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John's Church.

SUNDAYS.

Communion—
1st in month ... 7.30 and 11 a.m.
" ... 10 a.m., 8.15 p.m.
" ... 8 and 11 a.m.
" ... 8 a.m.
" ... 8 and 10 a.m.

at 11. Evensong at 7.
School, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

WEEK DAYS.

Prayer daily at 7.30.
Prayer " (except Thurs.) 5.15
Evening—Y.P.C.U. at 7.45.
Day—Litany and Baptisms, 11

y—Evening Prayer and Address,

S. Aidan's.

SUNDAYS.

Communion—4th Sun., 11.15 a.m.
at 11. Evensong at 7.
School, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

S. Oswald's.

SUNDAYS.

Communion—2nd Sunday, 11 a.m.
g at 7.
School, 3 p.m.

Mission House.

SUNDAYS.

Communion—(as announced).
g at 7.
School, 9.45 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

WEEK DAYS.

—Girls' Sewing Class, 7 p.m.
—Girls' Club, 7 p.m.
ay—Evening Prayer and Ser-
7.30 p.m.
—Mothers' Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
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—1st Sunday, 3 p.m.
Sunday School—3 p.m.
Guild Service—Wednesday before 2nd
Sunday, at 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*.

The Christ-Child.

In some countries there is a very beautiful idea that on Christmas Eve the Christ-child comes to visit those who love Him and are ready to welcome Him. Some of the homes are very poor to which He goes. Let us enter one, and see what is happening there.

It is Christmas Eve, and the snow is falling thick and fast all around. Through a cottage window we can see a family group sitting round the fire. The children are gathered about their father's knee, and he is telling them the story of the little Babe, born in Bethlehem so many years ago. While he is speaking, a gentle knock is heard at the door. One of the children runs to open it, and there, standing on the doorstep, is a little boy. His clothes are worn and thin, his feet bare, and pinched with cold. They bring the poor white lad into the room, and give what remains of their supper. It has been but a scanty one, for the father has been ill, and unable to earn any money for some time.

While the child is sitting there, they are all struck with the beauty of his countenance, and while they are gazing in wonder at his face, it suddenly becomes bright and shining, and he disappears from their sight.

"Was it an angel?" the children cry. The father answered, remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "Whosoever receiveth one such little child in my name receiveth me." The Christ-child had come, and that humble home was honoured by the presence of Him who alone can bring us true Christmas joy!

There are many little children in the world who are poor and sad; without a home, or any one to love them and take care of them. Even in this town of Launceston some can be found, if we care to find them out. Let us, who have food and

clothes, and so much to make us happy at this joyous Christmastide, think of them and try to show our love for Him "who was rich, yet for our sake became poor," by doing what we can to comfort them and make them happy, too. We cannot go to Bethlehem to see the Holy Child Jesus, as the shepherds did, or present gifts like the wise men, but if we try to help others for His sake, it is just the same as if we did it for the Lord Jesus Himself, because He has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Will you think of these words, dear children, and try to do something, or give something, to give some other little child pleasure, and so help them to spend, as well as yourself,

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

A great poet was once standing before the Amiens cathedral. A friend asked him to explain how it was that the modern world, with all its mechanical resources, was powerless to produce such architecture. He replied, "The builders of Amiens had convictions; we have only opinions." Gothic architecture—a thing of beauty and a joy for ever—arose in its incomparable majesty at the bidding of faith in things unseen as yet.

Am I wrong to be always so happy! This world is full of grief;
Yet there is laughter of sunshine, to see the crisp green in the leaf;
Daylight is ringing with song-birds, and brooklets are crooning by night,
And why should I make a shadow where God wakes all so bright?
Earth may be wicked and weary, yet cannot I help being glad;
There is sunshine without and within me, and how should I mope or be sad?
God would not flood me with blessings, meaning me only to pine
Amid all the bounties and beauties He pours upon me and mine;
Therefore will I be grateful, and therefore will I rejoice;
My heart is singing within me! sing on, O heart and voice!

Parish Notes.

S. JOHN'S PARISH.

The beautiful Festival of All Saints on November 1st was duly observed at our Parish Church. There was a celebration of H.C. at 8 a.m., when goodly numbers came. In the evening our annual Choir Festival was held. The male members of the choir wore their surplices, and having vested in the Rectory, marched to the church accompanied by the clergy. The lady choristers all wore white, and were in their places when the other portion of the choir entered the west door. A processional hymn was sung, and the service was fully choral. The Rev. C. G. Wilkinson, M.A., took the liturgical parts, the Rector read the lessons, and the Rev. F. Riley, M.A., preached a singularly touching and appropriate sermon. The congregation was good, but the offertory, which was in aid of the Choir Fund, fell below £2, which was to be lamented. The service, as a whole, was hearty and yet devout. The choir retired singing Haydn's Hymn as a recessional.

On November 2nd the various Young Men's Club, which are affiliated under an association, met for a final series of tournaments in the Albert Hall. Four country and three city clubs were represented. The Mayor opened the proceedings with an excellent speech, and for the next four hours the Hall presented a lively scene. S. John's won one honour, and, counting all the games, scored the highest total number of points. This closes the season for 1906. Next year we trust all our young men will join. At present less than half are members.

We think we can safely say that the Feast Day of 1906 was the best we have had for many a long year. The surroundings of the place for

our gathering were at their best, and the weather was perfect. What a fine sight we made with a dozen busses and drags as we left the church in the morning, and what a pretty scene it was in the evening when all sat down to tea, for, including visitors, we numbered about 800 on the ground. The arrangements were perfect, and well-oiled machinery could not have worked smoother. Plenty to eat and drink, with everything of the very best quality; plenty of amusement for old and young: what more could be desired. We are truly grateful for all the help received in coin and kind, and the Rector desires especially to thank the large body of workers for their untiring efforts to give all on the ground a "real good time."

Do we want increased accommodation in the shape of an addition to S. John's school. On Sunday, November 2nd, we had in the Infant Room (which is 16ft. x 25ft.) no less than 99 children.

We came across in an English paper the other day the headline "Opera a penny," and it set us thinking how much our entertainment "Bioscope for a penny" cost to run, but the secretary couldn't tell us. "All the little committee troubled about," he said, "was the giving to the school children a first-class up-to-date entertainment for a penny, and keeping out of debt." "Of course," he continued, "our responsibility is great, for when we are running the 'scope' the value of our stock-in-trade easily runs into three figures. However we got a little collection of figures from him which showed how much the entertainment cost the audience. Read this: During the last winter series over 16,000ft. of film was shewn, over 500 lantern slides of all descriptions, and 70

different songs, recitations, &c., were given, a third of which were illustrated. The cost to the school children for the whole lot was 11d., to children outside the school 1s. 1d., and to adults 3s. 9d. Who says this isn't an age of cheap entertainments. We are sorry we cannot give more people the benefit, but our room is limited, so we have to limit our audience. The secretary desires to thank two parties for the excellent results obtained. Mr Harold Brownrigg, who is really responsible for the pictures "moving," or otherwise has given up a big portion of his spare time in connection with the entertainments, and but for him, well it is doubtful if we would have any Bioscope at any rate. To Messrs A. Gunn and Sons, of Melbourne, thanks are specially due for the splendid lot of films they have supplied. A spool of film, especially a new subject, is not the cheapest thing to handle, but they have willingly accepted a risk to oblige us with up-to-date material.

On November 9th the annual demonstration in connection with the Home Mission Union was held in the Albert Hall. The parishes of Holy Trinity and S. John's took part, and so good were the various items submitted by the young folk, that no previous entertainment came near it. A finer body of girls and boys we have seldom seen. The Bishop was particularly pleased with the demonstration, and our warmest thanks are due to that tiny body of lady workers who so cleverly organised matters. S. Paul's parish was unable to take part, but sent an offering of £5 5s., which was a substantial help to the fund in question.

The Annual Church Parade of the forces in the northern portion of the State came off on November 9th. It was held in honour of His Majesty's birthday. About four hundred attended S. John's, and

entered very heartily into the service. The singing of some of the hymns was magnificent. The Rev. F. Riley preached an exceptionally fine sermon, and by his impassioned oratory won the soldiers' hearts completely. Certainly the pulpit has not lost its power when the right man is in it. The service from first to last was such as to inspire the men with the finest ideals and the highest ambitions.

In the evening of the same day the Bishop preached and delivered one of his wonderful sermons. The hard part of it was that so many failed to gain admission to the church. How we did long for our new building.

At the Military Sports on the following day a good many of our S. John's men were again well to the fore. Their training at the Union Jack Gymnasium was not a "make-believe," as shown on the occasion named.

On November 13th our Annual Confirmation was held. Since Easter careful preparation had been made week by week for it. It is our custom to induce every one unconfirmed to attend the instructions. Of these there are four in each week, though no one person comes more often than once in that period. There must have been quite 150 all told at the classes. Those most fit are then finally selected and sent on for Confirmation. About 90 we had hoped to submit for the rite, but owing to an epidemic of influenza, and a very sad death, involving the absence of several at the last moment, only 77 came forward. The proportion of males to females was just about two-fifths. We hope to pick up, as we say, the stray ones next year. On Sunday, 25th, those recently confirmed received their first communion. As a larger num-

ber of others were present also, it seemed more like Easter or Christmas-tide than an ordinary Sunday.

On Sunday, the 18th, our collections for the G.C.F. were held. A sum of only £34 was given. Our heavy building responsibilities have occasioned this. One day, when our church is paid for, we hope to take back our old place of priority. For a very large number of years this parish subscribed on an average £289 per annum to this fund. So we have not been wholly neglectful of the larger claims of the diocese upon us.

Only about ten people attended the Melbourne Church Congress from Tasmania. That was a very poor average.

On November 27th a new, and let us hope, an important departure was made in the launching of our new guild for Communicants. The office was approved by the Bishop, who suggested that a copy might be sent to every Rector in the diocese in the hope that it might be locally adopted. Nearly all those recently confirmed, and many others, joined the guild. All Communicants are urged to become members.

On November 29th, the eve of S. Andrew's Day, special intercessions were offered at the late Evensong for all our Foreign Missions. The service drawn up by the S.P.C.K.—which is a very beautiful one—was used. The Rev. F. Riley, who gave the address, dwelt on the duty incumbent on every Christian to help forward the cause of Missions. Could not more of our people subscribe to the "Melanesian Log," or the "Missionary Notes"—two excellent and very cheap monthlies. Each costs only eighteen pence a year. Ask the Rector about it.

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On the following morning—the Festival itself—there were two celebrations of H.C., one at 8 a.m. in S. John's, and the other at 10 a.m. at the Mission House, which were well attended.

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On December 10th the teachers of S. John's Sunday School held one of their social gatherings. Though the title of these functions is often a misnomer, it is never so with our teachers. A committee is chosen who are adepts, and they enter upon their duty with a zeal that ensures a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The occasion was used by the teachers to bid good-bye and God-speed to their friend, the Rev. F. Riley, whom they regret to lose, especially valuing as they have done his labours as their preceptor at the weekly preparation classes.

Our quarterly collections in aid of the Church Extension, totalled over £76. Hurrah! Thanks, many, to the generous donors. May Xmas bring them all many blessings.

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All our Communicants should make a point of receiving H.C. on the Great Festival of the Nativity—Christmas Day. There will be celebrations at every hour, excepting 9 o'clock, from 5 a.m. till 11 a.m. in the Parish Church. In S. Aidan's at 11.15, and in S. Oswald's at 9.

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The Archdeacon is to preach (p.v.) at the 11 a.m. service on Christmas Day.

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At the opening functions of the Tamar Rowing Club we were pleased to notice quite a large proportion of our "S. John's Boys" entering as members and taking



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part. The three Grammar Schools now have boats on the river. Could not S. John's run one of its own also? Some of the best "oars" are drawn from our ranks, and why not claim some recognition from the powers that be? The yachting club, too, is well represented from S. John's, a fact which we are glad to notice. Though we don't play "bowls" not having reached that maturity which justifies it, still we are pleased to know that in that bloodless arena our men can hold their own amongst many past-masters of the fine old English game. We are about to revive S. John's Cricket Club, so that our church members—taken as a whole—may justly claim to belong to the Church Militant. Athletics, without doubt, do an enormous amount of good, only we should meanwhile be careful not to let time, needed for the service of God on Sunday, be stolen for such purposes. Then recreation becomes a danger, if not a sin. Those people who claim Sunday as a golf day are poor types of humanity not worth imitation. Let us not emulate their selfish and bad example.

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It is not generally known that the College of Theology, whose head quarters are at Sydney, opens its examinations to lay folk, and confers upon successful candidates the diploma of "Associate of Theology," commonly shortened to "Th. A." All engaged in teaching are induced to compete, and this has special reference to the more highly educated amongst our Sunday-school teachers. Hitherto only a very few—possibly not more than a dozen—have been able to pass, as the test is a very severe one. There are four or five of these from Tasmania. The Misses Laeta and Winnie Weatherhead—teachers in our S. John's Sunday-school—were amongst the earliest who passed with credit. Now it is our pleasing duty to announce that in the last examination, whose re-

sults were published about a fortnight ago, Miss Grubb, another of our teachers stands second on the list of honors. Only a very few got honors, as the papers were such as would "pluck" a good many divinity students. This makes us doubly proud of Miss Grubb. We believe no other school in Tasmania, or in Australia, can boast of having three of its teachers ranking as Th. A's. We offer the lady in question our very warm congratulations, and will ask her to believe our school is very proud of the honour she and the Misses Weatherhead have conferred upon it.

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S. AIDAN'S.

This month we have little to record. If we could only induce the "powers that be" to enlarge, or better, to complete our church, thus making it a fine edifice, we should achieve a work of no small merit. The sphere is one of growing importance, and our church should keep pace with it. Thus far our work has been in a kind of minor key. That may sound musical and pretty, but "minor keys" won't do when we need a "full organ," and something else to stir us all up to nobler and better efforts. The completion of this pretty church is just the sort of thing one of our many rich men or women should undertake for the love of God. People sometimes leave money in their wills

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for church purposes. Would it not be better if they did the work in their lifetime, and thus see the fruits of their own efforts? If anyone should offer to help, on the lines laid down above, Mr. Editor, you may be sure I will report the same in your next issue. I expect he or she will want to donate a pipe organ, too, but we cannot expect too much from one donor, or there will be nothing left for that army of donors who never do anything for anybody, but of whom we hope better things.

We sadly need a curate all to ourselves, not that we look for more clerical care than we deserve, but because there is work around here for the undivided attention of a strong and intelligent man. Surely if all the leading families hereabouts would only give a couple of pounds, or only one, a year, it could be done. Will not someone undertake to canvass the district; or could not a meeting of well-wishers be held soon at S. Aidan's to discuss the matter? The Rector would welcome any such suggestion or offer of help.

S. OSWALD'S.

The annual Sunday School Festival was held on November 11. It is not often our little church on the hill is favoured with the visits of three clergy in one day, yet so it happened on the occasion named. The Rev. W. J. Geer, M.A., curate of Holy Trinity, most kindly took the service at 11 a.m., and delighted everyone by his apt sermon, and his evident ease in dealing with young people. The Rector was present at 3 p.m., and addressed those present and presented the prizes. He also utilised the occasion by thanking Mr. Selwyn Cox, the superintendent, and his band of co-workers for the excellent work they had done for the school.

At 7 p.m. the Rev. F. Riley preached, and followed well in the line of the earlier visitors in matters touching child-life and religious teaching. The congregations were good at each service, and the offerings the largest yet received on any such Festival. An old attendant, whose opinion we value, said the services were amongst the best he had attended at S. Oswald's. So we take courage and go forward.

S. JOHN'S MISSION HOUSE

Sister Charlotte was able so to arrange her work as to attend the Melbourne Church Congress. The change has done her no harm, and she was evidently much pleased with the function named.

All interested in us will be glad to know the services of Mr J. Mathers have been secured as superintendent for our Sunday-school. Since the resignation of Mr G. Crawford, to whom we shall ever be grateful for the splendid devotion shewn by him on behalf of the school, and whose withdrawal all of us regretted so very deeply, there has been no regular superintendent. The school has suffered in consequence. Mr Mathers for years past has been an active member of S. John Baptist's, Hobart, and knows a lot about Sunday-schools and how to manage them. Our thanks will know no bounds if he can only build up our work on good solid lines.

The many friends of Miss Edwell will be pleased to know that in a recent letter from her she seems strong and well, and positively brimming over with enthusiasm on behalf of new mission work in Sydney. She sends her warmest greetings to all her old friends at the Mission House.

A Sale of Work held on Dec. 5 in our Hall went off splendidly. There were a good many articles left from the Fair held a month or two ago in the Albert Hall and these were used to make up the stalls. Our object has been to raise £100 a year by this Fair, but as only about £80 was had from it last time, we had to supplement it by the said Sale of Work, from which we got over £18. This sum, added to the proceeds of several penny concerts, has made up the deficiency. Again our warm thanks are due to the Mayoress, who opened the "Sale," and helped materially in other ways. Nor must we forget our other many kind friends who stood by us in various ways.

BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 31—Henry Tasman Roach
Thomas Ernest Tunks
Clarence Allen Bracken
Dorothy Agnes Davis
John William North
Nov. 7—Marjorie Lila Kerr
William Trevor Arnold
14—Thomas Day Henty
Vivian Curnow Knott
William Joshua Fergusson
Clynton Erle Beck
20—Jessie Caroline Osbourne
21—Charles James Walker
28—Albert John Cox

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HOLY TRINITY PARISH.

The event of the past month has been the annual Sunday-school picnic. It was held on November 28th, when children and teachers from the Parish Church school, and the Trinity Mission Hall school, as well as those belonging to S. Barnabas', Newnham, boarded the S. Togo at 10 a.m., bound for Rosevears. The sky was overcast, and many anxious eyes watched it, and before the day was over sundry misgivings were to be justified. Landing at Rosevears about 11.30 the young people were soon scattered, enjoying various games till just after noon the bell sounded for dinner, at which the children showed how much good a trip on the river can do them. A bountiful supply of good things, of which the children are allowed as much as they will, is always the order of the day. After this meal comes the teachers' dinner, and then to play with the scholars till the races start. And now it is serious work. To handicap the various runners is no easy task. "Please, sir, he can beat me." "Please, sir, I can't run." "Please, sir, she won last year," is the information volunteered from many quarters. At last they are ready, and the Rector, acting as starter, drops the signal, and they are off, the finish showing in so many cases how well the handicapper had done his work in spite of the difficulties. Races over, games of various kinds followed till the unkind rain came on and drove all indoors, when it was decided to have tea and return home early. The large hall, kindly placed at our disposal by Mr Whitpane, was of great convenience, especially when the rain made all look for shelter. The trip home by the s.s. Niree was most enjoyable, and all were landed none the worse for a little wet, and well content with their day's outing.

We are able to publish the results of the recent Diocesan Sunday-school Examination:

OLD TESTAMENT. TEACHER'S DIVISION.

Passed with credit—Mr C. Rosevear.

SCHOLARS.

Honor—Senior: May Young.
A. Roy Mills.
Credit—Senior: Augustus Murray.
" Middle: George Anderson.
" " Gordon Young.
" " Eric Hollingsworth.
" " Lynwood Gill.
Pass—Senior: Lily Pattison.
" Middle: Cyril Mills.
" " Stanley Robins.

CATECHISM. TEACHER'S DIVISION.

Mr C. Rosevear.

SCHOLARS.

Honor—Senior: May Young.
Pass— " Nora Dutton.
" Lily Pattison.
Credit—Middle: Lynwood Gill.
" " A. Roy Mills.
" " Eric Hollingsworth.
" " Gordon Young.
" " Stanley Robins.
" " George Anderson.
" " Muriel Gill.
" " Florence Moore.
" " Frances Gridley.

The results are very encouraging, seeing this is the first time the school has entered as a whole. A few years ago one class entered. We hope now to find some of our scholars in for the Annual Examinations as a rule.

The Building Fund. Last quarter's collection made in November did not realise the desired amount, and we are still short of the necessary £100 for the year by £3 10s. Are there not some who will make it up?

We have to acknowledge with thanks the gift of a very handsome green stole for use at the Parish Church from Mr Ambrose Dowling. The stole was a gift to the late Rev. C. Dowling on his last visit to England.

November 12.—The Lord Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to a number of candidates, and on the 14th lectured in the Mechanics' Hall in aid of the Young Men's Club.

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December 7.—The Annual Jumble Fair was held, being opened by Mrs C. Kent. The stalls were:—Jumble, Miss K. Richardson, assisted by Misses E. Ferguson, L. Pike, and B. Kent. Cake—Mrs H. Fraser and Mrs Burrell. Produce—Misses Nicholas, Wood and Marsh. Refreshments—Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Croft, and Miss Harrison. During the evening several pleasing musical items were rendered by the young people of the choir. There was a good attendance of those who attend in one way or another the various services and meetings of the Mission House, but with the exception of two or three, the more fortunate (in the things of this world) of our parish were conspicuous by their absence. The funds of the Hall benefit to the extent of £10 10s.

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Society was held, when addresses were given by Canon Beresford and the Rector. A short programme was gone through by some of the members.

The children of the Sunday-school are practising some carols, which we hope to hear at one of the services on the Sunday before Xmas.

November 29—The annual mothers' tea was given, followed by a social and supper. All seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves, and expressed themselves as sorry to have the Mothers' Meeting closed even for the short Xmas vacation.

December 10—A social for the young people who form our choir was given, and passed off to the satisfaction of all. Several friends came and helped to make the evening a really happy event.

S. BARNABAS' (NEWNHAM).

A full report of the Sunday-school picnic is given under the Trinity notes. The children of this school enjoyed to the full their outing in spite of somewhat unpleasant weather conditions.

The prizes for the Sunday-school will be presented by the Rector on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 16.

November 30th.—An evening of limelight lantern views was given in aid of Sunday-school funds. There was a fair attendance, and a pleasant evening was passed. The lantern was managed by Mr Brown, of S. George's, and we thank him for the trouble he took.

Sunday, December 23rd—There will be only one service, and that will be in the afternoon at 3 o'clock,

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December 12th—A very successful concert was held in aid of our Church Funds. As we had it arranged for election night, we had some fear that the attendance might be small, but the people rolled up well, with the result that the room was comfortably full. The following took part in the programme :—Overture, Mr Milsom. Songs—Mrs Waldron, Misses Marion Bond and Nora Smith, Mr Bert. Spicer. Humorous items—Messrs H. Baxter and E. Craske. Recitations—Mr Dean. The Rector presided. This is the final entertainment for the year, and we may rest well satisfied with the help received in this way.

In concluding our notes for the year we take the opportunity of wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

Our Young People's Clubs concluded their first and very successful season on the evening of November 2nd, when a competition of games took place between the Boys' Club and the Girls' Club, the girls winning after a very close contest.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Peppiatt, eldest daughter of Mr W. Peppiatt, to Mr George Blackman, was celebrated in S. George's on November 28th, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. We wish them every blessing.

The annual Sunday-school picnic was held on the 5th of this month at the church grounds, and being favoured with perfect weather, was a decided success. Mr Brown and all the teachers worked hard all day.

The examination for "The Whiteford Prizes" will be held on Sunday, the 23rd, and the children will be presented with their prizes on the 30th.

The many friends of Mrs Spearman are pleased to see that she has recovered from her recent severe illness.

S. PAUL'S PARISH.

The Rector had a very enjoyable week in Melbourne, where, as chaplain to the Bishop of Tasmania, he was in attendance upon him at the Anglican Congress, and on the Sunday evening after his return he gave the congregation an interesting description of some of the events of that busy week.

The road race in connection with the closing of the Gymnasium Club, was a great success, and was splendidly managed by Messrs C. A. Mayhead and Major Court. The race was started punctually, and the following were the winners :—William Matthews 1st, Wilfred Stevenson 2nd, and Walter Rogers 3rd. Miss Barkway, who was present, was asked to present the prizes—1st, 8s; 2nd, 4s; 3rd, 2s 6d—and in doing so congratulated the winners, and said how much pleasure it gave her to be amongst them on this occasion, and she hoped that this was only the first of many similar happy gatherings. She also warmly thanked Messrs Mayhead and Court for their devoted interest in the work of the gymnasium during the season. Mr T. Matthews, who was present, very kindly donated a silver medal for next season, and we hear that several others have promised trophies. Mr Matthews congratulated the managers upon "the fair and square way" in which the race had been conducted.

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The members of the Mothers' Union held their last meeting for the season on the 20th November. In the absence of both president and vice-president, Miss Harrap and Mrs Dowling kindly presided. They have all worked most energetically during the season, and parted with the hope of all meeting again with renewed energy after the summer holidays.

The members of the Girls' Friendly Society held their last meeting for the season on Monday, the 3rd inst. It was a real social. Songs, musical items, etc., made a very pleasant evening pass away only too quickly, all hoping to meet again for profit as well as pleasure early in the new year. Miss Harrap very kindly presided, and we have to thank her for the very successful way in which she so ably carried out her duties.

On 15th November the lady members of our choir entertained all the choristers, and a large number of friends, to a social evening in the school-room. With the Misses Maud King and Hilda Atkinson as secretaries, and a good committee, everything was a great success. The room was most artistically decorated, and very dainty refreshments were handed round at the close. A short musical programme was given, amongst the performers being Miss Mason, from S. John's Mission House, Miss Wetton, and Mr Hermitage, whose fine rendering of that beautiful song "The lost chord" was most enthusiastically encored. The Misses Florrie Stevens, Balstrup, and the Messrs Horace Balstrup and Willie Matthews gave an unaccompanied song, which was most deservedly encored. All present hope this is only the first of many enjoyable evenings.

The Annual Festival of the Sunday-school was held on November 9th. We were fortunate in having

such a lovely day, and everything went off splendidly. Mr Riley, from S. John's, kindly came and took the service, and preached in the morning (the Rector going to S. Aidan's in his place). The Rector preached in the evening, and made an earnest appeal for a superintendent and more teachers for the school. The singing of the special hymns, both morning and evening, was, I think we may justly say, the best we have had for years, and we congratulate Mr Buring, the choirmaster, Miss Wetton, organist, upon the result of their work, no time nor trouble having been spared to make the service as perfect as possible.

Much to our regret Mr Hermitage, who came to Tasmania about the beginning of this year, and has been a most energetic member of our choir, and ever ready to help in any good work in connection with the church, left Launceston last Wednesday by the Wakatipu for Sydney en route for San Francisco. We wish him good luck in his new sphere of work, and feel sure that the good work he so willingly did at S. Paul's will be helpful in the new country which will be his home. Mr Hermitage has had good experience as a chorister in England.

We have all been deeply grieved to hear of the serious illness of Mrs Hardwicke Weedon, and are thankful to learn that at last she is getting better. We know she is deeply touched by the many inquiries and kindly messages sent by our church people, especially by the members of the Mothers' Union and Girls' Friendly Society, and our earnest prayer is that she may, under God's blessing, soon be restored to health and strength again.

The children's annual treat was held at the lovely grounds of Glen Dhu House, and a more beautiful place for a day's outing could not be

found. The day was fine, the children were good, and everything passed off most pleasantly. Cricket, rounders, games of all kinds, and last, but not least, races for very good prizes were part of the programme, to say nothing of all the dainty eatables provided.

Mr Wathen, whom we are all glad to welcome back after his trip to the old country, had charge of everything for the day, and he carried out his numerous duties in the most efficient manner. The shades of evening found us all tired, it is true, but feeling that truly we had never had a more enjoyable day. We were pleased to see so many parents and friends of the children present.

Christmas will soon be here, and we badly need all the help we can get in the way of white flowers for the decorations. Will our church people remember this, and send all the white flowers they can to the church by 10 a.m. on Monday, the 24th December. We wish you one and all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

The services on Christmas Day will be as under:—H.C. at 6 a.m., 8 a.m. Morning prayer, sermon, and H.C. at 11 a.m. Evensong (plain) at 7.30.

CHRISTMAS DAY,

Blest day which aye reminds us, year by year,
What 'tis to be a MAN: to curb and spurn
The tyrant in us; that ignobler self
Which owns no good save ease, no ill save pain,
No purpose, save its share in that wild war
In which through countless ages living things
Compete in internecine greed!
While ever out of the eternal heavens
Looks patient down the great, magnanimous
God,
Who, Maker of all worlds, did sacrifice—
All to Himself? Nay, but Himself to one;
Who taught mankind on that first Christmas
Day
What 'twas to be a MAN: to give, not take;
To serve, not rule; to nourish, not devour;
To help, not crush; if need, to die, not live!
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