

# Parish and Home.

VOL. VIII.

JUNE, 1897.

No. 79.

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE.

### PROPER LESSONS.

- 6—**Whitsunday.** *Morning*—Duet xvi. to v. 13; Rom. viii. to v. 16. *Evening*—Isa. xl. or Ezek. xxxvii. v. 23; Gal. v. v. 16; or Acts xviii. v. 24 to xix., v. 21.
- 11—**St. Barnabas, A. & M.** *Morning*—Deut. xxxiii. to v. 12; Acts iv. v. 31. *Evening*—Nahum i.; Acts xiv. v. 8.
- 13—**Trinity Sunday.** *Morning*—Isaiah vi. to v. 11; Rev. i. to v. 9. *Evening*—Gen. xviii. or i. and ii. to v. 4; Eph. iv. to v. 17, or Matt. iii.
- 20—**1st Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—Josh. iii. v. 7 to iv. v. 15; Acts iv. to v. 32. *Evening*—Josh. v. v. 13 to vi. v. 21, or xxxiv.; 1 Peter v.
- 24—**Nat. of St. John Bapt.** *Morning*—Mal. iii. to v. 7; Mat. iii. *Evening*—Malachi iv.; Matt. xiv to v. 13.
- 27—**2nd Sunday after Trinity.** Judges iv.; Acts viii. v. 5 to 26. *Evening*—Judges v. to vi. v. 11.
- 29—**St. Peter A. & M.**—*Morning*—Ezek. iii. v. 4 to 15; John xxi. v. 15 to 23. *Evening*—Zechariah iii.; Acts iv. v. 8 to 23.

## SPIRITUS DEI.

(Whitsunday).

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do or to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

—Edwin Hatch.

It is too soon when this has to be prepared (early in May) to say what is the result of the special effort to increase our circulation (see May number), but we trust that many of our friends are seeking to get new subscribers. Let us remember the offer of our two kind friends, \$5 each to the first and second largest lists sent in by July 1st, \$3 each to the third and fourth, and \$2 each to the fifth and sixth largest. Send lists and amounts to The Bryant Press, 20 Bay street, To-

ronto, or if PARISH AND HOME is localized in your parish send clergyman's certificate of the number secured. Here is a way in which some of our young friends can help us and also make some pocket money for themselves, or to help in some good work which they wish to advance.

\* \* \* \*

On the first Sunday in June we are reminded of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The disciples, who had been commanded to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high, spent the ten days after the ascension in prayer, supplication, and fellowship and also in selecting a successor to Judas. On the day of Pentecost they were all with one accord in one place, and suddenly there was a sound as of a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where they were sitting, and there appeared divided tongues like fire; strange and awe inspiring must have been both the sound and the sight, and we are told they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. There were at Jerusalem at this time Jews from all parts, Parthia and Egypt, Crete (of which we have heard so much lately) and Arabia, and even from far off Rome. They were all amazed when they heard these disciples, who were despised Galileans, speak in their own language. Already we see God was making preparation for the dissemination of the good tidings for all people. These Jews when they returned to their own homes would tell of the marvellous things that had happened at Jerusalem on the first Whitsunday, and so in a measure would be prepared themselves and would help to prepare others for the coming of the heralds of the gospel.

\* \* \* \*

ONE thing is noticeable about the rise and growth of Christianity.

The first few disciples who gathered after our risen Lord had a mighty work before them, and so God gave them a mighty force wherewith to accomplish this work. Before they went forth to witness they were to receive and did receive power from God. They thus became irresistible; nothing could stop the onward march of the soldiers of Christ, or prevent the extension of His kingdom. The Church to-day has a mighty work before her. In numbers, culture, intellect, wealth and standing, she is great compared with that little band at Jerusalem, but compared with the forces of sin, evil, vice, wrong, selfishness and the vast mass of heathen darkness and cruelty that is to be seen, she seems small enough. Her field of work looms up in solemn shadow like a mighty mountain to be removed. What she needs most is power—power from on high, Holy Ghost power, and Christ who strengthened the first disciples has told her that our Father is more ready than an earthly parent is to give good gifts to His children, and that His Holy Spirit comes to them that ask.

\* \* \* \*

THE *New York Herald* says: "There is one recipe given in the Bible for filling churches and for destroying worldliness, which we would commend to those ministers who have so often to preach to empty pews and worldly Christians. It is one given by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and, like all of His recipes, it is simple and easily remembered: 'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.' There is no promise anywhere in the Word that philosophical essays, scientific lectures or disquisitions or sensational sermons will do this. But lifting up Christ spiritually before the people will do it, and multitudes will flock to listen to His words as