

Notice to Subscribers.

Subscribers who have not yet paid for 1893, will please do so at once, as the treasurer has a large bill to pay by 1st of May. Please remit to Mr. Thos. Blumner, Bank of Montreal. Donations towards the expenses of the Magazine will be gratefully received.

The Annual Vestry.

The annual vestry was held at 10 a. m., in the school house, on Monday, March 26th. The attendance was fairly good. The Rector presented his report of the church work during the year, which briefly was to the following effect: No. of services held during the year 294, made up as follows—Sunday, 147; week-day (city), 71; week-day (country), 76. No. of sermons delivered, 189—St. James, 118; in the country, 76. Holy communion was administered 31 times—16 at 8 a. m., 15 at 11 a. m.; average attendance at 8 a. m., 37; average at 11 a. m., 60; largest communion, 103; smallest, 8; No. of baptisms, 66; No. of marriages, 10; No. of burials, 29; No. confirmed, 53; No. of private communions, 25. The attendance at the regular services was as follows: Largest congregation, 638; smallest, 87; average, 310. No. of visits paid by the Rector since commencement of record in August, 735.

The Wardens' report was distributed in the church, and therefore it is unnecessary to repeat it here. After a considerable discussion as to how best to deal with the ordinary and special collections and a careful examination of the details of the report, it was received and referred to the auditors, Messrs. D. B. Burritt and R. R. Neild, who are to report at the adjourned vestry.

Mr. E. Sydney Smith resigned his office as people's warden, and in accepting his resignation the vestry warmly thanked him for his services to the church at a very critical period. Mr. Wm. Maynard was reappointed Rector's warden and Mr. John Square was elected people's warden. Both names were received with much enthusiasm.

The same trustees were re-elected, viz., His Honor Judge Woods, Messrs. J. S. Fuller and S. R. Hesson.

A committee consisting of Messrs. H. M. Johnstone and S. R. Hesson, was appointed to assist the wardens in an endeavor to augment the envelope offering.

The following gentlemen were appointed to act as silesmen in conjunction with those already acting in that capacity: Messrs. H. M. Johnstone, E. Watson, G. Norntoll, A. H. McMullen, H. Spencer, H. Ridgdale, S. R. Hesson, N. Monteith, G. W. Lawrence, S. S. Fuller, Arthur Thistle, James Makins, Wm. Jeffrey and Wm. Packham.

The thanks of the vestry was tendered severally to all the voluntary associations and officers of the church and Sunday School, especial mention being made of Mr. C. W. Young, the Women's Chapter and the Young Women's Guild.

The vestry then resolved itself into a meeting of the congregation for the election of lay delegates to Synod. The delegates elected were Messrs. C. F. Neild, S. R. Hesson and G. W. Lawrence. The meeting closed with the benediction.

General Parish News.

We are all very much indebted to the young women of the Young Women's Guild, for their exceedingly tasteful decoration of the Church for Easter Day.

Mrs. Brotherhood remembered us very kindly before Easter, and showed her continued interest in St. James by sending a box of beautiful flowers for Easter decorations. We are glad to learn that the family will be among us again early in June.

The Junior Auxiliary, under the able management of Miss Steet and Mrs. Moore, is thriving beyond expectation. New members are continually being enrolled and considerable work has already been done. In some unaccountable way an impression has gone abroad that this is a private society—not open to all the young girls in the congregation. This is altogether a mistake. Every young girl in St. James' Church that feels so disposed may join the society, and will be heartily welcomed.

Mrs. Pablio and Miss Wade, while in London attending the annual meeting of the Auxiliary, purchased a number of "Membership Cards" for the junior branch, and made a present of them to the society. They are very beautiful, and we are much obliged to the two ladies for their generous thoughtfulness.

We congratulate the ladies of the Women's Chapter upon their success in meeting the interest on the Church debt, and having a small balance on hand to begin the current year. Also, we thank the Young Women's Guild for their donation of \$100 to lessen the church debt.

The offering on Easter Day towards lessening the church debt amounted to a little over \$500. The debt therefore has been reduced this year from \$10,000 to \$9,500.

Mr. Ward, late of McIlhargor's store, has opened a store of his own at the corner of the Nasmyth block, Market square.

Mr. Cooper, of Nasmyth's drug store, formerly of Warton, is a member of our church, and we give him a hearty welcome to our midst.

Mrs. Hurden and family, late of F. William, now of Gore street, Stratford, are also members of our church, and we extend to them the heartiest welcome.

The Communion at 8 a. m. on Easter Day numbered 127—the largest at any one time in the history of the church, so far as we can ascertain—certainly the largest at 8 a. m.

We are sorry indeed to learn at least of three members of our congregation who lost their positions through the recent "cut-down" in the G. T. R. shops, viz: Messrs. R. Forrest, Geo. H. Jacques, and Mr. Townsend, jr.

Mr. V. H. Rawlings, the proprietor of the new wholesale fruit store in the Albion block, Ontario street, is a churchman. He and his mother have taken up their residence on Wellington street. To both we give a hearty welcome, and trust that they will find many friends among our people.

The Women's Chapter and the Women's Auxiliary will meet at the Chapter room every Wednesday afternoon for work. New members to either society will be heartily welcomed.