

the value we put upon our Easter privileges than by large and liberal offerings on Easter Day?

Hoping to meet you all at the glad Easter Feast, and wishing you all the blessings of the season, I am,

Your sincere friend and Pastor,  
J. D. CAYLEY.

### EASTER NOTES.

**THE OFFERTORY.**—It is strange that in a congregation like S. George's, seats fully rented, congregations always large, the Churchwardens should have to complain that the offertory is below the requirements of the Church. We are ashamed to mention the stipends received by the Clergy, lest our Presbyterian and Methodist brethren should hear of it. The expenses of the Church are modest. The debt is only \$3,500, and yet the offertory is far below what is required to meet the engagements of the Church. Unless the offerings of Easter Day foot up a large sum, the reporters will put us in a very unfavorable light on Easter Tuesday morning alongside of all the other city Churches. We do trust that our people will do even more than their duty on the great Easter Festival.

**HOLY COMMUNION.**—Communicants are reminded of the necessity of observing the rule to draw near the Holy Table by the centre passage only, and to retire by the side passages. On such a day as Easter Day such a rule is imperative to avoid blocking the passages.

**EASTER DECORATIONS.**—We have no doubt that the Easter Decorations this year will be as beautiful as usual, although Easter falls so early. Offerings for the purpose should be sent to Mrs. B. Parsons, and will be thankfully received.

**CHILDREN'S SERVICE.**—The Easter Festival Service for the children will be held on Easter Day at 3.30 rather than on the Sunday following, as children love to see the flowers, and by means of them can be taught a fitting Easter lesson.

**HOLY BAPTISM.**—Eastertide has been from the beginning, equally with Whitsuntide, a special season for Baptism. By reference to our Calendar, it will be seen that provision has been made for the Baptism of children at the service on Easter Tuesday, at 11 A.M.

### PARISH NOTES.

**OFFERTORY.** March 1st, \$50.97, and for improvements, \$2.00; also for Diocesan Mission Fund, \$25.39. 8th, \$66.96. 15th, \$44.75. 22nd, \$48.42. Total parochial, \$211.10. Corresponding period last year, \$216.55.

A Cottage Meeting was conducted by Mr. Moore on Tuesday evening, March 24th, at the house of Mrs. Harris, Bulwer St. The room was full to overflowing, nearly all the neighbours being present, together with the District Visitors and others. It will probably be necessary to rent a house in order to secure larger accommodation for these meetings, which will be held regularly on Tuesday evenings. Help towards the expenses will be gladly received from those who feel an interest in this work. It is intended after Easter to begin a similar meeting in William Street. Mr. Moore will be glad to hear of helpers in singing, &c.

There are many in the Parish who feel the need of some service or meeting on Sunday afternoons. This work will probably be taken up immediately after Easter, Mr. Symonds, of the Divinity Class, Trinity College, having kindly promised to undertake it, with the aid of other volunteers.

The Church of the Ascension is being renovated and elaborately decorated, and will probably be in its new dress by Easter Day. It might not be amiss for our people to take note of the fact that the interior of St. George's received its last coat of paint about eight years before the Church of the Ascension was built.

The new Parish which we have been asked to aid in establishing, is not to be at Seaton or Dovercourt, as stated in our last issue, but on the broad plateau lying between Bathurst Street and the Oakhill Valley, and between College and Bloor Streets. This district is filling up rapidly, as is indeed the case with the whole of the north-western parts of the city and suburbs. The Clergy of the parishes within which it is situate are wholly unable to keep up with the additional work which so great an increase of population entails, and the churches are over-crowded. Indeed, unless this district is properly entered upon by the Church, it will be the old story of pre-occupation of the ground by others, and loss of many who would otherwise adhere to the Church. The proposed parish is, we understand, to be called St. Mary Magdalene.

The Bishop of Algoma has been visiting the Muskoka portion of his Diocese. Notwithstanding that he has been holding services and preaching nearly every day for the last month, the Bishop kindly preached at St. George's last Wednesday evening. There was a large congregation to listen to his most interesting sermon, in which he specially pointed out that there was no position in life in which we could not serve