upon, and the magnificent site secured on which St. Aidan's now stands. After long and anxious consultation plans were made for a substantial brick structure, which would serve for a Church and Sunday School, and, if need be, a day school too, for Mr. North's scheme allows for this combination in one room at present, but contemplates ultimately the following full plan:—*To the present Nave will be added two Transepts and a Chancel; from the South Transept a room may be extended to serve as a School; this will be at right angles to present building. If further enlargement is necessary another wing can be added to that, at right angles again, and parallel with present church. Thus, three sides of a square would be formed. There is little likelihood of our needing this complete scheme in this generation, but the ground has been arranged so as to allow of it in the future; for church plans should always thus have an eye to the requirements of "generations yet unborn."*

The foundation-stone of the new structure was laid by the Bishop on 21st August, 1893, amid pouring torrents of rain, which did not in the least, however, daunt the ardour of our workers; nor did it suffice to prevent the sale of several useful articles at a Christmas Tree in the Abbott Street School on the same day, the proceeds of which (£14) now goes to pay for seats in St. Aidan's.

But, with the foundation-stone laid, and the work growing on our hands here, we turn aside now to mark how the "forward movement" of the parish fared in other places. We gave the priority to this district; but the more the clergy grew familiar with the conditions of the other end of the town, the more abundantly clear it became that the Church was not in any way fulfilling its duty to the parish. The parish church offered the scanty courtesy of a few back seats as its only attempt to "preach the Gospel to the poor." The Wardens had their hands full with the care of St. Aidan's and the paying off the Building Fund of St. John's School, so, finding no other way possible, I had to take the responsibility of hiring a place for work on my own shoulders, and the Queen's Head Hotel was chosen, and opened as a Mission House on Palm Sunday, 1893. The small offerings of many made regularly and systematically have enabled us to pay the rent.

Now, to carry on work in these centres required the help of others than the clergy; and not the least of our blessings has been the way in which as the need of work in various directions has increased so have workers increased too. Laymen rallied round me to take up the work of evangelistic services, and the Rev. A. H. Champion generously offered to allow me to consider him a volunteer curate for such work as he could do on Sundays. Then Mr. C.

Fawns, who, with Mr. Lingley, came to join our regular staff, was told off to devote himself to carry the Mission of the Church into a special field—Trevallyn. This had long ago been suggested to us by the Incumbent of Beaconsfield, but had been put aside till God should point out the way more clearly. Being put in Mr. Fawns's hands, under personal authority of the Bishop, it had not a direct connection with St. John's; but, meantime, we all watched with interest the building up of the work there, and St. Oswald's being a wooden building, though started much later than St. Aidan's, was opened first for Sunday School and Mission Services.

So, step by step, the programme of Mission work has, by the good hand of God upon us, been fulfilled.

But we were not to restrict our interests to our parish merely. The failure of our attempts to re-form a parish in Perth left Young Town, Franklin Village, Breadalbane, etc., unprovided for; and with our band of Lay Helpers we could supply services in the two old centres, while others, though nearer, could not. Thus these villages begin to number themselves with the daughters of the Mother Church of St. John; but they are liberal daughters, for I am largely helped in providing an adequate staff of clergy by assistance of these outlying posts, and from Trevallyn also. By this means I hope to keep up a staff of three clergy and, probably, a permanent Lay Reader too, preparing for Holy Orders. Thus already her daughters are repaying St. John's for her large sympathy. When we get our staff thoroughly arranged we shall be able to pursue our evangelistic work more efficiently in this direction. So, between the modest starting of our Mission Sunday School in Abbott Street in 1892 and the opening of our beautiful St. Aidan's last month, God has called to us all, step by step, to take up the great Mission of the Church in other directions also.

Now, in all this, the old Mother parish of Launceston is surely but fulfilling her duty. She is strong in possession of an endowment which set her free to care for others. The true object of a church is not to receive but to give, not to be ministered unto but to minister. There are, we rejoice to think, numbers who look on St. John's as a veritable nursing mother; and it is her glory and her joy too, we trust, that she is allowed, by God's gracious mercy, to be a giver of spiritual gifts in so many directions.

Let it ever be said of the Mother Church of Launceston what was written of old by a statesman preacher in picturing the ideal mother—"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness: her children arise up and call her blessed."

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

Subscriptions to the *Messenger* run out with this number. As so very many are given to those who cannot afford even the 1½d. a number, we hope that, for the sake of keeping up the efficiency of what has proved a useful agency in the parish, some will be willing to contribute small donations to the Free Distribution Fund, and others to *patronise our Advertising columns* (circulation, 575), and ALL to send in their subscriptions PUNCTUALLY.

The Opening of St. Aidan's took place on Thursday in Whitsun week, by the Bishop of the Diocese celebrating the Holy Communion. There were present with him the clergy of the parish, with Rev. A. H. Champion and the Revs. Canon Adams and Barkway (chaplains), Norman, Edwards, Sharland, Bucknell, Wilkinson, Tarleton, Topham, R. De Wolf (of Sheffield, England). These all, with the Lay Helpers, robed at Mrs. Douglas's (who kindly made us welcome to the use of her house), and entered the building by the west door. The Bishop preached on the mission of Christ as the Saviour of sinners and the

Comforter of the weary, praying that Christ might be so set forth in this church. There were 75 communicants. The only disappointment in this and the other opening services was the absence of the Ven. Archdeacon of Launceston, who, to our great regret, was not able to arrange to accept our invitation to be present. The Rev. W. H. Webster was also unable to accept our invitation. A telegram from the Rev. S. Ingle, at Waratah, wishing us God speed at the opening, showed that his heart was with us. The Wardens desire also to thank Mr. Richards, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. Douglas for loan of chairs and forms; also the Choir of St. John's, as well as Mr. Smith, for their hearty co-operation in the opening services. Such hearty, bright, and sound musical services are a real help: they were most reverent, hearty, and earnest. The church was so full in the evening that many had to be turned away: we packed 220 into it. The special series of sermons was most successful, and, being consecutive, gave systematic instruction on some of the first principles of Christ's Holy Church. We have no space, unfortunately, to summarise them. The Revs. S. Bucknell, R. De Wolf, R. Dixon, Canon Finnis, A. G. Breguet, and H. J. Edwards were the preachers for the octave. The Wardens join with me in thanking these gentlemen for their kindness in coming, and for their most helpful sermons. In response to our appeal last month, furnishing offers came in well. There are still many needs, however, the Wardens will be glad to see undertaken. Full particulars next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, whose room we have occupied for two years, in Abbott Street, are cordially thanked by Clergy and Wardens, and all concerned, for the uniform kindness they have shown us during the time we have held services there. The congregation at the last service held stayed afterwards to pass a cordial vote of thanks to them.

Sidesmen.—At the suggestion of the Wardens, the Incumbent has asked Messrs. Edwards and Corlette to act as Sidesmen at St. Aidan's.

Glee Club.—Mr. J. Reycraft has formed a Glee Club, which will give four weekly performances at St. Aidan's, commencing Monday, June 18th. Tickets for the series, 5s.

Work has been found for at least one of the unemployed by Mr. Whitfeld by putting on a man to make paths, etc., on land (not ours) near St. Aidan's. He can keep him going as long as friends keep supplying him with wage fund. The mere building of St. Aidan's and all the work entailed has, of course, been a boon to many others.

The Men's Club, meeting for a chat over the fire, with newspapers and games, and a friendly pipe, twice a week at the Mission House, has got well under weigh with about 25 members. At this moment a protracted tournament (draughts and dominoes) is still unfinished. Thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Green and others for periodicals.

A Social to the above Club and the "Union Jacks" was given on Friday, 25th May. The whole ground floor was given up to this purpose for the evening, the chapel being transformed into a Concert Room, and a free-and-easy Smoking Concert, with games and a microscopic exhibit by Mr. Twelve-trees, made a most enjoyable occasion. Mr. S. Cox was the principal in arranging details, with the help of the indefatigable Mr. Lingley. Thanks are due for help in the programme to Messrs. Bryant, Burling, Cash, Chapman, Dim, Morgan, McDonald, and M. E. Robinson, as well as to the ladies who helped Miss Shoobridge in providing refreshments.

"Union Jack" Cricket Club.—This club is entirely managed by young men and boys, and has taken good root. Long may they flourish. I am glad to receive the following report from the Secretary of the "Union Jacks":—"The cricket season having closed, we are glad to be able to report that our Club made considerable progress, although commencing very late in the season

had a bad effect on members. However, we managed to pull off several victories in a creditable manner. The committee wish to thank the many friends who helped them in subscriptions, and they will be glad to know that a small balance is being carried forward to next year, when we look for greater things, and hope to "keep the ball rolling."

The "Union Jack" Football Club is now strong enough for two teams. Two matches have been played, and—won by us! The hon. secretary is W. Brimble, 118 Wellington Street. He is ready to arrange more matches, or to take names of boys who wish to join.

Gymnasium and Drilling.—The close of the cricket season ushers in our Gymnasium Club. Practice has already commenced in the School-room on Monday evenings for seniors, under the instruction of Mr. Chapman. 43 members have joined up to date; and we hope the young men of our church will take this up in earnest, and, those who have not done so, join at once. The following officers were elected at the Annual Meeting:—President, Rev. R. C. N. Kelly, M.A.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. F. Parnall, Messrs. W. J. Genders, W. Perrin, M. E. Robinson, and E. Whitfeld; Committee, Messrs. E. Cooke, jun., C. J. Ingles, G. Weatherhead, R. Perrin, and W. Robinson; Instructor, Mr. Chapman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Cox; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Lakin. A balance sheet will appear in the *Messenger* shortly.

The Children's Union is formed to bind children in all parts of the parish together in simple rules of life. Will parents not help their children by urging this good practice upon them during childhood, when habits of regularity and discipline should be formed? The rules are—(1) Total abstinence, (2) Prayer morning and night, (3) Regularity in attending Church and School. Further particulars will be given in a later issue. On May 11th the Union held its first Temperance meeting. The chapel was simply crammed. The President (the Rev. R. C. N. Kelly) opened the meeting with prayer, and then stated the object of the meeting and the necessity of the work which should be carried on by the Union. Messrs. Ratchiffe and R. Cooke spoke very helpfully to the children, and Mr. Kirkwood offered some stirring thoughts to the adults. Mr. Robinson recited, by special request; Mr. Goodluck ably sang a good temperance song. The programme was completed by a quartette, very pleasingly sung by four juvenile members. The Misses Richardson most kindly helped with organ and piano.

St. Barnabas Association.—The anniversary (St. Barnabas Day) falls on Monday, June 11. We shall have Special Services, with intercession for the Melanesian Mission. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 7:30 p.m., Special Service (Senior and Juvenile branches of the Association). At this service the Cards of Membership will be given to all those children who have previously brought their parents' consent and given in their names. I hope the Bishop himself will be with us. Now, let all who desire to offer prayer and praise for the work of God among the heathen come and join us in these services. We shall, we hope, have members from all the centres of work in the parish.

Mission House APPEAL.—The winter brings cold and want and sickness with it. Last year many friends sent regularly vegetables, etc., for *broth* for the sick, as well as clothes and material for making up for our Mothers' Meeting sales. Any kind of nourishing food for sick people will be gladly received and taken to those who need it. Especial needs—cornflour and cocoa, sheets, and pillow-cases, blankets. These are only *given* to the sick. The list of contributions and subscriptions this month is held over for want of space.

Magic Lantern.—On May 23rd over 100 children—would-be members of the Children's Union—witnessed a series of Magic Lantern slides exhibited by Messrs. Brownrigg. The applause of the children showed the exhibitors how their kindness was appreciated. Mr. Laurie Green also kindly lent some slides.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

- May 9.—Albert George Eastoe, St. Leonards.
 9.—Ellen Mary Jane Harper, St. George's Square.
 9.—Eliza Jane Youngman, Canning Street.
 9.—Frank Olof Petterson, Young Town.
 9.—Norman Arthur Findlay, 94 Elizabeth Street.
 9.—Jessie Milner, Patterson Street.
 9.—Elsie Lee Milner, Patterson Street.
 9.—Ada Hilda Madeline Bryce, 74 Tamar Street.
 9.—Ella Norene Young, 18 Batten Street.
 23.—George Eric Marvell, 182 St. John Street.
 23.—Joyce Henrietta Smallhorn, Hillside Crescent.
 23.—William Joseph Jacobson, Young Town.
 30.—Winifred Louisa Blyth, Patersonia.
 30.—Cecilia Sarah Lee, Gunn Street, Inveresk.
 30.—Thomas Henry Downie, 59 Elizabeth Street.
 30.—Frances Jean Carr, Brisbane Street.

MARRIAGES.

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

May 17. Henry Charles Thomas Lewis to Christina Brook.

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. (2 KINGS.)		AFTERNOON.		HYMNS.	
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June 3. Second Sunday after Trinity.	Jehoash and Jehoiada	Secret Devotion. (St. Matt. vi. 1-18.)	47, 173.	182, 191.		
June 10. Third Sunday after Trinity.	Elisha and Joash (chap. xiii.)	*Special lesson, Mis- sionary (Isaiah vi.)	190, 103.	107, 141.		
June 17. Fourth Sunday after Trinity.	Ahaz and Assyria (chap. xvi.)	Heavenly Thrift (chap. vi. 19-end.)	145, 147.	173, 158.		
June 24. Fifth Sunday after Trinity.	End of Samaria (chap. xvii.)	Charity in God and Man (chap. vii. 1-12.)	107, 148.	343, 182.		
July 1. Sixth Sunday after Trinity.	The new Samari- tans (chap. xvii.)	Solemn Warnings (chap. vii. 13-end)	210, 222.	235, 272.		

* Monday, June 11th, St. Barnabas Day—Missionary Anniversary, St. John's Church.

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