

St. Paul's Church,

HALIFAX, N. S.

RECTOR'S THIRD ANNUAL REPORT,

EASTER, 1893.

In presenting this my 3rd annual report as Rector, of the state and work of the Parish, I desire first of all to render thanks to God for any prosperity that the Church has enjoyed.

There has been throughout the year a steady advance in the number of members and adherents, and a steady maintenance of all the parochial organizations for works of charity and spiritual edification; and this has been accompanied also, we cannot fail to acknowledge, with indications of spiritual blessings that enable us without affectation to thank God and take courage. The central position of the church, unquestionably the most admirable in the city for a large congregation, its commodiousness and comfortableness the heartiness and attractiveness of the services, the activity and interest of many church workers, all combine to make the church increasingly well attended, and draw new families and members.

I. MEMBERSHIP.—The number of families is now very large. Five hundred and two families are on our church books, besides which there are a large number of individuals, young men and women, and also of families whose names and addresses are as yet unknown to the clergy.

Scarcely a week passes without my hearing of some new family, and the enquiry is made :—

“Have you visited the A’s or the B’s: they come to St. Paul’s now,”—or,

“Have you seen that family who have lately come to town, they are going to attend St. Paul’s.

This is very encouraging, and much can be done to increase the attendance and membership, by the older members of the church looking out for and welcoming strangers and new families. I am indebted greatly, I may say here to Mr. Winfield, the Church Scripture Reader and Lay Evangelist for his care in tabulating the members of St. Paul’s in the districts he visits.

Before passing from this subject, I think it right for me to state my conviction, that a large number of the members of St. Paul’s could attend more regularly *at both* services by a little effort and self-denial, and also by a systematic canvass of the congregation a much larger revenue could be obtained. People not only need to have the duty of church support personally laid before them, but even *like* to be asked, and as the church is free it is the bounden duty of all to contribute in accordance with their means, and give *more* than if it were a pewed church.

II. CLERICAL DUTIES.—The labour involved in the work and administration of a Parsh like St. Paul’s, is far greater than many imagine. Without strength and resolution, but a small part of it could be done, and after all is accomplished one feels like echoing the regret of our incomparable liturgy, ‘we have left undone those things that we ought to have done.’

Since last Easter I have conducted or taken part in 326 services: 230 meetings; preached 128 sermons; delivered 214 addresses; paid 920 visits; performed 13 marriages and 22 baptisms; conducted 25 funerals.

Mr. Skey, since his return from England in July, 1892, has

conducted or taken part in 258 services; 127 meetings; delivered 125 addresses; paid 831 visits.

This of course, is but a very bare outline of the work performed, outside duties involving much time and labour. When it is considered, say, that the average sermon takes at least 5 hours, and often from 10 to 12 hours to prepare, and that some of the addresses involve almost equal preparation, that the services and meetings averaged from an hour to an hour and a half, and the visits from 15 to 45 minutes, it will be seen at once that the clergy of St. Paul's have little time for idleness.

During my absence on the occasion of the sad death of my only sister last July, my place was very kindly taken by the Rev. Wm. Hamlyn, the Rector of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, and the Rev. Dr. Cartwright of Yarmouth, and during my vacation the Rev. Messrs. Crisp, Lloyd, and Bullock, very kindly assisted the Rev. Mr. Skey in the services, or occupied the pulpit.

I have to acknowledge my or rather *our*, indebtedness also to the Bishop of Newfoundland, the Revs. Drs. Bulloch and Cogswell, the Rev. Messrs. Allison, Roy, James, Almon, Daniel, Herbert Almon, Troop, Hamilton, Mellor, Willis, Archbold, Rogers and Crawford, who preached on various occasions in St. Paul's. Above all, I cannot help feeling that I owe an expression of special gratitude, both on behalf of myself and the congregation to the Bishop of the Diocese, who has not only preached for us on during my absence and other occasions, but also in addition to all came to our Annual Mission and delivered on three successive evenings most admirable and heart searching addresses.

Our staff of lay-readers has increased this year. Not only Captain Molony, and Mr. R. J. Wilson, but also Mr. Evans, Mr. Kellogg, and Mr. Winfield have read in the church, while Mr. W. L. Payzant, Mr. Babbit, Mr. Coulstring, Mr. J. Y. Payzant, Q. C., Mr. A. Tremaine, and other members of the

Brotherhood of St. Andrew have performed these duties in some of the stations of the Parish of Spryfield.

III. SPECIAL SERVICES.—1. Daily Lenten Service. During Lent Daily Service was held at 5 in the Argyle Hall, and the services were much appreciated, the attendance ranging from 30 to 85.

2. The Mission. It is our conviction that every church should frequently have a Parochial Mission, if possible once a year. Our souls yet so dull, and our careless ones so contented that a special effort to save souls is needed. The Mission comes like a trumpet call, and awakens new zeal and brings new blessing. This year the Mission was a great blessing. The Bishop conducted it for the first three evenings, and gave three very heart searching addresses on "no one liveth to himself and no one dieth to himself." The Rector conducting the after meetings. During Holy Week the crowds grew larger, and the interest seemed to deepen. The solemnity was marked. Mr. Skey and the Rector both explained the way of salvation by faith in Christ Jesus, and pointed all to the Lamb of God. We trust that in all churches soon a yearly mission will be held.

IV. PAROCHIAL WORKS AND ORGANIZATIONS.—(1) And most important the Sunday School. 1. Members—We have now on the books 520 names, making it one of the largest, if not the largest Sunday School in the Maritime Provinces. The average attendance last month was 375. I have just been handed an old report of St. Paul's Sunday School from which we learn that in the year 1875 there were only 195 scholars on the roll, and in the year 1876, 341. We have now 39 regular teachers, 8 substitute teachers and 9 officers.

2. Collections.—Last year there were collected in the Sunday School: For the Alms House and Industrial \$180.00. For Missions (Domestic and Foreign) \$101.45. The progress is most encouraging, though parents can do much more by

sending the children regularly, and the people generally by interest, and occasionally visiting. The Annual Festival and Prize giving in January, when about 75 received prizes, and a happy evening was spent. I beg to acknowledge here with gratitude a most welcome gift of Bibles and Prayer Books from Mr. A. Mackinlay.

3. Bible Class.—One of the most helpful features of the Sunday School is the Bible Class work. Of these we have five, Mr. Skey's, Mr. Winfield's, and those of Miss Tremaine, Miss Hodgers and Miss Uniacke. Mr. Skey's B. C. is composed of men only, from age of 18 upwards, 31 on roll, 22 average attendance.

Mr. Winfield's is for women. Miss Tremaine, Miss Hodgers and Miss Uniacke's for young women. Mention must be made of the Primary Class with its 123 children, and the valuable services of Mrs. Wallace their indefatigable teacher and Mr. Cummings her assistant.

(2) EVANGELISTIC WORK —1. Mr. Winfield's—This is a good work, and is most ably done. The Parish and myself cannot estimate too highly the work of Mr. J. W. Winfield the Scripture Reader and Lay Evangelist. Not only does he visit with regularity and assiduity the central districts of the Parish, but conducts four evangelistic services a week in the Mission Hall. The last years report shewed an average attendance has been 250, and on Fridays and Sunday 300 to 400, giving thus an estimated attendance of from 35,000 to 45,000 who hear the gospel throughout the year. This year Mr. Winfield has endeavoured by means of Magic Lantern exhibitions to enlist the interest of the people, and of late has been by means of pictures illustrating Bible subjects been attracting many to hear the Gospel. During the year 63 have taken total abstinence pledges, 15 have presented themselves for confirmation, and 31 have professed change of heart, and a desire to be real Christian. In every way Mr. Winfield's work has been a feeder to the church.

I thank God as Rector of this Parish that thus *within* the

church and on church lines such a grand gospel work is being done. Mr. Winfield's salary is raised by subscription from members of the church, the services given being acknowledged in the Parish Magazine.

2. St. Andrew Brotherhood—A very good evangelistic work is also done by the St. Andrew Brotherhood. This organization is a factor of great spiritual power in the Parish, and under the efficient presidency of Capt. Malony, R. E., does much good. During the early part of the season it conducted a Cottage meeting on Albermarle St., and then in the western part of the Parish; after that took services in the Parish of Spryfield and Harrietsfield, and in addition to this every Sunday sent its members with suitable tracts and invitation cards to the hotels and to homes in the limits of the Parish.

The Rector attended as the delegate from St. Paul's the Convention in Kingston, Ont., in February. One of the things mentioned in the Convention as a most pleasing incident was the fact that the members of St. Paul's Brotherhood Chapter, Halifax, subscribed \$20 towards the expenses of the Brotherhood delegate from St. Luke's, thus shewing the kindly feelings, and practical unity that exists in the churches here.

(3.) TEMPERANCE.—A regular temperance work is carried on in the Parish all the year round, and with good results. 1. In connection with the Mission Hall where on the lines of the Church of England Temperance Society a Temperance meeting is held every Friday evening, and gospel addresses given. Members of the Church kindly assist from time to time with vocal and instrumental music. The pledges taken 63, are taken after a solemn covenanting with God in prayer, and on the distinct confession that Jesus Christ is the only power that will save. We believe in the language of the constitution of the Church of England Temperance Society. "The first means for the reformation of the intemperate is to bring them under the influence of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ladies and gentlemen with gifts of reading, singing, or musical performance are earnestly desired to help in this good work.

2. THE BAND OF HOPE.—This is the preventive rather than the curative branch of Temperance endeavour, and therefore most valuable. Better, as one has said, a fence at the top of the cliff, than an ambulance at the bottom. The Band meets every Friday under the chairmanship of Rev. Mr. Skey, assisted by the following ladies, Mrs. Wallace, the Misses Sheraton (Sec.), Share (Treas.), Abbott, Shand, Kellogg, Woodling. A good work is being done.

(4.) INDUSTRIAL.—1. The St. Paul's Sewing School, which meets every Wednesday afternoon, has a larger number than ever enrolled. This work owes much to the energy and interest of Mrs. Wallace. Some of the little members have only just learned to thread the needle, while others sew nicely and make garments for them. Names on roll 57. Meetings held 22. Garments made 92. Donations—Mrs. A. G. Hesslein, Flanelette; Working Society, Tweed; Dorcas Society, 2 suits. Cash—Mr. Meynell, \$1.00. The Rector (Poor Fund), \$15.00. Garments sold 55c.—\$16.55. Expended on material \$16.55.

Officers.—Mrs. Hague, President. Mrs. Wallace, Sect'y. Mrs. Gossip, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Schaffer, Mrs. Venables. Mrs. Lindsay, Miss Macpherson, and Miss Halls.

On Tuesday April 18th, a most delightful evening was spent, and a tea given to the children.

2. THE ST. PAUL'S WORKING SOCIETY.—This Society has for its object the encouragement of poor people to work, and has for some years done excellent work. Mrs. Blackadar the Secretary, reports as follows:—Garments made in 1892—one from last year. Sold to women—372; by committee 114; badly made 5; not returned 8. Given away 6. Articles left—3. 32 pairs of sheets and several yards of tweed were also sold to the women.

Mrs. Blackadar reports that with Mr. Winfield's help it has been a most successful year.

3 THE DORGAS SOCIETY.—This is a new work, and very much needed.

In the latter part of the year it was begun at my request under Mrs. Robt. Taylor, Mrs. Pyke, Woodaman, Harris, Fenerty, Jubien, Miss A. Tremaine, and Miss Richardson.

Its object—To receive and tabulate the gifts of clothing sent by the congregation, and to distribute the same with care to the needy poor.

The work was successful beyond expectation, and our hearty thanks are due the ladies who so self-denyingly carried it on, and to the people who with their accustomed generosity supplied them with the material of work.

On account of the severity and length of the winter, an extra appeal being made in the month of March, a very large and valuable donation of clothing, etc., was made, and most carefully distributed.

4. The Ladies' Church Committee consisting of Mrs. Hague, (Pres.), Mrs. Uniacke, Jones, Payzant, Duffus, Shortt, Humphrey, Borden, Northrup Hesslien, and the Misses Payzant, Kellogg, Ritchie, and Uniacke, performed the duties of looking after the Vestry Linen and Chancel arrangements.

5. Church Decorating.—The work of decorating was less elaborate than usual this year owing to the expected renovation of the interior of the Church. But the work that was done was very beautiful, and under the supervision of Captain Molony and Mr. Wetmore, the Sunday School was handsomely decorated.

(5) BENEVOLENT AND CHARITABLE OBJECTS—First, the Poor Fund. This has been heavily drawn upon this year, and the greatest care is taken in the distribution. Two precautions are always taken by the clergy.

1. Money is rarely given, if ever. Instead of money a

printed order blank is filled in by the Rector or Mr. Skey for coal or groceries.

2. Work is always required, if not as an equivalent, at least as a guarantee of good faith, and a guard against idleness and imposition. This year ninety per cent. of the groceries and coal orders were *earned* by work done by the men and women in and about the Church. A short time ago the Fund was, very low, but fortunately has been placed in good condition by a certain unpaid amount due to the Rector from the Reynolds' bequest that was obtained by the vigilance of Mr. C. C. Blackadar.

2. THE DISTRICT VISITORS.—This Society is a valuable aid to the clergy, and its members, who are all ladies, go to various parts of the Parish and report at the monthly meeting cases of sickness and distress. They have a library of linen bound books which they take to lend to those who are able to read.

3. THE HOSPITAL VISITORS.—This is a very excellent work, and often are the praises sung of the St. Paul's ladies who go regularly through the wards with kind words and gifts of flowers and delicacies.

Twice have they given also with the hearty approval of Hospital authorities, and to the great delight and comfort of the patients, a concert and literary entertainment.

4. THE XMAS. SURPRISE.—This is a very happy work of benevolence, consisting of gifts for the poor on Xmas. Eve. Gifts in kind to the value of about \$300. are sent in, poultry, turkeys, beef, puddings, fruit, candies, toys, clothing, etc., etc., and are carried by young ladies and gentlemen to the homes of the needy in the Parish. We commend this plan to all Parishes as being superior in every way either to a united feast or dinner, or indiscriminate or unorganized beneficence.

(6) SOCIAL.—The chief social organization is the Young Peoples Society, an important factor in the Church's life.

While it permanently seeks to unite the young members of the congregation and to enlist them with enthusiasm into the work of the Church, the work of this Society is congregational; also for twice in the year it draws together all the members of the congregation. This year the meetings have been fairly well attended, and thanks are due not only to the Committee, but to the Hon. A. G. Jones and Capt. Molony for their interesting lectures, and Miss Creighton and Miss Shand for their entertainments, and others.

The Flower Committee and its work :

This is one of the best works done in the Parish. The Committee consists of young ladies who assemble (during the summer months) at 3 on Tuesday afternoon and tie up the flowers sent in into bunches and take them, with an appropriate scripture text card to the homes of the sick. The work is carried on all the year round.

The Social Gatherings.—Other social gatherings of great interest and helpfulness are the feasts given to the children of the S. Paul's Alms House, and also the poor children of the Parish during the winter.

(7) MISSIONARY.—This may be divided as it is in Acts 1-8 and always should be into four heads.

1. Home and City Missionary Work.—This as has been shewn is being ably carried on by our own efficient Missionary, Mr. Winfield, thus shewing that we believe most certainly in the adage that charity begins at home. Our city as well as our Parish thus has a Home Evangelistic Mission Work right in the very centre of its busy life. Certain members of St. Paul's contribute to support this over \$750.00 a year.

2. DIOCESAN.—This work also is carried out effectively in a three-fold manner.

1. By the support of a missionary in the eastern part of the Diocese, Mr. Gay, of Country Harbour, who has seven stations and does practically the work of a clergyman. His

stipend of about \$500.00 is raised by the St. Paul's Church Mite Society, of which Miss Tremaine is Treasurer.

2. By the C. and C. C. S., of which the Rector is ex-officio Chairman, to which the congregation subscribe so liberally, giving about \$700.00 a year.

3. By the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions, of which several of our St. Paul's ladies are prominent members.

(3) DOMESTIC OR CANADIAN.—This we support through our Sunday School, and also by our collection on the Sunday after Ascension Day. Several of the ladies also assisted Mr. Rogers of Winnepeg in this work.

(4) FOREIGN.—1. The St. Paul's Missionary Society.—It was a great joy to me when on Nov. 2nd our St. Paul's Church had its first Missionary Meeting. Stimulated by the visits of Mr. Hamilton and the Hon. Miss Sugden we started a Missionary Society, which holds its meetings monthly in the Argyle Hall the last Friday of each month.

St. Paul's Church now has a native worker in the Foreign Field under the Rev. Mr. Hamilton (late of Wycliffe College) in Japan. Thus by proxy we are preaching the gospel in foreign lands.

2. The Zenana Workers.—The Zenana Workers is another Missionary organization which, under the able superintendance of Miss Lordly, does a good work and enlists the love and service of the young, who assemble every second Tuesday for Missionary work.

(8) GENERAL.—1. The Parish Paper.—This Paper under the name of the Parish and Home, edited by graduates of Wycliffe College is worthy of our support. Its circulation is now 150—should be 250.

2. The Choir.—The Choir and the Organist of the Church have been doing good work of late, and the people of the

Church may be justly proud of the service and the attractive and edifying style of the music. There are now in the Choir about 12 boys, 18 ladies, and 8 men.

3. THE USHERS.—Attention is due to the work of the Ushers of the Church. Their efficiency and regularity is a matter that deserves praise.

4. GIFTS.—The handsome brass Lectern presented to the Church by Mrs. Norman Ritchie in memory of her beloved sister Mrs. Albro, was put in the Church for Easter. It's a most valuable gift and adorns the Church. Other gifts will, I trust, soon follow.

The chancel window to be presented by Mr. Thos. Ritchie, in memory of his Father, the late Judge Ritchie, is expected to arrive in June.

5. NEW WORKS.—Among the new works required, and in prospect are :

1. The Boy's Brigade, or Church Lad's Brigade—an organization to hold the boys, and interest them in the church for good.

2. The King's Daughters—an organization of young ladies corresponding somewhat to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

3. The Saving's Society or Bank for the Poor—which has not yet been started though long talked of, and sorely needed.

OBITUARY.—Our losses by death this year has been serious. In the spring and summer of '92 Mrs. Nelson, the wife of our respected churchmember, Mr. Nelson, Water St.; Miss Leliah Almon, daughter of Hon. Dr. Almon; Mr. Salter, Senior, and his son Mr. Ben. Salter; Mr. A. Rhind; Mr. Twining; Mr. Gough; Miss Godfrey and a large number of children. Only within the last few weeks we have lost two of our oldest and most generous members—Mr. Marvin and Mr. Pallister, and since this Mr. Sheraton, Father of the Rev. Canon Sheraton of Wycliffe College, and Miss Sheraton our earnest Church worker.

We have lost by removal also several families—amongst others the family of Mr. King, Mrs. LaMotte, Mr. James, Mr. Brown, Mr. McLeod, Mr. R. D. Taylor, Mrs. Rhind.

VI. FINANCIAL.—Before closing this brief review I desire to say a few words about the debt on St. Paul's Church.

At the present time our debts amount to something over \$7000.00, of which the items are as follows :

\$1000.00 Glebe Principal. This is money that was *borrowed* from the Glebe Fund for repairs to Argyle Hall during Dr. Hill's time, of which not one cent has ever been repaid.

\$1946.77 Clarke's Estate. This is money that was *borrowed* twenty-five years ago to put on the wings of St. Paul's. It almost looks as if the Vestry in these days thought that Rom. 13-8. had nothing to do with a Church for this debt still hangs over us.

\$2000.00 Trinity Church Debt. \$2000.00 *borrowed* from the Musher Fund years ago to pay an amount due on account of Trinity Church, and never repaid.

\$2000.00 Duncan Estate. This represents a sum paid the late Rector over and above his salary, which *has never been paid by the people of St. Paul's, though borrowed only for one year.* Three years have passed since that time, and not the slightest effort has been made to pay it, save some \$350.00 contributed within the last two years.

Thus of the \$7000.00 now lying over us a great weight, \$2000.00 has been there for twenty-five years without anyone making any effort to pay it, \$3000.00 is a debt of many years standing, while \$2000.00 (the Duncan Estate money) ought either to have been raised then and there, or else not paid at all.

But there they are; and we are morally bound to pay them as members of the Church.

The question is what are we to do?

First of all let us manfully grapple with the fact that these debts *must be paid*, and *we must* all do it. When over a year

ago the Rector offered to pay \$1.00 a Sunday towards paying these debts, he supposed that by his example the spirit of the people would have been roused to give also, but so far nothing has been done in this way. I propose then that a special quarterly collection by envelope be taken up for this purpose. One gentleman has promised \$25.00 a quarter. With \$250.00 a quarter all will be cleared off in seven years.

But I must here say that it is my firm conviction that the special collections should not be done away with.

Experience has proved that the congregations who give most to Missions, Home and Foreign, raise most for their own necessities. These calls will always be made as long as the love of God is in the world, and we must answer them as long as the love of God is in our hearts.

As to the financial future of St. Paul's I have no fears. There is willingness, and with God's help there will be ability. But we need co-operation, system and a vigilant extension of the envelope system.

Let me earnestly plead with every regular member of the congregation to contribute through the weekly envelope.

With regard to the proposed renovation of the interior of our Church, it is for the present unavoidably delayed, and the money already paid exclusively for this fund lies in the Bank on special deposit; but I trust that *by the desire and effort* of the people it will soon be accomplished, making this time honoured structure what it should be, the finest, and grandest, and most attractive church in the land.

In conclusion let me say :

That we must never forget the great work of a Church is after all to save souls, and build up Christians on their most holy faith. To this end all and everything must be subordinated. For this prayer must unceasingly be made, both for clergy and brethren in the Lord, for only where is there the blessing of God is there prosperity. For this also love must be exercised that we may be one in God. The great

need of the Church is the *work* of God the Holy Ghost. May we seek this and obtain it, to the glory of His name to whom be all the praise—Christ Jesus our Lord.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DYSON HAGUE,

Rector.

I append a list of our offerings from Easter, 1892, to Easter 1893 :—

1. CHURCH.

Envelopes and collections (50 Sundays)..... \$ 5840 03

2. CHARITABLE.

For the Poor	\$ 390 00
Alms House	690 00
Dispensary.....	104 00
Working Society	103 00
Xmas gifts (in kind) valued at.....	300 00
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	\$ 1597 00

3. PAROCHIAL.

Stipend and expenses of Lay Reader and Evangelist	\$ 750 00
Sunday School (for Missions, Alms House, &c.)	261 45
Sunday School Library	95 48
Work on Cemetery	30 13
Sunday School expenses Picnic.....	123 50
For the Church Mission.....	43 50
Contributors to Church Decoration, Cash	467 78
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	\$ 1771 34

4. DIOCESAN.

Colonial and Continental Church Society	579 00	
Our Missionary at Country Harbour	575 00	
For Church at Beckerton	200 00	
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	203 75	
For Clergy of Diocese (including B. H. M. Clergy) and others	237 14	
Offerings to Trinity Church (individuals)	360 00	
" S. Matthias	100 00	
Also private offerings to Church W. M. S.		_____ \$ 2254 89

5. DOMESTIC (MISSIONS IN DOMINION OF CANADA.)

Domestic Missions, Algoma, etc	255 41	
Ruperts' Land	260 00	
Sabrevoix	75 00	
St. John's, Newfoundland	200 00	
		_____ \$ 790 41

6. FOREIGN.

Lond. Society for Jews	75 00	
Foreign Missions (Japan, etc)	344 60	
Zenana Missions	50 00	
		_____ \$ 469 60

7. GENERAL.

Wycliffe College	350 00
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SUMMARY.

For Church expenses	5840 03
For Charitable, Missi nary and other objects.	7233 24
Total	_____ \$13,073 27