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SUNDAY .. { Morning, 11⁰
Evening, 7⁰
WEDNESDAY .. { Litany, 11⁰
Evening, 7³⁰

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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 " " 8⁰ a.m.
Fifth " " 10⁰ a.m.
And at other times according to
notices.

BAPTISMS.

Wednesday.. 11⁰ a.m. and 7³⁰p.m.

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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 2nd and 4th Sundays.

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
	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...	Children's Union (practice)	Mission House
Thursday	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction	State Schools
	2-30 p.m...	Mothers' Meeting	Mission House
	7-30 p.m...	Boys' Drawing and Writing Class	"
	7-30 p.m...	Bible Class (Adults)	"
Friday	7-30 p.m...	Teachers' Class	Parsonage
	2-30 to 5...	Work Party	Mission House
Saturday	7-30 p.m...	Girls' Bible Class	Parsonage
	8-0 p.m...	Prayer Meeting	Parsonage

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.

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The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, NOVEMBER 3, 1894.

The "Children's Special Service Mission" of England.

THIS is a marvellous example of earnest layman's work in the ranks of the Church. There are few things more popular among the children than these services. The organisation is very evangelical, and distinctly on Church lines. Mr. C. Fawns, our old friend, has just sent me for the *Messenger* the following sketch of one branch at work, to which he was invited by Mr. Arrowsmith, the secretary.

"Sunday came. Early in the afternoon all the helpers (about half-a-dozen University men) mustered at 'the chief's' house and started for the beach, heavily laden with baskets full of hymn-sheets, illustrated tracts for the children, etc. Long rows of sand had been dug up and raised like seats for the children, and a small mound or platform of pebbles and sand answered as pulpit. Round all this a cord was drawn attached to short posts, and in the centre a huge banner bearing the words 'Children's Special Service Mission' could be seen and read the length of the Esplanade. The enclosure, known as 'the Cathedral,' was reserved for children, and by three o'clock it was filled to overflowing. A dense crowd of adults surrounded the cord and formed a fitting background on the Esplanade. Punctually the service commenced by the children singing a hymn, and it would have been difficult to find a more touching and beautiful sight than the bright bonny faces of those three or four hundred children on that warm September afternoon as they sang 'Jesus bids us shine.' A short prayer followed, and then Mr. Arrowsmith spoke to the children with that rare gift for arresting and holding their attention possessed only by the few. I have seldom heard the old, old story of God's wondrous love so simply and yet forcibly illustrated by sparkling anecdote and striking simile. At the close of the address another short prayer was offered; then followed a second bright hymn and the benediction.

"But my readers must not suppose that this is the only work of the Mission, for every one of the children present is known personally to Mr. Arrowsmith and his helpers. And here some account of the work of the Mission may be of interest.

"The Mission is held at all the popular seaside resorts throughout the United Kingdom during the summer holidays, and during term time it concentrates its efforts at the large public schools for boys and the High Schools and big colleges for girls. Its object is to win boys and girls for Christ—to build up in the faith those who have recently been confirmed and induce them to show their colours by taking up some definite work for the Master, however small, in seeking to win others to a knowledge of His love. Its organisation is admirable.

"The beach services, held every other day, are open to boys and girls of every age not attending any local Sunday School. But the individual work among the children is kept separate. A staff of lady workers undertakes the girls—a number of University men, graduates and undergraduates, devote six weeks of their summer vacation to the work among the boys.

"Every effort is made to provide pure and innocent amusement for the young people. Cricket and games are going each afternoon on a ground hired for the season, and boys' concerts are held twice a week at Mr. Arrowsmith's house, to say nothing of swimming, athletic sports, and the picnics and excursions every Monday, when the helpers take the boys out for the day boating or driving, or for a ramble along the cliffs. I was fortunate enough to be invited for a day's sailing on the Suffolk Broads. About twenty bright lads ranging from ten to fifteen years of age mustered with the band of workers at the Lowestoft docks, and soon all were comfortably settled in two large sailing boats gliding swiftly over the smooth waters. Soon after midday we found ourselves at Beccles, a country village, where we moored our boats and landed. After lunch came a scratch game of cricket on a capital meadow. On the homeward run the wind with its proverbial uncertainty dropped, and we had to take it in turns to tow the boats back to Lowestoft, and, tired but good-tempered, all reached home safely. It is thus that the workers gain an individual influence over the boys. When the boys return to school the workers write long letters of encouragement and help to them, keeping in touch with them often through their University career, or right on into after life in the city office. Nor must I forget to mention the weekly addresses to parents and guardians only, and also the special meetings for nurses and maids, when experienced and trained workers speak. The work done by the Mission is thorough, practical, and lasting in its results. Its value and importance cannot be estimated. Speaking of the C.S.S.M. the Rev. Handley G. L. Moule, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, says—'I have a large acquaintance among undergraduates and B.A. members of the University who are pronounced and consistent Christians; and quite lately it has come to my knowledge in a definite way that a large proportion of these men owe their first living grasp of Christian truth and life to words heard at the seaside mission services for schoolboys. Of the need of such work I am deeply assured; of its good results through the mercy of God I am constantly a witness.'

"I pray that this short and imperfect sketch of work among the boys and girls of England may not only interest the St. John's church workers, but may by God's grace stimulate them to renewed efforts to win the children of Launceston to a knowledge of their Saviour's love.

"In conclusion, may I ask my many friends in St. John's parish, whose kindness and hospitality I shall never forget, to regard this outline sketch as a letter from their attached friend,

CECIL FAWNS."

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

Self-enial Effort for Australian Missions.—A strong general committee is formed for Launceston, consisting of the clergy with the following: Messrs. Alfred Green, W. J. Genders, W. Martin, G. H. Bailey, W. H. Ferrall, M. Brownrigg, H. Gillett, W. Perrin; Mesdames Allom, Bailey, Bushman, Lakin, W. Martin, Whitfeld; Misses C. Barnes, Bushman, Foster, B. Morgan, Winter; and Deaconess Shoobridge. The committee have appointed an executive sub-committee, with Mr. Whitfeld as treasurer and Mr. Ambrose Dorking as secretary.

Two words call for further comment:

1. The *object* of the movement is to help on work among our own Australian heathen (Kanakas, blacks, Chinese, etc.). There are no new missions proposed. These races are already among us; the opportunity is great, but more clergy are needed for the work and for keeping up efficiently even the small attempts hitherto made.

2. The *method*.—All are to be given an opportunity. The rich "of their abundance," but also the poor "of their necessity." To most of us any contributions entail some sacrifice. "If any man follow me, let him *deny* himself." This is the origin of the phrase "self-denial movement." There is not the slightest intention of *confining* contributions to amounts taken from the expenditure of the kitchen or to a tobaccoist.

Visitors are leaving notices at every house, and will be glad to give fuller particulars. The final contributions will be collected in the last week of November. There will be a special service at St. John's on St. Andrew's Day (November 30), when it is hoped the collectors will present these offerings. Last year combined services at St. Paul's, St. John's, and Holy Trinity were held in connection with the "week of intercession for foreign missions" observed throughout the world. This, we hope, may be arranged again this year.

All Saints' Day inaugurated this special effort to enlarge the borders of "the communion of saints" by bringing into it our heathen neighbours. We had the opportunity of making special prayers for the heathen and for our fellow-workers at the celebrations at 7.30 and 11.30.

Ordination of Deaconess.—Charlotte Shoobridge was ordained the first Deaconess of the Church in Tasmania by the Bishop on October 13. The only day and hour possible to the Bishop was very inconvenient, yet we had a large gathering, principally of our friends from the Mission House district, among whom the Deaconess's work lies. A very serious duty and responsibility lies upon her now. May God give her grace for her grave tasks, and may we all be ready to give our prayers and goodwill.

General Church Fund Collections.—The needs of this Diocese clearly touched a very loyal chord in many hearts in St. John's. The offerings must surely have meant considerable "self-denial." St. John's, £96 11s 2d.; St. Aidan's, £2 0s. 10d.; Mission House, £1 2s.; and St. Oswald's, £1 2s. 4d.; giving a total from our circle of £100 16s. 4d.

The Sunday School Anniversary Services will be held on November 25. We shall begin the day with a special celebration at 8 for all teachers, workers in the schools, scholars who have been confirmed, and others interested in the religious training of our young. At 11 and 7 of course we shall have services at which the children will sing special hymns, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Brammall. Our daughter schools, St. Aidan's and the Mission House, and also St. Oswald's, will have their festivals on the following Sunday (December 2). Owing to the restricted space it will be impossible for their scholars to take part in the services at St. John's, as we hoped; but there will be a united children's service for *all* the schools on November 25, at 3. The prizes will not arrive from England in time to be distributed at it, but we shall arrange for a special service for the purpose later on.

The need of a General Superintendent for bringing our various schools into touch has grown steadily. I have accordingly asked Mr. Robinson to undertake this task. He will be "peripatetic," and will certainly have a very useful post, for we look to him to fill up gaps in weak spots. He is at present tackling the boys' side of the Mission House School. Mr. W. J. Genders succeeds him as superintendent at St. John's.

Trevallyn children have such energy in "self-help" that we can look forward to a strong, loyal body there, able in time to turn "Noah's Ark" into a well developed chapel with its beauty made apparent in a finished exterior (Chancel, Porch, and Tower complete) and a hearty congregation within. The last indication of this spirit comes to me in the form of a sum of £2 5s.—the earnings of a juvenile work party of Mrs. Stephens' and Miss Littler's organisation. This sum goes to prize fund. Bravo, St. Oswald's!

The Organ at St. Oswald's hitherto has been what was called a "baby organ." It was—as babies sometimes are said to be—more *squeaky* than musical. The wardens have therefore interviewed some other more accomplished instruments, and have arranged for a beautiful Packard from Mr. Munnew's. Organs cost money. We want £35 for a good one. £3 15s. has been received from R. C. N. K. by the Treasurer, Mr. Evans. Other donations will doubtless be forthcoming for so necessary an object, and we have decided to devote one Sunday a month to collections for this object.

Week-day Services.—The Wednesday evenings at St. John's might be more generally made use of, I think. We had some excellent sermons lately there—first Bishop Moorhouse, then a course by Bishop Wilkin-son. There will be a short form of intercession for missions (ten minutes) at close of evening service on the Wednesdays of this month. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest." At St. Aidan's a course of Friday evening lectures is being given (30 minutes), followed by shortened evensong. Subject, "Elements of Christian Doctrine and Church Principles." The same series will also be given at St. Oswald's, beginning on Wednesday next.

Holy Communion for sick persons and others on the second Wednesday in the month at midday has proved even more of a boon than I anticipated. It is quite possible for many sick persons to attend this short service at 12 who cannot come to long Sunday services.

The Boys.—I am glad to say our summer Union Jack Cricket Club is forming. Mr. H. Gillett has it in hand, but will be glad of help from anyone whose Christianity takes the muscular form and leads to an unselfish interest in teaching boys to play a good game.

Men's Club, Mission House.—Great was the dismay occasioned to the men on October 5, when it was found that the piano had been removed since the last meeting. A piano is a necessity at the Men's Club, and it became imperative that before next meeting an instrument of some description should be secured. We have arranged to hire one for the present, but find that a suitable one for our purpose can be got for £15. Miss Stewart starts the fund with £1; who follows? Mr. H. Gillett, the Parsonage, would be glad to hear from anyone anxious to assist.

A ventriloquial sketch kindly given by Mr. Spotswood, on October 1 was much appreciated.

Acknowledgments.—Mr. E. A. Nathan, 6s. 6d.; Miss Stewart, 2s. 6d.

A Social Gathering of members of the three choirs of St. John's, St. Aidan's, and St. Oswald's was held at the Parsonage on Thursday, the 25th ult. The united strength made a goodly gathering. A meeting of St. John's choir was held also, when the annual report was read and Mr. Rule again elected Secretary, with Miss Bushman and Miss Wathen as Librarians.

Hope Cottage.—Contributions of milk, vegetables, bacon, beef, scones, cakes, parcel of clothing, etc., etc., have been thankfully received from Mesdames Kelly, Galer, Hickson, Lawrence, Stewart, W. W. Sutton, Westbrook, and a former inmate.

A Careful Scot was accustomed to put the well-known "bawbee" (or halfpenny) in the plate at the door. In a careless moment, however, one day he slipped half a crown into it by mistake. Recollecting himself, he explained to the elder and asked for the silver coin. "Na, na, man—we ha'e it, and we'll hold to it." "Ah weel," reflected the prudent man, "I'll no lose it altogether: it'll stan' to my credit up above." "'Deed, and it won't," was the immediate reply of the severely-accurate elder; "ye'll just get credit for the bawbee ye thocht to ha' gi'en."

Children's Concert.—Miss Spotswood has been long preparing a children's concert in aid of St. Aidan's Building Fund. The concert will include "action songs" by the children and a spelling bee. The only evening available is, unfortunately, a Wednesday; but if everyone who *does n't* come to church on Wednesday evenings will attend the concert it will be a fine crush.

Mission House.—*For Sick People.*—Received with thanks: Mr. Eardley-Wilmot, wine, etc.; Mrs. Gentleman, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. A. Evans, Mrs. H. Flexman, eggs; Mr. Alex. Evans, box of candles, half bag of potatoes; Mrs. Taylor, vegetables. *Subscriptions and Donations.*—Mrs. H. Flexman, 5s.; Miss Nichols, 5s.; per Mrs. Lakin, 8s. 6d.; Misses Walters, 4s.; Miss Foster, 6s. 6d.; F. McD., 2s. 6d.; Miss Hogg (Girls' Fund), 10s.; Mrs. Montgomery, £2 2s.; M.S., 6s. 6d.; Mr. Mitchell (Boys' Fund), £1; Mr. Rule, 2s. 6d.; collections at services, £1 14s. 2d.; donations at Mission House, 5s. May we remind our kind friends that left-off clothes, old sheets, pillow cases, and towels are very much wanted for sick cases and mothers' meeting. We have had a great many pressing calls, and have come to the end of our stock.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

	MORNING. (ST. MATTHEW)	AFTERNOON. (ST. MATTHEW)	HYMNS. MORNING. AFTERNOON.
November 4. 24th Sunday after Trinity.	The New Piety. (vii.)	Our Lord's Life of Helpfulness. (parts of viii. & ix.)	
November 11.* 25th Sunday after Trinity.	The Difficulties of Our Lord's Life (parts of viii. & ix.)	The Apostles (x.)	
November 18.* 26th Sunday after Trinity.	The End of St. John the Baptist (xi. & xiv., 1—12)	Hymn [Practice.	
November 25.* 27th Sunday after Trinity.	ANNIVERSARY.		
December 2. 1st Sunday in Advent.	Opposition to Christ (xii.)	Parables of the Kingdom (xiii.)	

* On these Sundays use respectively the collects for 5th Sunday after Epiphany, 6th Sunday after Epiphany, and 25th Sunday after Trinity.

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.

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.

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.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

- October 3—Jessie Mary Peters, White Hills
Ella Peters, White Hills
Ethel Elizabeth Peters, White Hills
Ruby Ada Myrtle Beatrice, Bishopsbourne
Mervyn George McClutchey, Brisbane street
10—Louisa Barrett McBain, Somerset, River Cam
17—Elsie May Lee, Invermay
Myrtle Geraldine Wood, Inveresk
Andrew James Edward Evans, Young Town
Lilian Mary Holt, Frederick street
Ernest Elson Holt, Frederick street
20— — Davey, Galvin street
21—Margaret Alice Mary Nicholson, Strahan
24—Frances Kate Rowe
Florence May Young, Bourke street
Elizabeth Harriet Coburn, Invermay
Marian Gertrude Hope Billing
Marjorie Rose Swanson
31—Elsie May Southerwood, York street
Gertrude May Derbyshire, Bourke street
Frederick Charles Harding, Parattah.

MARRIAGES.

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

- October 24—William Edwin Brown to Augusta Julia Chaulk Baudinet
31—William Richard Dent to Mary Ann Davies

BURIALS.

O 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.

- October 1—Kate Frances Taff, Bourke street
11—Hannah Armitage, Wellington street, aged 47.

BAPTISM AND CHURCHING.

There are NO FEES WHATSOEVER to be paid for these services :
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SICKNESS—Any cases of sickness in the parish, in which Miss Shoobridge's help
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