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STANDING NOTICES

Parish Church. See Front page.

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

FRIDAY, 7.30 p.m.

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

Sunday School, 9.45 a.m. (Children's Service) and 3 p.m.

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

Sunday School, 3 p.m.

Mission House (Wellington Street)... .. SUNDAY, 7 p.m.

Sunday School, 9.45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

(Other Meetings, see below.)

Franklin Village SUNDAY, 7 p.m. (Holy Communion by notice.)

Breadalbane ALTERNATE SUNDAYS, 3 p.m.

WEEKLY MEETINGS, ETC.

Monday	... *6-30 p.m...	Girls' Sewing Class (Junior)	Mission House
	8-0 p.m...	Men's Club	Mission House
Tuesday	... 9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction ...	State Schools
	*7-0 p.m...	Girls' Sewing Class (Senior)	Mission House
Wednesday	... 11-0 a.m...	Litany and Baptisms ...	St. John's Church
	2-30 p.m...	Flower Mission ...	Parsonage
	7-30 p.m...	Service and Baptisms ...	St. John's Church
	*7-30 p.m...	Children's Union (practice)	Mission House
	7-30 p.m...	Lecture and Service ...	St. Oswald's
Thursday	... 9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction ...	State Schools
	*2-30 p.m...	Mothers' Meeting ...	Mission House
	*7-30 p.m...	Bible Class (Adults)...	"
	7-30 p.m...	Teachers' Class ...	Parsonage
Friday	... *2-30 to 5...	Work Party ...	Mission House
	4-15 p.m...	Instruction to Children ...	St. John's Church
	*7-30 p.m...	Girls' Bible Class ...	Parsonage
	7-30 p.m...	Lecture and Service...	St. Aidan's
Saturday	... 8-0 p.m...	Prayer Meeting ...	Parsonage

* Suspended for Christmas holidays.

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

MISSIONARY MEETING.—Monthly, according to notice.

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

The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, JANUARY 1, 1895.

SELF-DENIAL MOVEMENT.

WE are now in a position to report some of the results of the self-denial effort made at the end of November. Most of the amounts collected have been paid in to the local treasurer (Mr. E. Whitfeld), and were offered at the celebration on St. John's Day. (By the way, we must express our regret that only *one* collector was present at the service, although it was specially announced that the offering would then be made.) The total amount raised in the parish by collections, donations, and offerings at services is £69 13s., and for the whole of Launceston £82; a few small sums are still to be sent in, we believe. It is very satisfactory to know that the local expenses are under £4, £2 14s. of which was for reprinting a leaflet we could not obtain from Hobart. Of course we are not *satisfied* with the result; we cannot be content until all have contributed, and contributed according to their means; so long as any remain "disbelievers in missions," or think that a casual half-crown expresses their obligations, we cannot be content. But we are very thankful that so much has been raised—almost as much as we hoped, and more than we expected.

"Some of the results," I said; for the spiritual results we cannot estimate, although sure they are great. First of all knowledge of our missions has been given, and interest excited. How ignorant we all were a year ago! Who of us knew of Thursday Island? or of Bundaberg? Who imagined the great possibilities of usefulness in the Kanakas? or dreamt of a new Bishop in Australia, mainly devoted to mission work? But all these are quite familiar ideas now. This interest will not die; it will increase till we are familiar with all the details of the work, and always eager to hear of progress. Next, it has led us to realise that if we are to have any part in mission work the price must be SELF DENIAL; many have learnt that fact, and we could tell some touching tales of real sacrifices made by children and adults, but to print them, even without names, would lessen the value to those who made them. We must *all* learn that lesson. If we are to help in God's work we must remodel our expenditure, and curtail those items that are less necessary. That means self denial, the curbing of our desires.

These two benefits we carry with us into the new year; our interest will not be a sudden creation during the last two months, but a steady one; and our prayers and efforts will be steady likewise, not spasmodic but constant; and even if less severe will yield greater results. We hope that 1895 will show a larger amount raised without the special effort than 1894 did with it.

Month by month there is progress to report. I have just heard that two more Kanakas have left Bundaberg to be trained for work in the Solomons; and the last English mail brings the news that the S.P.C.K. is voting £1000 for the new Bishopric at Thursday Island. All through the year there will be progress—and that means increased need of our interest, our prayers, our efforts, and our thanksgiving to Almighty God for the growth of the Christian Church.

F. P.

Note.—All who have helped in any way in this effort will be asked to join the AUSTRALIAN MISSIONARY UNION, and so learn from time to time how their effort of self denial is helping the spread of Christian Truth among the heathen of this quarter of the globe. I am glad to hear at times from our Chinese friends here of the good work our Chinese Catechist is doing in the East Coast districts. A large congregation of Chinese in one of our Anglican Churches, gathered to hear the Gospel in their own tongue and to pray to the one Father, is a thing to be thankful for.

R. C. N. K.

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

The Sunday School Social which took place on December 3 was, on the whole, a very great success. It was an experiment. The Schoolroom was prettily prepared, for which we must thank many willing workers; and we had a very large muster of Congregation and Parents, as well as Teachers. We were undoubtedly disappointed at one feature—the marked absence of a large section of the congregation.

As this is probably not entirely accidental may I seriously call attention to this feature? It is an unwelcome truth one has to face that the work of teaching the young has not its proper place in the estimate of many of our people. Very few of those who have the gift of a good education, and more leisure than the average, relieve the strain of the teaching of our nearly 500 children in our four schools. Now, I should thankfully welcome the help of some of these. But if those to whom "more is committed" are to do "less," we may at least ask for more support in the interest and sympathy of their good fellowship when we try to bring our workers and congregation and the other parents of our scholars together for a musical social. However, it was, as I say, an experiment; we are thankful it was as good as it was, and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The Archdeacon came very kindly and made an excellent and kindly speech, congratulating us on the excellent and enjoyable occasion and on the large numbers present.

A parish welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Christie took place on the same occasion. It is due to the parish to explain thus at length that no disinclination to welcome Mr. Christie to his post here in his responsible work among us was to be deduced from the absence commented on above, though none the less we all regretted it.

Sunday School Anniversaries at the smaller schools brought up the totals, I am thankful to say, for our parish. St. Aidan's, £5, Mission House £1, are good indeed in proportion to St. John's; though even now, adding £2 6s. 8d. for St. Oswald's, with £2 5s. given by children from sale of work at latter place, one cannot help contrasting the large support given by the Wesleyans, or the large collection for 118 children in the one school of which the city missionary is the minister with our £34 6s. 8d. for all our schools.

We are moving steadily in the direction of making prizes a criterion of work done by the children. The system of almost promiscuous prize-giving which is universal here is surely harmful. All our prize-gainers must now pass a minimum of examination in the elements of Christian knowledge, as well as obtaining a large proportion of possible marks throughout the year.

Will Parents note the importance of strengthening our hands in this effort to make the work of our Teachers effective?

Prizes will be given at the Children's Service on January 27 at St John's.

The Annual Treat was a great anxiety on account of our largely-increased numbers. However, it went off well—thank God, without any accident or misadventure. We have to thank the following for use of ground and pavilion: Messrs. J. T. Smith and A. Thomson.

For Bread (supplied for three years past for our very large party): Mr. G.B. Dean.

For Hams: Mr. H. Littler, Mrs. Germaine, and Mrs. Kayser.

For Cake, Fruit, and Milk: Mesdames Reycraft, Gooch, Atherton, Mac-michael, Flexman, Sandon, Harris, Wetton, Robinson, Fry, Yates, A. Evans, Edgar, Perrin, Barnes, Douglas, Mosey; Misses Bushman, Stewart, Warner, Phillips, Findlay, Huxtable, Moncur, Westbrook, Jones, Bradshaw; Messrs. H. Littler, Rushfirth, Bennett, Ensor.

For Tin of Biscuits: Mr. Sicklemore.

For Sweets: Mr. Beaumont.

For Toys: Messrs. Dempster, Cox, Findlay, Newey.

It may interest our readers to learn that in catering for our picnic we cut up (and ate) 194 lbs bread, 114 lbs. cake, 80 lbs. beef and ham, 25 lbs. butter.

The teachers of St. Oswald's and our friends in Trevallyn also sent a hamper of provisions to represent the need of that contingent.

We have also to thank Mr. Wilmot for use of baskets and Mr. Dempster for the furniture for the Social, as well as the many friends who gave subscriptions to the outing through the teachers.

Notes from Trevallyn.—The bazaar in aid of the debt on St. Oswald's turned out a great success in every way, the net proceeds being over £30, which amount will greatly reduce the debt on building.

A Christmas Tree for the children will be held on the evening of the 14th January, proceeds also in aid of debt on church. No charge for admission.

A monthly collection for *Organ Fund* is held on the fourth Sunday of each month, when there will always be special musical features in the service. The choir, under Mr. Tole, is making marked progress.

The Christmas Day services at St. John's were very fairly attended. Illness preventing some of our most hard-working friends from decorating, the work fell heavy on the half-dozen who came forward. It is singular that those with most servants and least to do in daily toil are most reluctant to share the work of beautifying God's House on the great Festivals of the Faith. They enjoy the work when done, but seem reluctant to have the joy of "serving." I can assure them they miss much, as well as crippling our "service" of free offering.

Personal.—January being always a slack month, and a holiday for my family being more than a little needed, not to speak of a relief from the constant strain of a parish being needed by clergy too, I expect to be absent all this month.

The Annual Meeting of the Parishioners will be held either at the very end of January or the first week in February. Meetings will also be held for election of officers at each chapel.

Mission House.—The engines are at "half speed" this month in accordance with the general fitness of things in the height of summer. Our Deaconess is away, and, as usual, her work is missed at sundry times by the clergy, whose work she helps so loyally.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the following: Crockery, from Mrs. Eardley-Wilmot—a most acceptable and useful present, which we would gladly see copied. We don't mind odd patterns—cups, saucers, plates, jugs, etc., all welcome and all useful.

Contributions: Mrs. Champion, 2s.; "Anon," £1; Mrs. Bailey, 13s.; Miss Phillips, 5s.; Mrs. Davey (collected), 6s. 6d.; Miss Nickols, 5s.; Mrs. Doubleday and Miss Griffiths, 6s.; "Friend," 10s.; Mrs. Weatherhead, 3s.; Sister Goddard, 10s.; "Friend" (for chapel), 10s.; rents, 18s.; Box, 4s. 7d.; anniversary collection, £1; other collections, 16s. 9d.

A Christmas Gift of £1 10s from Mr. H. C. Littler and some friends for a special purpose has been received and dispensed in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

St. Aidan's.—Gifts of further necessaries for the church have to be recorded this month. The beautiful Prayer Desk presented by the children of St. John's Sunday School is a very chaste work, copied chiefly from a window of the fourteenth century Gothic (from an engraving of a house in Normandy), and is a great addition to the little chapel. A beautiful Alms Dish from Mr. and Mrs. Sandon and a handsome Service Book for the Holy Table from Miss Woods and Miss Nichols and two beautifully-worked markers from a communicant have all been added since last issue. The platform having been lowered, the effect is more pleasant for both ministers and people.

Mr. Christie will take the Friday evening instructions in January, and the subject he will deal with—"Why I am a Churchman"—will, please God, prove useful and helpful in the development of the spiritual life of those who avail themselves of the opportunity.

Hope Cottage.—December.—Contributions have been most thankfully received of butter, rice, sago, raisins, fruit, and vegetables from Mrs. Balstrup; butter, milk, fruit, and new potatoes from Mrs. Kerslake; jam, fruit, vegetables, meat, milk, two parcels of clothing, curtains, etc., from Mesdames Kelly, Armitage, Clerke, Hickson, W. W. Sutton, G. Windeatt, and Miss Dowling; and for Christmas, Bibles, books, Christmas cards and letters, £1 from the Mayor (Alderman Ferrall), Christmas pudding, large cake, butter, eggs, fruit in variety, and holly from Mesdames Kelly, Bailey, Dumaresq, Kerslake, Stewart, and Weatherhead, and Misses Griffiths and Paton and other friends.

Carol Service.—At St. Aidan's on Christmas Eve a bright and hearty carol service spoke volumes for the life and energy of our suburban church. St. Aidan's in this particular takes the lead with marked success, and our other choirs would do well to follow the example. Most needful and helpful to the full realisation of the Nativity of our Blessed Lord and Saviour was such a bright, simple service as we had, with the excellently-rendered carols and two Christmas hymns, to attune our hearts for the devotions of the Christmas festival of the next day.

Confirmation.—The Bishop, having every day engaged, was unable to afford us a confirmation last month.

Communion of the Sick.—A special service of Holy Communion is held at St. John's on the second Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. The date for this month is the 9th.

Communicants' Preparation Meeting, Thursday, January 3, at St. John's Church at 7.30.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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

- December 5—Cyril Roy Hoyle, 124 St. John street
 5—Ruby Ethel Davies, 18 Victoria street
 5—Charles Henry Bryant, 254 Charles street
 8—Ellen Marion Jane Bennett, 91 Bathurst street
 12—Ida Mary Herbert, 199 St. John street
 12—Frederick Arthur Wallen, 52 Tamar street
 12—Juanita Marguerita Smith, Elizabeth street
 19—Thomas Trevlyn Inglis, Canning street
 19—Jessie True Hague, 29 Welman street
 19—Edward Samuel Joseph Hall, Corra Linn.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE.

- 9—Eliza Kerr, Franklin Village.

MARRIAGES.

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

- December 11—George Charles Smith to Lina Corkery
 12—James Barker to Anna Dent.

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.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE.

- December 4—Arthur H. G. Fisher, aged 15
 11—Annie Eliza Greer, aged 41.

BAPTISM AND CHURCHING.

There are NO FEES WHATSOEVER to be paid for these services: as however many like to make a Thankoffering on these occasions a BOX is provided in the VESTRY to receive any such voluntary gifts. The money thus given goes to the additional Curate's Stipend Fund.

SICKNESS.—Any cases of sickness in the parish, in which Miss Shoobridge's help would be welcome in nursing women or children, looking after family while the mother is ill, etc. etc., may be referred to the clergy, or to Miss Shoobridge direct at the Mission House, Wellington Street.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	HYMNS.	
	(CATECHISM)	(ST. MATTHEW)	MORNING.	AFTERNOON
January 6. } Epiphany. }	The Threefold Renunciation (Q. 3—1st part)	Signs of the Times (xvi. 1—12)	48, 51.	49, 52.
January 13. } 1st Sunday after Epiphany. }	The Christian Promise (Q. 3—2nd part)	The Revelation as the Christ (xii. 13—28)	132, 143.	53, 148.
January 20. } 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. }	Christian Respon- sibility (Q. 4)	The Transfiguration (xvii. 1—13)	162, 158.	232, 186.
January 27. } 3rd Sunday after Epiphany. }	The Creed— i. The Father.	Catechising.	53, 195.	207, 189.
February 3. } 4th Sunday after Epiphany. }	The Creed— ii. The Son.	The Life of Service (xvii. 14—27)	221, 227.	228, 238.

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.

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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