

The Rev. Dr. Gray occupied the pulpit in the afternoon, and took for his text Phil. 1. 27,—“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ, that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries.” After enforcing the leading topics of the text, and observing that they were the truths he had been endeavouring for twenty six years to enforce from that pulpit, he expressed his satisfaction that in now transferring the charge of that Congregation to other hands, he was happy to be able to cherish the hope that the same vital truths would be preached to them.”

The sum of £100. has been subscribed principally by the ladies of the congregation of St. John's Church, in this City, for the purpose of providing a suitable service of plate for the Communion table of that Church.—[Ibid. April 20th, 1852.]

(Ibid. May 4th, 1853.)

“Monday, being the day appointed by law, for the election of Church Wardens and Vestrymen for the new Parish of St. Mark, in this City, for the ensuing year, a large number of the pew owners assembled at the Church pursuant to notice. On motion, G. D. Robinson, Esq., one of the Wardens of Trinity Church, was called to the Chair, and Mr. C. P. Betts, requested to act as Secretary. The Act of Incorporation was then read, and several resolutions passed for conducting the election. At the conclusion of the proceedings it appeared that the following gentlemen had received a majority of votes, and they were declared duly elected, viz:—Leveret H. DeVeber, Charles Ward, Church Wardens.

William F. Smith, W. D. W. Hubbard, William H. Adams, Thomas W. Daniel, Robert Armstrong, Simeon L. Lugrin, Thomas M. Smith, John McAvity, James R. Ruel, William L. Avery, and Joseph W. Lawrence, Vestrymen.

THE OLDEST ENGLISH CAROL.

[From a manuscript of the XVth century, first edited by Thomas Wright for the Percy Society in 1847, and has been set to an old English air by Dr. Steggall. See the collection of Christmas Carols by Bramley and Stainer, No. 25.]

This *endry*¹ night
I saw a sight,
A star as bright as day;
And ever among
A maiden song
Lullay, by-by lullay.

This lovely lady sat and sung
And to her child she said,
My birdè sweet,
Thus it is meet,
Though thou be king *veray*²;
But nevertheless
I will not cease
To sing *by-by, lullay.*

The child then spake in his talking,
And to his mother said,
I am renownèd as a king
Though I in a crib do lay:
For angels bright
Shall come this night,
Thou know'st it is *no nay*³;
And of that sight
Thou may'st be light
To sing *by-by, lullay.*

Mary mother, I am thy child,
Though I be laid in stall,
Lords and dukes shall worship me,
And so shall kingès all.
You shall well see
That kingès three
Shall come the twelfth day;
For this behest
Give me thy breast,
And sing *by-by lullay.*

Now tell me, sweet son, I thee pray,
Thou art my love and dear,
How shall I keep thee in the way,
And make thee glad of cheer?
For all thy will
I would fulfil
Thou know'st full well in *fa*⁴:
And for all this
I will thee kiss
And sing *by-by lullay.*

My dear mother, when time it be,
Thou take me *upon left*⁵,
And set me upon thy knee,
And handle me full soft:
And in thine arm
Thou'lt hold me warm,
And keep me night and day:
If I weep,
And may not sleep,
Thou sing *by-by lullay.*

Now sweet son, since it is so
That all thine is at thy will,
I pray thee grant me a boon
If it be both right and *skill*⁶,
That child or man
That will or can
Be merry upon my day,
To bless them bring,
And I shall sing
Lullay, by-by lullay.

1. latest. 2. truly. 3. not to be denied. 4. faith. 5. up. 6. possible.