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In placing our financial statement for the past year before the Vestry, we do so without much comment, as we feel there is little to which there is any occasion to direct the particular attention of the Vestry. It will be observed that the offertory shews a small sum less than last year, but this is due to the fact that this year has been shorter than last, so that there is in fact an increase. The income from pew rents is a little more than last year.

During the past year the church and its appointments have been kept up as well as our means would admit. It has been our policy, continuing that of our predecessors in office for some years past, not only to keep the church and other parish buildings in good repair, but to effect as far as possible a constant improvement. It is, however, to be regretted that there are some things not at all creditable to us, which we have not yet been able to deal with; we may especially mention the fence in front of the Rectory. The plumbing and drainage system of the Rectory having become out of date and partly unserviceable, has been overhauled and renewed at a considerable expense, part of which has been borne by the Rector and part by the Churchwardens. Arrangements are being made for painting the

interior of the school house, and also for excavating beneath it with a view to putting in a furnace.

Another year has gone by, and the long-talked of improvement and renovation of the interior of the church have not yet been proceeded with. It is to be hoped that the work will be undertaken during the coming summer.

A statement of insurances upon the parish buildings, as now existing, is appended.

We have been asked to complete the establishment of a Parochial Scholarship in Trinity College, a by-law for which has already been considered by the Vestry, and should now be passed. We anticipate that the whole amount required will be made up by subscription.

An appeal has been made to us for a grant in aid of the proposed new parish of St. Mary Magdalene, which is one of several intended to be established in outlying parts of the city. The people of that district are not yet able to bear the whole expense of purchasing a site and erecting a church, and as church extension is manifestly of importance not only to those more immediately concerned, but also to the Church at large, it is not unreasonable that the older parishes should be called upon to help in the work. We are not asked to aid largely, or to undertake a heavy burden.

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