

The Offertory Sheet for December reads much more pleasantly than that of last month, and the appeal for the Widows and Orphans' Fund was nobly responded to. This fund we hope will be now reinstated on a firm basis, and we can fancy the relief such a position will inspire in many hearts. The Christmas Offertory was also larger than it has been for some years.

Special preachers during the month have been the Rev. Street Macklem, Mr. Dymond, the Rev. E. C. Cayley, and the Rev. F. J. Hartley.

There is urgent need in the Parish at present for cast-off clothes. The weather is very severe and the demand for clothing is almost incessant. Has no member of St. George's Church clothes put away in cupboards waiting for some impossible day when they *might* be wanted? So few of us have ever really felt the cold with the knowledge that we have nothing in reserve to make us warmer that we hardly realize the position. Please spend one morning next week in seeing what you can spare, and mark the bundle "for St. George's," and if you let Sister Eliza know at the Church Home, she will send for it.

On Friday afternoon, December 17th, the usual routine of the weekly meetings was for once set aside. It was Christmas time, and the members of the W. A. gave to their President a very charming Christmas present. This was a quilt of a sort of glorified patch work, each square being of different coloured silks and worked and embroidered by different members

of the society. Mrs. Wyatt read the address with which it was presented, and Mrs. Cayley replied in terms of grateful surprise. The quilt is warmly lined and padded throughout, and must be a very comfortable possession at this very cold season.

Most of the Parish organizations took a small vacation at Christmas, but this month will see them in full working vigour. The Chancel Guild resumes work on Tuesday, January 11th, and the Sewing School will reopen on Saturday, 8th instant. The Mothers' Meeting, under the guidance of Sister Eliza, is growing apace, and each week sees new faces among the usual habituées.

BOOKS FOR NEW YEAR.

Some of the prettiest books of the Christmas season are to be found at the Church Book Depository, 17 Richmond Street West. The place is better known this year and was, therefore, better patronized; but though hundreds of books and thousands of Christmas cards were sold during the fortnight before Christmas, yet many of the best books in the very prettiest binding are still to be had. We recommend a visit.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREAT.

The Children's Christmas Treat will be held in the second week of the New Year. Will those who have had a happy Christmas send some contribution to help make our children happy?