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KALENDAR.

[DECEMBER.

1. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service and Advent Address.
2. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
3. F. 2 P.M. C. W. M. A.
5. S. SECOND IN ADVENT. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
8. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service and Advent Address.
9. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
10. F. 2 P.M. C. W. M. A.
12. S. THIRD IN ADVENT. 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
15. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service and Advent Address.
16. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
17. F. 2 P.M. C. W. M. A.
19. S. FOURTH IN ADVENT. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
21. Tu. S. THOMAS. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
22. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service and Advent Address.
23. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
24. F. 8 P.M. Christmas Eve Service.
25. S. CHRISTMAS DAY. 7, 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
26. S. FIRST AFTER CHRISTMAS. S. STEPHEN. 8 A.M. Holy Communion. 2.30. Holy Baptism.
27. M. S. John the Evangelist. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
28. T. Innocents' Day. 8 and 11 A.M. Holy Communion.
29. W. 8 P.M. C. A. Service.
30. Th. 4.30. Rector's Bible Reading.
31. F. 11 P.M. Midnight Service.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 31st.—Ellen, *d.* of William and Margaret Troughton.
31st.—Helen, *d.* of William-Banks and H. D. Baines.
- Nov. 1st.—Walter-Percival-Lundy, *s.* of Jeffery and Florence Foot.
25th.—Samuel-Robert-Briggs, *s.* of Edward and Mary-Anne Ball.
25th.—Rachel, *d.* of Alexander and Mary-Jane Douglas.
25th.—Robert-George, *s.* of Robert and Maggie Brown.

MARRIAGES.

- Oct. 20th.—McGregor Flight to Annie Solomon.
25th.—William-James-Robert Boyes to Adelaide-Louise Holmes.
- Nov. 13th.—William-Henry-Alexander Pitt to Elizabeth Maitland.

DEATH.

- Nov. 13th.—Mary-Ann Murray, widow of Davidson Murray. Aged 77. Her end was peace.

THE CLERICAL STAFF.

Commander Pocock, R. N., Deacon, has been appointed an assistant minister in this parish, (without stipend.) His services are to be given for certain branches of work which he specially undertakes.

ADVENT SERVICES.

The *Friendly Messenger*, a monthly paper of the G. F. S., has a contribution in the November issue, by Professor Roper on the season of Advent. It is so excellent that we feel tempted to reproduce it wholly, but we have only space for some extracts:

"The name of Advent is familiar to us all, but as S. Bernard said long ago, the meaning of the season and the use that is to be made of it is by no means so generally well known. What does Advent mean, and what use can we make of it? There are in reality three Advents. In the first He came in the flesh, and in weakness; in the second He comes in the Spirit and in power; in the third He will come in glory and majesty. The first Advent began on the first Christmas Day, the second on the first Whitsunday, and the third will begin on the great Judgment Day. In the first the Eternal Son of God came as our Redeemer, and was visible on earth. In the second He comes in the presence of the Holy Spirit our sanctifier, and is invisible; known and loved but not seen, He now makes His abode in the hearts of men. In the third He will come as our Judge; then again He will be visible, seen in His awful holiness and power by those who have loved Him here, as also by those unhappy ones who have loved Him not."

"The meaning then of the Advent season is quite clear, and the use of it obvious. Advent is a special season set apart by the Church as a time of preparation for our Saviour's coming, and this preparation is now seen to involve three-things. It must be a thankful recollection of the Advent which has been; it must be a faithful realization of the Advent that now is; and it must be a watchful expectation of the Advent that shall be. But what use can we make of the season this year? It is quite obvious that our first duty is to make ready our hearts to welcome Him when He comes to us spiritually even now."

He comes to us in the means of grace, He comes to us where the two or three are gathered together in His name, above all He comes to us in Holy Communion. Let one definite purpose of this Advent time be a special and devout preparation for our Christmas Communion. "For in the Holy Communion the thoughts of the three Advents are all gathered up. There we meet to receive His gifts from One, Who really though spiritually

comes to us; there we most thankfully call to mind His first Coming to save us by the giving of His Body, and the shedding of His Blood upon the cross. There also, for ourselves and for all whom we love, we may most acceptably plead the merits of His all sufficient sacrifice 'until He come.'"

Other aids to a right use of Advent will be found in the daily prayers in Church, in the service with Advent address on Wednesday evenings, and the Bible Readings on Thursday afternoons. The hours are as follows:—

Daily Evensong	5.30	p.m.
Evening Service, on Wednesdays	8	p.m.
Bible Reading, on Thursdays	4.30	p.m.

The officers and members of the Church army will come to the Wednesday evening services in a body. The members of the choir are also expected to attend on Wednesday evening; also all church workers, teachers and communicants.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

It is unfortunate that the great Day on which Christ came into the world for our salvation should be shorn of half its glory by our modern social customs. It is a case of Christmas dinner versus Christmas worship. It may be said that people go to Church once in the day. No doubt large numbers do, at least of the well-to-do class, but there are very many of these who stay at home to prepare the early Christmas dinner, while the poorer classes are conspicuous by their absence. Of all days of the year, the Day on which Jesus was born a poor maiden's Child, choosing the lot of poverty rather than to be reckoned among the purple-born, ought to be honoured among those by whom He came and mingled as one of them. Our modern social habits have robbed the masses of their Christmas service, so that this Holy day has come to be regarded by thousands as a day that may be given up to feasting, revelling, drunkenness, and such like. An effort will be made this year, in S. George's Parish at least, to rescue the day from all unhallowed associations, and to win it back for Christ and his Service.

It might appear too revolutionary or too exacting to ask the regular Choir to attend twice on Christmas Day, but the Church Army Corps is

quite capable of supplying a choir that can be trained to take charge of all the music that may be required for the Evening Service. In this way an opportunity at least to attend Church on Christmas Day will be afforded to very many who since childhood have not known what a Christmas Service is. We are too apt to think that all is well because the Church is full, and the Altar crowded at our one service. We forget that those who are present are only a portion, and that the happier and more fortunate portion of our fellow churchmen. Let us not forget on Christmas Day when we gather our families round our full tables and comfortable firesides, the many all about us with whom it is far otherwise,

Whose hearts are bruised and dead;
And homes are bare and cold;
And lambs for whom the shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold!

If we can gather these within our Church walls on Christmas night and tell them of a Saviour born

To comfort and to bless
To find a balm for woe,

We may carry highest comfort to many a heart, where the home is bare and cold.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Holy Communion 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.
Morning Service and Holy Communion . . . 11 a.m.
Evening Service 8 p.m.
(Or perhaps 8.30 of which notice will be given hereafter).

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, DEC. 26.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Children's Christmas Service 3.30 p.m.

The preacher at the Morning Service will be Professor Clark, in the Evening the Bishop of Algoma.

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—November 7th, \$72.30; 14th, \$73.21. 18th, Thanksgiving Day, for Missions, \$34.60; 21st, \$62.62; 28th, \$69.20. Total parochial, \$277.83. Corresponding period last year, \$211.57. Amount required weekly, \$75.

A special service was held in the Church on the evening of the 4th November, when the Bishop delivered an address to the Toronto Sunday School Association, taking as his text Rom. ii. 21. The attendance was described in the newspapers as "large," but seemed to us to be rather small.

On Sunday, 14th ult., the Infantry School Corps, about 100 of all ranks, attended the morning service.

The Thanksgiving Day appointed by Government was observed in St. George's by good congregations at 8 a.m. and 11 o'clock. There were more than 100 communicants at the two services to offer their sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

The Rector has been suffering from a severe attack of lumbago, chiefly due to his not taking the hint to stay at home and rest till it left him. He has been confined to bed for ten days, but was able to take the Bible Reading on Thursday last and to be in his place in Church on Advent Sunday.

The Provost of Trinity College kindly took the Bible Reading for the Rector on Thursday, 18th ult. The Bishop of Algoma and Professor Boys kindly preached during the Rector's illness on Sundays 14th and 21st. The Rev. Dr. Mockridge preached on last Sunday morning a stirring Advent sermon.

It is proposed that the Christmas decorations of the Church be taken in hand this year in good time. Notice is hereby given of a meeting in the School House on Friday, 3rd inst., at 3 o'clock to discuss and arrange.

The choir very much need reinforcement before Christmas. Tenors, Basses, pray interview Mr. E. W. Phillips, Organist and Choirmaster, 71 McCaul St.

The Clergy of the parish would be greatly helped if those who read the JOURNAL would let them know what church their servants are in the habit of attending.

Mrs. Burnham has kindly consented to give a banner to the Church Army.

The Rev. Canon DuMoulin will preach the second Wednesday in Advent.

Service is now held in the Mission Hall every Sunday evening. On Sunday evening last the hall was filled to overflowing.

At the last meeting of the Guild there were present 45 working members. The band Mistresses propose having a concert early in January. The proceeds to be given to the "Home."

ALGOMA.

Our people are not forgetful of "Algoma" as the winter draws on. Two large boxes, the contents of which were collected by Mrs. McKean, have been forwarded to the Rev. A. W. Chowne, of Rosseau, Muskoka, and ere this is received another consignment by the C. E. W. A., will have been forwarded, and we hope received by the Rev. R. W. Plante, of Port Sydney.

THE CHURCH ARMY WORK.

Quietly and slowly the work goes on day after day in the Mission room. The meetings have not been very large. The hall has not yet been overcrowded, but a good work has been done among the very people we have been trying to reach for years. The Communicants among them have increased, for several who only communicated at long intervals have "broken bread" during the past month every "Lord's day." Two adults have promised to receive "the laying on of hands" when the Bishop comes to confirm. Two more (adults) are under preparation for baptism. Our Sunday School, too, has been benefited, for several classes have been strengthened and a new class formed. *Laus Deo.*

CHURCH HOME.

We want to keep the Church Home before the eyes of our readers. We cannot speak definitely as to location, as the houses we hope to rent are not quite finished. But we shall need furniture, and hope that any who have spare tables, chairs, washstands, crockery or bedding will communicate with Miss Tully, 153 John street, Chairman of the Furnishing Committee. We do not mention bedsteads, as it is desirable to have good spring beds of uniform size. The Committee solicit gifts—\$3.25 will buy one.

We hope ere the New Year comes around to have the Home in operation.

During the month one of the oldest of the parishioners of S. George's was taken to her rest. There are many who will remember for how many years in the early history of this Church Mrs. Murray was one of the most regular attendants at Divine Service. But it is as First Directress of the Orphans' Home that Mrs. Murray's name will be chiefly remembered. Chosen to that position so long ago as 1857, Mrs. Murray devoted herself, and all her power for usefulness, to the welfare of the Home for many years, until failing health obliged her reluctantly to resign the post. For several years Mrs. Murray has led a retired life; and probably none of the Orphans now in the Home had ever seen her face, but it was a kindly thought of Miss Wheelwright, the matron, and a fitting mark of Mrs. Murray's long connection with the Home, that the Orphans should attend the funeral service in S. George's Church, after which her remains were followed to S. James's Cemetery by many friends who will long hold her memory in reverence and love.

BOOKS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We are in pressing need of funds for purchasing new books for our Sunday School. Every one who has the spiritual and moral welfare of children at heart (and who has not?) will, we are sure, give readily to this object.

There are many reasons why our Sunday School should have a well stocked library of sound, healthy, attractive literature for the young. No Sunday-school can be a success without such a library. In view of the wide dissemination of pernicious reading, the Sunday-school ought to be in a position to crush out this awful evil by cultivating in the minds of the young a desire for wholesome reading. Good books are a means to a great end of quickening, guiding, strengthening youthful minds in the knowledge of true religion.

A devout person has written that he required three things—*God, a friend, a good book.*

Will you not, out of the abundance of your love to the little ones whom Christ especially loves, help us in this matter. If every Church member in our Parish would send us the price of one or more books, our library would soon be replenished.

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The Revenue of this Parish is derived from the Offertory and Pew Rents, of which the former is relied upon as the principal source of income.

Offertory Envelopes will be supplied to those who are willing to contribute in this way to the maintenance of the Church and Ministry.

PAROCHIAL NEEDS.—Besides the means of meeting ordinary expenditure—

1. Debt, \$3,500, should be paid off, or at least reduced, but the ordinary revenue is insufficient to provide funds for this purpose. One dollar monthly from every pewholder would soon extinguish it.
2. The completion of improvement of the Church, to render it more worthy and suitable for the sacred purpose to which it is consecrated. The amount wanted for this would be provided if every family in the Congregation gave a moderate sum towards it.
3. \$650 to pay for the new roof of the Church. The School House roof must also soon be renewed.
4. \$400 for the Phœbe Street Mission Hall, and subscriptions to maintain the Mission.
5. Donations and bequests towards an endowment, of which there is at present a sum of \$312 only.

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