

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—December 5th, \$52.33; 12th, \$56.33; 19th, \$55.21; 26th, \$54.83. Total \$218.70. Corresponding period last year, \$206.16. There has been a strange and rather disappointing falling off in the offertory during the past month as compared with November, in which the average was almost \$70 weekly, while in December it has been only \$55.

The Christmas offertory was \$299.60, last year \$209.53.

A Confirmation will be held in S. George's Church in the early part of the year. Classes will begin about the middle of the month. Candidates are requested to give their names at once to any of the Clergy.

Why so few to work at the Christmas Decorations? Probably because a notice of meetings for the purpose was given on three Sunday mornings. Probably if *no* notice had been given, scores would have come to help. As it was, some four or five came, and the rest with striking unanimity stayed away. Consequently, but little compared with other years could be attempted. The greater thanks to those few who came and worked under disadvantage.

Our Christmas Services were as usual attended by large congregations, though many familiar faces were missed owing to sickness and death. Happily for the Christian, sickness, sorrow, and death serve to manifest the depth and reality of Christian joy for the Good Tidings of a Saviour's Birth. Although for the reason mentioned many were absent from Holy Communion, on no previous occasion were there so many Communicants on Christmas Day—nearly 300—of whom some 50 were present at 7 o'clock.

The total offerings for the Day were \$326, of which \$300 were given at Morning Service. Not the least ingredient in the Rector's enjoyment of Christmas Day was this hearty and liberal response to his Christmas Pastoral. Such substantial tokens of kindly feeling towards his younger brethren were very gratifying to them. The year 1886 has abundantly proved the good will of S. George's Parishioners towards their Clergy, who see in this less of personal feeling than of appreciation of their work as representatives of God and ambassadors for Christ. This is as it should be.

The book to be signed by voters for Lay Representatives in the Synod will remain in the Vestry from 1st to 15th inst. for signature by those whose names are not already on the list. We would be glad to see some additional names, as it is not at present by any means a comprehensive list.

CHURCH HOME.

Since the issue of the December Journal, two new houses in Larch Street of moderate size have been rented for a Church Home, one for women, the other for men. The ladies who have kindly promised to collect one dollar per month towards the rent are reminded that every dollar is due on the first day of each month, and that by the time they see this the day for the first payment will have passed. The next thing to be taken in hand is the work of furnishing. Mrs. Harvard and Mrs. Elmes Henderson have each promised to furnish one room. Mrs. Hamilton has kindly sent a bundle of quilts or comfortables. Blankets, sheets, chairs, &c., will all be acceptable. For the information of those who wish to help in the establishment of this, the first Church Home in Toronto, we are able to say, that the cost of furnishing one room will be \$25; the cost of a bed, mattress, and pillow, \$6; the cost of a bureau, \$4. Miss Tully, 153 John Street, will give any information and receive all contributions.

The following ladies have promised to collect one dollar per month towards the support of the Church Home: Mesdames C. Robinson, A. Harvard, E. Henderson, R. D. Gamble, John Macnab, A. J. Close, R. Snelling, F. J. Gosling, Sterling, S. B. Harman, J. R. Cartwright, Campbell, Misses Tully, S. Jones, H. Beardmore, Temple, Beatty, McGregor, M. A. Boulton, Lough, S. Baldwin, Harvey, Holland, Burnham, Hoskins, Cayley, VanKoughnet, Milsom. Twelve more are needed to make up the number to 40. The Rector will be glad to hear from any who are willing to collect one dollar per month for this object, and care for the Divine Blessing pronounced on those who provide for the aged and the needy.

All amounts collected may be brought to the Rectory on the first Tuesday morning of each month.

YOUNG LADIES.

Young Ladies who are willing to form themselves into a Young Ladies Aid Association are requested to give their names to any of the Clergy. There is plenty of work in several directions; viz., in looking after and mending the cassocks and surplices of the Choir, making clothes for the poor, sewing for a special Mission in which this Parish may take an interest, working for the Church Home. Workers for Christ are wanted. The New Year is the best time to begin. Can we count upon another year? Meanwhile Christ says, "Work while ye have the light. The night cometh when none can work."