

relieved of the restriction, and a strip adjoining the Church property, 10 feet wide, and running back to the Sunday School Hall, is conveyed to the Church, to be held unincumbered and unbuilt upon, for maintaining the free access and light for the respective properties.

The Rev. Geo. P. Woolcombe, was connected with the Church from 1902 to 1907, at first as lay reader, and, after his ordination, as Curate. He resigned at Easter, 1907, on account of the pressure of his duties as Principal of Ashbury College. Rev. E. C. Burch was appointed Curate in the following autumn, and remained until May, 1909, when he resigned to accept a curacy at Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg.

### CHAPTER III.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The aggregate contributions of the congregation for all purposes during the twenty five years, from April, 1885 to Easter, 1910, approximate \$241,000. Of this the ordinary receipts of the Churchwardens from pew rents and offertories, amount to about \$150,000, or an average of \$6,000.00 per annum. Out of these receipts are paid salaries, interest on debt, and general expenses of the Church. The annual income has risen from \$4,600.00 in the first year of the Church, to about \$7,700.00 at the present time.

Of the remaining \$91,000, about \$33,000 has been applied to buildings and improvements, as already detailed, and \$58,000 to other objects, chiefly Missionary and charitable. The money has been collected by special Church offertories in part, but chiefly by subscriptions and collections throughout the Parish. Much of it is to be credited to the efforts of the ladies of the congregation, through the Women's Auxiliary, the Doreas Society, and other organizations.

A few years ago an important change was made, throughout the Diocese, in the manner of collecting for Diocesan purposes, and for Missions. Under the old plan, there were special offertories on stated Sundays, for Domestic and Foreign Missions, Diocesan Missions, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Clergy Superannuation Fund, etc., and Parish subscriptions besides, in order to make up the necessary amounts. So many collections at different times were confusing to most laymen, and directly led to want of system, and thereby to a low scale of giving. Under the new system, there are but two funds to which a congregation as a part of the Diocese, is expected to contribute—Diocesan Funds and Missions. The Synod, year by year, determines the amount which each congregation should contribute to each of these funds. Thus the congregation, and each member of it, is afforded a definite standard of giving.

The result has been largely increased collections for these purposes, in which the influence of the Laymen's Missionary Association has doubtless largely assisted. The contribution of St. George's Church to those two funds in the