

PARISH
Church Work.

"Whosoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord,
 and not unto men."

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"Peace be to this House, and to all that dwell in it."

St. George's Church.

DIVINE SERVICE.

HOLY COMMUNION, 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month	8 : 00 A.M.
<i>(Alms at early Communion for the Poor).</i>	
HOLY COMMUNION, 2nd and last Sunday ..	11 : 00 A.M.
MORNING SERVICE	11 : 00 A.M.
EVENING SERVICE	7 : 00 P.M.
<i>(All Seats free at Evening Service.)</i>	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	3 : 00 P.M.
BIBLE CLASS <i>(For Young Women)</i>	3 : 00 P.M.
HOLY BAPTISM, 1st Sunday in the month. . .	4 : 15 P.M.
At other times by appointment.	
CHOIR PRACTICE, Saturday.	8 : 00 P.M.
BOYS' PRACTICE, Saturday	9 : 00 A.M.

OFFERTORY DURING JANUARY.

On the 2d, \$38.69; 9th, \$36.10; 16th, \$48.08; 23rd, \$35.93, and for
 Diocesan Mission Fund, \$36.00; 30th, \$40.45.

PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

IN SUNDAY, February 6th, notice was given of a meeting on the Tuesday following for the purpose of forming an Association which should have the effect of systematizing Church work in the Parish, and of bringing the members of the congregation together for mutual conference and co-operation. The object was not considered of sufficient importance to bring very many to the meeting, but if one member of a family may be taken as representing a family, 100 members of the congregation were represented, and were unanimous in their opinion that good work was to be done by such an Association.

The Rector, being in the chair, referred to the need and advantage of parishioners meeting together more frequently as fellow-churchmen and fellow-parishioners outside of church walls, as regards work, social intercourse, Bible study, and devotion.

1. As regards Work, much of its power is lost for want of system; and the good influence of many who have time and inclination to do active work is lost to the Church.

2. As regards Social Intercourse, means ought to be found whereby the "all sorts and conditions of men" which make up a Parish may be brought together. Church machinery is out of gear when members of Christ and children of God, confessing a common Master, "partakes of the one bread," can meet only at the Holy Board, while in the intercourse of life they pass each other by as strangers, unknowing and unknown.

3. As to Devotional Reading. The Bible and Prayer Book are the two books universally received by Churchmen. But how seldom and how little are they studied! The Prayer Book is unclasped for Sunday use, and the Bible is read and listened to in Church. Sometimes it is read at home, but seldom *pondered* or studied—by thousands never opened at all. The one book which is of use for eternity as well as time is neglected for the multiplicity of books whose use ends absolutely with this life. Let Christian Churchpeople meet together to read and help each other in the study of the Bible and Prayer Book, and the influence will be felt not in their own souls alone but far beyond.

4. Devotion. The Church never intended that the Prayer Book should be the beginning and end of the people's devotion. Admirably as it is adapted for public worship it does not meet all our needs, individual and social. Special prayer is needed in many ways—particular intercession for many cases. The devotional life of most of us may be helped very much by gatherings for prayer and intercession of a less formal nature than that of the "great congregation."

The hope was expressed that these four points could be taken into account in organizing a Parochial Association.

The meeting then took the matter up, and it was resolved that such a Society be formed, under the name of "St. George's Parochial Association;" that its meetings be held weekly, and, for the present, on Monday evening. The work of the Association was arranged under the four heads named above.

On the *first* Monday in the month will be given a Social Entertainment, consisting of readings, recitations, and music, with intervals for conversation and friendly intercourse.

The *second* Monday is for the Bible Class, which will be opened by a short service with a hymn.

The *third* Monday will be devoted to a business meeting, at which work will be laid out for the different Committees, reports read, members received, the finances managed, and other routine work gone through.

The *fourth* Monday will be of a more devotional character, combining Scripture exposition with prayer, intercessions, and thanksgivings.

The conditions of membership are very simple, viz : signing the roll book, and a desire to take part in any of the four departments distributed as above over the month. All have a standing invitation to become members of the Association.

JANUARY COLLECTION.

THE JANUARY Collection for the Diocesan Mission Fund was taken up on Sunday, the 23rd, and produced \$36. We presume, therefore, that the missionary zeal of our congregation in January, 1881, must be considered as represented by that sum, being an average of about *thirty cents* for each family; or, if we take out the few \$5 and \$4 bills which were found on the plate, there is left as the average contribution per family for the greater part of the congregation so contemptible an amount that we are obliged to confess that a good many of us have given to God, to help in the preaching of the gospel, a sum which any one of us would be ashamed to offer as a tip to a menial for some trifling service.

CONFIRMATION.

Any who are desirous of being confirmed are requested to send their names *at once* to the Rector. Notice of the Classes hereafter.

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