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PARISH NOTES.

The annual elections at the Parish meeting of Easter Monday, of which a detailed report will be found elsewhere, will long be remembered in the history of our Church. Those who look at the list printed upon our first page and compare it with recent memory, will recall the well-known lines about the old order changing, giving place to new. And the first impression will doubtless include regret with other feelings. Not a few names are found no longer which all would willingly have seen there still, and without any disparagement to their successors. It is a notable break in all the associations of our minds to miss the name of Mr. Ruel at the head of the list, soon after another name, so much beloved and venerated, had also been removed. And there are other names missing, which speak forcibly as to the supreme difficulty of choice among so many excellent candidates. It is no exaggeration to assert that, from the present congregation, not only twelve but twice that number might be closen, of men fit to serve adequately upon the representative council of any church. The voters experienced what has been called the "embarrassment of riches," and the poll, in which every one of the twentyone candidates received a fair number of votes, proved conclusively that no canvassing had taken place, but that all voted according to personal choice. We may be permitted to express the hope that these obvious causes will only for a time deprive us of the valuable services of Mr. Sadleir, Mr. Hanington, and Mr. G. W. Jones. The name of Mr. Masters was withdrawn at his own request, on account of his frequent absences from the city. It was suggested by Mr. Jarvis that it might be a good thing if a certain number of places on the Vestry were vacated annually by rotation, and certainly this might contribute towards a constant vitality of interest, without unduly impairing our working strength. But turning from such considerations to our present situation, we can welcome the new Council of the Church as truly representative both of experience and of youthful energy. Our new Churchwardens bring to their post a knowledge of parish work, gained from experience of past years in the Vestry. Both have served constantly upon important committees, and we may add that in both the Rector finds friends and counsellors from whom he will receive much needed sympathy and help in the work of the parish.

it will cheer the hearts of all to find the names of Daniel and Ruel, if no longer in the old place, yet continuing honored memories by those who will themselves contribute by individual capacity in no small degree.

The Young Men's Association which (except in debates) has seemed of late to be somewhat quiescent, now assumes a position in the parish which brings responsibility as well as distinction. There is plenty of work before them. Our Sunday School needs more male teachers. The boys require supervision and encouragement in their summer amusements. The Sunday School picnic will be again under their sole management, and should not fall behind the prosperous memories of former years. The Young Men's Association itself needs recruits, and reorganisation of its work.

In other columns will be found mention of our musical services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, of the Confirmation, and of the completion of the monuments erected to the memory of our late Rector and Churchwarden. The Girls' and Boys' associations held their annual meetings, and elected officers for the ensuing summer. In every department of parish life signs of hopeful activity are obvious, and we believe that God's blessing will be upon us this year in the work that lies before us.

A CHURCH'S MEMORIES.

At the request of several members of the congregation who were unavoidably absent on Sunday evening last, a portion of the Rector's sermon, referring to the recently erected monuments, is here given :

"This day you see a new feature on the accustomed walls. We have placed there, with the unanimous assent of the congregation, a simple but durable memorial of two men who served God in this parish, each in his own station. The faithful minister and the faithful layman are commemorated on our walls ; and for years yet to come their example shall stir up their successors to live as they lived for the glory of God and the good of others.

No words of praise are there inscribed, only the number of their years of life and service. For their works live after them, and they being dead, still speak to us. May there never be a monument placed here which shall be the outward token of any other spirit but that of gratitude and respect. Even Westminster Abbey suffers now from the culpable compliances of the past; tawdry monuments of titled mediocrities or of ignoble placemen occupy space which now the guardians would fain give to departed genius. And when our walls have many monuments, and our windows are pictured with memorials of friends departed, let them be worthy of those whose names were first placed here,-the good and faithful servants, now in rest and peace, awaiting the full and perfect consummation of happiness when Christ shall come in His glory.

Each church, like each society, has its type of character. Not unchangeable-for change is the lot of all earthly things There are no less than six new members of the Vestry, and —but developing slowly and normally, as more light comes

to us. This building is different from the first edifice raised in 1824; and when the chancel was added, perhaps some of the older worshippers regretted the change, because it was a breach (however beneficial) in old associations.

This building is not ancient, as we reckon antiquity, but for a young country it already has its history in the city and diocese. It has already honorable memories both of those who ministered, and those who worshipped. May their memories be perpetuated, in years yet to come, in that living work which is itself the most durable monument and the most devout worship.

May God bless His house. May He be ever present in our worship. May He ever inspire our prayers and praises, and may His truth be faithfully taught.

And then, beyond these walls, there is the prospect, dim as yet, only partly realized, as in the pictures of the Revelation, of a city without a sun, and without a temple.

Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.'

Nor has it need of sun nor moon,--- "for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.""

IN MEMORIAM.

Georgiana Perley.

There can have been but few in our congregation who did not experience a pang of sorrow on hearing that a young life, dear to so many friends and acquaintances, had ended. It had been a life of much sorrow. First bereavement, so sudder and so soon; then the slow oncoming of disease; at last the certainty that the end was at hand. From first to last, all troubles were borne with that gentle, even cheerful, resignation which belongs to the Christian profession, yet enters so rarely into the Christian experience. As a Sundayschool teacher she possessed the highest qualifications, intelligence, knowledge, love for children, piety, and it was with reluctance, and only when exertion of voice became painful and dangerous, that she at last resigned her class. What she was in the circle at home, the inner sphere of Christianity, where so many eager devotees fail disastrously,-that we presume not to describe. But those who saw her in those last sad days, when life was ebbing, learned from her a lesson of Christian resignation never to be forgotten. And when, on that sad morning, we stood around the bed of approaching death, and uttered the commendatory prayer of the Church of England, the warnings and the consolations of that prayer came home to the hearts of each one of us.

THE EASTER MEETING.

A somewhat larger number of seat-holders assembled on Easter Monday for the purpose of electing Churchwardens and Vestrymen for the ensuing year. The reason why many prominent seat-holders are absent on these occasions may be supposed to be the belief that all is going on very well, and that suitable elections will be made in any case. The evil of this is not merely an apparent lack of interest in the gov-

ernment of the Church, but in the possibility that the persons elected might not in reality represent the choice of the congregation. Such evils, however, were not to be found in the present instance. From first to last a spirit of harmony prevailed, and the unanimous desire to choose those men who might best be qualified to govern our parish.

The Rector, after offering prayer, opened the proceedings with a brief address. He spoke of the vacant place which it was impossible for them to fill, that of the late Mr. Daniel, who left a monument in their memories more durable even than that which will soon be erected in the Church. Speaking of the functions of Vestrymen, the Rector expressed the belief that an ideal Parish-council should be like a cabinet, where each member brought a special qualification, and was responsible for some particular work. He ventured to take credit to himself for success in persuading the members of the Vestry to assume charge respectively of the Sunday-But that place of joy needs no temple, for 'the Lord God' school and of the Parish Library. Another had long exercised the office of Almoner, not to mention those who were appointed to work on Committees of Finance and Buildiugs. Referring to the past year, he took occasion to mention one incident which had marred the harmony of parish life, and concerning which s me serious misrepresentations had been current. An officer of the Young Men's Association, acting under the authority of the Vestry, and as representative of the Rector, had been called upon to repress an exhibition of disorder. It is very easy to criticize from an arm-chair those who are called upon to act in emergencies ; it is such a cheap wisdom to conclude that "something was to be said on both sides"; but he (the Rector) felt bound to state that, in his opinion, after considering all the evidence, the measures taken were fully justified, and the reprimand publicly given he would have uttered himself. If, as he trusted in future, some members of the Vestry were always present at every meeting held in their rooms, possibilities of disorder would be absolutely prevented.

> The Vestry Clerk was then called upon to read a letter received from Mr. J. R. Ruel. Its contents were as follows :--

EASTER MONDAY, April 18, '92.

The Rector and Congregation of St. John's Church.

GENTLEMEN : I have served continuously as a member of the Vestry of this Church since its incorporation in 1853. I therefore now desire to retire, and beg that I may not be renominated to office this evening.

I can assert most confidently that I have striven unceasingly during that long period of time (as some of you can Lear witness), to promote the welfare of the Church, discharging my whole duty, according to the light given to me, to the utmost of my ability.

Gratefully remembering, and thanking you now for the almost unanimous support I have received from time to time in electing me to office, and praying that the Divine blessing may ever rest upon my successors and upon the Rector and upon the whole congregation,

I remain, your grateful servant,

(Signed) J. R. RUEL. 3

A resolution expressing the regret felt by the congregation at Mr. Ruel's decision to retire, and the general and warm sense of the value of his long and faithful services, was proposed subsequently by Mr. W. M. Jarvis and seconded by Mr. George F. Smith The Rector, in putting the motion, paid a tribute to Mr. Ruel's zealous labors on behalf of the parish, and invited the congregation to testify their assent to the motion by acclamation. This was done, all present rising as the motion was put.

On nominations being called for, the names of Col. J. R. Armstrong and Mr. W. H. Merritt were proposed as Churchwardens, and, no other candidates being nominated, were declared duly elected. The nominations for the Vestry were numerous, no less than twenty-one names being proposed. After the scrutineers had departed to count the votes, opportunity was offered for the discussion of general topics.

Mr. George E. Fairweather moved, seconded by Mr. J. R. Armstrong, the resolution referred to in the last number of the CHURCH RECORD. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Jarvis, the second portion (expressing a wish for the eventual establishment of free seats) was omitted, and the resolution then passed by a large majority:

"That the Vestry be instructed not to sell in future any pews now belonging to the Corporation, and (so far as possible) to obtain possession of all pews which are offered for sale."

The tellers now returned, and the Rector declared the result of the election for the Vestry. The names will be found on our first page. It happened that three names were bracketed with an equal number of votes for the last two places, and it might have been needful to take a ballot. This was obviated by the expressed willingness of two out of the three (the other being absent), to give way, a courteous rivalry which ended in the removal of one name,-we trust only for a short time.

The representatives of the Parish for the Diocesan Church Society were also chosen at this meeting, Messrs. Herbert Wardroper and G. G. Ruel being appointed delegates, and Messrs. Sadleir and G. W. Jones substitutes.

CHURCH NEWS.

The tidings that two of our city clergy, Mr. Geare and Mr. Hudgell, had succumbed to the pressure of over-work, was received with much sorrow by all their brethren. Mr. Geare's kindliness and courtesy had endeared him to many beyond the limits of his flock, and it is our hope that a much-needed rest will soon restore him to full vigor.

The following letter, which will be read with the deepest interest, has been sent by the Metropolitan of Canada to the clergy of the diocese of Fredericton .

BISHOPSCOTE, Feb. 23rd, 1892. MY DEAR BRETHREN: You know that some years since I thought it prudent, in view of a possible failure of health and strength on my part, to obtain the assistance of a Co-

impeded. It has pleased God to take from me some portion of the strength that then remained, and I feel no longer able to undertake the laborious journeys which, up to a later period, God gave me strength to perform. Painful as if is to me to abridge any part of my former duty, I am obliged, at the age of eighty-seven, to ask you to consult with the Coadjutor as to any confirmations for the coming year, and as to the administrative work of the Diocese in general, reserving to myself such work as is practicable for a man in my present condition. You will, I feel assured, not set this down to any want of affection or earnestness on my part, and will help me with your kind words and earnest prayers, that what remains of my life may be spent to the glory of God, and to the good of the Church, over which the Lord hath made me an overseer.

Praying for a blessing on what has been done, and what remains to be done. I remain,

Your faithful and affectionate friend,

JOHN FREDERICTON.

The Clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton.

Our readers will have heard of the removal of the Rothesay Collegiate School to the admirably situated residence formerly occupied by Mr. C. H. Fairweather. Every promise seems to be held forth that the Church School of New Brunswick will speedily obtain the fulfilment of all our hopes. Mr. Lloyd expects soon to obtain the assistance of two ordained masters, one of whom the Rector proposes to engage as his assistant on Sunday at St. John's Church. We are sure that all true Churchmen in our diocese will rejoice at the development of this excellent institution, so long needed in our province, and Mr. Lloyd's appeal for support should at least meet with not less efficient a response than that which was recently given to the colleges in another province.

The most remarkable incident of late in England, as far as Church affairs are concerned, has been the sermon upon Reunion preached by the Archdeacon of London at St. Paul's, in which Dr. Sinclair upheld the well-known views of such authorities as Jewell, Hooker, Bancroft, Hall and Cosin, in declaring Episcopacy to be necessary to the well-being, but not to the being of a Church, and that therefore the absence of an Episcopal succession should not of itself prevent our intercourse with other Christian communities. It may be mentioned, without presumption, that our Rector quoted the same authorities to the same effect, in a sermon preached before the University of Cambridge seven years ago, urging the duty of intercourse between the Church of England and the Reformed Church of France. Modern High Churchmen, of whom it may be said in all charity that they seem singularly ignorant of the writings of the great Anglican theologians, have to learn now that such opinions are simply those truths which the Church of England has always adjutor, in order that the work of the Diocese might not be endorsed, in the mouths of her most eminent teachers.

CHURCH MUSIC.

Various difficulties prevented our musical forces from presenting any large work since Christmas, but it was understood that special efforts would be made to render the performance of Easter music worthy of the reputation which our choir has obtained.

On Good Friday, as in former years, Mr. Ford arranged the "Story of the Passion," taken on this occasion from the Gospel of St. Matthew, for choir and congregation, on the model of the primitive oratorios when chorales were interspersed to be sung by all present.

The prelude was a striking piece of "programme-music" of modern type, in which the leading features of the narrative were depicted, and in which the Choir entered with a "plainsong," well contrasted with the elaborate accompaniment of the organ. This prelude was much enjoyed, and will need further hearing in order that it may be still more fully appreciated. Mr. Ford's other composition was a setting of the well-known words, "When I survey the wondrous Cross," as a solo for soprano, admirably rendered by Mrs. Carter.

Mr. Lindsay sang the tenor solo, "Our Blest Redeemer," from Farmer's Cantata, "Christ and His Soldiers," very smoothly and expressively. A chorus from the same work, "Ride on, Ride on, in Majesty," was given by the choir, and was sung with good attack and attention to shading throughout.

Perhaps the best effort of the evening was Miss Hea's rendering of the aria, "He was Despised and Rejected," from "The Messiah." Miss Hea gave every word of the text in a manner which brought all its pathos home to her hearers. Mr. Ford's accompaniment also added much to the solemn effect of the sacred words of the solo.

The Quartette, "God so loved the World," from Stainer's "Crucifixion," although a beautiful piece of writing, was hardly so successfully sung as some of the other numbers. The voices were not balanced evenly enough to blend perfectly-The hymns, with which the service was interspersed, were sung with fairly good effect, although the choir has not yet succeeded in obtaining that broad, sustained tone, so necessary for effectual choral singing. The service concluded with the hymn "Hail, Thou once despised Jesus," which was sung by choir and congregation with a heartiness not often heard. The last verse was in unison with free organ accompaniment. Although perhaps not so attractive from a musical standpoint as the service given last Good Friday, when Stainer's "Crucifixion" was sung, this service was quite as impressive and perhaps had even more dignity in its simplicity.

Mr. Ford furnishes us with the following notes upon the Easter music: At morning service Morley's Te Deum and Vincent's Anthem, "As it began to Dawn." were the chief attractions. For the evening service were reserved Lohr's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis and Stainer's Anthem, "Awake thou that sleepest." It would have been difficult to have selected a better Te Deum. The composer's thorough knowledge of the "King of Instruments" well fitted and Miss Lilian Markham those of painting,

him for such a production. Throughout the organ has a more than usually interesting part, but the voices are never allowed to sink into insignificance.

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" As it began to dawn " was given at an Easter service two years ago. The repetition of such a work, however, is not a matter for apology. A thorough appreciation of the text from beginning to end is judiciously preserved, and a skilful musician has exercised his art with the most gratifying results.

The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, though not particularly elaborate, served as a becoming contrast. Their simplicity of construction, well ordered diatonic harmonies and altogether devotional character making them very acceptable.

Stainer's powerful anthem, with its vigorous outbursts of vocal harmony and stirring accompaniment, contrasted with sustained and unaccompanied passages, was the most trying work of the day. Though occasionally signs of weakness and want of decision were noticeable, the choir acquitted There was a freshness about the itself very creditably. morning service agreeably surprising. Not for a long time have we been privileged to have such correct intonation. What we would like would be to hear the music interpreted with more freedom and artistic comprehension. As it is, there is too much laborious effort and individuality manifested. It might be possible to lay down one or two rules for the achievement of this object, but I'm afraid too much space has been taken up already.

Regular and punctual attendance at the practices, it is hoped, has not become a thing of the past. Above everything is unanimity of purpose.

Special thanks are due Miss Alice Hea and Miss Louise Skinner for their valuable services on Good Friday and Easter.

S. M. G. A.

Brightness and hilarity, counterbalanced by the relation of stubborn historical facts, continue to mark the meetings for debates of our senior members. So evenly were the merits and demerits of Bonaparte and Wellington brought out by speakers on either side, the hero of Waterloo gained only a majority of one vote.

At a subsequent gathering "The Government and Social Life of Athens and Sparta" was the subject of debate. The angular points of Spartan rule were so adroitly kept in the shade by Miss Macgregor (the leader of the side for Sparta), Miss Mabel Hanington and others, that the listener, for the nonce, was led to imagine that education under the laws of Lycurgus (!) would be rather a desirable state of things. Neverthelcss, the "Eye of Greece" lost none of its ancient lustre as its claims were being urged by Miss Mabel Fairweather, the opener of the debate, as was proved by its receiving an overwhelming majority of votes at the close.

The subject for the next evening is : "Which is the most useful and affords the most lasting pleasure-Music or Painting?" Miss May Ward will introduce the claims of music, J. R. B.

At the general meeting of the Girls' Asst.ciation, held on April 26th, Miss A. DeForest was elected treasurer in the place of Miss A. Puddington, and Miss McKean was chosen secretary in the place of Miss Jarvis. The following were elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing year: Miss Ethel Butt, Miss M. Fairweather, Miss E. Payne, Miss E. Allison, Miss A. Armstrong, Miss H. Perkins,

It was moved by Miss M. Fairweather, seconded by Miss Perkins, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. J. R. Ruel for his kindness in paying Mr. Peters' account, and votes of thanks were also passed to the retiring officers.

JOCK McCRAW.

THE LAY OF A TALL SCOTCH SOLDIER. (Sung by Mr. Lindsny at the Y. M. A. Concert.) In me a sodger ye behold, A stalwarth lad an' brave an' bold, Siccan a maun ye wadna meet Fra Canongate tae Princess street.

When Ah was a lad ma faither said He'd pit me till a decent trade, But the wark wadna suit me ava, Sae Ah tuk the bawb' an' the Forty-twa.

The sairgeant when he 'listed me, He winked his eye and then quo' he : A maun like you sae lean an' tall Could never be struck wi'a cannon ball.

The officer when he cam the roon', He looked me oop an' he looked me doon; Said he to the sairgeant,—Oot, ye scamp, Ye've 'listed Scot's monument oot on a tramp!

When they gaed oot till Ashantee, They a' got licked till they sent for me; When Ah cam' oop wi' ma big gun, The naygurs cut their stick and run.

The Queen she held a gran' review," We numbered twalve thoosan' an' saxty-two, And when the sodgers mairchit past, Jock McCraw he mairchit last ;

The Royal pairty stretched their necks, The Queen she glowered oot of her specks) ' Quo' she to the Colonel; 'Wht! ma fren' McColl, Ah tuk yon man for a telegraph pole!

CHORUS:

The cock may craw, the day may daw, The wind may blaw, the snow may snaw, But ye couldna frichten Jock McCraw, The langest man in the Forty-twa.

THE CHICKEN AND THE FOX.

A FABLE.

An old hen, belonging to a farmer in the country, had a solitary chicken, of which she was very fond. She would hardly let it out of her sight, and was forever warning it not to run far from the hen-coop, because danger might befall it.

One day, Mother Hen was busily engaged with some fine young worms which the rain had brought to the surface, and the little chicken thought it a good opportunity to see something of the world. So she went on and on, past the yard where the coops were placed, into the pasture. There the Jersey cow saw her and said: 'Where are you going, you little mite?' 'I am going to see the world,' replied the chicken; 'my education has been much neglected at home, and I must improve myself.' 'And why can't you learn from your mother?' asked the cow. 'Oh,' said the chicken, 'the goose tells me that my mother knows nothing except picking up food and laying eggs, and that is not the education of a hen now-a-days.'

The cow tossed her head in disdain, and went on eating grass, and the little chicken continued her way until she reached the fence which bounded the farm. The fence was very thick and close, and she could not find any opening, and could not fly over it, for she was so little. At last, through a crevice, she saw an animal with a reddish brown skin, sharp eyes, and a very bushy tail, and she thought she would enquire of him.

'Please, sir,' she said, 'can you tell me how to get through this fence, and which is the way to the school for young hens?' (For she never called herself a chicken.)

'You have come to the right quarter,' said the Fox, for he it was. 'I am the principal of an academy for young poultry of all denominations, and I finish their education so completely that they never want any after I have done with them.' 'And what are your terms?' asked the chicken. 'We will take *you* for nothing,' said the Fox, 'for you look so clever that I am sure you will do me credit.' 'But how shall I get through?' enquired the chicken, now very eager to profit by this liberal offer. 'Come round this way,' replied the fox, 'and there is a place large enough for you to pass.' So the chicken squeezed through the hole in the fence, and went to the fox, who immediately gobbled her up, feathers, bones, and all.

MORAL': (For little girls to find out.)

TINA.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

At a special meeting of the new Vestry, held on Friday, Aprill 22, the following appointments were made :---

FINANCE COMMITTEE-Messrs. G. F. Smith (Chairman), G. A. Knodell, W. H. Merritt, F. W. Daniel, G. E. Fairweather.

BUILDINUS AND LAND-Messrs. J. R. Armstrong, W. K. Crawford, W. M. Jarvis, R. B. Emerson, A. T. Thorne, A. W. Adams, G. G. Ruel.

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PEWS AND SITTINGS.—Messrs. W. H. Merritt, J. A. Belyea, G. L. Robinsou, A. T. Thorne.

CHURCH MUSIC.—The Rector, Messrs. G. F. Smith, J. R. Armstrong, W. M. Jarvis, G. E. Fairweather, G. L Robinson. Additional Members—Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mr. G. C. Coster, Mr. J. S. Ford, Mr. F. H. Ruel.

CHARITABLE RELIEF-The Rector, and Mr. W. K. Crawford.

Messrs. W. M. Jarvis and J. R. Armstrong were elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod, with Messrs. G. E. Fairweather and W. K. Crawford as substitutes. In place of Messrs. A. W. Adams and F. W. Daniel, who are now members of the Vestry, Messrs. T. B. Hanington and W. H. B. Sadleir were appointed auditors for the ensuing year. A letter was read from Rev. W. O. Raymond enclosing an account of the sums received from our Poor Fund, which showed a balance in hand, and expressing his willingness that the amount should be reduced from one-third to one-fifth of the offertory. Some discussion took place, which resulted in a resolution, moved by Mr. W. M. Jarvis, being carried, to the effect that an annual payment of \$120 be made to the Rector of St. Mary's from our alms fund.

The Rite of Confirmation was administered in our Church on St. Mark's Day by the Bishop Coadjutor. A good congregation was present, and the following were received into the full membership of the Church :--

Harold Allison, James Allison, Frederick Keator, Stephen Payne, Marie M. Boyce, Marguerite Ellis, Edna Titus, Muriel Carr,

Alice Dickson, Florence Cowan, Annie Anderson, Alice Addison, Bessie Melick, Maude Golding, Maude Skinner, Louise Clift, May Robinson.

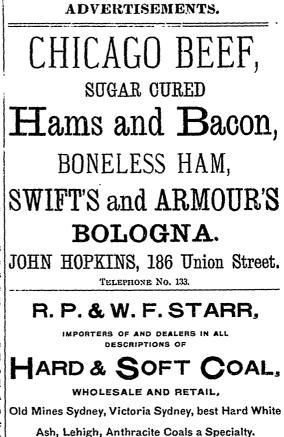
The committee appointed to select a fitting memorial to be erected to the memory of our late (hurchwarden and Rector, decided in favor of marble tablets, as most in harmony with the general appearance of the Church. The commission has been entrusted to Mr. Seaton of this city, and by the time this number is in the hands of our readers the monuments themselves will be affixed to the walls of our Church. We believe that they will be thought worthy of their object and of their surroundings.

The concert given last Tuesday under the auspices of the Young Men's Association, redeemed their pledges to original ticket-holders in a manner with which the latter have no reason to be dissatisfied. A rather short notice prevented some from being present, but those who attended enjoyed a rich musical treat. Mrs. Black (who had kindly come from Fredericton) was in excellent voice, and her two solos were much appreciated. Mrs. Carter scored a great success with three charming little songs by a new composer, Miss Mar-

garet Lang, who seems destined to occupy a high place among song-writers. Space only suffers us to refer to Mrs. Allison's readings from Schiller and Browning, to Mr. Coster's effective rendering of the *buffo* solo from Ivanhoe, to the pianoforte playing by Miss Goddard and Mr. Ford, and last but not least, to Mr. Lindsay's performance of the Scotch song, "Jock McCraw." It is not vanity to attest that an entertainment so successful, and produced at such short notice, does great credit to our musical resources.

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On Sunday afternoon, April 10th, the long expected gift of the Junior Girls was formally handed over to the Superintendent. It was admitted by all that Messrs. Howe had succeeded admirably in their design, and the desk and chairs will long remain an ornament worthy of the beautiful room which contains them. There is still a portion of the cost to be defrayed, and we understand that plans are being framed which are likely to extinguish the debt before long. Miss Seely has been added to the managing committee, while another name appeared lately in a new form, amid the hearty congratulations of all.



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