

ity through the relationship we acquire in Jesus, and the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. God our Father,—Jesus our Redeemer,—and the Blessed Spirit our Sanctifier, are all seen as engaged to bring us heavenward, the heirs of glory. We are filled with wonder and awe as we contemplate these things, and are moved to cry out, and echo the words of the wondrous beings which are ever before the Throne of God in Heaven, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come;” and to speak in grateful joy of

‘God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity.’

11th. *St. Barnabas the Apostle.*—In the days of old style the 11th of June was the longest day in the year—hence an ancient rhyme:

“Barnaby bright,
The longest day and the shortest night.”

St. Barnabas was of the tribe of Levi, and of a family that settled in Cyprus. His parents, finding him of a promising disposition, placed him in one of the schools at Jerusalem, under the tuition of Gamaliel, St. Paul's master; an incident which, as Fleetwood writes, in all probability, laid the foundation for that intimacy which afterwards subsisted between these two eminent servants of the Blessed Jesus. St. Paul, three years after his conversion, coming to Jerusalem, sought St. Barnabas, who introduced him to the Brethren, and gave them assurance of his conversion and Apostleship. Mails and newspapers were not then as now. These two Apostles afterwards travelled and laboured together. Separating after some time, Barnabas and Mark with him went to Cyprus, where certain Jews fell upon him as he was disputing in the synagogue, and dragged him out and stoned him to death.

24th. *Nativity of St. John the*

Baptist.—Many superstitions were connected with the observance of this Festival in olden time, but with these we have nothing to do. Men in their ignorance are ever prone to absurdities in religious observances. We know that the study of Biography is among the best means of instructing youth; “the proper study of mankind is man;” and the Christian can best and most easily perfect himself by contemplation of those holy men and women, whose lives are recorded in scripture for our examples. St. John's Nativity is an event which has ever been joyfully commemorated; “Come ye thankful people come,” and join in the Church's thanksgiving for the dawning of the pure day of the reign of Christ, which was heralded by St. John, whom our Lord pronounced to be “a burning and shining light.”

29th. *St. Peter's day.*—This most conspicuous Apostle is well known to all readers of the New Testament. His faults and failings, as well as the courage and zeal manifested in his later days, are fully recorded; the former of which we may learn to avoid and the latter to imitate. There is much to meditate upon in his character and doings, and we cannot fail to profit if we devoutly contemplate his labours, sayings and doings, from the time of his employment as a fisherman of Galilee to the end of his earthly course. His life was too full of incidents to allow of more than the bare reference to them at this time. The Church invites our contemplation of this Great Apostle, and has selected readings and prepared petitions for her children calculated to awaken in them caution respecting such shortcomings as he evinced, and desire for the great gifts which he in his later days was the possessor of. We may help ourselves towards perfection by