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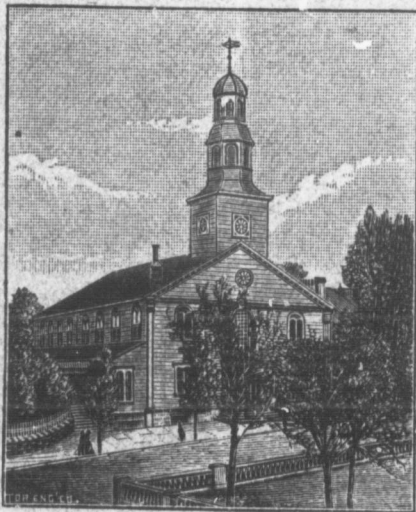
THE YEAR BOOK

—OF—

St. Paul's Parish

HALIFAX, N. S.,

A. D., 1899.



ROYAL FOUNDATION.
KING GEORGE THE SECOND.

First Church of England Service 21st June, 1749.
Church opened for Divine Service 2nd Sept., 1750.



HALIFAX, N. S.
HOLLOWAY BROS., PRINTERS 69 & 71 GRANVILLE ST.,
1899.

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

The First Church of England in the Dominion of Canada.
The oldest Protestant Church in the Dominion of Canada.

REV. WM. TUTTY, First Missionary,	1749—1752
REV. JOHN BREYNTON, First Rector.	1753—1791
REV. ROBERT STANSER, Second Rector.	1791—1816
REV. JOHN INGLIS, Third Rector.	1816—1824
REV. R. N. WILLIS, Fourth Rector.	1824—1865
REV. G. W. HILL, Fifth Rector.	1865—1885
REV. CHAS. HOLE, Sixth Rector.	1886—1889
REV. DYSON HAGUE, Seventh Rector.	1890—1897
REV. W. J. ARMITAGE, Eighth Rector.	1897—

St. Paul's Church is open every day till six o'clock in the evening.

Information with regard to the Church or the Clergy will be cheerfully given by the Sexton, R. Davidson, who will be found in the Church or at the Parochial Hall.

HOURS FOR VESTRY.

- RECTOR, Monday, 10.15 A. M.
- MR. WILLIAMS, Wednesday at 12 o'clock.
- MR. WINFIELD, every day at 12 o'clock.

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REV. W. J. ARMITAGE, RECTOR, 1897.

REV. L. T. W. WILLIAMS, CURATE, 1897.

REV. F. H. W. ARCHBOLD, M. A., HON. ASSISTANT, 1886.

REV. P. R. SOANES, B. A., CURATE in charge St. MATTHIAS', 1896.

MR. J. A. WINFIELD, LAY EVANGELIST, 1887.

DIOCESAN MISSION.

REV. D. EDWARDS, MISSIONARY, Country Harbour.

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Bible Woman, China.

THE CORPORATION.

THE RECTOR.

CHURCH WARDENS.

THOS. MOWBRAY, 1897,

W. J. CLAYTON, 1899.

VESTRY.

C. C. BLACKADAR, 1877,

HON. A. G. JONES, 1885,

R. L. BORDEN, Q. C., 1891,

W. B. KELLOGG, 1898,

J. E. DIMOCK, 1878 & '89,

A. MACKINLAY, 1884,

C. A. EVANS, 1895,

W. L. PAYZANT, 1895,

R. E. HARRIS, Q. C., 1893,

THOS. RITCHIE, 1883,

WM. HUMPHREY, 1888,

A. DEB. TREMAINE, 1899.

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HON. MR. JUSTICE RITCHIE, 1880, F. W. GREEN, 1898.

SUBSTITUTES.

ROBIE UNIACKE, 1886,

I. H. MATHERS, 1892.

VESTRY CLERK.

R. J. WILSON, 1874.

ORGANIST.

ERNEST E. LEIGH, 1898.

SEXTON.

R. DAVIDSON.

THE PARISH BUILDINGS.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. Sexton.—R. DAVIDSON.

ST. PAUL'S PAROCHIAL HALL, (Argyle Hall).

ST. PAUL'S MISSION HALL. Caretaker.—WM. BRYANT.

ST. PAUL'S SHELTER, 155 Albermarle St.,
Janitor.—MR. JOHN MANUEL.ST. PAUL'S ALMS HOUSE, 100 Tower Road,
Matron.—MRS. WILLIAMS.
Teacher—MRS. DAVIDSON.

ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, Cor. Windsor St. & Compton Ave.



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A Brief Historical Statement

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

The First Church of England Service in Halifax, was held on the day of the foundation of the City, 21st June, 1749. The Rev. Wm. Tutty, the first Missionary says that Divine service was "performed in the open air," and afterwards in the Governor's dining room.

St. Paul's Church was erected on the Parade in the year 1750, A. D., by His Majesty King George the Second, who is called in the Deed of Endowment, dated 4th January, 1760, "The Royal Founder" and the Church is designated "A ROYAL FOUNDATION AND OF EXEMPT JURISDICTION."

The wood for the building of the Church, consisting of Pine and Oak, was brought from Boston, Massachusetts, then a part of the British Dominions, and the Church was built "at the expense of the Crown by grants from His Majesty for that purpose, and also by moneys granted to His Majesty in this Province for the uses of the Government."

Governor Cornwallis in a letter dated 19th March, 1750, says : "I expect the frame of the Church will be here next month from New England. The plan is the same with that of Marybone (Marylebone) Chapel."

It is generally understood that in its original form St. Paul's was an exact copy of St. Peter's, Vere St., London.

On the 2nd day of September, 1750, the Church, though not finished, was formally opened for Divine Service by the Rev. Wm. Tutty, of the S. P. G., who in a letter to the parent Society dated

Oct. 29th, said, "The Church when completed will be a very handsome structure." St. Paul's Church was the first Church erected for the services of the Church of England in Canada.

The first Church of England service held in America was conducted by Sir Francis Drake's, Chaplain at Drake's Bay, California, in 1577.

The first English Church erected in North America was built by Lord Delaware at Jamestown in 1610. It was a building 60 ft. long and 24 ft. broad

It is worthy of note that the first services of the Church of England in Canada were held at Annapolis Royal in a Church built by the French in 1703, by Rev. John Harrison in 1710. The first English Church at Annapolis was built in 1784. The first services in Lower Canada were held by the Chaplains of the British army fourteen in number, who accompanied General Amherst's expedition when he sailed up the St. Lawrence in June, 1759. The first service in Upper Canada was in all probability conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ogilvie, a friend of Bishop Inglis, who was Chaplain to the Mohawk Indians who joined Amherst's expedition, and who was present at the siege and capture of Fort Niagara in 1759. Dr. Ogilvie at General Amherst's death took charge of the congregation at Montreal in 1760, and the Parish of Montreal was set apart in 1763. The Parish of Quebec under Dr. Brooke, dates from 1760. The services however, were held in Roman Catholic Churches, at Quebec in the Recollet Church, and at Montreal in the Church of the Recollet Fathers until 1789 when Lord Dorchester granted the use of the Old Jesuit's Chapel. The Gabriel St. Presbyterian Church, Montreal, was used until 1814 when Christ Church was founded.

The first Protestant Church erected in old Canada was built at Sorel and was opened in 1785. The first Church of England Mission in Ontario was at Prescott and Cornwall in 1783, Kingston followed in 1785—but the first Church was the Mohawk Mission Church near Brantford, erected 1785. One of the oldest Parishes is at Niagara on the Lake, where the Rev. Robert Addison was appointed first Rector, in 1792.

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by the Rev. Thos. Wood at one time Vicar of St. Paul's, Halifax, then of Annapolis in the Settlements on the St. John River in 1769. The Rev. Geo. Bissett M. A., was the first Rector of St. John, N. B. Trinity Church St. John, N. B. was opened Christmas Day, 1771, under Rev. Mather Byles, D.D., Rector, formerly of St. Paul's, Halifax, and Garrison Chaplain, a New England refugee of a distinguished family.

The first Missionaries to Halifax were sent out at the request of the British Government by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The Lord Commissioners for Trade and Plantations asked for Ministers and Schoolmasters who "should be particularly useful in cultivating a sense of the true Protestant religion among the said inhabitants and educating their children in the principles thereof." The Society undertook this duty at a special meeting attended by the two Archbishops and ten Suffragan Bishops. The Rev. Wm. Tutty, the Rev. Wm. Anwyl and a schoolmaster accompanied the first settlers.

In the year 1752, the Rev. John Breynton who was one of His Majesty's Naval Chaplains at the siege of Louisburg, came out to assist Mr. Tutty, and was the First Rector of this Church in 1753. Since then there have been six Rectors, Robert Stanser, 1789, afterwards 2nd Bishop, John Inglis, 1816, 3rd Bishop, Archdeacon Willis, 1824, Dr. George W. Hill, 1865, Dr. Hole, 1886. and Rev. Dyson Hague, 1890. The present Rector was appointed in 1897.

The Three Bells of St. Paul's Church were imported from London in July, 1812. The Tower, Steeple, Vestry and Library were erected 1812. The Royal Arms were placed in front of the gallery in 1812. In the year 1868 the wings were added; in 1872 the Chancel was built at the sole expense of Edward Binney, Esq., then Church Warden; the first organ which is now in Trinity Church, was obtained in 1765 from a Spanish prize ship taken by a British Man-of-War; 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 navy and other gentlemen of prominence, in the history of the Empire and of the Province.

Beneath the Church are the vaults of Lieut.-Governor Lawrence, of the Baron de Seitz, 1782, a Hessian officer, Baron Kniphausen Lord Charles Greville Montagu, 1784, a son of the Duke of Manchester, Governor Parr, Sir John Wentworth, Chief Justice Jonathan Belcher, Lieut. Governor George Stracey Smyth, of New Brunswick, Chief Justice Bryan Finucane, the Hon. Richard J. Uniacke, 1830, Bishop Charles Inglis, 1816, and other distinguished persons.

Among the **Mural Tablets** are those of the first two Bishops of Nova Scotia, the Right Rev. and Hon Charles Inglis, 1816, the first Protestant Bishop appointed to a British Colony, and his son the Right Rev. John Inglis third Rector of this Church, 1850; Sir John Wentworth, Bart. ; Captain Evans of His Majesty's ship *Charlestown*, slain in action 1781; Lord Montagu, 1784; Sir John Harvey, 1852, the Hon. Sir Brenton Haliburton, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, 1860, the Hon. S. S. Blowers, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, 1842, the Hon. Mr. Justice Uniacke, 1834, Brigadier-General McLean, 1782, the Hon. W. B. Almon, 1840, the Hon. Norman F. Uniacke, 1846, Justice of the Supreme Court of Lower Canada, the Hon. Mr. Justice J. W. Ritchie, 1890, Archdeacon Willis, 1865, the Rev. Wm. Cogswell, 1847, and representatives of many of the oldest and most influential families in Nova Scotia.

In 1781 the Parsonage was used by the Council and House of Assembly.

The **Massive Silver Services** for the Holy Communion were presented by King George the Second, and bear the Royal Arms with the quarterings of France and Hanover.

The beautiful **Memorial Window** in the Chancel was erected to the memory of the Hon. Mr. Justice J. W. Ritchie and his wife.

The handsome **Brass Lectern** was presented by the late Mrs. J. Norman Ritchie, in memory of her sister the late Mrs. F. J. Albro.

The **Fine Stone Font** was presented by the Hon. Mr. Justice J. Norman Ritchie.

The **Service Books** were presented by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in 1852, to "ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL."

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Bishop John Inglis in his Ecclesiastical Returns, 1727 (?) says :
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 to the Germans and minister to St. George's Chapel. St. Paul's
 Church—a fine building in excellent condition and well situated,
 will contain 1400. St. George's Chapel, handsomely fitted up
 lately and well situated, will contain 960.

The Parish of Preston, containing the townships of Preston,
 Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Fort Sackville and Lawrencetown was
 set apart in 1792.

St. George's Parish was set apart in 1828. Her Majesty's
 Garrison Chapel was built in 1842. **St. Luke's Chapel of Ease**
 was opened for Divine service 14th May, 1848. **The Parish of St.
 Margaret's Bay** was set off 19th Feb., 1852. **St. Luke's** (now
 the Cathedral) **Parish**, was set off 14th May, 1858. The erection
 of **St. Matthias' Church** was authorized 1876, and **Trinity Parish**
 was set off 1888.

St. Paul's Church is the mother Church of not only the
 Diocese of Nova Scotia, but of the Church of England in Canada.
 It is the oldest Protestant Church in the Dominion.

From 1787 to 1858 it was the Cathedral Church of the Diocese,
 and for nearly a century the Garrison Church for the British
 Forces.

The Church will accommodate from 1800 to 2000 people ; at
 Easter, 1890, the seats were all made free.



RECTOR'S REPORT.

It is with feelings of deep gratitude to Almighty God that I furnish a brief statement of our Church work for the past year for the information of the congregation of St. Paul's Church.

The year which has just closed has been a year of great privilege, and of rich opportunities for service in the work of Christ's Church.

STATISTICS OF WORK.

A brief statement of Clerical and Pastoral work may be of interest :

THE RECTOR. —I have conducted or participated in Services . . .		290
“ preached Sermons		118
“ delivered Addresses		157
“ attended Meetings		279
“ paid Parochial Visits		2037
“ “ Sick Visits, (included above)		481
“ “ Social “ (Extra)		100
“ “ Inquiry “ (Extra)		200
“ celebrated Marriages		22
“ “ Funerals		28
“ “ Baptisms		39
THE REV. LEO WILLIAMS. —Services		162
Sermons		28
Addresses		88
Meetings		226
Visits to the Sick		311
“ Well		1306
Total Visits	—	1617
Weddings		6
Funerals		6
Baptisms		8

It has been my privilege to preach during the year at :

St. Luke's Cathedral, St. George's, Trinity and St. Mark's Churches, Halifax ; Terence Bay ; Chester ; Blandford, Bayswater and Deep Cove ; Kentville ; New Glasgow ; Trinity Church and St. Luke's, Montreal ; St. Thomas' Church, St. Catharines.

Mr. Williams has preached :

at St. Luke's Cathedral, St. George's, Trinity and St. Matthias Churches, Halifax ; Christ Church, Dartmouth ; and at New Glasgow.

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PASTORAL WORK.

The pastoral work of the Clergy and Lay Evangelist which I consider of the first importance, has been carried on from day to day and week to week throughout the year. There are many interruptions to this branch of ministerial activity, owing to demands upon our time for meetings, and to calls of duty for funerals and other occasional services. The special services of Lent also made a large draft upon a portion of the day most suitable for this work.

It has been my great privilege to make 2037 parochial visits since last Easter, of which number 481 were made in ministering to the sick. Mrs. Armitage has accompanied me in all visits except to the sick. In addition to this my social duties to friends outside of our own congregation required over 100 calls. And I made over 200 visits of inquiry in my search for members of the congregation whose addresses had been lost. In the eighteen months I have held office as Rector, I have made 3074 parochial visits.

MR. WILLIAMS has made 1617 parochial and sick visits since last Easter. His work has unavoidably been interfered with by illness. I have every reason to be grateful for his valuable assistance in all the varied activities of our parochial organization, as well as in connection with the services of the Church. The parishioners, I feel sure, place a high value upon his services in the Church.

We have now upon our Visiting Book the names of over 600 families and of 364 individuals not connected with families. It may be of interest to note that we have over 240 families and nearly 100 individuals who reside north of St. Paul's Church.

One of the most trying features of our Pastoral Work lies in the fact that over 284 families and individuals moved during the year, and that very few were considerate enough to inform the Clergy of their change of address.

DISTRICT VISITING.

The work in connection with the District Visiting has been re-organized and is being prosecuted with diligence

and zeal. The District Visitors are of great assistance to the Clergy, their efforts are much appreciated by the people, and their work is not the least important amongst the activities of the parish. I bear willing testimony to the faithful labours of the christian women who have volunteered for this arduous department of Church work.

THE HOSPITAL.

The Victoria Hospital is now visited regularly and systematically every week by the Clergy and Lay Evangelist, in addition to the excellent work performed by our Hospital Committee of the Young People's Society, for the purpose of bringing spiritual consolation and help especially to the members of St. Paul's who may be sick and suffering, while the members of our communion from other parishes are not forgotten.

THE REV. F. H. W. ARCHBOLD.

The Rev. F. H. W. Archbold, M. A., continues to act as Honourary Assistant at St. Paul's, giving his services freely and willingly whenever required. His kind offices are much appreciated by both clergy and people alike. His interest in St. Matthias' still continues unabated. Mr. Archbold has, with unflagging zeal and in all kinds of weather, kept up the services of the Church at the Mission Stations of the Colonial and Continental Church Society at Harrietsfield and Spryfield, preaching twice every Sunday and visiting the parishioners during the week. He also accompanied the Rector on a visitation tour to the Mission at Terence Bay.

ST. PAUL'S CITY MISSION.

The work which centres in St. Paul's Mission Hall is of the utmost importance to St. Paul's Church and parish and indeed to the community at large. It is evangelistic in character, the one main desire being to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the careless and the thoughtless, and the unbelieving. The Mission Hall is crowded every Sunday evening to overflowing and the greatest attention is paid throughout the singing and the addresses. Mr. Winfield possesses rare qualifications for his work. He has

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an attractive manner and is a good speaker. His addresses are marked by great earnestness and power, and his whole desire seems to be to uplift Christ as the Saviour of men. I have met many instances of men and women who have been converted through his instrumentality. His temperance work has also been the means of rescuing many from a downward course, and is of great value in preparing the way for the reception of the Gospel. One of the leading business men of Halifax, a member of our Vestry, bore striking testimony not long since to the fact that men are being reached, and helped, and uplifted by this work. Mr. Winfield's pastoral work through the systematic visitation of all the streets in the immediate neighborhood of the Church from Brunswick St. to the Harbour, is of great importance to the Church and of immense value in reaching the floating population of the district. I regret to say that Mr. Winfield's health has not allowed him to prosecute his visiting with that vigour which is necessary for work of this kind. I hope, however, that his health is now fully established.

We are indebted to Mr. Johnstone Hunt, to Captain Thorpe, R. A., to Mr. J. H. Balcom, to Mr. A. Nicholls, to Mr. T. Abbott Cummings and to others for very valuable help at the evangelistic services, their helpful addresses being much appreciated by those who heard them.

ST. PAUL'S SHELTER MISSION.

There has been an increase of interest in the Albermarle St. Mission largely owing to the adoption of Open-air meetings during the summer and autumn months. This work is of the most difficult character owing to the conditions which prevail in the greater part of the street, which has been allowed to become a very hot-bed of intemperance and immorality.

The suggestion which was made of an Open-air Mission came to me from some of the most earnest workers, and met with my warm approval. The plan is to gather the people together through the singing of a hymn, when an earnest, practical gospel address is given by one of our Lay-workers, standing in the middle of the street. The people

who gather are then invited into the hall, where efforts are made to bring home to their hearts a Saviour's love and to win them for Christ. The results are in God's hands, but we have the promise that His word will not return unto Him void, and we trust that souls have been won from darkness unto light. It is proposed to carry on this work with still greater vigour this year, and it is hoped that the use of Magic-lantern views of sacred subjects will make it even more attractive.

We are especially indebted in this work to CAPTAIN THORP, R. A., who is full of zeal in rescue work, and a good speaker, to MR. JOHNSTONE HUNT, Barrister, who speaks with great earnestness, power, and impressiveness in the open-air, to MR. W. J. CLAYTON, who is most active in endeavouring to reach the careless, and who is a thoughtful speaker, to MR. C. A. EVANS, who is always ready to advance the Master's kingdom, and to MR. A. NICHOLLS, who is one of our most faithful workers.

MR. WINFIELD holds an Evangelistic meeting every Tuesday evening, on Albermarle Street, with very gratifying results.

VISITORS.

We have welcomed a number of visitors to St. Paul's during the year, and I desire to record my appreciation of their services.

THE LORD BISHOP of Nova Scotia, in addition to his Confirmation address, preached for us in October, giving an admirable discourse upon the duties of parents in the training of their children. The Bishop also gave a lecture under the auspices of the Church of England Institute, on "The Credibility of the Bible," and preached the Annual sermon for the Institute. On Good Friday the Bishop preached one of his impressive discourses. The VERY REV. DEAN PARTRIDGE, of Fredericton, preached for us at Ascension-tide. The REV. E. P. CRAWFORD preached the Thanksgiving sermon. The REV. J. T. BRYAN, of Charlottetown, and the REV. S. J. WOODROFFE, of New Glasgow, preached in St. Paul's during Synod week. The REV. S. J. WOODROFFE preached at the Annual service to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in

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November. CANON MAYNARD gave an address on my invitation at the Mission Hall during Synod week. ARCHDEACON PHAIR, of Winnipeg, spoke on Indian Work in the North West in December, and the REV. J. A. RICHARDSON, of St. Luke's, Winnipeg, preached in behalf of Missions in the Diocese of Rupert's Land in February. The REV. J. B. PYKE has helped us on several occasions. The REV. FRED. WILKINSON has preached on two occasions. MISS BIRD of the C. M. S. Missions in Persia, gave an address on Missions in December. The REV. J. MACQUEEN BALDWIN, of Japan, assisted at the Easter service.

THE ADVENT COURSE OF LECTURES on the Bible, arranged by the Committee of the Church of England Institute, and held in St. Paul's Church, was fairly well attended. Your Rector gave a lecture on "The Bible in Relation to Modern Thought." The Rev. David Neish, of Londonderry Mines, on "The Inspiration of the Bible." The Rev. Canon Vroom, Professor of Divinity in King's College, Windsor, on "The Bible and Higher Criticism," and the Bishop of Nova Scotia, on "The Credibility of the Bible."

THE THIRD JUBILEE OF ST. PAUL'S.

We hope to be able to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the first Church of England service in Halifax, on the Natal Day of the City, 21st June, 1899. The Bishop of the Diocese has kindly consented to be the special preacher at the Sunday service. It is an interesting fact that the records of St. Paul's Church begin earlier than those of the City, and of the Province. The first entry in the Provincial records is that of the first Council held on board the "Beaufort," in Halifax Harbour, 14th July, 1749, under Edward Cornwallis, Captain-general and Governor-in-Chief. The first entry in St. Paul's Parish Register, is on the day of the foundation of Halifax, 21st June, 1749. The first clergymen were the Rev. Wm. Tutty, of Emmanuel College, Cambridge and the Rev. Wm. Anwyl, B. A., of the Diocese of Chester, England.

It is confidently hoped that some suitable memorial of the Jubilee will be erected. The suggestion which the Vestry of the Church favours is that of the enlarging and

modernizing of our Parochial Hall, to meet the growing needs of the Sunday School and other Church agencies for good.

The Third Jubilee of the erection of St. Paul's Church will take place on the 2nd of September, 1900.

THE CHURCH FINANCES.

In a Church like St. Paul's with all its various Christian enterprises, where there are no pew-rents, and but a comparatively small endowment, it becomes necessary to use some such plan as the envelope system in order to secure an income which the Churchwardens are able to count upon for the necessary expenses connected with the Church. The Churchwardens report that we have lately secured an increase in the number of contributors of 70 contributing over \$14.00 per Sunday, which is a very gratifying statement. The number of regular contributors is now 327. But as we have over 600 families, and 360 individuals apart from families on our Church books the proportion of contributors is not as large as might naturally be looked for.

It is encouraging however, that the ordinary collections show an increase of \$238.14 over 1897-8, and of \$119.27 over 1896-7; amounting this year to \$6612.41, the highest I believe in the history of the Church. The highest previous record of pew rents and collections was \$6565.47 in 1881.

There is a slight decrease in the contributions through the loose collection, but the increase in the envelope contributions would seem to be a proof that the members of the congregation are contributing more regularly and systematically than formerly.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.

In the midst of not a few difficulties and discouragements, we are not left altogether without evidences of an increase of interest in the services and work of the Church. There are two almost unailing signs of the growth or declension of the spiritual life of a congregation. One is the Sunday School, the other is the attendance at Holy Communion. The Secretary of the Sunday School in his report covers a

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period of 16 years and shows the growth of the Sunday School in a statistical table. The number on the Roll in '82 was 283 ; in '92, 426 ; in '95, 470 ; in '96, 556 ; in '97, 631 ; in '98, 617 ; in '99 it is 752.

Not the least remarkable feature of this work is the large number enrolled in the Bible Classes, the number in 1897 being 122 ; in 1898, 172 ; in 1899, 187.

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The records of St. Paul's show steady growth in the attendance at the Holy Communion, which, we trust, is an evidence of the enriching and deepening of the spiritual life of our people. The register shows that in 1896, the year of Mr. Aitken's Mission, the high water mark of effort, there was an attendance of 518, 1897 shows an attendance of 436, while on Easter Sunday, 1898, the number of communicants reached 578. On Easter Sunday, 1899, there were 575 communicants. On Christmas Day, 1898, the attendance at Holy Communion was the largest recorded ; but it is only fair to say that Christmas Day fell on Sunday, which, no doubt, had much to do with the increase.

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The financial position of a Church is no certain evidence of its spiritual state, although it may sometimes be a sign of awakened interest in Church work. But it is not too much to say that Christians should show the reality of their profession by an earnest effort to further the Work of God through their contributions for spiritual objects. And practical men nearly always, though often without just reason, judge the work of a Church by its financial statement. For this reason, as well as for our encouragement, and as an incitive to greater effort in the future, I give a few statistics furnished to me by the Vestry Clerk.

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The contributions by envelope and through the plate collections, apart from special collections, have reached the highest point in recent years at least. The envelope contributions amounted to \$4862.49. The plate collections to \$1749.92, a total of \$6612.41. The total contributions for all purposes amounted to \$15,150.63. A review of the last ten years may not be out of place :

1889.—\$5,442 15.	1895.—\$6,212 12.
1890.— 4,795 53.	1896.— 6,439 16.
1891.— 5,709 65.	1897.— 6,493 14.
1892.— 6,182 69.	1898.— 6,374 27.
1893.— 5,840 03.	1899.— 6,612 41.
1894.— 5,910 45.	

We should, however, remember, that it is always difficult to keep up a high standard and every effort should be made to keep our work at the highest point.

CONFIRMATION.

On Sunday evening, 19th of March, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese paid us his annual visit for the purpose of conferring the Apostolic rite of Laying on of Hands in Confirmation. It was my privilege to present to the Bishop 41 Candidates; 17 males and 24 females, who had attended the classes for instruction. I trust that those who have witnessed the good confession in Confirmation will prove useful workers in the Church of Christ.

LOSSES THROUGH DEATH.

The losses through death have been very great this last year, and from all ranks. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives. Some of our oldest members have been called away from the labours of earth "where beyond these voices there is peace." One of our oldest members was the late William Dunbar, ex-Mayor of Halifax, and long connected with the official life of St. Paul's Church. The death of Mr. E. T. Mahon, a member of the Vestry for some years, was a great shock to the community. He was a devoted member of St. Paul's, took a deep interest in the welfare of the Church and indeed in every good work, and was a public spirited citizen.

EASTER OFFERINGS.

The Easter Offerings in response to the appeal of the Churchwardens to meet necessary repairs to the Church properties met a most hearty response, the whole amount of \$376.56 being willingly made up.

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I ask your careful consideration of the reports which are printed herewith of the work of the different Societies, which we may term the hands and feet of the Church.

Your faithful Friend and Rector,

W. J. ARMITAGE.

Baptisms.

NAME.	DATE.
St. George Charles Payzant	April, 1898.
Ethel Mary Gates.....	“
Robert William Rudolph Clayton.....	“
John O'Hara.....	May.
Agnes Winnifred Bennett.....	“
Ada May Verge.....	June.
Edith Gwendoline Douglas.....	“
Lilian Amelia Hayes.....	“
Annie Marcella McLeod.....	“
William Albert Bland.....	“
Pearly May Smerage.....	July.
Harold William Northover.....	“
Walter Edward Share.....	“
Lilian Harriet Cox	“
Amelia Francis Methven.....	“
Alma May Caithness.....	“
Mildred Carson Forhan.....	August.
Roy Clifford Hogan.....	“
Hazel Annetta Lewis.....	“
Charles Roland Barrie.....	“
Charles Clarence Bennett.....	September.
Charles James Ward	“
Frank Welsford Snow.....	“
Thomas Alfred O'Hara.....	October.
James Cecil Campling.....	“
Elsie Jane Wheeler.....	“
Donald Reese Arcscott.....	“
Kenneth Alexander Byers.....	November.
Thomas Harold Percy Gibbs.....	“
Lilian Florence Fair.....	“
Kenneth Cochran Ritchie.....	“
Garnet Heber James Love.....	December.
James Robert Moore Logan.....	“
George Irving Barker.....	“
Florence Natalie Littler.....	January, 1899.
Dorothy Frederickson.....	“

Percy Earl Rennels.....	January, 1899.
Thomas Matthew Schenk.....	“
Fanny Louise Jones.....	“
Lilian Augusta Taylor ..	“
Laura Belle Verge.....	February.
Jessie Marguerite Layley.....	March.
William DeLeon.....	“
William Peter Boyle.....	“
Frederick John Wyatt.....	“
Richard Clyde Wyatt.....	“
Francis Earl Wyatt.....	“
Robert James Cobb.....	“
Rita May Skinner.....	“

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Marriages.

NAME.	TIME.
William Yates, May Anderson.....	May, 1898.
John C. Gregory, Lucy Longard.....	“
George Hutchinson, Maggie Helen Myrer.....	June.
George W. Mitchell, Addie I. Smith.....	“
Arthur Boutilier, Ethel Maud Brown.....	July.
Alfred Brunt, Sarah MacPherson.....	“
Max Weil, Mabel May Wood.....	“
Harry Jeans, Josephine Murphy.....	“
Henry MacDonald, Lizzie Chauncey.....	“
William Joseph Myers, Melissa Sims.....	August.
Austin W. Hollis, Amy E. J. King.....	“
William Hutchins, Afreda Pyke.....	September.
Albert Edward Prince, Margaret Byers Leck.....	“

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NAME.	DATE.
Hanson Henry Hartt, Hattie Skeard.....	October.
Benjamin Snow, Christina Noseworthy.....	“
William Daniel Exall, Mary Edwards.....	“
John R. Brewin, Charlotte Knipe.....	“
Robert Pyke, Jennie Windsor Ryan.....	November.
Ainsley Dauphinee, Florence Sims.....	“
William M. Ferguson, Katie Robinson.....	December.
Harry Power, Lily Belle Smith.....	“
Alexander Crawford, Maud Catherine Roast.....	“
Alfred James Tucker, Hannah Jane Dennis.....	January, 1899.
Kenneth Innes, Adeline Rudolph.....	“
William Richardson, Annie Floyd.....	“
Thomas Sweeny, Minnie Pace.....	February.
John Smith, Janie Purcell.....	March.

Burials.

NAME.	TIME.
Fred Beamen.....	April, 1898.
Muriel McLaughlin.....	May.
Mabel Pyke.....	“
Marcella Gertrude Slade.....	“
Claude Thomas Marsh.....	June.
Frederick Shute.....	“
John Osman.....	“
Catherine Hardwick.....	July.
Laura C. Brooking.....	“
Elizabeth Carey.....	August.
Charles Earl Nelson.....	“

NAME.	TIME.
Genetta Manuel.....	August.
Annie Elizabeth Young.....	"
George Bennett.....	"
Brenton Bennett.....	"
Eleanor Lindsay.....	October.
Annie B. Jones.....	"
George L. Flawn.....	"
Esther Selina Godfrey.....	"
Catherine Lessel Venables.....	November.
Richard L. McCulloch.....	December.
Mary Ann Sinfield.....	"
Elizabeth Creighton.....	"
Janet Slauenwhite.....	"
Fanny Louise Jones.....	January, 1899.
Anastasia Sheppard.....	"
Mary Jane Prewer.....	"
Annie Gotabed Davidson.....	"
George Smith.....	"
William Dunbar.....	"
Julia Jeffrey.....	"
Amelia Jacobs.....	February.
Joan Shute.....	"
Katherine Connors.....	"
Fanny Brittain.....	March.
E. T. Mahon.....	"
Lydia Rogers.....	"
Rosalthea Bell Mackinlay.....	"
Peter Pierre.....	"
William DeLeon.....	April.

Candidates Confirmed, March 19th, 1899.

MALES.

Maduro, Joseph
 Publicover, John
 Stoneman, George
 Silver, William
 McInnes, Harry
 Jubien, Clifford F.
 Page, James
 Baker, Kenneth
 Hirtle, Russel

Verge, Wm. John
 Nutley, Frederick
 Duan, Arthur
 Nauss, William
 Myra, Charles W.
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 Davidson, Robert John
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Hollingdale, Beatrice Emily	Olive, Louise
Boutilier, Lily Grace	Clergy, Emma
Goulding, Maude G.	Jollimore, Jemima
Cabot, Annie Dawson	Boutelier, Ella
Boutelier, Minnie	Ruggles, May
Hiltz, Mary Ellen	Grover, Sadie
Goodall, Marguerite E.	Hawes, Elsie
McCarthy, Bessie	Rolston, Ellen May
Nicolle, Jane L.	Nutley, Bertha

St. Paul's City Mission.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION HALL—(Cor. Argyle and George Sts.)

The work of the Mission in all its branches continues to be successful. The attendance at the meetings is quite large and the hall is frequently crowded to the doors. A visiting clergyman said the continued attendance year after year was remarkable. The Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society has considerably increased. Over 130 adults are now initiated members. The men's meeting are fairly well attended. A new departure in these meetings is the weekly contributions of 2 cents by the men. At the end of every six months a little is added to their amount according to their attendance and valuable books are thus given twice yearly, thus adding very good literature to their stock of reading.

The women's meeting conducted by Mr. C. A. Evans is doing good work, and the same plan of prize giving is adopted.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms have not been quite so well attended this year, especially the one for women. This is no doubt due to the fact that similar institutions have been started near by, still they are a help to many people.

THE SHELTER

Proves a great boon to many weary bodies. Quite a number

of worthy destitute men have received food and shelter. This is a very necessary part of our work.

THE LABOUR BUREAU.

I have secured situations for many men, women, girls and boys. I have always numbers of people registered who are ready for work. Please keep this fact in mind.

THE CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

As usual there has been quite a demand for old clothes, especially men's clothes and boots. And I am thankful to say none have been denied that were worthy. Please remember I keep boxes for this purpose.

SYSTEMATIC VISITING.

This work is still kept going. Also the usual Mission services, both at the Argyle St. Mission Hall, and the Shelter Mission on Albermarle St., although I have through sickness been prevented from taking a number of these meetings myself.

The Visiting has also suffered somewhat in the same way. I have every reason to believe the Mothers meetings and Children's Kindergarten held in the Mission Hall, are also quite a success under the guidance of the Ladies in charge. Great credit is due to Mr. T. Abbott Cummings and Miss Bowden for their valuable work in providing the programme for the temperance meetings. Mr. Cummings also plays for the Men's meetings, and Mr. Brokenshire at the Sunday night meetings. I also wish to thank all the friends of other churches who have so willingly helped at our Temperance meetings.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Are certainly apparent in the Parish. The upper streets are considerably quieter and more orderly. Surely the preaching of the gospel must be a power. I have to thank Mr. J. J. Hunt, Captain Thorpe, R. A., Mr. A. Nicholls and many others for their kind help. And I would not forget all the friends of St. Paul's who by their practical sympathy and prayers have helped on this much needed department of parochial work.

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Mission visits.....	409
Sick ".....	170
Christmas Gift visits.....	22
Services.....	179
Services in other Churches.....	7
Evangelistic Meetings.....	104
Temperance ".....	76
Men's ".....	52
Women's ".....	52
Other ".....	61
Addresses delivered.....	217
Sermons.....	7
Lectures.....	5
Total Abstinence pledges taken.....	73
Adults professing change of Heart and Life.....	41
Situations secured for Men.....	21
" " Boys.....	4
" " Women.....	13
" " Girls.....	9
Men clothed.....	28
Boys ".....	6
Women clothed.....	13
No. of Men in Shelter.....	64
Hours in Vestry.....	97
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J. A. WINFIELD,
Lay Evangelist.

Church of England Temperance Society.

PATRON—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR BRANCH ORGANIZED 1897.

Temperance meetings have been held every Friday night for some years. And in 1899 a branch of the C. E. T. S. was formed, and affiliated to the Parent Society. Last year 81 total abstinence pledges were taken, and 73 this year. At the meetings large numbers of the people who signed the pledge in previous years were to a certain extent lost for the want of organization.

Fifty-three temperance meetings were held last year, and 76 this year, 150 have been initiated in the Branch, but removals and lapsed members leave the number of the roll at present at 130. Splendid entertainments have been provided by members of almost every church in the city under the able management of Mr. Abbott Cumming's and Miss Bowden. We are all one on the question of temperance work. The following are the officers of the Branch :

President.—Rev. W. J. Armitage.

Vice-President.—J. A. Winfield.

Secretary-Treasurer.—A. Nicholls.

Assistant Secretary.—Mr. Pyke.

An Executive of 12. 2 Visitors, Ushers, etc. Branch meetings for members only, are held the second and last Thursdays of each month.

St. Paul's Shelter Mission,

155 ALBERMARLE ST.

At the Rector's request and suggestion, about the month of July last, several of us began an evangelistic work on Albermarle Street.

The chief work in connection with our effort was the open air preaching in the street. We had continuous meetings twice a week in the open air on the corner south of Albermarle St. Mission, and also on the corner south of that, often speaking at both corners on the same evening. We always had a good number of attentive listeners and though surrounded with a rough crowd of men and women, we were always listened to with marked respect. At the conclusion of the meetings in the open air, we invited those who desired to do so to accompany us to the Albermarle St. Hall. Many availed themselves of this invitation and then we had more direct dealings with them.

Capt. Thorpe preached most acceptably both in the street and in the hall, as also did Mr. Evans, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Muir, Mr. Tully, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Dockrill. We had always a hymn or two in the street, and Mr. Dockrill helped the singing with his concertina. Mr. Clayton especially gave the meetings every attention; was always present, not only

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speaking when required but distributing tracts and urging those in the street to come to the inside meetings in the hall, his services were most acceptable in every way.

We also had two christian ladies with us, these two ladies visited during the afternoons from time to time every house in the locality, speaking personally to those they met, distributing tracts and giving invitations to the meetings and talking personally to all about their souls. They also attended every meeting and helped in the singing and saw that those who promised to be there, were present. Through them also we learned of the needs of particular cases and were able to assist in a way we could not otherwise have done. We would strongly advise a continuation of this work.

Capt. Thorpe intends, if the work goes on, to give during the summer, lantern slide pictures on the street. This would attract a large number who could then be spoken to.

At the close of the season Capt. Thorpe gave a tea in the hall. The place was filled and a most impressive meeting was held, when earnest Gospel addresses were delivered.

The following instance of the work may be given. A young girl was noticed one evening standing on the door steps of one of the worst houses in the street, she was spoken to and invited to come to the meeting, she came, and during the meeting it was noticed she was in deep distress, when asked as to the cause, she said that she had arrived a stranger that day in the city and was without home, money or friends. She was taken by someone from the place where we found her; a resort the nature of which she was not aware of till she found herself in it. We found her just in time, only a few hours after being there. That night we traced her friends and procured her a good home to stay at and in a few days she was found a place for service in one of our most respected christian families and we believe is there to-day, saved from a life of infamy and shame.

The Rector of St. Paul's attended a few of the meetings and gave us always encouragement and spoke most earnestly to those toward whom our efforts were directed.

We believe the seed sown will yet produce lasting results.

Signed on behalf of the committee of workers.

C. A. EVANS.

Halifax, April, 1899.

St. Paul's Mothers' Meeting.

Our Mother's Meetings, though showing a decrease in numbers, owing to removals from the city, sickness, etc., have been a source of great helpfulness to many homes in St. Paul's Parish.

Since October 29th, we have met every Thursday in the Mission Hall, with an average attendance of 30 women.

Our meetings are opened with devotional exercises followed by roll call, each member repeating a text of scripture after answering to her name.

Material for garments has been sold at a low rate to the amount of \$40.00, thread, buttons and needles being provided free of charge.

Many homes have been visited during the winter by this committee. Mrs. Weaver, a new and valuable member, has done very thorough and systematic work in this line.

Mrs. Winfield, our former Secretary and Treasurer, has been absent during the past three months, we hope to have her with us when our work re-opens.

The following are the committee :

Mrs. Archbold.—*President.*

Mrs. Winfield.—*Sec.-Treasurer.*

Mrs. Weaver,

Mrs. Shortt,

Mrs. Davidson,

Mrs. Starr.

The aim of this work is to assist, not only in provision for the winter, but also to interest the mothers in things pertaining to religion, the training of their children and management of their homes, with relation to cleanliness, ventilation, etc.

With this end in view, selections have been read, followed by little talks while the women pursued their sewing and knitting.

Tea and cake have been furnished by the committee once during each month with an extra at Christmas time.

We would here express our thanks to those who have contributed material, and especially to Mahon Brothers, who have so kindly enabled us to procure goods at reduced rates and it is with sadness we here record the death of Mr. E. T. Mahon, who has been a generous friend. With the added experience of this, our second year, we are looking forward to greater things to come.

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ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN.

Not least among the work done in connection with the Mother's Meeting is the Kindergarten, conducted by Miss Nettie Kellogg and her assistants, Miss Mahon and Miss Pyke. The little ones have made great progress, as was shown by their closing exercises. A Christmas tree was furnished them by Miss Kellogg, and their happy faces bore witness to their appreciation of what had been done for them.

CHARLOTTE M. STARR,
Secretary pro-tem.

The District Visitors.

This work has been re-organized upon a systematic plan and we are endeavouring to gain from month to month reports of the work accomplished. We need more workers in this department. An effort is made to visit the crowded streets in the neighbourhood of the Church, especially, although other districts are not overlooked. The Visitors are:— Mrs. Halls, Mrs. R. T. LePine, Mrs. W. A. Major, Mrs. Roue, Mrs. J. H. Symonds, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Woodaman, Miss Jane Tremaine, Miss Jane Hodgers, Miss Kellogg.

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

But another and most important object should also be held steadily in view by the visitor and that is to endeavour to enlist their interest in the various works of the Church, and to secure their co-operation.

Then again cases of sickness or need, of loneliness or

friendlessness, of disaffection or complaint, would be found out and reported to the Clergy, or names of people who might attend the Church meetings.

St. Paul's Working Society.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Working Society which is perhaps the oldest organization connected with St. Paul's Church, took place on Wednesday, Jan. 4th, 1899. The following ladies were appointed a committee for the year :

Mrs. G. A. Pyke, *President*, Mrs. Edwards, *Vice-President*, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Halls, Mrs. A. Allison, Mrs. S. Davidson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Mowbray, Mrs. A. deB. Tremaine, Mrs. Major, Mrs. R. Taylor, Mrs. Roue, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. M. A. Curry, Mrs. DesBarres, Miss Bolton, Miss Tremaine, *Secretary*, Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, *Treasurer*, Mrs. J. C. Mahon, *Ass. Treasurer*, Miss M. Pyke, *Librarian*.

Mrs. Mahon and Mrs. Halls purchased material and work commenced Jan. 11th. 572 articles were cut out and made ; 74 women received work.

C. E. BLACKADAR, *Secretary*.

Christmas Benefactions.

Through the liberality of the Rector and the Parishioners of St. Paul's, eighty families received good things for Christmas or upwards of 320 persons received turkeys, geese, beef, ham, bacon, puddings, pies, cake and fruit, &c. The Christmas presents were taken to their homes by friends who volunteered for the work, Mr. Winfield superintending, and many were very grateful for the gifts.

The Flower Committee also took fruit and pots of growing flowers to brighten their Christmas Day. Let us ever remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and may it stimulate us to more liberality of heart.

JANE TREMAINE, *Secretary*.

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St. Paul's Sunday School.

SUPERINTENDENTS.

Rev. W. J. Armitage, *Rector.* Rev. L. T. W. Williams, *Curate.*

J. A. Winfield, *Lay Evangelist.*

J. C. Mahon, *Lay Superintendent.*

W. Simms Lee, *Ass't Lay Supt.*

TREASURER.—William A. Major.

SECRETARY.—J. C. Shaeffer. *Ass't.*—W. T. Jost.

LIBRARIAN.—J. E. Jost.

Assistants.

A. Cook,
W. Kimber,

W. Woodaman,
R. L. Berringer,
A. R. Dimock,

W. Share,
H. Crane.

ORGANIST.—Miss Symons.

TEACHERS.—Bible Classes.

Rev. Leo. Williams,
Mr. C. A. Evans,
Mrs. Cray,
Mr. J. A. Winfield,

Miss Tremaine,
Miss Hodggers,
Miss Fitch,
Miss Kellogg.

TEACHERS.—Senior Department.

Boys.

Miss Barnaby,
Mr. A. Muir,
Miss J. V. Share,
Miss Cummings,
Miss Brown,
Mrs. Halls,
Mrs. Humphrey
Mrs. J. U. Power,
Mrs. Mahon,
Miss Share,
Miss King,
Mr. W. J. Clayton,
Miss Lordly,
Mrs. J. D. Grant,
Miss A. Hoyt,
Miss Kellogg,

Girls.

Miss Halls,
Miss Collins,
Mr. J. U. Power,
Miss Symons,
Miss Burgess,
Miss Woodling,
Miss Tozer,
Mr. J. D. Grant,
Miss Shields,
Miss Edwards,
Miss C. Brown,
Miss Hoyt,
Mr. Walker,
Miss Grant,
Miss Dimock,
Miss Hunt,

Boys.

Miss Ritchie,
Miss Weaver,
Dr. Weaver,
Mr. Hallam,
Mr. R. T. LePine,

Girls.

Mrs. Armitage,
Mrs. Archibald,
Mrs. R. T. LePine,
Miss Mowbray,
Miss Weaver,
Miss M. Nichols,
Miss E. Kellogg,
Miss Elsie Brown,
Miss L. Brown.

TEACHERS.—Primary Department.

Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Schaeffer, Mrs. Davidson,
Mrs. Fenerty, Miss Jost, Mr. Stuart Wetmore.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOLARS TEACHERS AND BIBLE CLASSES ENROLLED MARCH 31, 1899.

BIBLE CLASSES.

Rev. Leo Williams (Church Vestry).....	17
Miss Fitch (Church Library).....	19
Mr. Evans (Mission Hall).....	43
Mr. Winfield " ".....	36
Miss Tremaine (Sunday School).....	24
Miss Hodgers ".....	29
Miss Kellogg ".....	19
	—187
Senior scholars.....	325
Primary Class.....	178
Officers.....	14
Teachers.....	48
	—565
Total.....	752

STATISTICS.

1897.—Bible Classes.....	122
1898.— " ".....	172
1899.— " ".....	187

Total number enrolled including Bible Classes, Teachers, Officers and Scholars :

1897.—556. 1898.—738. *1899.—752.

*The increase this year dates from Dec. 4, 1898.

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The great event of the year was the celebration in September, 1898, of the golden jubilee of one of our most valued Bible Class teachers, Miss Jane Tremaine.

Miss Tremaine has laboured for fifty years with singular devotion as a teacher at St. Paul's and has given time, thought and energy in many different departments of Church effort, especially in collecting for the Mite Society.

Her fellow-workers gathered with his Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, at the Rectory and presented Miss Tremaine with a handsome silver bowl as a memorial of the event.

J. C. SHAEFFER, *Secretary.*

Contributions by St. Paul's Sunday School, Easter 1898
to Easter 1899.

Aug. 29, 1898.	Labrador Missions.....	\$ 43 00
Nov. 18, 1898.	Indian Hospital, Rupert's Land	25 00
“ “	Bible Woman, China.....	25 00
“ “	Foreign Missions General....	19 75
March 21, 1899.	Foreign Missions—C. C. M. A.	22 55
	Total for Missions....	\$ 135 32
	St. Paul's Alms House....	120 00
Jan'y 4, 1898.	Halifax Prots. Indus. School...	7 50
	Total contributions.....	\$ 262 82

W. A. MAJOR,
Treasurer.

Halifax, March 27, 1899.

Gift Sunday.

“ It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Gift Sunday, the Sunday nearest Christmas, is the day when teachers and scholars come in the true Christmas spirit with gifts for others less favoured than themselves. It was instituted by the Rev. Dyson Hague.

The scholars come to the Sunday School, bringing their toys and books, and after the opening exercises, heap them up, class by class, in perfect order on the tables in the front. This year four good sized packing cases were needed for the

books, toys, games, Bibles and Prayer Books which were so generously brought in.

The Bishop suggested the names of two parishes where such gifts would be specially welcomed by the children. The first was Upper LaHave. The Rev. W. S. L. Romilly writes: "Please accept my very warmest thanks for both the box and your sympathetic interest in our parish work. Such tokens of practical sympathy and interest in our work here for Christ are most cheering."

The second was Falmouth. The Rev. John Reeks, writes: "The gift is very acceptable and will prove a cause of pleasure to the children of the poor."

A box was also sent to Guysborough. The Rev. T. C. Mellor writes: "It was very kind of you and the children of St. Paul's to remember us again."

Blandford was also remembered. The Rev. S. Trivett writes: "Blandford children seldom get toys, and those you sent will bring joy to many hearts and homes, whilst the books will be equally welcomed by the larger children in our Sunday School."

The Scripture Union.

"St. Paul's Church Children's Scripture Union" has been in existence for a good many years, but was re-organized and greatly enlarged under the earnest efforts of Captain Guyse, of the King's Regiment, in 1893.

It has for its object the regular reading of the Bible. A card is given to each member with a list of passages to be read and a booklet with a text to be learned by heart each day.

There are now 192 names on our list, which is a smaller number than last year. A magazine called "Our Own Magazine" is a helpful little paper in connection with the Union and is taken by a number of the children.

The Scripture Union is a branch of The Children's Special Service Mission and was organized on 1st April, 1879. The cards of membership are now printed in thirty

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different languages. There are about 4,500 branches of the Union in Great Britain and more than 1,200 in foreign countries, and over 600,000 membership cards were issued in 1898 to branches of the Union all over the world.

There are monthly letters also in connection with the Union and they have been printed for many years in French, Dutch, Danish and Swedish, as well as in English. The object of the letters is to try and make the children more familiar with their Bible Verses are quoted and book and chapter given, but a blank is left for the children to fill in the verse. A prize is offered at the end of the year to the child who gives in the most letters with the fewest mistakes.

M. E. PAYZANT,

Secretary.

Report of Sewing Class 1898-99.

The work of the season commenced on Nov. 23rd with four teachers and 33 children, and has continued every Wednesday in the Primary Class room of the Parochial Hall excepting two weeks at Christmas. The Class has increased and at the close we number sixty-two children who have attended regularly and worked well. Our object is to teach the children to sew and the garments made are given to them. There are always some little ones who are getting their first lessons and these are given the garments made by some who are not in need but are working for others.

We have lost this season two teachers. Mrs. Venables died in November. She was always in her place and took a great interest in all the work. Miss Learmont through sickness had to give up her class.

In February the children had tea provided by Miss Hodgers and her Bible Class and every one received a present from the Fish pond.

Our work will close on the 19th of April, and the following week we will have a tea and pleasant evening provided by the teachers and friends.

We received a donation of Flannelette from Mrs. A. G. Hesslein. \$9.10 was spent for materials. Meetings held 19. Number on Roll 69. Garments made 95.

TEACHERS.

Mrs. Armitage, <i>Hon. Pres.</i> ,	Mrs. M. Halls,
Mrs. W. V. Murray, <i>Pres.</i> ,	Mrs. C. A. Hutchins,
Mrs. J. N. Shaffer,	Mrs. Cabot,
Mrs. J. C. Schaefer,	Mrs. S. Ruggles,
Mrs. J. N. Scott,	Mrs. Hubley,
Mrs. A. Fenerty,	Miss J. Share.

S. G. WALLACE,

Secretary.

Young Peoples' Society.

President.—Rev. W. J. Armitage, ex-officio.

Vice-Presidents.—Rev. Leo Williams. *2nd.*—J. D. Grant.

Secretary.—Arthur Muir. *Assistant.*—John T. Redden.

Treasurer.—Miss Mowbray. *Assistant.*—Miss Dimock.

Executive Committee.—Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Williams, the Misses Share, Rhind, Hunt, Barnaby, Rev. G. B. Pyke, Mr. F. Schaeffer, Mr. W. Robins, Dr. Weaver.

Hospital Committee.—Mrs. A. deB. Tremaine, Mrs. T. Davidson, Mrs. J. D. Grant, the Misses Halls, Rent, Romans, Hughes, Harrington, Weaver, Taylor, Hill and Mr. Robins.

Poor House Committee.—Mrs. Geo. Thomson, Mrs. A. Boutilier, Mrs. Verner, the Misses Dimock, Taylor, Brown, Doherty, L. Reynolds, L. Bennett, Pickford, Shaffer.

Flower Mission.—Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. J. U. Power, the Misses Share, Rent, Rhind, Halls, Edwards, Weaver, Dimock, A. Mahon, A. Hoyt, Fordham.

Musical Committee.—Mrs. Cray, the Misses Lithgow, Harrington, C. Mahon, Messrs. E. E. Leigh, W. R. Shute, H. StC. Ruggles, S. Banfield.

Literary Committee.—The Misses Fitch, M. Nichols, Creighton, Rev. Leo. Williams, Mr. E. P. Weaver, Mr. W. Simms Lee.

Look-out and Welcome Committee.—The Misses J. Share, Kellogg, Hodgers, Pyke, Barnaby, Messrs. W. J. Clayton, W. Sims Lee, G. Zwicker, Tapp.

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We might state in beginning that the night of meeting was changed from Tuesday to Friday, also that meetings have been held fortnightly instead of weekly as formerly. The society has done much good work during the past year. The programme was exceptionally good, christian evidences, a very profitable study being taken one evening each month by Rev. Leo. Williams, much interest being evinced. Capt. Cheyne's beautiful pictures shown through magic lantern were a treat and much appreciated. Our concerts have always had good programmes and were much enjoyed. Our socials were of a high order largely attended, with abundance of food and happiness throughout.

Our Literary portion has been well looked after. The evenings with Candian Poets was very instructive and much enjoyed.

March 17th, Rev. W. J. Armitage gave a lecture on St. Patrick as a missionary which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience.

Our various committees have been faithfully doing much good. Our Hospital Committee visits have been made regularly, words of comfort spoken and cheer brought to many a bedside. Our Flower Committee—Bouquets have been distributed to those who have been laid on beds of sickness, and who appreciate these tokens of love and sympathy. Our Poor House committee has a great field for work. Visitations have been made regularly, concerts have been given which were well attended and much enjoyed by a very appreciative audience.

ARTHUR MUIR, *Secretary*.

The Flower Mission.

During the past season the Flower Committee has sent out 130 bouquets and 3 floral emblems. At present the work is greatly in need of funds. About twenty dollars were expended last year. The workers on the committee are :

Mrs. Humphrey,
Miss Halls,
Miss Rhind,
Miss A. Mahon,
Miss Fordham,

Mrs. J. U. Power,
Miss Rent,
Miss Dimock,
Miss Edwards,
Miss Share, (*Convener*).

At Christmas, a pot of hyacinths was taken to all the

sick in the congregation. The thanks of the committee are due to Mr. T. Robinson for allowing them the use of a cab to take them around.

GRACE SHARE, *Convener.*

The Poor House Committee.

The ladies on the Poor House Committee are :

Mrs. Boutilier,	Miss Pyke,
Miss Brown,	Miss Dimock,
Miss Doherty,	Miss Bennett,
Miss Reynolds.	

Their duty is to visit the Poor's Asylum regularly. Their visits are much appreciated.

JANE SHARE, *Convener.*

The Hospital Committee.

Mrs. Thos Ritchie,	Miss Rent,
Mrs. A. deB. Tremaine,	Miss Romans,
Mrs. Thos. Davidson,	Miss Weaver,
Mrs. J. D. Grant,	Miss Hill,
Mr. Robins,	Miss Taylor,
Miss Halls.	

The members of this committee are expected to visit the Hospital once a week at least—two or three visiting each ward. The majority of the Committee have done this faithfully. Thus about a hundred suffering and weary ones are cheered and comforted weekly by their sympathy and little attentions.

This work could be performed more effectually if a greater number could be induced to take it up, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus : " Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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St. Paul's Young Mens Society.

In October, 1898, at the suggestion of Mr. Wm Kimber, the President of St. Paul's Boys' Society, this new branch was formed. The membership at this time was eight. The following officers have faithfully discharged their respective duties ever since :

President.—Wm. Kimber.

Vice. President.—Arthur Robinson.

Secretary.—A. E. Venables.

Treasurer.—J. Shields.

There is also an executive committee of 5. The membership has increased to 25 only, which is anything but encouraging. The average attendance have been 10. Most of the meetings have been given to business, although we had one good debate, in which the President and Mr. Josey, vs. Messrs. Shields and Venables figured, and another in which Messrs. Kimber, Shields, Josey and Taylor, took part. A very successful concert also came off in December. An evening with sharp-practice was enjoyable. A phonograph also entertained us one evening. We hope that next season there will be better attendance, and a greater interest taken by all the young men of the congregation in this good work.

A. E. VENABLES,

Secretary.

St. Paul's Boys' Society.

President.—Russel Hirtle.

Vice-Presidents.—T. Smith and R. Osman.

Secretary.—L. Albert Shields,

Treasurer.—Harold McInnes.

Executive Committee.—C. Bennett, P. Nichol, R. Osman,
J. Publicover, F. Smith.

Advisory Committee.—Miss Grace Share, Rev. Leo Williams,
Miss Lordly, Mr. W. Simms Lee,
Miss Jane Share, Mr. A. R. Dimock.

Librarian.—Mr. W. Simms Lee. *Assistant.*—Mr. A. R. Dimock.

This society organized by the Rev. Dyson Hague in 1895. is fast becoming, under the guidance of the Rev. W. J.

Armitage, one of the most important factors in connection with our church. Since its organization over 200 meetings have been held including about 50 in 1898 and 1899, a slight increase over the preceding year. Though the attendance is not what it ought to be, at times, it is still going ahead and we hope in the coming year to have larger attendances at the meetings than ever before, but our main drawback is want of new members and if every boy in St. Paul's church would interest himself, as he should, we would have a society "second to none." The new president, Russel Hirtle, seems to take a great interest in the work and hopes to bring the society up to what it should be, we also have a vice-president, 2nd vice-president, secretary, treasurer, an executive committee of five, an advisory committee of six, and a look-out committee of three.

During the year a gymnasium class has been formed Mr. Williams kindly acting as instructor. The gymnasium in the Church of England Institute was rented for the purpose, the members of the class paying 10c. per week for the privileges, which they seem to take advantage of and altogether we have spent a pleasant year, the weekly meetings being varied with concerts, games, dialogues, debates, lectures, magic lantern views by Mr. W. B. Kellogg, and other amusements.

In conclusion we again appeal to every boy who is a member of St. Paul's Sunday School or Church to make the society his society thereby fitting himself for the nobler paths of life for which *one* exists.

LEOPOLD A. SHIELDS, *Secretary.*

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER.

Director.—W. J. Clayton.

Vice-Director.—W. B. Kellogg.

Sec. Treasurer.—A. R. Dimock.

Members.—Rev. W. J. Armitage, Rev. Leo Williams, C. A. Evans, W. L. Payzant, A. deB. Tremaine, J. A. Winfield, W. B. Kellogg, W. J. Clayton, A. R. Dimock, A. Muir, A. Nicholls, A. Boutilier, William Bryant and A. E. Skinner.

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PROBATIONERS.—There are also a number of probationers whom we hope in a short time to admit to full membership.

The St. Andrew's Brotherhood is a Church of England Society of young men. It is for aggressive work and the members are bound by a double pledge to pray every day for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among young men, and to make an earnest effort once a week to bring at least one young man within hearing of the Gospel. The members are continually trying to influence their fellow men for good. Two meetings are held every month (on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday, in the Library vestry) for devotion, consecration, Bible study and conference. The work of the month is carefully mapped out, and the workers given their work in a thoroughly business like way. The Rector conducted a "Study on the Prayer Book" on several occasions which was both instructive and much enjoyed by the members.

The hotels and boarding houses in the parish are visited every Saturday evening, and invitations are left for the services on the following day.

Another work is to go out on Sunday morning and visit all the wharves from Morris St. to George St. and ask the sailors and others to come to Church. Tracts, leaflets and booklets are given and are nearly always well received. The total number of vessels visited for the year was 764. One member of our Chapter conducts the service at the County Jail once a month, and another has held service at Rockhead on different occasions. One of our members has now taken charge as Lay Reader under the Bishop's license of Preston and Waverley, where he is working under the direct supervision of the Rev. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Dartmouth. In fact all of the Brotherhood men are engaged in active service, ever aiming for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among young men.

Easter, 1899.

A. R. DIMOCK, *Secretary.*

Children's Missionary Guild.

President.—Miss Share.

Vice-President.—Miss Halls.

Secretary.—Miss Pyke.

Treasurer.—Miss A. Mahon.

Committee.—Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Verner, Miss Jost, Miss E. Halls, Miss F. Miller, Miss Weavea, Miss L. Hoyt, Miss Dimock, Miss Rent, Miss C. Symons, Miss J. Share, Miss N. Hunt, Miss C. Browne.

The Children's Missionary Guild meets every Monday afternoon. The older girls sew and the little ones make scrap books, on each page of which is placed a text. Two boxes are prepared each season. One box was sent at Christmas to Rev. D. Edwards at Country Harbour, the other is to go to Dr. Grenfell's work at Labrador.

Donations of money to purchase materials for the work have been received from members of the congregation. Mrs. Everett, one of the most faithful workers on the committee, before her departure for England, collected nearly enough money to carry on the winters' work. The children have been taught about the work in foreign lands, addresses having been given by Archdeacon Phair, Miss Weaver and others.

The value of two boxes sent will probably be over Forty dollars.

MABEL PYKE, *Secretary.*

St. Paul's Church Mite Society.

President.—Rev. W. J. Armitage.

Secretary & Treasurer.—Miss Tremaine.

Collectors.—Mrs. Thos. Ritchie, Mrs. F. Rhind, Mrs. Symons, Mrs. Northup, Mrs. J. A. Allison, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Theakston, Mrs. W. Humphrey, Mrs. Shaffer, Miss H. Rhind, Miss Braine, Miss Tremaine, Miss Hoyt.

The work of our Mite Society is going on prosperously under the care of Rev. Daniel Edwards, who is the Missionary. He lives at Country Harbour and visits several other places, Beckerton, Indian Harbour, Fisherman's Harbour, &c. Mr. Edwards' report from month to month is very encouraging, as there appears to be a growing interest in Church affairs, and better still, a growth in grace in many hearts, we trust. Missions have been held from time to time with cheering results.

The amount collected from Easter, 1898 to Easter, 1899, was \$538.82.

JANE TREMAINE, *Secretary.*

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The Gleaner's Union.

President.—Rev. W. J. Armitage.

Vice-President.—Capt. Thorpe, R. A.

Secretary.—Miss Braine.

The St. Paul's Branch of the "Gleaner's Union" was organized in December, 1895, during the visit to Halifax of Mr. Eugene Stock, the founder of the Union.

To avoid the multiplicity of organizations, it was agreed last year to amalgamate the St. Paul's Missionary Society with the Gleaner's Union, the members of which now number 49. The meetings for prayer, Bible study and the dissemination of missionary information, have been held regularly throughout the year. "Missionary Fields" are allotted to various members who "glean" information respecting them which may be of interest, and report it at the meeting. The following members have taken "Fields":

India.—Capt. Thorpe.	Japan.—Mrs. Wallace.
China.—Mrs. Robinson.	China.—Miss Share.
Persia.—Mrs. Thorpe.	East Eq. Africa.—Miss Braine.
West Eq. Africa.—Miss Lordly.	South America.—Miss Hodggers.
New Zealand.—Mrs. Cray.	Egypt.—Miss Woodling.
Ceylon.—Miss Bennett.	Madagascar.—Miss Halls.
Algoma.—Dr. Weaver.	Athabasca.—Mrs. Weaver.
Mackenzie River.—Miss Jane Tremaine.	
Diocese of Selkirk.—Miss Kellogg.	
Mahommedan Lands.—Mr. Williams.	
Jews.—Miss Grant.	Palestine.—Miss Weaver.
Corea.—Mr. W. J. Clayton.	

The Gleaners contributed \$18.30 towards this year's fund for "Our Own Missionary," besides giving 14.08, including the contents of missionary boxes to the general funds of the C. C. M. A. They have also pledged themselves to give \$25.00 to the support of a lady now training in the "Deaconess Home," in Toronto, for work in the Foreign Mission Field.

ANNIE BRAINE, *Secretary.*

St. Paul's Alms House of Industry.

St. Paul's Alms House for Girls began its work May 1st, 1867, and for 32 years has been caring for orphaned and homeless girls.

The institution was never in a better position to carry on the good work for which it was intended by its founders, and its management hope that its usefulness will be extended in the future.

At the cost of about \$2000 the building has been entirely renovated, within and without, and now its facilities for its special work cannot be excelled by any similar institution in the country.

The Matron Mrs. Williams, and the teacher Mrs. Davidson, under whose care the home is reported to be in a satisfactory condition, will be glad at any time to shew visitors over the premises, and give them an idea of the work done. The committee of management are as follows:

President.—Rev. W. J. Armitage, Rector.

Treasurer.—Mr. C. C. Blackadar.

Secretary.—Rev. L. T. Williams.

Hon. Mr. Justice Ritchie, Messrs. J. H. Symons, Robie Uniacke, R. J. Wilson, R. E. Harris.

Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, Mrs. Duffus, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. LePine, Mrs. A. Mackinlay, Mrs. G. A. Pyke, Mrs. J. N. Ritchie, Mrs. Thos. Ritchie, Mrs. Shortt, Mrs. Wallace, Miss Tremaine.

The Alms House had the good fortune last year to have benefited to the extent of some \$2400 in cash by bequests from the Brockwell, Dunbar and Archbold estates, together with some lands at Bedford bequeathed from the former estate.

The internal economy of the Home has been as successfully administered as ever by Mrs. G. A. Pyke and Mrs. C. C. Blackadar.

The management feel especially indebted to Mr. C. C. Blackadar for his constant advice and the practical supervision of the Home during its renovation.

L. T. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

St. Paul's Parish and Home Magazine.

The Parish Magazine is published monthly and distributed to the subscribers by a number of young ladies. The Committee in charge regret that quite a debt is owing on the paper partly due to the fact that so many of the subscribers have not paid up their subscriptions.

The Rector considers that the Magazine is almost invaluable in connection with the work of the parish and that it deserves the support of all.

The workers on this committee are :

Miss Tremaine,	Miss Hodgers,
Miss Halls,	Miss Grant,
Miss Rent,	Miss Bennett,
Miss Symons,	Miss Pyke,
Miss E. Halls,	Master C. Shaeffer,
	Miss Share.

GRACE SHARE, *Convener.*

The Choir.

The Choir under the careful training of Mr. Ernest E. Leigh, our talented organist and choir-master, has reached a high state of efficiency as was evidenced especially by the excellent character of the Easter services. Mr. Leigh is very painstaking in all his work and has given special attention to the training of the boys. There has been a strong effort made to preserve a devotional spirit in all our musical selections, and to cultivate congregational singing. The loss of the valued services of Mr. W. J. Hutchins, who for several years had labored most faithfully was keenly felt. The choir now numbers 65 voices.

Sopranos.—Mrs. J. Curren, Mrs. W. Chisholm, Mrs. F. Bowes, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Margeson, Mrs. Cabot, Mrs. Puggles, the Misses L. Bowden, L. Bennett, Davidson, L. Mitchell, Osborne, Quirk, Share, Mahon, Tozer, Trider, Symons, B. Taylor, Collins, Nichols, M. Nicolle, Lovett and Pickford.

Altos.—Mrs. Cray, Mrs. Cook, the Misses Lithgow, Richardson, Shute, J. Shute, Rudd, Pickford and Silver.

Tenors.—Messrs. F. Bennett, B. Bennett, Drake, S. Porter, Dr. Thomson, Wm. C. Uniacke, Verner, Hall, Green.

Basses.—Messrs. Redden, A. DeB. Tremaine, Littler, Lawlor, Harrison, Forhan, Jost, Ruggles, Priest, Zwicker.

Boys.—Masters Bennett, Scott, LePine, Morrison, R. Hirtle, E. Hirtle, Bianculi, W. Shields, Curren, E. Shaeffer, F. Shaeffer, Boutilier, Bezanson.

The Proceedings of the Vestry.

The following current history of action taken by the Vestry is recorded for purposes of reference :

An Act of the Legislature was passed providing that St. Paul's Cemetery shall not be liable for assessments, rates or taxes of any kind so long as it is used for no other purpose than that of a cemetery.

Mr. W. J. Hutchins, the organist, resigned and was succeeded by Mr. Ernest E. Leigh.

The Auer Light was introduced, giving a brighter light with a less consumption of gas.

The outer doors of the Church have been lighted by electric lights.

A committee was appointed to collect the amount of Mr. Winfield's salary, and it is reported to be paid in full.

The St. Paul's Alms House has received a bequest of cash \$3,123.55 and of land at Bedford through the kind efforts of Mr. C. C. Blackadar.

The name of the Argyle Hall has been changed to that of Parochial Hall; the large lower room was painted and the Synod held its sessions there this year.

A proposition has been made and is under the consideration of the Vestry, to mark the third jubilee of the Church by the erection of a new parochial building.

Mr. E. T. Mahon, a valued member of the Vestry, died during the month of March.

R. J. WILSON, *Vestry Clerk.*

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Financial Statements.

Total amount contributed from Easter, 1898
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For Current Expenses by Envelopes and Plate...	\$6612 41
Paying off Floating debt	\$ 977 49
Presentation to Mr. Hutchins-late Organist.	121 60
Widows' and Orphans'	139 56
Offertory for Poor	370 44
" for Jews	127 98
Superannuation Fund	43 02
Halifax V. Dispensary Collection...\$ 53 08	
Bequest by a Parishioner.. 200 00	
	253 08
Christmas Col.—(for distribution)...	108 14
St. Paul's Working Society.....	77 55
St. Paul's Alms House	\$274 77
Bequest by a Parishioner.. 200 00	
	474 77
B. & F. Bible Society—Contributed..\$ 69 25	
Bequest by a Parishioner.. 100 00	
	169 25
Ass'n for Im. Con. of Poor by do....	200 00
Infant's Home by do.....	100 00
Wycliffe College—Sundries.....\$450 00	
Bequest..... 200 00	
	650 00
Trinity Church—Sundries.....\$250 00	
Bequest to SundaySchool.. 100 00	
	350 00
St. Matthias Church.....	200 00
Young People's Society.....	17 52
Collection—S. P. C. K.....	1 00
S. S. for expenses	\$ 97 14
Bequest	100 00
S. S. for Picnic.....	130 09
	327 23
Christmas and Easter Decorations....	94 20
City Mis.—St. Paul's P. Mission...\$750 00	
" Shelter Home. 129 00	
	879 00

Domestic Missions—		
General.....	\$ 97 01	
Rupert's Land.....	190 00	
Indian Missions.....	101 50	
C. C. M. A	40 15	
S. S. for Labrador Cot.....	\$ 43 00	
Indian Hospital	25 00	
Rainy River.....	22 55	
Girl's Missionary Guild for Labrador Cot.....	7 00	
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Home Missions (Diocesan)—		
Col. & C. C Society sub.	\$761 93	
Bequest, Parishioner .	200 00	
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Board of Home Mis....	172 55	
Mite Society for Miss. purposes.....	538 82	
St. Andrew's Brotherh'd	12 25	
	-----	1685 55
Foreign Missions—		
S. S. for B. Woman :		
China	\$ 25 00	
Foreign.....	19 77	
	-----	\$ 44 77
A member of S. Paul's Missionary in Japan.		200 00
Collection—General....	161 52	
St. Paul's Miss. Ass. for Bible Woman in India.	\$ 43 34	
Gleaners Union	10 00	
	-----	53 34
	-----	459 63
Sub. for Deaf & Dumb Mission		45 00
Con. by Sunday School -		
For Alms House.....	\$120 00	
Protestant Indus. School	20 00	
	-----	140 00
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	-----	8538 22
Total contributions.....		<u>\$15150 63</u>

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Estimates General Account, 1899-1900.

EXPENDITURE.

Rector.....	\$2500 00	
Curate.....	1000 00	
Organist and Choir Master.....	700 00	
Sexton.....	400 00	
Vestry Clerk, \$30 ; Bellows Blower, \$40 ;.....	70 00	
Bell Ringer.....	24 00	
	\$4694 00	
Choir Expenses.....		100 00
Bishop's Assessment.....	\$ 205 00	
Synod ".....	69 75	
		274 75
Fuel and Light.....		450 00
Insurance.....		211 00
Interest on debt.....		317 34
Parochial Hall (including repairs upper rooms) ..		600 00
Mission Hall (repairs in basement much needed).		250 00
Printing and Stationery.....		140 00
Water Rates.....		62 00
Incidental Expenses.....		600 00
Unpaid Accounts:—		
Water for 1898.....	\$ 98 90	
Auer Lights.....	86 95	
Granolithic Sidewalk.....	171 20	
Special Collection not yet paid over.....	45 00	
		402 05
		\$8101 14

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Union Bank.....	\$ 24 58	
Envelopes and Loose Collections.....	6800 00	
Glebe Income (Net).....	750 00	
Rectory Fund.....	150 00	
Amt required by Special Col. on Easter Sunday..	376 56	
		\$8101 14

MEMO. OF CHURCH DEBT.

Parish Debt.....	\$5946 66	
Glebe Principal (Parochial Hall Loan).....	500 00	
		\$6446 66
Unpaid accounts.....		402 05
		\$6848 71

Less in Union Bank.....	\$ 24 58	
“ Deposit Union Bank, Sinking Fund, Glebe		
Loan.....	402 64	427 22
		<u>427 22</u>
		<u>\$6421 49</u>

NOTE—Church Debts at Easter, 1896.....	\$8470 30
“ “ 1897.....	7941 75
“ “ 1898.....	7005 97
“ “ 1899.....	6421 49
Debt on Parochial Hall.....	4500 00

**Church Wardens' Statement for Year ending
24th March, 1899.**

EXPENDITURE.

To Salaries :

Rector.....	\$2500 00	
Curate.....	1000 00	
Organist :		
W. J. Hutchins 6 mos. at \$900.	\$ 450 00	
E. E. Leigh, 6½ mos. at \$700.	379 16	829 16
		<u>829 16</u>
Sexton.....	400 00	
Vestry Clerk.....	30 00	
Organ Blower.....	40 00	
Bell Ringer.....	24 00	4823 16
		<u>\$4823 16</u>
Choir—Choir Secretary.....	\$61 35	
Choir Boys.....	38 65	100 00
		<u>100 00</u>
Fuel—Coal and Wood.....	\$ 125 83	
Light—Gas.....	\$ 212 55	
Electric Light.....	1 00	
J. Starr & Co., Elec. Fix.	36 00	249 55
		<u>249 55</u>
		375 38
Printing & Stationery :		
Holloway Bros.....	\$ 114 50	
A. & W. MacKinlay.....	24 31	138 81
		<u>138 81</u>

Insurance—On Church	\$ 33,000	
Organ	4,000	
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	\$ 37,000	211 00
Memorial Window. \$1,000 (Prem. paid by Mr. Ritchie)		
Interest on Church Debt		317 34
Bishop's Assessment	\$ 205 00	
Synod "	46 50	
	<hr/>	251 50
St. Paul's Cemetery, Labor removing trees, grass, snow, &c.		25 85
Repairs :		
Marr, spouting, laying platform &c.	\$ 274 25	
Horton, painting and papering Vestry	21 00	
Repairing Chimneys, Furnaces, &c.	53 56	
	<hr/>	348 81
W. R. Shute, repairing Organ		40 00
Incidental Expenses :		
Sundry items	\$ 156 45	
Balance Christmas Decorations.	42 38	
St. Andrew's Brotherhood	10 10	
Balance, St. Paul's Mission	23 12	
" " Shelter	18 34	
	<hr/>	250 39
Parochial Hall :		
Fuel, \$55 20. Gas, \$97 65.	\$ 152 85	
Taxes for 1898, \$15 78 Water, \$11 64.	27 42	
Painting, Papering and various repairs.	164 84	
Interest on Mortgage	250 00	
Insurance on \$5000	25 00	
Sundry items	8 90	
	<hr/>	\$ 629 01
Less Rents received	114 00	
	<hr/>	515 01
St. Paul's Mission Hall :		
Fuel, \$20.50. Gas, \$24.95	\$ 45 45	
Insurance	36 00	
Janitor, 1 year	48 00	
Sundries	9 15	
	<hr/>	\$ 138 60
Less Rents received	25 00	
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		\$7510 85
Balance		24 58
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		\$7535 43
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RECEIPTS.

By Balance per last Account.....		\$	2	31
Envelopes.....	\$4862		49	
Loose Cash on Plates.....	1749		92	
			<u>6612</u>	41
Special Collection, Easter Sunday, 1898.....	\$ 977		49	
Less old bills paid.....	959		54	
			<u>17</u>	95
Glebe Income, Gross.....	\$1399		78	
Deduct repairs to houses on Kaye St..	\$308		97	
Ins. on houses on Kaye St., 3 yrs.,				
\$2500.....	25		00	
Taxes for 1898.....	288		85	
Glebe Secretary.....	100		00	
			<u>722</u>	82
			<u>676</u>	96
Rectory Fund, Gross.....	\$ 368		00	
Deduct repairs Annandale St. House.	\$ 85		15	
Taxes, 1898.....	53		50	
Pro. of net Rent Harvey Fund	48		55	
			<u>187</u>	20
			<u>180</u>	80
Received from Mr. Winfield, Collection for special services for Deaf and Dumb				45 00
				<u>\$7535</u> 43
1899.				
March 24.—By Balance in Union Bank.....		\$	24	58

THOS MOWBRAY, } Wardens.
ROBT. E. HARRIS, }

Examined and found correct,
24th March, 1899.

W. LESTER KANE, } Auditors.
W. SIMMS LEE, }

Abstract of Glebe Accounts to March 30, 1899.

PRINCIPAL.

Mortgages.....	\$9400 00	@ 5 %	\$470 00
	2000 00	@ 5½ %	110 00
	2384 01	@ 6 %	143 04
	<u>\$13784 01</u>	producing	<u>\$723 04</u>

Balances and Loans...	\$ 500 00	@ 5 %	\$ 25 00
	100 00	@ 6 %	6 00
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Deposit Receipts.....	\$6510 44	600 00 producing	31 00
		@ 3½ %	\$227 86
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Fairview Cem Stock...	\$1425 00	6510 44 producing	227 86
		@ —	
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	1425 00		
Cash Investments....	\$22319 45	producing	\$981 90
Properties rented.....			407 00
			<hr/>
		Gross Income.....	<u>\$1388 90</u>

INCOME.

RECEIVED DURING YEAR :

Interest on Mortgages.....	\$724 36
“ Deposits.....	228 42
“ Balances and Loans.....	37 00
Rents \$400.00—Stone sold \$10.00.....	410 00
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	\$1399 78

EXPENDED :

Taxes.....	\$ 288 85
Insurance.....	25 00
Repairs.....	308 97
Secretary.....	100 00
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	\$ 722 82
Balance, net Income.....	676 96
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	<u>\$1399 78</u>

R. J. WILSON, Glebe Secretary.

We have examined the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers produced to us and find it correct. We have also had produced for our inspection all the securities relating to the Investments mentioned in the above account.

W. LESTER KANE. }
W. SIMMS LEE. } Auditors.

March 22nd, 1899.

Memo. of Trust Funds and Debts

HARVEY FUND :

Invested in Annandale St. Property\$1460 00

RECTORY FUND :

Invested in Annandale St. Property\$2340 00

Mortgage on House Spring Garden Road 500 00

Deposit Receipts in Union Bank 1500 00

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.....\$5206 75

MUSHER FUND :

Deposit Receipt in Union Bank.....\$6000 00

Loan to Church..... 2000 00

.....\$8000 00

CHURCH DEBT :

To C A. Creighton 5 %... ..\$2000 00

J. Y. Payzant & Son 5 %..... 1946 66

Musher Fund 6 % (Trinity Church)... .. 2000 00

Glebe Fund *5 %..... 500 00

.....\$6446 66

DEDUCT :

*Deposit Receipt Union Bank as a Sinking Fund
against above \$500.\$ 402 64

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PAROCHIAL HALL DEBT :

To Glebe Fund.....\$4500 00

THOS. MOWBRAY, }
ROBT. E. HARRIS, } *Wardens.*

Halifax, 24th March, 1899.

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(Cor. Windsor St. and Compton Avenue)

Officers for 1899-1900.

CURATE-IN-CHARGE.

REV. PERCY R. SOANES, B. A.

WARDENS.—G. EDMONDS AND F. TRAISE.

SECRETARY.—C. LOVETT.

TREASURER.—J. H. BALCOM.

VESTRY CLERK.—FRANK POWER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

F. KEATING,	F. MOSHER,	J. H. BALCOM,
C. LOVETT,	H. GARRISON,	FRANK POWER,
CAPT. DAUPHINEE,	J. P. MASSEY,	A. GARRISON,
	MR. CROCKER.	

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES.

J. E. CURREN, W. THEAKSTON.

PROVISIONAL.

F. MOSHER, F. POWER.

Annual Report, Easter, 1899.

The Rev. P. R. Soanes presents his annual report as Curate-in-Charge :

It is with deep thankfulness to Almighty God for his unnumbered blessings during the past year, that I present my third Annual Report as Curate-in-charge. The year has been one of marked success in every branch of the work.

There has been great harmony and co-operation among all the workers in the Church. To God we ascribe all the honor and glory.

In the beginning of March, I tendered my resignation to the executive committee to take effect at Easter. The sole reason was that we believed it to be God's will for us to work in the Parish of Liscombe, which has been vacant for many months.

The committee at once began to co-operate with the Rector of St. Paul's to secure a successor and were unanimous in asking for Mr. R. A. Hiltz; after prayerful consideration he accepted.

Since last Easter I have preached 155 sermons, delivered 118 addresses, conducted or assisted in 479 meetings and made 1200 pastoral visits.

The thanks of the congregation are due to Mr. T. A. Cumming who has so ably and willingly given his services in training the choir.

For six days, Jan. 20th to 25th, we had the pleasure of a visit from Rev. H. C. Dixon, of Toronto, who conducted a most successful Mission. He was a man with a message from God, and he delivered it with all the power of his being.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

The Sunday School first demands our attention, as it is the greatest aid to the Church. We can again report very favourably, as in every part there has been much improvement. The teachers are very regular, seldom if ever being absent and the scholars are showing more interest than heretofore.

The young ladies' Bible Class, taught by Mr. Balcom, has been very successful during the year. The men's class has not been so well attended.

The Scripture Union; though no meetings have been held this year, there are 60 who have joined the Union and so signifying their desire to read the appointed portion of the Bible each day.

The Sower's Band hold their meetings every Wednesday at 4 o'clock. There are over 70 members and the children are very enthusiastic in their work. They are endeavouring to complete a small bale for some needy mission station. Miss Share has kindly consented to assist the other workers to carry on the band.

The Gleaner's Union, Secretary, Miss C. Mosher, was formed in Nov., 1896, and now numbers 23 members. During the year

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two public meetings have been held which were largely attended.

A Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, was held in our Church on Friday evening, Feb. 21st, with four charter members. The officers are: Director, Mr. J. H. Balcom; Vice-Director, Mr. George Stephens; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Henry Found.

There are still many things which the Church needs to make it complete, viz.: Tower, Bell, Sunday School, etc.

The Treasurer's report is very favorable, showing a gratifying increase of receipts over the previous year. Though there was a deficit of \$16.76 last year and many old accounts have been paid off: there is a deficit of only \$1.07.

P. R. SOANES, *Curate-in-Charge.*

DIOCESAN MISSION,

Report of the Rev. D. Edwards, St. Paul's Church Missionary, Country Harbour, N. S.

CHURCHES—PARISH OF TRINITY, COUNTRY HARBOUR; ST. PAUL'S, BECKERTON; ST. THOMAS', INDIAN HARBOUR.
STATIONS—WINE HARBOUR, STORMONT, PLEASANT VALLEY.

The Rev. D. Edwards reports as follows:—"It is with a feeling of profound thankfulness, that I sit down to write you a brief report of work that has been accomplished in this parish during the past year:

In the first place I may say that I thank God for His loving kindness and tender mercies vouchsafed to pastor and people.

Notwithstanding the many drawbacks it is most encouraging to note, steady and I trust permanent progress in the work. The congregation have kept up to the average, but I am sorry to say the number of communicants is not increasing. However, I hope for better results during the coming year.

During the year the church at Beckerton has received much needed repairs, a tower and steeple have been added, which greatly improve the edifice.

The Rev. H. A. Harley, rector of Digby, kindly presented the Church with a bell. I regret to say that the work of renovating the little Church at Indian Harbour, has not been completed.

With regard to the renovation of the parish Church at Country Harbour, I am sorry to say, nothing definite has been accomplished. The Bishop of the Diocese, visited this parish on February 22nd and 23rd, and confirmed a class of 14 candidates, 10 males and 4 females were presented. His Lordship preached two excellent sermons.

The following is a summary of my work during the year 1898:—Sunday services 144. Week-day services 110. Holy Communion in Public 18. Holy Communion in Private 10. Pastoral visits 800. Baptisms 20. Marriages 8. Burials 10. Miles travelled besides walking 3323.

In conclusion I may say that I feel very grateful to the Mite Society for their yearly grant, without which it seems to me this parish would cease to exist.

D. EDWARDS.



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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 wills may naturally 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 payment of the Church Debt, Church Endowment, the Poor Fund, Alms House, Organ, Church Improvement, Sunday School, City Mission Work, the general purposes of the Parish, or the erection of any Home or Building, for any charitable church purpose, will be most directly and safely disposed of by means of 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 Church Endowment, the Alms House, or for the Sunday School, or for the Poor, etc., etc.)*