Vestry Committees.

The committee appointed at the last Easter Vestry to look into the question of the better heating, ventilation &c., of the church has been and is now at work. It is feared that the expense of doing the work efficiently will be more than the Churchwardens can meet out of current revenue. In order to ventilate the church properly in the winter it will be necessary to build a shaft for taking out the foul air on the floor. In order to ventilate it in the summer it will be necessary to perforate parts of the ceiling in order to let the heated air escape. We have no provision for either at present. The passage which is now used for a chimney was not meant for a chimney, but a ventilating flue. The interior of it is too rough for a chimney; it clogs the smoke, etc. The chimneys proper of the church will not draw. By the building of the proposed shaft through the vestry up where the smoke now finds exit at the east end of the nave ridge the present smoke passage can be properly adjusted, and the ventilation properly arranged for. But, as was said before, it will cost some money. It will be, however, money very well spent. As it is there is waste of fuel and unsatisfactory heating, and equally unsatisfactory ventilation, both in summer and winter. If by the expenditure of $200 or $300 these defects can be removed, let us rise to the occasion and contribute the needful sum.

Another subject that has recently been talked over by many members of the church is that of gas. We all know that as the lights are now arranged the church is not too brilliantly lighted. The chandeliers in the centre are too high up to render to the people all the service that the number of jets lighted ought to give. There are some 78 burners lighted every Sunday night in our church, yet we venture to say that with side brackets and upright standard lights along the centre aisle we could have more light for the people with about 50 or 60 burners than we now obtain from 78. We want the light down with the people, and for the people's use in following the service, not for the sake of showing off the ceiling. [illegible] mention this not with a view to urging the change as a necessity, but for the people to think, and as a matter of greater convenience and economy.

When talking of Vestry Committees, may we ask what action, if any, has been taken by the committee appointed to augment the envelope offertory of the congregation? [illegible] know that their work is a delicate one, disagreeable and difficult, and when they will make their call we earnestly bespeak for them a kindly reception at least, if not a substantial contribution.

General Parish News.

The Church Lads' Brigade and the Junior Branch of the W. A. M. A. have adjourned their meetings until the beginning of October. The Junior Branch have four good quilts ready for the bale to be sent to Mr. Hartland. At one of the last meetings on counting the attendance we found 39 present. What other Society in our church can shew such faithfulness?

The Women's Auxiliary have their bale now ready to be forwarded as soon as we can find means of transport. The ladies of the Embro Rd. branch will this year again send a bale of their own, and although not quite so large as the one of last year it will contain more new things.

The services [illegible] the Embro Rd. School House have been discontinued during the harvest season. They will be resumed again, God willing, about the middle of September.

We would urge all who have little children unbaptized to have them baptized during the fine weather. We urge this especially upon those who dwell at a distance from the church. Baptism is administered regularly, every Sunday afternoon, at 2.15 p. m.

We are very sorry to record the removal from our midst of two of our most faithful brethren of St. Andrew, viz., Mr. Herbert Mar[illegible], of the G. T. R. Shops, and Mr. Harry Watson. The former has gone to Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the latter to Detroit, Mich.

The death of Mr. Wm. Oakley, Church st., removed from among us a well-known and the next oldest member of our church and until quite recently a regular attendant at the Lord's Table. On Sunday evening, July 22nd, he entered into his rest very peacefully. "In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

Another aged member of our congregation buried this month was Mrs. Babcock of Brunswick st. She had long been a great sufferer, and recently was removed to the hospital by our circle of "King's Daughters," where she was released by death.

The many friends of Mr. Alf. Johnson, our energetic and faithful brother of St. Andrew, will be sorry to learn of his being laid up with typhoid fever. He is at the hospital, and we are glad to say is making satisfactory progress to recovery. We miss him greatly at the church as the chairman of the Reception Committee.

We congratulate Mr. James Makins upon his success at the recent Senior Matriculation Examination of Toronto University; but regret the possibility of losing him from the meetings of our Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which will inevitably follow his residence at College.

Mr. Young and family, of the Merchants' Bank, are camping out in the Gore of Dowale. Mr. Sydney Smith and family and Mr. Maynard and Mrs. Maynard are spending their holidays in Muskoka. [illegible] Watson, of Dufferin st., are in Goderich.

Mrs. Wilkins, of Albert st., is recovering slowly. Miss Wallace, her sister, has recovered sufficiently to be out in church once more.

Sunday School.

We are very sorry to find fault with our Sunday School, whether with the teachers who labor for love and at much sacrifice of personal comfort, or with the children. We would, however, earnestly press upon the teachers what we have often urged before, the desirability of securing a substitute in case of their absence, or at least of informing the Superintendent or [illegible] intendents of their absence in time to make some provision for their classes. On the last Sunday in July there were twelve teachers out of twenty, absent without one substitute having been provided or intimation given beforehand of such absence. The result was necessarily complete disorganization. Then, on the other hand we fear that parents are not sufficiently careful to see that their children attend the school. Many children who set out for Sunday School are alternated by pleasures of the way, and never reach the School. The result from all causes has been during the month of July a thin attendance compared with other months, and a somewhat disorganized school. We appeal once again to the teachers not to slacken in their zeal and faithfulness, for it is really upon them that the success of the School and its efficiency depends; and we also appeal to parents to back up the teachers and officers of the Sunday School by [illegible] upon [illegible] attending regularly.