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 { Evening, 7'0
WEDNESDAY .. { Litany, 11'0
 { Evening, 7'30

HOLY COMMUNION.

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.
And at other times according to notices.

BAPTISMS.

Wednesday .. 11'0 a.m. and 7'30 p.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 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.

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, SEPTEMBER 1, 1894.

"UNTO THE POOR THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED."

THE gospel of Jesus Christ has a word of grace "as well for the body as for the soul." It is essentially a message of "things pertaining to godliness" in every form. It has a thought for needs of body, soul, and spirit; and, above all, it points to God's great remedy for the sicknesses of men's life which come from the diseases of social pressure, by giving us a sense of the strength and fellowship of the many members of the one body—the Church.

We give an account in a special supplement to this number of the *Messenger* of the work attempted in this parish in trying to preach the helpful social gospel to the poor. Some of the facts recorded in our "Report of St. John's Church Mission House" are already known to the readers of the *Messenger*; but this report is intended to have a wider circulation than the *Messenger*, and must try to be complete in itself. The subscriptions and donations have been acknowledged regularly every month.

A public meeting of subscribers and supporters of the Mission will be held in St. John's schoolroom on Tuesday next, September 4, at 4.30 o'clock, when the accounts will be submitted for adoption. The attendance of all who desire to see Christ's kingdom extended among us is earnestly requested.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

Literary and Debating Society.—Quite the most enjoyable social we have had for a long time was given on the 14th ult. at St John's Schoolroom by this society, assisted by some of our indefatigable ladies. To supplement the social talk, which is—and should be—a chief feature of these gatherings, a short programme of music was arranged; but the charm of the evening was Canon Whittington's admirable talk on "American Humourists." (I had serious fears that the jokes would prove *fatal* to one or two of our most valued workers!)

The Society now opens its doors to ladies, though they need not take any part in proceedings. Many have joined.

Clerical Help—I am much indebted to the Revs. Canon Whittington and C. R. Hall, who have spent what were supposed to be their holidays in helping the work of this parish. And the debt is not only mine, whose labours they have lightened, but is shared by all who have been helped by them and their work.

Mothers' Union.—We explained the nature and objects of this in our last issue. During the month the mothers at the Mission House were enrolled and received their cards of membership, and on 14th ult. a meeting was held in the schoolroom and addressed by Canon Whittington, after which many new members gave in their names. The Secretary (Mrs. Bushman) will be glad to give particulars to any who would like to know further of the Union.

Mission to the Chinese.—The catechist, Mr. Yung Choy, arrived on 12th ult., accompanied by Rev. Soo-hoo Ten, of Sydney. During their stay in Launceston they visited all the Chinese in the district. A meeting was held on the 17th to further the cause of the mission. Mr. Choy is now in the Ringarooma district working amongst the miners, who compose the greater part of the Chinese population of Tasmania. Mr. Charles Kent is Treasurer of the Fund.

Union Jack Gymnasium Club.—The first "open night" of this club was held on August 16. The invitations issued by the committee were necessarily limited (to the disappointment of many) for want of room to accommodate them. However, another opportunity will be given to our friends at the end of the month (probably the 27th), when a small charge will be made to clear expenses. The room was very prettily decorated with flags and bunting kindly lent by Mr. G. Harrap. The President (Rev. R. C. N. Kelly) opened the proceedings with a few suitable remarks, in the name of the parish thanking Mr. Chapman, the instructor, and his assistants, as well as Mr. S. Cox (Hon. Secretary), who have worked hard to make the club so efficient. The programme embraced marching, physical drill, wand, hand ring, and club swinging, the various items being gone through in a very efficient manner. The club swinging by Mr. F. C. Croft was very cleverly performed, and he thoroughly merited the applause he received. The committee thank Mr. A. L. Wells and Mr. Sutton for their excellent songs, as well as Miss Foster, who accompanied. Messrs. H. Cox, F. C. Croft, and S. Spurling were the squad leaders for the evening. Mr. A. L. Wells moved a vote of thanks, making special mention of Miss Foster's arduous duties in accompanying the performers. Both senior and junior divisions continue to grow, new members being enrolled every week. Applications may be made to Mr. S. Cox, Hon. Secretary, or Mr. Chapman.—*Communicated.*

The Children who have sung in the cantatas (and this means work) were invited to a delightful evening of amusement on Monday last. We had games and music and a little quiet dancing. The opportunity was taken of saying farewell to the Macdonalds, who are leaving for Hobart, and the Incumbent addressed a few words of farewell to them in the name of the Sunday School. The evening was so successful that the next business meeting of teachers must consider the possibility of simple gatherings of this kind for amusing the children at stated intervals.

Sunday School.—The lessons now will be confined to St. Matthew morning and afternoon in view of the Diocesan Examination.

Franklin Village.—The children of this Sunday School had their prize-giving on Sunday last, when those who had received marks sufficient were presented with reward books by the Rev. R. C. N. Kelly at a special children's service. The services here will be held at 3.30 for this month and then revert to the evening again. *Holy Communion.*—There will be a celebration at 11 on September 16.

St. Aidan's.—The Glee Club, under Mr. Reycraft's care, will give a concert at *St. John's School* on Monday, September 17. This will be, we believe, a really good concert.

Trevallyn.—I have appointed Mr. Tole to be Choirmaster, Mr. Breguet Librarian, and Mr. Jordan to be Organist here, in place of Miss Higgs, who has so kindly filled the gap so long. She has the hearty thanks of all for her timely services.

Fiji.—Those who want to know all about life in this romantic island must seize the chance of a lecture by Mr. T. Prichard on Monday, September 10 (*moonlight*).

The Melanesian Mission.—A quickening of activity has already accrued from the work of the newly-consecrated Bishop. He at once felt the necessity of extending the sphere of the mission to the Kanaka labourers in Queensland and Fiji. The Rev. A. Brittain, one of the senior clergy of the Mission, was sent to Queensland to report, and brought back with him two Guadalcanar boys to be trained at Norfolk Island for work among their countrymen. At the same time six labourers from the Fiji plantations began their training there. Malanta has hitherto remained shut against us, except at three centres, though the undenominational evangelists in Bundaberg obtained a hold on many of the labourers from the island. An attempt was recently made to start an undenominational mission centre on the island; but this attempt to invade the territory which a tacit understanding assigns to the Church for her work failed

from the hostility of the natives, and the Christian boys who went there will probably also go to Norfolk Island and be trained with a view to starting the Church's work in their home. So within three months the mission has found openings for extending its work to Queensland, Fiji, and Guadalcanar. Unfortunately the New Guinea Mission is in a very poor state. The Rev. Copeland King is still the only clergyman there, and unless some decided steps are taken to properly equip and work the Mission it is probable that the Governor, Sir William M'Gregor, will take away the privileges and territory he granted to the Mission.

Confirmation.—The Bishop will hold a confirmation service at St. John's on Friday, 14th inst., at 7:30 p.m., when a large and earnest gathering may be looked for to offer prayers and praise for those to be confirmed. The great difficulties the parish has laboured under in the shortness of the clerical staff have limited the preparation of candidates, and many who have been under instruction will be kept back for a second confirmation, to be held in the summer.

For Invalids and others unable to stand the long services of Sunday it becomes more and more difficult to offer all we would desire to give of ministrations to the sick members of the Church. I propose, therefore, to arrange for a special service for these once a month on the second Wednesday in every month at 12. The service will be chiefly the Holy Communion, with occasionally a very short reading. The first will be on the 12th inst.

Hope Cottage.—July and August. Contributions have been thankfully received of 2 bags of potatoes from Major Priestley; and of milk, bacon, sausages, potted meat, scones, cakes, jam, quantity of vegetables, a kangaroo, several parcels of clothing, and a large parcel from a draper's, etc., etc., from Mesdames Evans (2), Edgell, Ford, Hickson, Lawrence, Adams, Stewart, Sutton, Westbrook, anonymous friend, and three former inmates.

Temperance.—A Meeting will be held at the Mission House on Thursday, 6th inst., at 7:30, when representatives of the Northern Tasmanian Temperance Council will give addresses.

Acknowledgments.—Our thanks are due for the following contributions to the Mission House:—Messrs. P. O. Fysh and Co., Messrs. Dunning and Dempster, patterns; Mr. Whitfeld, rabbits; Mrs. Taylor, vegetables and jam; Mr. Robinson, one piece of flannelette; Mrs. Chambers, Miss Adams, Mrs. Pardey, Mrs. Bushman, Mrs. Weatherhead, clothes, new and worn; Mrs. Flexman, tea tray. Receipts.—Rents, £2 8s. 6d.; collection, £1 6s. 5d.; Miss Bushman, 6s. 6d.; Miss Walters, 4s.; Mrs. Henry Flexman, 5s.; Miss Nichols, 4s.; Mrs. Arthur Evans, 7s. 6d.; per Mrs. Weatherhead, 4s. 6d.; per Mrs. Spicer, 6s.; per Mrs. Massey, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Craske, 3s.

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.

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.

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 15—Marjorie Grace Patten, 1 Adelaide Street

15—Eileen Emma Wilson, 154 Cimitiere Street

15—Ernest Arthur Davies, Bryant Street, Invermay

15—Thomas William Ernest Newman, 14 Cimitiere Street

22—Horace Gordon Roy M'Williams, Cataract Hill

22—James Roy Blackberry, West Tamar Road

22—Arthur William Strickland, West Tamar

22—Albert James Dennis, Newstead

29—Irene Lilian Clark, Gunn Street, Inveresk

29—William Charles Gray, 130 Margaret Street

29—Lydia Agnes Christina Fisher, 45 Margaret Street

29—Henrietta Edith Emms, Barrow Street

29—Minnie Victoria Ward, Trevallyn

29—Dorothy Gladys Skidmore, 221 George Street.

RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH.

22—William James Fullerton, Cataract Hill.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE.

5—Charles Henry Summers, Young Town.

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.

August 29—E. L. Dwyer, Sandhill, aged 54.



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St. John's Church, Launceston.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF

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AND

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

1894.

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N.B.—All sums will be acknowledged in *St. John's Parish Messenger*.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH MISSION HOUSE.

It is not too much to say that St. John's had no special agency of any kind by which she was even attempting to discharge her duty to the poorer parts of the parish before the Mission House opened. Though St. John's is the mother church of Launceston, and possessed of endowments which ought to have made her strong in mission work, and containing in her borders the most densely populated parts of the city, and by far the larger proportion of the very poorest classes, yet the only provision for these grave responsibilities made by the congregation was the allotment of one or two free seats *at the very back* of the church and the obscure recesses of the gallery. The one Sunday school (although inadequate for such a mixed and large parish) was well filled, but by a strikingly respectable and well ordered set of children. Its intense respectability made it useless as an agency for gathering in the stray lambs of the streets.

This then was the position, one which was its own condemnation. Then in January, 1893, the magistrates closed three public house for ill regulated business in the parish. This gave us a grand opportunity. We selected one of these, the Queen's Head Hotel, and secured it at the rent of £1 per week. The communicants of the parish were asked to raise 6d. a week each for the carrying on of this prime duty of the church—that of ministering to the poor. A certain number, almost entirely the wage-earning members of the congregation, have regularly made their offering; and by this simple expedient the work has been carried on so far well. We had a few donations for furnishing but no funds for the necessary alterations in transforming our public house. Again the chief help came from the poorer of our brethren. Volunteers were forthcoming, who gave labour and skill in place of silver and gold. When we first saw the broken-down disreputable skittle-alley, and bar, etc., it required some faith to see how a chapel and other accessories were to be made from them. But the marvellous transformation was effected, and with scarce any expense, by hands ready to work for the glory of God. The old-skittle alley is now our chapel, and has only one fault—it is far, far too small. The work opened on 19th March, 1893, with a little Sunday school class of nine children. The first mission service was held on Palm Sunday, with 60 present. The work among the women commenced with a mothers' meeting. "The day of small things" indeed was this. We opened our doors and received *one woman!* Nor did the work at once take root, it was five weeks before we got an attendance of ten. However, the day of small things is long past, for the old "mothers' room" has had to be abandoned, and the chapel scare holds us now. We have made it our guiding principle *in all* branches of work to avoid all forms of bribery or pauperisation. We believe that our work can only be effectual so far as it is ministers to self-help and self-respect; and though it requires some courage to adhere to this in face of the practices obtaining elsewhere, we believe it an essential feature of work such as ours. The mothers' meeting, for instance, ends with a cup of tea, but this is paid for by the free contributions of coppers for this purpose. We give the very best instruction in sewing to large classes of girls, but they pay 1d. a night, receiving amount back in material. This principle is carried out in boys' club, mens' club, etc.

In this connection we may refer to the *sale of clothes* which takes place at times at close of mothers' meeting. If instead of giving clothing, etc., away indiscriminately, our friends would all send it to us three objects would be gained by this method. (1). The more deserving, who will not beg, have a chance of indirect help by a cheap purchase; (2). Out of a large assortment there is more chance of the better meeting of wants and supply; (3). The sums charged for such sales, *though very small, go towards supply of material, etc., for girls' classes and mothers' meeting.*

And here it may be well to say that no distinction is made in any of the benefits of our institution between those of one creed or another or no creed at all.

The story of our work can scarce be told in detail. I can only signify its various phases in the twelve months ending March, 1894.

Mothers' Meeting.—Total attendance from the historic one of the opening day has been 533; meetings held 40; helpers 105. In connection with this a branch of the Mothers' Union has been started and spread to the other parts of the parish. These meetings close with a short form of prayer, a hymn, and a few words of address, from clergy or deaconess.

Girls' Sewing Class.—To get the girls away from idling in the streets this class was first started. It has grown beyond our accommodation! so that it has to be divided into seniors and juniors, meeting on different nights. We have the help of some of the very best dressmakers in this city, who, with a large band of amateurs, give first-rate instruction in all kinds of sewing. Some of our band meet weekly to cut out and prepare the work beforehand. Only useful garments are made. Total number in class, 112. Attendance, 2485; meetings, 67; helpers, 323.

The Boys.—More difficult than the girls to deal with are the boys, chiefly because so few of our young men interest themselves in such work. The Drawing Class is especially a boon and well managed. We have had many difficulties and disappointments with the Writing Class, etc., from lack of energetic teachers. It is now in a fair way, however. We have a particularly wild and rough lot of lads to deal with. I have sought in vain for some enthusiastic musician who would take the boys in hand and form a Music Class or band. Total attendance, 257; helpers, 31.

The "Union Jack" Club: for Cricket, Football, etc., was started on November 1st, and has had most marked success, managed entirely by young men and boys.

The Gymnasium indeed has proved *too* successful, for it had to be transferred (from lack of space) from the Mission to St. John's. There it has developed splendidly among the young men and boys of the better class, but it has "hung fire" with our mission boys. St. John's is too respectable for them.

The "Union Jacks" have divided into several branches, Cricket, Football, etc. It wants considerable development, and offers a capital field for the energies of the muscular Christian. A Social Club in connection with it needs only to be taken in hand to prove successful. We have no record of attendance at Cricket, Football, etc. A few matches were played with some success.

The Gymnasium has 124 members and four instructors.

Men's Club.—This is a quiet social club, when the pipe of peace is smoked, papers read, games and cards played. It is yet in early stages but being started just after the 31st March, cannot strictly come into our review of the year.

Missionary Work.—From the first we have tried to make Missionary work a part of our system. The children's sewing class devotes one night a month to this; they also give their pennies to the mission. We started on September 5, and sent a bag of clothes to Melanesia this year. A juvenile branch of St. Barnabas Association is formed.

Friendless Girls out of Work—A most important feature of the mission is the provision of cheap and good board for girls out of places and others. What this means in a city is obvious. The committee of the Industrial School has called attention to this, and thanked us in their Annual Report for help in this way. Patients have been sent us from the hospital. We have taken in girls who were turned out to drift, we have rescued girls who ran away from home, and restored them to their relations. We have taken in girls "stone broke" through poverty, and kept them from danger till we got them work. Some few, well-known to the police, have been most difficult to deal with, giving us grave anxiety; four we had to turn out for unruliness. Most have been grateful for the helping hand given in time of need, and have repaid us little by little what we spent on their maintenance when they had nothing. For this most useful work we have only had a fund of £8 11s. to manipulate. An incident may illustrate the usefulness of the Home in such ways. One Saturday night, a poor woman fled to us for refuge. Her lord and master coming home drunk had knocked the children about, they bore marks of it, and then turned her out of her sick bed into the street in the torrents of rain to fare how she might. We took her and her wailing babes in, and cared for them in the name of the Lord. Another case, a person dying of a terrible disease in a house full of children. We took mother and children in for some days till the home was again fit for children to inhabit. Another—a young girl runs away from her home in the country. Some wise person put her into our hands as she was wandering the streets. The mother traced the girl to town, and beginning enquiries was speedily directed to St. John's Mission House, and we were able to restore the girl unharmed. A grateful "thank offering" for this timely aid is among our acknowledgments. Boarders, 42; with 11 infants.

Lectures and Entertainments.—We have had some capital lectures, but this feature has not yet proved a success. Somehow, Launceston is never prone to intellectual feasts. The *socials* and "free and easies," smoking concerts, etc., have been on the other hand most popular. A peculiarly happy feature of these has been the meeting of the different classes of the parish on the common ground of this work. The gain of this from point of view of the brotherhood which *should* be, but is not always, in Christ Jesus, is not to be denied. Lectures, 9; attendance, 484; socials and concerts, etc., 3; attendance, 315.

Religious Services.—Mission services are held every Sunday evening. Our "Skittle-Alley" chapel is, alas! small; we have had to start a second service and take 30 or 40 boys to another room to make room for

the adults. The services are most simple. We use the Bush Service of Melbourne Diocese, supplemented with extempore prayers, etc. We have laymen as well as clergy taking part in these services, which are hearty, simple, evangelistic, but withal most reverent and well ordered. *A collection is always* offered as part of our regular worship. We have had all kinds of speakers here, from working men to the Most Rev. the Primate of all Australia! as well as our own Bishop and Canons and dignitaries of minor grade.

We have had the joy of gathering in here, and bringing into fellowship with Holy Church, many who scarce knew the Church except as a vague name before, and who have here by the grace of God learned to worship and follow their Lord and Saviour. *This work is sadly hampered by the insufficient accommodation afforded by our present premises.*

A Bible Class has been held on week nights for over six months; and with communicants' meetings, special services, etc., we have offered considerable opportunity for religious instruction and evangelising. Total services: Sunday, 56; attendance, 3259; Helpers, 76. Week-day Services, etc., 38; attendance, 1125. A Saturday-night prayer-meeting was formed in November last, and up to March 31 this year, 20 meetings have been held, with a total attendance of 180.

Sickness, etc.—Much work is done from the Mission House as well as in it. But of this we give no figures this year, though it would be well to do so in future reports. Our Deaconess takes part in the Flower Mission to the Goal and Depot, and has proved herself a good emissary of the Faith in the *Lock Hospital*, which is visited under the authority of the Arch-deacon. Besides the regular visiting of the poor and the sick, at times of epidemics such as measles the Mission House has proved of immense value as a basis of operation in broths, soups, etc.

Vegetables or material for Soup and Broth for Sick always gladly received. This soup is often a great boon in a sick house. *Linen for sick rooms* is always in request.

Finances.—Of this we can only say, "*Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.*" We have been kept going by the freewill offerings of "the many," though three sums of £5 each stand out conspicuous in our ledger. These helped us to start, and went far to provide first outlay on furniture, as well as starting our gymnasium. Our Balance Sheet will show how careful is our management, and on how small an outlay a very large amount of work is being carried on. Some of those who promised 6d. a week may be reminded that they have not yet sent in their quota for the first year. We shall be thankful for all help, in sums large or small, which will be duly acknowledged in *St. John's Parish Messenger*.

The work of a Mission House must be carefully distinguished from that of a Mission Chapel. With us the work which goes on day after day *in* the House and *from* the House is our chief care: the Sunday Services are an adjunct—though a most important one. The work in our Churches is, for the most part, confined to a few hours a week; *in a Mission House the work goes on, in one form or another, night and day, and every day.* Churches of the future will no more be isolated edifices, they will always be the centre of a group of buildings. Our Mission House supplies a few of these requirements.

Our needs:—

(i.) We need, first and foremost, a Clergyman who can devote his time almost exclusively to this part of the parish, so long neglected. With the endowments St. John's enjoys, the parish ought to be able to support a staff of three clergy.

(ii.) We need some young men training for Holy Orders.

(iii.) We need a proper chapel. The skittle-alley is altogether too small.

(iv.) We need, therefore, either a building of our own, or some more suitable and permanent arrangement than exists.

(v.) We need young men who will take up either secular or religious side of the work heartily.

(vi.) We need a Brass Band, or Drum and Fife Band at least, for the boys. ("Music hath charms to tame . . .")

(vii.) A Dramatic Club for careful drilling in recitations, etc., might be formed for all ages and both sexes.

(viii.) *Industrial Classes* for Boys, to get at the mind through the hands. Wanted, tools and teachers.

(ix.) The most pressing needs are Workers for (1) Men's Club; (2) Boys' Clubs—cricket, football, social, etc., etc.; (3) Business man to manage a Thrift Club; (4) Teachers in some science (botany, etc.); (5) Sunday School Teachers and Choir.

ANALYSIS OF MEETINGS.

71 Sunday Mission Services ...	3259	attendances	
Sunday School	1517	"	
58 Week-day Bible Classes and Meetings	1208	"	
40 Mothers' Meetings... ..	533	"	105 helpers.
67 Girls' Sewing Classes	2485	"	323 "
25 Boys' Writing and Drawing Classes	257	"	31 "
12 Lectures and Socials	799	"	
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273	10,058		

In summing up, let us thankfully acknowledge the goodness of God in making such a work to grow in our hands. Let us thankfully acknowledge too the genuine good-fellowship shown us by so many. It has been no small joy to me to be able to exemplify here a principle which I believe to be most sound, viz., that, though from a sense of the grievous harm done by the disunion of christendom, we cannot leave our Church and neglect its principles to work on lines which ignore the corporate Unity of Christ's Church, yet we heartily welcome any who will come back, if but for an hour, to work with the Church of their forefathers. It has been a constant satisfaction to me to have associated with me in this work helpers of all denominations. We have had Wesleyan and Baptist and Primitive and Presbyterian, and will gladly welcome members of any church or no church if they will unite with us in trying to promote the happiness and the holiness of our fellow-citizens on wide and strong lines of Christian ethics.

It is strange to think that some who have themselves the privilege of full use of the parish Church care little to help this the only work the Church is doing for their poorer neighbours. For this is their loss as well as our sorrow.

