

In 1877 the Missionary Union of St. George's Church was organized which was in after years merged into the W.A. This was the first organization of the kind in Canada, though others have claimed this honor. We have always been content to do our work quietly, and while we made progress slowly, to do it surely without any flourish of trumpets. Time will not permit of any account of what led to the establishment of the Union. It is enough to say, its main object was to meet once a month to pray for the success of the mission work of the church and to diffuse missionary information. These meetings have been maintained without interruption till the present time.

At this time extensive repairs were needed on the church, which had been greatly neglected on the ground that a new church must shortly be built. The Vestry was obliged to go somewhat heavily into debt to meet the expense, and it was not till a good many years later that the wardens were able to report that there were no outstanding liabilities. But they never caused much anxiety, for the congregation was large and generous and when personally appealed to responded liberally and cheerfully to the call.

In 1877 Dr. Nicolls died and at the next Easter Vestry meeting the following entry was made in the records: "The Vestry feel it their duty to record their grateful sense of the many benefits which this congregation has derived from his connection with them for the prolonged period of thirty-two years. During that entire period Dr. Nicolls took part continuously in the conduct of the services on Sundays and holidays. Towards the various parish funds he was always a generous and exemplary giver. But perhaps above all these benefits the example of his pure, humble, unselfish and high-toned religious life, was of the greatest value to the church in this Parish and towards extending its influence in the community."