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## St. George's Church, Toronto.

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### 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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## THE SYNOD.

The Synod is called for Tuesday, June 13th. The Opening Service (which is always Choral) will be held in our own Church of St. George, at 10 a.m. The meetings for business will be held in the Ascension School-house each day, beginning at 10 a.m. Usually the Church people of Toronto have provided a bountiful lunch for the members of Synod. Instead thereof this year, an effort is being made to provide accommodation for the Lay members as well as for the Clergy. And doubtless our hospitality will be freely placed at the disposal of the Reception Committee. We have two alternatives: we may receive any one or more of the delegates at our own houses, for the three days of Synod, or contribute to the cost of providing them with lodgings. As it is necessary to send delegates early information as to where they are to go on arriving, it is imperative that the members of St. George's notify the Rector early in the week, which method of hospitality it will be convenient for them to adopt, and to send him their contributions in cases where they prefer to provide outside accommodation. It is only right to add that as St. George's ranks as one of the important and well-to-do city congregations, it will be expected of us, that we take some trouble and interest in this matter. It must be remembered that the Clergy and Lay delegates come to Synod from their various parishes at their own expense. They come not for their own individual benefit, but in the interests of the Church at large. The least, therefore, that our city congregations can do is to show that we know what hospitality is.

"USE HOSPITALITY ONE TO ANOTHER, WITHOUT MURMURING."

## PARISH NOTES.

OFFERTORY.—May 7th. \$40.02, and for Theological Students' Fund \$6; 14th \$50.51; 21st \$44.65, and special at Afternoon Service \$20. 28th \$45.10, and for Alcorn \$46.15. Amount required weekly \$50.

THE receipts from the *Conversazione* amounted to \$102.05, and the expenses \$28.15, leaving \$83.90 to go to reduce the debt on the Infant Class Room.

THE old clock which, for more years than many present members of the congregation can number, has done duty in the Church, has at last succumbed to the ravages of time, and after having year after year marked the length of many a sermon, has now at last noted its own limit of time. Its place is to be taken by a brand-new time-keeper.

THE annual Confirmation took place on Friday evening, 19th May, when eighteen persons were confirmed.

ON 21st May there was a special service in the afternoon for the Queen's Own Rifles, who attended the Church nearly 500 strong, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Otter.

During the past month there has been an instance, in St. George's, of the publication of banns of marriage—a ceremony very unusual in Toronto.

## THE CHOIR.

Mr Whiteley's engagement as organist and choir master terminated on 1st May. No successor has as yet been appointed, the place of organist being at present filled by Mr. Blackburn, junior, and the choir being under the direction of Mr. Schuch. There are of course many who will regret that the Church loses the services of so brilliant a performer as Mr.

Whiteley, but it may well be considered whether music of so elaborate a character as has been and always would be looked for from one so high in his profession, is altogether the most suitable for a Parish Church of modest pretensions and a choir wholly voluntary such as ours. Our tendency has been towards the adoption of a style of music to be listened to, but not joined in, by the congregation. Perhaps if we make some change in this respect we may gain materially in sincerity and heartiness of worship.

## COLLECTION v. OFFERTORY.

The Bishop of Niagara delivered to his Annual Synod, one of his valuable practical charges, from which we clip some excellent and timely remarks about the Offertory. He says that the term "Collection" which was in common use some forty years ago, to denominate the money given in Church, carries one's thoughts to the commoner uses of money and prevents people from realizing that it is an offering made to God. "But when what you give to God is called by its proper name, when you call it an "Offertory," you convey an entirely different idea; you lift it up from its low earthly level and place it on a higher and heavenly basis." The Bishop then gives part of a conversation which he had some years ago with an eminent Presbyterian Divine from the Southern States. He said to the Bishop, "I value your Prayer Book very much, and there is no part that I value more than your Offertory. Our people," he said, "have utterly lost sight of the offering to God as a religious duty. They will give liberally to any worthy object, if the appeal is well and forcibly put to them; but as to giving their money as a religious act, as an act of worship, they never dream of doing so. But those sentences of your service, which are read whilst the Offertory is being made, plainly point out what the act is—that it is an offering to Almighty God's service." The Bishop concludes with these words: "And I, therefore, would recommend the members of the several congregations of this Diocese to rise up, and remain standing, when the "alms for the poor and other devotions of the people," having been received by the Minister shall by him be reverently presented to God and placed upon the Holy Table, as the rubric in the Prayer Book expressly requires to be done. If this custom were generally introduced and clearly explained to the people before its introduction, it could not fail to have a most salutary effect. And surely no Minister of God can fail to see that such an offering to God, is one well worthy of being presented in a more solemn manner. When the people are called to rise up and take their part with the Minister on his presenting their poor offerings to the Almighty, surely it must prove a rebuke to those who either have given nothing, or less than they ought.

## PARISH REGISTER.

### BAPTISMS.

- April 2nd. Lewis-Taylor, son of John and Eliza Owens.  
 May 30th. Millicent-Louisa, daughter of Elmes and Frederica-Jane Henderson.

### MARRIAGES.

- May 22nd. Montague E. Scarl to Caroline-Lucy Lambly.

### DIED.

On Saturday, 13th May, after a lingering illness, Mary-Ethel, eldest daughter of Huson W. M. Murray, aged 19.

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