

VESTRY CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*To the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of
Trinity Church, in the Parish of Saint John:*

GENTLEMEN,—

My Accounts with your Corporation for the year ending 28th February, 1879, submitted herewith, exhibit a total balance in my hands of \$2965.56, as shewn by General Account No. 5.

This amount embraces the balance of \$2205.19 to the credit of the Church for general purposes, as stated in Account No. 1, as well as the sums of \$227.15, \$279.91, and \$253.31, to the credit of the Church Lands, Glebe Lands, and Botsford Charity Accounts, Nos. 2, 3, and 4.

During the year the Executors of the late Charles Merritt, Esq., handed over to your Corporation \$11,000 in Bonds of the Pacific Railway of Missouri, bequeathed to the Church by him, under his Will. The interest on these Bonds at 6 per cent. from the date of Mr. Merritt's decease, 27th February, 1878, up to the 1st February last, \$611.18, has been collected, and is included in receipts mentioned in Account No. 1.

Mr. Merritt by his Will also bequeathed to your Corporation, subject to the life estate of his Widow, the property on Charlotte Street, where he resided for many years. Included in this devise were the Dwelling House and Out-buildings which, at the date of the Will, stood on this property. These buildings having, subsequently to the execution of the Will, and before Mr. Merritt's death, been destroyed by the fire of 20th June, 1877, the question as to the duty of the Trustees of his estate to rebuild the same, under the terms of the Will, was raised. I claimed, under your direction, that these buildings should be re-erected in