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# St. George's Church, Toronto.

#### Services, Appointments, &c. HOLY COMMUNION, 2nd and last Sundays.. 11:45 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, all other Sundays..... 8:00 A.M. (Alms at Early Communion for the Poor). DIVINE SERVICE, Sunday Morning ...... 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening ..... 7:00 P.M. (Scats free at Evening Service). CHILDREN'S SERVICE, last Sunday in menth.. 3:30 P.M. (Offerings for Wawanosh Home). SUNDAY SCHOOL.... 3:00 P.M. HOLY BAPTISM, 1st Sunday in the month. . . 4:15 P.M. (At other times by appointment). BIBLE CLASS (For Young Women)..... 3:00 P.M. 8:00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE, Saturday ..... PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION, Third Tuesday in the month 8:00 P.M.

Subscriptions and communications for Church Work may be sent to Dr. LOUGH, 14 St. Patrick Street.

#### PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—April 2nd, \$44.68; 9th (Easter Day) \$107.54; 16th, \$41.58; 23rd; \$40.59; 30th; \$40.91. Amount required weekly, \$50.

THE Rector has been absent from the Parish for the greater part of last week, being one of the Delegates to the Provincial Synod at Montreal.

The seal of the Church in its corporate capacity was given to the Parish fin the year 1853, by "J. H. Lefroy, R.A., sometime Churchwarden." This seal having become somewhat worn and inconvenient to use, a new one has been cut and presented to the Parish by Dr. Lett, Churchwarden.

Easter Day.—The number of communicants showed a gratifying increase from previous years, the number being 125 at the early celebration and 90 at the midday service. This may be regarded as evidence that the growth of the congregation is of a real and permanent character. The floral decorations were artistically arranged by Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Redfern, with some of the younger ladies of the congregation, and were very beautiful. The music was of an elaborate character, suitable to t! day, but nevertheless devotional. The service in the evening was chorat.

Conversazione.—The Conversazione, for which preparation has been making for some days past, came off on Thursday evening, the 4th ult. It was one of those pleasant and enjoyable reunions for which St. George's congregation is so well-known. The School-house was well filled, though not inconvently er wded, and the air was just sufficiently warm to suggest frequent visits to the ice cream table in one part of the room, and to Rebecca at the well in another. Great credit is due to the ladies who so tastefully arranged and furnished the room, and to Mr. Schuch, who kindly took charge of the music. The programme was unusually attractive, and we regret that our space will allow but a very brief review attractive, and we regret that our space will allow but a very orier review of its excellencies. Three part songs were well given by the members of the choir, under Mr. Schuch's conduct. Mr. Schuch's song, "The two Grenadiers," that of Mr. Walter Reid, "Three Sailor Boys," and "My Queen" by Mr. Fraser, were well sung and much admired. The same praise is due to Mrs. Redfern's song, "Aime Moi," Mrs. Macdougall's, "It was a Dream," and "Because of Thee," by Miss Spratt. The violing was instantial of that favourite instantial of that favourite instantial of the stantial of the stanti solo by Mr. Dixon manifested his entire control of that favourite instrument, while Master Dick Cowan (as usual), brought down the house. The gem of the evening was undoubtedly Mrs. Macdongall's song, "Sognai" with flute obligato, by Mr. Greaves. Mrs. Macdougall has a sweet and powerful voice, well trained and under excellent control. We shall be glad to hear it again. . Finally, to say that Mr. Parsons accompanied throughout, is to say that the programme went off smoothly and went off without a hitch.

# EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS.

THE Annual Meeting was held on Monday evening at the School House, the Rector in the Chair. There were about twenty-five persons present.

Mr. Chadwick presented the Churchwardens' Report and Annual Accounts. These have since been printed and copies sent to all members of the Vestry.

The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:-

Churchwardens-Edward Marion Chadwick and Stephen Lett, M.D. Sidesmen—Messrs. Murray, Boswell, Spratt, Close, Cowan, Harvard, Henderson, Street, F. Cayley, Arnoldi, Bruce Harman, Lough, Browne, Beverly Jones, and Charles Foster. Members of Tribunal for Settling Register of Volers-Richard Snelling, LL.D., and D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C. Auditors-J. S. McMurray and John Crickmore.

A vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Choir and Mr. Whiteley, and a similar compliment was paid to the Churchwardens, and

the meeting then adjourned.

The Meeting of Electors for Representatives in the Diocesan Synod was then held, at which Messrs. H. W. M. Murray, A. R. Boswell, and E. M.

Chadwick were elected, there being no other nominations.

The adjourned Vestry Meeting was held on Monday, 24th April, the Rector in the Chair. The Auditors' Report not being ready to present to this meeting it was ordered that the same should be handed to the Rector to be laid before the next meeting of the Vestry. The meeting then adjourned.

#### OUR FINANCES.

THE accounts presented at the Easter Meetings shew, on the whole, a I fairly satisfactory result of our year's work, considered from a financial point of view. We have raised in the Parish for Church work of all kinds a total sum of \$6200, of which \$1473 represents the important branch of Missionary and charitable work. This item is less than last year by \$234, the difference being in exceptional amounts specially raised last year. We regret that the Churchwardens should have found themselves unable to reduce the debt, the money which should have been so applied having been necessarily used in wiping out the deficit balance with which the year's accounts commenced. We hope the coming year will result differently in this respect.

The Offertory during the past year shewed an increased average for Sunday over the previous year of about \$3. This was not the case throughout the year, however. From Easter, 1881, to the beginning of June, there was an increase over the previous year, and from that date there was a considerable falling off as compared with the summer of 1880, which continued until September, when there was a marked improvement in the average, and from the end of November the increase over the corresponding period of the previous year has been sufficient to counterbalance the previous falling off, and produce the final result which we We mention these particulars, as there has been some dishave stated. cussion on this subject, and we believe that several members of the

congregation will find them interesting.

The total amount given through the Offertory does not compare favourably with some other Churches, and we cannot consider it very creditable to us, more especially as more than one-fifth of it is in fact composed of the contributions of one-fifteenth part of the congregation. We surely may express a hope that the coming year will show an improvement in this respect. It should not only be borne in mind that the Offertory is our main source of income for Parochial maintenance, but a higher view should be taken of it that it is a gauge of the sdiritual life of a congregation, and of the thankfulness felt for privileges and blessings enjoyed.

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