

# PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, BAXENDEN.

## AUGUST, 1904.

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July.—Communicants, 62. Offertory for Sick and Poor, 10s. 4d.

### Holy Communion.

Sunday, July 31st.—At Noon. Offertory for Sick and Poor.

Sunday, August 14th.—At 8 a.m. Offertory for Church expenses.

Sunday, August 21st.—At Evening Service.

Sunday, 28th.—at 8 a.m. Offertory for Church expenses.

Sunday, Sept. 4th.—At Noon. Offertory for Sick and Poor.

### Special Week-day Services.

Children's Service every Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mission Service every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Devotional Meeting every Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

### School Sermons.

July 17th.—The Annual School Sermons were preached on this day to fairly good congregations. The collections amounted to the handsome sum of £46 5s. Considering the

state of trade for the past twelve months, the result reflects very great credit indeed upon a working-class congregation. We are bound to say that the afternoon collection in the school of something like £28 12s. bears evidence of a sincere interest in the welfare of the school on the part of the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School. The following gifts are included in the above amounts, viz.;—Mr. Rd. Haworth, 5/-; Mrs. Geo. Hargreaves, 2/6; Mrs. M. Harrison, 2/6; and Miss M. A. Heap, 2/6.

### Untidy Graves.

Many persons were very much shocked on the day of the School Anniversary to find so many untidy graves in the Churchyard. Strangers passing in the tramcars have been heard to speak of its untidy appearance. The Churchwardens had made the entrance to the Church look very pretty. The farmer had also cut the grass where there were no graves. But to see the long grass growing round most of the graves did not say much for the love and remembrance of departed ones. We trust that this charge of untidiness will speedily be removed by owners of graves.

### Harvest Festival.

This Festival will take place on Sunday, September 11th, 1904, when there will be the usual Flower Service in the afternoon with special music at all services. We ask our readers to keep this date in mind.

### Service of Sacred Song.

The members of the Choir, assisted by a few members of the Sunday School, will render a Service of Sacred Song in the School, on Sunday next, July 31st, entitled, "St. Paul," to commence at 2 o'clock. COLLECTION FOR THE CHOIR FUND. The story is a most thrilling one, and the music is beautiful throughout.

Conductor: Mr. H. Todd.

Harmoniumist: Miss Ayrton.

Reader: Mr. J. Phoenix.

We trust that members of the congregation, Sunday School, and Parishioners will make an effort to be present.

### Choir Picnic.

The annual Choir Picnic took place on Saturday, July 9th, the place selected being Bolton Woods. Leaving Accrington by train at 6-55, Skipton was reached shortly before half-past eight, and an hour afterwards the party sat down to a substantial breakfast, splendidly served by Mrs. Ackernley, the proprietress of the Ship Hotel. At 10-45 the journey was continued to Bolton Abbey, and as the weather was delightfully fine the ramble through the

woods along the banks of the Wharfe was enjoyable in the extreme. A small section of the party cried "enough" when the Strydd had been reached, ostensibly for the purpose of restraining the impetuosity of would-be heroes, bent on leaping the perilous ravine. The bulk of the party, however, did the whole journey to Barden Tower, where the thoughtful provision of a luncheon basket was much appreciated. On returning to Skipton, tea was served at the hotel, the catering being of the efficient character as before. Then the Castle, the Church, and other objects of interest in the old town were visited. The return journey was commenced at 8-45, and Accrington was reached at 10 o'clock. The trip was unanimously voted one of the very best of a long series of enjoyable outings.

### Marriages.

July 13th.—John Bentley to Elizabeth Hodgkinson.

July 20th.—James Rushton to Elizabeth Ramsbottom.

### Baptisms.

June 26th.—Joseph, son of H. Pedley and Susannah Maguire.

July 13th.—Tom, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Parker.

### Burials.

July 23rd.—Nicholas Atkinson, age 28 years.

