I thought you might be interested to know that Edward in fact divorced Ann Turnbull in 1872 because of her adulterous behaviour with a man named Thomas Wilson,

A report in Hobart Mercury – January 18, 1872 and January 24, 1872 gives details. Amazing information – Edward paid Ann 3 pound a month + before he left to go whaling 240 pounds - 130 pounds in cash and 110 pounds in a cheque – a lot of money in 1872!! It would appear that Ann and Thomas left Tasmania for Sydney, but have no idea what happened to her after that.

Poor Edward didn't have much luck with wives – first Ann, then Eliza 1873 who died in childbirth 2 years after marriage, then Kate 1876, and then he himself died at Invercargill New Zealand chasing whales – dare one say one up for the whales!! Sorry!!

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