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PARISH NOTES.

On S. Andrew's Day, the first Wednesday in Advent, the Bishop of Niagara preached at the Evening Service. On Wednesday, 7th inst., Canon DuMoulin will be the preacher: on the 14th, Rev. O. P. Ford; and on the 21st, the Bishop of Algoma. The Advent Collections will be for the Church Home, which is in need of funds, owing to the heavier expense of winter.

Our readers are also reminded of the Friday Afternoon Services at 5 p.m., on the 2nd, 9th, and 16th instants.

It may be remembered that an appeal was made some weeks ago on behalf of the sufferers by the disastrous fire at Gravenhurst. There was one noteworthy response to that appeal. A necklace and earrings were sent to the Rector by a lady who had no money to give, but hoped that the jewellery, if sold, might be of some use.

The Ladies' Aid Association of S. George's have taken in hand to build a kitchen. We have had for many years a lumber room in which there was a cooking stove. Now we shall emulate our neighbours of every denomination in Toronto. We shall have a neat kitchen, which will be made useful in a variety of ways. The ladies have given the contract to Messrs. Winsor and Woodley. It will be built on to the class-room on the north side of the School-house; and will probably be finished before the middle of December.

The ladies are also actively engaged in preparing for a sale of work, to be held about ten days before Christmas. Among the articles for sale will be found a large variety of very attractive Christmas gifts. As the purpose of the sale is to pay for the kitchen, it is hoped that members of the congregation will find many suitable Christmas boxes here instead of elsewhere.

Talking about Christmas gifts, it may not be generally known that there is a Church Book Depository at the Synod Office, over the Merchants' Bank, Wellington St., where Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books in attractive bindings, Story books for the young, Pictures of Scripture scenes, Medallions of sacred subjects, (photographs in oval frames), and Manuals of devotion can be purchased at a cheaper rate than anywhere else.

There are over 100 children in the Mission Sunday School. Mr. D. Burns is the Superintendent, and much of the present success is due to him. Mr. Moore will gladly hear of teachers for the School.

The Temperance organization, which meets every Tuesday night, is doing a good work. About 60 having taken the total abstinence pledge. Some excellent addresses have of late been given, especially by our old friend Mr. White, of Shanty Bay, and by Police Inspector Armstrong.

The work of the Church Army is at present being carried on by the clergy of the Church, Capt. Eccleston having been transferred to Detroit, Michigan. Another officer is shortly expected from England, having been cabled for some weeks ago. The work is now being carried to S. James's Parish by Capt. Munns, and with good results. What is needed for the complete success of the work in this country is a few more Parishes to take it up. At present it is simply parochial, and therefore of limited influence. However, we are glad to say the work is spreading, and it will not be long before other men will be required.

Now that the Clergy are responsible for the Sunday Evening Services in the Mission Hall, a shortened form of Evening Prayer will be used. The first Service was held on Advent Sunday, and was well attended. The Prayers were heartily joined in by all present, the way in which the responses were taken up even by outsiders being quite remarkable, and shewing how popular the Church Service is when all are shown how to take their part in it. A large number remained for the After Meeting.

A Choir is being organized for this Service, under the charge of Mr. Webster, who will be glad to hear of volunteers.

The Sunday School Children are beginning to look forward with eager and joyful anticipation to the Annual Christmas Treat. Special contributions from the members of the Congregation are needed in order to give the children a good feast.

A class for boys, between the ages of twelve and fifteen, who have not yet been confirmed, will be held on Sunday afternoons in the Class Room, beginning sharp at 3 o'clock. The ulti-

mate end in view is Confirmation. Boys intending to join this Class are requested to bring their own Prayer Books.

The Treasurer of the Church Home would be much obliged if all who are in arrear, would kindly send in their collections as soon as possible, as she is anxious to make up the yearly statement.

Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 17), was observed at S. George's by Eucharistic Services at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. There were 24 Communicants at the early service, and 74 at the later. The Offerings, mainly for the Mission Fund, amounted to \$103.

On Advent Sunday the Lord's Table was crowded with Communicants, who wished to begin a New Christian Year with an earnest purpose. There were 163 Communicants, of whom 63 came to the early service.

In connection with the plan for improving the interior of the Church, the Rector has received the promise of a new gasalier for the Chancel, either in the shape of a corona or standards, whichever may appear most desirable for the purpose of giving more light to the Choir, and to that extremity of the Church. The Cross-shaped light* in the East window will then be no longer needed, and should be replaced by something more suitable. No doubt, as the need arises, further offerings will be made. In the Church revival of these latter days, it is felt by Christian people more and more, that the contrast between the bareness of God's House and the sumptuousness of our own houses should be made to disappear. Why, for instance, should handsome carpets, rich coverings and hangings be considered necessary for our own houses, and bare walls, and shabby cushions, and matting worn and old and torn and full of holes, be considered sufficient for the House of the Lord? Why should God's earth be a garden to furnish flowers for our drawing rooms, and dinner tables, and conservatories, and not for His House also? Why should the Temple of Nature be full of beauty, and the Temple of Prayer be destitute of beauty? Is it because God made the one and man made the other?

The subscribers to the Church Woman's Auxiliary to Missions are requested to observe that subscriptions are due at the beginning of each month, and that the Treasurer, Mrs. John Lachanab, receives the amounts from the collectors on

* Which was a gift from Dr. Bovell.

the second Tuesday of every month. The next day for making returns is, therefore, Tuesday, December 13. It will be a great help to the collectors if subscribers will bear in mind that the work of going round for subscriptions is not an easy or a pleasant one, but that it can be made lighter and pleasanter if they will kindly put the amounts in an envelope ready for the collector in case of a call during absence from home.

Children's clothing is very much needed for several families where the children are almost destitute.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

On Christmas Day there will be celebrations of Holy Communion, at 7 and 8 a.m., and also at 11 o'clock. The 7 o'clock celebration proved convenient to so many people last Christmas that it seems desirable to continue it. At 3.20 the children will have their Christmas service. The evening service will be at 7 o'clock, and will consist of full Choral Evensong, followed by Christmas Carols. With the view of interfering as little as possible with family gatherings there will be no sermon at this service. The Lessons and Prayers, Christmas Hymns and Carols, are so full of the love of God in the Incarnation that little or no teaching besides seems necessary.

The Christmas offerings at both early Communion will be, as usual, for the poor. As Christmas Day falls on Sunday it will be necessary for the Wardens to reserve the average Sunday collections for Parochial use. The disposition of what will no doubt be the far larger proportion of the Offertory will be as is customary in this Parish. The Rector feels that he need say nothing to S. George's congregation on the score of large-hearted, open-handed liberality on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

The Sale of Work and Christmas Festival for which the Ladies' Aid Society have been working for some time will be held in the School House on Thursday and Friday 15th and 16th inst., from 3 p. m., to 10 o'clock. Part of the programme will consist of a Christmas Tree, Carols, a Concert each evening, Five o'clock Tea, &c. The Ladies hope for a large attendance on the two days of the Festival, the objects of which are fully explained in the printed circular.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society is now fully organized for work, and seems resolved to give a good account of itself. If plans and schemes in the past for the improvement of S. George's Church have failed, it will not be the ladies' fault if they fail in the future. They have put their hands to the work, and it must go on.

The following are the officers of the Society: President, Mrs. Lockhart; Vice-President, Mrs. Wyatt; Treasurer, Mrs. Cowan; Secretary, Mrs. McMurray.

The following are the members of the various Committees: Fancy Work: Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. H. D. P. Armstrong, Mrs. Hoskins. Plain Work: Mrs. McMurray, Mrs. Swabey, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Percival, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Cowan. Refreshments: Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. W. B. Baines, Mrs. W. E. Close, Miss Street, Miss Marshall. Music: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. W. J. Baines, Miss Robinson. Decoration: Miss Holland, Misses Lockhart, Miss Chewett, Miss Burnham, Miss Hoskins, Miss Chadwick, Miss Lough.

The first named lady in each case is the Con-
vener of the Committee.

HOME FOR THE AGED.

The Sister in charge gratefully acknowledges the following supplies sent in during the past month:

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The Rector and Mrs. J. D. Cayley are counting on a second Christmas Dinner, by shaving in the Old Folks' Christmas Dinner, on Monday, 26th

inst. No doubt friends will send in an ample supply—we need hardly say Turkey and Plum Pudding preferred, not forgetting cranberry sauce.

We must not forget Dr. Mewburn's kind attendance at the Home. In any case of need or sickness he has been prompt in going, and unremitting in care and attention, regardless of his own ease, even when most wearied by professional labours. During the past month the first death occurred at the Home. Miss Bella Sloan, who, with her brother and sister, have been in the Home since March, had long been an almost helpless invalid. During the last few months she grew rapidly weaker, and her end was visibly approaching. Her sister was unremitting in nursing her, and Dr. Mewburn did all that could be done for her relief, till death came and she was "delivered from the burden of the flesh." On the day of her funeral the first part of the Burial Office was read in the Chapel of the Home; after which the other inmates, with the mourners, followed her remains to S. James's Cemetery, where the Rector read the concluding Prayers.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Of all the Funds which the Church administers the Widows and Orphans' Fund is the most sacred. If there be any one Fund to which all Members of the Church, without exception, should contribute, it is the Fund created for the purpose of giving a small annual pension to the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen. It is impossible for the great majority of the Clergy to lay by anything for their families; they are so poorly paid. Hence there is no more sacred duty laid upon the Church than to provide for the support of their widows and orphans. If all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do, then the failure of Christian people in this duty cannot pass unnoticed by the God of the widow and the Father of the fatherless. If there are congregations who fail in this respect S. George's ought not to be among them. Yet there is a danger. The congregations of the Diocese are assessed at the rate of 2½ per cent. upon the assessable portion of their annual income. Our assessment is \$135. The collection so far has been only \$111. However, there are many of the congregation yet to be heard from. Out of 137 envelopes sent out only 55 have come in. The credit of the congregation rests with those

who have not yet sent in their offerings. That may be a small matter; it is of more weight to remember that the offering withheld is a witness before God, who taketh on Himself to "judge the cause of the fatherless and widow."

SERVICE OF PRAISE.

On Thursday Evening, Nov. 25th., a Service of Praise and Organ Recital was given in the Church, for which great credit is due to the Choir, and to Mr. Phillips as Organist and Director.

The evening was wet, and considering this misfortune, there was a gratifying number present. After the Processional Hymn, the Service was opened by the Rector, who sang the versicles, followed by prayers. The programme consisted of selections on the organ by Mr. Phillips, anthems by the Choir, and solos by the well-known vocalists, Miss Robinson, Mr. Schuch, and Mr. Gamble Geddes. Mr. Schuch sang the recitative, "And God Said," from the Creation, which Mr. Phillips accompanied in such admirable manner that the characteristic of each animal named as created could be appreciated by the audience. After various selections by Mr. Phillips and the Choir, Miss Robinson's voice most sympathetically rendered the "Weep Not," from Costa's Naaman.

Of the second part, the most noticeable features were Mr. Gamble Geddes's solo and a Fantasia on the organ composed by Mr. Phillips himself. Mr. Geddes did admirable justice to Coenen's "Come Unto Me," and Mr. Phillips's selection, with its constantly repeated refrain, was most effective. After the Recessional Hymn, Mr. Phillips dispersed the Congregation to the inspiring strains of the March from Athalie.

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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. \$600 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
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