

other times are not sufficiently well attended. Surely the Parliament of the Parish ought to be representative; both young and old, and in short every voter should attend, and those who have not the privilege of franchise could well show by their attendance and attention the interest which they feel in the general concerns of the Parish.

It is here that our Wardens and Vestrymen to whom the business affairs of our Parish are intrusted, are chosen and elected. Here all matters of united interest, whether complaints or charges, recommendations or changes, can well be laid before the Church and decisive action taken. Here our fiery anonymous correspondent, who kindly furnished our waste basket with an epistle, can obtain an impartial hearing for the grievance which so (though justly so) oppresses him. And is it not better that complaints and grievances, however trivial, should be laid before such a meeting, than that they should be whispered around from person to person, ever growing, never cured?

We do not ask that our Parish meetings should exhibit a congregation ever in hot water, divided against itself, with unnecessary complaints and personal abuse the order of the evening, far better no meeting at all; nor do we seek that class of meeting where twelve, or fewer, Vestrymen the only attendants, solemnly approve their past career and vote themselves a further term. We would like to see a representative meeting, intelligently aware of its *privileges*, and anxious to exercise these privileges to the best advantage. What an impetus this would give to Church work, and how cheering to those in authority! The law provides that all male persons over twenty-one years of age, who have been owners or lessees from the Church, of pews, for one year or longer, (not being in arrears of rents,) or having been stated attendants for 6 months at least, have paid ten dollars, or upwards, in aid of the Church funds, have the privilege of voting. In the Parish of St. Mark some 225 persons have the franchise. *Thirty-five* exercised their right last year! How many may we expect on Easter Monday next?

OUR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

The accounts of the Parish having been duly approved and audited, will, doubtless, before the week closes, be placed in our Parishioners hands. With the peculiar privileges of an editor we have examined the returns beforehand, and submit to our readers a summarized statement.

Turning first to the general accounts we find that the receipts for the year (excluding the balance brought forward) amounted to \$6,006.84, against \$5,631.09 in the previous year, an increase of \$375.75. All the items of earnings are in excess of the last return. The pew rents advance from \$1988.56 to \$2,121.86; the sustentation fund with 102 subscribers grows from \$1,814.95 to \$1,871.05; the morning and evening collections aggregating \$1,402.58 last year, in these accounts are found to total \$1,582.43, an addition of \$179.85; and in the rents the trifling advance of \$6.50 complete the total increase above mentioned. It should, however, be stated that while it is true that the pew rents

advance \$133.30 yet we find in the statement of debts due the Church that the balance of pew rents remaining due is some \$80.91 less than the previous year, a tribute, surely, to the energy of our most valuable Vestry Clerk.

In the disbursements, the item of salaries advances \$91.03 and that of interest from \$240.09 last year to \$339.02 in the year just ended. The reason of the growth of this latter item will be apparent on slight consideration. From the Insurance item expanding from \$163.50 to \$537.29 we find that the Vestry have, beside increasing their insurance from \$19,000 to \$30,000, taken advantage of the change in insurance rates and have affected a 3 years policy on payment of two single premiums, this of course compels the present year to bear an item of expense properly distributable over the whole three years. The combined items of light and heating show a slight reduction, \$21.00 over the previous year, while printing and stationery also cost \$15.64 less. The item of miscellaneous expenses, so largely increased last year by the \$324.00 repairs to our organ and other unusual items, in the present account appears reduced about \$381.81. On the whole the redepts being in excess \$375.75, and the disbursements in excess \$235.15 of the showing for the previous year, the balance on hand increases proportionately from \$61.34 to \$201.94.

To treat the Sunday School account in similar detail would be merely repeating in other language the statements and figures which the Building Committee have set out in their report. We are sure that we cannot do better than to insert this report in full; as follows:—

The Sunday School Building Committee beg leave to report that the work assigned to them by the Vestry has been completed to their entire satisfaction, and that the cost thereof, has been as follows:—

Excavating rock for Building,	\$ 742.00
Erecting Building per contract,	10,600.00
Extras, duly certified by Architect,	1,149.21
Sundry charges, advertising, &c., &c.....	59.48
Furnaces, per contract,	483.10
Gasfittings and placing in building,	346.63
Gas from street to Sunday School,	31.81
Architect's commission,	688.20
J. & J. D. Howe, furniture,	72.50
Contractors' extra on final settlement,	79.47
F. E. Holman, acct. glaciars,	9.12

The moneys received on account of this work has been:—

From Ladies' Committees' and accruing interest,	\$4,015.85
" Children Services, Mar. '90	17.55
" Y M A Lecture Course,	140.41
" Collections in Church,	234.60
" Bequest late E. Sears,	50.00
" Donation late J. F. Secord,	27.17
" Senior Boys' Association,	5.00
" Sunday School Collection,	8.39
" Subscriptions, sundry parishoners,	3,059.63
" Debentures issued,	6,000.00
Leaving balance, unprovided for, of..	705.89

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It will thus be seen that the cost of the Building is very