

## ASCENSION DAY.

Ascension Day falls on the 19th inst. A day to be much observed by Christian people. It is the day on which our blessed Lord ascended up into Heaven and took our human nature with Him. His ascension is the earnest and pledge of ours. Where He is, there also shall be His people, who in heart and mind ascend with Him, and with Him continually dwell, as long as their earthly life shall last. That Christian people are learning more and more to realize the truths connected with the Ascension and with our Lord's present work in Heaven, is shown by the yearly increasing number of those who assemble on Ascension Day to receive the Holy Communion.

The service will be as usual, at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The offerings at both services will go towards the support of the Church Home.

## PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—April 3rd, \$60.03; 10th, Easter Day, \$254; 17th, \$54.14; 24th \$58.41. Total \$426.58. Corresponding period last year \$373.29.

This number of the PARISH JOURNAL has been delayed in consequence of the late issue of *Our Mission News, or "Canadian Church Magazine,"* as we believe will be its name in future. This magazine being the organ of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board, publishes in the current issue the appeal of the board on behalf of Domestic Missions, which is to be read in all the churches of the Province on Sunday, May 15th. Hence the delay in its appearance.

Steps are being taken in connection with the publication of the PARISH JOURNAL, which will, we hope, ensure its punctual delivery in future by the first day of each month.

Several of our congregation are on their way to England, Mr. and Mrs. Close, Mr. and Mrs. Gosling, Mrs. W. J. Baines, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gaible. Mr. and Mrs. Gosling are, we are sorry to say, a permanent loss. They intend to live in Richmond, near London.

The Church Army work is being vigorously pushed under the direction of Capt. Munns. Open air services are now held every Sunday afternoon, on the corner of Spadina Avenue and Queen Street. On Sunday evenings the Mission Hall is full almost to the doors. The week night services are also well attended. We are beginning to see the fruits of the work—for many of those who are to be confirmed have been brought in through the Mission.

The Rector was much gratified at the result of the appeal on behalf of the Divinity Students' Fund. The total amount received was \$96.25. It would be well, if we could send in the round \$100. A small amount from each of those who were not at church on the 1st of May would make up the small balance of \$3.75.

The children's offerings during Lent for the Church Home amounted to the gratifying sum of \$76, and there are still some boxes to come in. Any persons who have mission boxes are reminded that Easter is the time for sending in all boxes and offerings. The children deserve praise for their zeal, though it may be that zeal was too persistent in a few instances.

The ladies who are working for the Church Home intend having a sale of fancy-work concert the 1st or 2nd of June. Committees are being formed, and we have no doubt that, by the next number of the Journal we shall be able to announce a reduction of the mortgage. We hope the members of the congregation will bear in mind the sale of fancy work.

We are indebted to the kindness of the Bishop of Algoma and Caron DuMoulin for some excellent sermons during the past month. We hear that the Bishop intends to winter for the future at Sault Ste. Marie, so that our opportunities of hearing him at S. George's after this season will be very few indeed. Credit this to the completion of the C. P. R.

Professor Clark will preach at S. George's on Sunday evening, 22nd inst.

## ENVELOPES.

The Rector has issued an appeal, following up the recommendation of the Vestry that the envelope system should be more generally adopted by the Congregation.

It appears that the Vestry estimate the expenditure of the Church for the coming year at \$7,000, including a sum of \$400 which should have been covered by last year's receipts. If the income of the current year is no larger than that of last year the deficit of \$400 will be doubled by next Easter. Hence, it becomes absolutely necessary to adopt some method of equalizing income and expenditure. The expenses of the Church, including the deficit of \$400 and \$600 still due for slating the roof, are estimated at \$3,800, which with \$3,200 for the stipends of the three Clergy make up the \$7,000. To meet this