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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.
<i>(Alms at Early Communion for the Poor).</i>	
DIVINE SERVICE, Sunday Morning	11 : 00 A.M.
“ “ Sunday Evening	7 : 00 P.M.
<i>(Seats free at Evening Service).</i>	
CHILDREN'S SERVICE, last Sunday in month..	3 : 30 P.M.
<i>(Offerings for Wawanosh Home).</i>	
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....	3 : 00 P.M.
HOLY BAPTISM, 1st Sunday in the month. ..	4 : 15 P.M.
<i>(At other times by appointment).</i>	
BIBLE CLASS <i>(For Young Women)</i>	3 : 00 P.M.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Saturday	8 : 00 P.M.
PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION, Third Tuesday in the month	8 : 00 P.M.

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A FREE SEAT.

He was old and poor, and a stranger
In the great metropolis ;
And as he bent his feeble steps
To a stately edifice,
Outside he enquires, "What Church is this?"
"Church of Christ," he heard them say,
"Ah ! just the place I'm looking for ;
I trust He is here to-day."

He passed through the spacious columned door,
And up the carpeted aisle,
And, as he passed, on many a face
He saw surprise and smile.
From pew to pew, up one side aisle,
Then across the broad front space,
From pew to pew down the other side,
He walked with the same slow pace.

Not a friendly voice had bid him sit
To listen to Gospel truth :
Not a sign of respect had been paid
To the aged one by youth.
No door was opened by generous hand
(The pews were paid for—rented) ;
And though a stranger, old and poor,
Not a heart to him relented.

As he paused outside a moment to think,
Then again passed into the street,
Up to his shoulder he lifted a stone
That lay in the dust at his feet,
And bore it up the broad grand aisle
In front of the ranks and pews ;
Choosing a place to see and to hear,
He made it a seat for his use.

Calmly sitting upon the huge stone,
Folding his hands on his knees,
Quietly reviewing the worshippers,
A great confusion he sees.
Many a cheek is crimsoned with shame,
Some whisper together low,
And wish they had been more courteous
To the poor man they did not know.

As if by magic some fifty doors
Open instantaneously,
And as many seats and books and hands
Were proffered hastily.
Changing his stone for a cushioned seat,
And wiping a tear away,
He thinks it was a mistake, after all,
And that Christ came late that day.

The preacher's discourse was eloquent,
 The organ in finest tone,
 But the most impressive sermon heard
 Was preached by a humble stone.
 'Twas a lesson of lowliness and worth
 That lodged in many a heart;
 And the church preserves that sacred stone,
 That the truth may not depart.

PARISH NOTES.

—OFFERTORY.—August 6th, \$15.23; 13th, \$26.15; 20th, \$21.95; 27th, \$27.13; total \$90.46. For corresponding period last year \$93.93. After this the amount required weekly will be \$50.

—THE Rev. C. P. Emery, D. D., Rector of Kemptville, in the Diocese of Ontario, who preached in St. George's on 13th August and conducted the services in the absence of the Rector on 20th August, was Assistant Minister in this Parish for some years during the incumbency of the late Rev. Dr. Lett.

NEW CHANCEL.

When the Church was resented about six years ago the plan of improvements then intended included the deepening of the Chancel, but this part of the scheme was abandoned for want of funds. About two years later a design for this alteration was prepared and exhibited at a meeting of the Vestry, where it was very generally approved, but the Churchwardens did not then feel warranted in proposing to take any action with regard to it. The matter has, however, been lately again much discussed; and it is hoped that we may be able to take it up, and find means of making this great improvement in our Church. The design proposes the removal of the east wall of the Chancel, and the erection of an apse or pentagonal continuation of the present walls to a depth of about fifteen feet. Instead of the one east window there would be five, the design of which would be similar to the present one, each of the five being in fact a part of the present one. This rearrangement of the window would enable the glass in it to be used to much greater advantage than at present, besides separating the different lights composing it, which are gifts from various sources, and grouping them so that each gift would be in a separate window. If the proposal meets with the encouragement which is expected, it is intended at the same time to make an effort to arrange for decorating the interior of the Church, which is certainly much needed.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

- August 1.—George s. of William and Sarah Corker.
 " 6.—Elizabeth d. of William and Mary Giles.
 " 6.—Margaret-Eleanor-May d. of Robert and Ann Johnston.
 " 6.—Mildred-Margaret d. of John and Margaret Fisher.
 " 6.—Emily-Elizabeth d. of Thomas and Emily Ryder,
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