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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. and 3 p.m.

St. Oswald's (Trevallyn) SUNDAY EVENING, 7 p.m.

Sunday School, 3 p.m.

Holy Communion, Fourth Sunday (unless otherwise notified).

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	...	Mission House
	8-0 p.m...	Men's Club	Mission House
Tuesday	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction	...	State Schools
	2-30 p.m...	Sewing Party	...	Parsonage
Wednesday	7-30 p.m...	Confirmation Lecture	...	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 Baptisms	...	St. John's Church
	7-30 p.m...	Choir Practice	...	St. Oswald's
Thursday	7-30 p.m...	Ditto ditto	...	St. Aidan's
	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction	...	State Schools
	2-30 p.m...	Mothers' Meeting	...	Mission House
	7-30 p.m...	Sewing Party	...	Parsonage
Friday	2-30 to 5...	Work Party...	...	Mission House
	4-15 p.m...	Instruction to Children	...	St. John's Church
	7-0 p.m...	Confirmation Lecture	...	St. John's School (Girls)
	7-30 p.m...	Ditto ditto	...	St. Aidan's

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

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

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, APRIL 6, 1895.

PLAYTIME.

THERE was a time when our old fatherland was called "Merry England," and "Village Greens" were an institution where sport and mirth had full scope. Who is left now in all our English race who can even remember the names of old games which used to be played for their love of good sport and for the good fellowship and enjoyment of them? There may be some exaggeration in the strong words used at times against gambling, but there can be little doubt that as the "Sporting Man"—i.e., betting man—has increased the *sports-man* has decreased. When I was a boy at school I used to play football with something of the "joy of battle" the warhorse is supposed to feel, and many a hard knock did one have to put up with in the grim "Rugby Rules." But the "Howling Dervish" of Arabia seems the type of the modern footballer. And in other games the spirit and the glory of playing for their joy of vigorous life seem to be giving way to playing as a serious occupation. It seems a little strange, but I am sure the time has arrived when the pastor of the flock must really plead with people to enjoy themselves a little more. We don't want *all* life to be *Lent*. *Holy* days were the first *holidays*. And in healthier times "holiday" was a function of Church discipline. I remember once climbing some olive-clad hills in Italy to a little walled city perched high on the hills. The village—for the city was but a village—was deserted apparently, till stepping into the parish church we found it packed to the door. Why? It was a holy day and therefore a holiday, and the whole populace had assembled in the church, not for service—for there was none then going on—but for the enjoyment of singing national and local songs! (That special feature of "Merry England," the singing of national ballads and songs, has gone, too.) It was a most quaint and instructive sight; all seated orderly, all singing joyously in chorus. One saw there the actual transformation in progress, from holy day to holiday. Well, to return: I want to ask seriously cannot we take some steps to recover the joy of healthy rational pleasures and amusements for the *mere sake of the joy of the thing*? I am sure half the wickedness which ruins boys would be averted if there were more hearty sportsmanlike pleasure taken in games. Larrikinism is constantly lamented. But what else can be expected if animal spirits are never given a fair show in genuine games? The newspapers, again, very constantly and properly lament at intervals the disgraceful practice of young girls of 12, 13, 14, 15, and so on, parading the streets night after night, sauntering up and down and learning anything but simplicity and natural girlishness. Why can't we teach these girls to play and be happy? I am profoundly convinced after my experience of Launceston that there are two chief needs for the girls of this place. There are any amount of Sunday schools and so forth—and it is astonishing how few children are to be found whose names are not on some Sunday school roll or other—but we want something else. We want a *School of Self Help* and a *School of Merry Games*. We have tried the first with marked success in our Mission House. Many a mother has found that her girls are beginning really to take an interest in needle and thread. If we could only afford to add instruction in cooking we might then feel we were started fairly on self help for producing good housewives. But games! It is appalling and alarming how few games your

children here play. I don't know a much more useful form of parish helpers at present than some half-dozen ladies who would teach our girls *indoor games*, and some half dozen boys and men to teach our boys also some genuine forms of recreation. The latter certainly have one splendid opportunity. St. John's School is, I am heretic enough to believe, very nearly as well occupied in the gymnastics of Thursday evenings as in the Sunday School of Sunday afternoons. We have a splendid corps of gymnasts, senior and junior, in our "Union Jacks" under Mr. Chapman, and we are ready to form a class for girls' gymnastics under proper training if the girls will come forward. Miss Wallace, Bourke Street, is the Secretary, *pro. tem.* In furtherance of our efforts to get healthy pleasures established we have also some very mirthful evenings at our Men's Club "Sing-Songs" on Mondays and Fridays at the Mission House. I am sometimes asked, "Is it the business of the parson after all to merely amuse people?" I answer, certainly not. But if the pastor of a parish sees that there is a serious dearth of genuine recreation and amusement, and sees that from lack of it good animal spirits are taking ugly forms, he may well try to stir up other people to set to and try to enjoy themselves a little. It is not my business to "grin through a horse collar," but if I see two or three people "in the dumps" I may very well hand them the horse collar and say, "Here, put your heads through this and have a good laugh at each other, and then play leap frog till you have shaken some healthy life into yourselves."

FAREWELL TO THE REV. F. PARNALL.

We have lost a good man from the parish. I wish I had taken down Mr. Parnall's simple, manly, genuine, modest words of acknowledgment for the kindly parting present made to him by the parish (fifty-six sovereigns). His words expressed the man—he has always "rung true." On whatever points you might differ from him you knew he was genuine and candid in his thoughts. I feel proud of my parish that they recognised, in spite of a very modest reserve on his part, the high qualities of his unselfish, unswerving sense of duty, and lofty ideal of loyalty and truth. We shall miss him sorely. How the work is to be carried on without a frequent smashing up of vicar and curate I don't yet quite see. We have had three clergy pretty regularly for eighteen months, as well as regular lay helpers. Mr. Parnall left Launceston on Friday, March 29, and sailed to-day (April 2) from Hobart in s.s. *Oceana*.

HOLY WEEK.

Services 8 a.m., 5:30 p.m. *Meditations* and prayer 7:30.

Good Friday.—Morning Service, 8 a.m.; Litany, Ante-Communion, and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Reading, Hymns, and Prayers, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Special Children's Service, 4:15 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.; Special Service, 7:30.

WE EARNESTLY ENTREAT ALL TO SET ASIDE THIS DAY FOR A DAY OF QUIET DEVOTION.

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow."

EASTER.

Special services will be held as under:—

ST. JOHN'S: Holy Communion, 7:45 a.m., and 10 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.

ST. AIDAN'S: Holy Communion, *8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11:15 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 7 p.m. (*Note—8 a.m. not 9 a.m.)

ST. OSWALD'S: Holy Communion Sunday after Easter, 11 a.m.

May we earnestly ask all communicants to prepare for the great festival? The service at 7:45 a.m. at St. John's will, we hope, be attended by ALL CHURCH WORKERS, and by all who would wish to offer the first fresh praise of Easter Day to their Risen Lord. There will be hymn and canticle sung at this service.

Decorations.—Workers and flowers wanted. Owing to absence of some regular workers through illness special appeal is made. Flowers may be sent on Saturday, 13th, for Easter, and 20th for Harvest.

The *Harvest Festival* will be held on Sunday, April 21, when the Rev. James W. Corvan, of Beaconsfield, and Dr. Craig, will preach at St. John's and St. Aidan's, and collections will be made for the General Church Fund. As the clergy have all had 10 per cent. reduction made in Synod grants lately we feel sure St. John's will do its best to strengthen the funds of the Diocese, as it has always done in the past.

NOTES FROM THE MISSION HOUSE.

The Mission House Council held a full meeting last month. Mr. W. Martin, Treasurer, Mr. J. F. Read, Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. W. J. Genders, M. E. Robinson, Storey, Brownrigg, and Barton, with the clergy and the ladies' committee, were in attendance to discuss a dilemma. By God's blessing we have proved the work to be too successful for our present accommodation. What are we to do? The premises are only hired: our term expires on April 7. Either we must get larger premises or the work will flag. Meantime we are waiting some offer of terms from our landlord. Next Sunday is the second anniversary of our work. The annual report will be issued shortly. Mr. Christie is ready to put the winter work in full swing. He is reforming—by *re-forming*—the boys' classes, and we hope the improvement classes will start again this month. The girls' are in full swing.

Men's Club.—The annual meeting was held on Monday, 25th ultimo, with the President (the Vicar) in the chair. The following officers were elected and some new members admitted by ballot:—Vice-president, Rev. H. Christie; Secretary, Mr. Gillett; Committee, Messrs. Barton, H. Burling, Constantine, and Moriarty.

The *Mother's Meeting* has started work in full force, and is exceedingly popular.

Self Help versus Charity.—Rightly or wrongly we decided from the first to make our work at the Mission House in all ways conducive to self help. Accordingly, beyond a few comforts for sick people, we have made it a rule to demand that some effort to help themselves should be made by all whom we help there. Clothes sent to us to dispose of are always marked at very low figures and sold. These sums are then put into a separate fund for supplying the small capital needed to lay in stock for mothers' meeting material, to be retailed for cash at lowest market rates. This simple rule has given rise to a strange misunderstanding. Let me inform those concerned that we do not intend to abandon the sound principle of self help.

We have to thank several unknown friends in England who from different places send *Church Army Gazette, Illustrated Church News, Church Bells, Church Times, etc*

Acknowledgments.—Mrs. Weatherhead, Miss Smith, Miss Harrap, Friend, clothes, flannelette, etc.

Funds.—Mrs. Fawns, £2; Mrs. Flexman, 3s.; Mrs. Champion, 3s.; Miss Bushman, £1 1s.; Mrs. Massey, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Baker, 1s.; Mrs. Doubleday and Miss Griffiths, 6s. 6d.; Miss Walters, 4s.; Well-wisher of the Mission, £2; collections, 19s 4d.; Mrs. Sandon, 6s.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

Sunday School Teachers' Annual Meeting.—This was held on Monday, February 18, when a large gathering of teachers from each of the four schools in connection with St. John's met for the first time in this way. A most useful and profitable evening was spent in comparing methods and discussing details of work. The general Superintendent gave a most useful comparative statement of the various schools, with statistics. A most cordial desire was manifest throughout to work together as one band, and to increase in every way possible the unity of action in this work. There was a general endorsement of a suggestion I made, that as the treat was given in summer it might be well to have the prize giving in winter.

Memo. for Parents and Children.—It was also resolved that the examination in Religious Knowledge held by the Diocesan Inspector should in future count largely in the awarding of marks and prizes.

The Synodsmen to be elected this year were more important than they have been for some time past. For last year a warning note was sounded, and it seems likely that a decided attack on the Glebe of St. John's Parish will be made in this Synod. Moreover, a complete remodelling of many of the Diocesan Committees will be attempted this year, and in view of the immense importance of Diocesan movements—of which much is in the air—it was specially important to have a full meeting to send our two representatives to Synod. To my amazement it was long before any names were suggested at all. At last, however, Mr Richard Green and Mr M. E. Robinson were unanimously elected. I am glad to record that Mr W. J. Genders has since been chosen for Beaconsfield. It is possible that another gentleman from St. John's will sit in Synod, before it expires, as representative of some country parish.

Synod meets on April 23. The clergy will suspend special classes for Synod week.

A Sound Mind in a Sound Body.—The Gymnasium starts again—April 4 seniors, April 5 juniors. Mr. Selwyn Cox is hon. secretary. Subscription—5s. senior, 1s. junior for season (I am informed the senior division is already filled up. Bravo!)

St. Aidan's—NEW FONT.—The font ordered by Mr. and Miss Bennett has at last been safely delivered. It is of fit proportions and of good design, and in style is in harmony with the architecture of the building and furniture. The baptismal office is so important a feature of the Church's ministration that we intend to arrange for a regular baptism Sunday at St. Aidan's, which our shorter form of service there very well permits. Library books received with thanks from Miss Horne.

Hope Cottage.—Contributions of fruits, jam, scones, meat, vegetables, and parcels of clothing, etc., have been thankfully received from Mesdames Adams, Saler, Hallows, Hickson, W. W. Sutton, Miss Sadler, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

- March 9—Muriel Maud Wills
13—Julia Mountain, Bathurst Street
13—Clara Katie Eveline Constantine, 113 Galvin Street
13—Florence Grace Hudson, 73 High Street
13—William Leonard Stephens, 63 Howick Street
13—Henry Colin Edgell, York Street
27—Margaret Beatrice Irene Manser, 230 Brisbane Street
27—Averrè Marie Berry Miller, 58 Galvin Street
27—Catherine Medwin, Dilston
27—Rebecca Wallis, 101 Balfour Street
27—Sydney Harold Valentine, 2 West Street
April 4—Edith Bertrand Cook, York Street
4—Herbert Roy Spicer, 182 Brisbane Street
4—Sylvia May Targett, St. Mary's.

MARRIAGES.

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

- March 29—Henry William Castley to Edith Marion Layton

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.

- March 15—Muriel Wills, infant
29—Henry George Robinson, eight months

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

		MORNING. (CATECHISM)	AFTERNOON. (ST. MATTHEW)	HYMNS.	
				MORNING.	AFTERNOON
April					
	7	6 S. in Lent.	Lesson 1.	Lesson 6.	214, 266 227, 243
	14	Easter.	Lesson 2. (Special).	{ Seniors, Lesson 7. { Juniors, Catechising	64, 68 70, 69
	21	1 S. after Easter.	Lesson 3.	{ Seniors, Lesson 8. { Juniors, Lesson 7.	286, 322 285, 200
	28	2 S. after Easter.	Lesson 4.	{ Seniors, Catechising { Juniors, Lesson 8.	326, 317 310, 243
May	5	3 S. after Easter.	Lesson 5.	Lesson 9.	244, 297 330, 121

REFERENCE TO LESSONS.

MORNING (Catechism).		AFTERNOON (St. Matthew).	
No.		No.	
1.	Second Commandment.	6.	Royal Progress, xx. 29, xxi. 17.
2.	Special.	7.	The Resurrection, xxviii, 1-15.
3.	Third Commandment.	8.	Trees judged by fruits, xxi. 18-32.
4.	Fourth Commandment.	9.	God's Claims and God's Grace rejected, xxi. 33, xxii. 14.
5.	Fifth Commandment.		

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.

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.

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 Prayer Desk, St. Aidan's.

ADVERTISEMENTS SOLICITED.

MR. E. A. COOKE has kindly consented to act as hon. agent for advertisements. The Messenger can be had from the District Visitors or Mission House, Wellington Street.

SICKNESS—Any cases of sickness in the parish, in which the Deaconess' 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 the Deaconess direct at the Mission House, Wellington Street.

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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