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ANNUAL REPORT

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

Annual Meeting - February 3, 1985

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AGENDA

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Election of Parish Council

New Business

Special Presentations

Adjournment

The Benediction

MINUTES OF 1983 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. George was held on February 5th with Ron MacNaughton in the Chair.

We were pleased to have with us Mr. W. E. Schwartz, Chairman of the St. George's Foundation. He was introduced to the meeting by George Munroe. Mr. Schwartz told us what has been done to now--the architects have gone over the building, their drawings have shown the true condition of the building and the cost of restoration has been determined at \$1,800,000. Mr. George Caines has been chosen as Campaign Manager. He and his family have since joined our congregation. Before we could start anything we would first have to be declared a National Historic Site--this is now a reality. We must start to solicit help first from Government and business before we approach individuals, this may prove frustrating at times but later very rewarding.

Tomorrow there will be a meeting with the Minister of Environment, Parks Canada. Mr. Gerald Regan has been very helpful and has organized the meeting. We are very optimistic of the outcome. The Provincial Government will then be approached and the campaign will start soon after. We could not, as a Church, go to Government for funds but the Foundation gives them a way to allocate money for our campaign. We may have to be patient here, Government moves slowly on such projects. The Church must be restored soon or it will be too late. The amount estimated to restore the Church would give us a trust fund for future maintenance. Mr. Schwartz answered questions of the congregation. He was warmly thanked by Fr. Petite.

Minutes of last year's annual meeting were accepted as printed in the report on motion of Janet Connors seconded by John Kernaghan.

Harry Boswell moved that parish reports be received as printed and questions could be asked from the floor, it was seconded by Susan Harris. Carried.

John Kernaghan presented the Financial Report for George Munroe.

The Auditor's Report was read. Receipts and Disbursements, Project Monies, Finance and Budget were explained and questions answered. The Warden's Report was also read. All other reports were accepted unanimously.

In his report Fr. Petite praised all who had worked very hard through the year, especially the Parish Council. Some changes will be noted in this year's Council. Terry McLaughlin will be Chairman of Publicity, Michal King will be a member at large and Committee members will be on Council. It was moved by Carolyn Lemieux seconded by David Buley that we accept the slate presented for Council. Motion carried.

Fr. Petite praised the work of George Munroe in making the Foundation a reality. Mr. Munroe knows a great deal of Parish history, is well qualified and the natural choice to be our Parish Historian. It was moved by Fr. Petite, seconded by Dr. John Swaine that George Munroe be elected Parish Historian--carried. His work will include working with the architects and Rector and Wardens.

We have a challenging year ahead said the Rector but he is confident we are equal to the task--never losing sight of what we are all about. The Lord's work is our main concern.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Kevin Campbell.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. Glover,
Secretary

104 Central Avenue
Halifax, Nova Scotia

January 22, 1985

The Warden's
St. George's Church
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Sirs:

I have completed my audit on the records of your current account 244-14 for the year ended December 31, 1984.

Such tests were performed and from information received from the Treasurer as considered necessary. To the best of my knowledge and ability the records and financial statements represent a true picture of the transactions for your current account 244-14 for the year ended December 31, 1984.

Yours very truly,


E. Raymond Ells

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984

Current Account 244-14 (Summary)

Receipts

Offerings	\$ 55,387.20
Parish Organizations	7,684.28
Endowments	2,037.87
Other	<u>135,992.39</u>
	\$201,101.74
Less: Bank Balance (Overdraft)	<u>2,549.61</u>
December 31, 1983	<u>\$198,552.13</u>

Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 22,085.00
Diocese of Nova Scotia	12,416.65
Insurance	2,382.82
Taxes and Utilities	24,948.44
Repairs and Maintenance	31,162.70
Other	<u>100,105.22</u>
	\$193,100.83
Add: Bank Balance,	<u>5,451.30</u>
December 31, 1984	<u>\$198,552.13</u>

DETAILS OF RECEIPTS - ACCOUNT 244-14
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984

Offering

Open	\$ 2,643.05	
Weekly Envelopes	40,084.90	
Easter	2,601.00	
Thanksgiving	1,329.30	
Christmas	4,353.90	
Special	<u>4,375.05</u>	\$ 55,387.20

Parish Organizations

Gabriel Guild	\$ 6,700.00	
Cent-A-Meal	77.08	
Dances	903.00	
Sunday School	<u>4.20</u>	\$ 7,684.28

Endowments

Diocese of Nova Scotia	\$ 1,278.75	
Central Trust	487.11	
Nova Scotia Savings and Loan	<u>272.01</u>	\$ 2,037.87

Other Receipts

Rentals	\$ 7,058.55	
Diocese of NS--re Rector	1,648.00	
Oil	5,341.00	
Initial Offering	250.20	
Choral Director Offering	250.00	
Province of Nova Scotia	1,262.88	
Government of Canada	4,390.00	
Insurance Claim	1,032.02	
Victorian Dinner	713.00	
Parish Project	1,105.13	
Heritage Trust	100.00	
Heidelberg Orchestra	350.00	
Trans. from Account 1422	1,200.00	
Poor Fund	169.43	
Silver Crosses	108.50	
Camera Raffle	467.50	
Diocesan Grant	2,000.00	
Diocesan Loan	55,700.00	
Calendars	99.50	
White Camel Club	300.00	
Bank Loan	52,000.00	
Sundry	<u>446.68</u>	\$135,992.39

Less: Bank Balance (Overdraft)
December 31, 1983

\$201,101.74
2,549.61
\$198,552.13

DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS - ACCOUNT 244-14
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984

Salaries

Rector	\$ 17,425.00	
Organist	2,460.00	
Treasurer	1,000.00	
Travel	<u>1,200.00</u>	\$ 22,085.00

Diocese of Nova Scotia

Parish Allotments	\$ 5,400.00	
Pensions, Car Replacement, Education, etc.	<u>7,016.65</u>	\$ 12,416.65

Insurance

Marsh and McLellan Ltd		\$ 2,382.82
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Taxes and Utilities

City of Halifax	\$ 3,384.76	
Nova Scotia Power Corp.	2,548.52	
Public Service Commission	458.30	
Maritime Tel & Tel Co. Ltd.	700.82	
Dartmouth Fuels Ltd.	<u>17,856.04</u>	\$ 24,948.44

Repairs and Maintenance

Davron Electric	\$ 1,348.25	
Leonard Morash	2,573.00	
Halifax Equipment Rentals	100.00	
Halifax Seed Ltd.	491.21	
Coady Foods	577.27	
Halifax Heating	2,986.00	
Browning Ferris Industries	871.61	
John Connors	175.00	
Sears	52.26	
Harris & Roome	200.00	
Piercey Supplies	20,686.52	
Bremner Plumbing & Heating	131.06	
Atlantic Concrete	561.14	
Halliday Craftsmen	74.75	
Patricia Martinson	66.05	
Don Brenton Ltd.	193.58	
Roy Parks	<u>75.00</u>	\$ 31,162.70

Other Disbursements

Nova Scotia Savings and Loan	1,400.00	
Newfoundland Grocery	561.83	
PCO Services	140.00	
Provincial Sanitary Products	436.62	

Other Disbursements (Cont'd.)

David Buley	\$ 2,250.00	
Diocesan Book Room	1,151.43	
St. George's Rest. Proj. #2	371.00	
Halcraft Printing	338.41	
ACW Calendars	131.25	
Ramco Transportation (Car Rental)	1,210.66	
Gestetner Canada Inc.	187.24	
Bank Loan Repayment & Interest	81,538.26	
Canadian Bible Society	80.30	
Mahon's Stationery	481.32	
Salvation Army	166.50	
Postage and Office Supplies	647.10	
Parish Service Co.	252.60	
Terry McLaughlin	279.00	
All-Type Printing	516.27	
Rev's. R. Petite - Living Allow.	1,800.00	
R. H. MacFarland Rent-It	368.16	
Flamingo Restaurant	347.80	
Project 84	1,802.46	
Anglican In Mission	100.00	
Tangier Deanery	60.00	
Atlantic Systematic Envelopes	283.53	
Canada Permanent Trust	2,000.00	
Maritime Protective Agency	59.90	
Protestant Education	100.00	
Metcalf & Holm	352.50	
Partridge Motor Boat Service	128.00	
Canada Pension	375.12	
Unemployment Insurance	187.96	
	<u>\$100,105.22</u>	
	\$193,100.83	
Add: Bank Balance, December 31, 1984	<u>5,451.30</u>	
	<u>\$198,552.13</u>	

LITTLE DUTCH CHURCH

Balance as of 31 December 1983 \$1,235.95

Receipts

City of Halifax	\$1,000.00
Donation	50.00
Interst	1.09
	<u>2,287.04</u>

Disbursements

Transferred to #244-14 \$1,200.00

Balance as of 31 December 1984 \$1,087.04MAGAZINE ACCOUNT

Balance as of 31 December 1983 \$ 265.63

Receipts

Deposit	\$ 6.00
Interest	6.01
	<u>\$ 277.64</u>

Disbursements

Cheque	\$ 206.95
Service Charge	.20
	<u>\$ 207.15</u>

Balance as of 31 December 1984 \$ 70.49ORGAN FUND

Balance as of 31 December 1983 \$ 165.27

Receipts

Interst	\$ 12.72
	<u>\$ 177.99</u>

Balance as of 31 December 1984 \$ 177.99

POOR FUND

Balance as of 31 December 1983	\$17.20
<u>Receipts</u>	
Adjustment	\$.20
Donation	80.40
Bank Interest	.60
	<u>\$98.40</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Newfoundland Grocery	\$20.00
Service Charge	.20
	<u>\$20.20</u>
Balance as of 31 December 1984	<u>\$78.20</u>

ALTAR GUILD

Balance as of 1 January 1984	\$ 206.92
<u>Receipts</u>	
Donations	\$ 422.00
Bank Interest	5.14
Debenture (15 Jan 84)	812.70
Debenture Interest	83.30
	<u>\$1,530.06</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Flowers	\$ 252.29
Diocesan Book Room	141.86
Service Charge	.92
Renewed Debenture Plus Interest	812.70
	<u>\$1,207.77</u>
Balance as of 1 January 1985	<u>\$ 322.29</u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTSDECEMBER 1984

Halifax Heating	\$ 46.00	
Halifax Heating	1,833.35	
Halifax Heating	4,215.86	
Canadian Bible Society	18.70	
Diocesan Book Room	1,009.86	
Mark Taylor (Organ Tuning)	125.00	
Salvation Army Social Center	21.50	
Mahon's Stationery	6.71	
Anglican Book Centre	20.70	
City of Halifax (taxes)	967.08	
City of Halifax (curb & gutter)	503.74	
Gestetner (supplies)	137.45	
Atlantic Systematic (1985 Envelopes)	327.22	
Dartmouth Fuels (current month)	1,756.82	\$10,989.99

Outstanding Accounts: Project RelatedEast End Hall (White Camel Club)

Devron	\$ 200.00	
BFI	30.00	
Plumbing	1,883.00	
Carpet Market	3,917.26	
Pierceys	2,254.75	\$ 8,285.01
Less: Bank Balance Project #3		(601.87)
		<u>\$ 7,683.14</u>
Grand Total of Outstanding Accounts		<u>\$18,673.13</u>

INVESTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POLICY NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>
Nova Scotia Savings	AC16670	494.52	1 JAN 85
Nova Scotia Savings	AB08984	1,142.39	25 MAY 85
Nova Scotia Savings	FR01226	200.00	1 AUG 85
Nova Scotia Savings	FR23649	300.00	1 DEC 85
Nova Scotia Savings	FR23651	1,000.00	1 DEC 85
Nova Scotia Savings	AD01751	200.00	31 DEC 85
Nova Scotia Savings	FR05706	500.00	1 JAN 86
Nova Scotia Savings	AD10818	601.72	4 JAN 86
Central & Eastern	822451	700.00	28 APR 86
Central & Eastern	822450	1,000.00	28 APR 86
Central & Eastern	910810	100.00	19 JAN 87
Nova Scotia Savings	TC2635	1,000.00	12 JAN 89
Nova Scotia Savings	AD16311	1,282.43	16 FEB 89

NAME	POLICY NO.	AMOUNT	MATURITY DATE
Nova Scotia Savings	S/ACCT	200.00	
Nova Scotia Savings	S/ACCT	200.00	
Nova Scotia Savings	S/ACCT	200.00	
Nova Scotia Savings	S/ACCT	200.00	
Nova Scotia Savings	S/ACCT	200.00	
TOTAL		<u>\$9,521.06</u>	
Parish of St. George Memorial Fund			
Central & Eastern	846147	\$3,370.00	22 JUN 84
Central & Eastern	694505	1,500.00	4 JAN 86
TOTAL		\$4,870.00	
Parish of St. George With Diocese of NS			
Diocese of Nova Scotia		\$2,010.67	
Diocese of Nova Scotia		200.00	
Diocese of Nova Scotia		2,500.00	
Diocese of Nova Scotia		1,500.00	
Diocese of Nova Scotia		2,000.00	
TOTAL		\$8,210.67	
GRAND TOTAL		<u>\$20,595.78</u>	

BUDGET 1985

Recap

Expenses	\$109,007.00
Receipts	112,738.00
Projected Profit	3,731.00

Receipts

	Expected 1985	(Actual 1984)
Offerings	\$ 65,000.00	(\$ 55,387.00)
Endowments	2,300.00	
Parish Organizations	<u>9,000.00</u>	\$ 76,300.00

Rentals

Lodge Room	\$ 3,500.00
West End Hall	2,500.00
East End Hall (White Camel Club)	6,450.00
Church	900.00
Rectory	13,200.00
Rebate on Rector's expense from the Diocese of NS	<u>9,888.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 36,438.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL

\$112,738.00

Expenses - Property

Municipal Taxes	\$ 2,400.00
Insurance	2,300.00
Oil	17,000.00
Water	600.00
Nova Scotia Power Corp.	1,600.00
Misc. Supplies (cleaning, etc.)	1,800.00
Maintenance	1,800.00
Labour (snow removal, grass)	1,000.00
Fire Extinguisher Contract	150.00
Telephone Services	<u>660.00</u>
	\$ 29,310.00

Expenses - Spiritual Development

Rector	\$ 19,130.00
Organist	2,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	430.00
Canada Pension	302.00
Diocesan Pension	2,702.00
Travel Allowance	1,360.00
Living Allowance	7,200.00
Rector's Car Replacement	2,100.00
Eucharistic Supplies	300.00
Bulletins	250.00
Sunday School Supplies	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 36,474.00

Expenses - General

Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00
Paper & Supplies	400.00
Offering Envelopes	300.00
Postage & Office Supplies	1,500.00
Bank Charges	1,000.00
Allotment to Diocese of NS	12,350.00
Other Misc.	<u>8,000.00</u>
	\$ 24,550.00

Expenses - Outstanding 1984 Accounts

\$ 18,673.00

Recap of Expenses

Property	\$ 29,310.00
Spiritual Development	36,474.00
General	24,550.00
Outstanding 1984 Accounts	<u>18,673.00</u>
	<u>\$109,007.00</u>

FINANCE

At this point I wish to express my appreciation to the Rector, Parish Council, Finance Committee and Mr. T. E. Glover for their support in 1984. We started this year in the red and have ended in the black. Our list of outstanding accounts is the smallest that Mr. Glover can remember in his 28 years as Treasurer. December 1984 was also the first time in 28 years that we have NOT made interest payments to the Bank!

My thanks go out to everyone for their support, mainly the Rector for vacating the Rectory (to be rented for extra income), Mr. L. Morash for taking on his utility bills, the Diocese of Nova Scotia for cost-sharing of the Rector, and Mr. T. E. Glover for his patience and hard work over the last year, not to mention the past 28 years.

I accepted the responsibility of Chairman of the Finance Committee for one year with the objective of bringing the Parish out of the red and into the black with outstanding bills that can be handled easily. I feel that Mr. Glover, the Rector, Parish Council and my committee have achieved total success in 1984.

As I have now achieved my goal, I will step down as Chairman of Finance and Administration of St. George's feeling very gratified that the Parish has really joined forces that make us operate in the black.

Mr. T. E. Glover has also decided to step down as Treasurer after 28 years of loyal service. I personally share with all the Parish many thanks for Mr. Glover's good work and his good Scotch (which we shared during many in-home meetings) and I am very glad that he has accepted the position of Warden which will carry on his many years of dedication to St. George's.

Many thanks to all of the above. Best wishes to the new Finance Committee and Treasurer who, I am sure, will carry on the hard work for the Parish.

I may be stepping down, but I do plan to be involved in 1985.

Sincerely,

John F. Kernaghan

John F. Kernaghan

FINANCIAL STATEMENTGABRIEL GUILD

Balance as of 31 December 1983

\$ 276.74

Receipts

Adjustment Misc. Acct. 1983 Report	\$ (38.44)	
Adjustment Bank Balance 1983 Report	.50	
Assessment Fees	10.00	
Card Socials	148.50	
Catering - Royal Canadian College of Organists	210.00	
- United Empire Loyalists	364.00	
- City of Halifax	200.00	
- Federation of NS Heritage	200.00	
- Snr. Citizens Dinner	352.50	
Central Trust (Debenture Interest)	779.76	
Christmas Dinner and Sale	2,415.00	
Mary Isaacs (Refund Meat Purchase)	16.73	
Pancake Supper/Card Social	133.00	
Penny Auction	77.00	
Red Rose Dinner	2,140.15	
Scotia Square Bazaar	1,285.00	\$8,570.44

Disbursements

Adjustment - Bank Charges 1983 Report	\$ 10.76	
Allen's Limited (Cups for Kitchen)	52.80	
Bailey's Limited	71.45	
Ben's Limited	20.64	
Best for Less	341.48	
Bible Society	100.00	
Calvin Ladies Fellowship Group	8.00	
City of Halifax - Permit for Craft Show	5.00	
Farmer's Limited	82.10	
Friends of King's	25.00	
Parish of St. George	6,700.00	
Sobey's Limited	418.92	
Speedy Propane Limited	72.90	
C. Watts (Purchase of 2 kettles for Kitchen)	30.00	
Miscellaneous (Christmas Party)	33.00	
Bank Charges	23.86	\$7,995.91

Balance as of 31 December 1984

\$ 574.53

Actual Bank Balance December 31/84	- \$3,755.03
Less Outstanding Cheque	(3,500.00)
Plus Outstanding Deposit	319.50
	<u>\$ 574.53</u>

RECTOR'S REPORT

As in previous years, 1984 has brought many changes. I believe on the whole these changes have led to a better state of affairs within the life of the Parish.

The Diocese

1984 was very significant in developing a better relationship with the Diocese. After much effort we have executed a plan of action that will ensure our responsible place within the Diocesan Family. The main thrust of this relationship was the Parish's commitment to reduce expenses, increase revenue and provide some of the Rector's time for Hospital Chaplaincy. In return the Diocese has made it possible for the Parish to receive sufficient funds to manage our capital debts and keep up with our Diocesan responsibilities. At the end of 1984 the Parish is current with almost all commitments and we hope with your continued financial support to be in good financial shape at the end of the costly winter months.

Lay Leadership

With the Rector going part-time, some felt that the Parish life would suffer. This has not been the case. St. George's has very capable leadership among its people and many of our parishioners are actively involved in the pastoral and administrative responsibilities of the Parish. The Shut-Ins have had a good deal of contact from the Parish this year both from the Rector and the Pastoral Care Committee and I am sure this will continue. When we speak of the administrative life of the Parish we mean the care and management of the finances and the property. In this area very capable leadership has been forthcoming from the people of the Parish and we are in better shape now than we have been for quite some time. Arriving at this position has involved a great deal of work from the Committees and Executive Officers. Everyone owes them a debt of gratitude.

Worship

Worship life is the special concern of the Rector and I have sought for quiet dignity and simple beauty as we celebrate the Eucharist together. It requires prayerful attention and an uninterrupted flow as we seek to make our worship the best possible offering to Almighty God. This

cannot happen without total concentration and participation on the part of the priest and people. The priest must give his best and the people must respond with theirs. Only together will we be able to make a fit offering of prayer and thanksgiving. It will not do for the priest to be negligent in any detail nor for the people to make inaudible responses. The offering of our worship is an on-going discipline and each time we celebrate the Eucharist together we must seek to improve in offering the very best.

Music

The Parish's musical program has come a long way this year. We are blessed with excellent leaders and choristers. Their contribution to the offering of our worship makes a tremendous difference in establishing an atmosphere of prayer and spiritual presence. Music is a priority for the Rector and indeed for the whole Parish Council and we hope to continue with our progress in this area. It is essential to the growth of the Parish and while we are only able to place some of the costs in our operating budget, we hope to find the other necessary funds through private donations. This is a commitment we have with the Diocese and we feel we will be able to honour it if private support continues.

Sunday School and Youth

The number of children increased in our Church School last year and we feel very encouraged by this. However, the Church School program is still not what we would like and this is largely due to insufficient personnel. The present Church School leadership is working very hard with the children but if the program is to grow and meet the continuing challenges that will develop within the Parish, more people will have to be found to assist with the program. It is absolutely essential for the future growth of the Parish to provide good religious education for our young people. This is the big challenge for the upcoming year.

Many of our confirmation-age children are actively contributing to the worship life of the Parish by serving at the altar. Their service is a great joy and pleasure for the Rector and they continue to improve in their craft. Again this has been possible through very capable leadership. The Rector has attempted to make service at the altar mandatory for our young people following confirmation in order that they may make a contribution to the Parish and continue to learn more about the life of the Church. In time they will be the source of leadership for the Parish.

The Parish continues to support the Cub and Scouting Program by providing meeting space and leadership both at the troop level and on the Group Committee. We hope to enlist the additional support of the St. George's Society in the coming year, thus ensuring the future of this very important program. There is a high level of commitment from the persons responsible for the program. I wish to thank them all and assure them of the Parish's continued support.

Parish Finances

We have seen a growth in our envelope giving over the past year. This signifies a high level of commitment on behalf of our people. I can only encourage you to keep this commitment in the coming year. In return the Rector and Parish Council will assure you of its priority to manage these resources to the best of our ability. Each year we have sought to increase our financial stability and to place special effort in the area of financial management. This will be the aim of the Finance Committee this coming year. If all goes well, the Parish will be more financially secure. The management of finances has been a tremendously difficult and demanding task and has required a great deal of extra time from the Finance Committee. I wish to extend a warm expression of thanks for their work.

Parish Outreach

We have been so busy attempting to ensure the future of the Parish over the past few years that we have not been able to do much in meeting the needs of the community outside our congregation. There is a great social need in this area of the city and at the moment we have only been able to assist with overnight housing at the Salvation Army Hostel and to make a small contribution to the St. Mark's Food Bank. It is clear that we are doing the least of all the churches for the community in which we find ourselves. Once our own house is in order, we must make a special effort to look at the demands for ministry in the Cornwallis, Gottingen and Brunswick Street area. The Cub and Scouting program meets a need in the community and the twenty-four hour club in the east hall for alcoholics and drug dependents is a part of our contribution to the community at large. We hope in time to be able to do more.

The Rector Leaves the Rectory

Many were disappointed to see the Rector leave the Rectory but I'm sure it was the best move in the interests

of financial management. The Rectory as a rental facility is the best use of the building under the present circumstances. I had three happy years in the Rectory and I am most grateful for that time. It became a Parish House and was very much a part of the Parish Life. I have been most fortunate in obtaining a new home close to the Parish Church and I am as readily available as before.

The Rector Goes Part-Time

It has involved some adjustments to be a Rector of a Parish and Hospital Chaplain. Both are very demanding tasks but on the whole, the two ministries are working well together. The Parish has good lay leadership and I feel St. George's is not suffering with this present arrangement. Lay people will have to take more responsibility for the life of the Parish and this is all to the good. I want to assure you all of my continued commitment to the Parish Ministry and to St. George's in particular and I feel we can all help the Parish to grow under the present arrangement.

My work in the hospital, as you know, was occasioned by the financial needs of the Parish. We are very fortunate that the opportunity for Diocesan work was there. It has meant a more secure and reasonable and financial situation for the Parish and will help us gain financial independence in a shorter period of time.

Thank You

I express my sincere gratitude to all those who have made contributions to the life of the Parish. All who gave their time are too numerous to mention but I do want to make special mention of those leaving particular responsibilities at the present time.

Mr. Thomas Glover has been the Treasurer of this Parish for the past twenty-eight years. During that time he has taken on large and onerous responsibilities and executed them with love and care. He has endeared himself to all those who know him. As Tommy leaves this responsibility in the coming year, I want to express on your behalf our heartfelt thanks to him and hope he will continue to give of his time and talents to the Parish of St. George.

Tillie Glover has recently retired as our Parish Secretary. Tillie did not want to leave this post but due to difficulty with hearing felt that she should hand the job to someone else. She has taken the minutes of the Parish Council

for a very long time and we want her to know how much we appreciate her contribution to the Parish in her capacity as Parish Secretary. Tillie continues to support the Parish by her ministry on the Altar Guild, a very important work and dear to the heart of the Rector.

Harvey Francis leaves the Parish Council this year after fulfilling his three year term, two of which were spent in the office of Warden. Harvey has spent many years on Parish Council at St. George's and I hope he will have many years ahead to make a continued contribution to the life of the Parish.

Jan Connors left participation on Parish Council part-way through the year. She was the first chairperson of the Pastoral Care Committee and under her leadership the committee developed a focus for its work. She achieved a great deal in ministry to shut-ins within the Parish. I extend my heartfelt thanks to her for her work.

Violet Francis, Susan Harris, Joyce Brown, David Nash, and Percy James also leave council this year. Carolyn Lemieux also leaves her responsibility as Superintendent of the Sunday School after two years of service. I extend my deep gratitude to them for their work.

It is an understatement to say that the face of the choir has changed over the past year. Tillie Glover, Flo Grandy, Violet Francis, Martha Kendall and Molly Engram have been part of the choir at St. George's for more years than perhaps they care to remember. Their support and contribution to the Parish in this ministry has been their great love. With the advent of a new musical program and additional choir members they felt that the time had come for them to pass on this work to others. They now help to encourage the congregation to sing along with the choir by their presence and singing in the nave of the church. I extend warm thanks to them for their singing over the past many years and hope that I will always hear them singing joyfully as I go to the nave to read the Gospel.

It remains for me to say a special word of thanks for the hard work and support given to the Parish by the Gabriel Guild. Their fund raising projects are essential in helping us meet our financial obligations. In recent years they have worked with decreasing numbers but despite this limitation continue to give more and more to the Parish.

A Personal Note

Every year seems to bring its own particular challenges and difficulties. Like your own, my life has its ups and downs and this year has been no exception. With the support that so many of you have given me, I am confident we shall continue to go from strength to strength, the Lord being our helper.

There has been tragedy and sorrow within our Parish but there has also been hope and love and a desire for so many to make a spiritual home here where God might touch us. Our task is fraught with difficulties but in Christ we shall be the victors.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Petite

WARDENS OF THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

1984 was a year of consolidation for the Parish of St. George. The past several years have been a time of repair and renovation to the buildings and property. However, this year parish life has been somewhat quieter, reflective and predictable.

The congregation and attendance at worship continued to grow steadily, with a greatly increased interest in parish activities and committees.

Greater emphasis has been laid on communicating directly with the congregation about parish business just prior to Sunday Services. This has encouraged and developed a feeling of participation in the life and growth of the parish.

Parish finances have been of great concern to the Council this year. Intensive review, research and discussion about this area followed by meetings with the Diocese concerning St. George's financial plans. The result has been a "no frills" approach to financial management, a stewardship campaign following frank discussion with the congregation, the renting of parish property and several energy conservation measures. By the end of the year it became clear that the parish had responded favourably to this approach: envelope offerings had improved, allotment payments to the Diocese were being regularly paid, expenses were down, and long-standing debts were being paid off. By mid January 1985 the always enormous oil bill was paid off and for the first time in almost thirty years the monthly bank statement was not in the red. While the coldest part of the winter (and its fuel requirements) are still to come, the parish is slowly approaching a long-awaited period of financial stability. Our thanks must go to Bishop Peters, the Diocesan Finance and Administration Committee and our own Finance Committee, all of whom helped to provide the motivation, resources and skills to have reached this achievement.

Interestingly, out of the preoccupations with the fabric and finances of the parish has emerged a more informed, more involved and more active congregation. Interest and participation in parish committee work and activities has been high. Interest in parish worship, in Bible education, in the elderly or sick or shut-ins has been high. Cooperation between groups, although not without minor expected friction, has been excellent. It is clear that the regeneration of the parish, physically, pastorally and spiritually, is now a visible process.

The Rector has had more demands placed upon him in 1984

than in any previous year in the parish. The consolidation of parish finances, in particular, has affected him directly: he took on part-time chaplaincy responsibilities, moved out of the rectory and purchased a new home near the parish, while at the same time continuing to provide near-regular levels of service to the parish. His leadership and example have been a source of strength to the parish administration as well as to the many parishioners whom he serves as pastor.

The wardens wish to extend their deep appreciation to the Rector, the Parish Council and to the many members of the parish who have made it possible for the parish to have had such success in its own regeneration.

W. Harvey Francis
Dr. John Swaine

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Lenten Retreat and Mission

During the first three months of 1984, the Spiritual Development Committee devoted itself almost entirely to planning and preparing for our Lenten Mission Retreat. A number of sub-committees were struck to look after information and publicity, meals, and a Parish visitation. Letters went out to parishioners and to the newspaper giving advance notice of this Lenten programme, and these were followed by registration forms and reading materials for those who planned to attend. In cooperation with the Pastoral Care Committee, a visit or phone call was arranged to contact all parishioners and inform them of the Mission Retreat and other upcoming Lenten activities and services in the Parish. Arrangements were made for the purchasing of food and the serving of meals during the Mission Retreat.

The Retreat took place on the weekend of March 30 - April 1, 1984, conducted by the Rev'd. Dr. Wayne Hankey. The subject was "God's Law and the Forgiveness of Sins". All who attended found it to be an occasion of reflection and refreshment. Fr. Hankey's excellent addresses were complimented by church services. The arrangements for meals worked very well indeed. A children's programme was also conducted on one afternoon.

Church Services

Having given considerable thought to special observances (during Lent, for example) in other years, we continued these services with little change this year. However, we did devote some time to discussing our regular liturgy. Some suggestions were forthcoming concerning our Sunday by Sunday services, and some changes were subsequently made.

Children's Activities

Throughout 1984, the Sunday School has been fortunate to have Carolyn LeMieux as its superintendent. She has organized and implemented a curriculum for the Sunday School and taken an active part in the Spiritual Development Committee.

Once again, seasonal workshops were conducted for all the children of the Parish. These consisted of music, craft activities and Bible stories designed to teach the children about each particular season of the church year.

Servers' workshops were also conducted to make up for the fact that servers are unable to attend Sunday School due to their Sunday duties.

The nursery passed from the hands of Sharon Hodder to Susan Morash in the Fall and both deserve our thanks for providing this worthwhile service.

Planning for 1985

Our regular schedule of children's workshops, church services, etc. is planned for this year. We also hope to institute monthly Evensongs beginning in January. Corporate Communion have also been suggested for the various groups within the Parish. To date, The Ladies' Guild and the Spiritual Development Committee have had corporate communions.

A Bible Study Group will be starting in February and a number of people have already expressed interest in this. Lenten programmes are currently being discussed by the committee. A Seder Meal for the Parish is one suggestion and a series of guest preachers, or a special series of sermon topics is also being considered.

A large number of people deserve special thanks this year for their assistance with the Lenten Mission Retreat visitation and arrangements. Also, the continued assistance with children's activities is greatly appreciated. On behalf of this committee, and indeed, of the Parish as a whole, I extend sincere thanks to all concerned.

Susan Harris,
Chairperson

PASTORAL CARE

1984 saw increased activity of this Committee during its first full year of operation.

Parish Lenten Mission - March/April

Working under the leadership and guidance of the Spiritual Development Committee, the Mission was preceded by both a visitation campaign and telephone canvass of the Parish. Such contact as was made during these endeavours was exceedingly beneficial to better assess the Pastoral Care needs of our Parish. It left us with the 'taste' for more such interaction within our Church.

Change of Chairmanship - November

Mrs. Jan Connors found it necessary to relinquish the Chairmanship of this committee. Much of the year's work was under her capable leadership. On behalf of the committee, and entire parish, we wish to thank her for her unflagging efforts and dedication.

Visitation Campaign - October/November

A separate committee was formed to organize, institute and co-relate a full visitation campaign with the aim of contacting all parishioners. It was felt that a need existed to 'get in touch' with church members, to listen to any comments they wished to make, answer questions and advise of the current programs in the church. This was successfully undertaken and completed with approximately 95% of our parish reached by telephone and 90% visited. Our thanks to all who participated.

Christmas Baskets to our Shut-ins - December

Again, with the kind and generous contributions of many of our parishioners, these baskets were made up and delivered to 21 shut-in members during the week of December 17th. They were very warmly received. Thank you.

Ongoing Care

Throughout the year we have continued to keep our shut-in members informed of the happenings within our church, by way of mailing bulletins, telephone calls and visitations. These parishioners, although rarely seen by our regular attendants, are still very much a part of their church (both body and fabric) and supportive to it in many ways.

Plans for 1985

With an ever expanding committee membership, the Pastoral Care Committee hopes to have enough 'body(ies)' to reach several goals:

- a) Implementation of a Voluntary Transportation List of those in need and those with cars.
- b) Assessment of the area and promotion of outreach to our specific community.
- c) In cooperation with Spiritual Development and the Gabriel Guild, support in arranging programs and activities of educational, social and charitable nature.
- d) In cooperation with Publicity Committee, the introduction of an informative and instructive communique: 'to bring to our awareness the need to be of mutual help and support to one another.'

Pastoral Care, in its broader sense, is the responsibility of all parishioners to help in any way possible in tending to the furthering of God's work. It has been evident in this past year that we are blessed with many committed members in this regard. We thank you all.

Cynthia W. Watts,
Chairperson

PROPERTY

The major undertaking during the 1984 calendar year was the reconstruction project in the east end of the Parish Hall. This newly-completed area, presently under lease to an outside organization, has given us an attractive new asset with continuing good prospects for rental or other uses.

In order to make the Church more comfortable and to reduce heating costs, the dome and the upper two tiers of windows were sealed with plastic sheeting. The committee is most pleased with the result and wishes to thank Dr. John Swaine and Terry McLaughlin for their time and effort on this project.

A number of repairs to buildings and facilities were carried out during the year on both a routine and emergency basis, particularly to heating and plumbing facilities where aging and deterioration continue to be major factors. In this regard, the property committee recommends that the Parish Council give consideration to a program of gradual replacement, upgrading and repair before further deterioration makes major repairs and expenditures an absolute necessity.

The Rectory continues to provide a rental income and a new tenant will be sought before the current lease expires.

Both the Church and the Hall were rented out on a number of occasions and those concerned expressed satisfaction with the facilities and services provided.

In closing, the Chairman wishes to thank the Sexton and those parishioners who, in many ways, assisted in the work of this committee.

H. C. Boswell,
Chairman

GABRIEL GUILD

We are thankful that we can look back on a very busy year, perhaps our busiest since there are fewer workers at the meetings. This is due mainly to the fact that we are all growing older and we cannot expect much help from the members who are ill and in nursing homes. They do contribute to their utmost but their places are empty at our meetings and we miss these old friends of many years. Since we have been able to give \$6,700 to the Church last year it is proof that we have done our best.

To bring in this money we have held two card socials--the Shrove Tuesday game with pancake lunch has always been a success, the October game fell short of our expectations but we hope to do better on another if the weather will cooperate. The Red Rose Dinner and the Christmas Dinner continue to be our biggest effort and at the Christmas Dinner especially the attendance was very good and with a larger than usual input from our parishioners. The sale at Scotia Square was all year in the making and in less than four hours we realized \$1,300 from handcrafts and baked goods. We also catered to dinners for the College of Organists, The Heritage Trust, a group of Senior Citizens and had a Penny Auction on a regular meeting night. We donated food and money for The Friends of Kings' Tea, to the Bible Society and were hosts to the Diocesan A.C.W. on our St. Andrew's Day Service--the first held at our Church in some years. The hour of fellowship after the service gave us a chance to talk to old friends and was a joy to all attending.

We could not have accomplished most of these ventures without the help of parishioners, the young ladies of our Church gave gladly toward attending the tables, they were happy to help with food and baked goods were very well received and all responded generously. We proved too that people enjoy receiving a call from a Church representative and do like to contribute, it gives them a feeling of "family", a feeling daily enjoyed by so many of us.

If we gave gold stars for performance we would certainly give them to the gentlemen who washed the dishes, it was indeed a lesson in efficiency, some of them had their first lesson in dishpan hands and gladly welcomed my hand cream at the end. Our sincere thanks to them all for a job well done.

For some time it has been plain to us that the lights in

our Guild Room were inadequate and a strain on our eyes, we decided it would be only fair to invest a little of our card game profit into two flurosent lights, before another week had passed we were presented with the two lights and the day after they were installed and working. To those who gave lights and labour we say "Thank you".

It is our hope that the year ahead will be as productive and we ask your continued support to this end.

M. G. (Tillie) Glover,
Secretary

SANCTUARY GUILD

We are always glad to welcome new members to the Guild. This year we welcomed Sandy Caines, Cynthia Watts, and Karen Wheeler. There is room for more and we especially need one person who can help on a Saturday morning once in six or seven weeks.

Except for the major festivals it has been difficult, at times, to get fresh flowers for the Altar. The cost of flowers has risen greatly during the last year and we appreciate the gifts of those who have sent money or flowers. Perhaps someone who has a garden will consider a special part of it for our Altar, which is especially beautiful when graced by the flowers of God's creation.

Our linens have been of particular concern, weakened by time and use, it has been hard to keep them looking well. We have just received from England enough linen to make new Altar cloths, credence cloths and purificators. These will be done as fast as our nimble fingers can make them. We look forward to this labour of love.

To all who have helped make my contribution to the Guild such a special personal joy, I express my thanks.

M. G. Glover,
President

ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR

The musical tradition at St. George's has been upheld and enhanced in 1984 and is largely due to the dedication and commitment of the members of the choir. As well as singing at the Sunday Eucharists, the choir has presided, musically, at a variety of special services including those of the Lenten Mission, Holy Week, Confirmation, The Little Dutch Church, Trafalgar Day and the Advent Carol Service. In addition to these, outings to All-Saints' Cathedral to sing the Morning Eucharist, to Dartmouth Cable Television to perform in aid of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children; and, by some, to the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, have contributed to the representation of the name of St. George's throughout the community.

In order to help finance its operations, the choir sponsored two fund-raising events. Firstly, a very successful Bake Sale whose proceeds have gone towards the purchase of music; and secondly the Parish Sherry Hours whose donations have been used in the Choir Fund. Thanks are extended to all who have donated their talents either to the edibles or to the potables.

A number of new choristers were welcomed in the past year including Bruce Archibald, Lawrence Bruce-Robertson, Karen Conrod, Tory Kirby, Elizabeth Logan, Stephen Porter, James Pritchard, Jane Reagh, Susan Robertson and Neil Thompson. On behalf of the choir and congregation I wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Violet Francis, Tilly Glover, Molly Engram and Martha Kendall who left the choir during the year. Such dedication as theirs is truly valuable to the musical life of the Parish. Gratitude must also be expressed for the musicianship of Michal King, our organist, whose patient struggle with the condition of the organ is an inspiration for all.

We had hoped, in 1984, to include children in the choir but it was thought that the interest shown was not sufficient to be profitable either to the director or to the children involved. It is hoped however that this goal can be realised in the near future.

Perhaps the most inspiring musical development in the past year has been a growing involvement of the congregation in the service music and it is hoped that this development may continue in the years to come. The congregation's continuing support of our musical tradition is greatly appreciated both by the choir and its director.

David Buley,
Choral Director

SERVERS' GUILD

This year of 1984 has been a busy and successful one for the Parish Servers. As our numbers now stand, we have the dedicated number of eleven, having lost Sam Petite (only temporarily we hope) who has moved away; Jennifer MacKenzie who is now active in her new parish church of St. Augustine's, Lake Echo; and Wayne Cooper who has moved to another area and parish in the city.

Since each Sunday's Eucharist requires six servers, each one now has the opportunity to serve at least every second Sunday.

Our activities during the year included a Lenten and Advent workshop under the direction of the Spiritual Development Committee; an explanation by Fr. Petite on Good Friday of the Stations of the Cross, illustrated by the appropriate placing of pictures around the church showing the events of that day; the Service of the Blessing of the Creche; and the first study-class to help understand the structure and meaning of the Service of Holy Eucharist, the one service which highlights any server's duties.

Our next get-together will be along with other servers from the Halifax-Chebucto region at the Anglican Diocesan Centre. This will be a supper-meeting followed by an address from Bishop Peters after which we hope to participate in team games.

The highlight of the year was the presentation of first and second year crosses on December 2nd, the first Sunday in Advent. First year crosses were presented to Scott Connors and Melissa Caines. Second year presentations were to Tammy Evans, Scott Hickey, Cheryl Huett, David Huett, Michelle Huett, Craig Savoury and Sharon Yates. Congratulations to all!

During the coming year we expect to add to our numbers from those newly confirmed. We also look forward to a time, not so far away, when as the servers become older and able to carry out more responsible positions, that the proper structure of a Servers' Guild will be formed with its own organizational leaders. We have the potential, all that is required is guidance and experience.

As in previous years, our heartfelt thanks to both Fr. Petite and the parents, without whose support our task would be impossible, but with such dedicated support our task is turned into one of joy to serve Almighty God.

Ken Pringle,
Master of Ceremonies

2ND HALIFAX BOY SCOUT GROUP

Group Committee: Chairman - George Munroe
 Treasurer - Don Connors
 Parish Council Rep - Joyce Brown
 - Wilf Woods
 - Mary Woods
 - Frances Bundy
 - Harry Boswell
 - Maude Lord

Leaders:

Scouts - Jim Meikle
 Rod MacQuarrie

Cubs - Joyce Brown
 D'Arcy Richardson
 Stephen Gouchy

Beavers - Kimberly Howatt

The past year has been a period of consolidation and growth. We have 24 boys involved in the three sections. The boys are from the geographical area of the Parish.

This year we have been blessed with dedicated and hard working leaders. Special mention should be made of the work of Mrs. Joyce Brown who has made the Cub programme a single success. Through the good offices of Dr. Godfrey at King's we have also had the benefit of leaders drawn from the student body of the university. The leaders have devoted a great deal of time and energy to make the program a success.

Financially, the Scout Programme continues to be precarious. With the exception of Trees for Canada and our annual bottle drive, our fund raising projects have not produced the expected revenue. However, through donations from members of the Group Committee and others the programme has continued without interruption.

It appears that some assistance may be forthcoming in the form of the patronage of the St. George's Society of Halifax. Through the efforts of Fr. Petite, Mr. Tory Kirby and Mr. George Cooper, meetings have been held with representatives of the Group Committee to bring about an affiliation between 2nd Halifax and the St. George's Society.

The Group Committee meets monthly and is representative of the Parish and the community. Through imagination and hard work the committee has managed to support the leaders and their programme. The committee has been ably represented on Parish Council by Joyce Brown.

The highlight of the 1984 year was the parent/son banquet which was attended by over sixty people including boys, their parents and supporters. Badges and awards were presented with Anton Lord winning the trophy for the Most Improved Cub.

A weekend outing was held at Kingsburg, thanks to the generosity of Dr. John Godfrey and the local Scout Troop. The hospitality of the local families was heart warming and the boys had an experience which they will long remember.

Our boys participated in the Tall Ships Parade and visited a number of the ships. They have also attended local hockey games and have gone swimming at King's.

Many boys are progressing well on their badge work and at the 1985 banquet a large number of awards will be presented.

It now appears that the oldest Scout Troop in Halifax has been well and truly established. The future looks bright and it can only be hoped that as much progress is made next year as has been made in 1984.

George A. Munroe,
 Group Committee Chairman

PUBLICITY

1984 has seen the first solid growth in the publicity of the Parish and 1985 promises to be even stronger.

Over the past year the focus has been on the establishment of external channels of communication such as newspapers, radio and other forms of media e.g. making sure Parish events received media coverage. Some of these events over the past year were: Parish Lenten Retreat, Patronal Festival events, the Annual Little Dutch Service, Trafalgar Day, etc. Events such as these have helped to increase public awareness and attract people to our Parish.

It might be helpful if each of us thought of ourselves as lay members of the Public Relations Committee since one of the most important ways of communicating the mission of our Parish is through our members' families and friends.

Recently Public Relations has developed from a single person into a full fledged committee. With this new development, the future of publicity is looking much more progressive. The committee will now have the manpower to focus on both internal forms of publicity such as (Newsletter, bulletin board, etc.) and external channels as mentioned above.

Some of the first projects the committee will be working on are: redesigning the Bulletin, a regular Parish Newsletter, membership map, bulletin board, Church Directory, etc.

If you have any ideas with respect to publicity, please contact the Chairman.

Terry McLaughlin,
Chairman

PROPOSED COUNCIL 1985

Chairman:	- Mr. Ronald MacNaughton
Rector:	- The Rev'd. Robert Petite
Wardens:	- Dr. John Swaine, Snr. Warden
	- Mr. Thomas Glover, Jr. Warden
Treasurer:	- Miss Karen Wheeler
Envelope Secretary:	- Ms. Sherry Yates
Secretary:	- Miss Geraldine Beck

Organizational Representatives

Gabriel Guild	- Mrs. Tillie Glover
Choir	- Mrs. Michal King
Altar Guild	- Mrs. Tillie Glover
Servers' Guild	- Mr. Kenneth Pringle
Scouts	- Mr. Don Connors

Committee Chairmen

Spiritual Development	- Mr. Tory Kirby
Pastoral Care	- Miss Cynthia Watts
Finance	- Mr. George Caines
Publicity	- Mr. Terry McLaughlin
Property	- Mr. Harry Boswell
St. George's Found.	- Mr. George Caines

Members at Large

- Mr. Thomas Perkes
- Mr. John Kernaghan
- Mr. Neil Thompson
- Mrs. Kay Dakin
- Mrs. Gertie Moulton
- Mrs. Catherine Jewel
- Mrs. Sandy Caines
- Mr. James Pritchard

Members Whose Terms Have Expired

- Mr. David Nash
- Mr. Percy James
- Miss Susan Harris
- Mrs. Violet Francis

Synod Delegates

- The Wardens

Regional Council

- The Wardens or Their Appointees



