

THE MONTH IN PROSPECT, AUGUST.

For our Parish, the month promises to be a quiet one. The families of many of our Parishioners will be in whole or in part abroad; rusticated perhaps; or visiting in other towns, enjoying friendly intercourse with those who at other times correspond lovingly with them by letter. Change to most persons, occasional and brief, is good;—dullness is worn off by it, and an increased appreciation of advantages is experienced and seen in them. The daily comforts and privileges which were little thought of, come by absence for a while, to be estimated at their proper worth; and improvements seen abroad in Church services are desired and asked for. Change of scene and interchange of courtesies are beneficial to most persons. We see many in our Holy House during the summer months with whom we are not familiar; and travel by this means, causes a removal of misapprehension and prejudice which these persons when at home may have felt and shown concerning our manner of worship, and the doctrines set forth by our Bishop and Clergy.

We give, in another place, a brief account of the Black Letter Days occurring in August, and confine ourselves now to a notice of St. Bartholomew, who was also called Nathaniel, an Apostle and Martyr, whose festival occurs on the 24th. He was of Cana in Galilee, and accompanied our Lord through his whole ministry. Our object is not to repeat particulars of his life, but to call the attention of the favored parishioners of St. Luke's to the privilege that awaits them of attending the morning and evening service on the Festival days, and of hearing such lessons and discourse as

may, through prayer and meditation, serve to make them like this Apostle, of whom our Lord could say, "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile." The day preceding is a Fast; which, devoutly observed, will qualify us for more profitable use of the Festival. "The perfecting of the saints" is the Church's work; and by contemplation of the Holy Apostles of our Lord, we may through grace, come to be like them, and receive with them warm commendation. On this day as on some others, we are called to a consideration of the mysteries of the Faith, as they stand embodied in the expressions of what is called the Athanasian Creed. The laxity of modern times calls for abolition or disuse of this venerable formula; but we think so valuable an exponent of the wonderful mysteries of the Godhead, and of God and Man one Christ, cannot be yet dispensed with. It is indeed a human composition; but language cannot be made to express more perfectly what is apparent throughout the Scriptures, concerning the Great Triune God, and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PIC-NIC.

To proceed successfully with human nature we must have regard to its wants. The eye and ear have their cravings; and these organs so essential to happiness in life, must be gratified. We cannot worship in mute stillness, for our feelings would then become subdued, and ardor of devotion would not grow in any, or be communicated from one to the other. What one who is ardent does, is seen and heard by those around, and they