

HOME FOR THE AGED.

S. George's Church Home will be formally opened by our Bishop the second week in March. He will celebrate the Holy Communion at the church at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, 9th inst., and at noon will proceed to the Home, Larch St., and after prayers appropriate to the occasion, will declare it "open" for its intended purposes. Friends of the Home are invited to be present to unite in asking that the blessing of God may rest upon it, upon the inmates whom it shelters, and the kind Sisters, who without fee or reward, simply from love to Christ and to His poor brethren and sisters, have undertaken this charge.

We have now to acknowledge the kindness of friends towards S. George's Church Home. Mrs. Goldwin Smith, though not a parishioner, has most kindly sent her cheque for Fifty dollars. Mr. Samuel Taylor has also given the very liberal subscription of \$100 out of the estate of the late Mrs. Taylor, for the endowment fund. These gifts were followed by the kindness of Mrs. Beverley Robinson in allowing the use of Government House for an At Home on the 16th ult. Invitations in her name were sent out by the Ladies' Committee to the members of S. George's congregation past and present. In addition to this kindness Mrs. Robinson saved the committee every other possible expense, so that the contributions given during the evening were added to the Church Home fund without diminution. The total receipts were \$243.

We thankfully acknowledge the following subscriptions: J. G. Ridout, \$10; Mrs. Burnham, \$5; Mrs. Botsford, \$3; Mrs. Lovell, \$2; Mrs. Mowat, \$4; Mrs. Cosby, \$5; Alderman St. Leger, \$5. The Mayor is a monthly contributor to the support of the Home.

The following have also been received in addition (in some cases) to previous gifts in money. Mrs. Maenab has kindly given two gasaliers for the Home, and a cupboard. Mr. Harry Winsor has given a large linen press, and one of the prayer desks for the chapel. Mr. James Henderson and Mr. Edgar Hallen have most kindly given some of their own handiwork for the furnishing of the little chapel. Gifts for the same purpose have been received from Mrs. James Henderson, Miss Lawford, Miss Holland, Miss H. Boulton, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Prance, Rev. C. B. Darling and Mr. J. R. Cartwright. The kitchen stove for the Home was supplied by W. McKeown at cost price. Mr. Mara has kindly promised to supply the

Home each month with a donation in groceries. Lastly, we have to thank the girls of the Church School, who by Miss Grier's kind permission, are spending their leisure time in making all the pillow-cases required, as their gift to S. George's Church Home.

FACTS.

It may be assumed that no Christian would wilfully make misstatements for the purpose of spoiling a good work at its start; but there is always the danger of Christian people allowing Satan to use them for this purpose. Satan used Eve to mar the whole of God's work as soon as it came from the Creator's hands. It is still his aim to spoil a good work—such as undoubtedly S. George's Church Home for the Aged is. Erroneous impressions concerning the Home are being circulated, which have been reported to the Rector, and we have his authority for correcting them. It is said that this Home is not S. George's Church Home, but a branch of the Sisterhood. This is a mistake. From the beginning this work has been parochial; no hint has been given or suggestion made that it should be otherwise. The Rector felt that it was indispensable that a Home for aged poor should be in charge of a Christian lady, and therefore has placed its internal management in the hands of a Sister admirably adapted for Christian work. The Rector cannot be thankful enough to the Sisterhood for consenting to spare one of their small number to give her time, strength, labour, and prayers to work in S. George's Parish. But the Home is the property of S. George's Church, and the Rector is responsible for its management. Unless S. George's people support it, no one else will, though the fact of S. George's Parish undertaking so excellent a work, has attracted many gifts and offerings from kind friends outside our congregation, and even from some who are not members of our Church. As this is the only Church Home in Toronto, it will naturally attract support and sympathy from other Parishes.

It is also said that parishioners will not be welcome to visit or read to the old people. The contrary is the fact. The Sister in charge will be glad to see ladies of the Parish manifesting any such interest in the Home and its inmates, and to welcome them within its doors.

It is further said that the old people will be obliged to observe the rule of silence during meals. It would be a good thing if the rule of