

of God, a debt is altogether inconsistent with and repugnant to the feeling which prompts a Congregation to undertake such a work. The scheme now on foot has been especially planned with a view to being carried out in different parts at different times, no part to be undertaken until means are available for it. In proposing to raise a fund large enough to pay off the existing debt, as well as to improve, repair, and suitably decorate the Church, it was hoped that the enterprise would have been successful enough to have made our Church not only beautiful in its material parts, but also dignified in its financial standing by freedom from debt. Shall it be so?

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY—March 2nd, \$60.68; 9th, \$48.90; 16th, \$54.41; 23rd, \$52.26; 30th, \$52.87. Total, \$269.42. Corresponding period last year (average) \$256.

A number of strangers have been coming to the Church frequently of late, whose names the siders have not been able to learn. The clergy will gladly call on all strangers and new-comers in the parish who will give their names and addresses to any of the parish officers.

The CONFIRMATION CLASSES are arranged for Fridays at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., in order to suit those who can come at one time and not at another. There are many in the parish who are as yet unconfirmed. It is a more serious thing than it appears to some, to neglect the call to confirmation. The Rector will be glad to hear from any who may find it inconvenient to attend the classes.

A very interesting lecture on the Holy Land was delivered in the School-house, on Monday evening, March 31st, by Rev. T. W. Paterson, in aid of the funds of the Orphans' Home.

EASTER DECORATIONS.—Flowers for the Easter decorations may be sent to the Church after matins on Easter Eve. Contributions in money should be sent without delay. In either case, communicate with Mrs. Parsons, 228 Wellington Street, W.

 Communicants at Easter are reminded of the rule, to approach the altar rail between the chorister boys' desks, and after receiving, to retire by the rear of the men's choir seats. It is necessary to observe this rule in order to avoid crowding and confusion.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Meetings of the St. George's Guild were held on the 4th and 18th March. There were good attendances on both occasions. At the meeting on the 4th, the Rev. Professor Boys, of Trinity College, delivered an address which was said by some of his hearers to have been one of the best speeches made in Toronto on the subject of temperance. At the second meeting there was a good musical bill of fare presented. One of the most interesting items was the playing and singing of a little blind boy only six years old.

In response to the appeal of the Rector, a few donations have been received towards the funds of the guild.

A Band of Hope for the younger members of the congregation has been formed, and meets on alternate Mondays. The membership is now 71.

On the 24th March, a meeting of all persons connected with the Church of England Temperance Society was held in the Pavilion in the Horticultural Gardens. The chair was taken by the Bishop of Toronto, and the meeting was addressed by him, as well as by the Bishop of Huron, the Hon. G. W. Ross, M.P.P., Minister of Education, and others. The attendance was very large and deep interest was taken in the proceedings.

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BAPTISMS.

- March 24—Charlotte-Catherine, d. of Robert-Given and Florida-Norman Doherty.
 " 25—Florence, William, Lucy, and Ellen-Alice, children of Francis-John and Harriett Sabine.
 " 27—Mitchell-Burns, s. of James-D. and Mary-Jane Cooper.
 " 30—Francis-Henry, s. of Henry and Elizabeth Hubbard

MARRIAGE.

- " 20—Charles-Wingfield Davis to Mary-Elizabeth Hanlin.

PARISH JOURNAL.

Subscriptions to our joint enterprise—The Parish Journal and Canadian Missionary—are coming in very slowly. Many subscriptions to last year's Parish Magazine are still outstanding. The remittance of one dollar will satisfy all demands up to the end of this year. A few acknowledgments will be found on the fourth page.

We call attention to two new advertisements and will be glad to insert more. Only \$2.50 for the year.