

warden. It was stated that Mr. Hayes had been asked to continue in office but had been unable to consent to do so. On motion of Dr. Lough a vote of thanks to the retiring Churchwardens was passed.

The Sidesmen were then appointed. The names are given in the list of Parish officers, see page 7.

Dr. Snelling and Mr. McCarthy, Q.C., were re-appointed members of the Parochial Tribunal.

Mr. Cumberland moved that the Vestry records its satisfaction at the erection of the Mission Hall and expresses its thanks to the Rev. Mr. Moore and those associated with him in its erection and the carrying on of its work.

Mr. Cumberland moved for a return respecting the debt and liabilities of the parish, to be presented at the adjourned meeting.

Mrs. Vankoughnet moved a resolution recommending an increase in the salaries of the Organist and Sexton. This motion stands for consideration at the next meeting.

A motion by Dr. Lough seconded by Mr. Chadwick, that the sum of \$350 should be placed at the disposal of the Rector to enable him to put a furnace in the Rectory and to provide for papering and painting the interior of the Rectory, also stands until the adjourned meeting.

Mr. Cumberland gave notice of a motion to the effect that if it is proposed to ask the vestry to vote specific sums for specific purposes, details and estimates should be submitted.

The report of the Committee on Decorations and Improvements was then presented, and copies distributed among the members. This report was confined to a statement of the proceedings of the Committee, and contained no recommendation for future action. Mr. A. J. Close gave notice that he would move at the next meeting for a Committee to deal with this matter.

On motion of Mr. W. B. Close the thanks of the Vestry were given to the organist and choir for their services.

The meeting then adjourned.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT.

TO THE VESTRY OF ST. GEORGES' CHURCH,
EASTER, 1886.

We herewith submit the Annual Statement of accounts, from which it may be seen that notwithstanding the special expenditure during the past year, amounting to over \$3,000, the parochial finances are in a fairly prosperous condition.

At the last Easter meeting it was suggested that the Churchwardens' accounts should shew a comparison of the principal items with those of the previous year: we have acted upon this suggestion.

The accounts of several branches of parochial work will be submitted, as has become usual.

An estimate of probable receipts and necessary expenditure for the coming year has been prepared for the information of the Vestry, and is appended to the Churchwardens' account.

A list of the insurances on the church and other parochial buildings, is also presented herewith.

In accordance with the directions of the Vestry, the land on Phœbe street, 50 feet in frontage, has been taken on a lease renewable, at a ground rental of \$140 a year, and a Mission Hall has been erected upon it, at a total cost, with furnishing, and including ground rent for three-quarters, of \$1,100, all of which has been paid off excepting \$500, which amount the Churchwardens have raised upon a mortgage of the property, payable in five annual instalments, with privilege of premature re-payment, and bearing interest at 7 per cent., which considering the class of security and absence of personal guarantees, may be regarded as having been effected on very favorable terms.

The success which has attended the establishment of this Mission, may well encourage the Vestry to undertake a similar work in the southerly part of the Parish whenever an opportunity of doing so shall present itself.

Upon the suggestion of the Committee appointed by the Vestry to deal with the proposed improvements and decorations, we have roofed the Church and Chancel with slate, an improvement of a valuable and permanent character. Towards this expense only a small sum has been received, leaving \$665.60 still to be paid, against which there is a list of unpaid subscriptions to the Improvement Fund, amounting to \$500.

Acting under the directions of the Committee of the Vestry, by whom no doubt a report will be presented, we undertook the decoration of the interior of the Chancel, which has been done from designs by Mr. Chadwick, and under his personal direction. This has been a costly work, but the whole outlay has been met by donations and subscriptions. The Committee had a proposal laid before them for completing the interior of the Church in a style in general keeping with the work done, but proportionately less expensive, but decided not to proceed with it.