

ing it was resolved to adopt the principle of free pews, but although it was agreed that a special meeting of the Vestry should be called at the expiration of the half year to adopt the system, it was deferred from year to year till the annual Vestry meeting of 1870, when the question was brought to a head. Mr. Towle and the Committee of Management were instructed to wait upon the pew holders and obtain their consent to the change, and also a guarantee that they would give through the offertory a sum at least equal to what they had paid in pew rents. Thus you see it took twenty years to accomplish this most desirable reform, but when it was accomplished it was with the consent of all concerned, and left no heart burning behind.

At the Easter Meeting of the Vestry, 1862, it was resolved on a division that collections be taken up during afternoon service, supplementary to those of the morning.

The Rev. Mr. Doolittle died in May, 1862, and in July 14th of that year, Mr. Morris, senior warden, reported that at the meeting of the Synod a Diocesan Board was established. And on the Wardens agreeing on behalf of the congregation to pay not less than \$400, they would make it up to \$600, the Bishop had appointed the Rev. Mr. Scarth to fill the vacant incumbency of Lennoxville. The Vestry unanimously confirmed the engagement entered into by Mr. Morris. Steps were also taken at this meeting for the erection of a parsonage, the details of the scheme would take up too much of your time. The parsonage was built in due time, and paid for in time by subscriptions from the congregation.

The agreement with the Diocesan Board continued in force till the annual Vestry meeting of 1865, April 17th, when some little friction prevailing with the Board, it was unanimously resolved that the Vestry assume the whole charge of the incumbent's salary.