

sacred intimacy with our Saviour. The following special thanksgiving for First Communion, from Canon Knox-Little's Manual, may be found useful:

THANKSGIVING AFTER FIRST COMMUNION.

O God, heavenly Father, who, of Thy love and mercy, hast brought me into Thy Holy Church by the Sacrament of Life, and given me the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit by the Sacrament of Strength, I give Thee humble thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to feed me, a sinner, this day for the first time with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son. I praise Thee, I bless Thee, and I beseech Thee that I may ever continue a worthy communicant, and do Thy Will, and walk according to Thy Commandments all my life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dr. Hare, it is hoped, will be completely restored to health by Whitsun-Day. During his confinement in Hospital, help has been kindly given to the Rector in the Sunday services by the Revs. W. Carey Ward, John M. Davenport, J. S. Broughall, R. H. McCausland, A. W. Spragge, and Professor Clark.

What a little bird overheard lately on a bright sunny morning in the Wardens' vestry:

Warden No. 1. Just look at all those envelopes; no amount written on half of them! If they would only write the amount on the envelope before putting in the money, they would save us both time and trouble.

Warden No. 2. Yes; and run less risk of mistakes being made as to the amount enclosed.

Pleasant surprises are among the pleasantest happenings of life. The Rector was lately the object of a surprise as pleasant as it was unexpected. The women of the congregation had, it seems, observed that his university hood was looking a trifle the worse for wear. The happy thought seized them that Easter was a fitting season for offerings. What more suitable offering than a new hood? The thought took shape. Dr. Hare's knowledge of such matters was brought into requisition. The hood was ordered from one of the best known Ecclesiastical Furnishers in New York and arrived in time for Easter. It was sent to the Rectory with this kindly message:—A few of the women of St. George's desire your acceptance of this hood and hope we may see it at St. George's for a long time to come. The Rector heartily reciprocated the kind wishes and wore the hood on Easter Day with great satisfaction. It is hardly necessary to add that he most warmly thanked the

donors for their most opportune gift and for the kind thought that prompted it.

The Mission Boxes yielded a total sum of \$26.81, of which \$19.81 is designated for Diocesan Missions and \$7.00 for the Indian Homes. Last year the Children's Lenten Offerings amounted to \$19.84, so that this year shows an improvement. Perhaps, or probably, next year the amount may be much increased; for it is intended in future to set apart a column in the Annual Report of Synod for the children's offerings. But why should this be? Let parents teach their children to give conscientiously, and as to God; and then publicity, or competition, will make no difference in their giving. Not that children alone need the lesson.

As everyone knows, an offering should be made as often as we come to Holy Communion, unless the means are denied. Everyone also knows that there are plates on the lectern and plates on the table at the door, and also an alms box in a prominent place near the door—for use by communicants when there is no one present to take the plates round. But, there is a most notable difference in the amount given or offered, when the plates are taken round and when they are not. The latest occasion was on Ascension Day, when twenty-two communicants being present, three pieces of money were put on the stationary plates at noon; while at 8 a.m. the offerings collected amounted to \$2.30 from twenty-one communicants. How is this to be accounted for?

The Precentor of the church still lives at 205 John St., and the organist at 55 Beverley St., though for some unaccountable reason their names have dropped out of the official list in the MAGAZINE for some months past. They now reappear, together with a corrected list of all church and parish officials.

EASTER VESTRY.

The annual Easter Vestry Meeting was held in the School House on Easter Monday, April 8th.

Present:—The Rector in the chair, Rev. M. Hare, M.D.; Messrs. R. W. Barker and R. B. Street, Wardens; Messrs. Frank Cayley, H. F. Duck, S. Bruce Harman, G. F. Harman, C. D. Heath, Inglis Lough, M.D., L. S. McMurray, Huson Murray, E. W. Phillips, George Pringle, M.D., Harry Smith and Harry Winsor.

After the opening of the meeting with prayer, the Rector called on Mr. Street to read the Wardens' Report for the past year, after which it was moved by Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. Harman,