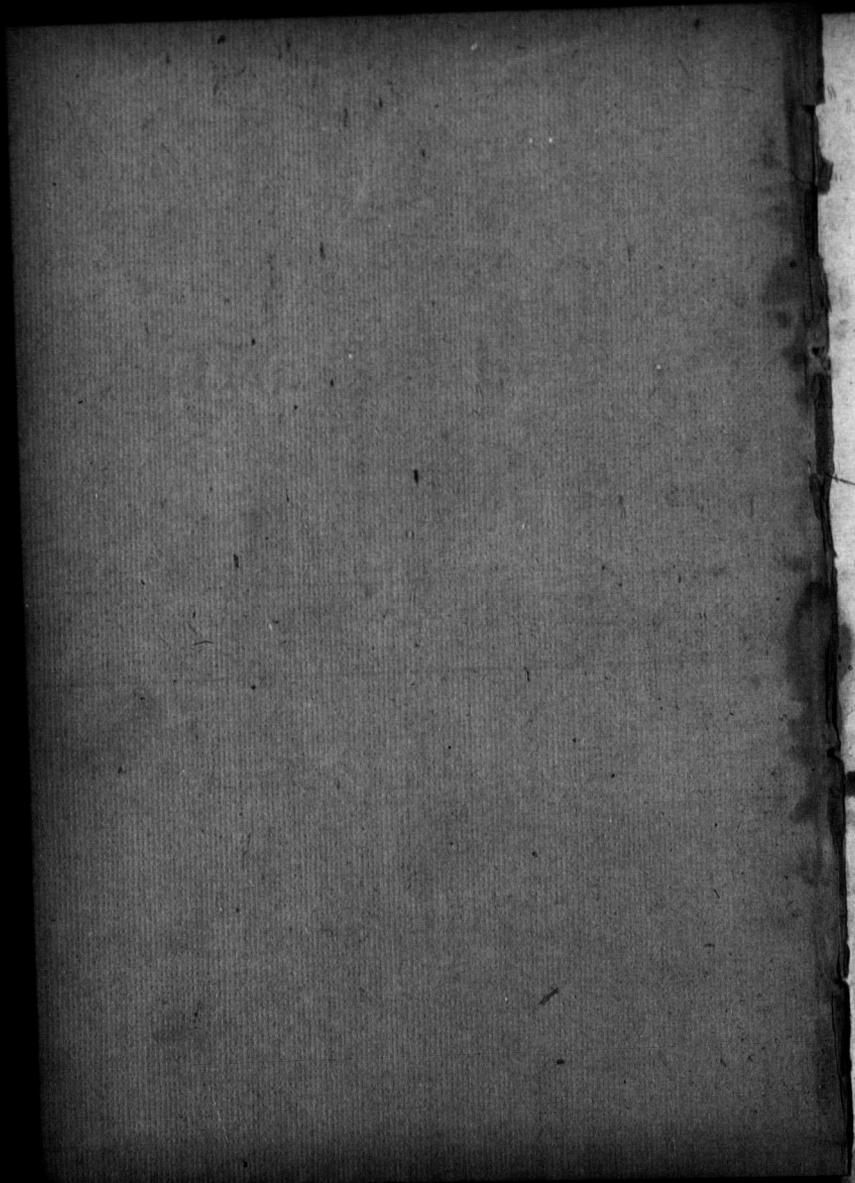


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HALIFAX, N. S.

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Rector's Annual Report—Easter, 1897.

THIS is my Seventh Annual Report as the Rector of this Parish. It is now seven years since I was called in the Providence of God to undertake this important work, and as I am about to enter upon the eighth year of my Rectorship, a feeling of gratitude to Almighty God for His continued mercies constrains me to begin it with an expression of thankfulness.

During the past ten or fifteen years the conditions of the church life of St. Paul's may be said to have been practically revolutionized.

The old and influential families that were the mainstay and the life of the church in position, and wealth, and numbers, have, with a few exceptions passed away. A multitude of church people that not many years ago lived close to the church have removed their habitations and the population that lived within a few moments walk have been scattered to the north, and the south, and the west, in increasing numbers, and to increasingly remote distances. Time too has not only laid its unsparing hand upon many, but wrought those changes that in other cities have so disastrously affected the old and down town churches. New

churches have been built, new parishes set apart, mission churches have sprung up in the outlying districts, and each and every change has had a tendency to quietly but effectively remove numbers from the church.

Yet in spite of all those things, it is our happiness to know that the oldest of all, the mother and parent of all Halifax churches, has still held its own, and that under totally altered conditions it maintains its prestige not only as an old and established, but as an aggressive and progressive and living church.

Looking back over the past year I am unable to perceive any signs of the abatement of this progress.

The year that has passed has been one of unusual financial contractedness. The pressure of poverty and other causes have operated severely upon many of our church people, and yet in spite of this I think the church should feel thankful to God that the finances are in the state that they are.

Nor is there any external sign at least of abated interest in the various works of the parish. Since I last met you in the Easter parish meeting not a few important and valuable auxiliaries to the efficiency of the Parish have been set in motion, and as you shall hear have been successfully carried on. The number of communicants, which is one of the surest tests of parochial stability keeps steadily on if it is not increasing. The Sunday School, another invaluable test of progress is still increasing. The various societies of the Church are all in working order. The number attending the services is still large, and in the evening services very large.

Not that I think there might not be many more at the services, many more working, many more giving, and perhaps some more useful and valuable organizations. God for-

bid. I hope we are not so foolish in our self conceit, and so unfaithful to our sense of what our God requires, as to think that. But what I do say is, that when we consider the many and great changes that have come over this community, the growth of other and important churches, the deaths and removals that have taken place, we ought to be thankful to God for his goodness in permitting the measure of prosperity, that He has granted to this ancient parish church during these past few years.

Clerical Duties.

The duties of the clergy of St. Paul's are unrelaxing. It is utterly impossible in any numerical computation to even approximately measure the diversified and increasing labours that fall upon them. What the root is to the tree, its life, and secret, and nourishment, and security, the unseen and incomputable work of the clergyman, his life of prayer, and study, and preparation, and provision, is to the order and regularity, and progress and expansion, and prosperity of the parish.

But as far as the public and visible work is concerned the following summary will give the parishioners an idea of the work performed by their ministers :

THE RECTOR—I have conducted or participated in Services	352
“ preached Sermons	127
“ delivered Addresses	231
“ attended Meetings	233
“ paid Visits	712
“ celebrated Marriages	21
“ “ Funerals	21
“ “ Baptisms	40

THE REV. N. I. PERRY—Services.....	275
Sermons.....	78
Addresses.....	210
Meetings.....	249
Visits.....	1054
Weddings.....	6
Funerals.....	10
Baptisms.....	22

I think it is in place here, for me to once more express my very high personal regard for the Rev. Mr. Perry, and my strong appreciation of his labours, an appreciation that I am convinced is shared by the whole congregation of St. Paul's Church.

Mr. Winfield, the Parish Lay-Evangelist :

Visits—Systematic.....	2855
“ Incidental.....	2090
Meetings—Evangelistic.....	156
“ Temperance.....	52
Bible Class.....	52
Other Meetings.....	97
Services conducted—St. Matthias Church.....	7
“ “ Trinity Church.....	1
“ “ Country Parishes.....	30
Number of Temperance Pledges, Total Abstinence..	69
Number professing change of heart.....	120
Situations secured for men.....	19
“ “ boys.....	4
“ “ servants.....	13
“ “ women.....	29

I desire here to express my profound sense of the value of Mr. Winfield's mission work in this parish, and believe that is not only indispensable for the evangelization of the unchurched masses, and the seeking and enrolment of the entire parish church population, but a very valuable moral and spiritual force in what is confessedly the most spiritually hardened district of the city of Halifax.

The services of the Rev. F. H. W. Archbold have been neither slight, nor unimportant, and I am constrained to record here my sense of gratitude on behalf of the parishioners to Mr. Archbold for his unflinching readiness to assist in the reading desk and the pulpit whenever he is asked to do so, and his willingness also to offer his services wherever and whenever he is called upon. Mr. Archbold's assistance is a most valuable aid to the clergy, and his willingness to supply his services a great relief from the anxiety that might otherwise press upon them.

Events of interest in the Church Year.

Among the chief events of interest to the parishioners are as follows :

The resignation of the Rev. E. Softley, as curate in charge of St. Matthias and the appointment of the Rev. Percy Soanes of Wycliffe College, the new incumbent, who is one of the licensed curates of the Parish of St. Paul's. During Mr. Soanes' incumbency, the church of St. Matthias has prospered with a remarkable advance. The church has been renovated throughout, and a new and commodious chancel built, giving it the appearance of a really fine and well equipped church edifice ; a number of new organizations have given an impetus to the church life ; and the addition of about 40 new names to the parish register, shows that the church is gaining in the interest and affection of the church people of the north-western part of the city.

Devotion of life combined with earnest attachment to the evangelical principles of the Church of England are again proving that the Church of England can become the most popular of churches, and there are good hopes that within a year or two St. Matthias will be a separate and self-sustaining parish, and that the \$200.00 which is now

given towards its support by the Rector and certain of the parishioners of St. Paul's will not much longer be required.

Another important event in connection with the work of St. Paul's Parish has been the resignation of Mr. James Gay, for 8 or 9 years our worthy missionary in Country Harbour, and the appointment of the Rev. D. Edwards, who after being educated in Wycliffe College, Toronto, was ordained by the Bishop of Nova Scotia. Mr. Edwards is, in our opinion, the right man in the right place. Instead of working to introduce the alienating trivalities of ritualism, and the wearisome dogmas of a falsely-so-called "*Church*" teaching, he visits the people, reading to them the word of God, and conducting family prayer, and preaches the simple Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The parishioners of St. Paul's who support him through the Mite Society may feel assured that the same aggressive church work which is giving such power to the name of the Church of England through the parish church in Halifax, is giving acceptance and favour to the name of the Church of England through their own missionary, the Rev. Daniel Edwards of Country Harbour.

An enterprise of no small interest that has been successfully inaugurated during the past year has been the fitting up and the furnishing of the Parish Reading Rooms in the Mission Hall (National School). The two fine large rooms separated by a glass partition in the 2nd floor, that have been utilized for the purpose, are admirably adapted for this object, and now we have a reading room for men, and a reading room for women, which forms a most agreeable and effectual counter influence to the pernicious attractions of the saloons and dives of this vicinity.

The parishioners responded to the appeal that was made for the inception of this scheme with the most ready

generosity, and within a month the rooms were comfortably and suitably arranged, the floors painted, the walls tinted, the windows curtained, stoves and furniture, and reading material provided, and on the 28th of December all was formally opened, the Bishop kindly giving us the pleasure of his presence, and delivering a most practical and suggestive address. The members that have attended the reading rooms during the past four months have been a most satisfactory demonstration of their value. In connection with this movement three other very excellent works have been carried on.

A Mother's meeting for the promotion of the comfort and the spiritual benefit of many of the parish, at which amid the busy plying of the sewing and knitting needles, interesting addresses have been given from time to time on the profitable and practical topics of cleanliness, nursing, sanitation, house hygienics, temperance, and religion in the home.

A childrens' Kintergarten, at the same hour as the mother's meeting, so that the weary mother can bring her little children and leave them in kindly hands to have a happy hour or two while she and they enjoy pleasure and receive profit.

A kind of children's dispensary also has been started by Dr. Angwin, on Monday and Thursday afternoons, where the little children of the poor can receive free medical attendance, a movement that may yet develop into, at least contribute to the consummation of the much needed children's hospital in the city of Halifax.

Another work this year has been the fitting up of the large upper room in the Inglis' School, (of which the Bishop has kindly given your Rector complete control,) as a shelter for the poor where a good bed and plain food

could be given to any destitute or homeless ones. Mr. Winfield reports that over 60 nights' lodgings already have been given to poor men, and over 100 meals served. Mrs. Palmer doing everything to make them as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. I trust that by a little more general effort on the part of the people, this work will be still more effectively carried on next year.

It will be of interest also to the parishioners to know that the upper part of the Mission Hall, the National School, has been fitted up for the residence of the janitor of the Mission Hall, Mr. Johnson.

During the past year at the earnest request of a number of the people, I began once more my afternoon Bible Class, and I am happy to say that the very large attendance has given me no small encouragement in my labours, and that the class has been the means of enlisting a number of earnest workers, and giving an impetus to various works in connection with the parish.

Additional Events of Interest.

THE VISIT OF REV. GEORGE GRUBB, Mr. Millard, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell was an event that awakened no little interest, all the services being largely attended, and the childrens' services by Mr. Millard, and the Bible Readings by Mr. Campbell being particularly appreciated. The Rev. George Grubb is a preacher of peculiar spiritual power, and his sermons were arresting and heart-searching and it was a matter of deep regret to a very large number of earnest evangelical churchmen when his change of views on the subject of baptism was announced.

THE LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK services were well attended, there being apparently a deep spiritual interest.

In particular, the special afternoon addresses during the

first four Sundays of Lent when large congregations thronged St. Paul's on Sunday afternoons to hear the Bishop of Nova Scotia's very able addresses on the Temptation of our Lord. Vested in a plain surplice, and speaking from the reading desk, the Bishop held the audience in profound attention for almost three-quarters of an hour. The St. Paul's people should feel glad to think that their Bishop is always so willing to come to the old parish church, and give such great numbers the benefit of his masterly discourses.

THE EASTER SERVICES were bright and earnest. Very large congregations thronged the old church, and the number of communicants, though slightly under 500 and smaller than last year, was very largely in excess of what it was four or five years ago. A young churchman who was in Halifax for Easter wrote me afterwards: "I had the long desired extreme pleasure on Easter Sunday of attending St. Paul's Church, and I must add that I have never enjoyed a church service more in my life. I delight to know there is one influential church in Nova Scotia which detests any approach to High Church principles which I regret to say are creeping into so many of our Canadian churches." The music under the able direction of our organist, Mr. Hutchins, was participated in with great heartiness by the vast congregations, and the anthems listened to with most delighted interest.

The Works of the Church.

On the whole indicate the presence of an earnest Christian activity, and a consecration on the part of many workers. In our Sunday School, and Church societies we have a cheerful and indefatigable a body of church helpers, without whose co-operation the conduct of the work of this large and important Parish would be simply impossible.

Briefly speaking the various works of the church may be divided into 4 classes :

THE EDUCATIONAL, THE PHILANTHROPIC,
THE EVANGELISTIC, THE MISSIONARY.

It is hard to draw the distinct line of cleavage in the case of some of the organizations, as many of the philanthropic societies are educational and some of the educational both philanthropic and missionary, but broadly speaking this classification will serve to divide the various works of our Parish.

The Educational.

Under the educational agencies of the Church may be classed :—

1. And most important—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—which is of course the greatest prop of the church, the feeder of its growing life, the training school of the-workers of the future, and the headquarters of many of its philanthropic and missionary enterprises.

St. Paul's Sunday School has five departments. The large main school with its 37 teachers, 18 boys, 19 girls ; the primary or infant class, under Mrs. Wallace and four assistant lady teachers and 240 scholars ; the Bible classes, under the Rev. Mr. Perry, Miss Tremaine, Miss Hodgers, and Miss Fitch ; the Mission class (men and women) under Mr. Winfield ; and eight or ten substitute teachers ; and the Library with its 1500 volumes.

The Treasurer is Mr. W. Major. \$200.00 is raised annually by St. Paul's Sunday School for the Alms House and Industrial School, and about \$200.00 for Home and Foreign Missions. The annual Sunday School excursion is congregational, no tickets are bought or sold ; everything is

free to all ; and the expenses are defrayed by voluntary contributions.

2. THE YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY is one of the leading organizations in connection with the church and practically a Church of England Christian Endeavour Society. It meets every week, with a Bible study each alternate week, and is a centre also of charitable and philanthropic works. But its chief aim is to enlist and upbuild the younger members of the church, and also to afford a centre for social gathering. The Church of England sorely needs at this time a stimulus in the direction of socialibility and friendliness, and this association is a most helpful means to that end. The annual social gatherings in the autumn and Easter week are under its auspices, and among the chief attractions last season were the admirable and instructive lectures by Mrs. Leonowens on the Nile and Egypt, and by the R. v. Mr. Perry on Switzerland. The Bible studies this season were on the Book of Nehemiah.

3. THE ST. PAUL'S BOYS SOCIETY is one of the most interesting and helpful works of the church. It meets every Thursday evening at 7.45 in the large Sunday School Hall, and is managed and officered by the boys themselves, a committee of ladies and gentlemen assisting. There are 48 members, Wm. Kimber, President, Willie Brown, Alec Taylor, Treas. The meetings are in turn a debate, a concert a missionary talk, a talk on animals, and games. The debates are very fine, the boys speaking to the point with much fire and humour. Amongst the speakers on missionary evening were Captain Wian, R. E., (two evenings,) Captain Thorpe, R. A., (three evenings,) and Miss Hamilton of Dartmouth.

The object of the Society is to keep the lads in touch

with the Church, and to develop their talents, powers of thought and speech, and also to awaken the sentiments of temperance, kindness to animals, and missionary unselfishness.

4. THE CHILDRENS' SCRIPTURE UNION, which was started by that earnest Christian officer, Captain Guise, of the King's Regiment, has for its object the enlisting of the children of the church in the daily reading of God's word, than which no more important study can occupy the mind of the child. The knowledge of the Bible is the hope of the Church of England, for a body of young men and women well taught in the word of God will not easily be seduced from the faith.

There are now 233 members in St. Paul's Sunday School ; 154 girls, and 279 boys. Miss Crisp is the faithful and earnest Secretary, and she will be glad to furnish cards and almanacks to all who would like to join.

A word here to parents. Parents : let your pastor earnestly ask you in the Master's name to bring up your children in the knowledge of the Bible. Teach them when young each day a verse to learn by heart, as they get older, provide them with Bibles, and encourage them to read them. Be sure and have family prayer, and read the Bible to them, and with them.

5. THE ST. PAUL'S READING ROOMS.—The one for men on the right, the other for women on the left, are intended to be a blessing to the men and women of the parish, and to offer them a counter attraction to the saloon, and houses of ill repute. During the winter they have been well attended, with an average attendance of 20 in the men's room, and 6 to 10 in the woman's. Gifts of books, magazines, illustrated papers and journals will be always helpful, and can be sent to Mr. Winfield.

6. **THE KINTERGARTEN.**—This is an excellent work. On Thursday afternoons while the mother's meeting is being held in the Reading Room, Miss Kellogg assisted by Mrs. Crisp, Miss Mabel Pyke, and Miss Bennett, gather together the little children aged from 3 to 8 years. They are taught songs, and marching exercise, and sewing, religious instruction being unadentally brought in.

7. **RECTOR'S BIBLE CLASS.**—This is held in the Upper Argyle Hall every Friday afternoon. The studies have been in the Book of Exodus, and the attendance averages from 60 to 100.

8. **THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**—This excellent work is under the superintendence of the Rev. N. I. Perry, who is very kindly assisted by a number of young ladies who undertake the distribution. The Magazine is the Parish and Home, with 8 columns devoted to St. Paul's Church news. I earnestly commend *all* the parishioners to take this paper, and those who are able, to subscribe for two or three extra copies for gratis distribution amongst the poorer members of the Church.

The Philanthropic

Works of the Church include :

1. **THE ST. PAUL'S ALMS HOUSE**, which of all charities should have a first claim upon the heart's and offerings of the parishioners. Its object is to provide orphans and destitute children with a home, and to give them religious and secular instruction with careful training in household duties. Three children having been sent out last year there are now only 12 children in the home. Miss Hughes, the Matron, and Mrs. Hughes still continue their valuable services, and the children are all in good health and well cared for.

Considerable repairs have been made this year, but not as many as we would like.

Mr. C. C. Blackadar, whose interest in the institution is unabated, will gladly tell you about its needs, and receive your gifts.

A word to those with means.—Remember this good work, and also the C. & C. S. in the solemn disposition of your temporal affairs. Do not make your will selfishly. Remember the Lord, and His claims.

2. THE ST. PAUL'S WORKING SOCIETY.—The object of this Society is to help the poor to help themselves. Mrs. Hague is President, Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, Secretary, Miss Tremaine, Treasurer, and Miss Lithgow, Librarian, with 12 other ladies assisting. Fifty-two women received work, and over 400 articles were cut out this season.

3. THE DORCAS SOCIETY.—The object of this Society is to receive and distribute to the poor the various articles of clothing that are sent in by the members of the Church. Large supplies of coats, trousers, underclothing, overcoats, dresses, socks, woollen garments, boots, shoes, rubbers, caps, mitts, etc., etc., have been generously given and over 290 articles have been carefully and wisely distributed. Mrs. Pyke is the President, and Miss Asenath Tremaine, Treasurer.

4. THE CHILDREN'S SEWING SCHOOL.—The object of this Society is to teach the younger children to sew, and to educate them to think of the poor and needy. There are 61 names on the roll, and this year 105 garments have been made. It is an excellent work. Mrs. Wallace is the Secretary, with nine ladies assisting. A Christmas tree was provided by the young ladies of Miss Hodger's Bible Class.

5. **THE ST. PAUL'S SHELTER HOME.**—At the beginning of the winter the upper part of the Albermarle Street Mission Hall, known as the Inglis School, was fitted up as a night shelter for homeless men, and a very good work has been done. A nights lodging is given with a meal or two to poor fellows driven to extreme necessity, and the kindness has not been in vain. Upwards of 60 nights lodging have been given, and 100 meals served.

As the Bishop has transferred the trust of this building to the Rector of St. Paul's, I trust that this good work will, by the generous support of the parishioners, be carried on still more efficiently next year.

6. **THE MOTHER'S MEETING.**—This most valuable work is carried on in the woman's reading room of the Mission Hall on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Archbold being President, Mrs. Winfield, Secretary, and Mrs. Shortt, Mrs. Starr and Mrs. Davidson assisting. 41 are on the roll, with average of 26 attending. The meetings are opened with devotional exercises, and while the busy mothers quietly sew and knit, addresses or readings are given on the useful topics of home brightening, domestic nursing, house hygienics, temperance, cleanliness, home religion. A maternity bag is kept in connection with this organization.

Addresses were delivered by the Rector, Rev. N. I. Perry. Rev. Percy Soanes, Mr. Winfield, Mr. Rough, Mrs. Archbold, Miss Hamilton, Dr. Angwin and others.

In connection with this work also, it may be interesting to know that the lady physicians, Drs. Angwin and Hamilton, have had permission to use one of the rooms in the Mission Hall for a number of hours in the week, as a place where poor women could bring their ailing children for advice and treatment free of charge.

It is in fact, in embryo, a children's dispensary, and I would be glad to think that such an excellent branch of practical Christian philanthropy would grow and grow until one were established with a building of its own.

7. THE ST. PAUL'S FLOWER MISSION.—This is one of the most beneficent of the Christian works of the Parish, and is conducted by Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Corbett, and the Misses Rhind, Symons, Grant, Clay, Halls, Rent, Mowbray and Dimock, Miss Share being chairwoman. During the past year, 175 bouquets of flowers were taken to the sick, and six floral emblems sent. In addition to this the committee take soup, jelly, fruit, and fresh eggs where necessary.

Under this head might be briefly mentioned also two other very excellent works by sub-committees of the Young Peoples' Society, the Hospital Committee and the Poor House Committee.

The former consists of a number of ladies who visit the wards of the Victoria Hospital weekly, bringing comfort and Christian consolation to the poor sufferers. The latter of another body of ladies who regularly visit the Poor House, and minister to the inmates, bringing them material as well as spiritual comforts.

They remind us of the words of the Lord Jesus: "I was sick and ye visited me."

8. THE DISTRICT VISITORS.—This committee consists of a number of ladies who go from house to house in the central parts of the parish, and not only discover the needs of the poor, but minister to their spiritual wants in many excellent ways. Though there are many difficulties in the way of carrying on this work effectively in some of the

streets, much good has been done. One of the most faithful of our district visitors was the late Mrs. Kollogg, who is greatly missed, but we are glad to have an excellent worker in Miss Anderton who has lately been enrolled.

9. THE CHRISTMAS BENEFACTIONS.—The philanthropic works of St. Paul's would be incomplete without mention of two excellent schemes that are put into operation at Christmas. The first is the reception of good things for the poor that are sent in a couple of days before Christmas in response to a simple request from the pulpit the Sunday before, a magnificent assortment to the value of from \$200 to \$300, which are wisely distributed into baskets and bags, and carried by young ladies and gentlemen to the homes of the needy, cheering them with thoughts of Christian love. After 6 or 7 years experience I am convinced this plan is better than that of a united feast or dinner, to say nothing of indiscriminate or unorganized private beneficence.

The second is what is called Gift Sunday, that is the annual gift bringing to the Sunday School on the Sunday nearest Christmas, when teachers and scholars come like the Magi of old to present their gifts to Him.

It's a lovely sight to see the assembled scholars coming to the Sunday School, bringing their toys and books, and after the opening exercises, heaping them up, class by class, in perfect order on the tables in the front. This year four good sized packing cases were needed to hold them all, and they were sent to four parishes in out of the way parts of the Diocese, such as Guysboro, Blandford, Stawiacke, and Rawdon, to gladden the hearts of the children there.

In addition to the toys and games, there were 216 books given, including many Bibles and Prayer Books.

Verily it is more blessed to give than to receive. I would

that every Sunday School could adopt this plan. It is at once an education, a missionary benefaction, and a pleasure.

May our congregation ever be full of, adorned with, and rich in *good works*.

The Evangelistic.

1. The chief evangelistic agency of the church, next of course to the parish pulpit which should ever be ringing the gospel welcome, is THE EVANGELISTIC MISSION now under the parish lay evangelist, Mr. J. W. Winfield.

Mr. Winfield visits every house in the parish from cellar to garret, taking the names of all the Church of England people, and conducts four evangelistic services weekly in the Mission Hall, (National School, corner George and Argyle Sts.) The meeting on Friday evening is a Gospel Temperance Meeting. Among the many gentlemen who have helped in this good work by addresses were the Hon. A. G. Jones, Dr. Wilfrid Grenfell, Mr. J. J. Hunt, Capt. Thorpe, R. A., Capt. Winn, R. E., Capt. Wigan of The Berkshire Regt., Mr. Balcom, and Mr. Rough of the China Inland Mission.

The attendance at the Mission Hall has been somewhat larger than last year, and a decided improvement in the behaviour of many of the young men has been noticed. The Friday meetings have been large, the Hall being nearly filled, while on Sunday night it is well filled and even crowded, sometimes with standing room only. Large numbers of people from the upper streets attend the meeting; and also fishermen and seafaring men from the parishes along the east and west coast of the Province, and domestic servants. The mission is now a well recognized institution. We trust that more and more the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ will be the power of God unto *salvation*, and that the fruits of the gospel message will be seen in the trans-

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formed lines of those who receive it. Of the good works more directly connected with the Mission Hall, mention has already been made, but Mr Winfield also desires me to say that he will be very grateful to receive at all times gifts of men's clothing. It often happens when a situation is vacant that some clothing is necessary.

2. THE BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW.—Director, W. L. Payzant. Vice Director, W. B. Kellogg. Secretary-Treasurer, A. R. Dimock. The sole object of this society is the extension of Christ's kingdom amongst young men by the means of personal service and personal prayer. After 3 months probation each member is solemnly admitted, and given the right hand of fellowship. The St. Paul's chapter has a meeting once a fortnight for prayer and conference and Bible study, the Bible readings being taken in turn by the brothers.

Four things deserve mention. (1.) The regular visitation of the Hotels every Saturday evening in the year by the young men to invite men to come to church. This is a fine work.

(2.) The regular visiting every Sunday morning before Church service of all the wharves and vessels between Morris and George Streets. Two young men go Sunday by Sunday carrying booklets and tracts, and giving invitations. This is one of the great reasons why our galleries are so well filled on Sunday evenings with sea-faring men.

(3.) On the third Sunday of the month the brothers have a prayer meeting at 8.15 and attend in a body the early communion.

(4.) At each meeting a self denial offering is taken for *foreign* missions. This is certainly a nucleus for work in the foreign field, but we trust also the beginning "in the

day of small things," of a united movement throughout Canada to the support of "our own missionary" in the Foreign Field.

It is pleasing also for one to notice how the St. Paul's branch of the Brotherhood enters into hearty sympathy with their brothers in the other Church of England branches, thus promoting Church unity and fraternity.

The Missionary.

1. THE ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—This Society holds its meetings on the third Friday of each month in the Argyle Hall. The meetings this year have been well ended, and the interest increased. Most interesting addresses have been given by Captain Thorpe (on India), Rev. F. Wilkinson (on Africa), Rev. Percy Soanes (on Japan), Mr. Rough of the China Inland Mission, (on China), and by others, while letters from the Bishops of Athabasca and Moosonee, Mrs. Phillips (Miss Hankin), Mrs. Bennet (Miss Grace Hill) daughter of our former Rector, Rev. Dr. Hill, who is now the wife of a medical missionary in Africa, Mrs. Boyd (Mrs. Hague's sister), now with her husband the Rev. Shields Boyd of the C. M. S. in China, and from others, gave additional interest.

A box of bandages was sent to Mrs. Bennet in Africa, and the money raised goes to support a native woman in India. Mrs. Humphrey is Secretary, Miss Lilian Grant, Treasurer.

2. THE GLEANER'S UNION.—This a missionary prayer society in connection with the great Church of England missionary body, the C. M. S. There are 35 members. Miss Crisp is Secretary. Meetings are held monthly for prayer and conference. \$36.05 was sent this year towards

the expenses of "Our own missionary for Canada." All who long for the evangelization of the world are asked to join.

3. ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY GUILD.—This is the girls Missionary Society of St. Paul's. The girls meet every Monday during the season, and work, and boxes of useful articles of clothing were sent to one of the Diocesan clergy, and to mission work in Labrador. The contents of missionary boxes also are sent to missionaries, and thus the children are encouraged to give.

President, Mrs. Hague. Superintendent, Miss Emma Kellogg. Secretary, Alice Rhind. Treasurer, Frances Milier.

4. THE MITE SOCIETY.—This is the Home or Diocesan Missionary Society of St. Paul's, and by the earnest efforts of the collectors who receive the subscriptions of the people \$556.13 was raised last year towards the support of our missionary in the County of Guysboro, in the East part of the Diocese, the Rev. Daniel Edwards. Miss Tremaine is Treasurer, and 12 ladies assist, of whom I can gratefully say: "my helpers in Christ Jesus," and concerning each of whom I earnestly repeat to the people of St. Paul's the words of St Paul, Rom. xvi. 2.

In addition to this may be noted the other missionary agencies mentioned above.

5. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

6. THE BOY'S SOCIETY MISSIONARY EFFORT.

7. THE MISSIONARY OFFERINGS OF THE ST. ANDREW BROTHERHOOD.

I may say that the conduct of these various societies requires the expenditure of no little time and thought and energy on the part of your clergy as well as on the part of the willing and able workers by whom they are supported ; and that the constant preparation of the various rooms and halls that these meetings necessitates has always been cheerfully and efficiently performed by our very competent and obliging Sexton, Mr. R. Davidson.

THE CHOIR.—With regard to the work of Mr. Hutchins, the Organist, and of the Choir, I may say that we all feel proud of the St. Paul's Church Choir. It is one of the most important ends to the effective carrying on of the worship of the church, and while we are averse to anything like excess either in ritual or in music in our churches, there can be no doubt that a hearty and high class style of congregational music does a great deal to make the church attractive to the people.

The church music of St. Paul's is at once bright, and devotional, and attractive, and the people join in generally with great heartiness.

OBITUARY.—Our death roll, though smaller this year than I have ever known, it includes not a few of the well known members of our congregation, such as Mr. Rhind, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Gossip, Mrs. Dean, Capt. Jost, Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Godfrey Smith, Mr. George Rent, and Robbie Cogswell, and not a few also whose names have been associated in years gone by with the old parish church of St. Paul's, such as Miss Forsythe, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Barron, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Nicholls, Mr. Barnaby and Mrs. Beamish

Not a few of the lambs of the flock have been taken in the arms of the Good Shepherd and carried to the Upper Fold.

A BRIEF FINANCIAL ANALYSIS before I conclude;

The amount contributed Sunday by Sunday in the envelopes and loose collections is.....	\$6493 14
Last year it was.....	6439 16
The amount contributed towards the Church Renovation	1223 12
“ “ Mission Hall repairs.	226 49
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	\$1449 61
The amounts contributed divers church expenses :	
Sunday School and Piano.....	173 33
“ “ Picnic.....	120 00
Flowers (Xmas, &c.....	72 07
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	\$365 33
Charitable objects—W. and O.....	134 50
Infirm Ministers Fund.....	63 46
Xmas Collections.....	163 86
St. Paul's Alms House.....	401 00
Halifax Dispensary.....	118 43
The Poor.....	567 80
India Famine.....	116 48
Dorcas Shelter.....	17 32
S. S. to Alms House & Industrial School.....	150 00
Y. P. S.....	20 00
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	\$1661 94
Missionary objects.—Domestic, (Ruperts Land, Algoma, &c.).....	478 44
Foreign & Jews, (C. C. W. A. Japan, &c.).....	616 74
Home, (C. & C. C. S., B. H. M., &c.).....	1173 87
City.....	725 00
Other objects.—Sabrevoix Mission & Bible Society.	200 00
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With regard to the future I am confident that by earnest effort, and continual repetition of the Church necessities, the parishioners will be aroused to effectually and speedily extinguish the Church debt which in spite of over \$5000.00 expended on Church renovation is not much over \$7000.00, and apart from unpaid accounts under \$6000, and to contribute in larger measure to the current expenses.

Three means of gradually reducing the debt have been adopted, and if carried on are sure to be effectual before many years have passed.

1. The monthly collection in the pink envelopes.
2. The collection on the Anniversary Sunday in Sept.
3. The Annual Easter offerings.

May I conclude this my seventh Annual report as Rector by venturing the hope that St. Paul's Church, Halifax, may ever be an example to the Diocese of unity and enterprise of missionary activity, and parochial efficiency. Above all may it ever continue to be a model Church of England popular Church; a Church where the services, and the preaching contribute to make the Church of England what she pre-eminently should be, the most attractive and popular of all the Protestant Churches. In too many Churches of the Church of England, the services of the Church are conducted in such a way as to repel rather than to attract, and the Church of England is often a bye word for narrowness, unpopularity, exclusiveness, and sometimes alas, for unspirituality and deadness. Surely churchmen should beware of taking a pride in the deeds and words of unfraternity, and in teaching doctrines and introducing practices that slowly but surely alienate the people from the Church.

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I am convinced that if the Church of England is carried on as it should be according to the true interpretation of its doctrinal and liturgical principles that it will ever be a rallying ground for churchmen, and a centre of Christian unity and popularity. May this ancient church of St. Paul's by the blessing of God be ever conspicuous for a pure gospel, faithfully preached, spiritually minded people, generous devoted and true, and for missionary and philanthropic enterprises that most conclusively demonstrate the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

DYSON HAGUE,
Rector.

Halifax, Easter Monday, 1897.

As the parishioners are all aware the above report was printed and in part read at the Easter Parish Meeting, and that since that time I have decided to accept, what I believe is a divine call to another sphere of labour in Wycliffe College, Toronto, and to send in my resignation as the Rector of St. Paul's.

As I look back over the seven years that have so quickly gone, I can only thank God for the goodness and mercy that have followed me all the days of my stewardship here, and praise Him for all that has been done. As to the goodness and the kindness of the people of St. Paul's I can never forget it. From the first time that I came here and stood up in the earnestness of my youthful zeal making demands, the audacity of which almost surprised you then and almost

surprises me now, I have had the generous sympathy, and unflinching support of the parishioners.

There are few ties on earth so sacred as that which binds a pastor to a people.

What it has cost me—what struggles and shrinkings, what decisions and counter decisions, what regrets and hesitations, what prayers and invocations, what sleepless hours by night and anxious hours by day it involved to finally resolve to detach myself from the ties and associations of a parish which has become endeared to me by so many memories of spiritual joys, and pleasant friendships, and generous co-operations, and sympathetic confidences, and trustful loyalties and growing lives, to accept so different a sphere of labour,—what it has cost me, and what it has involved, and how often I longed as it were for the wings of a dove to fly away and be at rest from the misery of the struggle, no one but myself can ever know. Nothing but the longing to obey the voice of duty, and the intense desire to see in our beloved Church a body of pastors who will preach the pure gospel, and love souls, and aim at a simple spiritual service, and the spread of Christ's kingdom all over the world, and to take a part in stimulating to a high spiritual ideal the leaders of thought in the future Church of England in Canada would ever have induced me to accept the call.

And now that I am going to leave, and feel that I am only to continue my happy ministry for a little while longer through a period shortening each Sunday to its final scene, I should surely not be flesh and blood if I were not touched by feelings of regret.

Yet I must not allow myself or you to be unmanned, or even weakened by depressing thoughts.

By the goodness and graciousness of God, St. Paul's Church is now in a strong position, stronger though I say it myself, than it was 7 or 8 years ago. There is activity; there is organization; there is generosity; there is spirituality; there is missionary zeal. Above all, there is unity. I

shall hand over to my successor a work that is far more encouraging, and far more stable, and far more strong than in many parishes. He will come to a people united and loyal, ready to second his every desire to promote the good of the parish, and to maintain its past prestige; and he will find, I am sure, as I have found that for affectionate and deep seated loyalty to their Church and Rector; that few if any of the Churches in this Dominion will compare with the first and oldest of the Churches in the Maritime Provinces, St. Paul's Church, Halifax.



NOTE.

As the work of a large parish like St. Paul's is in constant need of money, and as many of its members in making disposition of their means in their will should feel disposed to apportion a part to carry on the Muster's work in connection with the church, from which during their lifetime they have received such great and invaluable spiritual benefits, a form of bequest is subjoined.

The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry constitute a body corporate, so that any sum left for any object within the entire range of the church's work to which the donor feels most disposed to give, such as the Poor's Fund, Alms House, Organ, Church improvement, School, City Mission work, the general purposes of the Parish, or the erection of any Home, building, for any Charitable church purposes, will be most directly and safely disposed by means of them.

Form of Bequest.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul's Halifax, N. S., a body corporate, the sum of

.....
(if the donor desires to give to any special object or fund, the words should be added—for.....

e. g. for the Alms House, or for the Sunday School, or for the poor, etc., etc.

INTERESTING FACTS

Concerning St. Paul's Church, Halifax, N. S.

In the year 1750, A. D., the wood for the building of this Church, consisting of Pine and Oak, was brought in a ship from Boston, Massachusetts, then a part of the British Dominions, and the Church was built at the expense of the British Government.

On the 2nd day of September, 1750, this Church was formally opened for Divine Service by the Rev. William Tutty, of the S. P. G.

In the year 1752 the Rev. John Breynton, one of His Majesty's Naval Chaplains came out, and was the **1st Rector of this Church** from 1753 to 1791. Since there have been five Rectors, Robert Stanser, afterwards 2nd Bishop, John Inglis, 3rd Bishop, Archdeacon Willis, Dr. George Hill, and Dr. Hole, the present Rector being the seventh.

The three Bells were imported from London in July, 1812. In the year 1868 the wings were added; in 1872 the Chancel was built; in 1873 the present organ was erected.

The **Heraldic Shields, or Hatchments**, which hang in the east and west galleries and in the vestibule are the memorial coats-of-Arms of deceased noblemen and officers of the army, and other gentlemen of prominence.

Beneath the Church are the vaults of the Baron de Seitz, buried 1782, whose hatchment hangs in the vestibule, Lord Charles Greville Montague, a son of the Duke of Manchester, Governor Parr, The Hon. Richard J. Uniacke and others.

Among the **Mural Tablets** are those of the first two Bishops of Nova Scotia, the Right Rev. and Hon. Charles Inglis, the first Protestant Bishop appointed to a British Colony, and his son the Right Rev. John Inglis third Rector of this Church; Sir John Wentworth, Bart.; Captain Evans of Her Majesty's ship *Charlestown*, slain in action 1781; Sir John Harvey, Sir Brenton Haliburton, Judge Uniacke, Brigadier-General McLean, 1782, the Hon. W. B. Almon, the Rev. W. Cogswell, and the representatives of many of the oldest and most influential families in Nova Scotia.

The Church will accommodate nearly 2,000 people, and at Easter, 1890, the seats were all made free.