

86 Sunday July 18.

Nothing very remarkable happened this Sunday except to chronicle how our choir acquitted itself the first time in public. You must understand we had no instrument to play over the chants or hymn tunes, as it was ~~out~~ ^{out} the purpose. So for unpractised musicians there was a certain amount of difficulty in always making a fair start. The first ones went all right & we were hoping it was to be a grand success, but unfortunately the last hymn stuck us up entirely. The first 2 notes were the same as the old hundredth, & this was too much for our leader who could not prevent himself going off with that instead of

the right tune, & this wrong one did not fit the words, so we ⁸⁷ were soon brought to a stand still. Another try & no better result after which we looked at each other in despair, when providentially a voice in the congregation came to our rescue, gave us the right one, & off we went like steam engines & finished the hymn in great style.