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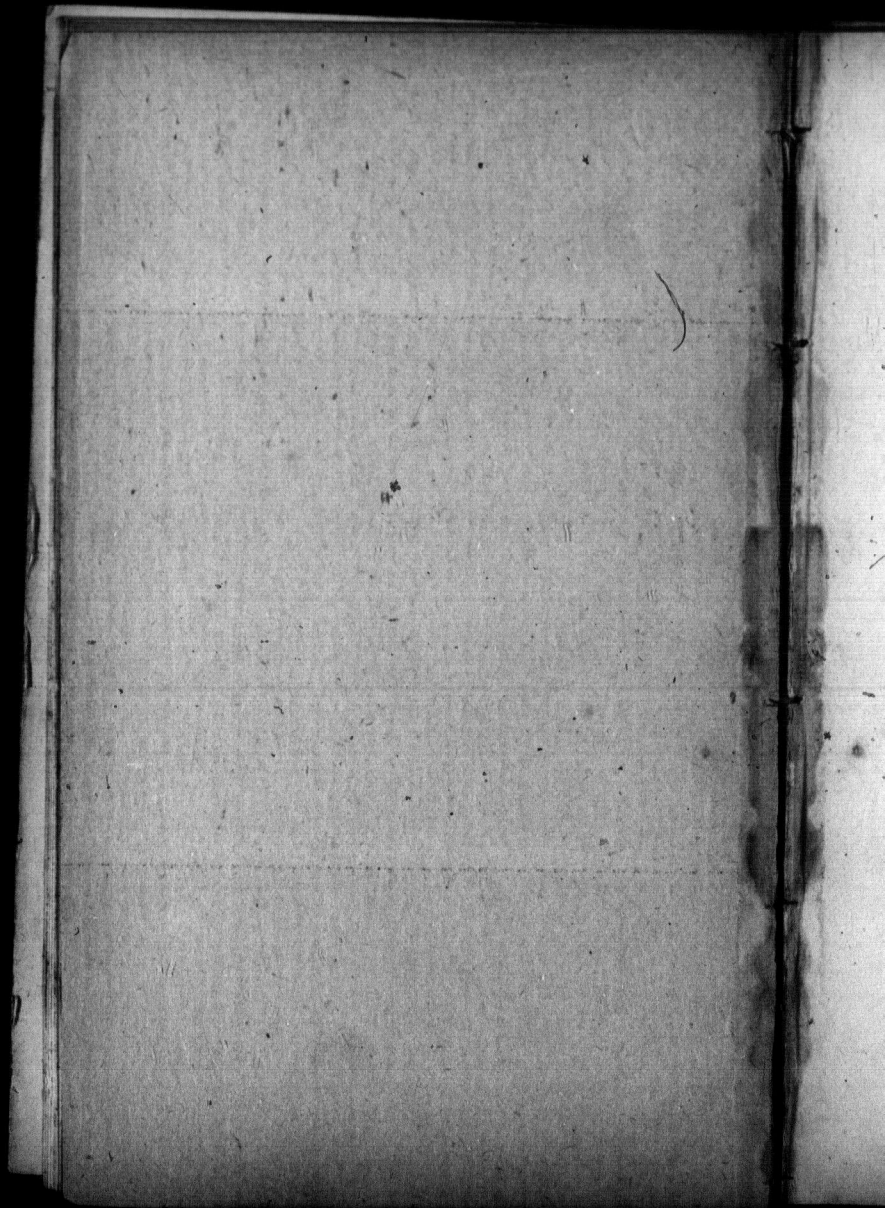
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A REVIEW OF THE YEAR,

BY THE RECTOR.

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St. Paul's Church.

OUR YEARS REVIEW.

Another year. By the grace of God St. Paul' Church, Halifax, has completed its 142nd year of work, and now enters upon the 143rd year of its services for the Master. It was opened, in 1750 for Divine Service, and from that date as far as we know within its revered walls, (with one or two necessary intermissions), the worship of God according to the order of the Church of England has unceasingly been held.

Our Church. The work of St. Paul's Church is similar in many respects to that carried on in many of the larger parishes in England. Our church is and has always been of a metropolitan character. It includes all sorts, and conditions of men, and is representative of no one class. It is situated in the most central locality in the city, and is accessible from every quarter. The services are neither ritualistic on the one hand, or barren and dull on the other. St. Paul's is a good representative of the grand old Church of England service, plain, bright, attractive, and unmarred by excessive ornament, or disproportioned musical display. Its the kind of service that will always hold the allegiance of the vast body of loyal English Churchmen.

Our Members. There are now on the books as regular worshippers at St. Paul's, that is, attending St. Paul's as their church and claiming pastoral oversight, 398 families. Besides this there are forty families which nominally belong, making a total of *four hundred and*

thirty-eight families. We have in addition to this about 110 individuals, making a total of about 1650 souls. Thank God for this great increase. But let the members of St. Paul's remember also that it is their parts and duties to see that all new members be welcomed, *made to feel* at home, and if possible, interested in the work.

This involves much clerical work; for, to say nothing of the regular services of the church, there are meetings and services of different kinds requiring the constant labours of the clergy.

Since last Easter the Rector's work was : 302 services ; 194 meetings ; 165 sermons ; 196 addresses ; 777 visits ; 44 holy communions ; 29 baptisms ; 18 marriages ; 22 burials ; which of course does not include a vast amount of other work necessary in a Parish like St. Paul's, literary, preparatory, advisory ; arranging, planning and devising ; reception of visitors and correspondence. From 1st March, 1891, to April 16th, 1892, Mr. Skey reports that he had addresses and sermons 158 ; meetings 117 ; visits 1347 ; funerals 32 ; baptisms 21 ; marriages 3.

The Special Services.

Service is held on the chief saints days in the church at 5 o'clock. During Lent daily service is held at 5 o'clock. In the last week of Lent and 3 days of the preceding week a Parochial Mission was held, attended by large numbers, and followed by deep spiritual results. Opening with a service of song during which the people sit while singing ; the service continues with a short form of prayer, two addresses, and closes with an after meeting in which an appeal is made to each soul to accept Christ then and there as their personal Saviour. Then a hymn such as—

"Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me."

or

"I am coming Lord to Thee,"

is sung on the knees, and after the benediction the service closes, those who wish for conversation being asked to remain.

Great is the power of these simple services. I trust the day is not far distant when in every Church of England Church a revival of true religion by means of an annual mission will be looked for every year.

Our Anniversary.

A service of great interest last year was the 141st Anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Church, Halifax, for Divine Worship in the year A. D. 1750. On the 1st Sunday in September, 1750, the Rev. Mr. Tutty preached: on the 1st Sunday in September, 1891, Bishop Baldwin of Huron. The Bishop, noble man of God, discoursed eloquently on the past traditions of dear old St. Paul's, and the reasons of the continuous life of the Church. God grant that as it stood for many years the towering spectacle, seen like a monument springing heavenwards above the surrounding houses, so it may ever tower conspicuously like a watch tower for the Diocese first in all good work, foremost in piety, and generosity, and a standard in churchmanship. The next Anniversary will be the 142nd, and an effort will be made to make it worthy of the occasion.

Our Confirmation.

Another service was the confirmation. This is always an important epoch in the history of the Church. Of old it was thus described—*the Lord added to the Church*. The Confirmation was held in St. Paul's Church the 3rd Sunday after Trinity by the Rev. Dr. Heely, Bishop of Maine, U. S. The candidates were presented by the Rector—84 in all. Of those confirmed, 12 were married persons; 58 were female; 24 male; 60

were over 16 years of age ; 17 over 21 ; 8 came from other religious bodies.

All the candidates received their first communion at the time of confirmation (save one).

It was a heavenly ceremony ; solemn as became its responsibility, but bright withal and full of hope. These young men and young women, lads and maidens, gave themselves publicly to God for life, and to His Church forever.

Obituaries.

This past year has been marked by the loss of some of our oldest and best members.

Of the little ones whom the Good Shepherd has safely folded I shall not speak ; they are now safe, safe in the arms of Jesus. Let us remember their sweetness, and follow their innocence. Of the older ones we may mention—Mrs. Stevens—at the time of her death the oldest member of St. Paul's. Mrs. Abbott—another of the faithful worshippers in years gone by. Miss Isabel Lawson—formerly an active worker in the church and a member of the choir. Mrs. VanBuskirk, Mr. Sellers and Mr. Glazebrooke, all for years connected with the church. Mr. Porter for 18 years organist of St. Paul's Church, a faithful worker, a true friend. Mrs. Mahon—always bright, ever willing, a cheerful, happy worker. Mrs. F. Albro—the sister of Mrs. Judge Ritchie—a sympathetic loving worker, a cheerful giver, a devoted worshipper, a sincere christian. Forgetting their faults, and cherishing their virtues let us charitably say of them all, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Summary.

In order that the people may have a clearer idea of what *we are doing* and what *we are giving* in St. Paul's Church, we shall outline the activities of the Parish under two great general headings ; works carried on and money raised.

OUR WORK.

1. Sunday School. 2. Temperance. 3. Industrial. 4. Instructional. 5. Evangelistic. 6. Charitable. 7. Hospital. 8. Social. 9. Missionary. 10. General.

OUR OFFERINGS.

1. Charitable. 2. Parochial. 3. Home or Diocesan. 4. Domestic or Canadian. 5. Foreign. 6. General.

1. The Sunday School.

In many respects the most important of all the Church's works. Teach these words diligently to your children, said Moses. Feed my *lambs*, said the Master. We have now in St. Paul's Sunday School : thirty-six teachers ; including the Bible Class leaders : Miss Tremaine, Miss Hodggers, Miss Uniacke, Mr. Winfield and Rev. Mr. Skey.

Ten officers : The Rector, Superintendent ; Mr. J. C. Mahon, Assistant ; Mr. Schaefer, Secretary ; Mr. Major, Treasurer ; Mr. Cummings, Organist for Lower School, Mr. Jost, Librarian, and Mr. S. Wetmore, Mr. Chas. Tremaine, Mr. Evett Mathers, and Mr. Leonard Sheraton, Assistant Librarians.

The number on the roll is about 440. The average attendance for March, 1892, was 325—and on the Sunday before Easter there were 344. Parents will greatly aid by seeing that their children are constant and punctual in their attendance. The Sunday School supports 3 girls at the Alms House, and one boy at the Industrial School—\$200. Over and above this the Mite boxes raise about \$100 a year for Domestic

and Foreign Missions. The Annual Festival and giving of prizes was in January. We thank God and take courage. Brethren, pray for us and help.

2. Temperance.

We have now two organized branches of Temperance work in the Parish: The first a Church of England Temperance Society meeting every Friday night in the Mission Hall, when addresses are given on gospel temperance subjects, and a musical entertainment provided. The pledges taken are those of the Church of England Temperance Society. Great good has been done. Eighty-seven Total Abstinence pledges have been taken. Every member of the church must heartily approve of this work, and all are wanted to help on the good work by example and endeavour. The Church Temperance Societys' motto is—For our brother's sake for whom Christ died.

The next is the most important temperance work amongst the young. The St. Paul's Band of Hope was organised on Jan. 22nd, 1892, meets every Friday evening, at 7 o'clock, and has a membership roll of 61 girls and 58 boys.—Total 119. Each member is presented with a Pledge Card and medal. Miss Sheraton is Secretary; Miss Share, Treasurer; Mrs. Wallace, Miss Abbott and Mr. Cummings, Committee. Our Band of Hope might appropriately take for its own that motto of a well known Insurance Company—We hold thee safe.—The idea is prevention rather than cure. That our young may grow up understanding the evils of strong drink, and like John the Baptist, abstiners from the beginning.

3. Industrial.

First—The St. Paul's Sewing School. This class began in the days when Dr. Hill was Rector under Mrs. G. P. Black and after she left

by Mrs. Wallace, who is still the indefatigable superintendent. The object of the class is two-fold :

1st. To teach the children of the poor how to sew.

2nd. To supply them with well-made under garments.

When the parents are able to pay a small price is charged ; when not they are given away when completed. The money necessary is given out of the Poor Fund, and by members of the church. The school meets weekly in Argyle Hall, and is divided into classes, each class having a Lady of the Church for its teacher. Two ladies do all the cutting. The classes begin in November and continue till Easter, closing with a Tea and Entertainment which is a great joy to the children. A large number of children also come and work from love of the church, and in order to do a little good.

This year Mrs. A. G. Hesslein kindly provided flanelette, shirts were made of it for boys—a new feature.

SUMMARY FOR YEAR 1891-92.

President—Mrs. Hague. Secretary—Mrs. Wallace.

Teachers—Mrs. Gossip, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Schaffer, Mrs. Venables, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Lindsay, Miss MacPherson, and Miss Halls.

Scholars enrolled, 44. Meetings held 20. Garments made sold, 50c. Donations, Mrs. Hesslein, Flanelette. Mrs. Dean, Factory Cotton. Cash, per Rector, \$14. Garments sold 50c. Expended for materials, \$14.50.

2nd. THE ST. PAUL'S WORKING SOCIETY.—Object—The encouragement of poor women to work. Material is provided, and garments when made up are sold at a very reduced rate to the workers, and in some cases even given. The workers assemble and over look the work. The annual meeting for the election of officers and reading of reports was held in the Vestry of St. Paul's on the afternoon of

Jan. 6th, 1892. The Rector opened with prayer, after which the President took the chair and the election of officers was proceeded with :

President—Mrs. Dyson Hague. Secretary—Mrs. C. C. Blackadar. Vice-President—Mrs. H. Hesslein. Treasurer—Miss Tremaine. Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. J. C. Mahon.

Last year \$97.25 was collected, and this year \$108.00. What is left over is put in the Bank. This year has been a prosperous one. The Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Blackadar reports as follows the work for 1892 : Articles made, 506. Sold to women, 339. Sold by committee, 123. Badly made, 10. No. returned 21. Given away, 4. Articles in trunk, 9. There were given besides 36 pairs of sheets, several yards of tweed. Fourty-four women received work. May these good works, so like to those of Dorcas of old, prosper more and more.

3rd. CHRISTMAS CHURCH WORK.—The work of decorating the church, a labour of love for dear old St. Paul's, is cheerfully undertaken every year by several of the ladies and gentlemen of the Parish. Reredos was in the hands of Mrs. Borden and Mrs. Humphrey ; the Prayer desk of Mrs. Robie Uniacke and Miss Uniacke ; the Lectern of Miss Shand and Miss Lordly ; the Pulpit of Miss E. Kellogg and Miss Norton-Taylor. Mr. Wetmore and Mr. A. deB. Tremaine assisted in the designing. And a large number whom space prevents from mentioning particularly gave their cheerful services.

4. Instructional.

First. The Rector's Bible Class on Friday afternoon. This has been fairly well attended. The subjects taken were the lessons of the Exodus. It is chiefly attended by ladies. On occasions when the Rector was absent his place was supplied by Mr. Skey or Mr. Almon.

2nd. The Bible Class for the Sunday School Teachers. This was held during the winter at the Rector's residence, and was well attended. The subject studied was the Sunday School Lesson for the following Sunday, the International series being used. The class is now being held every Monday evening in the Library, (Vestry.)

3rd. The St. Andrew's Brotherhood Bible Class for young men on Tuesday evenings. Owing to the illness of Captain Molony, R. E., the conductor, this has been suspended for a while.

4th. The Bible class for married women, every Sunday afternoon by Mr. Winfield from 3 to 4 in the Church Vestry. Let me impress on my people the importance of Bible study. St. Augustine says :—"The soul which feeds not on the word of God becomes feeble, barren, and unfit for work." Origen says :—"The cause of every evil is, that we do not know the Scriptures. We go to battle without arms." All loyal churchman should nourish their souls by prayerful, and daily Bible reading.

5. Evangelistic.

First. Mr. Winfield the Lay Evangelist's work. Go out into the highways and compel them to come in, said the Master. The Church that ceases to be evangelical ceases to be evangelistic, and the Church that ceases to be evangelistic, is prepared for interment. It is a dead body, and the sooner buried the better. Thank God my heart's desire and prayer ever since I came to Halifax was answered last October when Mr. T. A. Winfield arrived from England where he had been labouring as an Evangelist under the Bishop of East London, and began his labours as Parish Lay Evangelist.

He went at once to work, and in the right way. He visited every house in the Parish from Brunswick to Lower

Water St., and from Jacob St. to Dresden Row and Birmingham St. Of the church people 50 per cent. claimed to belong to St. Pauls. New families were reported. Children brought to the Sunday School. Sick and needy, found and helped. No person now in the whole of our Parish can fairly say, "no one ever cared for my soul."

Then the great evangelistic work began. Every night in the week, save Monday, rest night, and Wednesday church night, a Gospel service is held in the Mission Hall. And thus inside *the church's pale and on church lines*, a simple gospel work as earnest as that of early Methodism, and more attractive to the masses than that of the Salvation Army is held every night almost in the year. The results have been blessed. The average attendance has been 100. Sunday evenings it is always crowded. A large number have professed to receive Jesus as their Saviour, and have been led to the Church.

During Mr. Winfield's illness in January, Mr. Gay took the services, and Chaplain Molony, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Kellogg, and Mr. Wm. L. Payzant assisted also. Many ladies and gentlemen have helped at the Friday Gospel Temperance meetings.

In connection with this work Mr. Winfield holds a Bible Class for women, referred to before, in the Vestry (Library) from 3 to 4 on Sunday afternoons. Let us thank God, and take courage for this good work.

2nd. Under the kind of Evangelistic works may be rightly ranked the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. This is a purely church organization for young men who desire aggressive Christian work. It was started in the States in 1883. Every member promises two things:

1st. To pray every day for the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men.

2nd. To try every week and bring at least one young man to the gospel.

Our Branch is a working one. The President or Director is Mr. C. Evans; the Vice-President Captain Molony, R. E.; and the Secretary Treasurer Mr. W. L. Payzant. All the Hotels and Boarding Houses in the Parish are visited on Saturday evening.

This summer we hope that these earnest young churchmen will do still more. They are going every Sunday morning down to the docks and wharves and lower streets to distribute tracts (stamped with the church stamp) and invite sailors and others to the house of God. I hope also some of them will be able to go and take a service for some of our hard-worked country clergy, thus giving them a well earned rest. Young men wanted. Volunteers wanted. Requirements:—A good heart with the love of souls in it; a good head with common sense and wisdom in it; and a good face with a Christian smile upon it.

6. Charitable and Benevolent.

First. THE POOR FUND. This comes from the communion offertory and amounts to about \$600 a year. Of this a great deal is given away during the winter in supplying the worthy poor with groceries and coal. I make it a rule never to give money, save in all well known worthy cases, and then it is almost invariably through the Lady visitors all being by written orders. With regard to the coal fund, there is no doubt that an effort ought to be made (O that I had ten bodies to work with!!) to start a coal fund on the condition that for every 50 cents deposited, the church would give the following winter one dollars worth of coal. This would encourage thrift. Much of the poor money goes to support aged and bed-ridden poor who are given so much a week. Then a good deal goes in paying the funeral

expenses of the very poorest. Some of it also in loans to the poor (alas for poor human nature, little or none of this is ever paid back) !

2nd. THE WORKING SOCIETY. This has already been noticed above.

3rd. THE WORK OF DISTRICT VISITING. We have in St. Paul's a body of district visitors of which any church could be proud. They go to the homes of the poor, bring sunshine and heavenly gleams to dingy tenements, supply the needs of the indigent, comfort the mourning, console the dying, and tell many of the Blessed Comforter. They are invaluable assistants to the clergy to whom they report, cases of sickness and want. There are about 20 now in regular service, and the Band of Visitors meets once a month in the Vestry.

One of the happiest of our charitable works is the Christmas surprise. On the day next before Christmas these good ladies waited in the Argyle Hall to receive the gifts for the poor. In they came in right royal profusion. Turkey, geese, fowl, beef, meat-pies ; puddings, pies, cakes, buns, mince-pies, bread ; grapes, apples, jellies, bananas, oranges, nuts ; clothes of all sorts, caps, capes, muffs, comforters, wraps, coats, cloaks, gloves, mitts, men's clothes, girls clothes, boys clothes ; toys of all sorts and conditions, new, old, whole and decrepit. Then by judicious hands these good gifts were all separated into baskets, and carried to the homes of the needy poor to remind them of God's great gift of love. They did not come and get them. They were taken to them as a Christmas surprise. Besides the organized works of benevolence, I know much is done by our people in a quiet way of which we cannot speak here.

7. Hospital work.

This is a good work.

It originated in the St. Paul's Church Young Peoples' Society, forming a committee of young ladies to visit the Halifax General Hospital: Miss Shand, Miss Abbott, Miss Norton Taylor, Miss May Kellogg, and Miss E. Clay. The work was found to be so great that five other young ladies joined in, Miss Uniacke, Miss Desbarres, Miss Grant, Miss E. Kellogg and Mrs. Smith. All the medical and surgical wards are now so apportioned that two of the ladies visit weekly each ward, invariably meeting with kindness and consideration from the nurses, and a warm welcome from the patients. Services are now held once a month by the various church clergy of the City in the Hospital.

Under this head might be mentioned also the very excellent work done by the ladies who form the Flower Committee of the Y. P. S. Their pleasant work is to receive flowers, bind them into fragrant bunches, attach to each a text of Scripture, and take it to the bed-room of the sick to lend a little sweetness and colour to the monotony of their sad life. May His blessing rest richly upon them who said:—"I was sick, and ye visited me."

8. Social.

The social work of a congregation while apparently not of great value, is in reality a most important factor in the church's life. It brings the people nearer together, and stimulates the exercise of the more generous sentiments of our nature. In a large church like St. Pauls it is of the utmost consequence that all be made to feel their unity and be brought often together.

Especially is the case with the younger section of the congregation. And one of the most important organizations of the Church is the Young People's Society.

The St. Paul's Church Young People's Society is an

Association of all the younger members of the church, male and female. The object is to unite all in the service of the church, and interest in its objects. Meetings are held once a week, the one being of a devotional character, the other of a literary and social. A Bible reading is the feature of the one ; a debate or essays, or a musical programme of the other. Among the more entertaining evenings were the last two when Mr. Peter Lynch read a most interesting paper on reminiscences of old St. Pauls, and the Rev. Mr. King, the Rector of St. Lukes, gave a Lecture on Gothic Architecture in the English Cathedrals, as illustrated by magic lantern views.

At the beginning and close of the season the Y. P. S. gave a Social, in other words invited all the members of the congregation to spend a pleasant evening together, and a large number came on each occasion.

The Young Peoples' Society has brought out the energies of some of the finest and most indefatigable of our young church workers, many of whom are a credit to the church, and to the work of the Master. To the St. Paul's Young People's Society three of the most beneficent church enterprises owe their inception, and from it draw the material of success. The work in the Hospital. The Flower Committee, and the Band of Hope.

Two other works have been long talked of but have not as yet been begun ; the formation of a Coal Committee to carry out the scheme suggested for the benefit of the saving poor, and of a penny savings bank for the boys and girls and poorer part of the community. Both of these works are of the parochial philanthropic kind, will help to diminish the poverty which is in so many cases the result of improvidence, and will by circulating thrift teach the poor to help themselves.

The Society defrays its expenses by the voluntary contributions of the members, there being no regular fee.

Under this head we may not inappropriately refer to the very pleasant social gatherings through the efforts of the members of our Ladies' Bible Classes.

On the evening of the 3rd of January, 1892, the young ladies in Miss Uniacke's class gave a tea to 50 of the poor children of the Parish, and a week later Miss Hodger's class provided an equally enjoyable tea and entertainment for the children of the St. Paul's Alms' House of Industry. God bless these social efforts ; and lead us into the spirit of those beautiful lines :

Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

9. Missionary.

Our first and chief missionary work at present is the support of an earnest working missionary, who does clergymans' work under the Bishop's license at Country Harbour. Mr. Gay conducts the services of the Church of England in seven different places in a Parish many hundred miles square, his chief points being Country Harbour, two Stations, Sherbrooke, Beckerton, and Wine Harbour. In January last, Mr. Gay paid a visit to Halifax, and assisted in the church services by reading the lessons, and during the week in the Evangelistic services.

His income is raised by small subscriptions ranging from 10 cents to 50 cents a month, some giving one, two and three dollars a month. The young ladies who do this constitute the St. Paul's Mite Society, of which Miss Tremaine is the Secretary and Treasurer.

Let us all give cheerfully to support this worthy man.

Several of the ladies of our congregation are very active members of the Womans' Auxiliary to the Board of Home

Missions, an organization which has for its object the supplementing the salaries of our poor clergy. It is a good work, and deserves our support. Two of its services were held at St. Paul's church, when an address was delivered by the Rector, and the Holy Communion administered. One great desideratum in St. Paul's church, and in the church in this Diocese is a Womans' Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions in the Church of England. Every Diocese in the Dominion, save New Brunswick and Nova Scotia has a net-work of woman's associations for prayer, and counsel, and raising of money for the Domestic and Foreign Mission work of the church. I shall never be satisfied till we have a good working branch.

It's simple and helps the church work wonderfully.

10. General.

First.—THE PARISH PAPER.

This is a little magazine, printed by Bryant & Co., Toronto, with a local cover. It is intended to keep all in touch with what is going on. Every member in St. Paul's should take a copy, and if possible give an extra fifty cents so that a copy could be sent to some brother or sister not able to pay even that small sum. Its financial success depends on the hearty co-operation of all the people. Mr. Skey has charge of the financial department, and Miss Sheraton kindly assists him, with other young ladies.

2nd. THE LADIES' CHURCH COMMITTEE.—Let all things be done decently and in order, is a Divine command. To this end, and in order that seemliness, neatness, cleanliness and order may be promoted especially in the vestry and church arrangements, a committee of ladies was formed at the Rectors in January, under Mrs. Hagne as the President. To them will be assigned the care of the Pulpit and Lectern hanging, the Surplices and Table Linen, the arrangement of

the Communion Table, and all those matters needing a womans' skilful hand and orderly touch.

The Committee is as follows :—Jan. May, Sept.—Mrs. A. G. Jones, Mrs. W. M. Humphrey, Mrs. R. L. Borden.

Feb. June, Oct.—Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Northup, Miss E. Kellogg, Miss Payzant.

March, July, Nov.—Mrs. Robie Uniacke, Mrs. J. Duffus, Miss G. Uniacke.

April, August, December.—Mrs. A. Shortt, Mrs. A. Hesslein, Miss Maud Ritchie.

3rd. THE CHOIR.—Since the arrival of the new organist Mr. Hutchins, the choir in many respects has been very successful. Notwithstanding many losses, including a number of boys, and some of the most valuable of the men, the tone of the church music has been brightened and improved. While it is to be regretted that the congregation do not join in more heartily, the choir have done their best to lead the service of song in the church. Amontst the improvements introduced may be mentioned. The singing of the sentences during the offertory after they are read by the clergyman. The singing of a sacred song or anthem during the collection. The substitution of the Cathedral Psalter for the one formerly in use.

We need more boys, we need more men. One or two good Sopranos and Altos too would be an improvement, and with such an efficient painstaking progressive organist, whose presence is a guarantee of success, the outlook of the choir is bright.

4th. THE USHERS.—The gentlemen who performed the office of welcoming strangers and conducting them to seats deserve the gratitude of the congregation for the self-denying manner in which they performed their duties. It is a pleasant sight to see not only the older and more widely

known members of the congregation, such as the Hon. A. G. Jones, Judge Ritchie, Mr. C. C. Balackadar and Mr. Robt. Taylor performing these duties, but the young men also, like Mr. Major, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Payzant.

5th. OUR LOSSES BY REMOVAL.—A church like St. Paul's must always be losing more or less of its members, especially among the young. During the past year there left us among others :—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and family, to our great regret, who returned to Prescott, Ontario ; Miss Mackinlay and Miss Beamish, who were married, and went to reside respectively in Toronto, Ont., and Dartmouth ; Miss, Norton-Taylor who returned to England, greatly missed ; Mr. Elliott and Mr. Shute, who have gone to the States. On the other hand we have welcomed to our midst a number who have come to reside in Halifax, and have made St. Paul's the church of their choice.

Our Offerings.

No better test of a church's in many respects can be offered than its willingness to give, *especially to objects besides its own support*. The result the gospel preached in St. Paul's may be seen to a certain degree in the following tabulation :

1. CHARITABLE.

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| Including, | 1 | Offerings for the poor at Holy Communion. | \$450 00 |
| | 2 | " St. Paul's Alms House.... | 500 00 |
| | 3 | " Dispensary..... | 168 00 |
| | 4 | " Working Society..... | 108 00 |
| | 5 | " (in kind, etc.) at Xmas. valued. | 300 00 |
| | 6 | " Industrial School—on plate. | 17 00 |
| | 7 | " Sunday School..... | 40 00 |

\$1583 05

Also offerings to the Church Hospital and Industrial School and other charities by St. Paul's Church people not specified.

2. PAROCHIAL.—Under this head we include the regular offerings of the people to the service of the house of God, for the maintenance of the Gospel and the support of the ministry, and the necessary expenses of the Church.

Pew-rents having been abolished Easter, 1890, and the voluntary system substituted, the current expenses are met by envelopes and collections, which are freely given by the people :

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| Given through the envelopes | \$4670 00 |
| Collections morning and evening | 1160 00 |
| | <hr/> \$5830 00 |

(An income is derived from the Glebe and Argyle Hall, in all net receipts being about \$1000.00.

Also \$700 raised for support of the church evangelist and lay reader Mr. Winfield (including \$100 for passage from England.)

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| 3. DIOCESAN.—Including all monies raised for objects in our own Diocese, the assistance of clergy, missionaries, etc. | |
| Collection for Col. and Continental C. Society, Oct., '91. . . | \$686 95 |
| “ missionary at Country Harbour per Mite So. | 529 02 |
| “ Widows' and Orphans' Fund. | \$118 73 |
| “ (special supplemental). | 64 26 |
| | <hr/> 183 19 |
| “ Board of Home Mission | 159 50 |
| “ Clergy of the Diocese as a Christmas gift (including \$40 to B. H. M. clergy). | 238 00 |
| Also offerings to assist Trinity Church, Hx. (individuals). . | 364 33 |
| “ St. Matthias, Halifax, (individuals). | 125 00 |
| Also private offerings to the Church's W. M. Society. . . . | |
| | <hr/> \$2285 99 |

4. DOMESTIC. That is contributions to other Domestic in the Dominion of Canada, The North West, Algoma. etc. :

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| Amt. coll. for Dom. Missions, 1st Sunday after Ascension. . | \$165 42 |
| Given by St. Paul's Sunday School | 50 00 |
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| Total for Domestic or Canadian Missions | \$215 42 |

5. FOREIGN. The collection for Foreign Missions this January was the largest as far as we know ever taken in the Diocese and amounted to \$400 00
We have also given on Good Friday to the London Society for Promotion of Christianity among the Jews. 85 62
The Sunday School also by its Mite boxes gives Foreign Missions every year a little over 50 00

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| Total for Foreign Missions and Jews. | <hr/> \$535 62 |
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| 6. GENERAL. We gave to Wycliffe College, Toronto, the Theological College for the training of sound clergy for our beloved Church..... | \$400 00 |
| We raised voluntarily for the S. S. annual picnic (not including any of the contributions in kind) | 167 00 |
| We raised for Sabrevoix..... | 75 00 |
| Also last year for the Bishop | 650 00 |
| And for Springhill..... | 225 00 |

\$1517 00

Thus we raise for our own church and its expenses\$5830 00

And over and above this we raise (I do not count the \$875.00 for the Bishop and Springhill).....\$5962 08

In addition to this we must not forget to mention the gifts made to the church—the handsome communion cloth and hangings, and also the work so freely given in the chancel by Mr. Harrison, of Harrison Bros.

CONCLUSION.—Such is our review, and with such a review our outlook cannot but be hopeful. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and He who *hath* blessed, *will* bless.

Glad am I to that in the largest church in the Diocese there is to found with the grand old service of the Church of England in its simple beauty unadorned, and the grand old gospel of the Word of God, unmutated and undefiled, such prosperity, and manifest blessing from on high.

So may it be from year to year, and generation to generation until He comes. But, from our hearts let us say lest we become vain, not unto us, oh not unto us, but unto Thy name give all the glory.

DYSON HAGUE, *Rector*.

St. Paul's, May, 1892.

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