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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.

"Liberty."

*A brief Summary of the Bishop's
Lecture to Men.*

His Lordship took two famous definitions of liberty—"the power to live as you please," enunciated in the height of Roman civilisation, and "liberty consists in an entire absence of restraint," the conclusion of a famous modern thinker. In an interesting and brilliant address the Bishop disclosed the fallacy of both these assertions (which are in reality one). His illustrations were obvious and convincing. Taking as an instance a self-willed child, he showed that the opportunity to do as it pleased, free of all restraint, would not yield liberty in the highest sense of the term. Civilization was impossible without the restraint of the individual will. Law was the restriction of personal freedom, and without law there would be no liberty. Our economists were wrong in desiring freedom from State control,—"*Man versus the State*" was a dangerous assertion, indeed a false position; for the State was simply the representative of man, and was essential for the liberty of the community. The Bishop gave several instances in proof of this:—A man in the bush might burn his hut, but having one in a town contiguous to others he must refrain from doing so. A drunkard for his own liberty and for the welfare of the community must be restrained. The capitalist must be prevented from utilising for his aggrandisement child life, as was done to a terrible extent prior to the passing of the Factory Act, (His Lordship recommended the reading of Mrs Browning's "*Cry of the children*," which we reprint for the benefit of those to whom it is not otherwise accessible. This will accentuate the value of State regulation). Running through the whole of this valuable address

was the principle that to secure liberty we must exercise the virtue of obedience; that while we march onward bearing the banner of "liberty," we must see to it that we do not mean "licence."

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN.

Do YE hear the children weeping, O my brothers!
Ere the sorrow comes with years?
They are leaning their young heads against their mothers,—
And that cannot stop their tears.
The young lambs are bleating in the meadows,
The young birds are chirping in the nest,
The young fawns are playing with the shadows,
The young flowers are blowing t'wards the west:
But the young, young children, O my brothers,
They are weeping bitterly!—
They are weeping in the playtime of the others,
In the country of the free.

Do you question the young children in their sorrow
Why their tears are falling so?
The old man may weep for his to-morrow
Which is lost in Long Ago.
The old tree is leafless in the forest,
The old year is ended in the frost,
The old wound, if stricken, is the sorest,
The old hope is hardest to be lost:
But the young, young children, O my brothers!
Do you ask them why they stand
Weeping sore before the bosoms of their mothers,
In our happy Fatherland?

They look up with their pale and sunken faces,
And their looks are sad to see,
For the man's hoary anguish draws and presses
Down the cheeks of infancy.
"Your old earth," they say, "is very dreary;"
"Our young feet," they say, "are very weak!
Few paces have we taken, yet are weary—
Our grave-rest is very far to seek.
Ask the aged why they weep, and not the children,
For the outside earth is cold.
And we young ones stand without, in our bewildering,
And the graves are for the old.
"True," said the children, "it may happen
That we die before our time.
Little Alice died last year—the grave is shapen
Like a snowball in the rime.

We looked into the pit prepared to take her;
Was no room for any work in the close clay:
From the sleep wherein she lieth none will wake her,
Crying, "Get up, little Alice! it is day."

If you listen by that grave, in sun and shower,
With your ear down, little Alice never cries!
Could we see her face, be sure we should not know her,
For the smile has time for growing in her eyes!
And merry go her moments, lulled and stilled in
The shroud, by the kirk-chime!
"It is good when it happens," say the children,
"That we die before our time."

Alas, alas, the children! they are seeking
Death in life, as best to have;
They are binding up their hearts away from breaking,
With a cerement from the grave.
Go out, children, from the mine and from the city—
Sing out, children, as the little thrushes do—
Pluck your handfuls of the meadow-cowslips pretty—
Laugh aloud, to feel your fingers let them through!
But they answer, "Are your cowslips of the meadows
Like our weeds anear the mine?
Leave us quiet in the dark of the coal-shadows,
From your pleasures fair and fine!

"For oh," say the children, "we are weary,
And we cannot run or leap;
If we cared for any meadows, it were merely
To drop down in them and sleep.
Our knees tremble sorely in the stooping—
We fall upon our faces, trying to go;
And, underneath our heavy eyelids drooping,
The reddest flower would look as pale as snow,
For all day we drag our burden tiring
Through the coal-dark underground,
Or all day we drive the wheels of iron
In the factories round and round.

"For all day the wheels are droning, turning,—
Their wind comes in our faces,—
Till our hearts turn, our heads with pulses burning,
And the walls turn in their places,—
Turns the sky in the high window blank and reeling,—
Turns the long light that drops adown the wall,—

Turn the black flies that crawl along the ceiling,—
All are turning, all the day, and we with all.
And all day the iron wheels are droning;
And sometimes we could pray,
"Oh, ye wheels" (breaking out in a bad moaning),
"Stop! be silent for to-day!"

Ay, be silent. Let them hear each other breathing
For a moment, mouth to mouth,—
Let them touch each other's hands, in a fresh wreathing
Of their tender human youth!
Let them feel that this cold metallic motion
Is not all the life God fashions or reveals;
Let them prove their living souls against the motion
That they live in you, or under you, O wheels!
Still, all day the iron wheels go onward,
Grinding life down from its mark;
And the children's souls, which God is calling sunward,
Spin on blindly in the dark.

Now tell the poor young children, O my brothers,
To look up to Him and pray;
So the blessed One, who blesseth all the others,
Will bless them another day.
They answer, "Who is God that He should hear us,
While the rushing of the iron wheels is stirred?
When we sob aloud, the human creatures near us
Pass by, hearing not, or answer not a word;
And we hear not (for the wheels in their resounding)
Strangers speaking at the door:
Is it likely God, with angels singing round Him,
Hears our weeping any more.
"The words, indeed, of prayer, we remember,
And at midnight's hour of harm,
'Our Father,' looking upward in the chamber,
We say softly for a charm.
We know no other words, except "Our Father,"
And we think that, in some pause of angels' song,
God may pluck them with the silence sweet to gather,
And hold both within His right hand which is strong,
"Our Father," if He heard us, He would surely
(For they call Him meek and mild)
Answer, smiling down the steep world very purely,
"Come and rest with me, my child."

"But, no!" say the children, weeping faster,

"He is speechless as a stone!
And they tell us, of His image is the master
Who commands us to work on.

Go to!" say the children,—*"up in heaven,
Dark, wheel-like, turning clouds are all
we find.*

Do not mock us; grief has made us un-
believing—

We look up for God, but tears have made
us blind."

Do you hear the children weeping and dis-
proving,

O my brothers, what ye preach?
For God's possible is taught by His world's
loving—

And the children doubt of each.

And well may the children weep before you!
They are weary ere they run;

They have never seen the sunshine, nor the
glory

Which is brighter than the sun;
They know the grief of man, without his
wisdom;

They sink in man's despair, without his
calm,—

Are slaves, without the liberty in Christ-
dom,—

Are martyrs, by the pang without the
palm,—

Are worn, as if with age, yet unretrievingly
The blessings of its memory cannot
keep,—

Are orphans of the earthly love and heavenly:
Let them weep! let them weep!

They look up, with their pale and sunken
faces,

And their look is dread to see,
For they mind you of their angels in their
places,

With eyes turned on Deity;—

"How long," they say, "how long, O cruel
nation,

Will you stand, to move the world, on a
child's heart,—

Stifle down with a mailed heel its palpi-
tation,

And tread onward to your throne amid
the mart?

Our blood splashes upward, O gold-heaper,
And its purple shows your path!

But the child's sob curses deeper in the
silence

Than the strong man in his wrath!"



KNOW thou, that the love of Thyself doth
thee more hurt than anything in the world.
According to the love and affection which
thou bearest towards anything, so doth it
more or less cleave to thee.

Thomas à Kempis.

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Parish Notes.

S. JOHN'S PARISH.

On Sunday, May 6th, we were
favoured with a visit from the Rev.
H. M. Challis, M.A., a missionary
from India. Mr Challis is at present
working in the interests of the
Church Missionary Association,
whose head quarters are in Mel-
bourne. On the occasion in ques-
tion the rev. gentleman preached at
S. Aidan's in the morning, and at S.
John's in the evening. In the after-
noon he took the children's service
at the Mission House. Mr Challis
is a gifted speaker, and was able to
tell us much of things he had seen
in the distant east. His chief object
was of course to create some further
interest in the Foreign Mission work
of the church, and his earnest words
can hardly have failed to do that.

On the following evening Mr.
Challis gave a Lantern Lecture at
the Mission House.

On Sunday, May 20th, His Lord-
ship the Bishop was with us for a
portion of the day. In the afternoon
he delivered a singularly clever
lecture at the Men's Service on the
subject of "Liberiy." The attend-
ance, we were pleased to note, was
very large. The lecture was very
fully reported in the local press, so
that even a bare analysis is not called
for here, though, we may add, the
burden of the lecture was to show
that true liberty consisted in bring-
ing our aims and ambitions into line
with the limitations of Christianity.
Within that sphere was alone to be
realised the proper estimate of true
liberty. Outside of that it militated
against the best and most cherished
interests of humanity, and, like an
unpruned vine, soon ran riot, spend-
ing its strength in every direction,
save in that of fruit bearing. Though
the address lasted just an hour, yet
so full of deep interest was it, that
there was no sense of weariness
through concentrated attention.

At the evening service the Bishop
preached also. The church utterly
failed to take in the crowds attend-
ing, and we were sorry to hear
several of our oldest and most re-
spected seatholders, whose families
have been connected with S. John's
for three-quarters of a century, were
unable to occupy their old places
owing to the crush. We feel sure the
irritation thus caused will disappear
on the knowledge of our efforts to
secure a larger church, where every-
one may find a congenial nook, so
to speak. Surely we should be
thankful to know in these days of
religious lukewarmness, that our
people have still a desire to crowd
into our churches. It speaks volumes,
too, for the power of our esteemed
Diocesan that whenever he preaches
seating space invariably fails to
accommodate the demands made
upon it.

Confirmation Classes are again
started. The following are in full
swing:—

Sunday Afternoon, at 4.10, in S. John's
School-room. Open to all caring to
attend.

Wednesday Afternoon, in S. John's
Church, at 4.10. For women and
girls only.

Saturday Night, at the Rectory, at 8
o'clock. For young men only.

Other Classes will be formed at S.
Aidan's and S. Oswald's, if a suffi-
cient number can be had.

All Over Fourteen Years of age are in-
vited to attend.

May we appeal to parents to back
up the clergy in these efforts to in-
fluence the young lives in question.

The Church Extension Quarterly
Collections were held on Sunday,
May 27. The appeal made by the
clergy was well responded to. Over
£55 was given. We long for our
new church, and pray that God will
move the hearts of some of our
wealthier parishioners to complete
the building.

The Mothers' Union.—There will be an admission service at S. John's on Thursday, June 7, at 3 o'clock. All our members should be present to take part in the service. After the service a social will be held in the school-room.

Memorial Windows—The window spaces in the new church are to be filled with stained glass. These we trust may be devoted to what is termed "Memorial Windows." We want all those whose memories are cherished in S. John's to be thus represented. Several windows have already been given; but there are a great many yet unprovided for, and now is the time for the friends of deceased parishioners to speak. A full-sized window of the best medalion workmanship costs about £50. Smaller ones, however, of which there are many, are going begging.

We have missed the presence of our valued Sunday-school superintendent very much. About a month ago Mr M. Brownrigg, who occupies a prominent office in H.M. Customs, was summoned to the head office in Melbourne to undertake certain important departmental work. How long he may be detained it is impossible to say, but every one in connection with the school expresses a sincere wish that he may return to us at an early date.

The attendance at the Young Men's Club is very satisfactory, which shows the usefulness of the institution, and we are thankful we have such a splendid room for our meeting. The members have settled down to real business, in view of the championship contests and inter-club tournaments. For the former, entries closed on the 25th May, and 223 were secured for the various games, the first round of which is now being played. The new billiard table, which is a full three-quarter size, has arrived, and will be put in

its position as soon as the floor is altered for it to stand on. The new rifle range is a great attraction, and on the special nights set aside for its use, we have a splendid muster of members. As showing its popularity upwards of 50 entries were received for the championship. We would like it to be known that visitors are welcome at any time, and when we are engaged in tournaments with other clubs ladies, as well, are specially invited to be present.

Two inter-club tournaments were played last month in connection with the Y.M. Club. Hagley was visited on the 23rd, when the scoring was 37 points to 30. Against St. Andrew's, who came to our school-room on the 30th, we scored 47 points to 21. The feature of these contests was the friendly feeling which existed between the clubs as a body and the players individually. Some of the games played were very interesting, and all specially good play was applauded by "friend and foe" alike.

This month's engagements of the Y.M. Club includes a visit from the Carrick Club, a visit to Trinity Club on 25th inst., and an evening with the microscope by Mr H. H. Scott on the 27th inst.

The first Bioscope Entertainment of this winter series proved their popularity, as the school-room was packed, and over 100 were unable to gain admission. This happened without our advertising the entertainment outside the school. Unfortunately those who were left out in the cold were the very ones who

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should have been inside, as they were of our own schools for whose benefit the entertainments were organised. Those in charge are ardently determined that the main object shall not be lost sight of, and in future intend to keep to the original idea of providing for the children of the parish schools. All scholars will, as usual, be admitted for the penny, but adults, which includes all over 15, outside the schools, will be charged *sixpence*, and will have to provide themselves with a ticket, which can be obtained from any of the teachers.

THE MEN'S WEEKLY SERVICE

This is an effort on the part of the Rev. F. Riley to bond together the men in the parish by means of a Sunday Afternoon Service, which is held in the church at 4.10 p.m. regularly. We want all our men to take an interest in this effort. There is no unity, worth the name, amongst us. The meeting in question is merely preliminary to the creation of some sort of society which will have for its aim the welding together of the men's common interests in religious and social matters. It will possibly mean that some of its members will be asked to read papers, and to speak on questions raised. The first step, however, is to find out those who will throw in their lots with the movement. We therefore invite all men, who care to look into the matter, to attend for about 40 minutes at S. John's every Sunday afternoon at 4.10. Progress will be reported later on.

S. AIDAN'S.

On May 6th our Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held. The day was cold and bleak, but the services were remarkably well attended, and the music, so one casually dropping in to these services informed us, better than at S. John's. Let it be understood that no effort was hereby

made to belittle the choir at the mother church, but rather to show how well this little chapel-of-ease has been doing of late. The Rev. H. M. Challis, M.A., from India preached in the morning, and the Rev. F. Riley, M.A., in the evening. Both services reached high standard of merit.

S. OSWALD'S.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on May 13. The Rev. F. Riley preached in the morning, and the Rev. S. H. Hughes in the evening. In the afternoon the Rector took the children's service. During the day torrents of rains descended. It was miserably cold, too. The services suffered accordingly, but not so badly as we had anticipated. God's bountiful goodness to us should make all recognise the duty of attendance on those occasions specially set aside for thanksgiving for mercies received. Many, at any rate, were so impressed and were not absent.

We are pleased and thankful to note the increased attendance at this pretty little suburban church. It has one of the best choirs amongst our smaller churches. The seats, too, are free, and every one, who cares to attend, welcome.

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On May 6th the Rev. H. M. Challis took our children's service, and spoke at some length about his work in India. It was a delightful half-hour, and all were helped and instructed by it.

On the following evening Mr Challis gave a lantern entertainment. The building was densely packed. For a couple of hours the reverend lecturer took us far afield amongst the interesting centres of Indian mission life. We were struck with amazement at the large area of the foreign mission work, and pained at the comparatively small number undertaking it. But the interest is growing rapidly, and we trust the words spoken on the occasion just mentioned, has touched some amongst us to do more than hitherto for these missions to the heathen.

On Wednesday, May 23, a very large number of ladies, and a few men, met at the Rectory to organise the Annual Mission House Fair. It is being projected, so we are informed, on a scale of "unparalleled magnificence." It is well to be ambitious, and if the outcome be one which breaks past records, we shall not begrudge the high sounding and ambitious language just noticed. But joking apart! Things are serious!! We owe £1500, and appeal to all who value our existence to rally round us at this critical stage, lest the venture comes down under its own weight. The smallest help will be valued and welcomed.

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We desire to record our very deep sense of gratitude to Mr Robert Gardner for his valuable gift of an organ. The old one ought, years ago, to have been placed in a



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museum as a memento of primitive efforts to create a musical instrument. Extreme age had made its bellows weak; its tones asthmatical, and its general appearance worse and more disreputable than some relic from the stone age. The attendants at S. John's will note it has gone back to the chancel of the mother church to do duty on special occasions when something really good is needed.

May we remind the ladies who promised to assist at the Girls' Club that the said club is now in full swing, and we need their help very urgently. It meets at 7.30 every Tuesday and Friday evening.

The Ladies' Work Party, which meets at 2.30 every Friday, needs the regular attendance also of those whose names were given as helpers.

The soup kitchen starts next Thursday. The soup will be given out at noon on that day. Each week, until further notice, this will continue.

Being winter-time we need all the help possible to keep our many organisations for the help of the poor going. Old clothes, boots, firewood, and material to work up are amongst our most pressing needs. Books and magazines, too, are welcome for club-work.

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While writing of the Building
Fund we would acknowledge, with
thanks, a generous donation of £50
from Mr James Boag.

The Rector would be glad to find
a few more willing to become col-
lectors for the Penny Fund, which
means taking a card every quarter,
which, when filled, comes to ten
shillings, but the card is returned
each quarter, whatever the amount
may be, with the money, and a new
one issued.

The quarterly collection in church
on May 13th, counting late offerings,
came to £24 6s.

May 16—The Trinity Young Men's
Club received a visit from St. An-
drew's Club, when a very enjoyable
evening was spent. Our own club
was victorious in the different games,
but any other result could hardly be
expected, as this was the first even-
ing of the kind for S. Andrew's Club,
which is quite a new institution.

May 23.—Members of Trinity Club
journeyed to Westbury to try con-
clusions with the local club, and once
more scored a win. All the mem-
bers who went speak highly of the
reception they received at the hands
of the Westbury folk, and say it re-
warded them for their long journey.

It has been decided by the club,
with the assistance of the members
of the Girls' Club, to hold a small
Fair in the school-room on the last
Wednesday in June, in aid of the
fund the club has started, with the
object of making some additions to
the school-room, which is too small
for the club. The adding of another
room would be of great use, not only
to the club, but also for Sunday-
school classes and various other pur-
poses. We trust that the Fair will
receive that support which the ob-
ject deserves.

A club social was held on the
evening of May 9th, which was very
successful, but unfortunately we can-
not say the same of the concert given
on the following Friday evening.
The programme was excellent, but
a night of pouring rain was too much
to contend with. However, those
who braved the elements were re-
warded with a most enjoyable even-
ing. The performers bravely turned
up to a man.

TRINITY MISSION HALL, INVERESK.

The monthly meeting of the Band
of Hope, C.E.T.S., took place on the
evening of May 17. The Rector
presided, and gave an address on
"Some of the results of Intemper-
ance." The latter part of the even-
ing was covered by a programme of
songs and recitations, in which the
following took part:—Mrs Tynan,
recitation; Misses Marie James,
Florrie Matthews, Lily Matthews,
and Johnston; dialogue by Miss
Wood, Mr C. Rosevear, and O.
Wood. We regret to say we are
losing the help of Mr R. Rosevear,
who is leaving for Melbourne. We
shall indeed miss him, and it will
not be easy to replace him.

A cantata, entitled "Red Riding
Hood," will shortly be given by the
young people of the choir in aid of
our work at the Hall, we having
just erected a shed at the rear of the
building for wood and coal, and
storing purposes. The proceeds
will go towards paying for this.

The Sunday-school prizes were
presented by the Rector on the
Sunday after Easter. The Rector's
prizes this year, being awarded on
the results of an examination, were
won by Alice Sullivan and Oswald
Wood.

May we again remind our friends,
now the winter is with us, how wel-
come gifts of old clothes, boots, etc.,
will be.

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Things are progressing quietly with us, the Sunday-school is growing, and we are glad to welcome as a teacher Mrs Brown, who has recently taken up her residence at Mowbray.

In future the services will be at 11 o'clock every first and third Sunday in the month, with service at 7 o'clock every Sunday evening, and Sunday-school at 3 o'clock.

Very shortly we may have an entertainment in aid of paying off the debt on our new building. Tree planting must be thought of in a few weeks, for we intend our church corner to be a thing of beauty.

Miss Ivy White having become organist for the Sunday-school, the children will soon get to know a good many hymns, and next month the Rector is coming out to hold a children's service, when we shall have an opportunity of hearing them.

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S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

During this month we shall be losing our assistant curate and Mrs Atkinson, and their departure brings us face to face with a grave difficulty, namely, the filling up of the consequent vacancies on the teaching staff of the Sunday-school. We really want at S. George's three extra teachers and a superintendent. The first-class girls, the second and fifth class boys are to be provided for.

We suggest this as a most opportune time for volunteers to come forward, for it was at this season, many years ago, that the Holy Ghost descended on the faithful few in Palestine, and made them conscious and responsible agents in the cause of Christ and Christianity. Are there not four members of our congregation who will respond to the Master's call? The still small voice within is surely speaking to many just now, and there should be no scarcity of those who are willing to help in the school.

It is a certain fact that once having been called to this work, and having experienced the joy of an hour's labour spent for some of "Christ's little ones," there would be no looking back, and happier lives would result. Should not the anniversary of the birthday of the church be celebrated by practical signs of the Holy Spirit's influence. There are many fields of labour, the one in which the harvest is ripe now is the Sunday-school.

Writing of the school reminds us that the monthly service has been altered, and in future will be held on the first Sunday in the month, and not the second as heretofore.

"The Churchman" is not so largely subscribed to as it ought to be. It costs a penny a month, and for that sum will be delivered to any subscriber. Will each person who now takes the paper look out for and get one other willing to take the magazine? It is well worth much more than the subscription asked for.

We are sorry to see many of our parishioners down with one or another form of illness. At this time of the year this is not unexpected, but we hope for speedy recoveries and returns to wonted health and strength.

The texts for April were found by Hilda Bailey, Lizzie Conway, Ida Wood and Ethel Axup. The award is to Lizzie Conway as she gave duplicate references.

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S. PAUL'S PARISH.

June brings many changes, friends come and go, and we are glad to say sometimes return. At the present time Mr W. Wathen, who many years ago was a most earnest and faithful church worker, has returned to his native city of Launceston for a holiday before starting on a tour of England and the continent, and we give him a hearty welcome to the scene of his former labours; his fine tenor voice is heard to great advantage in both the Sunday and Friday evening services, and we shall be sorry to part with such an efficient chorister, but will wish him a very pleasant trip and safe return. Mr Wathen has been for many years in the choir of S. Paul's Cathedral in Dunedin, and is pleased to tell us that our boys compare very favourably with his Dunedin choristers at the cathedral.

The services on Ascension Day were bright and hearty; the anthems and special hymns in the evening were much appreciated. Canon Beresford very kindly came as the special preacher on that evening, and we thank him for his very thoughtful and earnest address.

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We are glad to say that the Boys' Gymnasium is fairly started at last, and hope it will do good work, with a strong committee, and Messrs Mayhead and Tickell, instructors; and Mr Major Court, secretary; and Mr C. Bowling, treasurer, things ought to go well; and we wish them every success in their undertaking.

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Miss Lodder kindly came on Monday and paid a visit to our branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, Miss Lodder being the head of the litera-

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ture department, brought a goodly supply of the new leaflets, books, cards, etc., just to hand, and it was most gratifying to know that every one made a point of being a subscriber to one or other of the journals. We thank her for her visit and kindly words she spoke to those present—a goodly number it was—and we feel thankful to know that each week the girls seem to feel the value of the society and appreciate it more and more. We hear a branch is to be formed in Holy Trinity parish on Thursday evening, and wish them every success in their G.F.S.

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The piano which is now in the Sunday-school is a great attraction, and Miss Wetton has kindly undertaken to teach the girls some part songs. It is indeed good of her, and we know it will be a great source of pleasure to the girls.

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We were pleased to see Mrs Weavell back at church, after being obliged to stay in a dark room for so many weeks, as she has been such a sufferer from eye-trouble.

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Miss Hopwood, too, we welcome back after her long holiday in the country.

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We regret that Mr C. E. Andrews finds it necessary to retire from the choir for a time, owing to some voice affection, and we look forward to giving him a warm welcome after a helpful period of rest.

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The Rector and Churchwardens trust that the parishioners generally will be ready to respond to the call of visitors from the Parish Council, when they wait upon them shortly for contributions to the "Parochial Fund."

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WHIT SUNDAY.

Once again the day has come round when we call to mind the descent of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, now called Whit Sunday. It was the baptism of fire which was to make the apostles ready and fit for the work which lay before them. Fire cleanses and purifies. Their hearts needed to be cleansed and purified before they could go forth to teach others. It is the emblem of faith and courage. These first preachers of the Gospel needed much to make them brave enough, and strong enough to go forth and proclaim the glad tidings of salvation. The Holy Spirit came down upon the head of the Lord Jesus, immediately after His baptism, in the shape of a dove; that quiet, gentle bird, the emblem of peace and love. The Son of God needed no cleansing fire, because his heart was altogether pure and holy. But He needed strength for the temptation which was to follow, and help and comfort in all His future suffering and sorrow. This same spirit still works in the church and in the world, searching the very depths of our hearts, and showing us the evil thoughts and desires that work within them, and which must be cast out before they can be fit for the Holy Dove to nestle therein, bringing peace and rest to our souls.

There is a Holy Dove that speaks
To every Christian child;
That whispers to his little heart
A song both sweet and mild;
He must be pure and good and true,
Must strive and watch and pray;
For unresisted sin at last
Will drive that Dove away.

At our baptism, through the faith and prayers of others, the Holy Spirit comes to begin the new life within us. Again at our confirmation He comes to strengthen us for the fight against temptation and sin. There is no sound of mighty wind or flaming fire. It falls quietly and

gently, as the dew from Heaven, preparing the ground of our hearts to receive the good seed that will bring forth fruit unto life eternal.

But if our spiritual life is to grow we need the constant renewing of this great power within us. As our bodies need daily food to keep them strong and healthy, so our souls must be constantly fed with this life-giving power, lest they languish and die. How can we obtain this precious gift?

The Lord Jesus said that God is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to help and guide us; than a good, kind, earthly father is anxious to give his children all that is needful to make them happy and comfortable. But we must ask for it. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to come into our hearts and dwell there; but He does not force an entrance there. He waits till we are willing, and feel our need of Him to be our Guide and Comforter.

He came sweet influence to impart
A gracious willing guest;
While He can find one humble heart
Wherein to rest.

How can we tell whether we have the Spirit of God dwelling in us? Our words and actions will prove it. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Are we trying to cultivate any of these virtues! The grace of God can alone enable us to bring forth good fruit. But we must do our part by striving to overcome all our evil inclinations and desires, and asking for strength and help according to our need. Our constant prayer should be in the words of one of our collects, "Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name."

Spirit of purity and grace
Our weakness pitying see;
Oh make our hearts Thy dwelling place,
And worthier Thee.

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