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THE PARISH KALENDAR.

NOVEMBER.

1. Th. ALL SAINTS' DAY. 9.30, Mattins and Holy Communion. 4.30, Prof. Clark's Bible Class.
2. F. 2 P.M., C. W. M. A. Work. 8 P.M., Prof. Clark's Lecture.
3. S. 8 P.M., Choir Practice.
4. S. 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 A.M., Holy Communion. 3.30 P.M., Young Men's Bible Class. 4:30 P.M., Baptisms.
5. M. 8 P.M., General Meeting S.S. Institute.
6. Tu. 8 P.M., Temperance Guild.
8. Th. Thanksgiving Day, 8 P.M. Festival Service.
9. F. 2 P.M., C. W. M. A. 8 P.M., Evensong and Lecture.
10. S. 8 P.M., Choir Practice.
11. S. 25TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 11 A.M., Holy Communion.
13. Tu. 8 P.M., S.S. Institute at Ascension Sch. H.
15. Th. 4.30 P.M., Bible Class.
16. F. 2 P.M., C. W. M. A. 8 P.M., Evensong and Lecture.
17. S. 8 P.M., Choir Practice.
18. S. 26TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 A.M., Holy Communion.
20. Tu. 8 P.M., Temperance Guild.
22. Th. 4.30 P.M., Bible Class.
23. F. 2 P.M., C. W. M. A. Work. 8 P.M., Evensong and Lecture.
24. S. 8 P.M., Choir Practice.
25. S. SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT. 11 A.M., Holy Communion.
29. Th. 4.30 P.M., Bible Class.
30. F. S. Andrew. 9.30 P.M., Mattins and Holy Communion.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

- October 18.—Ernest, *s.* of Henry and Fanny Piper.
 " 18.—Susanna, *d.* of Robert and Ellen Lamb.
 " 21.—John, *s.* of Leroy and Sarah Harris.

MARRIAGES.

- August 22.—Thomas Armstrong to Jane Armstrong.
 September 3.—William Bone to Nellie Richmire Rupert.
 " 12.—James-Wm. Weeks to Frances-Elizabeth Dunk.
 September 19.—William Smith to Margaret McKenna.
 October 9.—Charles-Wm. Eglesfield to Annie-Frances Fraser.

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—October 7th, \$46.79; 14th, \$50.29; 21st, \$52.71; 28th, \$51; and for Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$64.28. Total parochial, \$200.79. Corresponding period last year, \$161.72. Amount required weekly, \$55.

The removal of the Orphan's Home has rendered the space occupied by them in the gallery available for pews. The seats are new and newly cushioned, and some of them are excellently situated for seeing and hearing.

IN A circular lately issued from Trinity College it is announced that any parish in which \$1,000 is subscribed, may found a perpetual scholarship, bearing the name of the Parish, or any other, and acquire the right of nominating for ever one student to a complete course of Arts and Divinity, or both, free of tuition fees. Besides Mr. Elmes Henderson's contributions to the munificent gifts of his family, and special individual subscriptions amounting to \$2,750, our Parish appears in the subscription list as having raised parochial subscriptions to the amount of \$700. A movement is on foot for raising this to the required sum, to found a St. George's scholarship.

ARRANGEMENTS are in progress for a concert in the school-house, which will probably have taken place before this sheet reaches our readers. The committee, for a change, have adopted the plan of securing chiefly the services of extra parochial and professional performers, reserving the local talent for a future occasion. The proceeds are to be in aid of a fund for purchasing a piano, which it was intended to have procured immediately, but in consequence of some misunderstanding having arisen with regard to the rival claims of pianos of Messrs. Mason & Rich and Messrs. Nordheimer, both of whom have warm advocates, it has been determined to defer making a selection until next year, but in the meantime to go on making up the fund.

THE REV. PROFESSOR CLARK has delivered two of the special course of sermons on "Reason and Faith," mentioned in our last. These sermons have attracted a good deal of attention, and we understand the "Dominion Churchman" has arranged for their publication in its columns.

THE HON. AND REV. CANON ANSON, whose resignation of an important Parish in England, and refusal of a nomination to a Missionary Bishopric to enter the Northwest Canadian Mission Field has attracted so much attention on both sides of the Atlantic, preached in St. George's on 7th October, making a special reference to the work which he is about to undertake. He is to take charge of a large part of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, which we have no doubt will ultimately become detached from that, and form a new Diocese of Assiniboia. After a visit to the scene of his future labours, he was here on his way to England to procure men and means to occupy the field. A letter in the "Church Times" reshadows his probable plan of working, which may be described in a word as altogether collegiate and missionary, leaving the parochial system to arise as a future development.

THE REV. J. F. WHITE.

As our readers are aware, Mr. White is giving up the curacy which he has held in this Parish for two years. In the course of his work here he has won the love and esteem of all who know him. His labours in the Parish and in connection with the Temperance Guild have been such as to make it extremely difficult to replace him. By the Rector especially, his departure is felt as a loss not only of valued services, but of genial and pleasant fellowship in work. Mr. White will address the Temperance Guild on the 6th inst., and thus give his friends an opportunity of wishing him God Speed in his new life and work. We believe that there is some movement on foot to give practical expression to the feelings entertained for him. Meanwhile, in the name of the whole Parish, we assure Mr. White that he will carry with him to his Mission at Shanty Bay every good wish and prayer for happiness in his married life and success in his work.

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Our Readers will find a full list of services Classes and Meetings in the Parish Kalendar on the first page.

N. B.—There will be no Bible Class on the 8th inst., as Professor Clark is to preach at a Thanksgiving Service in Hamilton on that day.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

THE day after our Annual Thanksgiving the newspapers generally contain a notice to this effect: "Yesterday being Thanksgiving Day was observed as a public holiday." The monstrous inconsistency between what is and what ought to be does not seem to occur to the writers, or they might recall people to a sense of duty. Surely such notices ought to run somewhat in this fashion: "Yesterday having been proclaimed as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the Harvest, the people of the Dominion flocked to their respective places of worship, to offer thanks and praise for their many and great blessings." But such a statement would not be true. The people of this country seem to say with one consent: "Here is a holiday: let us enjoy ourselves. Let who will go to Church." Accordingly we hear of some Churches arranging for a combined service, that here and there at least there may be respectable congregations. The duty of thanksgiving is a task so irksome that only a handful out of each congregation can be found to perform it. The conduct of the nine unthankful lepers is faithfully copied year after year by Christians. Contrast with this the way in which the Jews kept their feast of ingathering. The whole population ("thou and thy son, and thy daughter, manservant, maidservant, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow,") kept a solemn feast unto the Lord for seven days. Seven days, while we think that we are doing well if we spend the tenth part of one day in a service of thanksgiving. It is true that there is generally a good congregation in St. George's on the day, and a fairly good offertory for our Missionary Diocese, but both are small indeed when put beside the standard of what ought to be. This year the

sermon will be preached by Canon DuMoulin. As it is the first time that he preaches in St. George's he will no doubt be greeted by a large congregation. The extent of our thankfulness will be shown by the amount of our Thank-offering. Indeed the offerings this year ought to be unusually liberal, by way of showing our appreciation of the Bishop of Algoma's noble act of self-denial in choosing rather to remain in that Diocese than to accept the more easy and pleasant post in Huron.

CHURCH PARADES.

The subject of Church Parades has been a good deal under discussion of late by ministerial associations and in the secular press. As St. George's has been a favourite Church with the Militia, we may very properly devote a little of our space to a brief consideration of the question. By the Militia Regulations Commanding Officers are enjoined to arrange, as may be practicable, for the attendances at Divine Service of the men under their command. The object of this regulation may possibly be a subject of discussion, involving its interpretation, but it has come to be pretty generally considered as making it the duty of militia corps, although not in barracks or camp, to assemble at intervals, during their annual training, for Divine Worship in the same manner as the regular troops. It has frequently been stated that on such occasions there are young men who are brought face to face with Divine things to which otherwise they are almost complete strangers. And we have good authority for the statement that these services exercise much influence for good, not only on such men, but on the happily much more numerous class whose church-going is habitual. To the non-military observer the march of a military corps to Church may perhaps seem as if little else than a noisy show, but to those who take part in it there is a peculiar solemnity in a parade which is especially distinguished from all others in its equipment, formation and surroundings. To the thoughtful soldier the "Church Call," which is played by the band on the parade ground, is as much an invitation to the House of Prayer as is the Church bell to a civilian. If clergymen could but realize the value as a religious and moral influence of properly ordered and conducted Church parades, they would gladly aid and encourage them, even at the cost of a little temporary excitement in the Sunday School.

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