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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—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.

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Helpful Thoughts.

ALL MUST DO THEIR DUTY.

It cannot be too often insisted on that to cope with prevailing evils is not alone the work of the clergy and the ordinary lay worker. The help of every Christian man or woman is needed, and should be called forth to use all influence for the spread of God's kingdom. Leakage and loss would be unknown if every one recognised his or her responsibility in seeking to bring others to Christ. Above all, let us show the power of example by a Christian life. That life lived is of infinitely more value than words. Let it be evidenced in the home and family life. Some say it is a hard thing. And so it is a hard thing. But do we believe in the Holy Ghost as a living Worker who takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto us? If we do so believe in Him, all things are possible; but if not, we can do nothing.

"A HELP-MEET FOR HIM."

Humanity would be impoverished if women were to set themselves to do all that men do, as their rivals and not their helpmates. I do not attempt to adjust in any balance the gifts and graces of men and women. I only contend that they are different, and precious because they are different. I cannot compare their relative value, nor can I compare the relative value of the services which great poets and great artists render to their countrymen. But I know this: that the world is richer through the services of poet and artist alike, far richer than it would be if one were lost in the other. And even if it may seem to be an old's man's prejudice, I can form no loftier wish for woman than the poet formed forty years ago, that

At the last she set herself to man,
 Like perfect music unto noble words.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions, St. Paul teaches us, are an open witness to the will of God for the world. Foreign Missions proclaim a living Saviour and King of all men. Foreign Missions vindicate for the Church the energy of a Divine life. Foreign Missions, in a word, express a great hope, kindle a sovereign love, feed an unconquerable faith; and we, too often depressed, chilled, disheartened by the cares of the passing day, require the inspiration which they bring for the blessing of our lives.

STUDY YOUR BIBLE.

In the study of the Bible lies the hope of its future. For the study of the Bible in the sense in which I have indicated is of momentous importance at the present time, and it is rare; there is much discussion about the Bible, but, as I fear, little knowledge of it. We are curious to inquire—and it is a reasonable curiosity—when this book and that was written; but we are contented to be ignorant of what this book or that contains. We remain blind to the magnificent course of the Divine education of the world; and still less do we dwell upon the separate phrases of "friends of God and prophets," and question them and refuse to let them go till they have given us some message of warning or comfort or instruction. Such failures, such neglect seal the very springs of life. They deprive us of the remedies for our urgent distresses. Who does not know them? We are troubled on all sides by wars and rumours of wars, by the restlessness and anxiety of nations and classes; we ask impatiently if this wild confusion is the adequate result of eighteen centuries of the Gospel of Peace? We ask impatiently, and the Bible offers us an interpretation of a history and life not unlike our own, and helps us to see how the counsel of God goes forward through

all the vicissitudes of human fortunes and human wilfulness. Our hearts again constantly fail us for fear of the things which are coming on the world. The Bible inspires us with an unfailling hope. We are yet further perplexed by conflicts of reasoning, by novelties of doctrines, by strange conclusions of bold controversialists. The Bible provides us with a sure touchstone of truth, while

The intellectual power, through words and things,
 Goes sounding on, a dim and perilous way,
 and brings us back to a living fellowship with Him who is the Truth.

THE SABBATH OF REST.

The Christian Sabbath is, in a word, the day of spiritual communion with God in men, with men in God. On our Sunday we too must strive "to be in the Spirit." Such an effort is required by all of us. If we reflect on our nature and our position we shall at once feel our want of this "rest of the heart." Mere repose, amusement, physical pleasure bring no real restoration to the toiler wearied by a week of heavy labour. They all belong to the same order as our daily work. They cannot convey the invigorating force of new influences—they open no fresh springs in the parched soul. I would not underrate the effects of literature,

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of art, of culture, of science; but they demand a heavy price for their ennobling lessons. Many of us cannot pay it; and God shows to us a loftier and better way. He offers Himself to us, the source of all goodness and truth and beauty, to be reached by the affections. That way we all know, we have all followed. In our most pressing needs, in our seasons of desolation and distress, we turn to the sympathy of a friend for the support and refreshment which we require.

"IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD."

A great modern writer has said, "If I looked into a mirror, and did not see my face, I should have the sort of feeling which actually comes upon me when I look into this living busy world and see no reflection of its Creator." It is a startling and terrible image. I know no more impressive one in literature, and have we not all felt something of the same kind? We look upon the life of men whom God has made in His own image, and expect to find everywhere tenderness, self-control, love in its thousand shapes; instead of this we are met on all sides by selfishness, self-indulgence, passion, carelessness of all things except the desire of the moment. As Cardinal Newman says, it is as if we looked into a mirror and did not see our face. If, indeed, what we see upon the surface were all, I do not think that life could be lived. But, thank God, it is not all. When a sudden crisis comes, commonplace men, men hitherto in no way distinguished from their fellows, prove themselves heroes. They hear in their own souls the voice of God, and without one thought lay down their lives to save their comrades. Your own work, your own experience, is fertile in acts of unlooked-for and unprepared self-devotion. Such deeds correct our first impressions. They show us the true man; and we rejoice. God has not left the world

which He called into being, though He hide Himself, and if the eyes of our hearts are open we can see Him. We rejoice in the signs of a divine nature. We look away from the troubled, turbid surface of things to the springs of life, and find there a call to undoubting faith and unwearied labour. It is true that what we find around us, and what we feel within ourselves, may fill us with dismay; but none the less we believe that our Father made the world, and He sent His Son to be its Saviour, and that the Holy Spirit is ever waiting to cleanse and strengthen all who turn to Him.

"WE LIVE NOT TO OURSELVES ALONE."

A great many years ago I read a book in which it was stated that we are free to do as we like in all matters that concern ourselves alone. I confess that my own soul at once rebelled against the double assumption in that statement. Freedom is not to do as we like, it is the capacity of doing what we ought. There is nothing in which a man's actions concern himself alone: they must affect others, however slightly. There is a phrase often used with complacent pride—"We keep to ourselves." We cannot avoid responsibility by keeping to ourselves. We have no right to keep to ourselves. We are not our own. We receive from others our birth, our growth and education, and as it is an unquestionable fact that we live by others, surely it is an unquestionable duty that we should live for others. It is worth while noticing that we wrong our neighbour just as much by what we leave undone as by what we do. In the Confession the sins of omission come first. Then it follows that it is not for ourselves alone that we are bound to cultivate our powers and use our opportunities.

Bishop Westcott.

More

The battle's loss may profit those who lose,
Than Victory advantage those who win.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP.

The Bishop will, all being well, arrive in Launceston on Nov. 9th.

The following, so we understand, are his engagements during the visit:—

FRIDAY, NOV. 9—Demonstration in the Albert Hall, given by the Launceston parishes on behalf of the Home Mission.

SUNDAY, NOV. 11—Holy Trinity at 11 a.m. S. John's at 7 p.m.

There will also be a Special Service for Men at 4.10 p.m. in one of the above Churches.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13—Confirmation in S. John's at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14—Lecture on behalf of Holy Trinity Young Men's Club.

NOV. 15—Leaves for Melbourne Church Congress.

SUNDAY, NOV. 25—Returns from Melbourne and preaches at S. Paul's at 7 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 26—Confirmation at Holy Trinity at 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27—Lecture on behalf of the Launceston Musical Society.

ON WEDNESDAY, His Lordship leaves for a visit to certain of the parishes on the N.W. Coast.

Parish Notes.

S. JOHN'S PARISH.

The past month has been exceptionally wet, and our various services and functions not a little affected in consequence. This was especially true in reference to our efforts to help along the Church Extension Fund by "running" a "Refreshment Tent" at the Launceston Show. We desire to convey our very sincere thanks to all who sent provisions for the afternoon tea, and also to all who helped in any way. The show committee offered us the privilege of having the same tent again at the supplementary day's sports, but our ladies, warned by the previous state of the ground, which had been kept well saturated meanwhile, refused the proffered honour, a decision to which, considering the outlook, we could hardly take exception.

The "Literary Night," given by the Y.P.C.U. on the 16th instant, was described by one of the more prominent visitors as "amongst the happiest and most instructive evenings he had ever spent." The function took the form of short essays on favourite authors and their works. The Rev. F. Riley occupied the chair, and read aloud the various papers. At the conclusion he gave a general summary of the work done, and congratulated the members very warmly.

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Date to be remembered—Tuesday, November 13—Confirmation, at 7.30 p.m., in S. John's. All who can should attend this service. The Communicants especially should regard it as a solemn duty to be present to help by their prayers and presence the young "Soldiers of the Cross," who are declaring "for the Captain of our salvation."

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S. John's and its branches have had their Festival Services, and we have every reason to be satisfied with the results. Both S. Aidan's and the Mission House increased their collections, while the parent school had to suffer a decrease from last year. As far as S. John's is concerned we had a larger congregation in the morning, and the usually packed church at night. However, leaving the finances alone, we are pleased to know that the Festival Services of 1906 were among the best ever held in S. John's. The hymns were well selected, and the rendition of them reflected credit on the conductor, Mr Wells. Brightness was the characteristic of the day. The floral service brought forth a beautiful lot of designs, upwards of 30 being presented at the altar rails, and afterwards sent to the different cemeteries. Rev. Cecil Fawns came from Hobart to give the addresses at the various services, and we are very thankful to him.

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The annual picnic in connection with the Sunday-schools of the parish will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 7th, at the annual trysting place—Elphin Show Grounds. Given fine weather for a few days before the event, the ground will be in lovely condition for the outing. Our numbers are increasing each year, and it is a big order providing for between 600 and 700. As we have a splendid name for looking after the wants of the youngsters, as well as visitors, who are always made welcome on this special occasion, we don't want to risk our reputation. Any donation in money or kind will be gratefully received by the teachers. Send it along to the school-room on Tuesday.

The final Bioscope Entertainment took place on the 23rd of last month, and was a splendid wind up to a successful season, for we had to refuse admittance to a large number. It is surprising where the crowd

came from, for we never advertised the entertainment, in fact we made it more of a special one for our own scholars, who received their admission for the penny, while all others had to pay a higher price. Judging by the success it is probable the same arrangements will be made next year. In conclusion we would like specially to thank Mr James Jordan, who manipulated the electric light for the entertainment. To him it has evidently been a labour of love, for the amount of time he has given us, if reckoned up, would surprise even himself, and we can hardly thank him enough. Mr Spurling also deserves our thanks for so generously lending us so many beautiful slides from time to time. We are sorry the season is over, but a "crowded house" in the present S. John's school-room, during the summer months, is to us of no value when our health is in question.



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The closing social of the Y.M. Club was a great success, for fortunately we were not overcrowded this time. Everybody seemed to make a point of having a good time, and a social it was in the true sense of the word. We were pleased to see our Churchwardens present, and hear one at least speak a few kindly words to the young men. Little speeches from the Rector, Rev. F. Riley, and Mr Whitaker, with a presentation from the latter to Mr J. Huston for having obtained the most new members during the season, brought the social to a close.

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S. AIDAN'S.

Our Sunday-school Festival has come and gone. A long and careful preparation for it made all the workers fairly confident of a successful issue, "provided, as one remarked, 'Jupiter Pluvius' would only behave himself and smile instead of frown upon us just for once." The classical allusion expressed a very real concern in matters, though it came out half jestingly. But fortune, it is said favours the brave, and, judging from the results, all were very brave on the occasion. The Rev. R. K. Collisson, M.A., Rector of Carrick, very generously came in and took all the services for us. To say that Mr Collisson preached, means always that he both delighted and instructed the people by his addresses. Always pointed and emphatic, he was also eloquent, and his hearers are hopeful he will make this annual festival one of his especial fixtures, provided he cannot come more often. The offertories during the day were nearly £8—the largest ever collected at our School Festival in this pretty little church. The music was under the direction of Miss Maude Genders, who played the organ, and Mr Findlay, who trained the children. Throughout the services were very

hearty and successful. We omitted to state that the church had been charmingly decorated on the previous day.

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S. OSWALD'S.

The Sunday-school Festival is to be held on November 11. There will be three full services at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. (Children's Floral Service), and 7 p.m. A great deal of hard work has been done by the scholars in learning the hymns, and they hope to give a good account of themselves on the above-named date. There will be a different clergyman for each service—probably our own, and one to be invited for the evening. Due notice will be given. All who live at Travellyn, of whatever age or denomination, are invited to be present. We may say, too, that as our little Sunday-school on the hill depends almost solely for its financial position upon the collections on this day, we shall not be displeased in the least if all our many friends, whom we hope may crowd us out at the services named, will remember to put into their pockets the largest coin they can lay hands on and drop it into the plate, whose capacity will be quite equal to the occasion, for the afore-named good cause. Even gold will not be refused! We thought it wise to mention this as, owing to the complete absence at all such functions of this yellow metal, it has evidently gone abroad that the authorities are opposed to its presentation. Perhaps the same may be certified as to the orthodoxy of crowns and half-crowns also. Our people are so madly conservative in their adherence to an old custom, such e.g. as that usually influencing their Sunday gifts, which are confined, in a modest fashion, to the smaller coins of the realm, that we may be pardoned by expressing a wish that on this Festival a new departure may be made.

S. JOHN'S MISSION HOUSE.

The tide at our Mission has evidently been coming in of late. On a good many occasions during the past month, and that, too, in spite of the rain which invariably accompanies our functions, the fine hall has been filled by our people. Certainly it would have taken space four times what was available at the old place to have seated the audiences or the congregations assembled.

On two occasions in October popular penny concerts were given, and went very well. On the 17th inst. the Rev. C. Fawns gave us the first part of his lecture on "Homeward bound through America." To this admission was granted upon the presentation of a silver coin. About 240 were present, and enjoyed the lecture and the lovely pictures immensely.

On October 28th our annual Sunday-school Festival came off. There was a special service for children at 2.30 p.m., and a huge "hall-full" at 7 p.m. The room had been very prettily decorated. The singing of the Festival Hymns, under the tuition of Miss Mason, was excellent. The heartiness was unquestionable. The Rev. F. Riley, to whom all have become deeply attached, took the services, and uplifted his hearers by his splendid address. Such a day only proves the wisdom of having pushed on the building of the new premises. On every side are beautiful signs of development. The one great crying need is the appointment of an earnest young fellow in Holy Orders to make this work a speciality. At present the Rector and Curate can give this promising Mission only occasional attention, so great is the pressure elsewhere in the parish. All this means money. If we could only count upon £50 a year, for three years, as stipend, it could be done with such help as could be had

from other sources. Is there no servant of God, or a number of such who will undertake to give or collect this small sum? Let all interested make it a subject for prayer, and God, in His own good time, will bring it to pass.

BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 10—Roy Tasman Rusden.
Wilson John Cooley.
William Charles Atto.
Francis Tasman Stanley Dobson.
" 11—Violet Ruth Milwood.
Eric James Thomas.
" 14—Vera Emily Jansson.
" 17—George Seymour Smith.
Frank Eric Burling.
" 24—Clarice Madeline Burton.
Alma Bertha Walters.
Ailsa Muriel Newton.
Eric Alexander James William Peck

BURIALS.

- Sept. 29—John Henry Chapman
Oct. 1—Percy Douglas Knowles
" 2—Thomas Rouse
Greta Devaney
" 8—Philip Archie Stevens
" 16—Mary Ann Henshaw

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HOLY TRINITY PARISH.

The sympathy of the entire parish has gone forth to the Ven. Archdeacon Whittington in the hour of his sorrow. He was to have been with us the week end that the accident happened to his son, and on the Sunday morning the Rector, in apologising for his absence, made feeling reference to his loss. The boy Alick, better known by his nickname "Podgers," had at one time been a visitor with his mother at the Rectory, so was not unknown to some of us. We do indeed pray that under God's good hand time may soften the blow that has fallen by his sudden death on the members of his family.

Sunday, October 7.—The collections were the half-yearly ones in aid of the General Church Fund, and realised, together with a late offering, £13 17s 7d. We could have wished to see more, but must not complain.

October 19.—A meeting of Sunday-school teachers was held on this evening to make arrangements for the annual picnic. It was decided to hold it at Rosevears on Wednesday, November 28th. The water trip seems to be regarded with most favor, and the motion for Rosevears was carried unanimously. A question of some importance was discussed, *i.e.*, the entertainment of visitors in the afternoon in the person of friends and parents. The time which has to be given up to this can ill be spared, as the teachers during it have to neglect their children, while at the same time it is an extra tax on those who, giving the whole day to looking after the children's interest, are pretty well tired out. First it was proposed that a charge should be made for afternoon tea to visitors, but it was pointed out that money was not the obstacle, but time and strength. At last it

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was decided that on the principle of its being the children's day, the teachers should be left entirely free to devote their time to them, and any visitors coming be asked to provide themselves with refreshments. Of course, as perhaps all know, afternoon tea can always be obtained from the proprietors of the Rosevear's Hotel, near to the picnic ground.

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On Sunday, December 2nd, the annual collections for the Sunday-school will be made, when we hope all will give in a generous spirit. The special children's service will be in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the young folk make their offering for the Font Fund. The preacher morning, afternoon, and evening, will be the Rev. Canon de Coetlogon, of Devonport.

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Another special collection which we have to refer to is the quarterly one for the Building Fund, which will be on November 18th, instead of on the second Sunday in the month as usual. We aim to get £100 from these four collections in the year, and owing to a very small one in August, we have to try and make up £29.0s 11d.

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The Rector has appointed the Rev. W. A. Best as junior curate in the parish. Mr Best is to be ordained to the Diaconate on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, and will begin his work in Holy Trinity Parish on the following Sunday.

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The Lord Bishop is to preach in Holy Trinity on the morning of Sunday, November 11th, and the following Monday night, at 8 o'clock, administer the rite of Confirmation, while on Wednesday, November 14th, he is to lecture in the Mechanics' Hall in aid of Trinity Young Men's Club. The Hon. G. T. Collins, M.L.C., will preside.

S. GEORGE'S, INVERMAY.

October 16.—We had a visit from our old friend, the Rev. C. A. Fawns, who gave us a lecture entitled, "Homeward bound across America." It was illustrated by a number of beautiful slides, the lantern being managed by Mr Brown. The proceeds are in aid of Sunday-school Funds, which need help just now, as both picnic time and prize day are drawing near.

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October 22.—A meeting of Sunday-school teachers was held to discuss matters connected with the annual picnic, when it was decided to hold it on December 5th, in Mr Grubb's paddock, near the Racecourse, if permission to do so can be obtained. If so, arrangements will be made with Messrs Owen and Spearman to drive teachers and children to and from the ground.

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Every one connected with S. George's is sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs Spearman, one of our most valued helpers; also of the prolonged illness of Miss Massey. We pray God for their full restoration to health and strength.

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TRINITY MISSION HALL,
INVERESK.

There is little to report this month. The Sunday-school picnic will take place on November 28th, when, as usual, our school will join with the parish school and go by steamer to Rosevears. We refer readers to what is said in reference to the picnic in the "Parish Notes."

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A meeting will be held shortly to fix on a date for the Jumble Fair, to be held sometime before Xmas.

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S. BARNABAS' (NEWNHAM).

A well attended meeting of this little congregation was held on the evening of September 28th, the Rector presiding, when it was decided to hold a Fancy and Produce Fair early next year, with the object of reducing the debt on the church. The various stalls were allotted, and we have little doubt but that all will work well to bring about a similar success to our previous effort.

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Sunday, October 7.—The sad loss sustained by Archdeacon Whittington in the death of his son, prevented him paying us his long promised visit. However, the afternoon service, specially arranged, was not allowed to lapse, the Rector coming out and conducting the service. He brought with him Miss Richardson to act as organist, and a number of

the choir boys from the Parish Church. A good congregation assembled, and entered with appreciation into the service thus arranged. After church the visitors from town were entertained by Mrs J. C. Mac-michael at afternoon tea. The opinion of the boys is summed up in the question "When are we going to S. Barnabas' again?"

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The Sunday-school picnic will be held on November 28th, when our teachers and children will join those from the Trinity School and journey by the S. Togo to Rosevears.

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October 26.—A very pleasant social was arranged by Mr Thelwell, and, as usual, those interested in S. Barnabas' were not behind in providing the necessary cakes, etc.—really a bountiful supply—and also giving the required assistance. There were

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several songs and recitations, and these with different games made the evening pass all too quickly. The proceeds were used for the purchase of crockery, etc., for our local use, as we hope often at S. Barnabas' to see these friendly gatherings.

The Rector is arranging with Mr Brown, of S. George's, to bring the lantern belonging to that school out and give an evening of views and illustrated songs. Most likely it will be on Friday, November 30th. There will be a small charge, and the result will be in aid of the Sunday-school Funds.

S. PAUL'S PARISH.

We, as a parish, deeply sympathise with the Ven. Archdeacon, Mrs, and Miss Whittington in the sad loss of their only beloved son and brother. At the morning service on Sunday, the 14th inst., the Rector, in a few deeply touching words, asked for the prayers of the congregation on behalf of the sorrowing family, and the silence that could be felt, spoke eloquently of the feeling of those present. May God bless them, and in his own good time bring peace and comfort to their sorrowing hearts. In the absence of the secretary the vice-president, at the request of the president, said a kind word of sympathy from the S. Paul's branches of the Mothers' Union, and Mrs Whittington's reply was read at the fortnightly meeting of the M.U., held on Tuesday.

On Monday, the 15th October, an admission service in connection with the S. Paul's branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, was held in the church, at 7.30 p.m., when one associate and eight members were admitted. There were a large number of members and friends present. We are deeply indebted to the Rev.

E. Gibson Barry, Rector of Holy Trinity, who kindly came and gave a most hopeful address, taking as a basis for his remarks, first of all, the great commandment "Love," "Love to God first," then love to our neighbour, for the whole world is in a sense our neighbour, in so much as each can do his or her little to help one another, and thus fulfil the motto of the society, "Bear ye one another's burdens." He also congratulated those present on the society being what he termed "a real live one," and begged them to continue the good work they had started so auspiciously. All present were most interested, and only too sorry when the address was brought to a conclusion.

The special form of admission of working and honorary associates and members, authorised by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, England, was used for the first time in Tasmania, and will, we are sure, prove most helpful to all. The beautiful hymn

Lord, our strength in weakness,
We pray to thee for grace,
For power to fight the battle,
For speed to run the race,
Where Thy baptismal waters
Were poured upon our brow,
We then were made Thy children,
And pledged our earliest vow.

was sung by all present. After service all present adjourned to the school-room, where our energetic secretary, Miss Harrap, had everything very nicely arranged for a social gathering, and a merry time was spent, light refreshments were provided by the associates and committee. We gladly welcomed Miss Lodder from Holy Trinity, and Mrs Fairthorne, of S. John's, and hope they will come again before long and spend another evening with us.

Mr E. Matthews, who has been so kind and helpful all through the past season, in doing many little kindly services for the G.F.S. and M.U.,

was last week the recipient of a very handsome Teacher's Bible, beautifully bound in morocco, from the president in recognition of his work, and we only hope he may long be spared to carry on that work.

The Boys' Gymnasium had their last meeting for the season on Thursday evening. We are glad to say it has been a very successful one, and gratefully thank all who have helped to carry on this work. With an early start next year, our roll of membership should be largely increased. Mr C. Mayhead, as drill instructor, has been untiring in his efforts to make everything a great success, and we owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his services so willingly and cheerfully given. Mr Major Court, as secretary, has proved to be the right man in the right place, and under his and Mr Mayhead's management, the season will close with a road race for members, who are timed to leave the school at a quarter-past 7 p.m. on Thursday evening.

We are delighted to welcome our kind friends and churchworkers, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Pantton back to the parish, and trust they may long be spared to help us. Mrs Pantton has kindly undertaken to do the church vases for the fourth Sunday in each month, but we are still in need of help for other Sundays. Will any kind friend, who is willing to assist, send word to the Rectory, and we shall gladly avail ourselves of the needed aid.

It is wonderful how many "wants" there are in a parish, and we are still "wanting" a superintendent for the Sunday-school. Who will come and help us? and gladden the Rector's heart, and strengthen his hands, which are more than full at the present time.

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This year our Sunday-school children, instead of taking any active part in the programme arranged for the demonstration in aid of the Home Mission Union, to be held in the Albert Hall on Friday, Nov. 9th. have taken up their share of the good work in a different way, namely, each child has a card with 30 little squares in it, each square representing rd., and each collector pledges him or herself to return their card filled up to the value of 2/6. It is early to guess at the result, which will be given next month, but judging from the earnest way they have set about their work, we are sure they will give a good account of themselves.

Much to our regret Mrs and Miss Hills have decided to make their home in Prahran for at least a year, and we shall miss these willing church workers, but trust they will continue their good work in the parish in which they live.

The sad news of the sudden death of the Rector of Strahan came as a great shock to us all. Mr Clement Dowling was well known to the parishioners of S. Paul's, and we heartily sympathise with his brother, Mr Ambrose Dowling, and Mrs Dowling, who for many years gave up much of their time to help us at S. Paul's, in the loss they have sustained, not forgetting Canon Theodore Dowling, Chaplain to the Bishop of Jerusalem.

His labours over—
May he rest in peace.

Time's waters will not ebb, nor stray,
Power cannot change them, but Love
may—
What cannot be, Love counts it done.
Deep in the heart, her searching view
Can read where Faith is fix'd and true,
Through shades of settling life can see
Heaven's work begun.

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LITTLE GWEN.

Written by an anonymous friend, describing the death (which she witnessed) of a fellow-sufferer in the Launceston General Hospital.

'Tis evening, and the western sky
Is bright with sunset glow—
Faint emblem of that endless light
In the land we do not know.

Within the little children's ward
A tiny sufferer lies,
All heedless of the evening shades,
Or bright and glowing skies.

She, like the day, is fading fast,
Pale and weak she's lying;
This life for her is almost past—
Little Gwen is dying.

'Tis over now; how still she lies!
No more pain to-day:
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To bear her soul away

To that bright home of rest and peace,
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Good Shepherd, open wide the gates
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