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Halifax, N. S.

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REV. F. W. ARCHBOLD, B. A., Assistant (Honourary.)
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Annual Report, Easter, 1895.

This is my fifth report as Rector of this Parish, five years having gone since I was elected.

The year that has passed has been one of prosperity. God's blessing has been manifestly with us. Valuable lives have been spared. Faithful and diligent church workers have been preserved in health and devotion. Many good works have been begun and continued in His name.

The Sunday School, the first and highest test of a church's life, has grown steadily. The congregations have been large. The number of communicants has increased. Missionary interest has deepened. A larger number than ever of new families and individuals have been added to the church. And the contributions of the people have been considerably in excess of last year, an unfailing test of church progress.

If there has been oftentimes a sense of failure, and of short-coming, on their part, and a feeling also that many of their burdens might have been lightened, or much of their work better done, if they had had the co-operation of more of the laity, your clergy must however acknowledge with gratitude that the great work of this most important parish has by God's blessing steadily continued.

The position of St. Paul's Church and Parish is becoming yearly stronger and stronger. It is commanding the confidence of the church people of the community. It is respected and even regarded with affection by the adherents of the other Protestant churches. Its simple and hearty services are edifying and helpful. They win many; they repel none. Its good works are a power for righteousness in the city. Its beneficial effects extend throughout the diocese, the Dominion, and are felt in distant lands. And we are persuaded that as long as it stands for simple and plain church services, simple and plain preaching of the Gospel of Christ, simple and plain christian living, in one word a simple and plain and apostolic style of christianity, free not exclusive, missionary not miserly, aggressive not stagnant, it will most certainly grow with a deep and solid and Divinely favoured growth.

Additions to the Church.

The growth in members during this last year has been remarkable. More new names than ever have been added to the Church list. Most of these are obtained by your clergy and the lay evangelist in their visiting work, in the course of which they are constantly being told of people who are now coming to the church, and are asked to visit them. The result of this visit is often the discovery of a family regularly attending St. Paul's church as their church and the addition of a couple of children to the Sunday School, *117 names being thus added since last April.* The House to House Visitation Committee of the Halifax Sunday School Association brought to our knowledge *112 names of people attending St. Paul's church of whom we had never heard before.* Of course many of these are as yet scarcely more than casual members who simply prefer this church to any other, and attend it when they attend any church which is generally not more than once a week, sometimes once a fortnight. But gradually they will become more and more attached.

We have now enrolled in our register over 600 families and about 235 individuals.

It must be remembered that a large number of those attending St. Paul's and considered by many of the old members only as strangers, are really attached to the church, and should be made much more than they are to feel at home.

Clerical Duties.

With a growing congregation, and an enlarging sphere of service, the labours of your clergy are, as far as possible, constantly on the increase, and the demands upon their time and thought ever more enacting. However it may with others, we are persuaded there are few people in St. Paul's congregation (certainly none who ever give the subject a moment's thought) who wonder how their ministers fill in all their time. If we had nothing else to do than prepare sermons and pay visits we would be the busiest of men, but often alas amidst the multiplicity of other calls we have no time left for the first, and little for the second. From Monday morning to Saturday night an ever varying round of engagements breaks up our time—enquirers after situations, poor people in need of help, troubled people in need of advice, reduced people in need of funds, people wanting letters of commendation or introduction, agents asking our assistance or patronage, parishoners seeking counsel or coming about marriages, baptisms or funerals, clergymen on parochial or Diocesan or missionary business, young men seeking advice about their future, or asking help in difficulties, students inquiring about the ministry, emigrants incessantly arriving who expect the Rector of St., Paul's to give them at once a splendid and permanent situation and to put himself at their disposal for hours together, ne'er do wells from the old country and the wails and strays of our own land, the most trying and harassing and exacting of all, poor widows wanting you to recover property for them, or deserted wives imploring maintenance, deputations from societies desiring interviews, representations of various causes requesting your influence, heart broken parents with sorrowful tale of wayward sons and fallen daughters, distant visitors in search of children for adoption, and besides these things which are largely outside of

the line of direct parochial duty, that which is my daily necessity, a large and most diversified correspondence—such is but a part only of the incessant and exacting stream of demands upon a clergyman's time which often make it utterly impossible for him to snatch even from the interstices of his interruptions a few brief moments for the preparation of his numerous addresses and sermons.

In the afternoon it is the same. It is a rare thing for me to have an uninterrupted meal. Before dinner is finished the door bell peals again, and another caller arrives, to be followed by two or three more, attention to whom must be given, and perhaps two or three letters written. Committee meetings without number almost, Alms House, Vestry, Band of Hope, Missionary, C. and C. C. S., P. C. A., Charitable Societies, Working Societies, Mite and Dorcas Societies, Diocesan Committees, B. H. M., Bible Society and all kinds of meetings. When I think of all these committees and meetings I am sometimes inclined to lose heart, and protest.

Of course we don't object to bona fide church or parish meetings. They are part of a clergyman's business, and therefore duty. I am now speaking of those interminable invitations to meetings of all kinds which take the clergymen away from that most important part of his work, the visitation of his flock. And yet in spite of all these vexatious interruptions you will see that your clergy have not altogether omitted either this very necessary and incessant work. The evening is much the same. Services, meetings, societies, committees, tax the already overburdened worker, rarely leaving him an evening for quiet at home, or for study, and self improvement.

My clerical duties since last Easter may be summarized as follows:—

I have conducted or taken part in.....	287 Services.
“ Preached.....	104 Sermons.
“ Delivered.....	129 Addresses.
“ Attended.....	184 Meetings.
“ Paid.....	874 Visits.

Solemnized 22 weddings, 24 funerals and 34 baptisms.

A temporary sickness, and an absence for nine Sundays

in my trip to the old country necessarily made this list smaller than it would have been had I been here all the time.

The public clerical duties of the Rev. N. Irwin Perry have been since last Easter :

Services	328
Sermons	71
Addresses	196
Meetings	212
Visits	1033
16 weddings, 11 funerals and 32 baptisms.	

I cannot read this without putting on record here my very sincere appreciation of the labours of my valued co-worker Mr. Perry, and my very high regard for his work in every department of parochial service. He has not only gained the esteem of all the parishioners, but has by his faithful service in the pulpit and the parish, maintained the good old name of St. Paul's in the community.

The services of Mr. Winfield our parish lay missionary are as follows :

Number of Systematic visits	3125	
" Incidental visits	2075	
" Evangelistic services	156	Average attendance 150 nightly.
" Temperance meetings	52	
" Bible Class meetings	52	Average attendance 17.
" Church services	148	
" Other meetings	57	
" Services at St. Matthias	4	
" Services at Trinity	1	
" Services held in country	27	

Situations have also been secured for 9 men and 5 women.

Number of Total Abstinence Pledges 48.

Quite a number of adults have professed a change of heart and life, and much has been done to make lives and homes happy.

Mr. Winfield's work is one that is of great importance. Besides the frequent and simple preaching of the gospel in the Mission Hall, his house to house visitation of the parish is a valuable assistance to the proper working of this large and central Parish.

In addition to the above we have now attached to the staff of the clergy of St. Paul's the Rev. F. W. Archbold till lately in charge of St. Matthias. Mr. Archbold's sight compelled him to relinquish the charge of this mission, and he will now be attached to St. Paul's as one of its curates, kindly performing what duties he can find from time to time without remuneration.

The Rev. Edward Softley, the incumbent of St. Matthias is also a licensed curate of St. Paul's, the mission of St. Matthias being situated in our Parish. Mr. Softley is an evangelical clergyman from Huron Diocese, and is a graduate of Wycliffe College.

While St. Paul's Parish as a parish is not in a position to assure any financial responsibility regarding this mission not a few of its members are most heartily interested in its prosperity, and are willing to contribute towards it as a most important factor in the aggressive work of the Church in the northwestern part of the city.

During the past year we have been assisted very kindly by not a few visiting clergy from other parts, the Rev. Mr. Hooper, of Moncton, N. B.; the Rev. Mr. White, of Birmingham, Eng.; the Rev. C. H. Murphy, chaplain of the Forces; the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Montreal; the Rev. Messrs. DeSoyres, Lloyd and Armstrong of the Diocese of New Brunswick; the Rev. Mr. O'Meara; the Rev. Mr. Francis, Chaplain of H. M. S. Blenheim; the Bishop of Moosonee; the Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, of Japan; the Rev. Messrs. Raven, Withycombe, Harley, Wilson, of this Diocese, while our thanks are due also to the Bishop, the Rev. Canon Partridge, the Garrison Chaplain, and the Rev. Messrs. Crawford, Wilkinson, Willis, Bullock, Softley, Almon, Abbott for officiating or preaching at various times.

One of the most important events in a church year is the presentation of candidates for confirmation. It marks an addition to the working force of the church of great interest, and often of permanent value.

The Confirmation.

The fourth Confirmation held in St. Paul's church since I began my duty as Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's, Halifax, was held the 2nd Sunday in Advent, 1894, when 64 candidates were presented to the Bishop and afterwards received their first communion. Of the candidates fifteen were married people. The average age was twenty years. Thirteen were from other Christian bodies. All were carefully prepared, and personally visited (save one) and professed privately that they had decided for Christ, before they were presented.

On Monday evening December 17th, 1894, a meeting of the candidates was held in the Argyle Hall when I presented the cards to them and gave them a few words of counsel and help.

I may say of the class that it has given me the greatest pleasure to observe that all of them with one or two exceptions have been faithful in attending the Holy Communion regularly since. We would also call attention to the fact that the average age of the candidates was much higher than usual, showing that all were of sufficiently mature age to thoroughly understand the solemnity of the responsibility they were about to undertake.

The names of those confirmed at this confirmation were:

Mrs. T. C. Jones.

Mrs. Davidson.

Mary Cottrell Mahon.

Mary Preston.

Mary Aide-aide Joet.

Maggie Long.

Francis Mary Miller.

Alice Louise Murray.

Rebecca Boutillier.

Lillian Dorothy Fenton.

Mrs. Coe.

Mina Louise Sword.

Florence Ida Gaetz.

Annie Lithgow.

Mrs. Crichton.

Mrs. DeYoung.

Jessie Louise Mowbray.	Minnie Siteman.
Anna Hammett.	Louise Sidebotton.
Eva Reynolds.	Mrs. Small.
Katie Taylor.	Mrs. Davis.
Ella Gertrude Shields.	Mrs. Davies.
Lillian May Reynolds.	Mrs. Stawell.
Gertrude Blanche Simpson.	George Creighton Brown.
Ada Mary Peters.	Elias Vanden-Brock.
Catherine Smith.	James Arthur Winchcombe.
Mary Maud Umlah.	Charles Hart.
Sarah Chernder Coulstring.	William James Harris.
Bessie Cann.	Edward Stanley Banfield.
Annie Cann.	John Ernest Hughes.
Mary Louise Brown.	Walter James Povoas.
Jane Victoria Share.	Alfred Gregoire.
Ethel Maud Brown.	Reuben George Rent.
Mary Isabel Hopgood.	Owen Boutilier.
Mary Louise Gordon Hughes.	Robert Frank Leehan.
Ella Lomas.	Albert Fredk. Jubien.
Isabella Sybilla Umlah.	Charles Samuel Davies.
Jennie Armour Edwards.	Frederick Joseph DeYoung.
Minnie Povoas.	Robert Shute.
May Povoas.	Alfred Davies.
Dolly Hiltz.	William Drake.

Special Services.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.—The anniversary service last year was held during my absence in England the Rev. John De Soyres being the special preacher. The offertory which was not as large as usual went to the Church Interior Fund.

THE LENTEN SERVICES.—The Lenten Services this year were better attended than ever. The daily service from 5 to 5.30 in the Sunday School Hall were very helpful, and large numbers comparatively came, the evening attendance being as a rule very good.

THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES.—This year no parochial mission was held as it is expected the well known English

Mission Preacher, the Rev. W. Hay Aitken will come out to Canada, and have a mission in St. Paul's.

There was a church service, however, each evening during Holy week at 8 p. m. (save Saturday) and addresses were delivered on subjects appropriate to the occasion by various clergymen. On Monday the Rev. E. P. Crawford; Tuesday the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson; Wednesday the Bishop; Thursday Rev. Mr. Bullock, and Friday the Rector.

THE EASTER SERVICES.—The services on Easter Day this year were, as always, bright and hearty and earnest. Large congregations thronged the ancient edifice both morning and evening. The musical services were excellently rendered and joined in, and a much larger number of communicants partook of the Holy Communion than has been known in St. Paul's for many years.

There were 210 communicants at the 8.30 service; and 233 at the noon service, making 443 in all.

It affords me no small pleasure to report that there is a steady increase in the number of those who partake of the Holy Communion in St. Paul's though the number is still far short of what it should be.

The Work of the Church.

On the whole it gives your clergy much pleasure to be able to report that the good works of the old parish of St. Paul's have been steadily maintained. In some cases they have advanced, and in nearly all departments the number of church members voluntarily devoting themselves to work for Christ has cheerfully increased. While far far from perfection (Phil. 3-12) we are of the opinion that few parishes have as valuable a body of men and women and especially of young men and women cheerfully, and capably, engaged in Church work for the sake of Christ their Lord and Master.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The most important work in the church is that of the Sunday School, and we are

glad to report that the progress and growth of the Sunday school has been for the last four years of the most solid and steady character. From an average attendance of 175 to 200, the tide of advance has steadily flowed on through 250, 300, 325, 350, until it reached 2 or 3 Sundays ago 420, and is settling now to 400. This steady and solidly sure advance has been largely due under God to the efficiency and fidelity of our teachers, and the brightness and attractiveness of the Sunday School generally.

The St. Paul's Sunday School consists of 8 different parts; the Main and Primary Schools, the four Bible classes, the Mission adult class, and the Library.

There are now 555 scholars.
47 teachers.
10 officers.

Total 612

This is a most hopeful work, and earnestly do we call upon the parents to do all in their power to help in this most important cause.

Parents' teach your children to pray morning and evening. Teach them to regularly read a few verses of the Bible daily. Teach them to come to church at least once a Sunday. Teach them above all the love of God, and the beauty, and glory, and reality of life.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, St. Paul's Parish.

The members of the chapter have worked diligently during the past year. The primary object of the Brotherhood is to pray every day for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among young men, and to make an earnest effort each week to bring at least one young man into the hearing of the Gospel. Three Hotels have been visited every Saturday evening, and invitation cards to our services left for strangers staying over Sunday.

The vessels along the water front from foot of Morris St., to Pickford & Black's Wharf have been regularly visited every Sunday morning before service, tracts and leaflets being distributed and the sailors invited to our Church services. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Arnold, Sunday services have been held at Harrietsfield, and Spryfield. Five of the members of of the chapter are teachers in St. Paul's Sunday School, and two in that of Trinity.

In November 1894 a weekly meeting, for men only, every Thursday evening, was undertaken. The chief features of these meetings were a solo and an address by a different speaker each evening. These meetings on the whole have been a great benefit. Our gratitude is due to the gentlemen who so kindly sang and played for us, as also to the speakers whose addresses were the chief part of the meeting.

The Rector was the speaker on the first evening followed by His Lordship the Bishop, Rev. Mr. Wright, Rev. Dr. Partridge, Capt. Winn, R. E.; J. C. MacIntosh, Esq., Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Dr. Curry, Rev. Mr. Gandier, Dr. McKay, Superintendent of Education, Rev. Mr. Crawford, Charles S. Wilcox, Esq. M. P. F., Mr. Kennedy, Principal of the County Academy, Rev. M. Perry, A. B. Wiswell, Esq., Rev. Mr. Bullock, Chaplain to the Forces, and Mr. Winfield.

The officers for the year are.—

Director,—Wm. L. Payzant.

Vice-Director,—A. DeB. Tremaine.

Sec'y-Treasurer,—W. B. Kellogg.

The St Paul's Church Mission.

St. Pauls Church carries on as a regular parochial work, a very important city mission work. In the year 1891, we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. T. A. Winfield, then at work as a lay evangelist in the east part of London, England, under the Bishop of East London. Mr. Winfield who had formerly worked in the Church Army out here was well and favourably known, and since then he has worked in St. Paul's Parish as the Lay Missioner and Parish Visitor.

The meetings are held in a most commodious and suitable Hall in the National School.

With regard to his work Mr. Winfield reports as follows:—

Much has been done during the past year to reach those who do not attend the regular Church services. The results have been very encouraging, though perhaps not as large as one could wish. Many who came to the Mission are now regular attendants at the church services, some being confirmed at the last confirmation. The Parish of St. Paul's is by no means an easy one to work. Perhaps the greatest obstacles are the large number of drinking saloons, (mostly illicit.) Also the number of Houses of a doubtful character. These scattered all through the upper streets are a source of much evil. I have visited all these places and frequently had prayers in them, many of the people attending the Mission Services. There has been much poverty this year, consequently the suffering among the poor has been very great. Much help has been given in a judicious manner. One very noticeable thing is the wretched dwellings that some of the poor live in. This certainly tends to demoralize the people. For instance a family lives in one room with not a window in it, the only light is when the door is opened, when shut they are in a box. Another family of 7 live in one room, which is damp and dirty at that. Think of it 75 cents per week for one dirty wretched damp room. What is wanted is better dwellings for the poor to live in. The Mission Hall is a perfect palace in comparison to some of the homes of the poor. This perhaps with constant visitation and bright meetings is the reason of our successful meetings and the large number that attend them. Evangelistic services are held 3 nights weekly, also a temperance meeting weekly, and a Bible class for adults on Sunday afternoons. A Brass Band is used in the Hall on Friday nights under the leadership of Mr. C. Horton, which is of great help to the temperance work. I cannot speak too highly of the services, Mr. Cummings and the Misses Shand, Share and Bowden have rendered to the Temperance Meetings. This self-formed committee has provided all the programmes for the temperance meetings. Their work being very difficult at times.

Mr. W. Payzant, Mr. W. Kelly, Mr. Sec'y Bell of Y. M. C. A., Mr. Balcom, Mr. Upham, and various visiting Clergy have helped during the year. Mr. W. J. Hutchins, Mr. J. Wilson, and Mr. A. B. Tremaine have also helped very much in the singing. Many ladies and gentlemen of the Church have helped in various ways. The Hon. A. G. Jones also gave a very interesting lecture, which was much appreciated. The meetings and Bible Class are all thriving. Some nights, particularly Fridays and Sundays, the Hall is crowded.

The Rector and Mr. Perry have done much during the year at the Mission Services. This winter the Thursday's meetings for men only has been worked by the St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

The good works done by a church like St. Paul's can never of course be accurately tabulated. Few churches shew more manifestly that the church of Christ exists for the purpose of doing what the Master did, making hearts happier, and burdened lives lighter. Statistics are always dry bones. But it is well for us to tell something of the efforts made, and the things done.

Brief reports of the various societies will now be given.

The St. Paul's Church Working Society.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Working Society, took place in the Vestry on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, 1894.

The following ladies were appointed a committee for 1895.

Mrs. Hague, *President*.

" Hesslein, *Vice-President*.

" Allison.	Mrs. G. Pyke.
" Halls.	" Humphrey.
" Davidson.	" Pledge.
" Murray.	" Des Barres.
" Ritchie.	" J. Jones.
" Kellogg.	" Edwards.

Misses Bolton and Barrington,

Miss J. Tremaine, *Treasurer.*

Mrs. J. C. Mahon, *Assist-Treasurer.*

Miss A. Lithgow, *In Charge of Library.*

Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, *Secretary.*

The Society commenced its work on Wednesday, Jan. 9th,
and closed for the season on Wednesday, March 27th.

Garments from previous year.....	3
Made in 1895.....	626
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Sold to Women.....	511
By Committee.....	75
Not returned.....	16
Given away.....	15
Articles in trunk at close.....	12
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	629

There were 32 pairs of sheets cut off, 30 pairs were sold.

47 women received work.

12 of the above articles were sent to poor widows at Acadia
Mines, and 3 to Dorcas Society.

St. Paul's Church Children's Sewing Class, 1894-95.

The object of this Society is to teach little children to
sew. The statistics are as follows :—

Names enrolled.....	41
Meetings held.....	18
Garments made.....	50

Money received (for materials) from Mr. Dimock, \$15.00.

Donations of flannelette, Miss Hodggers.

TEACHERS.

Mrs. Hague, *President*.

Mrs. Venables.

" Gossip.

" Shaffer.

" Wetmore.

" Fenerty.

Miss McPherson.

We regret to report that one of our faithful teachers, Mrs. Wetmore, died during the season.

St. Paul's Church Dorcas Society.

The opening meeting of the Dorcas Society was held on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, at half-past three. The Rev. N. I. Perry opened meeting with prayer.

Present were Mrs. Pyke, Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Woodaman, Mrs. Mumford, and Mrs. Tremaine.

The last meeting held was on Tuesday, March 26th.

The objects of the society is to receive the gifts of clothing, boots, shoes, stockings, undergarments, etc., for men, women and children, sent voluntarily by the members of St. Paul's Church, and distribute them amongst the needy poor.

The gifts in many cases were very valuable, and care is taken to see that the people receiving these gifts, are worthy.

Miss Tremaine our excellent Secretary, makes the suggestion that next year an attempt be made to combine a sort of mothers meeting with this work in order to help the people spiritually, and interest them in the Church and Mission Hall.

The St. Paul's Alms House.

This most important work was begun during the rectorship of the Rev. Dr. Hill for the purpose of training and educating orphan and homeless children.

There are now 15 girls in the Home, and they are being carefully trained under the excellent management of Mrs. Hughes the matron, and Miss Hughes their teacher. Three

new girls have been taken in during the year, and three have left to go to their own homes.

This very important and responsible work is conducted by a committee of ladies and gentlemen of which the Rector is President, Mr. C. C. Blackadar, Treasurer, Rev. N. I. Perry, Secretary. Mrs. Hughes, the matron, and her daughter, Miss Hughes, are most faithful and painstaking in their duties and the people of St. Paul's may think it in every way an institution worthy of their support.

The committee meets the first Tuesday of every month throughout the year to transact all necessary business, and two ladies each week from the House Committee arrange the details of the management of the Home. Since the departure of Dr. Payzant, Dr. Gow is the visiting physician, and our hearty thanks are due to him for his kind and faithful attention. The people of St. Paul's Church are not all of them aware perhaps that we are indebted to Brenton Collins, Esq., of Tunbridge Wells, England, for the free use of the valuable building which forms the Home, to whom our heartfelt thanks are given.

The committee this year is as follows:—

President,—The Rector.

Secretary,—Rev. N. I. Perry.

Treasurer,—Mr. C. C. Blackadar.

Ladies Committee,—Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Hesslein, Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. Blackadar, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Payzant, Mrs. Pyke, Miss Tremaine, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Mott and Mrs. Corbett who has since left the city.

Gentlemen's Committee,—Rev. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Mr. Justice Ritchie, Hon. A. G. Jones, Mr. J. H. Symons and Mr. R. J. Wilson.

St. Paul's Church District Visitors Society.

We are glad to report this year that the work of parish visitation is much more hopeful than last year.

A new scheme was put on foot for visiting all the newcomers to the parish, and a committee consisting of Mrs. Ritchie, Miss Mary Ritchie, Mrs. Starr and the Rector, have been carrying it out for some time. Various ladies are asked to go and visit those whose names are sent to them in order to welcome them as it were to the church and make the people feel that some one is taking an interest in them.

Besides this the regular District visitors Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Symons, Mrs. Woodaman, Mrs. Quirk, Mrs. Halls, Miss Rodgers, Miss Share, and others have done faithful and good work.

We are persuaded that a great deal of good in a quiet way might be done by many members of St. Paul's Church just trying to think of people, and going to see them for the purpose of making them interested in the Church. In case any would like to do this the following suggestions from the instruction sheet for District Visitors may be helpful :

Speaking broadly the object of the Visitor is to make those who are visited feel that someone belonging to the Church, is taking an interest in them, because they belong to St. Paul's Church, and to increase their interest in and attachment to the Church. The fact of both belonging to St. Paul's will at once furnish an opening for pleasant intercourse, and enquiries as to the number of children (if any) whether they come to the Sunday School, whether the husband or grown up sons and daughters, or married members of the family attend St. Paul's, come to the Sunday School or Bible Classes, etc., etc., will naturally follow.

But another and most important object should also be held steadily in view by the visitor and that is to endeavour to enlist their interest in the various works of the Church, and to secure their co-operation. For instance: to ask the parents and grown up young men and women to attend the meetings of the Young People's Society on Monday evenings at 8 p. m.; the girls to join the Girls Missionary Guild on Fridays at 3.30 p. m.; the girls and boys to join the Band of Hope, Monday, 4 p. m.; the young ladies if they will become

district or hospital visitors, or flower workers; those with voices or musical talents if they will perform at the Young People's Society, or in general if they will be interested in some definite Church work. New members for the Choir will then be found, and some perchance willing to become Communicants or be confirmed.

Then again cases of sickness or need, of loneliness or friendlessness, or disaffection or complaint, would be found out and reported to the Clergy, or names of people who might attend Mr. Winfield's meetings.

Special care should be taken also in visiting the houses of those well to-do to ask whether the domestic servants belong to the Church of England, and if they come to St. Paul's to ask them to join the Bible Class, etc.

St. Paul's Church Young Peoples Society.

This society is one of the strong supports of the church, and is a kind of Church Christian Endeavour Society.

The attendance of the Young Peoples Society, was larger this year than last. Meetings have been held every Monday since the beginning of November, with the exception of the first Monday in every month which is taken by the S. S. Teachers Institute.

Every alternate Monday a Bible reading on the Kings of Judah has been given by the Rector or Mr. Perry and the other evenings have been occupied with concerts, debates, etc.

A Social was given to the congregation in November which was well attended. Three Musical concerts have been given and two debates have been held in which some of our young men displayed considerable thought and ability, besides Mr. Perry gave three short lectures in early church history.

It is under the auspices, of and from the ranks of the Young Peoples Society that some of the most important works of the parish are carried on, the Hospital, Poor House, Flower and Band of Hope committees all doing good work.

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE.

Consisting of Miss Share, (Chairwoman), Misses Halls, Rent, Clay, Rhind, Symons, Grant, Woodling, Mowbray, has been most devoted in its work of mercy, carrying with unbroken regularity bunches of flowers to the suffering and sorrowful of our Parish.

Many are the testimonies that could be given by the sick and afflicted of all classes from the richest down to the poorest, to show how welcome these kindly and thoughtful offerings are.

And the clergy too can testify to the comfort and blessing that the accompanying texts of Scripture have been to the souls of the suffering on their beds of sickness.

THE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Consists of Mr. Perry, (Chairman), Mrs. Northup, Misses Halls, Rent, Clay, Rowland, Wilson, Grant, Kellogg, Hunt, Hughes, King, Ritchie, Cogswell and Hammett.

The duty of the members of this committee is to visit several wards of the Hospital at least once a week and administer to the wants of the sufferers. Unfortunately this winter the Hospital was quarantined for several weeks because of the outbreak of Scarlet Fever, and there is therefore less than usual to report. But the work is an excellent one.

BAND OF HOPE.

This is the Juvenile Temperance Work. The Rev. Mr. Perry is Superintendent; and Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Wallace, Miss Share, Miss M. Payzant, Miss Mitchell, Miss Hughes the Committee.

The society meets every Monday at 4 o'clock. There are nearly 100 on the roll, although the attendance has not been up to that. The primary object is the teaching of temperance, members of the band have given recitations, and have in other ways contributed to a programme.

A Service of Song was prepared and was twice given in

public to the delight of those who heard, and another Service of Song is in course of preparation which will soon be presented to the public. This is an endeavor on our part to get the boys and girls, and while they are young teach them something of the dangers which lie before them in life.

THE POOR HOUSE COMMITTEE.

This is a Committee of Ladies from St. Paul's Church who regularly visit the City Poor House, carrying them good things, and in various ways ministering to them in kindness. Their work is much appreciated by the poor folk there.

St. Paul's Church Missionary Societies.

THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The missionary work of the Parish we are glad to report if is as active as ever.

St. Paul's Church itself we may say is a missionary society, doing as a body good missionary work, and praying every Sunday, as each church of the Church of England does, earnest missionary prayers. Then too, the Sunday School in itself is a juvenile missionary society and a nursery for missionary endeavour. The gifts of the children are hearty, and regularly received, addresses being given from time to time upon the subjects.

The missionary work of the Sunday School will first be noted. During this year their voluntary extra offerings were given:

- (1.) To Rev. Mr. Stringer in the far north, who is working under Bishop Reeve, of the McKenzie River Diocese.
- (2.) To the Japan mission. The letters of Yamasaki San, our active worker there are sometimes read.
- (3.) To the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of Church of England in Canada, for Indian work.

This year the Church contributed to missionary objects at

home and abroad through the medium of the offertory, the missionary cause thus being greatly helped.

To Domestic and Missions (Algoma, Moosonee, Rupert's Land, McKenzie River, etc.)	\$420 80
To Foreign Missions,	405 06

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

The Missionary Society of the coming women of St. Paul's church has been very successful in its winters work. Meetings have been held regularly every Friday afternoon from October to Easter, with the exception of two weeks during the Christmas season. The work from October to Christmas was sent to the wife of a missionary, Mrs. Allman, in the Algoma diocese. After Christmas the children worked for the Indians, and the box is to be sent to the Rev. Mr. Weaver, in the far Arctic Regions of Northern Canada. It contains a number of useful, well-made articles of clothing, besides scrap books, the work of the smaller children. Money to purchase materials for work was kindly contributed by members of St. Paul's. Nearly all the children have missionary boxes, and the money in them from Christmas to Easter goes towards supporting the St. Paul's Cot in the hospital at Battle Harbour on the Labrador coast. From October to Christmas it was given to our Bible woman in India.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Hague.

Superintendent—Miss Kellogg.

Secretary—Miss B. Allen.

Treasurer—Miss M. Nicolls.

Assistants:

Mrs. George Allison,

Miss A. Hoyt,

Miss Barrington,

Miss Jost,

Miss Grant,

Mrs. Jones,

Miss Lordly,

Miss Payzant,

Miss Mowbray.

THE ST. PAUL'S CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Missionary Society has for its object the support of Domestic and Foreign Missions and Mission work in general.

A meeting is held once a month for the purposes of prayer and interesting the members of the church in missions.

Miss Mary Lordly is the Secretary and Treasurer.

Most interesting letters have been read at different times from Stephen Yamasaki our native missionary in Japan, now working under Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hamilton; Miss Hankin, of Fow Chow, in China, of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, under whom Kobi our native Chinese Bible woman works; the Hon. Miss Sugden, of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society under whom a native Bible woman works in India; The Rev. Mr. Stringer in the far north west of Canada under Bishop Reeve of McKenzie River, and other Missionaries.

There is a growing interest in the mission cause amongst the St. Paul's people, a most important sign of increasing spiritual life.

The visit of the Rev. J. Cooper Robinson and of the Bishop of Moosonee greatly encouraged our missionary workers.

But this work is largely Foreign, and (Canadian) Indian work. We also do much for the Diocese in which we are. And chiefly through the Colonial and Continental Church Society, the B. H. M., and the Mite Society.

Our offerings through the B. H. M. were this last year \$237.81 and \$241.51 to W. and O. and part of \$166.05 the Christmas offerings.

Through the C. & C. C. S., \$547.31

This goes to the support of a number of the Diocesan clergy.

The Mite Society which is wholly the work of St. Paul's Church is a home missionary work. The congregation supporting through it a Diocesan missionary of their own.

St. Paul's Church Mite Society.

The object of the Mite Society is the support of a missionary in our own Diocese whose work is chiefly amongst the fishermen of our coasts.

The society consists of a President, Secretary and Treasurer and thirteen collectors..

Mr. James H. Gay is the missionary. He lives at Country Harbour and visits several other places, Beckerton. Indian Harbour, Fisherman's Harbour and St. Mary's where he holds church services and ministers to the people.

Rev. Dyson Hague, *President.*

Miss Tremaine, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

COLLECTORS.

Mrs. T. Ritchie.

Mrs. A. Allision.

Miss Shand.

Mrs. Symonds.

Miss F. Pryor.

Miss Rhind.

Miss Tremaine.

Mrs. W. Humphrey.

Miss F. DesBarres.

Mrs. Northup.

Miss Creighton.

Mrs. G. Allison.

Mrs. Shaffer.

The only change since last year is the return of Miss Shand who resumed her work, Miss Mary Lordly having taken it while she was absent.

The amount collected from Easter, 1894, to Easter, 1895, was \$543.32.

The Choir.

Under the efficient leadership of Mr. Hutchins the organist and choir master, maintains its excellent reputation.

There are now boys, 20; ladies, 18; men, 12.

While the attendance in the morning is not as large as might be desired, the evening singing is very strong in volume and good in quality, the people joining in with great heartiness.

It is a pleasure to observe that some of the old members of the choir who sang in it as boys are returning now to take their places once more as men in the bass and tenor stalls, and to note how many of the members of the choir are regular communicants.

The St. Paul's Church Children's Scripture Union.

The object of this Union is to get the members to read the Bible regularly day by day.

Each member has a card with a list of the passages to be read, and a booklet with a text to be learned by heart each day.

With one or two exceptions members from every class in Sunday School have joined the Scripture Union, by far the larger majority on the list of names are girls, and while very glad to have their names, a great improvement among the boys is needed. It is difficult to get them to promise to read the portion, and there are not nearly as many members among them as there ought to be.

Including three of the Bible classes there are about two hundred and fifty who have joined the Scripture Union, and forty of the girls subscribe to "Our Own Magazine," an interesting helpful little paper in which are notes on the portion for the day.

Miss Emma Kellogg is Secretary of the St. Paul's Church branch of the Children's Scripture Union. It is hopeful to think that 250 of the growing generation of St. Paul's are thus becoming daily students of the Holy Scriptures.

St Paul's Church Parish Magazine.

The Parish Magazine of St. Paul's consists of the "Parish and Home," a very readable and bright church monthly with four pages devoted to the work and news of the parish and people.

It is a very interesting paper and as a matter of loyalty and church interest, each member of the church should take at least one copy, while those in better circumstances should take two.

Although the number of subscribers has been gradually increasing, having advanced from about 160 to 215, this circulation is not more than half what it should be in St. Pauls, and what the general usefulness of the paper demands.

In January last the advertisements were discontinued in order that all the available space might be given to local matter. This plan barely pays, but still we believe it to be preferable to depending on advertisements which are reluctantly given and sometimes reluctantly paid for. Very hearty thanks are due to Miss Tremaine, Mrs. Humphrey, Miss Harrington and other ladies for the assistance they give Mr. Perry in this work.

By a strong effort the circulation could be made to be 400, and a committee should be formed to circulate the copies provided by those taking two or three copies amongst the poor.

A Boy's Society.

Amongst the special works which we are hopeful of beginning soon is a Boy's Guild, or Boy's Society, or something of the kind.

We have long been hindered through over work from beginning this, but we have a good prospect of beginning it this year.

We ought to be grateful in St. Paul's Church for the large number of lads from 15 to 18 that we have steadily attached to the church, but still there is a certain leakage, and we should do all we can to stop it. A Boy's Society with a good organization would do much, and Mr. Perry's Bible class room could be fitted up with books, and papers, and pictures, and curtains, and made most attractive for them, and their meetings.

Obituary.

Our death roll this year in the mercy of God has not been as large as in some other years. It is a matter of great thankfulness too for us as a parish to remember that this great and scattered congregation has been (with few exceptions) almost untouched in the epidemic of those infectious diseases, diphtheria and scarlet fever.

I only know of four or five cases, and in those the utmost care was exercised,

However we have lost by death not a few of the faithful and attached members of the church, whose loss will be long felt by the church and deplored by those who knew them best.

Amongst these we may mention :

Mrs. Tremaine, the mother of M. A. DeB. Tremaine, an old and honoured disciple of Christ and for long years a member of St. Paul's and an active church worker; Mr. and Mrs. Albro old and attached members of the church; and Mr. Alexander Fraser another attached adherent of St. Paul's; Mr. Nicholls another of the aged members; Mrs. Power a faithful Sunday School worker, unostentatious in her Christian life and nobly calm in her Christian death; Rachel McCuish one of our Sunday School scholars who came to an untimely end by drowning, and Miss Publicover another faithful Christian girl who died in the faith after a lingering illness; Mrs. McDonald, another weary sufferer, who bore in Christian hope her trial, and Mrs. Woodley, a faithful member of St. Paul's; and in the last few weeks Mrs. Wetmore another quiet and devoted worker, and Miss Hughes the lamented daughter of Mrs. Hughes of the Alms House.

Of the many little children also and boys and girls (particularly those of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Schaeffer,) whose sad deaths caused such grief, we know and believe that all is well concerning them.

And of all we may fitly take up the language of the inspired writer and say;

These all died in faith ; and now they desire a better country that is an heavenly : wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God ; for He hath prepared for them a city.

From time to time, nay often, the summons must come to one and another in such a congregation as this. Let us all be ready, and where one is taken and another, let those who are alive and remain close up the ranks and undeterred toil on. 1 Cor. 15—58.

Financial.

There has been a fair increase during the year in the offerings, over \$200.00 more being given through the envelopes, and on the whole the financial outlook is hopeful. The most cheerful thing of all is the very happy inception of the system for the reduction of the church debt, a scheme that has so far been crowned with success. Over \$1200.00 being paid off so far. But I must again and again even at the risk of tiresomeness and wearisomeness reiterate what I am forever saying that *the finances of St. Paul's will never be what they ought to be and what they might be unless two things are systematically and earnestly carried out.*

(1.) A vigorous and hearty canvass of the old contributors one by one *personally* shewing them the present state of the churches finances, and an appeal to them to consider if they would be willing, if able, to raise the amount of their weekly contributions.

This of course would be a purely voluntary matter with them, but there is surely nothing contrary to the free principle in letting the members of the church know that the church expenses demand a larger contribution for its smooth working.

(2.) A hearty and systematic canvass of all new comers to the church by a responsible committee to explain the working of the envelope system, and the desirability of all members contributing in that way to the church's support.

The members of St. Paul's must remember that the Argyle Hall for some five years and the National School for one

year, have been sources of expenditure instead of being as formerly sources of income.

This year the total amount given for current expenses

was.....	\$6212 12
The total amount given for other purposes.....	6325 77

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This accounts for the non-decrease of the debt, notwithstanding the large increase of the income.

But no one who considers the value of these buildings to the efficient spiritual working of the Parish, and remembers moreover that one of them at least has of late years not only not cost the parish anything, but brought it money in, ought to entertain the idea of parting with them for the sake of the expense they incur.

A parish like St. Paul's must involve expense, and where there are signs of spiritual progress, the expense is small compared with the work that is done for souls.

As to the offerings to mission and other objects they are not only a sign of the spiritual earnestness of the people, they are a source of increase and blessing in every way according to the inspired saying :

There is that scattereth and yet increaseth,
There is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty.

Church Renovation.

For long time now the proposed renovation of the interior of the church has been talked of, but is still unaccomplished.

Two reasons may be given.

(1.) The funds. Only \$850.00 has been subscribed whereas \$1500 or \$2000 is needed.

(2.) The seats.

This has been a greater obstacle. To renovate or clean

the church with the seats as they are would be hardly wise. They are old, worn out and hide no little dust.

Two expedients are suggested.

The first is to take the pews or seats away entirely, and reseat it throughout with benches.

But there are two objections to this.

In the first place it would be a very great expense, and we have no funds to spare.

In the second place it would involve the removal of the present seats which are good in quality, and moreover endeared by old associations with the church.

The second is to take away all the linings, cushions and repaint entirely, and carpet and cushion each seat with an ecclesiastical seating that is common in churches in England, cleanly, and is comely, comfortable, and convenient. This if unanimously resolved on would be probably the best, and the cost would not be very great as the painting of the seats is included in the tender of Misses. Harrison Bros. for \$1200 odd dollars.

Conclusion.

I will conclude this long and comprehensive report by a devout expression to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and care. My assistants and myself have been granted by His goodness a measure of bodily vigour enabling us to undertake our manifold occupations, and the vast body of church workers and members have been likewise strengthened and empowered for His service.

We have been kept moreover by His mercy in unity and godly love.

Few, few and far between have been the jarring notes of discord or disagreement. We have worked shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart.

We have permitted also in His goodness to see our works

not only maintained, but multiplied, our membership increased, and our children growing in devotion to the church. By removal we have indeed lost a few, but by voluntary departure with cause of complaints we have scarcely lost one.

We are not perfect. We need criticism, and I trust will welcome it and try to profit by it.

We are not proud. We want advice, and long for helpful suggestions from our people.

We have not attained to anything like the ideal which we have set before us for a Church like this.

But we are thankful, we are hopeful. We are humbled by our past prosperities; we are encouraged in our future prospects; and as we say with gratitude reviewing the past what hath God wrought, we press on to the future in the strong assurance, He will bless us; God will bless us and our children.



As the work of a large parish like St. Paul's is constantly in 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 Master'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 Fund, Alms House, Organ, Church decoration, Sunday School, City Mission work, the general purposes of the Parish, or the erection of any Home, building, for any charitable church purpose, will be most directly disposed of by 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*

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*(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.)*



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Information with regard to the Church or the Clergy can always be obtained from Mr. Davidson the Sexton, who will be found in the Church or at the Argyle Hall.

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.

The cost of its building in the first instance was £1,000; about \$5,000. The Church was built at the expense of the British Government.

On the 2nd of September, 1750, this Church was formally opened for Divine Service by the **Rev. William Tutty**, of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Eng., who was sent to this country by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts.

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 then there have been five Rectors; the present Rector being the seventh.

The **Three Bells** were imported from London in July, 1812, per ship *Gratitude*, at a cost of £131. 11. 10. 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, 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 east gallery, 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 who was also a 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.