

## PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY. — January 2nd, \$60.75; 9th, \$45.17; 16th, \$51.30; 23rd, \$57.28; 30th, \$66.83. Total \$281.33. Corresponding period last year, \$235.18; Epiphany collection for Foreign Missions, \$78.02, and Diocesan Missions, \$45.94. Total, \$123.96. Last year, \$91.13.

It has sometimes been a little difficult to understand why the seating capacity of S. George's has been less proportionately than that of other Churches. A comparison of measurements seems to have revealed the reason, and suggested the remedy, which has been applied, with the result that—including the additional seating made available by the change of the font not long ago—the Church will now seat 900.

It was a sad moment for his friends, when they heard that Frank Parsons had died on Sunday night. He had been ill for some months, but his illness took a turn for the worse only during the last few weeks. He was an old Choir-boy of S. George's, and at his funeral on Tuesday last, old Choir-boys joined with the present Choir in doing honour to his memory. Clergy and Choir met the funeral procession at the Church door, and preceded it up to the Chancel, chanting the opening sentences. The 39th Psalm was then sung, and after the lesson, Dr. Neale's well known Hymn, "Safe Home, Safe Home in Port." The arrangements for the funeral were very simple. The bearers were the brothers of the deceased, and Mr. J. Fraser, and Rev. Mr. Moore, who attended him through his illness, and in whose arms he died. We were glad to observe that there were none of the gloomy accompaniments of many funerals—hat bands, mourners' scarves, and so-forth—so inconsistent with the hopeful tone of our beautiful Burial Service. Instead of these, were a few wreaths of flowers, emblems of the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

We offer the family our heart-felt sympathy in their loss.

## THE CHURCH HOME.

S. George's Home for aged poor will very probably be opened the first week in February. It was found necessary to make certain alterations, such as putting doors between the two houses, putting in furnaces and hot water as well as cold, all of which the landlord has done in the very best way. These improvements will add materially to the comfort of the inmates. The Home is on Larch street, a little street between Grange avenue and S. Patrick street, west of Huron street, and will have accommodation for seven women and five men. As two of the proposed inmates will contribute \$220 per annum, towards the support of the Home, the cost of the maintenance will be so much less to the Parish. There are now 40 collectors of one dollar per month towards the rent. So far only 25 have sent in the amount promised. The success of the Home, as a work of faith and labour of love, depends very largely on the prompt and regular giving and collecting of sums promised for the rent. The neglect of a month leads to arrears and arrears are very hard to make up. One dollar from each collector was due on the first day of January for the month of December. The rent for January will be due on February 1st. Mrs. John Macnab, who has kindly undertaken the office of Treasurer of the rent, will be at home up to one o'clock on the first Tuesday of every month to receive the money. If more convenient the amount may be left at her house, 53 Beverley street, in an envelope marked with the collector's name and the amount. N. B.—February 1st is the first Tuesday in February.

The following sums have been paid in on account of rent, by Miss McGregor, \$6.70; Misses. Cayley, Tully, and VanKoughnet, \$3 each; Mrs. Close, Miss Harvey, and Miss C. Lough, \$2 each; Miss Gamble, \$1.50; Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. Gosling, Mrs. Harvard, Mrs. E. Helliwell, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Macnab, Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Temple, Misses. Baldwin, Burnham, Dewar, Jones, Lockhart, \$1 each. On furnishing account, the total amount so far subscribed is \$241.50; by Mrs. Harvard, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Macnab, Rev. H. Holland, Mr. S. Taylor, A Friend, \$25 each, being the complete furnishing of six rooms; Chief Justice Hagarty,