

Leaves from our Journal.

MAY—Our last diary brought us to the middle of May, and so we will open our present page at Ascension Day, which we are sorry to say was not this year one of bright, beautiful sunshine, as is so often the case, but on the contrary it was very cold and showery. This misfortune did not however cause the notes of gladness to take any minor key, and the "Sursum Corda" of the Eucharist, remained with us during the day, to lift our hearts and thoughts upward, to catch some faint echoes of that triumph song of exaltation, which greeted the return of our Ascended King to His Throne in Heaven.

MAY 26th.—To-day the Bishop held another Confirmation, when seven Canadian and three Indian children received that Gift of the Ascended LORD which is to keep them His faithful soldiers and servants unto the end.

We were very glad to see his Lordship looking so much better in health, and to notice that though he was leaving next morning by the early train, yet he felt equal to the exertion of being "photographed," even before breakfast.

WHITSUNDAY.—We were able to have an early choral Celebration this year, and the seven Canadian children received their first Communion on this most beautiful Festival, each wearing the little bunch of lilies of the valley, worn at their Confirmation. We trust that the memory of this great day will often be a help to them in their future lives.

JUNE 3rd.—Such beautiful weather has suddenly come, that at last we are able to have our first picnic, and so with well packed baskets and tins, two parties started out about eleven to have a "good time" somewhere. A few energetic spirits chose to climb a mountain known to "All Hallows children" as Jew's Nose the spur of the mountain on the north side having a great resemblance to that feature of the Hebrew race. It is less steep than "Sinkey" but more difficult to climb. I will leave another pen to describe what happened, but we heard when the explorers returned, that other feelings than those of pleasure were roused by the sounds they heard, and the descent was made with more than a moderate rapidity—the other party enjoyed themselves in a less thrilling manner.

JUNE 11th.—The morning train brought the important person of the Music Examiner, Dr. Buck, from Harrow, England.