

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—2nd, \$34.52 ; 9th, \$45.86 and \$50 ; 16th, \$46.21 ; 20th, Thanksgiving Day, \$15, and for Algoma Church Building Fund, \$5, and for Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$78.09 ; 23rd, \$38.19 ; 30th, \$40, and for Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$22.70, and for Diocesan Mission Fund, \$36.46. We still require about \$20 to make up our assessment for the Widows and Orphans' Fund. The amount required weekly for Parochial purposes is \$46.

At the morning service on the 30th a new set of five Offertory Plates, the gift of Mr. A. J. Burrowes Close, was presented through the offertory. The plates were manufactured by Simpson Hall Miller, of Wallingford, Mass., and finished in Montreal. They are heavily silver-plated and lined with velvet of a deep crimson colour. Around the edge of each is one of the following texts:—"What shall I render unto the Lord."—Ps. cxvi. 12 ; "The silver is mine and the gold is mine."—Hag. ii. 8 ; "Every man shall give as he is able."—Deut. xvi. 17 ; "Freely ye have received, freely give."—Matt. x. 8 ; and, "God loveth a cheerful giver."—2 Cor. x. 7. The engraving is done in Church text with gothic capitals, in an American style of workmanship.

THE Rev. Provost Body, following the example of his predecessor, preached for the first time in Toronto at St. George's, on Sunday morning, 16th October. The sermon was from the text, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness"—Rom. iv. 3 ; and had for its chief subject a contrast of earnest faith and spiritual life with the semi-unbelief so prevalent at the present day—a subject eminently unpopular and distasteful to the "itching ears," but of vital importance.

IN response to an invitation from the Rector to the active Church workers of the parish, a goodly number assembled at the Rectory on Tuesday evening, 18th October, where they were most hospitably received and entertained by the Rector and Mrs. Cayley.

THE selection of St. George's Church for the coming Session of the Synod has been the occasion of a good deal of repairing and general "doing up" to the Church and School-house. Besides numerous minor repairs new oak steps have been put in at the three west doors of the church, the old ones having become completely decayed, and the South porch has been newly wainscoted inside and painted and a new slat-walk made to it from Dufferin Place. A supply of new matting for the church has enabled the sexton to use the old in rendering the floor of the School-house less bare than hitherto, and some person unknown has provided a carpet for the platform of the large hall in the School-house.