

Easter Vestry Meetings

At the annual Easter vestry meeting at Trinity, Galt, splendid reports of the year's work were presented. Total receipts for the year were \$15,244. The Rector, Rev. W. H. Snelgrove, was voted an increase of \$400 in stipend.

The annual vestry meeting of the Church of the Ascension, Paisley, Ont., showed total receipts to be \$2,000; disbursements, \$1,875; balance, \$125; Forward Movement, \$1,600. A new organ has been put in the church, at a cost of \$235.

At the Easter vestry of St. Bartholomew's, Bordeaux, the people's warden, T. A. Veary, presented a very satisfactory financial report. In the absence of the Rev. R. Hailey Trill, who is just recovering from a serious illness, the chair was occupied by T. C. Horsfall.

At St. Patrick's, Guelph, the total income for the year amounted to \$1,501, and the expenditure to \$1,248, the balance is for the improvement of the interior of the Mission Hall. The Missionary apportionment had been paid in full. The vestry increased the Rev. E. A. Slack's stipend by \$300.

At the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Listowel, Ont., the Rector, Rev. W. H. Dunbar, gave a most favourable report of the year's work, and the report of Mr. W. R. Reynolds, people's warden, showed that about \$5,000 had been subscribed for all purposes during the year, the highest returns for many years.

The annual vestry meeting of St. James' Church, Hull, Que., was presided over by Rev. G. May, Rector. The report of the wardens showed that the church had passed a most successful year. Arrangements have begun for the fitting celebration of the centennial of the founding of St. James' parish, Hull, which will be held in 1923.

The reports submitted to the annual Easter vestry meeting of Holy Trinity parish, Chatham, were the best for many years. The floating indebtedness has been wiped out, and there is a good balance on hand. The report of the Rector, Rev. A. C. Calder, showed the parish to be in splendid condition. The Rector's stipend was increased by \$200.

At the annual vestry meeting of All Saints' Church, Woodstock, Ont., J. D. Hill, people's warden, submitted the financial report, the most satisfactory report presented in the history of the church. Rev. L. C. J. Harrison commented upon the good showing of the various reports and the splendid response to the financial appeal of the Forward Movement.

At the annual parish meeting of St. Paul's Church, Duncannon, the treasurer reported all accounts paid and an appreciable balance with which to start the new church year. It was suggested by the Rector, Rev. D. D. Douglas, and approved by the vestry, that a complete renovation of the interior of the church be begun at once, a step in the wake of the Forward Movement, to which the congregation subscribed over \$400.

The vestry meeting of St. Alban's Church, Atwood, Ont., showed that the members of the congregation had heartily and nobly responded to the Anglican Forward Movement as well as making efforts to meet their local liabilities. The wardens were instructed to engage an organist for the ensuing year at a suitable salary. The financial report was received and adopted and the matter of opening a Sunday School was thoroughly discussed.

At the annual vestry meeting of St. Paul's Church, Brockville, of which the Rev. L. E. Davis is Rector, the financial statement showed a substantial balance, notwithstanding the fact that \$500 had been paid on the mortgage and \$625 on repairs to the rectory and schoolroom. Over \$700 was contributed to missions, besides the \$4,218 subscribed to the Forward Movement, more than half of which has been paid. A bequest of \$1,000 from an old member of St. Paul's was gratefully accepted. The Rector's salary was increased by \$300 and the organist's by \$100.

At Christ Church, Huntingford, the Rector reported \$857 had been raised for the A.F.M. in the combined parish, of which \$657 was from Christ Church. Possibly the matter of greatest importance dealt with at the vestry, was the proposition of a new parish hall, the proposed hall to contain an auditorium, and kitchen. When completed the parish hall would be used not only as a Sunday School room, but also as a lecture and concert hall. As Christ Church has just completed its 75th anniversary, it was decided to hold special anniversary services on Whit Sunday.

St. Luke's, Burlington, went 100 per cent. over their objective in the Forward Movement; brought forward a good balance in their financial statement; have since purchased a large piece of land next to church property, and will start Sunday School building and Parish Hall in near future, the present building being overcrowded. Won the three Diocesan medals in the Junior Sunday School examinations, and also the Dominion Board of Religious Education medal for Junior special paper. Increased the stipend of the Rector, Rev. George W. Tebbs, \$300 per annum.

Arrangements were made at the annual vestry meeting of St. George's Church, Owen Sound, for the consecration of the church building, which, through the generosity of Mr. H. B. Smith, is now free from debt. Mr. Smith's gift, covering the balance due on the mortgage, was made a short time ago as a thank-offering for the conclusion of peace after the European war. The consecration ceremony will take place at a date to be fixed later. It was also decided to make a canvass with a view to ascertaining the feeling of the members in regard to abolishing the pew rent system, which has been in vogue for many years. There appears to be a strong body of opinion in the church favouring the suggested change.



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