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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 "	8 a.m. & 8.0 a.m.
Fifth "	8 a.m. & 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.

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
	7-30 p.m...	Confirmation Lecture	...	Mission House
Wednesday	11-0 a.m...	Litany and Baptisms	...	St. John's Church
	2-30 p.m...	Flower Mission	...	Parsonage
	7-15 p.m...	Service and Baptisms	...	St. John's Church
	7-30 p.m...	Intercessional	...	St. John's Church
	7-30 p.m...	Choir Practice	...	St. Oswald's
	7-30 p.m...	Ditto ditto	...	St. Aidan's
Thursday	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, fourth Wednesday 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, JUNE 3, 1895.

STORIES IN GLASS.

A REMARK of our good old verger after a very hearty Early Celebration on one of the great Festivals first taught me that only in the very early light can you see the true

BEAUTIES OF THE STAINED GLASS

of our East Window. Now it is not to be pretended that our East Window is of the very best Art: yet it is far more beautiful than is generally known, for mark well this,

NO ONE HAS SEEN THE EAST WINDOW

properly until he has seen it with the early sun shining full upon it. The Artist, whoever he was, knew well that the window would have need of the sun to reveal its secret depths of colour, and so he had courage to put great depth of colour into it. Therein all the real beauty of stained glass lies. Its secret power of beauty and

GLORY IS HIDDEN

except when the first rays of the sun shine through it—not upon it merely. Now before I attempt to interpret the details of our window let me remind you that pictures and windows were once

THE POOR MAN'S BOOKS

and the only books he had of Bible story, history, and Christian doctrine. The Church which called stained glass to her aid has ever been careful to instruct those who will hear her gentle story of the ways of God among men. So when books were few, and fabulous in price, the walls of churches were made eloquent, and the glass which let in light both shut out all distractions and was made to speak in glowing colours of some victory of the Faith. And the eye is a quick teacher. So to the most unlearned the glass would tell

THE STORY OF REDEMPTION;

and, as you may learn if you be reverent and willing, there are in the old symbolic renderings of these painted windows signs which speak of many a doctrine as well as many a fact. And whether it be of Jesus' willingness to die, or of the Atonement made perfect, or of the sins which destroy God's life in men, or of the Heroes of the Faith, that the pictures tell, in all ways the central Truth is always that

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD,

and as the light comes never through such glass without some message of grace and faith, so in like manner does the spirit of Jesus enlighten every phase of life for men of truth and humble heart.

There are three ways of seeing the story of our window, and each may stand as a parable of those who hear the story of our salvation. When at night there is light within the church, the wayfarer in the darkness may look up

and see this

DIM OUTLINE OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL

as the light within sends forth through our window some faint message of its inner glory. But how insufficient the light! Yet it may serve to draw men's eyes to the Truth that church enshrines. Another day the wayfarer comes nearer. He enters the church at some mid-day service. The window now has fuller meaning. He sees its story as the pure daylight fills it, and coming now to the company of God's people he learns also the

INNER MEANING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH,

and being led on to seek the fuller grace of God his Saviour he comes at last to the Very Table of his Lord: and seeking the Presence Chamber of the Blessed Saviour in the fresh hours of the Lord's own Day he sees at last the hidden glory of the story of Redemption as the full rays of the morning sun shine through the deep glow of coloured glass. He now learns both the inner glory of the picture and the

HIDDEN RICHES OF THE GRACE OF GOD.

So the window, like the Gospel, reveals its secrets more fully as we use it more faithfully. Though people can all read now, the eye is still the shortest road to the heart, and the silent teaching of a good picture none can ignore.

IS INDIA BECOMING CHRISTIANISED?

"THE TIMES" of February 15 says yes. I commend the following extracts from this greatest of London newspapers to those who have not discovered that to ignore missions is to be behind the age.

"One of the surprises of the last Indian census was the rapid increase of the Christian population—that is, the native Christians. That increase during the previous 19 years had been fourfold the increase of the general population in British India. Between 1872 and 1881 the Christians increased by over 30 per cent., the general population of British India by under 7 per cent. Between 1881 and 1891 the Christians in British India again increased by nearly 28 per cent., the general population by under 10 per cent."

The article calls attention to the fact that it is because the Mission work in India has developed on true lines—as a Christian *Society* or *Church*—not on mere individualising work, that this extraordinary progress is made. At his baptism now in India a man enters a strongly organised society which keeps touch with him through his whole life. The sense of true brotherhood has produced a practical Christian Socialism in the Christian Body in India.

The Times continues: "This view of mission work in India is too often overlooked in England. However people may wrangle about actual conversions, the missionaries have succeeded in creating a Christian population under conditions which assure to it an extraordinary rate of increase. Christianity in India is not merely a religion or belief; it is a communal tie which binds together its followers into strongly knit associations, each with common interests, a system of mutual aid, and an organised machinery of protection against the mischances of life. The Rev. Mr. Lazarus, himself, we presume, an Indian Christian, rightly says that any such general organisation is unknown to the modern Western nations. It would have been impossible

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in India under the pioneer missionary system, which necessarily depended on its European agents for the government of its native communities. Those communities are now practically administered in an ever-increasing strength by men of their own race. The direction and control are exercised by a comparatively small body of imported missionaries, but the ordained native pastors (Protestant) have increased from 21 in 1851 to 797 in 1890, and the native lay preachers from 493 to 3,491. It is a marvellous development for barely 40 years."

RECORD OF THE MONTH.

Union Jack Gymnasium.—The Annual Report of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Selwyn Cox) shews good work for the season of 1894, and draws attention to the great advance since the first season. The Club now numbers 73 seniors and 53 juniors, total 126. New plant has been again added, and the Gymnasium is now well fitted up, and efficiently managed under the instructorship of Mr. Chapman. The Club specially acknowledges the services of Mrs. Lakin, Miss Foster, and Miss Long as pianists.

A Concert and Gymnastic Display will be held on Friday, 14th June, when some of the best local vocalists will assist us.

The season 1895 has opened well. Mr Chapman again takes Senior Section; the Juniors are under Mr. S. Spurling's tuition. The Juniors used to be admitted free, and were quite indifferent to the Club; now they are charged 1s. and attend well! Seniors 5s. per season.

Officers were elected at the Annual Meeting, as follows (the President is the Incumbent): Vice President, Mr. W. Perrin; Committee—Messrs. H. Cox, W. Clarke, F. C. Croft, L. Lakin, H. Pilbeam; Treasurer, Mr. S. Spurling; Secretary, Mr. S. Cox.

A Ladies' Gymnasium has got well started, and is progressing. Hon. Secretary, Miss Perrin.

UNION JACK GYMNASIUM CLUB.

Abstract of Accounts to 31st October, 1894.

Dr.				Cr.			
	£	s	d.		£	s	d.
To Balance	1	16	6	By Gymnastic Materials ...	6	9	2
„ Subscriptions	6	19	6	„ Printing, Stationery, &c. ...	1	5	11
„ Sale of Clubs & Ribbon. ...	1	11	0	„ Cleaning Room, &c. ...	1	0	0
„ Proceeds of Social, 4th				„ Gas	1	5	0
October, 1894	5	9	8	„ Social, 4th October, '94..	1	19	1
				„ Cash in hand	3	17	6
	£15	16	8		£15	16	8

Audited and found correct,

(Signed) C. J. INGLIS.

Treasurer—E. A. N. LAKIN.

The Bishop has appointed the following dates for Confirmation: St. John's, July 3; St. Oswald's, July 4; and Franklin Village, June 30.

St. John's Church Union will, it is expected, propose a Social for the Congregation to meet the Bishop; and I think business might be done at it in way of Annual Meeting of Mission House being held. Dates cannot be fixed in time for printing.

Busybodies are always trying to *escape* the benediction of Christ on "the peacemakers," for of the most innocent causes they seem ever desirous to stir up strife. The latest is the rumour they are anxious to spread that the Deaconess is paid from Mission House Funds. She certainly deserves to be, but is not. She is paid only in a coinage not always current on earth. Alas! poor souls who think money the only aim in life.

Wednesday Evening Services have shown marked increase of interest and usefulness since the *Services of Intercession* began. The little Service we use has been registered at the Diocesan Office and authorised by the Bishop. These services commence at half past seven, immediately after Evening Prayer has been said. At present the following order will be followed in Intercessions:

- 1st Wednesday in the month—For Home and Foreign Missions.
 2nd " " " For Sunday Schools and Children generally.
 3rd " " " For Parish, Clergy, Readers, Office Bearers, and Workers.
 4th " " " For Communicants and St. John's Church Union.

This 4th Wednesday will take the place of the monthly Communicants' Meeting.

NOTE.—The Service may be had, price 3d.

St. Barnabas' Day, June 11, Tuesday, the Annual Services of the Missionary Union and St. Barnabas Association will be held; 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion, and 7.30 p.m. The Service at 7.30 will, I hope, be as bright and earnest as in past years. *All members of St. Barnabas Association are specially expected.* Members' subscriptions are now due, and may be put in envelopes with *member's name and address* and given in at the service. Preacher, Rev. C. J. Brammall.

St. Aidan's has now been opened one year. 111 Services were held on Sundays, 47 on week days. Holy Communion celebrated 30 times, with 483 communicants. The Sunday School has almost doubled its members, and has more than doubled its efficiency. *Laus Deo!* What we want is a little more cohesion and mutual loyalty in the week-day work. A proposal of some of the ladies there to institute a *Ladies' Working Party* is being well received. Mrs. Edwards kindly allows us to use our old quarters in Abbott Street Schoolroom. Work may be done by members either for their homes or for a Sale of Work or Missions. The days are not yet fixed. It is proposed to meet in alternate weeks, in the afternoon, say 3.0 to 5.0. Readings will be arranged, and a short Service of *Intercession for Home and Families* will conclude the meetings. May God make of this agency a useful adjunct of this work among us.

Holy Communion for invalids and others, Wednesday, 12th inst., 12 noon.

The Church Parade of our local forces succumbed on the day arranged, as it was a trifle too damp for soldiering. It was, however, not too wet, I am thankful to say, for the girls to be at their posts of duty in the choir.

Entertainments.—A Concert given by some Launceston friends and others (to help in a Social at Franklin Village, got up there by Mesdames Leupolt, Fletcher, Greer, Gardiner, Hunter, Grubb, and other resident ladies) gave unbounded satisfaction to the village. It certainly seems but fair and right that those who have the better opportunities of recreations of town life should thus occasionally give of their skill to their country friends.

The *School Children's Cantata* at St. John's was good in itself, but the audience was not up to the usual figure. Queen's Birthday offers too many counter attractions.

The Choirs of St. John's and St. Aidan's were invited to a most enjoyable evening by Mr. and Mrs. Perrin, on the 30th ult., and we all heartily enjoyed their hospitality. Such an occasion is a pleasant way of recognising the fact that the members of the congregation have a personal interest in those who undertake the work of the sanctuary of God.

NOTES FROM TREVALLYN.

A very welcome present has been received from Mr. T. R. Green, Ironmonger, Charles Street, consisting of sufficient matting for the church, which makes it much more comfortable. The money which had been already collected for this purpose has been expended on a chair and bench. The Churchwardens tender their best thanks to Mrs. Higgs, senior, for so kindly lending chairs for so long a period.

Mr. A. Munnew, of George Street, has also presented the church with an organ bench, which is very much appreciated.

An Entertainment for children took place on Tuesday Evening, 9th ult., all arrangements being carried out by Miss Millbank and Mr. Tole. Proceeds are to be devoted to the fund for erecting Font.

With the new porch and the new furniture, and the lined walls, St. Oswald's is vastly improved.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

		MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	HYMNS.	
		(CATECHISM)	(St. MATTHEW)	MORNING.	AFTERNOON
June.	Trinity	Lesson 16.	{ Seniors, Lesson 20. Juniors, Catechising	83,	82, 84
9	Sunday				
16	1 S. after Trinity	Lesson 17.	{ Seniors, Lesson 21. Juniors, Lesson 20.	161,	190, 121
23	2 S. after Trinity	Lesson 18.	{ Seniors, Catechising Juniors, Lesson 21.	103,	258 169, 160
30	3 S. after Trinity	Lesson 19.	Lesson 22.	156,	200 209, 320
July	4 S. after Trinity	Lesson 23.	Lesson 24.	270,	311 278, 322
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REFERENCE TO LESSONS.

MORNING (Catechism).		AFTERNOON (St. Matthew).	
No.		No.	
16.	Duty towards God.	20.	Eight Woes! xxiii. 13-33.
17.	Duty towards Neighbour.	21.	The end of Jerusalem and of Temple, xxiii. 33 to xxiv. 14.
18.	Prayer (Public)	22.	The end of all things, xxiv. 15-35
19.	Prayer (Private)	24.	The Ten Virgins, xxv. 1-13
23.	Lord's Prayer, 1		

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 8—Horace John Hodgson, 189 Brisbane Street
 " 8—Arthur Jeffrey Hall, Pattersonia
 " 15—Alma Myrtle Mickleborough, Strathroy
 " 15—Arthur James Austin, 135 Wellington Street
 " 21—Cuthbert John Savigny Clemons, Adelaide Street
 " 21—Ellen Maud Savigny, Lyttleton Street
 " 29—Ennis Hope Abbott, Charles Street

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.

- April 27—Elizabeth Hopwood
 May 10—Thomas Hughes, infant
 " 13—Percy Douglas Brown
 " 13—Henry Smith, 73 years

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. W. J. BRIANT kindly acts as agent for advertisements. He is agent for Citizens' Life; address, 18 Law Street.

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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