

THE next Conversazione will (D. V.) be held in the Division Room, Temperance Hall, on Monday evening, 12th inst., when we hope to see all the members of the congregation—from fifteen years of age upwards—who can make it convenient to attend. It may possibly be the last that we shall be able to hold as it is quite uncertain what steps the Parish of St. Paul will take with regard to Trinity. But whether it be the last or not we hope it will be a good one.

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THE 22nd inst. will be Ascension Day. There will be service in Holy Trinity in the evening at 7.30 which we sincerely hope will be well attended. We commemorate, on that day, one of the greatest events connected with the work of our blessed Lord, viz: His exaltation into Heaven, and the assumption of His mediatorial office. And if we rightly understand what that means—i. e. how much benefit we derive from it, we ought not to allow the day to pass without a fit commemoration of it. We have secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Wainwright as preacher, and the service will be of a festive character.

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THE following is from the *Sword and Trowel*:—"There is a story told of Dr. Blacklock, the blind Scotch poet and preacher, that he once preached in a kirk in the south of Scotland, to the great delight of all who heard him. There was at that time a great prejudice in Scotland against reading sermons. An elder remarked to an old woman coming out of Church that they had heard a fine sermon. 'Yes,' said the woman, 'but does he read?' 'No, no,' said the elder, 'he canna read; he's blind.' 'Thank God,' exclaimed the old woman, 'I wish they were all blind.'"

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WE are sorry to learn that the fear hinted at in the first paragraph is to be fully realized. Just as we go to press the news arrives that the Parish Meeting has decided to sever the ties which now bind together minister and people; and when winter comes close the Church; and then what?