

## PARISH REGISTER.

## BAPTISMS.

- Jan. 4.—George Nelson, s. of Nelson-Atkinson and Matilda Goad.  
 4.—Harry-Cruikshank, s. of James-Lendrum and Georgina-Florence Searth.  
 4.—Florence-Elizabeth, d. of Warren and Emily Pritchard.

## PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—Jan. 4th, \$53.22; 11th, \$51.50, and for Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$66.64; 18th, \$59.89, and for D. & F. Missions, \$7.50; 25th, \$52.77. Total Parochial, \$217.38. Corresponding period last year. \$210.09. For D. & F. Missions, \$74.14; last year \$82.70.

PHOTOGRAPHS of the interior of the Church in its Christmas dress may be had from Fraser & Sons, King Street East. Price, \$1.00. The photograph taken, shows a very good view of the Chancel and Choir, and part of the nave, as seen from the middle aisle. The size of the picture is 11 by 8 inches.

THE VOTER'S LIST has been made up and posted, and contains only twenty-eight names. Any who have overlooked sending in the papers sent to them for signature, may still procure the addition of their names to the list by making application in writing to the Rector or Churchwardens before 15th February. It seems impossible to secure a full representation of the Congregation on this list, a fact which, we suppose, we must recognize as a fact, consoling ourselves with the reflection that it must be an indication of prevailing peace and harmony, and a feeling throughout the constituency that there is nothing at the present time very much "out of joint" in our Diocesan or parochial affairs.

## TAX EXEMPTIONS.

By a very large majority, an expression of opinion was given at the New-Year's Municipal Elections in favour of the abolition of tax exemptions. It is a pity that the vote could not have been taken in some way to obtain a better expression of opinion as to what exemptions should be abolished, and what, if any, retained. It is probable that a different result might have been obtained by such a vote, so far as Churches are concerned, as we do not think that public opinion is really in favour of taxing Churches, nor we do not think that any legislation which may result upon the agitation in favour of

exemptions will materially affect Churches. If it should do so, we shall have a very large bill to meet for St. George's: it would be necessary indeed to make special arrangements for meeting it, as the amount would be quite beyond what ordinary revenue would provide for.

## ALGOMA.

A well-attended meeting of persons interested in the work of the Diocese of Algoma was held in our school-house on 5th January, the Rector presiding. Bishop Sullivan was present, and gave an address, setting forth the needs of his diocese, and giving accounts of the way the missionary work is carried on, and of the hardships and privations those engaged in it have to endure. A continuance of interest in Algoma, and increased efforts for its support will, we hope, result from this meeting. Besides the Indians, and others, whose needs and difficulties are already tolerably well known, it is to be borne in mind that the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway is constantly creating new settlements and opening new fields which urgently call for extension of mission work.

## CHURCH EXTENSION.

Many people are unaware of a fact which constantly forces itself on the attention of Clergy and Churchwardens, namely, that the church accommodation in this city and its suburbs is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the population. The necessity of reinforcing the clerical staff and adding to the number of churches has been so strongly felt by the city clergy that they lately met together to consider the question. The result of their deliberations was, an unanimous agreement that five or six new points should be occupied; and it is proposed that small buildings should be erected to serve for the present as mission chapels, and to become, in time, centres of so many new parishes. We hope to see something done in this direction, as every such building would undoubtedly soon gather a congregation. It may be worthy of remark, that in proposing this scheme the clergy are practically doing so largely at their own expense, as every new parish set apart will introduce a new claimant upon the Toronto Endowment, and a consequent diminution of the stipends of other Rectors and Incumbents from this source.