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Monthly Paper.

The object of this Paper is to acquaint all members of the congregation with the state and work of their Church, from time to time. It is given away on the first Sunday of the month of issue, but it is hoped that all who appreciate its usefulness will contribute a small subscription towards defraying the cost of publication. Any subscription will be thankfully received by Mr. J. COLTART, Beacon Hill.

KALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1893.		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	S M T W Th F S	<i>The Circumcision of Christ.</i> Holy Communion 8 and 11. <i>Epiphany.</i> Holy Communion, 8. Festal Evensong, 7.30. Fast.
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	S M T W Th F S	<i>First Sunday after the Epiphany.</i> Holy Communion, 8. Children's Service, 3. Sunday School Union at S. Mark's, Cloverdale, 8 p.m. Sunday School Teachers, 7.30. Sermon at Evensong. Choir Practice, 8.30. Fast.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	S M T W Th F S	<i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany.</i> Holy Communion, 8. Sunday School Teachers, 7.30. Communion Guild, 8 p. m. Sermon at Evensong. Choir Practice, 8.30. Fast.
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	S M T W Th F S	<i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany.</i> Holy Communion, 8. Girls' Preparation for Holy Communion, 7.30. <i>Conversion of S. Paul.</i> Sunday School Teachers, 7.30. Sermon at Evensong. Choir Practice at 8.30. Fast.
29 30 31	S M T	<i>Septuagesima.</i> Holy Communion, 8. Boys' Preparation for Holy Communion, 8.

Services in Christ Church Cathedral.

Sundays :

Holy Communion, 8 a. m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 o'clock service on 1st S. in month, and Great Festivals.
Children's Service, 3 p. m. on 2nd S. in month.
Evensong and Sermon, 7 p. m.

Week Days :

Holy Communion at 8 a. m., on Saints Days.
Matins, 8 a. m.
Evensong, 4.30 p. m., except Friday, when at 7.30, with address.
Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a. m.

N. B.—All seats are free after the last bell.

The Clergy may be seen in Church after any service, or by appointment.

Strangers are invited to drop their address in the box placed for that purpose in the porch, or, better still, to call at their earliest convenience at the Rectory.

¶ The first numbers of this paper met with so kind a reception that it is trusted a need has been really supplied by its issue. The Clergy and the staff of the Church wish to take this opportunity of extending a hearty New Year welcome to the congregation they serve. They are fully conscious of the many imperfections of their service, and desire earnestly that these will be forgiven, and that the efforts and prayers of all will be with them to help in every way to render more efficient the work of the Church. The increased attendance at the Sunday services, especially at the early celebrations of the Holy Communion, is a great encouragement, indicating as it does, greater interest and stronger religious life in the parish. It is to be regretted that not more can arrange to attend upon the week days. If only a few could manage to come two or three times a week regularly, there would always be a fair congregation, and the service would be much brighter. If the morning service is at an inconvenient time, and a better could be suggested, this has only to be done to secure its adoption.

Advent. The large congregations and increased offertory at this season would encourage us to believe that it has been a time of special advantage to many church people. It is one of the trying necessities of our somewhat isolated position that in this Diocese little opportunity is afforded of securing fresh preachers on special occasions. Though the power of the pulpit is no doubt frequently exaggerated, it is without question, of great benefit to the members of a church to be addressed by a stranger, nor is it very well for one man to be always speaking to the same people. We welcomed, therefore, gladly the Rev. W. D. Barber, and feel sure that all will accord him grateful thanks for his vigorous sermons.

Christmas. The Church has never looked more bright, or better decorated than on Christmas morning, thanks to the ladies of the Chancel Guild and their friends. The Choral Communion at 8 a.m. was evidently much enjoyed as the unusually large attendance testified. The Evening Service, which it was feared might not suit the domestic arrangements of Church folk, was nevertheless, attended to overflowing, as was that at mid-day. The choir, whose free will offering of much time and labour in preparation, is one of the greatest gifts the Church ever receives, were compensated by the knowledge of how materially they had helped their friends to spend a Happy Christmas.

Epiphany. There will be a Festal Evensong at 7.30 p.m., at which the choir will attend.

Communicants' Guild. In accordance with the notice given in our former number, a meeting was held in the schoolroom, on Wednesday, Dec. 14th, to advise as to the formation of this Guild. It was largely attended, and the conversation which arose, showed a keen interest in the subject. Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. P. Wollaston, Mr. Gordon, and Rev. J. B. Hewetson, were among the principal speakers. Mr. Gordon was appointed secretary of the Guild, and the Clergy were deputed to draw up the Office. Meetings will be held in the schoolroom once a month, after a devotional service in the Church, according to notice. All who sign the communicants' register can become members.

Working Party. The preliminary meeting was held Friday, Dec. 6th. Miss Dupont was unanimously elected President; Mrs. Beaven, Secretary; and Mrs. Beanlands, Treasurer. The following ladies were appointed an Executive Committee with power to add to their number: Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Hiscocks, Mrs. Blaiklock, Mrs. Hanington, and Mrs. Adams. The first meeting of the committee will be held in the Rectory, Friday, Jan. 6th, 3 p.m. It is requested that any ladies who are willing to become members will communicate with the Secretary, Mrs. Beaven, Vancouver street.

The Sunday School. As promised in last issue, we now give a list of our teachers and the number of scholars in each class: Class No. 1 (Bible Class) Rev. J. B. Hewetson, 7; Class No. 2, Miss S. Johnson, 9; Class No. 3, Miss Foster, 6; Class No. 4, Mrs. Wollaston, 12; Class No. 5, Miss Ward, 10; Class No. 6, Miss Lettice, 14; Class No. 7 (Choir Boys' Class) Mr. J. Coltart, 8; Class No. 8, Mr. Cartwright, 6; Class No. 9, Rev. Canon Beanlands, 10; Class No. 10, Miss Johnson, 12; Class No. 11 (Infant Class) Miss Ramsdale, 38. Average attendance in December, 110. We thank the following gentlemen, who in response to the appeal made in the annual report, have contributed towards the expenses of the Christmas treat: Mr. Robert Ward, \$10; Rev. J. B. Hewetson, \$5; Mr. J. E. Crane, \$1; Mr. Robinson, 50c.; Dr. Verrinder, 50c.; Mr. John Ward, \$1 and 50 bags of candy. We had hoped that the voluntary contributions would have been far more numerous, but thanks to the Willing Workers, who have given us \$75, we shall be able to manage very well.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

The Circumcision—Circumcision of Infants.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany—The Nature of the Sacraments.

Third Sunday—Baptism.

Septuagesima—Renouncing the Devil.

Annual Festival. This was held on Innocents' Day, December 28th, in the Philharmonic Hall; the schoolroom being too small for the purpose. About one hundred of the parents of Sunday School children accepted the invitation of the Superintendent to be present, and a most pleasant evening was spent by all. The festivities began with a children's service and carol singing in the Cathedral, at 6:30. Thence the children adjourned to the Hall, where the prizes were distributed by the Archdeacon. Afterwards a large Christmas tree prepared by the teachers was lit up, and presents distributed to all the children. The evening concluded with games and the usual refreshments.

Baptisms, Marriages and Burials.

BAPTISMS—Dec. 7th, Joseph Eshleman Steers, Vancouver Street.

Dec. 10th, David McEwen Hope Eberts.

Dec. 18th, Reginald Houston Crane, Yates Street.

MARRIAGES—Dec. 10th, James Sterling Floyd and Esther Mary Johnson, both of this parish.

Dec. 18th, Frederick Fox and Hannah Robinson, both of Seattle.

BURIALS—Nov. 28th, Frederick John Huxtable, Victoria.

Dec. 24th, John Jackson, Victoria.

Dec. 24th, Hannah Atkins Pridmore, Victoria District.

Treasurers' Report.

The publication of this paper costs \$10 per month. Receipts for the November issue, \$6.50, leaving a deficit of \$3.50 as against the Treasurer. The following is a list of the subscribers: Mrs. Wollaston, \$1; Mrs. Coltart, \$1; Mr. Hewetson, \$1; Miss Sweet, 50c.; Mr. Hanson, 50c.; Mr. Cartwright, 50c.; Ald. Hall, 50c.; Mr. Monteith, 50c.; Mr. Worlock, 50c.; Mr. Goward, 50c.

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PRACTICES—For the boys only, every Tuesday evening in the Cathedral at 7.30. For boys and men, every Friday evening, at 8.30.

The Clergy.

Rev. A. Beanlands, M. A., Church Hill; Rev. J. B. Hewetson, M. A., Richardson Street.

The Churchwardens.

Dr. T. J. Jones, Fort St.; Mr. T. R. Smith, Ethewold.

Sidesmen.

Messrs. Somerville, J. Ward, L. Crease, J. E. Crane.

Synod Delegates.

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Church Committee.

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S. Thomas F,	1 35	4
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