

# St. George's Parish Magazine.

## Christmas Services.

SUNDAY.....8 A.M.: 11 A.M.: 7 P.M.  
All Seats Free at Sunday Evening and Week-day Services.

HOLY COMMUNION.—Every Sunday .....8.00 A.M.  
First and Third Sundays in  
the month, 8.00 A.M. and 11.00 A.M.  
Tuesdays .....7.30 A.M.

HOLY BAPTISM.—Second Sunday in the Month .4.00 P.M.  
BIBLE CLASSES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL .....3.00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Holy Communion at 7, 8 a.m. Matins  
with Sermon. Holy Communion at  
11 a.m.

Dec. 26th.—St. Stephen's Day.—Matins and H.C. at  
11 a.m.

Dec. 27th.—St. John's Day.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Dec. 28th.—Holy Innocents.—Matins and H.C. at 11 a.m.

	OFFERTORY	1905	1906
November		\$213.38	\$201.42
Quarterly Envelope Collection.....		201.20	

Remember the poor when the thermometer registers  
zero weather.

## Parish Register

### BAPTISMS

Nov. 25th Leonard Howard, c. of Frank Howard and  
Gertrude Amy McVity.

Dec. 2nd. Sidney Caspar, c. of Frank Caspar and Ellen  
Anida Davidge.

Dec. 9th. Dorothy Maud, d. of Joseph and Ethel Bond

### MARRIAGE

Nov 11th Frederick Frank Kirshmer to Mary Eva  
Brown.

### BURIALS

Nov. 12th Dorothea Irene Murdoch. Aged 14 years.

Nov. 13th D. J. Russell Duncan. Aged 55 years.

Nov. 16th Susannah Wilson Metcalf. Aged 82 years

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,—

The Bishops have under discussion a modification of our Church Services. The necessity for some modification has long been felt, but the Bishops are slow to make changes. We all feel that they are quite right in being cautious and would not desire any changes except a shortening of the length where expedient, and the avoidance of unnecessary repetitions. Meanwhile many churches have taken the matter into their own hands. In some, Matins is said at an earlier hour than usual a practice which

results in the congregation, as a whole, being deprived of the Psalms, Lessons, Te Deum, and other Canticles. The Litany, besides, is either omitted or relegated to the afternoon. I think you will agree with me that, if such a change were made at St. George's, in a few years the Bible would become an unknown book and the Litany a forgotten service, as regards the majority of the congregation. Another modification of the most prevalent use is commending itself to some of the Bishops, and will probably be sanctioned, if approved by experience. Morning Prayer ends with the *Benedictus*, which is followed by the Communion Service. In this case, the service is shortened by omitting one Creed, one Lord's Prayer and collect of the day, the two collects for grace and peace, and the hymn at the third collect. The omissions, however, are more apparent than real, for in the Communion Service we have the Lord's Prayer (twice), the collect of the day, Nicene Creed, and in the prayer for the Church militant prayers for grace and peace. The shortening is effected simply by the omission of repetitions. This change has approved itself to the experience of such large and important churches as St. James' Cathedral, St. Paul's, and St. Simon's. I propose to follow the same course at St. George's, on account of the altered condition of the Parish. The church was once in the very centre of the Parish. Now it is at its southern extremity. Formerly parishioners lived all round about the church, within easy access. Now, many who have grown up in the church from childhood, and are among its most loyal and attached members, have moved from one to two and three miles away. To attend church regularly from such distant parts as Rusholme Rd., Jarvis St., North Sherbourne, north of Bloor St., as far as Roxborough and Cottingham Streets on one side, and Cluny Ave. and Crescent Rd. on the other, is no light strain upon church loyalty. I am sure that those who live nearest the church will be glad if a way can be found to make it easier for distant residents to attend regularly. It may further be found well on Litany days, to read the Psalms when the Litany is sung, and alternately to read the Litany and sing the Psalms.

Hoping that these modifications will commend themselves to you for the reasons stated, I am very faithfully yours in Christ,

J. D. CAYLEY.

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