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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.

Those Thirty Years.

"It is written," says Luther, "that there was once a pious, godly bishop, who had often earnestly prayed that God would manifest to him what Jesus had done in His youth. Once the bishop had a dream to this effect. He seemed in his sleep to see a carpenter working at his trade, and beside him a little boy who was gathering up chips. Then came in a maiden clothed in green, who called them both to come to the meal, and set porridge before them. All this the bishop seemed to see in his dream, himself standing behind the door, that he might not be perceived. Then the little boy began, and said, 'Why does that man stand there? shall he not also eat with us?' And this so frightened the bishop that he awoke." "Let this be what it may," adds Luther, "a true history or a fable, I none the less believe that Christ in His childhood and youth looked and acted like other children, yet without sin, in fashion like a man."

From twelve years old to thirty years old we possess no record whatever, save such as is implied in a single word in Mark vi. 3, "Is not this *the carpenter*?"

We may be indeed thankful that the word remains, for it is full of meaning, and has exercised a very pure and blessed influence over the fortunes of mankind. It has tended to console and sanctify the estate of poverty; to ennoble the duty of labour; to elevate the entire conception of manhood, as if a condition which in itself alone, and apart from every adventitious circumstance, has its own grandeur and dignity in the sight of God.

It shows, for instance, that not only during the three years of His ministry, but throughout the whole of His life, our Lord was poor.

In all ages there has been an exaggerated desire for wealth; an ex-

aggerated admiration for those who possess it; an exaggerated belief of its influence in producing or increasing the happiness of life; and from these errors a flood of cares and jealousies and meanness have devastated the life of man. And therefore Jesus chose voluntarily "the low estate of the poor"—not, indeed, an absorbing, degrading, grinding poverty, which is always rare, and almost always remediable, but that commonest lot of honest poverty, which, though it necessitates self-denial, can provide with ease for all the necessaries of a simple life. He who came to be the Friend and the Saviour, no less than the King of all, chose the condition which must always continue to be that of the majority of mankind.

Again, there has ever been, in unenlightened hearts, a love of idleness; a tendency to regard it as a stamp of aristocracy; a desire to delegate labour to the lower and weaker, and to brand it with the stigma of inferiority and contempt. But our Lord wished to show that honest work ennoble the workman; it is the salt of life; it is the girdle of manliness; it saves the body from effeminate languor, and the soul from polluting thoughts.

How gracious and how fitting was the example of such humility in One whose mission it was to regenerate society, and to make all things new.

Once more, from this long silence, from this deep obscurity, from this monotonous routine of an unrecorded and uneventful life, we were meant to learn that our *real* existence in the sight of God consists in the inner and not the outer life. Christ came to teach that the continual excitement, prominent action, distinguished services, brilliant success, are no essential elements of true and sacred life, and that myriads of the beloved of God are to be found among the insignificant and the obscure.

We must not lose sight of the fact that it was in these silent, unrecorded years that a great part of His work was done. He was not only "girding His sword upon His thigh," but also wielding it in that warfare which has no discharge. That noiseless battle, in which no clash of weapons sounds, but in which the combatants against us are none the less terrible because they are not seen, went on through all the years of His redeeming obedience. In these years He "began to do" long before He "began to teach." They were the years of a sinless childhood, a sinless boyhood, a sinless youth, a sinless manhood, spent in such humility, toil, obscurity, submission, contentment, prayer, as make them an eternal example to all our race. We cannot imitate Him in the occupations of His ministry, nor can we even remotely reproduce in our own experience the external circumstances of His life during those three crowning years. But the vast majority of us are placed, by God's own appointment, amid those quiet duties of a commonplace and uneventful routine which are most closely analogous to the thirty years of His retirement; it was during these years that His life is for us the main example of how we ought to live.

This sovereign Master, who was to teach all virtues, and to point out the way of life, began from his youth up, by sanctifying in His own person the practice of the virtuous life He came to teach.—*Dean Farrar.*

SONG FOR MORNING OR EVENING.

My God, how endless is thy love!
Thy gifts are every morning new;
And morning mercies from above
Gently distil like early dew.

Thou spreadst the curtains of the night,
Great Guardian of my sleeping hours;
Thy sovereign word restores the light,
And quickens all my drowsy powers.

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Parish Notes.

S. JOHN'S PARISH.

The past month has been, with a few exceptions, bleak and wintry, with occasional heavy falls of rain. The Sundays have, from a climatic point of view, fared badly. The consequence has been small congregations. People seem to be very terribly afraid of a little rain. The smallness of the offertories have caused our worthy Wardens some alarm. Upon the freewill offerings these officers depend for the means to carry on the affairs of the church, and a continuous series of wet Sundays causes a serious deficit. May we take this opportunity of asking those, who are thus kept away, to give on the following Sunday the full amount they would have offered had they been present. It is wise always to set aside a definite sum for the ordinary Sunday gift to God, and, whatever the weather, to present it on the first possible occasion. The cost of working the church is as great on wet Sundays as on dry ones. Our many friends, knowing this, will, we feel sure, give effect to the above suggestion in the future.

A well-heated church on these cold wintry days is a matter to be thankful for; and amongst all the churches we know none has a higher name for cosiness than old S. John's. The means for warming it are excellent, and we would remind all our delicate friends, who are prone to believe that they will take cold if they go to church in winter, that it is heresy of the first magnitude to say this in connection with our parish church. Rumour has it that a very highly respected attendant recently declared that he was invariably so comfortable when in S. John's during this cheerless weather, that he found it hard to resist falling to sleep, even

though the sermon was not over long nor lacking in interest. So, delicate people, take heart and come along!

Our District Visitors meet once a month. These ladies are a wonderful help in the work of the church in visiting the poor. The numbers need, however, to be increased quite four-fold. Cannot more of our lady friends, with the love of God in their hearts, offer their services in this excellent department of church work? Send in your name to the Rector at once upon reading this. It is a work of mercy, and don't hold back. The poor and neglected are crying for guidance and help.

The Sunday-school Teachers' Preparation Class is held at the Rectory every Thursday night after evening-song, *i.e.*, at about 8.15. The attendance is not nearly so good as it should be. Teachers, bear this in mind.

On June 7th the Annual Admission Service, in connection with the Mothers' Union, was held at 3 p.m. in S. John's. There was a large attendance. The Rector officiated and gave an address. Several associates and quite a good number of members were admitted. There was a celebration of the H.C. earlier in the day, and the offertories from both services were added to the fund for the help of any sick members needing it. After the service the lady members entertained their poorer sisters at a sumptuous spread in the school room. During the tea several ladies played and sang. The annual meeting then took place, and all the necessary office bearers for the year were elected, with Mrs Barnes as president, Mrs Merrylees as secretary, Mrs Whitfeld as treasurer, and a large committee. The function from first to last was a decided success, and augured well for the future.

On June 21st the Annual Festival of the Girls' Friendly Society was held in S. John's. There was a celebration of H.C. at 10.30 a.m., when there were 17 communicants. In the evening, at 7.30, a special service, composed of all the branches from the parish churches, took place. The attendance was very good. The Rev. F. Riley preached, and dwelt at some length on the ideals of the society, and pointed out how great a strength it was, not only to the church in her corporate life, but also in the life of each separate member. The preacher gave some healthful advice to those present, and spoke also words of high encouragement which will not readily be forgotten. The offertories at both services will constitute a small fund for the help of any sick members who are in need of help.

Next year the Festival will take place in one of the parish churches, as arranged.

A suggestion, worthy of consideration, was made by one of the Rectors. He stated that in the Diocese of Ballarat there was but one G. F. Society for the whole city, whose members attended meetings arranged periodically in every parish. There is a real danger lest we ever organise our various Launceston parishes. The number of societies is already very large, and it might be wise, instead of having at least three such in connection with this organisation in Launceston, to have only one, modelled on the lines of that referred to in Ballarat. All interested might meet and discuss the matter soon.

His Lordship the Bishop will be in Launceston from July 11th till the 19th. He is to lecture twice during his stay. Watch the daily papers for further information.

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The Ven. the Archdeacon hopes also to visit this city early in July.

The Y.P.C.U. held its annual meeting on June 5. The attendance was excellent, and the enthusiasm splendid. A great deal of business was got through. Miss Grubb was elected secretary, Mr Harold Brownrigg treasurer, and Miss Minnie Jones organist, and a good number appeared as office-holders on the various committees. Very warm votes of thanks were accorded to Miss Milly Bird and to Miss Laeta Weatherhead. The Union is in a very healthy condition.

On the 19th the Rev. F. Riley gave us "An hour in Poet's Corner," which turned out to be a delightful and clever lecture on poetry and the poets. It taught us a great deal. There is no doubt the study of poetry is not as much thought of as it should be, and the lecture in question has stimulated some amongst us to do better in this direction in the future than heretofore. We trust Mr Riley may see his way clear to repeat the said cultured lecture to some larger audience soon.

The "Carnival Parade" came off on June 15. It had been organised by Mrs Herman Lakin and Miss Foster, who drew together a very large band of lady helpers, whose names the lack of space prevents us from mentioning as we should delight to do. These clever and busy workers collected some two hundred young people of both sexes, and constituted them into a variety of sets representing many nationalities. The dresses were in all cases very well arranged and becoming. In some instances they were simply "lovely." The contrasts in colour and costumes were most pleasing. The work it all represented must have been very great. As a whole it was an unparalleled success. The parade

all through and about the Hall was followed by a demonstration of each set on the platform. The grouping, enhanced by the differently tinted lights thrown upon the stage, was splendid, and brought out clearly and markedly the special ideas embodied in the different sets. One of the representatives from each party then sang or recited—the song or recitation striking the keynote, as it were, of the set in question. The whole conception was artistic and brilliantly realised. After this demonstration the young folk wended their way through the crowds of on-lookers selling sweets. The effort was made on behalf of S. John's Extension Fund, and has, we understand, benefited the said fund to the extent of about £75.

There was a repetition given on the following Wednesday in aid of the M.C.L. and S. John's Mission House, but owing to bad weather, and many popular counter-attractions, the takings were not so good. Each of the institutions in question, it is thought, will receive about £9.

We desire to thank all the ladies who assisted, and the many young folk, as well as the members of the bands who took part, for their substantial and timely aid, as each of the objects to which the money is to go was sadly in need of it.

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Notwithstanding the inclement weather the second Bioscope Entertainment drew a big attendance. Given a fine night, we must always prepare for a crowded house. Oh, that we had a larger room; it is so sorely needed for more than these monthly entertainments. The Sunday-school requires it, and also the gymnasium, while the rapid strides made by the Y.M. Club makes it imperative to economise space in the placing of the games connected therewith. We are glad to know the Churchwardens have a suitable plan sketched out, and would start straight away with the extension of the present building, but the usual "fly in the ointment" is there, viz., lack of funds. We, however, believe the beneficial results to the parish justify a certain amount of expenditure and risk.

We would remind our readers of the two interesting lectures to be given in S. John's school-room this month by His Lordship the Bishop. One on "Ancient Chivalry" will be for the new building of the Mission House on Wednesday, July 11, and the other with the subject of "Modern Chivalry" will be for the benefit of the Y.M. Club. This takes place on Wednesday, July 18. Both lectures should draw a "packed house," as they are bound to be highly instructive and entertaining, and well worth the price of admission, 1/-.

Interest in the Y.M. Club is being maintained by the members without any special exertion being put forth by the committee, and the attendance has been splendid during the past month. The new billiard table is in position, and is a great attraction to the members, who are quite satisfied with its quality. It has been specially fixed up, so that when not in use by the club it forms a table. Last month was a busy one, and this month will be the same. A trip to Carrick, and a visit from Longford is

included in the July fixtures. The hope expressed by some that we might taste more of the sweets of victory, was not of much use last month, for the "anticipators" of such received a shock as the result of meeting Trinity Club. Even pessimistic members thought we should come nearer the mark than we did, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the contest was carried out in a most friendly spirit, and that it looks a great deal worse on paper than it was in reality. The two clubs meet again in August in S. John's, and then?—well we might fail once more.

S. AIDAN'S.

Muddy roads! Wet Sundays! Small congregations! Empty offertory plates! Heavy expenses, and nothing to pay it with! That does not seem a bright outlook, does it? And yet it is a fair outline of the past month or so. Really people can be so very careful over themselves on Sundays. It doesn't matter on ordinary days how hard it rains folk go out and seem not to mind it! But on a Sunday, you know, it is quite another matter! People take cold so easily on the Festival of the Resurrection! The bell may ring itself hoarse summoning the baptised to come to the worship of God, but, alas, it falls on some ears purposely deaf in our vicinity. One day such will be sorry to have lost so many golden opportunities for the worship of Him who came to save us. Think quietly of this when next the lazy fit seizes you, gentle reader.

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S. OSWALD'S.

Our little church has, we suppose in common with most places of worship, suffered a good deal during the past month or so owing to the wet Sundays. The tiny treasury, from which all the costs and claims for working our deserving cause, is suffering in consequence. All who wish well to us and ours will remember this and not fail, when unable to get to church, to make up their full offerings the following Sunday. May we ask all to try their best to induce others to attend the church. The music is good, and the service very bright, and it is a real pity to notice empty seats at times.

On the second Sunday in the month there is service at 11 a.m., with a celebration of H.C., and on every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. The church is free and open.

S. JOHN'S MISSION HOUSE.

Important notice! The soup kitchen is now in full swing. Cold wintry weather and hot nourishing soup match each other well. If our many friends could only send us all the cast-off clothing and boots, which have done service well and faithfully at home, it would help the object the soup has in view, viz., "to keep out the cold."

Our clubs and classes, too, would be benefited by the arrival of illustrated papers and fitting books for our library. We can always send for a parcel if notified.

The Carnival, which was organised for S. John's Extension, was reproduced on behalf of the M.C.L. and S. John's Mission House. We hope to have some £9 as our share. This

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HOLY TRINITY PARISH.

The event of June has been the departure from the parish of the Rev. H. B. Atkinson, who preached his farewell sermon on the evening of June 10th in the Parish Church. During his curacy of about two years he seems to have made himself very popular, and his going was regarded as a loss to the parish. A large number of parishioners subscribed to make a very handsome parting gift in the shape of a purse of nineteen sovereigns. An "At Home" was given at the Rectory on the afternoon of June 12th for the purpose of making the presentation, when, for want of room, the committee only, numbering about thirty-five, was entertained by the Rector and Mrs Barry. Mrs Atkinson was also the recipient of a very pretty clock and jewel case. Both presentations were made by the Rector, who voiced the regret that all felt in losing Mr and Mrs Atkinson, and in the name of all wished them success and prosperity under God's blessing in their new home. Mr Atkinson suitably responded, and thanked one and all for their kindness and good wishes both to himself and Mrs Atkinson.

The Rev. W. J. Geer will not arrive for a few weeks, his first Sunday being July 15, when most likely he will preach in the morning in Holy Trinity, and in the evening in S. George's.

We must inform the parents of children attending Trinity Sunday-school of certain changes in the

working of the school, though they will most likely have been informed by the scholars themselves. In future only four prizes will be given in each class, the old system of every child receiving a gift being discontinued. This will apply to all classes except the two infant ones. So parents will help their children, and the school, by seeing that they leave home in time to reach school for the opening prayers, as it means the loss of marks if they are late. They should also see that the children have learned the few home lessons before the Sunday. A quarterly report will be issued to the parents after the last Sunday in the months of August, November, February, and May, showing how many times the scholar has attended school in the quarter, how many marks have been gained, and how many pennies have been put in the Missionary box by the child concerned. Marks will also be recorded for attendance at the Children's Service, which is held on the afternoon of the 4th Sunday in each month. Parents might remember that at this service the collection goes to a fund which is being accumulated with the object one day of getting a new font for Holy Trinity.

Young Men's Club.—The club is prospering, and since our last report has met and defeated the Longford Club on May 30, and Carrick Club on June 19th, both evenings being very pleasantly passed, while on June 20th we held our meeting with S. John's Club, when it was expected that Greek would meet Greek. But to our surprise Trinity ran out a rather easy winner. So our record is still an unbeaten one. The members of S. John's played well, but our fellows simply excelled themselves, and none applauded them more than their opponents.

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June 16th.—On this afternoon a Children's Bazaar was held in their home in Balfour-street by Misses Jean and Muriel, and Master Rupert Pennefather, the proceeds being given to Holy Trinity Church Building Fund. It was well managed, and the room in which it was held presented quite a busy scene. Much of the work showed great cleverness on the young people's part. As a result the children handed over the sum of £3 7s 3d, a very welcome help.

TRINITY MISSION HALL, INVERESK.

July 7th.—A farewell social was given to Mr R. Rosevear, on the eve of his departure for Melbourne, by the various workers connected with our Mission Hall. A very pleasant evening was spent, and just after supper the Rector, on behalf of the other teachers, presented the guest of the evening with an Oxford Teacher's Bible. Mr Rosevear, in replying, made what we think was his first platform speech, and it was a straightforward, manly and Christian utterance. When he said he hoped wherever he went he would always find some way of serving the One he had been working for at Trinity Mission Hall, he struck a pure Christian idea. It is the same Master's work everywhere, and when we move we are only transferred to another scene of action, not, as some unfortunately make it, inaction.

A cantata, entitled "Red Riding Hood" is being prepared by the

young people, and will be given on Tuesday, July 10th. The proceeds will be in aid of paying for the new wood and coal and store room lately added to the Hall.

The Lad's Club is now meeting every Tuesday night, from 7.30 to 9.30.

The Women's Bible Class every Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m. Mother's Meetings on Monday nights.

We acknowledge, with thanks, parcels of old clothes from Mrs E. G. Miller, Mrs Sidebottom, Mrs Kent, and Miss Gunn; also a load of wood from Mrs Griffiths.

S. BARNABAS' (NEWNHAM).

June 8th.—A very successful concert, organised by Mr Thelwell, took place on this evening. Unfortunately it turned out a very wet day, and though the rain cleared off for awhile in the evening, the roads were very bad, yet the energy which had been displayed had worked up so much enthusiasm that as a result the building was well filled. Mr T. W. Massey was in the chair, which he filled with his usual ability and good nature. The entertainment was distinctly a first-class one, and about £6 was the financial result. We thank Mr Thelwell, the performers, and all who helped to make the evening the success it was.

A shelter for horses, a thing very much needed, is being erected, together with a small storeroom, while the ground about the church is being levelled and gravelled, and trees planted.

A very handsome present has been made to S. Barnabas' in the shape of a bell weighing 80lbs. We have to thank Mr H. McKenzie, of Salis-

bury's Foundry, where it has been manufactured, for this gift which he has made through Mr Thelwell. We hope the bell will be hung in time to be rung for the first time on Sunday, July 1st.

S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

June 13th.—A farewell social was given to the Rev. H. B. and Mrs Atkinson. Several visitors came from town, and helped to make the evening a pleasant and successful one. We could have wished to see more of those who are really Invermay people, but it may be that such evenings do not appeal to some, or by staying away they do not realise how very pleasant they are. A host of good things was provided, and those who had the management of supper found the new room of immense use. Before the evening closed, the Rector, for those present, spoke a few farewell words to the departing ones, and wished them success under God's good Hand in their new sphere of work.

On the previous Sunday, at the close of Sunday-school, Mr Atkinson was the recipient of a very handsome book from the teachers and scholars. The presentation was made by Mr Massey.

Naturally all are now looking forward to the coming of the new assistant curate, the Rev. W. J. Geer, M.A., and will give him a warm welcome. We understand he will preach his first sermon in Holy Trinity on July 15th, and we hope the Rector will arrange for him to be at S. George's also on the evening of that day. If he does let all remember that the best of all welcomes is a full church.

Mr Brown is *pro tem.* acting as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and we are pleased to welcome Mr Bromley as a teacher.

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S. PAUL'S PARISH.

The record announcement for this month from each of the city parishes must assuredly be the increasing downpour of rain; mother earth, if the poet's idea be correct, must have been wonderfully thirsty, for he says,

The thirsty earth soaks up the rain,
And drinks and gapes for drink again.

Surely last night's (Wednesday) downpour must have more than sufficed to fill that gaping mouth. If the rain may have caused people some inconvenience—especially those concerned with getting clothes dry on or after washing day—all must be thankful that a copious storage of moisture has been entrusted to the earth, ready to respond to the call of the sun in hot weather, and rise again, and freshen the crops of the field, the grass, and the flowers and fruits of the garden, so that Mother Earth may well put the question,

Why should every creature drink but I?
Why, man of morals, tell me why?

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There is not much parish news to chronicle for June. It is a slack time of the year, and things have just been moving steadily on.

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The Rector feels constrained to appeal very earnestly to some friend in the parish, or elsewhere, to give much needed assistance by volunteering help as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr R. Cooke, who has regularly and whole-heartedly been discharging the duties of that important office for nearly two years, by his removal from the parish to Invermay, can no longer, owing to the distance from the school, continue his active service, and as the Rector has now no clerical helper, it is impossible for him to be always able to attend to that great work. Our best thanks are due to Mr Cooke for his untiring services. Who will offer to fill his place?

Our visiting friend, Mr W. A. Wathen, is still absent, but we trust that he will refresh us with a passing visit before taking his departure for England.

The Boys' Gymnasium Club is moving on satisfactorily, but we are extremely sorry to record the loss to the parish of Mr C. Bowling, the treasurer, and an active member and worker, and also a member of the choir, and one ready to take up any additional work that might be entrusted to him. His removal from Launceston is a great loss to S. Paul's. We heartily thank him for past willing services, and wish him well in his new sphere of bank employment, being confident that he will be a faithful church worker wherever he may be located. S. Paul's loss will be happy gain to some other parish.

Fred. Court has been absent from town, enjoying in the country his annual holiday, and we wish him a speedy return, as his willing services in many departments are much missed.

The heavy rain on Monday last unfortunately prevented the usual meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society.

There was a special service at S. John's Church on Thursday evening, 21st June, when the members of the above-mentioned society from the three parishes were present, enjoyed a hearty service, and listened to a very instructive address given by the Rev. F. Riley. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather S. Paul's contingent mustered in strong force.

On the afternoon and evening of the 11th July, a sale of work, in aid of the Yarrabah Mission, will be held in the school-room, when parishioners in particular, and friends in general, are heartily invited to look in and give a helping hand.

Miss Barkway is seeking to recruit her health by a much needed rest in the country, after having been considerably run down by overwork.

We are happy to say she is improving, but sufficient time must be given her to get quite well again.

S. PAUL TO PHILEMON.

Sir,—It is with the deepest satisfaction that I every day hear you commended for your general behaviour to all of that faith in the articles of which I had the honour and happiness to initiate you; for which, though I might presume to an authority to oblige your compliance in a request I am going to make to you, yet choose I rather to apply myself to you as a friend than an Apostle, for with a man of your great temper, I know I need not a more powerful pretence than that of my age and imprisonment. Yet is not my petition for myself, but in behalf of the bearer, your servant Onesimus, who has robbed you and ran away from you. What he has defrauded you of, I will be answerable for; this shall be a demand upon me; not to say that you owe me your very self. I called him your servant, but he is now also to be regarded by you in a greater relation, even that of your fellow-Christian; for I esteem him a son of mine as much as yourself; nay, methinks it is a certain peculiar endearment of him to me, that I had the happiness of gaining him in my confinement. I beseech you to receive him, and think it an act of Providence that he went away from you for a season, to return more improved to your service for ever."

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The Drink Problem.

I am thankful to be allowed to consider the question of intemperance as it affects the spiritual life of the people—firstly, because that which affects our spiritual condition must always be a matter of primary importance; and secondly, because the hope of permanent reform is brightest when we think of our work as a definite part of our religious duty.

When we consider the temperance question from the religious standpoint, we are removed from the atmosphere of disputation; we all realise the magnitude of this evil power; we alike deplore an enormous loss to our Master's kingdom from which all branches of His Church alike suffer; and in common we find our efforts to fulfil and discharge the commission with which we believe He has instructed us crippled by the same sad sin. It is small wonder, then, that, finding ourselves here on common ground, and faced by such a foe, we should strive to forget our differences, and remember only our need of strength in fighting a common danger. It is only, after all, as Christians that we can fully recognise the obligation which rests upon us to reform the wrongs and errors of our land. To other men it may be a matter of choice, of taste, or inclination; for us it is an imperative duty. The reality, and therefore the efficacy, of our faith is involved in it. When we have said our Creed there seems to come back to us as an echo the Master's words, "Ye are the salt of the earth." It has often been said that the best support given to foreign Missions comes from those parishes in which the best home Mission work is being done. I believe this to be true. On the other hand, let us ask whether it is possible, whether it is conceivable, that a blessing can rest upon our efforts for the evangelisation of the heathen if we are fail-

ing to do our best to bring our own people back to Christ, from the midst of a great darkness, and to protect them from the perils which now are shutting them away from Him. The true safeguarding of the nation is with the Church. Is it not so? The real perils of our empire are moral and spiritual, and come only from within. We do not say that intemperance is our only national danger, but it surely cannot be denied that it is one of the greatest of these, and occupies a front rank in the army of our deadliest foes. We can have no doubt as to the magnitude of the danger to which our people are exposed in face of the testimony which our medical men have given concerning it. Four great manifes- toes have been put forth by them, signed not only most numerous- ly, but in every case most influentially, during the period between 1839 and 1902. Here are words taken from one of these:—"A very large portion of human misery, including poverty, disease, and crime, is induced by the use of alcoholic and fermented liquors and beverages. The most perfect health is compatible with total abstinence from all such intoxicating beverages, whether in the form of ardent spirits, or as wine, beer, ale, porter, etc. Persons accustomed to such drinks may, with perfect safety, discontinue them entirely, either at once or gradually after a short time. Total and universal abstinence from alcoholic liquors and beverages of all sorts would greatly contribute to the wealth, the prosperity, the morality, and the happiness of the human race." Nor can we forget that judges and magistrates have uniformly borne the same witness. The words used by Lord Chief Justice Coleridge may be taken as typical of these. "Judges," he says, "are weary with calling attention to drink as the principal cause of crime. If they could make England sober, they would shut up nine-tenths of

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her prisons." Are we wrong, then, in speaking of this as a national peril? Now, the National Church has surely to concern herself deeply about a national peril; her own position is in danger if she does not do so. We may well ask ourselves to-day whether she has adequately done this. You and I believe that there is no corporate life like that which is created by the great brotherhood of the Church of God. It teaches us to "bear one another's burdens," and that "if one member suffers all the other members suffer with it." If we understand, in the least degree, this great principle we shall no longer busy ourselves exclusively with the little interests which surround our own lives, but impelled by the stimulus of a great hope, we shall strive to take our part in those great battlefields upon which the Master's cause has to be fought and won. We surely are not asking of Him to-day, "Art Thou

He that should come, or do we look for another?" We believe and are sure that the only hope of moral and spiritual reform, of true and lasting amendment, is in Christ; that it is either He or the darkness of despair; and with this conviction ours is the keenness created by the reality of our own disciples' lips and by the sense of the urgency of an impending danger.

The spirit of sacrifice lies at the very root of our religious life. Our faith itself rests upon the incomprehensible sacrifice of the Son of God. Our work can only be accomplished by personal self-sacrifice, and it is the only means by which success can be achieved. And those who are set to be the teachers and the leaders of the people must lead and teach here too—lead with the firmness of conviction, and teach with the gentleness, the patience, and the persistence of a great love.

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