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#### DECEMBER.

2. S. ADVENT SUNDAY. 8 & 11 A.M., Holy Communion.  
3.10, Bible Class. 4.15, Choral Litany.
4. Tu. 8 P.M., Temperance Guild.
5. W. 5 P.M., Evensong and Short Address.
6. Th. 4 P.M., Bible Class.
7. F. 2 P.M., C. W. M. A. 8 P.M., Evensong and Lecture.
9. S. SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 11 A.M., Holy Communion. 3.10, Bible Class. 4.15, Choral Litany.
12. W. 5 P.M., Evensong and Short Address.
13. Th. 4 P.M., Bible Class.
14. F. 2 P.M., C. W. M. A. 8 P.M., Evensong and Lecture.
16. S. THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 A.M., Holy Communion. 3.10, Bible Class. 4.15, Choral Litany.
18. Tu. 8 P.M., Temperance Guild.
19. W. 5 P.M., Evensong and Short Address.
20. Th. 4 P.M., Bible Class.
21. F. S. Thomas. 11 A.M., Mattins and Holy Communion. 2 P.M., C. W. M. A. 8 P.M., Evensong and Lecture.
23. S. FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 A.M., Holy Communion. 4.15, Choral Litany.
25. Tu. CHRISTMAS DAY. 8 & 11 A.M., Holy Communion.
26. W. S. Stephen.
27. Th. S. John.
28. F. Holy Innocents.

A Special Meeting of the Vestry will be held on Wednesday, 5th December, at 8 o'clock, p.m., to provide means for meeting the debt of this Parish now payable; also to arrange for the creation of a St. George's Scholarship in Trinity College.

## ADVENT.

"THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT, THE DAY IS AT HAND. BE YE THEREFORE SOBER, AND WATCH UNTO PRAYER."

The advent of another year is upon us. Once again the Advent Note is sounded, proclaiming the great doctrine of the Incarnation in its double aspect, the First Coming of our Lord in great humility to save, His Second Coming in glorious Majesty to judge. Advent has its joyous notes, but it has also a minor key. We think of the many familiar faces that we miss since last Advent. And the thought comes—I have been spared to see this Advent; before another Advent dawn I too may be called away. Surely if the truth had hold upon our minds—that Christ's Coming is near at hand, and that He may come at any moment, we should not be so careless and worldly in our lives; we should live more as those whose treasure is above, whose life is hid with Christ in God. We should value more highly the means of grace. And in particular the Church's Daily Prayer, and Weekly Communion would not be so lightly esteemed as now they are.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."

## NOTA BENE.

Beginning with Advent the daily Evensong will be said at 5 o'clock.

On Wednesdays, at Evensong, there will be a short instruction on Holy Communion, to which all communicants are invited, especially those who have lately been confirmed.

The hour of Evensong being changed, the Thursday Bible Class will be at 4 p.m., instead of 4.30.

The Sunday Bible Class will now be from 3.10 to 4 o'clock. It is surprising that more of our young people do not avail themselves of the privilege of the instruction given at this class.

The Friday evening Lecture on the Epistle to the Colossians will be held as usual at 8 o'clock.

On Sunday mornings in Advent, Professor Clark will deliver a course of Sermons on the following subjects:

1. Awaking out of Sleep.
2. The Waiting Church on earth.
3. The Waiting Church in Paradise.
4. The Revelation of Christ.

The following will be the subjects of the Rector's Sermons in the evenings:

1. The Coming of Christ in Humility.
2. The Coming of Christ in Grace.
3. The Coming of Christ in Glory.
4. The Longing of the Spirit and the Bride.

## CHORAL LITANY.

A new feature in our Services this Advent will be Choral Litany on Sunday afternoons at 4.15 with short Advent Addresses by the following preachers:—Revs. J. Fielding Sweeny, A. H. Baldwin, Canon DuMoulin, and Prof. Clark.

## PARISH REGISTER.

## BAPTISMS.

- November 4.—Mary-Hannah, *d.* of Armar and Rebecca Peel.  
 " 16. Christopher Charles, *s.* of Christopher and Elizabeth-Street Robinson.  
 " 18.—Alfred-George, *s.* of James-Edward and Lucy Went.  
 " 25.—Maria-Eleanor Cooper, *d.* of John and Maria McKeown.  
 " 25.—James-Lawrence, *s.* of Albert and Joanna Anderson.

## PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—Nov. 4th, \$55.68 and \$38; 8th, Thanksgiving Day, \$10 and for Algoma 57.64; 11th, \$57.05; 18th, \$53.80; 25th, \$53.41; in all Parochial, \$267.94. Corresponding period last year, \$244.93. Amount required weekly, \$60.

CONCERT.—The concert in aid of the fund for procuring a piano for use at temperance and social meetings and entertainments in the school house, came off on the first of November, and notwithstanding unfavourable weather, was very successful in every way. The arrangements were made and carried out under the direction principally of Mr. Schuch, who must have been gratified with the result. The performers were Mrs. Walter Ross, of Picton, who, it is understood, intends to devote her time to music professionally, and chose this opportunity of appearing for the first time before a Toronto audience, and met with a reception which seemed an earnest of future popularity; Miss Morgan, also a debutante, who has lately become a member of our choir; Miss McCutcheon, Mr. Jacobsen, (violin), Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hurst and Mr. Schuch. Mr. Phillips being unavoidably absent, Mrs. Parsons kindly acted as accompanist. The amount realized we understand to have been about \$50.

FAREWELL.—On Tuesday, 6th November, the Temperance Guild met in larger numbers than usual, it having become known that this occasion would be the last on which the Rev. Mr. White would be present as one of the clergy of this Parish. The event of the evening consequently was Mr. White's farewell, which was followed by a gift to him from the members of the Guild of a silver-plated tea service. At the same time the Ladies of the Congregation presented Mr. White with a copy of Wordsworth's Commentary on the Old Testament, and a sum of money left in hand after its purchase; the Churchwardens also a copy of Ellicott's Commentary on the New Testament, and upon his being thus provided with such intellectual aids to the composition of sermons the Rector added a library chair of a kind which he declared would be admirably adapted as a material aid for the same purpose.

On the following day Mr. White was married at St. Stephen's Church to Miss Georgina Carter, daughter of Mr. John Carter.

ORPHAN'S HOME.—<sup>Donated by R.L.</sup> The new building of the Orphan's Home, near Brockton, was formally opened on Thanksgiving day, 8th November.

NEW LECTERN.—On Thanksgiving Day, a lady member of the Congregation, whose thoughtful and well directed liberality is already well known, added to her previous gifts to the Church a handsome brass Lectern, a gift certainly worthy of the Day, the Donor, and the Church. The Lectern previously in use, also a handsome one but of less costly material, and which our readers will recollect was an anonymous gift to the Church, on Christmas Day, 1876, has been presented to St. Stephen's Church, with the concurrence of the unknown donor, who is now known to have been Mr. R. L. Cowan, and in consideration of this gift, the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Stephen's have promised to provide the Island Church with a Lectern and Service Books.

GAS FITTINGS.—During the past month the work of renewing the gas service of the Church has been completed. The pipes have been for a long time in very bad order, and latterly had become almost beyond repair. It was therefore determined to take them out and put in an entire new service, substituting iron pipes for composition, and making other important improvements, all of which has been completed. The new brackets are undoubtedly an improvement on the old ones in appearance, and are so arranged as to distribute the light more evenly throughout the building, and at the same time to get rid of the unpleasant glare which some of the old ones produced. The two large gasaliers in the nave have not been altered, having been a gift from Mrs. Fuller.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.—Want of space in our last issue prevented our noticing in a fitting manner, as we had purposed doing, an important meeting held in our school-house on 24th October, to re-organize the Sunday School Institute. The Bishop presided, and a large number of representatives from the City Parishes were present.

"VESTRY LIST."—The Churchwardens have had prepared and printed for the use of the Parochial Association, a list of heads of families or individuals connected with St. George's, either as pew holders or as regular attendants. With regard to the former class it has been of course a simple matter, but in the latter there has been much difficulty in endeavouring to avoid claiming as ours those who are frequent attendants at St. George's, but are in fact members of other congregations, and at the same time to omit, if possible, none of the many who belong to us without being actual members of the Vestry. It is desired that if any errors or omissions be discovered, they should at once be pointed out to the Rector or Churchwardens. The list will, we are sure, be found to be of the greatest assistance to all Parish workers. Copies may be obtained by application to the Rector or Churchwardens.

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