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## S. John's Church.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion -

1st in month ... 7.30 and 11 a.m.

2nd " ... 10 a.m., 8.15 p.m.

3rd " ... 8 and 11 a.m.

4th " ... 8 a.m.

5th " ... 8 and 10 a.m.

Mattins at 11. Evensong at 7.

Sunday School, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

WEEK DAYS.

Morning Prayer daily at 7.30.

Evening Prayer " (except Thurs.) 5.15

Tuesday Evening—Y.P.C.U. at 7.45.

Wednesday—Litany and Baptisms, 11 a.m.

Thursday—Evening Prayer and Address, 7.30.

## S. Aidan's.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion—4th Sun., 11.15 a.m.

Mattins at 11. Evensong at 7.

Sunday School, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## S. Oswald's.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion—2nd Sunday, 11 a.m.

Evensong at 7.

Sunday School, 3 p.m.

## Mission House.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion—(as announced).

Evensong at 7.

Sunday School, 9.45 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

WEEK DAYS.

Monday—Girls' Sewing Class, 7 p.m.

Tuesday—Girls' Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday—Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday—Mothers' Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Friday—Boys' Night School, 7 p.m.

Girls' Club, 7 p.m.

A. R. BERESFORD, Rector.

## Holy Trinity Church.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion—Every Sunday, 8 a.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.

Mattins at 11. Evensong at 7.

Children's Service—4th Sun., 2.45 p.m.

Sunday School, 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.

WEEK DAYS.

Baptisms—Thursday, 11 a.m. (or at the Children's Service).

Thursday—Evensong, 7.30 p.m.

Guild Service—1st Friday, 7.30 p.m.

## S. George's, Invermay.

Holy Communion—2nd & 4th Sun at 11

Mattins—2nd & 4th Sunday, 11 a.m.

Evensong—1st, 3rd & 5th Sun., 7 p.m.

Children's Service—2nd Sunday, 3 p.m.

Sunday School—3 p.m.

Guild Service—4th Wed., 7.30 p.m.

## Trinity Hall, Inveresk.

Mission Service—Sunday, 7 p.m.

Children's Service—3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.

Sunday School—10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## S. Barnabas, Newnham.

Mattins, 1st & 3rd Sundays, at 11.

Evensong every Sunday at 7.

Sunday School, 3 p.m.

E. G. BARRY, Rector.

## S. Paul's Church.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion—1st & 3rd Sundays at 11 a.m.; 2nd & 4th at 8 a.m.;

5th Sunday at 11 a.m. (Choral).

Mattins at 11. Evensong at 7.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

WEEK DAYS.

Mattins every day at 10 a.m.

Evensong every Friday at 7.30.

Baptisms—Mondays, Wednesdays, and

Fridays at 11 a.m.

AUG. BARKWAY, Rector.

## Samuel Johnson: a sturdy Churchman.

THE worth of Samuel Johnson had made him, though poor and ungainly, a power in literature, and in society his outward roughness of manner could not hide from any who came near to him the real tenderness of his nature. Indignant at the prevalent corruption, he had defined a "pension" in his Dictionary as "an allowance made to any one without an equivalent. In England, it is generally understood to mean pay given to a state hireling for treason to his country." And he had defined "Pensioner" as "a slave of state hired by a stipend to obey his master." But to friends of Johnson his poverty seemed a reproach to the country he had served, and interest was made, without his knowledge, that secured for him in 1762 a pension of £300. It was a difficult duty to break this news to him. After a pause of deep thought, he recalled his definition of a pensioner, and was told that "he, at least, did not come under it." He then deferred his answer for a day. Next day he accepted the pension, and the use he made of it showed what had been the current of his thought. He had felt in his earlier career the hard gripe of poverty, and had not been soured by his experience. It made him compassionate to others in like strait. No man, said one who knew him, loved the poor like Dr. Johnson. His own personal expenses did not reach £100 a year, but his house in Bolt Court after the receipt of the pension became a home for as many helpless as he could support and aid. In the garret was Robert Levet, who had been waiter at a French coffee-house, and had become a poor surgeon to the poor. He was unable to help himself, when Johnson became his friend and gave him a share of his home, with freedom to exercise his art freely in aid of the poor. Levet was John-

son's companion at breakfast, lived with him for thirty years, and died under his sheltering care, never allowed to think of himself as a poor dependent, never so regarded by true-hearted Samuel Johnson.

On the ground-floor of his house in Bolt Court, Johnson provided a room for Anne Williams, who had been a friend of his wife's. She was blind. When Johnson's wife was alive and they lived in Gough Square, Miss Williams, the daughter of an old Welsh doctor, came to London for an operation on her eyes, and stayed with the Johnsons. The result was complete blindness, and Johnson's active compassion. For thirty years he stood between her and all worldly distress. She scolded and stuttered, but had a cultivated mind. Her temper was so bad that Johnson bribed the maid to bear it patiently with an extra half-crown a week. He himself bore it without thinking it a trial, and said of Anne Williams after her death, "Had she possessed good humour and prompt elocution, her universal curiosity and comprehensive knowledge would have made her the delight of all who knew her."

Dr. Samuel Swinfen, who had lodged with Johnson's father at Lichfield, had been the godfather from whom Johnson took his Christian name, and had been kind to him in his youth. Dr. Swinfen's daughter having married Mr. Desmoulins, a writing-master, who died, became a widow struck with poverty; and to her also, in her affliction, Dr. Johnson held out a helping hand. He drew her into his ark at Bolt Court, gave her a home and half-a-guinea a week, and listened benignly to her quarrels with Miss Williams and Robert Levet. There was a Miss Carmichael also sheltered, and a negro Frank.

Not one of these companions was allowed to feel dependence; most of them had soured tempers, and they quarrelled with one another, but each felt the whole sweetness of

Johnson's nature. When he was asked why he bore with them so quietly, his answer was, "If I did not shelter them no one else would, and they would be lost for want." There was another "pensioner" in his household, the cat. He observed that she liked oysters, and he would go out himself to buy them for her, lest if servants were put to the trouble they should grudge the cat her enjoyments, dislike her and use her ill.

When Johnson took his walk in Fleet Street, he found his way into sad homes of distress which had been made known to him by Levet, or found by his own kind eyes. He visited the sick and the sad, helped them, and interceded for them with his friends. He always carried small change in his pocket for the beggars; and if told they would only spend it upon gin, thought it not wonderful that they should be driven even in that way to take the bitterness of life out of their mouths. He was slow to blame those who were tried by adversity. He himself had been tried sorely, and had risen nobly above every degrading influence; but he knew what trial meant, and he wrote from his heart at the close of his life of Savage, "Those are no proper judges of his conduct, who have slumbered away their time on the down of plenty; nor will any wise man presume to say, 'Had I been in Savage's condition, I should have lived or written better than Savage.'" When Johnson was himself sometimes in want of a dinner, after his first coming to London, he would slip pennies into the hands of ragged children asleep at night on the door-sills, that when they woke in the morning they might find the possibility of breakfast. One night he found a wretched and lost woman so lying, worn by sickness: carried her on his back to his own home; had her cared for until health was restored; and then found her an honest place in life. Thus it was that Samuel Johnson had learnt Christ.

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## Parish Notes.

## S. JOHN'S PARISH.

Never before do we remember the month of July being so utterly uninviting and wearing such a forlorn look of general desolation as that just concluded. Had we been within the radius of the Antarctic Circle matters could hardly have been worse. Day by day, with few exceptions, the rain has continued to fall until we are assured well-nigh every waterproof and umbrella in the city has been bought up. That frigid south wind, too, which tallies so harmoniously with these dark days, has been fairly loyal in its engagements during the period under review, much to the misery of all bronchial folk. The church offertories have suffered seriously, as many of our most generous and devoted people have been unable to attend. May we again express a hope that all such will make good their offerings when the climatic conditions take a turn for the better. Unless this is done our finances will be hopelessly in arrears.

Wiseacres declare that the unusually wet winter will be the precursor of a spring and summer which shall blossom as a rose, and bring health, wealth, and prosperity to all. May such a prediction be fulfilled in a superlative degree is our humble prayer. We need something to balance arrears in this direction.

The Church Extension.—May we ask all of our people to remember especially Sunday, August 26th, when the Quarterly Collections for the above quarter are to be held. Owing to an empty treasury the bricklayers have had to be "knocked off." The committee felt it would be unwise to incur debt. It is a matter of regret that such had to be

done, as the work is now so well forward, and each week's effort has shown out so perceptibly. As we depend very largely upon the quarterly offerings, we feel sure each will do his or her best to mark the occasion in a generous spirit. The brick and stone work are in some portions of the buildings completed, and it would not take much to bring the remainder up to its intended level. We need our new church very badly, but it cannot be had until the money necessary is forthcoming. It is not our intention to incur a heavy debit balance.

The Archdeacon made a short trip to the north in the middle of the month to visit George Town and Beaconsfield. His long promised lecture on behalf of the "Mechanics" came off on the 16th. It dealt with the poems of Rudyard Kipling, and was greatly enjoyed. On his homeward journey S. Leonards, Campbell Town, and Ross were visited.

The Bishop spent nearly a week in Launceston during July. Arriving in this city on Saturday, the 14th, he remained until the 19th. In the evening of the earlier date he delivered a lecture at the "People's Meeting" on the "Drink Question." Some expressions used were taken exception to through the medium of the press by an interested party, who chose to deliver the attack under cover of anonymity. At best it is a cowardly way of trying to injure anyone. A man, who is afraid to sign his own name when charging a fellow being with error, is hardly worthy of an audience. At best it shows a lack of British pluck, and would sit better on the shoulders of the dark races who love to fight under cover.

On Sunday, the 22nd, His Lordship preached at S. John's in the morning, and at Holy Trinity at

night. In the afternoon he delivered a lecture to men in the former church on "Materialism." Though the rain descended in torrents, yet about two hundred men turned out to hear it, and were not disappointed. Though the correspondent referred to above declared he never read anything a Bishop ever said, which was supposed to be a very clever, but was obviously a singularly inane thing to say, he would have found food for meditation in the wonderfully able way in which this knotty subject was treated. The Bishop, who stands easily well abreast of the best intellect of the day, and seems to know the contents of every book written on the subject in hand, on this occasion dealt with the vast and wide-reaching problems involved in "Force and Matter," known as "Materialism." For a whole hour the best attention of that body of highly intelligent men was focussed on the vital issues of the modern drift in this direction which, if left unconcernedly alone, would (it was held), imperil the very existence of Christianity. The fallacy of the claims of Materialism were stated openly, and boldly and fearlessly combated. Certainly such a lecturer, so brimful of power, could not but confirm our own faith. We thank His Lordship for his helpful words.

On Wednesday, the Bishop presided at the annual meeting of the Sailors' Home, and spoke about the change coming over the seafaring life, as evidenced by the gradual disappearance of sailing vessels in favour of steamships.

In the evening of this same day the long-promised lecture on "Chivalry" was given. There was a very large audience, and amongst them some of our ablest professional men and our leading citizens were not disinclined to hear what a Bishop might have to say. The lecture

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dealt with the lighter aspects of life, and was full of wit and happy thrusts at certain so-called "codes of honor," which were in truth but the tenets of "black-legs." His condemnation of a man who would feel himself compelled to pay a "bet" which he had lost, and, meanwhile, let his tradesmen, who had fed and clothed him, go unpaid, was one instance out of many given to prove the hollowness and the dishonesty of such "honor," which ill-became an Englishman.

During his stay the Bishop was the guest of the Rev. E. G. and Mrs Barry. He returned south on the 19th.

On July 25th—the Festival of S. James—there were celebrations of H.C. at S. John's and at the Mission House, with special intercessions on behalf of the New Guinea Mission. The annual report has been circulated throughout the diocese, and let us hope much help will be forthcoming on behalf of this great work, whose rapid development under Bishop Stone-Wigg, is truly wonderful. Those who would care to see a report may have one on application to the Rector.

On Tuesday, the 24th, the members of the choir met in full muster, each apparently determined to make the evening pleasant for others, and never has the annual gathering for social intercourse gone off with such rhythmic swing as on this occasion. The Young Men's Club had placed their games at the disposal of the choir, and this advantage, coupled with abundant supplies of edibles, afforded ample entertainment for the evening. Amid the wild merriment a resounding knock (such only as an efficient postman can give) caused a sudden cessation of hostilities between the contestant of the games, and proved to be a postcard and

parcel for Miss Jones, the librarian of the choir's music; which parcel, on being examined by Canon Beresford, proved to be a silver serviette ring and a pair of plated flower-holders from the members of the choir to their zealous librarian as a slight recognition of her services. A return visit of the postman (whose head surely will never save his heels) brought a postcard and a serviette ring for Miss N. Jones for the help she gives as assistant librarian. The postcards, which were illustrated with interior and exterior views of S. John's Church, bore appreciative remarks by Mr. T. W. Rule, the secretary, on behalf of the choir.

Another packed house for the July Bioscope entertainment. No one who has been to this winter series can doubt as to the popularity of them. Old and young, big and little, crowd in at the early hour of 7 o'clock, this time being arranged for the benefit of the little ones, as those in charge believe in keeping good hours. The programme was a first-class one, and was much appreciated.

Would that we could get an enlarged school-room, for it is sadly needed for more purposes than one. We believe a plan has been drawn out which would give a fine large

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room, and not cost too much, but the Wardens evidently think they have enough on hand at the present time. Perhaps if they made a start on the same lines as they are building the new church they might see their way clear to continue on to the finish. In the meantime we are greatly inconvenienced, especially in the Sunday-school work.

A reminder that half the year has past is given us in the shape of a Festival Hymn Paper for 1906. The school committee have selected a fine lot of hymns for the Festival Services, which take place in October. Quality has been well looked to, while the "taking" part of the music has not been sacrificed.

The news that Mr Marcus Brownrigg had accepted some prominent and permanent position in H.M. Customs, Melbourne, has been received amongst us with very mingled feelings. All of us were deeply pleased to know that well-merited preferment had fallen to his lot, and yet all of us were equally grieved to know our Sunday-school had thus been bereft of its popular and painstaking superintendent. It is a position which is confessedly hard to fill. Nor has it ever been better filled than during Mr Brownrigg's term of office. Full of energy, yet blessed with the gift of patience—possessed of high administrative power—a fine disciplinarian—with a rare affection for young folk, and ever able to see the better side of even a troublesome lad—he came at last to be beloved both by the teachers and the taught. It would be easier to find a Rector for S. John's than a competent superintendent for its school. The withdrawal, too, of some of our ablest and most devoted teachers, who have taken up work precluding their continuance in the school, coming at the same time as Mr Brownrigg's departure, has seriously weakened our staff. The Misses Milly Bird,

Leta Weatherhead, and Fanny Lightbody take with them our warmest wishes for their future welfare. The serious illness also of our dear old friend and helper, Mr Gooch is causing all of us deep anxiety. For the past two generations Mr and Mrs Gooch have been connected with the school, and our deepest sympathy are with them at this time of trial. We pray better things may reach us shortly, meantime we beg that each one will remember him at the Throne of Grace.

Two inter-club tournaments were played by the Y.M. Club last month. Carrick was visited, and the members had a real good time, being treated splendidly by the local players. S. John's won easily on the total number of points, but leave a couple of games out and where would our club have been? Where? A visit from Longford brought a great crowd of interested friends to our school-room on July 25. At one time there were over 200 in the room, the majority of whom were playing games, the committee having made special arrangements for visitors, which included a large number of ladies. The result of the tournament was a little disappointing to both clubs, as we fully expected to have a close finish instead of the big lead for S. John's. However, leaving actual tournament games alone, it looked like a big social gathering, for social it was in reality. May there be plenty more of these sort of meetings is our fervent desire.

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On Friday, August 10th, Trinity Y.M. Club pay us a return visit. The interest in the meeting between Trinity and S. John's is very great, and the tournament is looked forward to by both clubs. No stone will be left unturned by either to gain the victory. Visitors (ladies included) will be made welcome.

Owing to the number of "junior" players being very large in both clubs, it has been arranged to have a tournament between the "seconds." This will take place on Wednesday, August 15th, in S. John's. Both A and B teams will be made up of entirely different players.

Dr. Thompson has kindly consented to give a lecture on Health in connection with the Y.M. Club on Wednesday, August 8th. It will be open to all who wish to be present. Ladies are invited as well.

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Alas! The tyranny of fate!! Long and earnestly have we waited for the Bishop's lecture on behalf of our work. At last it was announced for July 11. Everything seemed to promise well, when about half a dozen other popular distractions for that night were hurled upon the city, and acting on the advice of our leaders, it was decided to ask His Lordship to postpone it. As it happened the evening was pouring wet, and proved disastrous to all our rivals, and our misery, which loveth companions, was assuaged! We are not now to have this lecture until next year. We had hoped for, and sadly needed £20, which we had expected to receive from the said lecture for a special purpose. Its loss just now places us in a critical position. Will not some one,

knowing our extremity, for the sake of our poor send us a cheque for the amount?

Mr Ernest Craske's concert was held on the 24th. There was a good audience, and the proceeds reached nearly £3. We desire to thank Mr Craske and his body of talented helpers for the pleasant evening they gave us. One or two of the performers refused to help when they heard the admission fee was so low as threepence and sixpence. May we explain that one of the objects we have in view is to keep our people together. All of them are poor. Some very poor. To have charged a shilling would have been prohibitive. It is better to have a well-filled room, at a small rate of admission, than a comparative empty one at a higher one. The refusal of the performers in question pained us greatly, as indeed it caused much unnecessary inconvenience.

The annual tea for the sewing class came off on July 30. There were 78 present, which was good considering the rain came down in torrents. After tea the evening was pleasantly spent in games, music, and songs. We desire to thank many kind friends who sent the wherewithal necessary for such an evening.

S. AIDAN'S.

The continuously bad weather has impaired our numbers on Sunday. The shameful state of all the roads in our neighbourhood reflects seriously upon the public-spiritedness of the residents hereabouts. In some places it is impossible for a cab to pass with safety, so deep is the quagmire and slippery the inclines. But it is no use complaining, we suppose! One thing we feel thankful for and that is the splendid way

in which Mr Findlay, aided by Miss Genders, has kept the choir together. If someone would only start a canoe service there would be some hope of getting people to church. Or if top-boots would only come into fashion, as in the back blocks on the north-west, it might ease matters a little. The worst of it is our people are too conservative, and will try neither canoes nor top-boots, and so we 'hang fire.'

HOLY TRINITY PARISH.

We must give first place in our notes this month to the arrival of the Rev. W. J. Geer, M.A., from the Diocese of Ballarat, who comes to fill the vacant curacy in the parish. Mr Geer arrived on the 12th, and began his duties on Sunday, July 15th, by celebrating Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and preaching at 11 o'clock Matins in Holy Trinity. We tender to him a warm welcome, and wish him the fullest success amongst us, and, though these are early days, we would congratulate the Rector on his choice.

On the same Sunday we had our Bishop with us. His Lordship preached to a large congregation in the evening on the subject of "Emotion in Religion."

Our organist, Miss K. Richardson, has been enjoying a holiday in Melbourne, and we are glad to see her returned looking well after it. We hear that she visited many of the churches in Melbourne, taking naturally a special interest in the work of the different choirs. During her absence Miss Rock did excellent work under difficulties, owing to the wet weather causing the organ to cipher badly.

During the month the Young Men's Club held a Fair in aid of the



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object they have before them of building another room on to the school-room, and thus meet the growing wants of the club. Such a room will also be of inestimable value for Sunday-school purposes. The Fair was opened by Mrs G. T. Collins in the afternoon, and then and in the evening there was a fair attendance, but not as good as one had wished to see. However the result was that the Fair Committee was able to hand over £24 5s 8d to the Club Building Fund.

The Secretary of our Sunday-school, Mr Alfred Green, with Mrs Green, has gone away for an extended trip, having as its goal the Rocky Mountains. We wish them a pleasant holiday and safe return. Meanwhile Mr B. Gregory is taking Mr Green's Sunday duties, and we are pleased to have him.

Trinity Young Men's Club had two meetings with other clubs during the month, visiting St Andrew's in its own room, and receiving a visit from Hagley. In both cases Trinity scored an easy victory, and thus continues its unbroken record. On July 25th the City Band paid our club a visit, when a friendly tournament was arranged, in which Trinity won after an exciting contest. A very pleasant evening was spent, and both sides seemed to enjoy the meeting.

On August 7th an entertainment is being given in the Mechanics', in aid of the Club Building Fund, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of friends.

We would remind all that Sunday, August 12th, is the day for the Quarterly Collections in aid of the Church Building Fund. Will each one again do his or her best. The Sunday previous the Penny Fund Cards should be returned.

The Rector will spend a week covering one Sunday, August 19th, in Melbourne, and Mrs Barry will go on to Bendigo for a month's holiday.

## TRINITY MISSION HALL, INVERESK.

A cantata, entitled "Red Riding Hood," in which the young people of the Hall took part, was given on the evening of July 10th to a full room. The children had been prepared by Mrs Barry and Mrs Wood, and without exception did great credit to their training. In their bright and quaint dresses they made again and again a very pretty picture, while the singing was sweet and cheerful. The concluding item was the Maypole Dance, which was managed very well in spite of the smallness of the stage. The cantata was repeated in Holy Trinity school-room, but for some reason our congregation has not yet learned that practical sympathy which one would like to see with such work as the Mission Hall does. But with patience it may come in time, and then we may be able to make this branch of our parish work more complete. The proceeds of the two entertainments were to help to pay for a wood and coal shed and storeroom recently erected at the rear of the Mission Hall at a cost of £11 10s. The amount realised towards this was £5. It would be very welcome to the Rector, who makes himself responsible for all work at the Mission Hall, without reference to the Churchwardens for assistance from general funds, as at present it is not in their power to give any, if some friends would send him something towards the balance of the debt on this work. We must not forget to record with thankfulness the fact that this centre is becoming increasingly the home of much useful work, nor to acknowledge the services of our many helpers who are here working quietly and steadily for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among the poorer ones of our parish. By the kind help of

some the Rector has been able to provide more generous fires in homes where there has been sickness during this very wet winter.

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S. BARNABAS' (NEWNHAM).

To those who from time to time to pass the pretty corner which our church now makes, it is evident that there is much real interest in existence, or they would not see the steady improvement in the property. The bell, the gift of Salisbury's Foundry Company, is now hung in a substantial belfry which towers above a gate opening into a part of the ground which is being levelled and planted with pines to form an avenue to a gate some day to be placed at the point. Two Wellingtonias have been planted on either side of the belfry within this enclosure, and other trees planted to the rear of the church, and near to the stable recently completed. Approaches from the roads to either gate are being formed, and also gravelled paths around the church. All this means expense, and to help to meet it an entertainment is being given on Wednesday, August 1st, the report of which will be in our next notes. We trust to see a good audience. The very wet winter has been against large congregations, still we have nothing to complain of, we have so much to be thankful for.

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S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

Sunday, July 15.—All were pleased to see the Rev. W. J. Geer, who paid us his first visit on this day, preaching at the evening service, when, though a cold and damp night, a very fair congregation assembled. Mr. Geer has already found his way into many of the homes, and promises to be a decided favourite with the people generally. We give him welcome, and wish him nothing but success for our own sake.

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July 26th.—A cantata, which had been given in another part of the parish entitled "Red Riding Hood," was repeated in S. George's in aid of the Sunday-school Picnic Fund. There was only a moderate attendance, but those who were present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the little entertainment which the young folk from Trinity Mission Hall provided them with. On this, as on the other occasions mentioned, the piano was kindly lent by Messrs. Munnew and Findlay. The school will benefit to the extent of about £2.

### S. PAUL'S PARISH.

One is sorely tempted to refer again to rain—rain—unceasing rain, but perhaps it may be better to keep silence, lest it be provoked to take revenge by refusing to give over at all.

There is little to record for July, but two items to be jotted down are of special interest.

General sympathy was surely awakened in the minds of countless numbers throughout the diocese when the sad news arrived reporting the terrible loss sustained by the workers in the Yarrabah Mission, owing to the havoc and destruction caused by a cyclone visitation. Much interest in the cause was created, and a desire to lend a helping hand warmly expressed by members of our G.F.S., and what was the result will be read with pleasure by those who peruse the accompanying report.

On Wednesday, July 11th, a small Sale of Work was held in S. Paul's School-room in aid of the Yarrabah Mission. This was carried out entirely by S. Paul's branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, in response to an appeal made through the

Church News some months back. From that time the G.F.S. have worked well and steadily in response to that appeal. The result being a sum of over £8 realised, which will be sent at once to the Mission. Special thanks must be accorded to several members of the Mothers' Union, who worked hard to help the girls in their work of sympathy. We missed very much the familiar face and kindly ways of our treasurer, Miss Barkway, who was absent from home. However, Miss Kate Barkway came to our aid, and arranged a cake stall, which greatly added to the success of the fair. We owe her many thanks. Our Rector opened the fair with a few kindly words of sympathy and encouragement. By five o'clock the stalls were nearly emptied, and it was debated as to whether it would be worth while to re-open in the evening. It was eventually decided to do so, and at 10 o'clock everything was sold. The G.F.S. are much to be congratulated upon the success of their work."

With great pleasure we refer to the welcome and helpful addition to the choir in the person of Mr Hermitage, a late arrival from the dear old Mother Country. He has long been connected with choir work in England. We are thankful that it has happened that his lot has been cast in amongst us, and look forward to deriving much assistance not only from his willing help in so high a work, but from the additional interest likely to be created in it by those able, but sometimes unwilling, to commit themselves to such a labor of love.

The members of the Gymnasium Club, though they have scarcely been favoured with one fine night for practice, are perseveringly working on, with the hope of rendering a good account of themselves before the close of the session.

Parents and others interested in the spiritual welfare of the young, are specially requested to use their influence by sending them, boys and girls, to the Confirmation Class held at the Church on Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

Wanted immediately—A Superintendent for the Sunday-school. Apply at once, and gladden the heart, and lighten the work of the Rector.

A hint has just reached us that an interesting concert will take place in the school-room on Wednesday evening, 8th August. As we are not in possession of full particulars, we can only advise our readers to look out for a treat, and hold themselves free to put in a welcome appearance on that evening.

KNOWING ourselves, our world, our task so great,

Our time so brief,—'tis clear if we refuse  
The means so limited, the tools so rude,  
To execute our purpose, life will fleet,  
And we shall fade, and leave our task un-

done.—  
We will be wise in time! What though  
our Work

Be fashioned in despite of their ill-service,  
Be crippled every way! 'Twere little praise  
Did full resources wait on our good will  
At every turn!

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### "He was little of stature."

Great are the advantages of disadvantages. Are not the world's great men most often those who have had to overcome all kinds of disadvantages? It was the overcoming of the disadvantages that was the beginning of their greatness. It is a great deal better to be four feet six if because you are little you have to be full of energy and to be clever at finding out ways of overcoming difficulties, than it is to be six feet four and never have to take any trouble about anything. That having to take trouble is really the school in which genius is trained. This is the first lesson for us; the advantage of disadvantage. You who need it, take it right home to yourselves. Zacchæus might have sat down in his doorway watching all that went by, and sighing, "Ah, look at that man, what a fine fellow he is! If I were only so tall as he is! And see those people there in the very front; ah, if I were only where they are!" He might have fretted and sighed. But there was another thing he could do: he could say, "Because I am so little, I must make up for it somehow," and he ran before and climbed up into the tree. Now there is always a tree waiting for Zacchæus, always the advantage to balance the disadvantage, somewhere and somehow. We are all of us short in something. Some are short in understanding. Ah, if you could only understand things! If you were only clever, and knew as much as some people do! Well, get the advantage of your disadvantage, and say within yourself, "My Lord, seeing I cannot bring Thee great knowledge, I will seek to make up for it by bringing Thee much love. If I know so little I would fain serve Thee more to make up for it, because my service is so poor. Well, hot hasty people can bring to their Lord a warmth of

devotion that others cannot. Seeing you are so easily set on fire, pray the gracious Master that He would teach you to blaze for Him. Some have the disadvantage of position—without influence; without money; without power. What can I give to Thee, my Lord? Well, because I have nothing else, I must give Thee myself, to be Thine own, always, altogether Thine. Look all through the story of the Lord Jesus, and you see it is everywhere true—the advantage of disadvantage. It is the simple fishermen of Galilee who can follow him because they have no great sacrifice to make and no social consideration to weigh. It is the poor and the maimed and the halt and the blind who do know the Saviour's gracious pity and his healing power. It is the poor widow who has but two mites who earns the Master's praise for generous giving. It is the heathen mother who has none to speak for her, and who provokes the disciples by her persistency, that wins such a word of admiration as none else ever had. It is the poor woman who cannot come at Him for the press that pulls the hem of the garment hanging within reach of her trembling grasp. Come, dear soul, my Lord is always nearest to those who have most hindrances, and always wants to do most for those who need him most. You who seem to have everything against you—who look back, and it seems as if you never had the chance that others have; who look within, and it seems as if your case were a thousand times more difficult than that of others; who look around, and nobody seems to be hemmed in by such hindrances as you have—come, whatever may happen to others, be quite sure that the Lord must help you. All that He is, all that He has, all that He has promised, is specially meant for you. There were two men who had the best view of Jesus in Jericho. The one was short of stature, and could

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not see because of the press; and the other was quite blind. What an advantage was their disadvantage! Come, come, dear soul, here is a new topic of praise to-day, a new source of hope, and fresh ground of confidence. My Lord, if I can praise Thee for nothing else I can praise Thee for my disadvantages.—REV. MARK GUY PEARSE.

### "HALLOWED BE THY NAME."

It is told of one of the best saints of the Middle Ages, St. Thomas of Aquinas, that when Christ appeared to him and said, "You have written well of Me, Thomas; what reward do you desire?" "No other reward save Thyself, O Lord"—was the rapt reply. Ah, how the days become nothing to him to whom God is all! St. Teresa once dreamt that she saw

an angel who had in one hand a curtain and in the other a shell of water, and the angel said that he had come to hide heaven and to quench the fire of hell, that men might learn to love God without any thought of reward or punishment, but simply for Himself alone. Certainly our prayers are worthless unless the one which habitually takes precedence of all them is this: "Teach me to do the thing which pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God; let Thy loving Spirit lead me into the land of righteousness," and that prayer is but another form of "Hallowed be Thy name."—VEN. ARCH-DEACON F. W. FARRAR, D.D.

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