

# ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE.

"Behold I bring you Good Tidings of Great Joy."—Luke II: 10.

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## St. Matthew's Church.

REGULAR SERVICES every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
HOLY COMMUNION at Morning Service, on the first Sunday of each month.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 3 p.m.  
PASTOR.—Rev. W. Minter Seaborn.  
WARDENS.—Thomas Clark and Geo. Minhinnick.  
SIDESMEN.—John Isaac, Wm. McKenna, Wm. Henshaw and R. Chadwick.  
ORGANIST.—Mrs. Gray.  
CHOIR MASTER—Edward Gardener.  
SEXTON.—P. Murch.  
S. S. SUPERINTENDENT.—H. Herbert.  
DELEGATE TO SYNOD.—F. Coutier.  
The Society of Christian Endeavor meets every Monday Evening, in the Church, and will be glad to welcome visitors or new members at any meeting.

## Emmanuel Church.

REGULAR SERVICE—Every Sunday at 2.30 p.m.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL—Every Sunday at 2 p.m.  
WARDENS—F. Fitzgerald and R. Shoebottom.  
ORGANIST—Miss McLeod.  
SEXTON—Edward Turner.  
S. S. SUPERINTENDENT—Henry Shoebottom.  
DELEGATE TO SYNOD—F. Powell.

[Written for the MESSAGE.]

### THIS EARTH A GARDEN IS.

This earth a garden is wherein are cast,  
The seeds of human life (ah! fateful seeds!)  
Some grow up lovely blossoms, some at last  
Are gathered in as weeds.  
All seek the light while Time like Lethæ rolls,  
Imperial oaks, pure lilies, shaking reeds,  
The sweetest flowers are white unfolding souls,—  
The best fruits, holy deeds.

—Robert Elliott.

### THREE THINGS.

In the eleventh chapter of John we find at least three things concerning Christ. We have His death foretold, His love proclaimed; and His power manifested.

In verse 51 we have Caiaphas giving his civil counsel, and declaring it to be expedient that one man should die for the people. The wily counsellor did not intend to proclaim the death of Christ. Yet he proclaimed it; for in the eternal counsels of God it was expedient that one Man should die for the people. The policy of Caiaphas was carried out; and "one Man"—the Man Christ Jesus—died for the people. Yet no man took His life from Him. He laid it down—a willing sacrifice, that you, reader, and I should not perish, but have everlasting life.

In verse 36 we hear the onlookers say: "Behold, how He loved Him!" Here we have the love of Christ proclaimed. He is standing by the grave where Lazarus sleeps—to all appearance his long, last sleep. And as He stands, He weeps. What a great fountain of sympathy is there! Even the cold, unfriendly Jews are compelled to exclaim, "Behold, what love!" They did not intend to become preachers; yet they preached. They proclaimed the love of Jesus. Enemies foretell His death—enemies proclaim His love. Strange witnesses! Yet we accept their testimony. When an admission of Jesus' love is drawn from the reluctant lips of His enemies, then we may be assured that His love was great indeed. Reader, a Saviour of love is the Saviour now presented to you—a loving, sympathizing Jesus. But He is more He is a Saviour of *almighty power* as well as of infinite love. In verses 43 and 44 we behold His power. Hear these words, "Lazarus, come forth!" No sooner has He spoken than the grave delivers up its dead, Lazarus comes forth. What power is there! This is the Saviour you need, unsaved one—a Saviour possessed of infinite love and almighty power. A Saviour of love alone would not avail you; for love alone, while willing to save you, might not be able to save you. Neither would a saviour of mere power meet your case; for there might be power to save, and yet no wish to save. But in the God-Man, Christ Jesus, you have love and power combined. You have a heart of love, and an arm of power. What more would you have? There is One who has died that you might live—One who made His soul an offering for sin. He has a heart for all your sorrows, an ear for all your woes, and an arm of power to save you, even unto the uttermost! Wilt thou have Him? Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

—Phœnix Hall Gospel Herald.

### ST. MATTHEW'S AND EMMANUEL

BOTH MAKE A SATISFACTORY SHOWING AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS.

#### ST. MATTHEW'S.

There were present at the vestry meeting on Easter Monday evening: Rev. W. M. Seaborn in the chair, Messrs Clark, Oxley, Coutier, Stratfold, Jean, Chadwick, Phillips, Isaac, Laphorn, Percival, Minhinnick, Murch, Henshaw, Lawson, and Mr. Spicknell, Secretary.

The Church Wardens' report showed a balance of \$105.15. Salaries and current expenses had been paid to date.

Of the amount on hand \$47 surplus of the proceeds of the social held in February had been appropriated to the Building Fund, but considering the satisfactory

financial position of the Church and the bright prospects of the future it was decided to instruct the Wardens to pay off \$100. This leaves \$400 yet to raise and a hope was expressed that a strenuous effort on the part of all interested would result, the coming fall, in freeing the church entirely from debt.

Mrs. Gray was retained as organist and Mr. Murch as sexton the salary of each being increased by ten dollars per annum. The question of the deficiency of \$25 in the pastor's salary which had been overlooked for some time was brought up and Mr. Seaborn retiring Mr. Clark took the chair.

At the suggestion of Mr. Quick, it was decided to raise the amount among those present and the suggestion was met by such a hearty response that the amount was at once collected and handed to the pastor during the evening.

It was further decided to continue the adding of this extra \$25 each year to the pastor's salary, that being St. Matthew's share of the amount deducted from the Mission Grant.

A discussion afterwards took place as to the advisability of raising the pastor's salary two hundred dollars and asking him to give all his attention to St. Matthew's. The sentiment of the meeting was in favor of this change, the fact being mentioned that Mr. Seaborn had the most work for the least pay of any of the Episcopal Clergy of the city. This was largely due to the Reverend gentleman's own disposition in regard to money matters, he at no time resorting to tactics calculated to better himself financially. Those present concluded that it would be well to find out what action the Synod would take as to continuing the full amount of the grant if Emmanuel were cut off from the Parish and a special meeting will be held later to consider the matter.

Messrs Isaac, Phillips and Jean were appointed auditors to receive last year's accounts. Mr. Stratfold was appointed auditor for the coming year.

On motion of Mr. Clark seconded by Mr. Minhinnick it was decided to present the Vestry book to each of the members of the congregation in order to give all an opportunity of adding their names to the list of those subscribing by the envelope system.

The result of the election of officers will be found in first column.

Votes of thanks were tendered Mr. Oxley the retiring warden, Mr. Gardener the Choir Master, and the Choir and Mr. Herbert, the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

#### EMMANUEL.

The Vestry Meeting of Emmanuel  
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