

and, if it is seen that they are active and zealous in their work, what more fit men than they can be found when it is deemed advisable to select new Wardens. I strongly believe in having Sidesmen appointed however small the Parish may be.

I think that all the male members of the congregation, who are over twenty-one years of age, should be asked to sign the Vestry Book, so as to give them a chance of voting at special meetings, and especially at the Easter Vestry. I have heard it said they do not get a chance of signing the Book, and no doubt this is so sometimes. Here is a very easy and simple way of overcoming this difficulty, viz., that the Wardens should take the book with them when they make their annual visit after Easter. In this way we stand a good chance of securing a large and representative Easter meeting, because all men like to vote; we all know how eager we all are to have our names on the voters' list for an election, and certainly we ought to be just as eager to have the chance of voting for the benefit of our Church. It is disheartening for a Clergyman and Officers to see perhaps only a dozen members of the Vestry at this important meeting, when one might reasonably expect thirty or forty; the remainder are very keen next day to hear what was done, and alas! are only too ready to find fault with every motion that was passed. Some people have the idea that an Easter Vestry meeting is no place for Ladies. I consider that the Ladies ought to be invited, for those who have worked hard during the year in the Guilds, Sunday Schools, Auxiliaries, etc., always take an interest in the Financial Report, and in hearing what progress has been made in all branches of Church work during the past year. I do not advocate the idea that the Ladies should take part in the different discussions; that I think should be left to the men. Ladies are invited to attend Synod and

Deanery meetings; why then should they be debarred from attending the most important meeting of the year, held with a view to the best interests of their own Parishes.

I fear I am not able to say much concerning the work done in our Sunday Schools and Guilds, for of these matters I have had but little experience. But I am afraid that parents do not attach enough importance to this branch of religious training, for surely, when the Lay Helpers give up their time for this good work, the least that they can do is to see that their young people are in their places regularly. They will thus get a far better idea of religious work than they can by staying at home.

Guild work among our young people does not meet with the success that it deserves. When we consider what an amount of work there is to be done, it seems a pity to see the same ladies year by year doing all this work, and their daughters growing up and hardly ever giving a helping hand. If they are asked to join, generally the answer is, "We have no time." But there is always time for a Bicycle ride or a Skating Party! There are so many minor details they could attend to, if they would; for instance, Church decorating, getting up Socials, arranging, when possible, to have fresh flowers on the Altar, giving a little help in times of sickness. But the truth is, we have not enough system in these small matters; and I am sure if the work was only distributed it would meet with more success.

But there are exceptions to every rule, and as a pleasing example I may mention our Jubilee Harvest Supper, held in the Town Hall, when over forty young ladies and some young men took the matter up with a will and worked hard to make it a success. Everything was in keeping with the occasion: the tables were decorated with red, white and blue; even the fair waitresses shewed their colors by