

Synod: W. S. Becher, W. P. Sweatman, Geo. A. Simpson.

The report of parish work and finances for the year ending March 31, 1897, as submitted by the vestry, was in part as follows:—

The revenue of the Church has shown a considerable improvement upon last year, \$3,230 as against \$2,877 in 1896. The envelope subscriptions show an increase of \$328.80, and the open offertory shows a decrease of \$13.10. The vestry has been able to meet all the estimated liabilities, and also to pay unforeseen liabilities to the amount of \$125. The salaries, however, have been paid only on the reduced scale arranged last year, and the church owes its satisfactory position to the generosity of those who so unselfishly accepted this reduction.

The vestry was asked by the Archbishop of the Diocese to give its consent to a portion of the parish of All Saints' south of the Assiniboine river being transferred to a new parish of St. Luke's, Fort Rouge. The vestry has accordingly consented to the boundary line being moved from Pembina street to Henry street, being one block westward; all east of that line to form part of the new parish. The record of church ministrations during the past year is as follows: Sunday services, 168; week-day services, 190; celebrations of Holy Communion, 123; acts of communion, 1,954; baptisms, 28; candidates confirmed, 7; marriages, 2; funerals, 5.

The parochial work has proceeded during the past year quietly and encouragingly. The vestry is glad, as usual, to speak in high terms of the work of the choir under the direction of Mr. Minchin. The regularity in attendance and the reverent singing of the choir are thoroughly appreciated by the congregation, and are felt by us to be a great help to the heartiness and beauty of our services. The worship of All Saints' owes a debt to the devotion of the choir. The number of the choir at the present time is 15 men and 35 boys, which makes it one of the largest surpliced choirs in Canada. The Ladies Aid Society of the parish has assisted by raising funds, chiefly by sales of needlework, and by a charming entertainment in the form of a children's play, organized and carried out very successfully under the direction of Mrs. Baker.

The tabulated statement shows assets valued at \$16,018.69, and liabilities of \$3,000. The receipts for the year were \$4,373.77, the chief items being envelope collections, \$2,333.95; offertory, \$832.50; special collections, \$33.20; donations from the Ladies' Aid Society on account of principal of first mortgage, \$500. The disbursements include, salaries, \$2,153.65; interest, \$438.42; fuel and light, \$235.15; sundry expenses, \$233.56; special giving to mission, etc., \$633.20; making altogether, a total of \$1,368.98.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the parishioners of Christ Church was held in the school house, and was attended by a larger number of the parishioners than on any previous similar occasion. There was a notable increase in the attendance of the ladies of the parish, although as in politics, they have not yet attained to the advantage of woman sui-

frage in church matters. After the signing of the membership roll, the meeting was opened with prayer by the rector. Mr. F. J. Burd was appointed secretary. The reading of the minutes of last Easter meeting were read and confirmed. The annual reports of the rector, the rector's warden, the people's warden, the superintendent and officers of the Sunday school, and the officers of the Ladies' Aid, the Daughters of the King, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, were read and adopted. The thanks of the parishioners were ordered, on motions, to be tendered the retiring wardens, Messrs. Rimer and Crotty, the Rev. Mr. Leshe, the Rev. J. B. Maul, Mr. Ryall, of St. John's college, the officers and teachers of the Sunday school, the Ladies' Aid Society, the members of the Daughters of the King, and the Guild of the Good Shepherd, the organist and members of the choir, the auditor, Mr. A. W. Stowe, and the secretary. The result of the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year was: Rector's warden, Mr. H. Fry; people's warden, Mr. W. H. Stone, acclamation; vestrymen, Messrs. H. S. Crotty, F. W. Rimer, M. H. Carsley, F. J. Burd, C. C. Hague, Rod Weir, H. Powell, E. Kirby, John E. McAllister, Mr. Ryall, James Watts and Robert Underwood, delegates to synod, Messrs. Crotty, Rimer and Kirby; auditor, Mr. A. M. Stowe.

ST. GEORGE'S.

The annual Easter vestry meeting of St. George's parish was largely attended. The annual reports were presented by the various officers, and were all adopted. The election of officers was then proceeded with, the result being as follows:—Rector's warden, W. S. Shummins; people's warden, J. R. Dutton; vestrymen, A. Jardine, F. J. Nixon, J. C. Williams, W. R. Mulock, J. M. Johnston, F. W. Johnson, J. E. Thomas, Samuel Hooper, J. A. Jerrard, Jr., W. Hamilton, E. W. Lowe and J. Coulter.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Ladies' Aid, the choir-master, organist and choristers, the Sunday school superintendent and teachers, the auditors and the rector. Several members of the congregation spoke on the motion of thanks to the rector, and marked their appreciation of Rev. Mr. Roy's unceasing devotion to the interests of his church and parish.

At a subsequent meeting of the congregation delegates to the synod were elected, the gentlemen chosen being J. R. Dutton, W. R. Mulock and J. M. Johnston.

ST. PETER'S.

Rev. W. A. Burman occupied the chair at the meeting in St. Peter's church. The reports read showed the number of families in connection, 70; communicants on list, 60; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 22; confirmed, 18; marriages, 2; burials, 3; contributors per envelopes, 44; increase of contributors over 1896, 13. In the Sunday school there is an enrolment of 132, with an average attendance of 125; number of teachers and officers, 19; classes, 15.

The financial statement was of a satisfactory nature. The receipts were: Open offertories, \$173.78; envelopes, \$291.70; subscriptions to home mission fund, \$27.60; grant from St. John's vestry, \$250; subscriptions to stipend fund, \$55; enlargement fund, \$144.45; special receipts, \$5; total, \$947.53.