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NOTES.

We at first intended to publish in extra columns in this issue the accounts of the parish and the Sunday School, but time and space have compelled us to simply lay before our readers a short report of the totals which will be found in another column. As, however, the Vestry will as usual forward to those entitled the regular printed accounts, it may be that our article will serve a useful purpose in presenting in digested form the contents of the various statements.

No better showing could be desired than that which these accounts present. We have a handsome and costly School house more than half paid for and the balance satisfactorily secured. A floating debt of only a little over \$700.00 shows how carefully the S.S. Committee have attended to their duties. The Sustentation fund is in excess of the amount required and an improvement on even last year's excellent return. The Pew rents too show an increase of \$134.00.

But the best feature is the Subscription List to the Sunday School, which amounts to \$3059.63. Some 57 members of the Congregation subscribed; many most handsomely in amount, others with no less liberality in accordance with their means.

We are always ready to record any kind or generous act which comes to our attention, and now take pleasure in thanking Mr. Carson Flood for generously furnishing a piano for the Springhill concert and declining recompense even for the trouble of conveying the instrument to and from the Sunday School.

The new Organ for the Sunday School will be completed on Tuesday and will remain a lasting tribute to the energy of the members of our Girls' Association. It is a very neat little instrument with 2 manuals and seven stops. It was built by Mr. F. A. Peters, Jr. at a cost of \$850.00

Through no fault of our business staff, our Subscription list has been found to be inaccurate in one or two cases.

Do any other of our readers find themselves treated as subscribers, although they have not requested it or do not wish to subscribe? If so, a post card of the fact to our Business Manager will confer a favour. We wish to conduct our paper on strict business principles.

It is intended at an early date to begin a series of articles tracing the history of our Church from its erection to the present day. Mr. James R. Ruel has kindly consented to undertake the preparation of the papers.

We announce with great pleasure that the Rev. Dyson Hague of St. Paul's, Halifax, will preach in our Church at the Anniversary Service of the Sunday School Association on the evening of Ascension Day, May 7th.

The Rector was prevented by illness from delivering the proposed lecture on 'Law's Serious Call,' in the Lenten course. Some account of the book and its writer will appear in a later number.

We are glad to lay before our readers the Rector's Annual letter. The present number of Parish Notes, it can easily be seen, is largely confined to business matters.

We appear a little earlier than usual this month that the issue may be in our readers hands before the Easter Meeting

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

Looking back upon the year that is past,—and the parochial year ending with Easter has its own significance side by side with the reckoning of the almanac and of the Church's Calendar,—the first impression is one of quiet progress. Apart from the completion of our Sunday School there was no incident to vary the peaceful routine of our work. And yet these times of quiet are important tests of our religious strength. It is then that the real workers' value is manifested, when no adventitious appeals are heard, and no passing excitement is experienced. It is then that we can truly measure our growth, can gauge our short-comings, can plan efficiently for future improvement.

Our Church had not, in the twelve months past, to mourn the many bereavements of the former years. But in the late Michael McCarthy, we lost not merely a generous helper in former times of need, but one who was beloved by those who knew him best for sterling qualities and unostentatious virtues. But a far wider circle of mourners were called upon to realise the lessons of a christian's death, when Lucretia Frost, after a few days' illness, was called to her eternal rest. The trusted helper in one of the worthiest Institutions of our city, the efficient teacher in our Sunday School, it needs all the value of her example left to us to balance the loss which cannot be replaced.

Our Church Services have been continued on the scale of former times, and there has been a cheering increase of attendance of the various week-day services. Unlike the