

I pass over the smaller Church and Sunday School attendance, as I am simply now dealing with the question of the want of interest in missionary work as a reason for the absence of church life. Seven parishes surrounding St. Anne's, with a church population of 10,902, give little more to outside work than one-half of that given by St. Anne's, with a population of 6,000! If these seven churches with a church population of nearly 11,000 were to give in the same proportion as St. Anne's, with its population of 6,000, they should give to mission work \$11,850 in place of their present donation of \$3,425.93, nearly \$1,000 less than they receive out of the Church funds. The statistics show that these churches are not full, and that the average attendance is much lower than is found in the central Church. And yet these churches, which should long since have been self-supporting and large donors to outside objects, presumably to keep themselves alive, take a toll out of the invested funds of the Church to the amount of \$4,347 a year, and St. Anne's is rewarded for giving freely by the demand for more!!

It is true that in the Church of St. Anne's there are not introduced

illegal vestments ;

illegal altar lights ;

illegal confessional ;

illegal turning of the back on the congregation ;

illegal wafer bread ;

illegal mixing of water with the wine ;

illegal transubstantiation with the posturing to the altar and curtseying to the East ;

fasting communions, processions and recessions, with and without palms
candles, etc., sisterhoods, convents, brotherhoods, etc., with a touch
of incense.

One or more of these illegalities are found in these surrounding churches and are eminently distasteful to the laymen who are there, as so largely throughout the Diocese, staunchly Protestant.

WE MUST TAKE STOCK

Why should this the central church be made the burden-bearer for the sins of omission of the seven surrounding churches? Is it not time that there should be a general stocktaking, and that there should be such a designation of the gifts or donations of our laity as will prevent the building up of a service which is distasteful, to them and which will cause their moneys to be devoted to the simple service and worship of our Church in place of distasteful functions and spectacular sacramental displays? Let us pause and consider lest in place of building up the Church we love we should be sapping her foundations. It must not be forgotten that these churches coming for donations for buildings will loudly proclaim themselves to be as evangelical as any churches in the city! Too much money has gone under this specious plea. Let what has gone suffice, and let no more follow this worse than lost money.