

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—June 3rd, \$47.09; 10th, \$43.36; 17th, \$37.90; 24th, \$41.02: total, \$169.37; corresponding period last year, \$164.29.

ON Wednesday 6th June, Mr. Phillips, aided by some well-known performers, both professional and amateur, and by some members of our choir, gave a concert in the School House. The performance was exceptionally good. The weather unfortunately was unfavourable, and the result was very disappointing, as far as audience was concerned; and Mr. Phillips was requested to repeat the performance, which was accordingly done on an evening later in the month. On this occasion, also, the audience was by no means so large as it should have been, and were surprised to find so few of our own congregation present. If a musical treat was not a sufficient attraction, at least so polished a congregation as ours is said to be, should have shown the politeness to Mr. Phillips and his musical friends which such an occasion would undoubtedly have called forth in many a less refined body.

THE annual meeting of the Synod was held during the past month in our School House. The opening service, however, took place at St. James's, where our clergy took a prominent part, and our choir, in their surplices, joined with others to aid in giving to this service a dignity and grandeur which has hitherto been unknown on such an occasion.

IN the membership of Synod our congregation has this year an unusually large representation. Besides the three delegates from our own Parish, the following gentlemen were elected for other places: Dr. Snelling, Mr. Cumberland, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Gosling, Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Cartwright, and Mr. G. F. Harman, making ten in all. We think also that we had a representation on every Special Committee named, and as usual there are some one or more of our members on most of the Standing Committees. The Rector has again been chosen one of the Clerical Delegates to the Provincial Synod, and Dr. Snelling is one of the substitutes in the Lay Delegation. Mr. Cartwright was elected a Lay Member of the Cathedral Chapter, which is a position tenable for life.

The *Evening News* has lately been publishing notes on Toronto Church Choirs, and, in the issue of 26th June, gave forth a long paragraph composed chiefly of errors and inaccuracies which the public are supposed to accept as a full, true, and particular account of St. George's Choir.

We must give the *Evening News* credit for some discernment however, as their remark on the "unfaithfulness of the choir in attending the practices," is, we regret to say, fully borne out by the facts. They might indeed have gone farther and criticised the not unfrequent "unfaithfulness" of the choir in attending services also.

The Churchwardens would be glad to be notified by pew-holders, leaving town with their families for the summer, of their intended departure, and the length of time they expect to be absent. A good deal of difficulty is sometimes experienced in summer in finding places for strangers, which might be avoided if the Churchwardens had any means of knowing of pews about to be unoccupied.

Mr. Phillips has taken up his residence in the neighbourhood of the Church at No. 149 John Street, where he is prepared to receive pupils for the Piano, Organ, and Vocal Music. Mr. Phillips success as a teacher of vocal and instrumental music, will, we hope, secure him a good many pupils, now that he has come to live in this locality.

The Annual Sunday School Picnic is to be held on Tuesday, 10th July. The place has not yet been decided upon. The expenses will no doubt be much the same as in previous years, about \$60. for which contributions are required. As the congregation are called upon but twice a year for the Sunday School, we hope they will respond liberally to the Rector's appeal for this object.

A small coin, on which the initials "C. C. A.," are engraved, was found lately in the offertory. If the owner wishes to have it again, he can do so on applying to the Churchwardens.

The Rector purposes taking a vacation shortly, leaving the parish in the charge of Rev. Mr. Clark, with Rev. Mr. White. He expects to be absent from about the 11th inst., until the end of the month.