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Services, Appointments, &c.

HOLY COMMUNION, 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month (<i>Alms for the Poor</i>).	8 : 00 A.M.
MORNING SERVICE, Sundays	11 : 00 A.M.
Holy Communion after Morning Service, 2nd and last Sundays in the Month.	
EVENING SERVICE (<i>Seats free</i>) Sundays	7 : 00 P.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	3 : 00 P.M.
BIBLE CLASS (<i>For Young Women</i>)	3 : 00 P.M.
HOLY BAPTISM, 1st Sunday in the month.	4 : 15 P.M.
At other times by appointment.	
CHOIR PRACTICE, Saturday	8 : 00 P.M.
PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS	8 : 00 P.M.
First Monday in the Month	Social.
Second do do	Bible Class.
Third do do	Business.
Fourth do do	Devotional.

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may be sent to Dr. LOUGH, 14 St. Patrick Street.

THE POOR.

IF there be among you a poor man, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother : But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him ; because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. For the poor shall never cease out of the land : therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land."—*Deut.* xv. 7-11.

So also in the New Testament, our Lord says : "Ye have the poor always with you, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good." And He tells us further that by our willingness or unwillingness to do them good the judgment of the Great Day is determined. *St. Matt.* xxv. 31-45.

Indiscriminate almsgiving is not to "do the poor good." Giving money to get rid of a beggar or to save oneself trouble is not "doing the poor good." True charity seeks out the poor man for the purpose of his relief, or entrusts its alms to those who have the opportunity of knowing who are really deserving of help. In this Parish the relief of the poor is an important part of the work. The chief items of expenditure are for rent, fuel, clothing, and groceries. These are not luxuries, but the barest necessaries of life. The annual amount expended in this way is kept within \$400, which is made up partly by the offertories at early Communion and in Lent, but chiefly by the annual subscription list in October. The collectors will soon be on their rounds. We bespeak for them a hearty welcome and cheerful gifts. Let those whose houses are warm, whose bed is comfortable and table well supplied, think of the poor man in winter, when work is scarce, surrounded by his little family suffering for want of the bare necessaries. Let us not think only, but "do them good," and win a double blessing—the blessing of God, and the blessing of the poor. "When the ear heard me then it blessed me ; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me : because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him."—(*Job* xxix.).

Besides help in money, very much may be done by those who have cast-off clothing. There is always a large demand for clothing for men, women, and children, especially for children's boots. As the Ladies' Sewing Society will now meet every Friday afternoon, bundles of clothing may be sent on that day and put in the South porch of the Church.

CHURCH WORK.

THE outside cover of our Parish Magazine is sent this month to many who are not at present subscribers, with the view of bringing it under the notice of all members of the Congregation. "CHURCH WORK" is a monthly record of all Parish News, Work, and Plans. It is intended to be a medium of communication to parishioners of all matters of interest to the Church in St. George's Parish. Names of intending subscribers (old and new) should be sent in this month, that our arrangements for the new year may be made in good time, and the necessary number of the inside sheets be ordered from the publishers. The subscription for the year will be 50c., paid in advance. Subscribers' names, addresses, and subscriptions to be sent to Dr. Lough, 14 St. Patrick street.

PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—September 4th, \$29.31; 11th, \$49.19; 18th, \$37.15; 25th, \$34.91. Amount required, \$46.

PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.—The Parish Church Workers, to the number of a dozen or more, met for the first time since the summer, on Monday evening, 19th September, at the School-house, the Rector in the chair. The evening was devoted to a general review of the Parish work, and in making arrangements for carrying it on in various departments.

SEWING SOCIETY.—The Parochial Sewing Society is to meet at the School-house on Friday, 14th October, at 3 p.m., to reorganize for the coming season. A large attendance of the ladies of the Parish is desired. The work is on behalf of the Diocese of Algoma.

ORGAN IMPROVEMENT FUND.—The final payments due by this Fund have become payable. The amount is \$445, to meet which the Committee have in hand only about \$280, with unpaid subscriptions to the amount of \$40 more, leaving \$125 still to be made up.

REV. JOSEPH WHITE, B.A., Trin. Coll., was ordained deacon on Sunday, 25th September, and took part in the evening service at St. George's on the same day. His residence is at 5 St. Patrick Street.

A DESIRE has been expressed that the names and residences of new members of the Congregation should be made known through the medium of *Church Work*, for the information of older members. Feeling that a compliance with this proposal may aid in promoting the feeling that the congregation should be as a family among themselves, we have obtained the following names of those who have recently become pewholders:—Mr. H. S. Strathy, cor. College and Beverley streets; Mr. H. A. Nicholson (Bank of Commerce), 27 Clarence square; Mr. William J. Tully (Ontario Bank), 7 Harbord street; Mr. F. J. Gosling (Standard Bank); Mr. Charles W. Lindsey, 303 Spadina avenue; Capt. Burden, 18 Grange avenue; Mr. Boyd, 48 McCaul street.

THE PARISH WORK.—“Why is a Curate required for St. George's?” A very practical answer to this enquiry was given at the late meeting of the Parochial Association, when the Rector read out a list of names of active Parish workers, and the subsequent discussion plainly shewed that every department is short-handed, and more workers are urgently required, especially for District Visiting, Mission Work, Sunday School, and the Choir. The amount of work in a Parish depends mainly upon its area. St. George's Parish has an area almost equal to that of the Cathedral, and nearly three times as large as that of All Saints', or the Ascension. It extends from College street to the Bay. Its Western bound is Brock street and Spadina avenue; its Eastern, College avenue and John street. There are forty-six streets within the Parish to be visited, in very few of which there are not several new houses going up, which are being occupied in some cases even before they are finished. It is therefore very clear that not only is there abundant work for our two Clergy, but also that the number of Parochial Visitors must be largely increased before the work of visiting can be efficiently done. Are there no volunteers for the Lord's work? None to ask, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?”

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

- Sept. 4.—Grace Wilson, *d.* of Kenneth and Virginia Stewart.
“ 4.—Marion-Leys, *d.* of Henry D. P. and Kate C. Armstrong.
“ 18.—Sarah-Marian, *d.* of John and Maria McKeown.
“ 23.—Gustavus, *s.* of Henry and Mary Turner.

MARRIAGES.

- Sept. 1.—Thomas McCullough to Annie Bennett.
“ 15.—Charles Hattey to Lizzie Woods.
“ 22.—John James Hofland to Helen James.
“ 28.—William Cochran to Ellen Hitchcock.

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