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Rector's Annual Report—Easter, 1896.

THIS IS MY SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT as the Rector of this Parish, and I feel constrained at the outset to thank God for His goodness in giving me the requisite health and strength for the duties of one of the most arduous years in my ministry.

The year that has passed is one for which we all have reason to be grateful. In spite of many drawbacks the congregations have kept up to the former high average. The number of Communicants is still increasing. The interest in missionary work has deepened. The contributions of the people have been very large, larger even than last year. New families are constantly being added to the Church. And what is, perhaps, one of the best tests of a Church's prosperity, the Sunday School has grown to dimensions that four or five years ago would have seemed almost impossible.

This success may under God be attributed, I think, mainly to three things :

First, the plain, clear, and straightforward preaching of a simple and practical Christianity.

Second, the plain, simple and practical style of the services of the Church.

Third, the hearty co-operation of a number of earnest and devoted Church members.

These must, I think, be acknowledged as the main reasons for the growing power of St. Paul's Church in the community. New names are continually being added to the Church list, and we are continually being told of families and individuals who would like to be attached to it as members, and desire a visit from the clergy. What is this something in the preaching and the services of St. Paul's that gives it such a continued attraction to so many people? It is its evangelical preaching, and its unadorned services. It is, we are persuaded, its simplicity, and plainness, and heartiness. It is because the people know that when they come there they will hear preaching they can understand and profit by, and a service they can participate in, and enjoy.

We have still over 600 families on the Church register, and a somewhat larger number of individuals than last year, and I am glad to say that the Brotherhood of St. Andrew are going to make a special effort to obtain the names of many of the young men who regularly attend St. Paul's Church, and occupy seats in the gallery, whose names are not yet on our Church register.

The great trouble with our Church is that we have such a large class of what may be called "casual" members. That is they attend St. Paul's Church, when they do attend any, and belong to St. Paul's Church in the sense that they want to be visited by St. Paul's clergy when they are sick, and to be helped by St. Paul's Church when they are poor, and expect to be buried by the St. Paul's Church clergy when they die, but are little or no acquisition either to the giving or working force of the Church.

And yet, is not this class, the very class for which the Church exists, nay more, those members of the body who seem to be more feeble are necessary. The strong, active, and healthy members have no need; no need either of clerical visits, or the anxiety of Church workers. But these have. They need us, and we need them. And if every member of the Church would make it his and her work to have the same care one for the other, and to look up the member absent from the seat next to his or hers in Church, and visit on the way to Church the absent, or indifferent one, these "casuals" would soon be changed into regulars. and, our Church would prosper with a prosperity that would simply startle us.

Clerical Duties.

The duties of the clergy have been, if possible, more enacting than last year, as the statistics of work to be presently given will show. Your clergy do indeed feel a deep feeling of thankfulness to God for the past that they have enjoyed on the whole uninterrupted measure of health, and that in spite of the great physical, and mental, and what is by far the greatest but the least capable of being described or understood, the great spiritual strain upon their bodies they have been enabled to perform all the diversified and onerous duties of their office.

The services, and meetings, in the Parish of St. Paul's are as you know almost unending. With so many burials and baptisms, marriages, committees and societies, services in Church, and services in the Hall, Communion services in houses, and funeral services at the grave yard, and the necessary planning and preparation for these, it is a wonder to me some times that our mistakes and omissions are not greater than they have been. Were it not for the grace of God, we would have neither strength, nor heart, nor wisdom.

During the past year we have introduced a service that has proved of great spiritual benefit, the Friday prayer service. It is held at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon in the Argyle Hall, and after the Litany a simple and informal service is continued in which requests for prayer are taken up, and prayer may be offered by any one present. No one is ever asked to lead in prayer, but any one can, if he or she feels led by the Spirit to do so.

I shall now give a summary of the work of clergy :

THE RECTOR—I have conducted or taken part in	508 services.
“ preached	110 sermons.
“ delivered	228 addresses.
“ attended	214 meetings.
“ paid	793 visits.
Solemnized 18 marriages, 37 funerals and 36 baptisms.	

The public clerical duties of my assistants have been as follows :

REV. N. I. PERRY—Services	334
Sermons	87
Addresses	182
Meetings	313
Visits	871
6 weddings, 14 funerals and 18 baptisms.	

I would again put on record my sense of the very valuable labours of the Rev. N. I. Perry, whose earnest and painstaking services have, I am sure, won for him the esteem, and confidence of all the parishioners. As far as possible we divide all the labours of the parish, and I trust that the congregation will more and more regard the assistants of the church as their pastors, and will appreciate whatever work is done by them.

The Rev. F. H. W. Archbold is now one of the regularly licensed curates of St. Paul's Parish, and though Mr. Arch-

bold performs his services gratuitously, his labours are most valuable, and deserve the heartiest gratitude of the parishoners of St. Paul's. I desire to acknowledge with pleasurable gratitude his assistance both in the reading desk and in the pulpit, and his unfailing willingness to help the cause of the church in every way. Mr. Archbold in addition to his services in St. Paul's gives valuable aid to many city and country churches in the Diocese, and is as ministerially busy as many of the clergy.

The Rev. E. Softley, is also a licensed curate of St. Paul's, and the officiating minister of St. Matthias' where for over a year he has performed excellent service, and done a good work. On account of domestic reasons, Mr. Softley is compelled to return to the Diocese of Huron, and has handed me his resignation. I trust that an equally earnest and sound churchman will be secured as his successor. St. Matthias is now making a strong effort to put itself on a self-sustaining basis, and the evident marks of improvement and growth should call forth our hearty interest.

The services of Mr. Winfield our parish lay-evangelist have been as follows:

Number of	Systematic visits.....	3009	} Average attendance.
"	Incidental visits.....	2110	
"	Evangelistic Meetings.....	156	} 150.
"	Temperance Meetings.....	52	
"	Bible Class Meetings.....	52	} Average 18.
"	Church Services.....	217	
"	Other Meetings.....	76	
"	Services at St. Matthias....	5	
"	" Trinity.....	1	
"	" New Glasgow....	1	
"	" Eastern Passage..	20	
"	" Liscombe.....	13	
"	" Beckerton.....	3	
"	" *Funerals.....	2	
	Total Abstinence Pledges...	75	

Professed a change of heart and life...	200
Situations secured for Men.....	25
“ “ Women.....	15
“ “ Servants.....	7

During the last year we have been assisted by not a few other clergy from the City and Diocese, and from distant parts, amongst whom are the following :

The Rev. F. W. R. Bacon, of Blandford ; the Rev. H. Price, the Rev. Percy Grubb, and the Rev. T. A. Townend, of England ; the Rev. Dr. Maury and the Rev. E. T. Roke, of the United States ; the Rev. Canon Mockridge, the Rev. Rev. L. E. Skey our former assistant, the Rev. F. H. Fatt, the Rev. R. P. McKim, the Rev. R. T. Taylor, the Rev. B. Bryan, the Rev. Geo. Rogers, and the Rev. J. O. Stringer, from various Dioceses in our Dominion ; the Rev. F. Wilkinson, the Rev. Mr. Edwards, and the Rev. W. J. Ancient, and others from our Diocese ; and most of the city clergy ; and last but not least our Bishop whose visits to St. Paul's are most cordially appreciated, and whose heartfelt preaching especially after the mission will long be remembered. In addition to the above I desire to give my cordial thanks to the many laymen of our church who occasionally assist in reading the lessons, etc., in the church, Mr. C. A. Evans, Mr. A. deB. Tremaine, Mr. R. J. Wilson, Mr. Hiltz, and Mr. Curtis of H. M. S. Magicienne.

This year we had the pleasure of hearing in St. Paul's church a world-famed layman of the Church of England, Mr. Eugene Stock, and also Dr. Wilfred Grenfell the devoted and energetic director of the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen on the North Sea, on the shores of our own Labrador.

The most notable events in the past year have been :

1. The Church renovation.
2. The Hay-Aitken Mission
3. The Confirmation.
4. The visits of the Rev. Mr. Stringer, the Rev. H. S. Phillips, and the Rev. Mr. Grubb, Mr. Stock and Miss Hankin.

(I.) The Church Renovation.

After arduous and careful preparation, the long expected work was commenced under the direction of a special committee of the Vestry, the Rector, the Wardens, and Messrs. Dimock, Mathers, Harris, and E. T. Mahon. Our local decorators the Messrs. Harrison, had charge of the colour work, the scheme of which had been prepared by the well-known ecclesiastical decorators, R. & F. Lamb, of New York, and Mr. Samuel Brookfield undertook the contract for plastering etc. In a wonderfully short time the work was thoroughly and satisfactorily performed, and on the 15th of September, the congregation re-assembled in what was practically a new church. A church that at any rate will present a clean and handsome appearance for some years to come, and will compare favorably with almost any church edifice in the Dominion for comfort, comeliness, and convenience. ^a Briefly speaking, the main features of the renovation are as follows :—

1. The whole of the interior has been repainted (3 coats of oil paint) in harmonious and tasteful tones of colour.
2. The whole of the ceiling under the galleries has been re-lathed and re-plastered, and all the repairs necessary in other parts of the walls and ceilings accomplished.
3. The pews in the main body of the church have been relined with Columbia cedar, and re-varnished and painted.

4. The old chimney on the S. W. wall has been completely taken away, and a new chimney built through the chapter room.

5. The seats throughout the church have been uniformly seated with English church cushioning.

6. The floor of the whole of the pews in the main body of the church have been carpeted.

7. Kneelers have been placed in the church throughout.

8. The woodwork of the organ, the pulpit, reading desk, communion rails, seat fronts, have been all varnished a red mahogany colour.

9. Three new doors have been put in and a quantity of the woodwork repaired.

10. New linoleum has been put in the vestibules and gallery stairs.

11. The gasaliers have been cleaned and re-bronzed.

12. The monumental tablets have been renovated.

13. The hatchments have been cleaned and re-varnished, two of them being put in the north vestibule.

14. The old and almost illegible text behind the communion table has been replaced by a bright and handsome reredos text—"I am the Bread of Life,"—with the emblems Alpha and Omega on each side.

15. The chancel window has been enriched by painting the window frames behind.

16. The old chancel window has been utilized making two very handsome windows for the S. W. and S. E. walls.

17. The chapter room has been repapered.

18. All the linings of pulpit, chairs, etc., have been renewed, and a great many minor improvements and alterations too numerous to mention.

The church in fact is practically new and to a stranger its interior gives the appearance of a church that have been recently erected. Another most satisfactory thing is, that as all the varieties of hassocks, kneelers, carpets, cushions, etc., have now been abolished, there being uniform seats and kneelers throughout the church, all individual proprietorship also has gone. The seating, the kneelings, are the property now of the church. No one owns either seats or kneelers.

At first the cost was estimated at a little over \$3000.00 all of which had been subscribed. It was discovered, however, that to do a thorough and complete work, an expenditure of nearly \$5000.00 would be necessary, and I am glad to say that on Easter over \$1200.00 was subscribed, and I have good hope that at the anniversary, or at least by end of year the remaining \$500.00 will be paid.

(2.) The Hay-Aitken Mission.

The visit of the Rev. W. Hay Aitken and his assistants the Rev. Jas. Stephens, Mrs. Crouch, and Miss Evelyn Ryder, will mark an epoch long to be remembered in the history of our parish and town. After long and earnest work, and persevering expectant prayer, the mission was commenced on Nov. 17th, a preliminary meeting having been held in the Church of England Institute, when earnest addresses were delivered by the Bishop, Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Aitken. St. Paul's was well filled in the morning and afternoon, and in the evening a vast congregation thronged the venerable church. The evening services throughout the week were attended by large congregations, and the after-meetings were always marked by intense devotion and interest.

In the morning addresses were delivered in St. Lukes, and in the afternoon children's services were held in St.

George's and St. Luke's, but the main evangelistic services, and the noon day addresses by Mr. Aitken to business men were in St. Paul's Church. Of course there are many who have their own private views with regard to those services, but in my opinion if ever there is a time when the critical faculty should be suspended it is during the conduct of a Mission. It is God's work, and the preaching depends for all its power, not on the style or method of the preacher, but on the Holy Ghost. But we must say of the preaching of Mr. Aitken that it was characterized at once by impressiveness, clearness, and pleading force, and the reverential attention, and large attendance at the aftermeetings attested its effect upon the people. We are sure that the Great Day alone will reveal the good that has been done.

It certainly shook the church community of Halifax to its centre, and the effects have been deep and lasting. Numbers of new workers have been raised up, the communicants have increased, and a number of those confirmed were the direct fruits of the mission.

(3.) The Confirmation.

On the 2nd of Feb., Septuagesima Sunday, the fifth confirmation since my coming to the Parish was held by the Bishop. After weeks of careful public and private instruction, sixty candidates; 21 male, and 39 female were presented, 8 being married persons and the average age about 18 years. Seven of them were previously attached to other religious bodies.

Since the confirmation, classes have been held for instruction, and every effort has been made to keep them in sympathetic touch with the various works of the church, and to ensure their regular attendance at the church services and Holy Communion. With two or three exceptions all have received the Holy Communion more or less regularly since.

The names of those confirmed is as follows :—

Maria Adeline Rudolph.	Clara Emily Louise Symons.
Kathleen Mathers Bennett.	Evelyn Mary Gertrude Morrison.
Alice Lilian Harley Rhind.	Mrs. Sarah Ann Beaman.
Edna May Berringer.	Annabel Maude Woodleigh.
Rhoda Catharine Wright.	Mabel Grace Saunders.
Lizzie Frederica Jessie Barnaby.	Jennet Wallace Bateman.
Josephine Graut Bremner.	Louise Elizabeth Summers.
Ethel May Messervey.	Annie Paul Wetmore.
Susanna Blake.	Wilfred Arthur Winfield.
Georgina Umlah.	Joseph Charles Holloway.
Emma Powell.	William James Roue.
Mrs. Martha Horton.	Alfred Walter Jaynes.
Eva May White.	Seymore Henry Hines.
Georgina Alma Brown.	Frank Thomas Dauphnee.
Rose How.	George Barron.
Rose Amy Mulward.	James Arthur Kimber.
Edith Emily Pike.	Humphrey Howard Stanford.
Bessie Hyson.	Thomas Vardy Hill.
Mrs. Clara Cann.	Richard Lloyd Berringer.
Martha Melinda Ault.	Howard William Kimber.
Mary Sword.	Ralph Howard Smith.
Emma Georgina Paw.	Robert Randall Crane.
Agnes Bertha Lena Mary Harrington.	Robert Millard Clayton.
Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Slade.	Arthur Muir
Hannah Julia Slade.	Arthur Edward Floyd.
Catharine Wetmore.	Vernon Josey.
Mrs. Maggie May Holloway.	Alven Publicover.
Catharine McPhee.	John Arthur Messervey.
Esther Amy Logan.	Howard Tinton Nicolls.
Eliza deYonug	

AMONG THE OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS in the year may be noted the visit of the Rev. Percy Grubb, and Mr. Eugene Stock of the great Church Missionary Society of England who ended their visit to Canada in Halifax. It was a pleasure to see a layman like Mr. Stock preaching to a vast congregation with episcopal authorization, and to hear the burning words of those earnest pioneers. A great impetus was given to our missionary work through their visit.

Then came the visit of the Rev. Mr. Phillips the survivor of the awful massacre in Ku Cheng in China, and Miss Hankin a devoted lady missionary. And later on that of the Rev. Mr. Stringer, a college friend of the Rev. Mr. Perry, and now one of the hero workers for Christ and His church, working in the frigid confines of the arctic circle.

St. Paul's Church counts it a high honour to have at her services and meetings such servants of Christ: men and women who hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES this year were very well attended on the whole. In fact they were larger than last year. At the latter services of Holy Week collections were taken up to defray the entire Easter expenses and I am grateful to be able to announce that not only was enough secured to cover these, but a balance which was put into the hands of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to purchase prayer books and hymn books for the visitors and strangers in the gallery.

THE EASTER SERVICES were bright and earnest. At a quarter past eight 286 gathered together to celebrate their Easter communion, and 232 remained after the morning service. The music was of a bright and excellent character, the hymns being very heartily joined in, and the anthems were sweetly and correctly rendered, the words being very clear and audible. The large congregations that assembled testified the interest of the people, and their love for St. Paul's. The church was well filled in the afternoon by the children and teachers of the Sunday School, and their Lenten self-denying offering were given, amounting to \$64.43 cents, part of which will be given to Dr. Grenfell's work in Labrador (St. Paul's cot) and the balance to the Bishop of Athabasca.

Tired and overwrought as your clergy were after the long strain of the winter's work, the sight of those Easter congregations and the large and generous Easter offerings, went far to cheer and exhilarate, and encourage, as it seemed to be, to human eyes at least, a sign that their labour was not in vain in the Lord.

The Works of the Church.

On the whole the works of the church give indication of prosperity and advance, and your clergy can only in a faint degree express their sense of indebtedness to the earnest and self-denying body of consecrated men and women who constitute *the workers* in the great church hive, and who are to the church what the breath is to the body. For as the body without the breath is dead, so a church without workers is dead also.

We are proud of our workers. They are as cheerful, and capable, and earnest, as any church we know of can boast of, and the only thing we have to complain of is that they are comparatively so few.

One of the great needs of St. Paul's Church at this epoch in its history is the interested co-operation of *all* the people in its various works. The lack of interest in many is saddening. They not only seem ignorant of what is going, but they don't seem to care to be enlightened. There are quite a number of people in our church who do not seem to feel that they have any responsibility with regard to the success or the failure of the church, and that they are each in a sense representatives of the parish. As one of the late preachers in St. Paul's said not long ago, the great need is unofficial individual co-operation of the members of the church. So much there is that every one can do, and while it is not expected that every one should visit a district, or teach a class in Sunday School, or even be on the committee

of some society, it is to be expected that every member of the church should have before him the definite desire and determination to build up and help on the work of the church, by welcoming strangers, for instance, by bringing in new people, and telling the clergy of strangers who sit near them, by telling the clergy of those whom they know to be sick, by suggesting ideas with regard to work, and the improvement of the finances of the church and in many other ways too numerous to be mentioned here.

In short let each one ask himself and herself. How far have I contributed to the church's success by my assistance; and contra how far have I contributed to the church's failure by way of indifference.

The first work we will notice is perhaps the most important of all. This is, the Christian nurture of the young through the agency of the Sunday School. The Sunday School is the greatest feeder of the church. It is the place where by God's grace, the rising generation of churchmen are trained by the church, for the church, in the church.

St. Paul's Sunday School,

Superintendent,—The Rector.

Assistant Superintendent,—Rev. N. I. Perry.

Secretary,—Mr. W. Major.

Assistant Secretary,—Mr. Lee.

Treasurer,—Mr. Schaeffer.

Assistant-Treasurer,—Mr. W. Jost.

The Sunday School work is most encouraging. It consists of 5 different parts. The main School, the Bible Classes, the Primary department, the Mission Class, and the Library.

The main school is composed of 38 classes, 20 boys, and 18 girls. The boys teachers are : Mrs. Halls, Mrs. Mahon,

Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Grant, Miss Kellogg, Miss Lordly, Miss Shand, Miss Hoyte, Miss Venables, Miss Rowland, Miss Share, Miss Jane Share, Miss Cummings, Miss King, Miss Watt, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Reginald Dimock, Mr. Harry Mahon, Mr. Boutilier.

Substitute Teachers: Mr. Legg and Mr. Croker

The teachers of the girl's classes are: Miss Fitch, Miss MacPherson, Miss Bowden, Miss Halls, Miss Clay, Miss Hoyte, Miss DesBarres, Miss Grant, Miss Dimock, Miss James, Miss Tozer, Miss Marjorie Payzant, Miss Symons, Miss Allan, Miss Mowbray, Miss Hunt, Miss Edwards, Mr. Grant and Mr. Power.

Substitute Teachers: Miss Asenath Tremaine, Miss Edith Lordly, Miss Wiswell, Miss Barnaby, Miss Romans, Miss Fordham, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Lewis.

Forty-eight regular teachers and 10 substitutes.

The Primary class is under the very efficient management of Mrs. Wallace, assisted by Mrs. Fenerty, Mrs. Schaeffer, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Woodling and Miss Jost.

There are 71 boys, and 83 girls in this class, 154 in all. Mr. Wetmore renders valuable assistance by drawing coloured blackboard pictures each Sunday for the class.

The Bible Classes are taught by, Rev. N. I. Perry (young men), by Mrs. Hague, (in the Library Vestry of the Church, young women), Miss Tremaine, and Miss Hodgers, also young women.

These Bible Classes represent a very valuable work, keeping a large body of young men and women in touch with the Church, and furnishing a constant supply of workers for the Sunday School and the Church.

The Mission School is taught by Mr. Winfield, and is held on Sunday afternoon in the Mission Hall. There are

on the roll 5 men, 25 women. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Wiswell have very kindly taken the class on various occasions.

The Library is a valuable addition to the Sunday School and in the hands of Mr. Jost assisted by Mr. R. Lehan. Mr. Cook, Mr. Woodiman, Mr. Jost.

The system of prizes must be referred to. Prizes are given annually to the boys and girls irrespective of classes who obtain a high average for regular attendance, good conduct, and learning of lessons.

The collections in the Sunday School go to support 2 children in the Alms House, and a boy in the Industrial School, \$200.00 in all. In addition to this, extra missionary offerings are taken quarterly alternately for domestic and foreign missions. Last year about \$200.00 was raised in this way.

The general expenses of the Sunday School are defrayed by a collection in the church, and I am sure I can confidently appeal to the parishioners for this work as one of the most necessary and valuable in connection with the church. About \$125.00 will be sufficient this year. I may allude here to the annual church picnic or excursion to the Prince's Lodge. It is always carried on as a congregational excursion; there are no tickets bought or sold; every thing is free; and all the expenses are paid by voluntary contributions.

As the result of this, there has always been enjoyment, plenty, and a surplus.

The St. Paul's Church Mission.

In the very heart of our city, the St. Paul's Church Mission carries on its important work, as an aid and supplement to the regular work of the church. Its main object is two fold. First and most important the visitation of every

house in the Parish from Birmingham St. to Water St., and from Jacob St. to Salter and Brunswick Sts., in order to find out all people who belong to the Church of England.

Second the holding evangelistic services to attract to the Gospel the careless, and hardened, and poor, and thus win them, as through an avenue, to the church.

Mr. Winfield has earnestly and systematically carried on his work this year, and reports with regard to his work as follows:

The result of the years work, is on the whole, encouraging. But not so good as one would wish. Poverty has been more marked this year. The struggle for daily bread often tends to make people more indifferent to religious efforts put forth on their behalf. One of the great difficulties for the poor is the wretched dwellings they are compelled to inhabit. Still we have done all we could to bring sunshine and happiness to hearts and homes. As will be seen the attendance at the Evangelistic and Temperance meetings keeps well up. The congregation on Tuesday and Thursday are not so large as one could wish. But Fridays and Sundays are crowded. The systematic visiting keeps us well in touch with the people. It is quite cheering to see the large number of the mission people who sit in the gallery of the church. Truly the church is doing its work, in St. Paul's Parish at all events. The Rector and the Rev. N. I. Perry have given helpful addresses. Captain Winn, R. E., Mr. J. J. Hunt, and Mr. Balcorn have also helped in the services and Bible class. Mr. A. Cummings and the Misses Shand, Share and Bowden still continue their good work in providing the programme for the temperance meetings. Miss Lithgow, Mrs. Mills, Miss Davison, Mrs. McLeod, Mr. Cummings and Mr. Wilson have also brightened the Sunday night meetings with their sweet solos, Mr. Brokenshire is still found in his place at the organ on

Sunday nights. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins have also presided at the piano on several occasions. To all these our thanks are due. May this important part of the churches work among the poor always have the prayers and sympathy of the congregation of St. Paul's.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

This is a very important work, and is carried on by the young men of the church.

The Secretary, Mr. R. Dimock, reports as follows :

OFFICERS.

Director,—Wm. L. Payzant.

Vice-Director,—A. DeB. Tremaine.

Secretary-Treasurer,—A. R. Dimock.

MEMBERS.—Revds. Mr. Hague and Perry, C. A. Evans, W. B. Kellogg, W. L. Payzant, John Whittemore, A. Coulstring, John Legg, A. Boutilier, A. DeB. Tremaine, H. E. Mahon, A. R. Dimock, A. Brown, J. A. Winfield and W. Smith.

We have also 8 probationers on our roll, who after serving the usual term of three months will be admitted into full membership and accordingly. We expect in a short time to have a considerable increase in our chapter. The work of the Brotherhood is distinctively for young men.

Each member pledges himself to make an earnest endeavour each week to bring at least one young man under the influence of the Gospel, and the object of the order may be briefly stated as an effort to further the extension of Christ's kingdom among young men.

During the past year the lines of work which have been pursued in former years have been continued, and with marked success. The hotels have been visited on Saturday evenings, and cards of invitation to the church services dis-

tributed, and also a systematic visitation of the vessels along the water front, has been carried on, tracts and leaflets being distributed and personal invitations extended to the sailors to attend the church services.

On the 3rd Sunday of every month a Corporate Communion is held in the church at 8.30 o'clock, preceded by a fifteen minute prayer meeting in the vestry. The Brotherhood has during the past year, shewn an especial interest in the missionary movement by contributing a considerable portion of their funds, to the support of this most important branch of the church's work, a box being open for self-denying offerings at each meeting of the Chapter.

Church Societies.

We now proceed to the works of the various Societies' benevolent, educational and missionary, which are organized for the purpose of doing the Master's work in connection with St. Paul's Church.

The good works done by a church can never of course be accurately tabulated. Figures and statements are the mere dry bones of the matter ; it is the love, and goodness, and Christian kindness that are the real life of all endeavour for God. But brief reports of the various societies, and committees will now be given in order that all may understand what efforts are being made in St. Paul's to help the poor, assist the needy, cheer the sick, care for the careless and orphans, and lighten the burden of the ignorant and distressed.

The St. Paul's Church Working Society.

The object of this Society is to help the needy to help themselves. The poorer women are given work to do, and garments are sold to them at a very reduced rate, the com-

mittee of ladies in charge cutting out the work for them, and supervising it as they work.

The annual meeting of the Working Society was held in the Vestry on Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1896. 14 ladies were appointed to cut out the work. The officers for the year were Mrs. Hague, *President*; Mrs. H. Hesslein, *Vice-President*; Miss Tremaine, *Treasurer*; Mrs. J. C. Mahon, *Assistant-Treasurer*; Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, *Secretary*; and Miss Annie Lithgow, *Librarian*; Mrs. J. C. Mahon and Mrs. W. Humphrey were appointed buyers.

Work was finished for the season on the 25th of March.

The following is the Secretary's statement of work done during the season :

Garments from previous year.....	12
Made in 1896.....	405
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	417
Sold to Women.....	341
Sold by Committee.....	58
Not returned.....	12
Given away.....	2
Articles in the Clothes Closet	4
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There were 24 pairs of sheets cut off, and 3 pieces of cotton sold to the women. 45 received work.

The next Society that we notice has also a benevolent purpose

The St. Paul's Church Children's Sewing Class.

The season of work was shorter than usual owing to the many services in connection with the mission held in St. Paul's last Autumn.

The first meeting for work was Dec. 4th, and met Wednesday in each week from 4 to 5.30 excepting at Christmas and New Year, till the second week in April.

The primary object of this Society is teaching the children to sew, the next to work for others as home missionaries. All the needy have garments given them, made by themselves or others. There are some who do not need, and the clothes they make are given to the little ones who are too small to make for themselves. Every year there are some who can hardly thread a needle.

The children this year have been regular and attentive.

The materials are supplied by the Rector from money in the Poor Fund, and also by friendly donations.

The workers were happy to welcome back a former teacher, and three new ones, and are glad to see visitors at any time. At the close of the year's work, April 17th, a tea and pleasant evening was given to the class.

The following is the Secretary's list of statistics.

Names enrolled, 49 ; Meetings held, 16 ; Garments made, 85.

Donations :—\$10.00, The Rector.

Flannelette, Mrs. A. G. Hesslein and Miss Hodges.

TEACHERS.

Mrs. Hague, *President*,

Mrs. Gossip,

Mrs. Venables,

Mrs. Shaffer,

Mrs. Fenerty,

Mrs. Schaefer,

Mrs. Murray,

Miss McPherson,

Miss Annie B. Jost,

Miss Lily Reynolds,

Mrs. W. J. Wallace, *Secretary*.

The Dorcas Society.

This good work of the church is another endeavour to assist the needy poor during the stress of the winter's month, and is one of those organizations which specially shows the spirit of practical Christianity.

It began on Tuesday, Jan. 7th, 1896, and formally opened the following Tuesday, Jan. 14th, with Bible-teaching and prayer. The following ladies have been present at the meetings :— Mrs. Pyke, Mrs. Symons, Mrs. Woodiman, and Miss A. Tremaine. The object of this Society is to clothe and make comfortable those, who for want of clothing cannot attend Church or Sunday School. During the months of January and February over one hundred garments have been received and distributed, and between twenty and thirty families have been helped. Some kind friend having generously sent in 30 pairs of boots for old and young we have been able to make quite a number of girls and boys comfortable from head to foot for Sunday School.

The ladies of the Society would like to thank the Parishoners of St. Paul's for so kindly and generously responding to the appeals made for clothing.

It is a blessed thing to feel we have been the means in God's hand to lift the burden off some of God's poorer children, and while perhaps we never miss what we give to others, to them it is a great boon, only those who visit among the poor, and see their need, can tell what a few garments will do to help them. This year the Society has not only endeavored to care for their bodily wants, but has tried to speak to them of the white robes of righteousness reserved in Heaven for those who will ask for them, the women and children have joined with us in Bible reading and prayer.

The Society closed about the last of March. It has been a great blessing to many, but the one great object of the Society should be to reach the heart, some of our poor are living in streets where sin of all descriptions meet the eye, and defiles the heart. May it in the future be used to lead them to love the beautiful Home beyond, and so live that

they may attain like the hymn of the little mission boy who heard for the first time.

“There is a city bright
Closed are its gates to sin,
Naught that defileth
Can ever enter in.”

St. Paul's Alms House.

This is one of the most valuable institutions in connection not only with the Parish but with the city, and is a work of which St. Paul's may be justly proud. It is a practical effort in obedience to the command which says that pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is to exercise beneficence towards the fatherless.

During the past year the Alms House continued doing its quiet and good work. Its object, as is well known, is to provide a home and education for girls who otherwise might not have either. There are at present sixteen girls in the Home. Three new ones have been taken in and two have been given out. The Matron is Mrs. Hughes who is assisted by her daughter, Miss Hughes, and under their management the Home is kept as bright and clean as could possibly be desired, and the girls are well taught and disciplined. Through the kindness of Mr. Reardon the Home has been thoroughly cleaned and papered during the year.

The Committee is as follows :—

President,—The Rector.

Treasurer,—Mr. C. C. Blackadar.

Secretary,—Rev. N. I. Perry.

Gentlemen's Committee.—Mr. Justice Ritchie, Hon. A.G. Jones, Mr. Robt Uniacke, Mr. J. H. Symons, Mr. R. J. Wilson.

Ladies' Committee.—Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Blackadar, Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. Thos. Ritchie, Mrs. Hesslein, Mrs. Pyke, Miss Tremaine, Mrs. A. MacKinlay, Mrs. Duffus, Mrs. Shortt, Mrs. Edward, Mrs. Kane.

The Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month for the transaction of necessary business, and besides some special meetings have been held.

Many kind friends of the Home have liberally sent in supplies during the year thus very much relieving the already small finances. To those who have helped during the year either by money or in produce the committee offers their hearty thanks. Dr. Gow has been our Physician and has freely given his services whenever called upon.

On Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Blackadar gave the girls a very pleasant treat at their home, and other friends during the year have helped in a similar way. The parishioners of St. Paul's *ought to thoroughly* understand that the Alms House is entirely supported by St. Paul's Church. It is practically their home, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Brenton Collins, who has for many years given it free of rent

It could accomodate many more girls, but the committee has not yet seen its way clear to extend the work. They hope that this extension will take place in the near future.

The District Visitors.

The special work of this Society alluded to in our last report has not been so systematically carried on as in former years, though good work has been done by the regular district visitors in the poorer parts of the Parish.

On account of the absence of the Misses Ritchie from the parish, and other causes, there has been a break in the visiting of the families newly arrived. But the regular district visitors have been carrying on this quiet but most effective work of the church, and before the mission of the Rev. Hay Aitken did good work in going to all the houses in the central part of the parish.

The District Visitors are :—

Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Symons, Mrs. Woodaman, Mrs. Quirk, Mrs. Hall, Miss Share, while Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. A. DeB. Tremaine, Mrs. Theakston, Miss Shand and others have done good work.

St. Paul's Church Young People's Society.

This is one of the leading works of the church. It has done good work in the past, and always furnishes a body of cheerful church workers. It is the Church Christian Endeavour Society.

The following are the officers :—

President,—Rev. Dyson Hague.

Vice-President,—Rev. N. I. Perry.

Treasurer,—Miss Venables.

Assistant Treasurer,—Miss Mowbray.

Secretary,—A. R. Dimock.

Assistant Secretary,—A. Boutilier.

The chief object of this Society is the development of Christian character among its members, and it seems evident from the attendance at and participation in the meetings that this is being steadily accomplished.

The attendance at all our meetings has been much larger than in former years. It was decided at the beginning of the season to hold our meetings on Tuesday evening instead of Monday. Every alternate Tuesday a Bible Reading taken from Genesis, on various topics, has been given by the Rector or Mr. Perry. Concerts, debates, etc., etc., occupied the other evenings.

As was customary at the beginning of the winter season, a social was given to the congregation which was very largely attended.

The concerts were on all occasions of a high order, and

the debates displayed considerable literary ability on the part of our young men.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Leonowens we were given a very interesting lecture on Russia. Our Society has various other Committees which carry on some of the most important works of the parish. These are all doing splendid work.

The following are the Committees :—

Hospital, Poor House, Flower, Band of Hope, Introduction, Lookout and Membership.

THE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Consisting of Mr. Perry, (Chairman), Misses Romans, Rowland, Halls, Mathers, Rent, Clay, Hunt, Hughes, Cogswell, Grant and Harrington undertake to visit the wards of the Victoria Hospital once a week and attend to the wants of the sufferers. The committee have been able to do more this season than in the past and report much good work as having been done.

POOR HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Consists of Miss Hodggers, (Chairwoman), Mrs. Fenerty, Misses Richardson, Reynolds, Brown, Dimock and Pyke. This Committee makes regular visitations to the Poor House, ministering to the wants of the poor folk, by carrying to them many delicacies which they are unable to obtain. A most enjoyable concert was also given by this Committee, and was highly appreciated by the inmates.

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE.

Consists of Mrs. Humprey, Mrs. Corbett, Misses Rhind, Woodling, Grant, Symonds, Rent, Halls, Mowbray, Share, (Chairwoman). The work of this Committee is to take flowers to the sick of the congregation. In addition to

flowers or fruit, they take where necessary, jelly, soup, beeftea, fresh eggs, &c. During the past year 230 bouquets, 2 crosses and 3 wreaths were sent out. In the Summer several baskets of flowers were sent to Dr. Slayter's private hospital. These were very much appreciated. The funds for the flowers is obtained by a monthly grant from the Y. P. S., and by donations from different members of the congregation, some of whom give regularly and generously.

BAND OF HOPE COMMITTEE.

The Band of Hope has been doing its customary quiet work. The Committee this year consists of:—

Superintendent,—Rev. N. I. Perry.

Secretary,—Miss Share.

Treasurer,—Miss Marjorie Payzant.

Committee,—Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Wallace, Miss Mitchell, and in the absence of Miss M. Payzant, Miss Shand has kindly taken her place at the piano.

There are about 70 members. Meetings have been held every Monday throughout the winter months. The programmes are filled up principally by the boys and girls themselves, besides talks on temperance have been given from time to time. The object of the Society is to teach to our boys and girls the evils of intemperance and point out to them the way to have victory against all temptation.

The Lookout, Membership and Introduction Committee are all in a prosperous state as evidenced by the attendance and social feeling at the Society meetings.

The St. Paul's Boy's Society.

This is the new Society of our Church. For some time it had been a source of anxiety what to do with the boys. They were practically strangers to us. They did not learn

to trust their clergymen because they did not know them. Moreover we felt many of them had no means whereby truly, thoughtful, Christian qualities might be developed in them. The boys were called together to a social. The matter was talked over. A Society was resolved upon which would combine pleasure with profit. There was no use in spending time and energy unless the boys under our care were made better able to meet the difficulties of life. We decided as far as possible to divide the month as follows:—Game night, debate or concert, humane night, and a missionary night. Officers were elected, a constitution drawn up and the work began. Boys of St. Paul's over 11 years and under 20 are eligible and any other boys approved of by the committee. Cleanliness, manliness, orderliness, and Christian bearing are required. Any boy who persists in disobeying these rules is not tolerated in the Society. Officers were elected from among their number. The first President was Walter Share; Vice-President, Alex. Taylor; Secretary, W. Brown; Treasurer, Jack Shields, besides an Executive Committee. Elections take place every two months and at present Richard Berringer is President and Wilfred Winfield, Vice-President. An Advisory Committee was appointed, consisting of the Rector and Mr. Perry, Honorary Presidents (ex-officio). The other members have consisted of Miss King, Miss Venables, Mr. Harry Mahon, Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Corbett, Miss Kellogg, Mr. R. Dimock, Mr. J. U. Power and Mr. Lee. The last six are in office at present.

A Library has been started with Mr. Lee as Librarian.

The President opens and closes the meetings with prayer, Hymn sheets have been printed. The membership is about 55. The attendance is good. Mr. Eugene Stock and Rev. Percy Grubb, Capt. Winn and Mr. J. J. Hunt have helped the Society very much. It has cost a great deal of time and

anxiety to those who have worked so hard to make it a success, but we are thankful to say that it is one of the most encouraging outlooks of our church.

The church members generally are asked to take an interest in the work, and if possible to come and see how the Society is getting along. Any Thursday evening at 7.45 during the season the boys will be found together in their Society, and will be glad to welcome visitors.

The Missionary Work of the Church.

A most important feature of any church is its missionary work. The church that has no missionary work is in a bad way. Not to give is not to live. The non-missionary religions of the world are dying or dead.

The missionary works of St Paul's Church may be divided as follows:—

I. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This is an incorporated and active missionary body, in session every Sunday. Each Sunday the voluntary offerings of the children are taken towards missions, the teachers keeping account of the special gifts, and at the end of each quarter the sums are handed in. This year the offerings were sent:

- (1.) To Mr. Yamasaki, our worker in Japan.
- (2.) To Mrs. Bennett (Miss Grace Hill formerly), of the C. M. S. on the Niger, West Africa.
- (3.) To the C. C. M. A., for work in Japan.
- (4.) -To Dr. Grenfell's Labrador work, and the Bishop of Athabasca. (Easter, \$64.43).

At the end of each quarter a missionary lesson is to be taught, and a missionary address to stir up in the interest of the Sunday School scholars in the world for Christ.

2. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society organised for the purpose of arousing and

increasing the interest of our people in the missionary cause, is still doing the good work for which it was intended. A deeper feeling has been awakened, and each succeeding year we hope to see the people of St. Paul's Church more zealous in this good work.

The meetings of the Society are held the last Friday in each month at 4 o'clock, and are very interesting. After hymn, prayer, and a Bible reading by the Rector, various members read papers on missionary subjects. Other letters are read from workers in the field and plans and projects discussed.

Among the visitors this year we were delighted to welcome Mr. Phillips of the C. M. S., and Miss Hankin of the C. E. Z. M. S. They were returning to England from China where they had been at work for some time. Mr. Phillips is the only survivor of the terrible Keu Cheng massacre of Aug. 1st, 1895, and Miss Hankin is the representative in China of a lady now residing in Halifax. A special meeting was held for them in the Sunday School Hall, presided over by His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia, at which they gave a most interesting account of their work.

The Rev. Percy Grubb and Mr. Eugene Stock, delegates from the C. M. S. in England also visited us and gave very instructive addresses.

The Rev. I. O. Stringer, who under Bishop Reeve in the MacKenzie River Diocese, is working nobly among the Esquimaux within the Arctic circle, paid us a short visit, and while here delivered a lecture with views descriptive of his work in that far off Arctic circle amid all its dangers and privations.

Letters have been received from Mr. Hamilton, Japan, Bishop Reeves, MacKenzie River, from a gentlemen in Corea, and from our own Japanese native teacher Stephen Yamasaki.

The Society supports a Bible woman in India and another in China. Mrs. Humphrey is the Secretary and Miss Lillian Grant, Treasurer of this Society.

There were 21 one dollar subscribers last year, and the funds collected this year will be sent to the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society for the support of a native Bible woman.

(3.) THE ST. PAUL'S CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

This is the girl's missionary Society, and is doing a very good work. It is a pleasure to see the bright and intelligent faces of the girls at the meetings, and to know what they are doing for this great cause.

The Guild meets every Thursday afternoon. The girls sew, making up garments to fill a box, which this year is to be sent to one of the clergymen of our own Diocese. The smaller girls are making scrap books. While the girls are working, missionary news and letters are read to them. The girls take home missionary boxes, through which there has been raised this year since we commenced in January \$14.00, and this year is to go towards the support of the St. Paul's Cot in the hospital at Battle Harbour. Besides which the girls collected \$10.00 to buy the material for the work.

The officers of the Society are:—

President,—Mrs. Hague,

Secretary,—Miss Mabel Pyke.

Treasurer,—Miss Mary Dimock.

ASSISTANTS.

Mrs. Geo. Allison,
Miss Jost,
Miss Lordly,

Miss Hoyt,
Miss Grant,
Miss Payzant,

Miss Halls,
Miss Wiswell.

(4.) THE GLEANER'S UNION.

The "Gleaner's Union" formed nearly ten years ago in England, now numbers about 80,000 members with branches scattered all over the world, nearly 700 in all.

Its object is to unite in one fellowship all who labour at home or abroad in connection with the Church Missionary Society, all who pray for its missions and all who are interested in the evangelization of the world and who desire in any way to take a personal share in its work. Every enrolled Gleaner is invited to join in prayer either daily following the Cycle of Prayer, or weekly, on Thursday, the day of the Ascension of Christ.

To give the members a sense of their personal share in the work, they are linked directly with the headquarters of the Society, every name being enrolled in the books of the Church Missionary House and every card of membership being sent out from there.

Within the past year Miss Thomas of Toronto has been appointed Central Secretary for Canada and about 20 branches have been formed with a membership of over 1000.

During the visit of Rev. Percy Grubb and Mr. Eugene Stock to Halifax in December last it was decided to form a branch of the Gleaner Union in St. Paul's Church and we have now the following 31 names :

Rev. Dyson Hague,	Mrs. W. F. Wallace,	Miss Hunt,
Rev. N. I. Perry,	Mrs. T. Ritchie,	Miss Wiswell,
Capt. Winn, R. E.,	Mrs. Kellogg,	Miss Albro,
Mrs. Winn,	Miss Kellogg,	Miss Lordly,
Mrs. Hague,	Miss Tremaine,	Miss Bowden,
Mrs. Edwards,	Miss Hodgers,	Miss Grant,
Mrs. Marvin,	Miss Share,	Miss Payzant,
Mrs. E. R. Brown,	Miss Shand,	Miss M. Payzant,
Mrs. W. A. Major,	Miss Pryor,	Miss Halls,
Mrs. Legg,	Miss Braine,	Miss Crisp.
Mrs. Humphrey,		

The first meeting was held on Jan. 21st to organize our branch and it was then decided that we should meet the 3rd Tuesday in each month, at the Rector's, from 4 to 5 o'clock for prayer and Bible study and for gleaning all information possible about missionary work. A special field being chosen for each month. At our second meeting Feb. 18th we took the very interesting mission field of China and at our last meeting March 17th, Ceylon and Mauritius. Prayer and a short Bible reading occupy the first part of the hour and after the Missionary Papers have been read, we close with prayer, in which all are invited to take part. These meetings are most interesting and instructive and we wish that more of our members were able to be with us.

Miss Crisp, St. Paul's Secretary, will be glad to receive the names of any others of the congregation who would like to join.

Any voluntary subscriptions are gladly received, and with these the Society is now able to support 15 "Gleaners Own" Missionaries.

The St. Paul's Mite Society.

This is the Home Mission work, on behalf of Diocesan Missions. The Society supports the Diocese in the County of Guysboro, a Missionary who visits among the fishermen and their families in a number of places, Country Harbour Beckerton, Indian Harbour, Fisherman's Harbour, St. Mary's, etc., etc.

There are twelve collectors, Mrs. T. Ritchie, Mrs. A. Allison, Miss Shand, Mrs. Symons, Miss Rhind, Miss Tremaine, Mrs. Humphrey, Miss DesBarres, Mrs. Northup, Miss Creighton, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. George Allison.

From Easter, 1895 to Easter, 1896, the collections amounted to \$557.09.

In this way a real Diocesan work, ("and in all Judia"—Acts 1-8.) is done by St. Paul's Church, showing that we are not neglecting charity at home.

The contributions to Missions by St. Paul's for the year have been as follows:

City Mission	\$ 750 00
Diocesan Missions.	1232 80
Domestic Missions	607 47
Foreign Missions	552 00
Total	<u>\$3142 27</u>

The St. Paul's Childrens' Scripture Union.

This is a very important work among the young. It was begun by Captain Guise, and still continues as a fruit of his work in the Lord.

The members of the Scripture Union are principally the Teachers and Scholars of the Sunday School

The objects of the Union is to get the members to read the Bible regularly every day.

Each member has a card with a list of the passage to be read and an almanack with a daily text to learn by heart.

Besides these leaflets are distributed each month, containing a very bright little letter upon the portion of Scripture to be read giving the chapters and leaving the verses for the children to fill in. A few of the girls bring these leaflets to be corrected, but so far we have had none from the boys.

We have this year 226, members not as many as there might be, as we should like to see every scholar a member of the Scripture Union. Still we have a fairly large proportion and if all read regularly and prayerfully, as we hope they do, the result must be much blessing upon the Sunday School.

Miss Crisp is this winter taking charge of the work for Miss E. Kellogg, the Secretary. Upon the receipt of the yearly fee of five cents, with full name and address, each member receives a Card of membership, Motto Card for the year, Cycle of Prayer, Prospectus and Members Manual.

The Choir.

One of the most important aids to the effective carrying on of the worship of the congregation is the choir. Its object is to lead the music, not to monopolize it, and this the St. Paul's Church choir does very effectively. The choir still maintains its reputation for excellent music, and adds not a little to the heartiness and brightness of the services of the church.

There are now 10 boys, 22 ladies and 4 men as follows:—

Sopranos 16; altos 6; tenors 5; basses 9. Mr. Hutchins the organist, is constantly on the look-out for new voices, and the additions to the choir this year have been: Miss Lithgow, Mrs. MacLeod, Mrs. Mills, Miss Harrington, Mr. Kent, Mr. Priest, and Mr. Forhan.

Obituary.

The death roll this year included some of our old and valued church members, and not a few of the lambs of our flock. But on the whole, when we consider the size of the parish our losses have been comparatively small, and God's sparing mercy has been visibly manifested.

Of those who have been removed from our midst we may mention :

Dr. deWolf, the son of Dr. deWolf, an old and faithful member of St. Paul's; Miss Fenerty and Mrs. Inglis, two of the oldest members of the church, Mrs. Cann, Mrs. Tidmarsh, and Mrs. Zwicker, who all died in the Christian hope, and left behind them those who will we trust be faithful members of the church in the faith of which their mothers died; Mr. Wetmore who was called away not long after his beloved wife, the father of Mr. Stewart and Miss Wetmore, and two old members of St. Paul's, Mr. Rudolf and Mrs. Palmer. Many children were also taken, of whom the sorrowing parent may fitly say: "now he is dead, wherefore should I fast. Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

In this connection I may refer with a feeling of gratification to the appropriate and becoming memorial tablets which have been erected upon the church walls to perpetuate the names and works of some of the more prominent members of St. Paul's in a past generation. During the last six months no fewer than five of these have been erected. These brass tablets around the north door commemorate the names of Hugh Hartshorne, Peter Lynch, and Thomas Avery Brown, all of them consistent, devoted, and faithful members of the church, and in their day vestrymen and churchwardens. Over the south east door, a handsome brass tablet on a base of black marble has been erected to the memory of Andrew Mitchell Uniacke and his wife, with the appropriate text beneath :

"Lord thou has been our refuge from one generation to another."

and on the opposite side of the church over the south west door, a white and black marble tablet stands as the memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Albro, two old and faithful members of St. Paul's.

But little space indeed is left, and soon the parishioners will have to seek another way of doing honour to the memory of the departed. It has been suggested, and I trust the suggestion will soon be carried out, that a series of memorial *windows*

might be put in the church, to men like the late Captain Hill, Enos Collins, Judge Desbarres, and others.

I might mention here also a fact, unknown perhaps to some of the parishioners, that the St. Paul's Church Sunday School has a valuable lot in the Camp Hill Cemetery for the interment of any of the Sunday School scholars whose parents are either too poor to purchase a lot, or desire to have their little one interred in the St. Paul's ground.

Parish Magazine.

The Parish Magazine is the Parish and Home, published in Toronto. During the year the Magazine has been brought out regularly once a month: Altogether about 235 copies have been subscribed for. We believe it has done a good and quiet work. It has given the clergy an opportunity to tell to the parishioners something about the many 'things which take place in the parish each month, besides it has enabled them to make suggestions which could not be otherwise made. We should like to have the subscription list much larger, and ask all the parishioners to please try and subscribe. We know there is room for a good work to be done by such a magazine.

We wish to offer our thanks to the following ladies for their assistance in the work:—Miss Tremaine, Mrs. Humphrey and Miss Harrington for addressing and taking subscriptions, and the Misses Lily Reynolds, Jessie Barnaby, Janie Share, L. Brown and L. Bennett for distributing them.

New Works.

This year we hope, God willing, to try and begin too much needed works in connection with the parish.

The first is a creche. What is a creche? Well, a creche, is the name for a day nursery for children a place where poor women who are compelled to go out and work can leave their children. In the large cities they are common, and are a great help to the poor. Now it is proposed, as the Bishop has kindly made over the Albermarle St. School—the Engl School—to the Rector for the use of the parish to set apa

one of the large rooms for that purpose, and try and get the ladies to undertake the work.

The second work is a night refuge, and a lodging for the very poor. This could be done also without much trouble, as there is a fine large room in the same building that could be adapted for the purpose. We trust that by this time next year this will be accomplished.

Financial.

The financial outlook is satisfactory. I think I may go further and even say it is cheering. It is indeed cheering to see how the people have risen to the reduction of the church renovation debt, and have in spite of many drawbacks such as wet Sundays, and 8 weeks of decreased revenue in the Orpheus Hall, actually increased the total contributions by over \$200.00. It certainly has been a heavy year, and yet it has been an advancing year. We are doing better.

The total amount given for church expenses through the envelope was	\$ 6439 16	
The total amount given for church renovation.....	2391 71	
" " " " missions, charities, etc.....	6230 31	
		\$15061 18

And if we add the \$1200.00 contributed on Easter it will make over \$17000.00.

And yet in spite of all this we are not yet in a position to boast. We have a parish debt of \$7270.30. We have some large unpaid accounts, and in fact *we require this year \$1000.00 increased revenue.* I do want the parishioners to awaken to the fact that this is no time for self-complacent church satisfaction. We must each one try and do more by God's grace. We must endeavour to raise the amount contributed through the envelopes. I would appeal to all who possibly can to raise their envelope subscriptions, say 20 per cent. I will do so myself if I am spared for two years. Then we must try to get a larger number of people to begin to contribute through the envelopes. The number is slowly increasing but we must work harder at it, until at least \$6000.00 is given through the

envelope. Then we must try and clear off the church renovation debt at once, and as soon as possible the church debt. The first we can do this year. After the splendid effort of Easter I have strong hopes that if not before it will be done on our Anniversary Sunday in September. It can be done, and we must do it. We must stir up the young men. We must arouse the young women. We must enlist the efforts of all the wage earners in the church, young and old. We must make a great effort to get the big subscriptions, but a we must make a greater effort to get the small subscriptions, a parish like St. Paul's has hundreds, *hundreds* who could do a great deal more in the way of systematic contributions if they could only be reached and awakened.

I would suggest a committee of ways and means, composed of sharp, earnest, practical christian men, who would be prepared to take off their coats and work. That is, canvass. People like to give, want to give, and would give if approached with a fair statement of the church's needs, and the church's desire for their contribution. The fact is, St. Paul's church can not afford to have a single member that is indifferent to the church's requirements, and supposes that his small offerings can be given or not given without affecting the church. We should have a committee of five young men who would undertake to visit every young man in this church, and ask him for \$5, this before the end of the year for the church debt, and the majority of them *would* give it without giving up the \$100 bicycle he is contemplating either. In co-operation with them shall be a ladies' committee to do similar work among the women and young women. Why we have but begun to touch the possibilities of this congregation. The gifts given to missionary and other objects large as they are, and excellent as a test of its spiritual earnestness and prosperity may yet be greatly increased, and the great things that a little system, and a little method will work in this direction has been demonstrated by the increase in the missionary offerings of late in the Sunday School. The only things needed to put St. Paul's on a permanent basis of financial security is effort, organization, and faith. The people need to realize as a whole how much can be done by a little systematic self denial, and sanctified economy.

Conclusion.

I cannot conclude this voluminous report without once more putting on record my deep sense of gratitude to a kind and merciful Heavenly Father for the abundant and incessant evidences of His goodness and grace. With abundant possibilities of errors and mistakes, we have by God's grace been preserved as far as I know how the committal of any of those serious faults and blunders that might have immediately marred our work, and destroyed our influence. With frail bodies that might in a moment have been debilitated by sickness, or rendered useless by accident, we have been given the necessary supply of mental and physical strength to accomplish work that has demanded an incessant expenditure of both the mental and spiritual forces. We have as clergy worked happily, and unitedly together, without as far as I know a single serious disagreement.

We have as a people been preserved from disunity, a threatened disruption. We have heard of wars and rumors of wars in other places, but peace has been within our walls, and we trust prosperity, in the true sense, within our borders. We seem to be moulded as a city compact together. Long may it be so.

Long may it be before the disintegrating forces of suspicion and disunity shall invade our people. Long may we dwell together as a united people with one supreme desire to spread the Gospel and glorify God's name. To that end may we dwell together in unity, and grow in likeness to Him as our pattern and Life. So doing we shall be as the dew of Heaven, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

DYSON HAGUE,

Rector.

NOTE.

As the work of a large parish like St. Paul's is in constant need of money, and as many of its members in making disposition of their means in their will should feel disposed to apportion a part to carry on the 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 improvement, 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 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

*(if the donor desires to give to any special object or fund, the words should be added—for
e. g. for the Alms House, or for the Sunday School, or for the Poor, etc., etc.)*

INTERESTING FACTS

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

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

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 Stg. In the year 1868 the wings were added; in 1872 the Chancel was built; in 1873 the present organ was erected.

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

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

Among the Mural Tablets are those of the first two Bishops of Nova Scotia; the Right Rev. and Hon. Charles Inglis, the first Protestant Bishop appointed to a British Colony, and his son the Right Rev. John Inglis 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 about 2,000 people, and at Easter, 1890, the seats were all made free.