

fore that the sum of \$2,800 for clerical stipends mentioned in the estimates for the coming year be altered to \$3,200, and that, in order to provide for such increase of expenditure, steps be taken to extend the envelope system, and make the same more general throughout the Congregation.

Mr. Baines gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting, the appointment of a Finance Committee.

Mr. Bruce Harman gave notice that, at the adjourned meeting, he would introduce a By-law to fix the rents for new pews.

The meeting then adjourned.

### CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT.

TO THE VESTRY OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

EASTER, 1887.

The Parochial Year which has just closed has been one of great activity, and more work has been accomplished than it has ever previously been possible to attempt. It is very satisfactory that we have been able to establish our present staff of four Clergymen, and two lay evangelists, and it is sincerely to be hoped that we will be able to maintain it undiminished, and so keep up the work which is now being carried on.

Early in the year an opportunity was found in the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Rector's marriage to present to him and Mrs. Cayley a mark of esteem and of appreciation of his ministry for some ten or eleven years amongst us. At the same time, by the vote of the Vestry, a sum of \$350 was placed at the Rector's disposal, to be expended in whatever way he should think best in making the Rectory more comfortable. The expenditure on this account, amounting to \$344, will be seen in the Churchwardens' accounts, and it will be observed that it was of such a nature as to keep up the parochial property and enhance its value.

During the year, the Rector, finding himself, with one assistant only, unequal to the work which he felt should be undertaken, after conferring with the Churchwardens and such members of the Vestry as he had the opportunity of consulting, appointed an additional assistant. Mr. Webster. The Churchwardens have not hesitated to provide for his stipend, feeling confident that the appointment has been considered desirable, and that their action will be approved by the Vestry.

Another addition to the clerical staff was made by the appointment of Rev. C. A. B. Pocock, Deacon. This, however, is under such an arrangement that there is no charge upon the Vestry.

The Church Army, a body of Evangelists, whose work is chiefly an effort to reach non-Church-going classes, commenced their work in Canada in this Parish last autumn, the Phœbe street Mission Hall being found admirably suitable for this purpose. We believe that the work which has been so far carried on, and which still continues, is such as cannot fail to be successful. With the exception of a portion of the travelling expenses of the Army Officers from England, the Parish has been at no expense for this object, the work having been self sustaining.

A Home for the aged has recently been established in the Parish with every prospect of success. This has been long contemplated but it has not hitherto been found practicable. The Rector retains the direction of the Home in his own hands, but has placed its internal management in the care of the Sisters of St. John the Divine. A suitable place for the Home was secured in two adjoining houses in Larch street, which it was intended to rent, but an opportunity having arisen for their purchase at a cost of \$4,500, a deed of the property was taken by the Rector, and a mortgage for part of the cost given by him and guaranteed by several members of the Congregation. It is intended to be proposed to the Vestry that this purchase should be recognized or confirmed by them as a transaction on Parochial account, and the property assumed by them as Parochial property.

The Rector, not having considered it desirable to go into debt for the interior decoration of the Church, has not called together the Committee appointed last Easter, and therefore no further steps have been taken. The Churchwardens did not feel justified in calling in the unpaid subscriptions while no work was being done, and the greater part of the debt incurred for slating the roof consequently continues unpaid.

We had during the year to provide for the following exceptional items of expenditure—school-house improvements, carried over from last year, \$223; repairs and improvements to Rectory, \$344. It was expected that the revenue would have been sufficient to bear these outlays, but in this we have been disappointed; partly, however, because the year has been a short one as already explained in the *Parish Journal*.

The additional seating which has been placed in the Church will make it necessary to pass a by-law for fixing the rentals of the new pews.

E. M. CHADWICK,  
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*Churchwardens.*