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ANNUAL REPORT

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

Annual Meeting - February 16, 1986

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PARISH OF ST. GEORGE
ANNUAL MEETING 1986

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Reading, correcting and approving minutes of previous Annual Meeting.
3. Business arising from the Minutes.
4. Financial Report: Mr. George Caines
 - a) Current Account: Receipts and Expenditures
 - b) Assets and Liabilities
 - c) Insurance policies
 - d) Audit Report
 - e) Budget for 1986
5. Consideration of all written reports of standing committees and organizations.
6. Report of Nominations Committee
 - a) Election of Parish Wardens
 - b) Election of Synod Delegates
 - c) Election of Members at Large
 - d) Election of Parish Council Secretary
 - e) Election of Auditors
 - f) Election of Regional Delegates
7. New Business
8. Motion for adjournment
9. The Blessing

MINUTES

1984 ANNUAL MEETING

February 5th, 1985

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. George was held on Sunday, February 5th, 1985, with Ron MacNaughton in the chair.

Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting were accepted as printed in the Annual Report on motion of Harry Boswell; Seconded by Neil Thompson.

Finance

John Kernaghan presented the Finance Report. It was pointed out by Karen Wheeler that the report on the government project was a little misleading, in that it did not include a list of outstanding accounts which relate to that project. Gordon Engram was able to present some clarifications on the project account. The Parish authorized an overspending of \$5,000.00 which turned out to be \$7,000.00.

George Caines questioned the reason for listing investments in several separate amounts. This has been changed recently. The investments are now combined and will appear as such in 1985.

Wardens

John Swaine presented the Wardens' Report. They have tried very hard to keep the congregation informed of both good and bad news. Feedback would be appreciated at any time.

Spiritual Development

No discussion.

Pastoral Care

Cynthia Watts presented the Pastoral Care Report. With the Rector available on a part-time basis, this committee has become very important in assuming some of the responsibilities of pastoral care. What we are in fact doing is meeting one another's needs without relying on the Rector. The important thing to remember is that pastoral care is for everyone, not just the elderly or shut-in.

Property

Harry Boswell presented the Property Report. Whenever the Church is rented for a function, there are usually no parishioners there to help see that the Church is secure afterwards. He would like some support in this area.

Gabriel Guild No discussion

Altar Guild No discussion

Choir

David Buley presented the Choir Report. He encouraged us to inform him of anything he can do to help the congregation participate in the service. Our organ is in serious trouble and has been for years. The basic problem is that it is incredibly dirty and in very poor repair. We should start planning now for a restoration in about two years.

Servers' Guild No discussion

Group Committee

The boys who participate in our Scouting program are all from the area and 95 per cent of them are from one parent families. Joyce Brown is being assisted in her leadership duties by three very dependable students from King's College.

Publicity

Terry McLaughlin presented the Publicity Report. With addition of new members, Neil Thompson, Jim Rawding, Marie Watters, 1985 will be the first year that we actually have a Publicity Committee.

All the reports were accepted unanimously.

Election of Parish Council

The Report of the Nominating Committee remains as printed except for the following changes:

Envelope Secretary	-	Geraldine Beck
Members at Large	-	Florence Andrews
	-	Sherry Yates
	-	Kay Dakin (Declined)

Fr. Petite moved that we approve this slate of candidates; seconded by Cynthia Watts.

Special Presentations

A special presentation was made to Tommy and Tillie Glover, at which time the Rector thanked them for their many years of service in various responsibilities, which they executed with love and care. Choral presentations were made to Violet Francis, Tillie Glover, Molly Engram and Martha Kendall who left the choir during the year.

This concluded business and the meeting was adjourned upon motion of Tory Kirby and blessing by Fr. Petite.

Respectfully submitted
Geraldine A. Beck

104 Central Avenue
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3N 2H8

February 3, 1986

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

Dear Sirs:

I have completed my audit on the financial records of your Church for the year ended December 31, 1985. Such tests were performed and 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 financial transactions for your Church for the year ended December 31, 1985.

Yours very truly,


E. Raymond Ellis

ERE/cap

TREASURER'S REPORT

This being my first year as Treasurer of St. George's, I would like to express just how rewarding it has been.

Although 1985 began with \$5,451.30 in the bank, we still had over \$18,000.00 of 1984 invoices yet to be paid. This in itself was quite a challenge, however by July of 1985 all 1984 invoices had been paid in full and regular monthly commitments were able to be met. Thank you to all who helped to make this possible.

For your information, we ended 1985 with 194 families on the Parish List; of which 170 are weekly envelope holders. The most important aspect in envelope holding is the consistent return of each and every one. The following represents a breakdown of the weekly envelope giving:

88 subscribers give between	0	and	9.99	weekly
59	"	"	10.00	and 19.99
<u>23</u>	"	"	20.00	and 50.00
170 Total subscribers				

I have tried to be as detailed as possible in the following Financial Statements, but should anything need clarification, please feel free to question at any time.

In closing, I would like to most especially thank Cynthia Watts for the typing of the Monthly Statements (when time was at a premium), and for the typing of this Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted

Karen A. Wheeler
Karen A. Wheeler
Treasurer

An 'honourable mention' to the office of Maritime Protective Agency Ltd. for the use of their photocopying machine: approximately 35,000 copies for the year.

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE

RECAP OF REVENUE & EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31/85
CURRENT ACCOUNT 244-14 (SUMMARY)

BUDGET
1986

LIABILITIES

Little Dutch Church	1,051.65	
Memorial Fund	2,445.00	
Organ Fund	657.41	
Poor Fund	73.57	
Rectory Damage Deposit	500.00	
Soup Kitchen	1,327.36	
TOTAL	<u>\$6,054.99</u>	

REVENUE

Offerings	60,600.57	70,000.00
Parish Organizations	9,453.32	10,000.00
Endowments Interest	3,001.45	3,000.00
Other	36,541.23	33,037.00
TOTAL	<u>\$109,596.57</u>	<u>\$116,037.00</u>
Bank Balance December/84	5,451.30	
TOTAL	<u>\$121,102.86</u>	

EXPENSES

Property	37,103.21	41,550.00
Spiritual Development	37,005.40	38,759.20
General	16,430.42	17,000.00
Mortgage	12,000.00	12,000.00
Project III	12,085.88	-
TOTAL	<u>\$114,624.91</u>	<u>\$109,309.20</u>
Bank Balance December/85	<u>6,477.95</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$121,102.86</u>	

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE
DETAILS OF LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31/85

LITTLE DUTCH CHURCH

Balance - December 31/84	<u>\$1,087.04</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
Grant - City of Halifax	1,000.00
Collection September 29/85	<u>203.20</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,203.20</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
City of Halifax - Taxes	148.63
Cody Foods - Glasses	22.00
Diocesan Bookroom - Sherry	36.00
Kwik Kopy - Programs	261.96
L. Morash - Maintenance	<u>770.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,238.59</u>
Balance - December 31/85	<u>\$1,051.65</u>

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance - December 31/84	<u>\$395.17</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
Memorial donations in memory of: Jean Hawkins, Lily James, Harry Verge, Mrs. Roberts, Charles Pope, Maude Anthony, Maurice Cunningham, Joseph Romo, Peter Hawkins, Flora Ripley, Murray Purchase, Herbert Poole, J.A. Shaw	<u>\$6,100.33</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Oil Fund	3,255.33
Diocesan Bookroom - Hymn Books	200.00
Investment - J.A. Shaw	200.00
Music	241.49
Van Pouls Linens - Altar Cloths	<u>153.68</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$4,050.50</u>
Balance - December 31/85	<u>\$2,445.00</u>

DETAILS OF LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31/85

ORGAN FUND

Balance - December 31/84	<u>\$177.99</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
Central Trust - Interest	441.61
Nova Scotia Savings	<u>162.81</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$604.42</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Mark Taylor - Tuning	<u>\$125.00</u>
Balance - December 31/85	<u>\$657.41</u>

POOR FUND

Balance - December 31/84	<u>\$78.20</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
Donations - Poor Box	214.31
Balance - Magazine A/c	70.49
Balance - Window A/c	<u>110.62</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$395.42</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Needy Family	25.00
North End Area Clinic	30.00
Newfoundland Grocery	45.35
St. Mark's Food Bank	150.00
Salvation Army Centre	<u>149.70</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$400.05</u>
Balance - December 31/85	<u>\$73.57</u>

RECTORY DAMAGE DEPOSIT

Balance - December 31/84	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Deposits - McDonald</u>	
	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Paid Out - N.S. Oilers</u>	
	<u>\$500.00</u>
Balance - December 31/85	<u>\$500.00</u>

DETAILS OF LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31/85

SOUP KITCHEN

Balance - December 31/84 Nil

Revenue

Donations from churches,
organizations, teams and
parishioners. \$1,914.76

Expenses

Eastern Paper 155.36
Fridge & Freezer 290.00
Metro Food Bank 25.00
Weekly Expenses 117.04
TOTAL \$587.40

Balance - December 31/85 \$1,327.36

GRAND TOTAL LIABILITIES \$6,054.99

DETAILS OF REVENUE - ACCOUNT 244-14
FOR THE YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31/85

OFFERINGS

Christmas - 1984 96.50
Christmas - 1985 3,518.60
Easter - 1985 3,061.50
Open 2,826.66
Thanksgiving - 1985 1,599.00
Trafalgar Day - 1985 153.15
Weekly Envelopes 49,345.16
TOTAL \$60,600.57

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Cent-a-Meal 156.97
Gabriel Guild 7,600.00
Sunday School 19.95
Victorian Dinner 543.85
Yard Sale / Flea Market 1,132.55
TOTAL \$9,453.32

DETAILS OF REVENUE - ACCOUNT 244-14
FOR THE YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31/85

ENDOWMENTS' INTEREST

Bank of Nova Scotia 40.53
Central Trust 191.25
Diocese of Nova Scotia 1,518.75
N.S. Savings & Loans 1,236.46
Permanent 14.46
TOTAL \$3,001.45

OTHER REVENUE

Diocesan Times 211.00
Diocese of N.S. Rector's Rebate 10,888.08
Initial Offering 298.40
Oil 3,377.33

Rentals:

Church -Church Records 21.00
-Heidelberg Concert 730.00
-Wedding Fees 95.00
Hall -Anne Isaacs 50.00
-Kwacha Playhouse 100.00
-Red Snapper Productions 50.00
-Soroptimist Society 50.00
Lodge -Loyal Princess 1,082.62
-Loyal Victoria 1,082.62
-Queen's Guard 541.31
Rectory 11,000.00
White Camel Club 6,585.00
World Relief 376.00
Sundry (Close out old accounts) 2.87

TOTAL 36,541.23
PLUS - Bank Balance Dec.31/84 5,451.30
GRAND TOTAL \$121,102.86

DETAILS OF EXPENSES - ACCOUNT 244-14
FOR THE YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31/85

PROPERTY

Equipment
Metro Burner Service - Furnace 5,275.00
Insurance
Marsh & McLellan Ltd. 2,287.28
Repairs & Maintenance
Arthur & Conn - Electrical 33.10
Beelers Locksmiths 31.00

DETAILS OF EXPENSES - ACCOUNT 244-14
FOR THE YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31/85

PROPERTY (Continued)Repairs & Maintenance (Cont'd.)

Bremners Plumbing	177.01
Don Brentons Fire Extinguisher	140.50
Eastern Paper - Toilet Supplies	285.58
Halifax Seed - Lawn Mower rprs.	84.42
Ron Keel Plumbing Services	582.65
Leonard Morash	1,113.05
Petty Cash (Javex, brooms, etc.)	14.47
Piercey's	49.40
Provincial Sanitary Products	166.10
Sears - snowblower repairs	212.60
Vacuum Hut - new machine	170.45

Taxes & Utilities

City of Halifax -Taxes	2,708.63
-Curb & Gutter	546.16
-Sidewalks	190.93
Dartmouth Fuels Ltd.	19,604.82
Mar.Tel.& Tel. -Hall/Church	455.35
-Rector's	466.80
Nova Scotia Power Corp.	1,657.32
Public Service Commission	850.59

TOTAL

\$37,103.21

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENTRector's Expenses

Salary	19,130.00
Fringes C.P.P./U.I.C.	935.76
Pension	2,701.68
Travel Allowance	1,360.00
Living Allowance	7,200.00
Car Replacement	2,100.00
Vacation Replacements	145.00

Organist

Salary	2,500.00
Vacation Replacement	105.00

Fringe Benefits

Balance 1984 owing	307.07
Overpayment - Projects/84	(733.48)
- Diocese Apr./84	(570.67)

Eucharistic Supplies

A.C.W. Treasurer - Calendars	157.50
Recovery - Calendars	(179.00)
All-Type Print - Bulletins	108.00
Anglican Book Centre	20.70
Canadian Bible Society	49.50
Diocese of N.S. - B.A.S.	83.60
Candles, hosts, Lay Readers' } badges, servers' crosses, wine }	1,497.67

DETAILS OF EXPENSES - ACCOUNT 244-14
FOR THE YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31/85

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT (Continued)Eucharistic Supplies (Cont'd.)

Diocese of N.S. Recovery	
Pascal Candle	(95.00)
B.A.S.	(8.95)
Confirmation Books	(35.80)
Prayer Book	(33.50)
Living The Good News - Lent Mat.	33.39
Sisters of St. Martha	16.17
World Development Program	9.50

Sunday School

Canadian Bible Society	70.67
Diocesan Bookroom	21.02
Mahons Stationery	9.57
North End Area Council	100.00

TOTAL

\$37,005.40

GENERAL

Treasurer	1,000.00
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PAPER /POSTAGE/ETC.

Cost of printing cheques	42.75
Gestetner Ltd.	172.37
Kwik Kopy -Rector's bus.cards	67.76
Louson-Desonite Inc.	240.88
Mahons Ltd.	411.15
Postage	314.17

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Atl.Systematic Env.(1985)	327.22
Can.Bible Society Spec.Envs.	82.50
Parish Services -Coin cards	322.56

BANK CHARGES

148.14

OVERDRAWN CHARGES

16.40

ALLOTMENT - DIOCESE OF N.S.

11,750.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

All-Type Print -Glover's Cert.	42.35
Christmas Baskets -costs	85.00
-recovery	(85.00)
Raymond Ells - Audit Fees	300.00
Diocesan Times	201.00
David Curry \$150.U.S.(Gift)	211.50
Hfx.Herald -Rectory Rental	29.70
Kidston Glass - broken window	32.58
- recovery	(32.58)

DETAILS OF EXPENSES - ACCOUNT 244-14
FOR THE YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31/85

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT (Continued)

Maritime Frame It - Glovers Cert.	33.97
Scotia Physiotherapy - S.Morash	71.00
Synod Expenses - refreshments	12.90
- Wandlyn Motel	104.50
Twin City Engravers - Medals	48.60
World Relief	376.00

DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Anglican Digest	48.00
Hfx.Council of Churches	25.00
North End Area Council	30.00

TOTAL 16,430.42

MORTGAGE

Interest	5,330.07
Payment on principal	6,669.93
	12,000.00

OUTSTANDING 1984 (PROJECT III)

B.F.I.	30.69
Carpet Market	4,897.42
Davron Ltd.	243.42
Halifax Heating Ltd.	1,879.35
Ron Keel Plumbing Ltd.	2,500.00
Ray Parks	125.00
Pierceys	2,909.95
Twin City Oxygen	101.92
Balance left in Project A/c.	(601.87)

TOTAL 12,085.88

PLUS - Bank balance Dec.31/85 6,477.95

GRAND TOTAL \$121,102.86

DETAILS OF MORTGAGE HELD BY
THE PERMANENT (030-6321-1)
COMMENCEMENT DATE NOV.1ST,1984

Balance December 31/84 69,639.14

Payments for year 6,669.93

Balance December 31/85 \$62,969.21

RECORD OF ALL INVESTMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1985

DETAILS OF INVESTMENT	INTEREST RATE	DATE ISSUED	MATURITY DATE	AMOUNT
<u>Bank of Nova Scotia</u>				
1660-73 Rector/Wardens	6 1/4%	Dec. 2/85	Jan. 6/86	1,300.00
1684-75 Rector/Wardens	6 3/4%	Dec. 31/85	Apr. 28/86	1,742.39
Total				<u>\$3,042.39</u>
<u>Central Trust</u>				
7922-14 Organ Fund	10 3/4%	Jan. 4/83	Jan. 4/86	1,500.00
8224-50 J.A. Shaw	11 1/4%	Apr. 28/83	Apr. 28/86	1,000.00
8224-51 Rector/Wardens	11 1/4%	Apr. 28/83	Apr. 28/86	700.00
910810 J.A. Shaw	10 1/4%	Jan. 18/84	Jan. 18/87	162.88
10269-15 Organ Fund	13 3/4%	June 22/84	June 22/89	3,370.80
Total				<u>\$6,733.68</u>
<u>Nova Scotia Savings</u>				
FR-05706 Rector/Wardens	13 1/4%	Jan. 1/81	Jan. 1/86	500.00
AD-10818 J.A. Shaw	12%	Jan. 4/83	Jan. 4/86	601.72
AD-21525 J.A. Shaw	11 1/2%	Jan. 1/85	Jan. 1/88	875.22
AD-21612 Rector/Wardens	11%	Jan. 15/85	Jan. 15/88	1,000.00
TC-2635 Rector/Wardens	11%	Jan. 12/84	Jan. 12/89	1,000.00
AD-16311 Rector/Wardens	11 1/4%	Feb. 16/84	Feb. 16/89	1,282.43
Total				<u>\$5,259.37</u>
Total Held by Parish				<u>\$15,035.44</u>
<u>Diocese of Nova Scotia</u>				
Endowment - Rector/Wardens		Mar. 31/36		7,000.00
Endowment - Rector's Fund		July 1/36		2,010.67
Endowment - J.A. Shaw		June 16/58		500.00
Gravelot - Wright		Mar. 19/39		300.00
Total Held by Diocese				<u>\$9,810.67</u>
GRAND TOTAL INVESTMENTS				<u>\$24,846.11</u>

RECORD OF INSURANCE POLICIES
Coverage In Effect Until April 11, 1986

<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT INSURED</u>
<u>POLICY G-7358</u> <u>ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE</u> <u>COMPANY LTD.</u>		
St. George's Church	Build. & Parish Contents	750,000.
St. George's Hall	Build. & Parish Contents	85,995.
Little Dutch Church	Build. & Parish Contents	16,590.
Sexton's House	Build. & Parish Contents	24,255.
Rectory	Build. & Parish Contents	110,250.
	Premium.....	<u>\$2,016.00</u>
<u>POLICY 4148082</u> <u>GUARDIAN INSURANCE</u> <u>COMPANY OF CANADA</u>		
Comprehensive General Liability Insurance	Limit any one accident	5,000,000.
	Premium.....	<u>\$70.00</u>
<u>POLICY 1888103</u> <u>GUARDIAN INSURANCE</u> <u>COMPANY OF CANADA</u>		
Clergyman's Professional Liability Insurance	Each occurrence	\$100,000.
	Premium.....	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total Premiums		\$2,111.00
Plus Instalment Interest		<u>176.28</u>
		<u>\$2,287.28</u>

BUDGET 1986

<u>REVENUE</u>		
Offerings		70,000.00
Endowments' Interest		3,000.00
Parish Organizations		10,000.00
Rentals - Lodge		2,500.00
- Hall/Church		1,500.00
- White Camel		7,200.00
- Rectory		12,400.00
- Rector's Rebate		<u>9,437.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>\$116,037.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
<u>Property</u>		
Taxes		2,500.00
Fuel		20,000.00
Water		700.00
N.S. Power		1,500.00
Maintenance - Supplies		800.00
- Labour/Other		1,200.00
- Labour/L.Morash		1,200.00
Fire Extinguisher		150.00
Telephone		1,000.00
Equipment & Repairs		10,000.00
Insurance		<u>2,500.00</u>
		\$41,550.00
<u>Spiritual Development</u>		
Rector's Expenses		35,154.20
Organist		2,605.00
Eucharistic Supplies		800.00
Sunday School		<u>200.00</u>
		\$38,759.20
<u>General</u>		
Treasurer		1,000.00
Paper, Postage, Etc.		1,400.00
Offering Envelopes Etc.		500.00
Bank Charges		500.00
Overdrawn Charges }		
Allotment		12,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,500.00
Dues & Subscriptions		<u>100.00</u>
		\$17,000.00
<u>Mortgage</u>		
Interest		12,000.00
Payment (Principal) }		
		<u>\$12,000.00</u>
<u>1985 Outstanding Invoices</u>		<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$109,309.20</u>

FINANCE

It is with great pleasure that I can report, on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the financial position of the Parish is one of relative health. Our budget for the past year has been substantially achieved and we are confident that our budget for the current year can be met. As at this date all bills are current - indeed all accounts payable as of December 31 have been paid in full and we are current with our mortgage payments and our allotment.

For this state of affairs, we have many people to thank. Obviously, our first thanks go to the member of the Parish whose increased level of giving is primarily responsible for our being solvent.

It is, however, no time for complacency. The state of our physical property is such that disaster always looms around the corner and we must try to set aside some funds for necessary maintenance and repairs.

Our sound financial position is also greatly helped by the personal sacrifice of a few individuals - our Rector who continues on a part-time basis and our Choir Director, our Organist and our Treasurer (the value of whose services far exceeds the amounts paid to them).

I would recommend that the Finance Committee and Council aim to start 1987 with our Rector on a full-time basis and our Choir Director's remuneration part of our regular budget.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Finance Committee for their advice and assistance throughout the year. A very special vote of thanks, however, is owing to our Treasurer whose competence and dedication makes the work of the finance committee very easy indeed.

George Caines,
Chairman
Finance Committee

RECTOR'S REPORT 1985

This year has been notable for a number of reasons. For the first time in many years our financial situation in the Parish has looked a good deal better. Even a brief look at the financial statements will make this abundantly clear to everyone. The situation is better largely due to the efforts of many who have made their contribution towards the Church's work a priority. St. George's has also received sound financial management from members of the Finance Committee. Payments made to the Parish by the Diocese for the Rector's work in the local hospitals have eased the cash flow situation as well.

Another notable change in the life of the Parish came when the Rector took on work at Camphill Hospital, The Halifax Civic and The Grace Maternity. For the first time St. George's had a part-time Rector. On the whole this development has worked well. Many of our lay people came forward and offered leadership within the life of the Parish and our programs and pastoral life continued to develop. However, the best interests of the Parish in the long run will be better served by the presence of a full-time ministry. At the moment the Rector is often pulled in a number of different directions as the demands of the hospitals and the Parish vie for his attention. As you all know, it was necessary for the Rector to take on outside work because of serious financial difficulties within the Parish. It is very important that we continue to increase our financial security so that the Rector may return to full-time status.

As in past years, Parish life continued to diversify and we can all discern a certain level of change and growth. I have a number of comments and suggestions to make as we prepare to enter another year.

Spiritual Development

This is the heart of the Parish and virtually every other activity at St. George's must find its appropriate relationship to it. As the Holy Eucharist on a Sunday morning is the focus for the Christian life; praising God, hearing what God has to say to us in his Word, praying for our friends and neighbours, asking forgiveness for our faults, offering ourselves to his work and receiving his gifts of healing and love; so it must be the focus for all of our activity within Parish committees and organizations. The life of praise, proclamation, intercession, confession, commitment, charity and openness to God's spiritual gifts must characterize our life together. Spiritual Development is the work of everyone in the Parish and as we all go about our work on whatever committee or organization, the rule of the Eucharistic life should determine all.

It is the responsibility of the Spiritual Development Committee to advise the Rector in "furthering the growth and development of the Parish and to be continually exploring the meaningfulness of prayer and worship in the lives of the people". (Canon 35, Parish Government.) The committee has had many issues placed before it this year and chief among them has been the introduction of The Book of Alternative Services (BAS) to the Parish. The result of their efforts is the St. George's Seminars currently being held every two weeks throughout the coming months. This series of addresses, followed by questions and discussion, is a serious attempt to inform the people of the Parish and others who may be interested in the issues surrounding the advent of these new worship services. The BAS will profoundly effect Christian worship in The Anglican Church of Canada and we must act responsibly, both in our overall assessment of the book and in determining our own use of it within the Parish. Once the Seminars have concluded the committee hopes to offer a report for the Bishop's consideration and provide advice and guidelines to the Rector for the use of the BAS at St. George's.

We have engaged in liturgical renewal within the Parish for some years and I hope we shall continue to do so. I believe this necessarily involves careful and considered decision making by the Rector, utilizing the advice of those appointed to counsel him. I believe it will also involve the eventual use of alternative services in some way. At the moment we need to carefully study the issues seeking to make changes in the new book where necessary. We will also need to outline certain principles and guidelines in order that liturgical change within the Parish be consistent with our Anglican Tradition. This is the work not only of our own Parish but of the whole Church throughout Canada. We are fortunate at St. George's in having informed and sensitive leadership as we deal with this issue.

The Spiritual Development Committee also has a responsibility for Youth Ministry. In our case that means the Church School, the Servers and the Scouting Program. The leadership is excellent in all of these activities. If we are to meet the challenges ahead, this leadership will need the support of the parents. It is the parents who must set the spiritual development of their children as a high priority. This involves helping our young people with their Christian education and in whatever other programs they may be involved in within the life of the Parish. As children get older this often becomes a little difficult. There are many things clammering for their loyalty and often the Church loses ground. Sometimes all we can do is support them through confusing situations while at the same time making sure our own spiritual example is a source of strength for them.

We have gone to a new format in the Church School with the children taking lessons to be completed at home. I cannot

overstate the importance of the involvement of the parents in making sure this program works.

The Children's Nursery has been a wonderful resource for the parents of infants this year. As in other cases, leadership and commitment have been the determining factors. The principle of having two adults caring for the children and having someone there on time to receive the children has done much to instill confidence in the parents as they leave their children and go off to the Eucharist.

The Scouting Program has gone especially well this year and the Parish Council has been determined to continue supporting the development of this work. The numbers of children involved in the program continues to grow and it is significant that in most cases these children are from the neighbourhood. Next year the Group Committee will be calling for additional leaders and I hope some of you will consider offering to help.

Our Servers are all growing older and it is exciting to see them taking more and more responsibility for the work at the Altar. We need to encourage them in this ministry and we hope that with the addition of adult servers they will see serving as the work of the mature Christian and continue to remain in this service.

The Altar Guild is an important ministry because it provides decent and comely appointments for the conduct of the sacraments. At St. George's the Guild continues to carry on an exceptionally high quality of work. This only happens when those responsible know the importance of offering the best to Almighty God and when there are dedicated workers and leadership.

There needs to be a high level of commitment to this work. I often feel it is sometimes in danger of being pushed to a low priority because it does not have the high profile of other activities in the Parish. We need to be reminded that it is of "the better part", (Luke 10:41), to use the words of Christ, and demands our very best.

During the year Mrs. Tilly Glover felt it necessary to resign from the position of President of the Guild due to her moving to the country. We all express our thanks to Tilly for excellent leadership on the Guild and for her dedication and love to "the better part". She still remains on the Guild doing her best in the preparation of the Sanctuary.

The labour and offering of the Choir is a joy to behold. Their work gets better and better and they make our worship a truly wonderful experience. The congregation needs to be aware that this involves a great deal of effort and dedication by the Choral Director, Organist and Choristers. This is especially true during the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter.

In connection with the Parish's music program, I would like to direct your attention to the Finance Committee's report as it relates to our present system of providing remuneration to the Choral Director. At the moment we are receiving professional services from our Choral Director without paying anywhere near a professional stipend. It would not be good to continue doing this much longer as it reflects an unrealistic situation.

Pastoral Care

The reality of a part-time Rector necessitates the involvement of the lay people in on going pastoral ministry. This ought to be true in any case since the work of the Church is the work of the whole people of God, but it is certainly true at St. George's, given our special situation.

The Rector must look to the Pastoral Care Committee for support in this work. It is the responsibility of this committee "to work to further the development of an awareness of social and educational needs of the Parishioners; and their personal ministry of mutual help and support to one another, and their relationship with all God's people in the wider community". (Canon 35, Parish Government.)

This year the committee has been extremely busy as is evident by reading its report. I am grateful to the committee for its work among the shut-ins of the Parish and for keeping me informed as to when the Parishioners have particular needs which require the attention of the Rector.

Perhaps the most notable effort the committee has tackled this year has been the Saturday evening Soup Kitchen. I have noted in past Annual Reports that the Parish was doing very little to serve the needs of the particular community in which it finds itself, with the exception of the work involving the Scouting program. This is no longer true with the organization of the Soup Kitchen, and I heartily commend all who are working hard on this project. It is a special responsibility because now established, the Soup Kitchen creates a kind of dependency for the men on the streets and we must therefore be certain that we will be able to fulfill this need. It would not do for us to offer the spoon and then have to take it away. The overall planning of the Soup Kitchen and the farsightedness of those involved ensured that this would not happen. Their work is a credit to the Parish and a source of strength and security to the homeless men of our community.

Finance

I have already indicated that this year has been exceptional from the financial point of view. For the first time we have begun a new year without any accounts receivable or payable. The Financial Report will give you details of this situation. I would like to extend thanks on your behalf to

the Treasurer and the Finance Committee for their excellent work. In the past the Rector has spent many hours worrying over financial matters and he is happy to be relieved of that experience. We still have serious obligations ahead and I hope you will continue with your support.

It is often thought offensive for the Rector to mention financial matters, especially from the pulpit, and on the whole I have been able to avoid having to harp about money. I really know very little about finances and I prefer to leave this task to the lay people of the Parish and I must trust and pray that they know what they are doing. You must give them this trust as well. However, ultimately these matters are the concern of the Rector and he must therefore be informed and prudent enough to ensure that the financial life of the Parish is going as it should. You, after all, will hold him accountable as you will the other officers of the Parish. I have committed myself to this task insofar as my abilities allow. Needless to say, my time at St. George's has taught me a great deal and I continue to learn more. The financial advice given to the Parish Council by the Finance Committee is the kind of advice in which you may have complete confidence.

Property

Apart from daily pastoral responsibilities, my chief concern is the property. The restoration has not worked out as we had hoped and we will have to wait for the political and economic climate to change before we are able to begin this project afresh. In the meantime there are many property matters which require our immediate attention. The Property Committee will have to take strenuous and expeditious action in ensuring that the wiring of the Church and certain structural items are looked after. If the Parish must take responsibility for the buildings alone, at least for the time being, we shall have to work out an on going maintenance philosophy and plan, prioritizing the items in order of importance. We must then seek ways to find the funds necessary to work on these projects phase by phase.

Publicity

In the traditional sense of the word, St. George's is not a Parish. That is, it does not contain in its congregation only those people who live within its Parish boundaries. We have parishioners from all over the city and county. This is true of most city churches and also true of any inner city church. Therefore, people do not arrive at the door of St. George's because it is their Parish Church. Most people shop around and usually have a good idea of the kind of church which will meet their needs.

I am not altogether certain it is a good thing that we are in this situation, but that's the way things are. A Parish Church which is a cultural, social and geographical community is a wonderful thing and I lament its passing.

There are, of course, many good things about our present situation and its expression at St. George's is quite wonderful as well. We are fortunate that we are not split into two congregations, one of young people and one of the older folk. We have a delightful mix of people from different age groups and backgrounds. It is the life blood of our community.

Because we do not have a 'built in' congregation from a geographical point of view, we have to find ways to let the people know we are here. This is one of the responsibilities of the Publicity Committee. It is not an easy task, because we are talking about what the people in business call marketing. Doing this well requires money, and I am sure you would not like the Officers of the Parish to buy ads in the local paper. The question remains; how do we publicize the fact that St. George's is here and that we have something to offer, (the pearl of great price) without selling ourselves? I don't know whether the church is served very well by adopting marketing strategies, but we do have to find a way to invite people to join our congregation. We have to make contact. These are the kinds of issues facing the Publicity Committee and they need your support. At the moment the committee is small and it could benefit from persons who have some experience from the community.

Gabriel Guild

These are a group of dedicated women who work tirelessly for the Parish. Their two annual fund raising events at Christmas and in the Spring help us through tough financial times. These women are also the backbone of the Altar Guild. They are dependable people and most have been supporting St. George's for more years than many of us have lived. I want to extend my sincere thanks to them for their dedication and hard work, not only in the past year, but for all the years the Parish has been able to count on the Gabriel Guild.

Hospitality

It makes all the difference in the world when we are made to feel welcome. St. George's has opened its doors to many new people in recent times and they have been welcomed warmly by those responsible for the serving of coffee and sherry. It may seem a small task to some but it is most important to those who are new in the Parish and a little apprehensive. The work of the sidesmen at the entrance of the Church each Sunday morning is of equal importance. In each case their work makes it possible for the newcomer and the regular parishioner alike to feel that this is their Parish.

To begin with praise and end with thanks is a good thing in both worship and human relationships. I wish to thank everyone who has made a contribution to the life at St. George's, all those who have chaired or served on committees,

on Parish Council or on any of the Parish Organizations, and in the many ways you have made an offering to the work of the Church in this place.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen"

Yours in Christ
Father Petite

WARDENS' REPORT - 1985

It has been a matter of some pride for us to have been part of the increasing confidence and stabilization which has taken place in the Parish of St. George over the past twelve months. The process was clearly underway in 1984; it was very active and alive in 1985.

The "no frills" approach taken to parish activities has resulted in lower expenses and freed funds which have become available for servicing long standing debts. Many parishioners have revised their pattern of giving; making sure that offering envelopes are not skipped and gradually increasing the amounts which are included. Consequently, our financial position, a source of much worry both to us and to our Bishop, is becoming more stable.

Parishioners are also giving in other ways, equally important, to the growth of the parish. The donation of time and manpower has been outstanding this year. Council, with its Committees and Parish Organizations, have had an active, busy year. Their various reports should be carefully read. Moreover, the parish has taken on important new responsibilities in the community and is becoming recognized as an active, thoughtful and committed body of Christians.

These changes are not just our own; we are given our personal resources, strengths and time "in trust". Within our parish life we must continue to manage these gifts with responsibility and enthusiasm.

Dr. John Swaine
Mr. Tom Glover
Wardens

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The Spiritual Development Committee of the Parish Council exists in order to coordinate the various aspects of both worship and christian reading in the life of St. George's Church. The committee is constituted of the Rector, a Warden, the Head of Servers, the Choirmaster, the Sunday School Director, together with a number of coopted lay members. The committee attempt to meet on a monthly basis (except in Summer).

This past year the committee has struggled with a variety of matters. With the advent of Mr. Mark DeWolf the Sunday School has been placed on a firmer footing. Mrs. Margaret Cottle has contributed greatly to the revitalization of the nursery. The programme of the parish during special church seasons such as Advent and Lent have been coordinated by the committee.

The most important work of the past year however, has been the organizing of the St. George's Seminars for the purpose of studying The Book of Alternative Services. Although these seminars have only just begun, there has been a generally positive reception in both the Parish and the Diocese at large for the enterprise.

As regards other doctrinal matters, the Rector has expressed to the committee his doubts regarding the Confirmation of young children, which had been the recent custom in the Parish. This matter is to be looked into by the committee.

Membership of the committee

The Rev'd. Robert Petite	Rector
Dr. John Swaine	Warden
Mr. Kenneth Pringle	Head of Servers
Mr. David Buley	Choirmaster
Mr. Mark DeWolf	Sunday School Director
Mr. Terry McLaughlin	Publicity Chairman
Miss Susan Harris	
Mr. James Pritchard	New Chairman
Mr. Torrance Kirby	Retiring Chairman

Respectfully submitted

W.J.T. Kirby

PASTORAL CARE

1985 has been a year of tremendous activity for Pastoral Care on an individual, committee and congregational level. Hard work, dedication and commitment by our members and many others, has seen goals reach fruition and blossom far in excess of any expectations. Our Lord's hand has been very evident indeed:

January - February - March

- Saw the free acquisition of Bible Cassettes for the sight impaired, which will serve our parish for years to come.
- The start up of a long term 'Stamp' mission.
- Inception of an ongoing transportation program.
- Much 'think tanking' on all pastoral concerns, such as community outreach, children's programs, social interaction and fellowship within St. George's.
- Research/investigation of our surrounding community.

April - May - June

- St. George's became a member of the Homeless Men's Network (a big problem in our immediate community).
- Start up of various support programs for the homeless and needy: Supply of razors, shaving creams, deodorants and a general donation box.
- Furniture bank was started in old "Men's Club" room in upper hall for needy families - a trial period of three months.
- Release of Pastoral Care Review.
- First draft of 'Soup Kitchen' proposal.

July - August - September

- Parishioners responded generously to call for items for rooming house for homeless men. Opened in September with 6 men - working very well indeed.
- In cooperation with Gabriel Guild a successful fund raising Strawberry Tea and time of fellowship.
- Flea Market/Yard Sale under dual leadership of Jim Rawding and Enid Pi-Jimenez raised an unbelievable \$1,132.00.
- Approved Soup Kitchen proposal sent out to 31 Anglican Churches.
- Furniture bank moved out to new premises; St. George's having helped to prove the need and worth of such a venture.

October - November - December

- Soup Kitchen Volunteer Meeting held Nov. 2nd drew over 80 people from participating churches and outside groups.

- Soup Kitchen started up Nov. 9th with over 14 churches (22 teams). At time of this report we have 17 churches and well over 30 teams.
- Presentation to All Saints, Bedford re Soup Kitchen and needed programs for the homeless and needy.
- Television Taping for Network on Cable, Channel 10. Good church mention.
- Mental Health Halifax - Parishioners helped extremely well with last minute Christmas gifts for the needy.
- Christmas baskets and visits - made and delivered to 29 shut-ins and hospitalized.

As can be seen, much has been accomplished in a one year period; now starts the vigil to ensure necessary programs continue into the future, or for as long as they are needed.

In 1986 our concentration will be on developing:

- a) An 'awareness' of the Gospel truths of our pastoral responsibilities as members of the Body of Christ; and how these relate to our communities, near and far.
- b) With such 'awareness', we hope to encourage parishioners, as part of their christian duty, to involve themselves in various Parish programs, Anglican Missions or in some worthy outside volunteer work.
- c) And, more specifically, to encourage visitation or telephone contact with our own needful parishioners - to more closely bind us one to another as a christian family.

These are broad goals but ones which will cover such topical progressions as: Interests - talents - time - support and teamwork - duty and service - commitment.

There are just too many people I would like to personally thank for their continued support. However, there is one that cannot be overlooked. I thank Karen Wheeler for being my 'running feet'.

Respectfully submitted

Cynthia W. Watts
Chairman

Committee Members:

Florence Andrews - Member
Mary Cunningham - Member
Paula Cunningham - Member
Louisa Gibson - Member
Enid Pi-Jimenez - Member
James Rawding - Member
Mabel Wainwright - Member
Karen Wheeler - Secretary
Cynthia Watts - Chairman

The Rev'd. R. Petite - Rector
Dr. John Swaine - Warden

Unit Helpers

Ronald MacNaughton
Geraldine Beck

PROPERTY

The major undertaking during the 1985 calendar year was the installation of the new furnace in the Parish Hall to replace the old furnace, which was in a most unsafe and inefficient condition. The new furnace has contributed greatly to the comfort of those who use the hall and has already shown a decline from our previous oil consumption.

Another undertaking was the completion of a formal job description for the position of Sexton in this Parish. The job description and the covering letter, in effect, constitutes a formal employment agreement with the present Sexton and clears up the area of misunderstanding which were of concern to the Parish Council and the incumbent in this position.

The windows in the upper hall were covered with plastic sheeting and the committee wishes to thank John Swaine and Karen Wheeler for instituting and completing this project.

The committee also wishes to thank George Munroe for taking responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Little Dutch Church during the Spring and Summer months.

Ian Porter has left the Province and regretfully had to tender his resignation from this committee.

A number of repairs to the Parish buildings were carried out during the year, particularly in the areas of repairing or replacing broken windows, door knobs and lock sets.

The Rectory is still rented and continues to provide an income to the Parish.

As mentioned in the 1984 report, aging and deterioration factors in the Church building continue to be of major concern. The committee again recommends that consideration be given to a gradual program of replacement, upgrading and repair before further deterioration makes major repairs and expenditures an absolute necessity.

In closing, the Chairman wishes to personally thank the Sexton and all those who, in any way, assisted in the work of this committee.

H.C. Boswell
Chairman

PUBLICITY

The year started off well with the addition of two new members to the committee, to make a total of three. In addition to upgrading any form of advertising the parish does, the new committee worked on several major projects.

Bulletin

The committee produced several draft copies of possible bulletins that we could use. These drafts were taken to Parish Council for its input and then publicity decided on what form to use. The new booklet style bulletin was implemented and has been well received.

Mass Publicity Sheets

These were one page information sheets produced by Marie Watters, one of our committee members, which we distributed throughout several apartment buildings as well as to many of the large hotels in metro. The results seem to have been positive.

Along with these sheets, we distributed brochures on the Parish to the various hotels and to places such as Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Senior Centres etc.

Victoria Day Dinner

The committee committed itself fully to this event, each member of the committee being involved in some way. We assisted in striking a sub-committee to help with the planning and implementation of the dinner, which, because of its size required a tremendous amount of planning. Some of the activities involved were finding a guest speaker, selling tickets, cooking, decorating, writing menus, ordering food and arranging for utensils. However, the success of the evening made all these efforts worthwhile.

* Keep in mind that the dinner is creeping upon us again and if you are interested in helping with some aspect of the dinner, please let us know as soon as possible.

Newsletter

We found two very capable people to be in charge of the production of our newsletter - Susan Harris and Mark DeWolf. The name of the newsletter is the "Church Mouse". The first issue came out in the Fall and was a wonderful success. The aim of the newsletter is mainly to provide our parishioners with news of what has been happening in the parish, as well as announcements of upcoming events. Watch for our next issue in late February or early March.

Cookbook

The committee has been looking into the possibility of producing a St. George's Cookbook. We have been collecting recipes from parishioners for the last couple of months and hopefully we will have enough to make it worthwhile to print such a book. Watch the bulletin for updates on the cookbook progress.

Parish Directory

The committee has decided to put this project on the back burner until at least next Fall.

The Publicity Committee has also kept up its regular commitments such as arranging for newspaper articles, producing posters for special events, sending out public service announcements, helping the public know what the parish is doing. Watch for our articles in the Diocesan times.

Respectfully submitted

Terry McLaughlin
Publicity Chairman

GABRIEL GUILD

It was not without serious concern that we began our work this year. We were anxious to maintain our giving to the church, but our reduced membership made this look near to impossible. Once again we pledged our best and left the rest to Him with a firm belief - "The Lord will provide". During the year we were happy to welcome a few new members, and what a difference it made! They were willing and able workers and the net results of our efforts saw us able to give to the church the sum of \$7,600.00.

Once again our Pancake Card Social was a success and the addition of a pantry table to that evening nearly doubled our expectations. Both the Red Rose Dinner and the Turkey Dinner were beyond the revenue of the past few years. The Craft Sale at Scotia Square was also very successful raising over \$1,000.00. We also contributed money and food to the Alexandra Society Tea and to The "Friends of Kings" Campaign, both of which help to maintain Scholarships and Bursaries to the University. We made our usual donation to the Bible Society from investment earnings transferred from our A.C.W. Unit. We have provided refreshments and help to various efforts which help to bind together the members of our Parish family.

The congregation has also been generous when called on to aid us in our major undertakings, this not only helps to increase our income, but maintains a link with the whole of our church family, some of whom are not always able to come with us to Sunday worship. We thank each and every one.

Though last on the report, it is by no means a small 'thank you' that we record to the men of our congregation. It amazes us who have spent a large part of our lives in the kitchen, how expertly and quietly they take over the dish-washing work of our dinners. What was once a big problem has become a well run department. Gentlemen, we thank you and look forward to your continued help.

As the new year gets under way we look not with grave concern over our potential, but with joy that we are more in number and great in opportunity to do the work that is our privilege in the Lord.

M.G. (Tillie) Glover
Secretary

GABRIEL GUILD

Balance as of 31 December 1984 574.53

REVENUE

Interest - On account	9.94	
Interest - Debenture	498.21	
Assessment Fees	20.00	
Collection Box	44.73	
Pancake Social	216.28	
Penny Auction	60.30	
Red Rose Dinner	2,547.86	
Special Donations	52.00	
Sunday Brunches - Strawberry Tea	152.00	
- Fish Chowder	158.25	
- Beans	153.00	
Scotia Square Sale	1,027.00	
Seniors Turkey Dinner	303.80	
Seniors Picnic	200.00	
Turkey Dinner	3,142.12	\$8,585.49

EXPENSES

Alexandra Society	25.00	
Bens Limited	27.00	
Calvin Ladies Group	8.00	
Canadian Bible Society	100.00	
Canadian Tire Corp.	70.57	
Capitol Stores	167.10	
Cash - Plates, Napkins	12.33	
Cash - Crafts	36.33	
Cash - Seniors' Dinner Expenses	18.24	
Cash - Strawberry Expenses	24.19	
City of Halifax	5.00	
T. Glover - Eggs, Afghan Wool, Roaster	54.41	
House of Fabrics	18.65	
Hubs Meats - Roast Beef/Turkeys	554.49	
Parish of St. George	7,600.00	
Parish of St. George/Special A/c.	100.00	
The Rev'd. Robert Petite	25.00	
Services Charges	11.35	
Sobeys Ltd.	63.78	
Speedy Propane	96.45	
St. George's Kneeler	100.00	
Walker's Wharf	20.34	\$9,138.23

Balance as of 31 December 1985 \$21.79

Cynthia W. Watts
Treasurer

ALTAR GUILD

The past year has seen the fulfillment of a dream of every member of our Sanctuary Guild. Linen was received from Ireland and talented fingers have made two long fair linen cloths, four credence table cloths, two corporals, four lavabo towels and twenty purificators. On Palm Sunday they were dedicated in loving memory of Mrs. Netta Marshall and members of her family were present at the dedication.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Mary Isaacs and Mrs. Martha Kendall who cut the linen and did most of the hemming. It was my privilege to do the embroidery work on them. The beauty of the finished linens was our reward for the many hours of work spent. We now have a good supply of Chancel linens for many years to come.

My call for donations of altar flowers was answered and flowers or money given were enough to supply our needs. My sincere thanks to them all for this very important area of our work.

My work as President has been very rewarding and one of the happiest years of my church service. I sincerely hope that my successor may receive the same support.

M.G. (Tillie) Glover
President

ALTAR GUILD
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance December 31/84 322.29

REVENUE

Donations	685.00	
Interest on Account	9.09	
Interest on Debenture	179.42	873.51

EXPENSES

Diocesan Bookroom - Wine/Hosts	200.00	
Flowers	347.10	
Cleaning Supplies - Brasso/ Silvo etc.	29.92	
Bank Charges	.56	577.58

Balance December 31/85 \$618.22

SERVERS' GUILD

The year of 1985 saw a number of changes within our group. Four of our older servers, for personal reasons, are no longer on our schedule, however we have added Ricky Evans to our numbers to hold the total at nine, plus six adult servers soon to begin. The adults will be serving two per Sunday, along with three to four of the younger servers.

We had several luncheon meetings in the church hall after Sunday morning Eucharist, between January and June, which included talks by Father Petite on serving and other related topics. Although attendance was very good, we did not feel that meeting only once a month was adequate to give the servers a proper christian education since they are no longer part of the Sunday School. Consequently, a Senior Church School was formed under the supervision of Sunday School Superintendent Mark DeWolf, which were held in the church hall on Sunday mornings for those not scheduled to serve that particular week. This program is still in its infancy and undergoing growing pains until a workable format can be established.

Events during the year saw a Lenten and Advent workshop under the direction of the Spiritual Development Committee; a get together at All Saints Cathedral with other servers from the Halifax-Chebucto Region, totaling 50 servers in all; and a Barbecue in Point Pleasant Park in June which included family and friends.

On December 8th, Advent II, a 2nd year server's cross was presented to Scott Connors and a 1st year cross to Tanya Connors.

Once again, a most sincere thank you to Father Petite for his patience and guidance, and as well to the parents for their moral support.

Ken Pringle
Master of Ceremonies

SAINT GEORGE'S CHOIR

The musical tradition of Saint George's continues to be upheld by the choir and 1985 saw the establishment of the choir's reputation not only in the Parish but outside of it as well. In addition to the singing of the regular Sunday Eucharists, the choir presided, musically, at the services of Confirmation, the visit of Bishop Peters to the Parish, Ash Wednesday, Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, The Little Dutch Church, Trafalgar Day and the Advent Carol Service. Choristers also made two outings during the year: One to sing a service of Evensong preceding the Saint George's Society Dinner held at King's College on Saint George's Day; the other to the Annual Carol Service sponsored by the Royal Canadian College of Organists and held at All Saints Cathedral in December. The Choral Director of Saint George's was also honoured to conduct the massed choir of 120 voices comprised of the participating Halifax area churches. Each choir was recorded and subsequently broadcast on C.B.C. Radio.

The repertoire of the Choir has been enlarged to include a mass setting by William Byrd and a Plainsong mass as well as anthems by a variety of composers including Thomas Tallis, L. Viadana, Henry Purcell, John Goss, William Harris, Peter Aston, Richard Rodney Bennett and Barry Ferguson. It is hoped that two mass settings and several anthems will be added to this list in the new year.

A number of choristers; Bruce Archibald, Tory Kirby, Ron MacNaughton, Martha Pratt and Jane Reagh were given a leave of absence for reasons of work or study, but each hopes to return in the near future. Two resignations were received and thanks and appreciation are extended to Lawrence Bruce-Robertson and Neil Thompson for their contributions to the musical life of the Parish. Membership in the choir was augmented with the welcome addition of Maggie Burns, Steven Burns, Haynes Hubbard, Carol Kemp, Charles Reagh, Janet Ross and Rachel DeWolf-Swetnam. It is hoped that their association will be a long one and will be as profitable for them as it is for the Parish.

Appreciation is extended to Michal King for her able accompaniment on our ailing instrument. The deteriorating condition of the organ has become very obvious of late and Michal's patience with the organ's inadequacies is exemplary.

The choir continues to encourage the consumption of sherry after the Sunday Eucharist and is thankful for the monetary support which accompanies this habit. Harry Boswell, Paula and Mary Cunningham and Tory Kirby deserve special appreciation for their organization of this fund raising effort. Thanks are also extended to those who contributed to the Second Annual Choral Bake Sale which was held in June. The proceeds from this event were used for the purchase of choral music.

It remains to be said that the active and passive congregational participation in the musical aspect of our liturgies, is as important as the choir's and it is hoped that members of the congregation will not hesitate to offer to both the choristers and the choral director any comments they may have.

Respectfully submitted

David Buley
Choral Director

SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This account was opened October 1984 for the purpose of paying the Choral Director. A very sincere thank you to all who have taken an interest in this special work by expressing their appreciation in donating to this account.

Further donations are always welcomed and are tax deductible.

Bank balance December 31/84		\$420.81
Revenue received		2,610.47
Expenses	\$3,000.00	
Bank Charges	<u>2.20</u>	<u>3,002.20</u>
Bank balance December 31/85		<u>\$29.08</u>

Respectfully submitted

Flora Buchan
Chorister

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1985 was a year of change in St. George's Sunday School, changes which included the opening and closing of a Junior School, and the formation of a Senior School which, since its inception, has changed in its operation.

Following the departure of the previous Supervisor, there was a period of no Sunday School classes at all, although it appeared that there were young children in the parish who would benefit from regular religious instruction. Convinced of this and encouraged by Father Petite, I agreed in September to become the new Supervisor and attempted to revive the School. It was understood that I would not necessarily teach but would be responsible for finding teachers for whatever levels of instruction seemed needed.

Lorraine and Andrew Major stepped forward to be our first teachers during the start-up period in September and October. We began by inviting all children of Sunday School age to attend, having decided to select a curriculum once we knew what ages we were dealing with and the number of children. Within two weeks we had five children enrolled, ranging in ages from four to seven. In the months that followed, average attendance on any Sunday was four. The small numbers and the significant disparity between ages made it clear that the most we could hope to do was conduct activities from which both the younger and slightly older children could gain something, according to their abilities. Each class consisted of prayer, simple religious songs for children and Bible readings, followed by discussion and various activities which followed from the Bible story (colouring, molding plasticine and so on).

In November we gained two new teachers, Roberta Sullivan and Joanne Warren, who continued the fine work begun by the Majors. It was during this period that the children, joined by a few of the servers, participated in a special Advent "Workshop", conducted by Father Petite. At this session the children learned about the meaning of Advent, made decorations for a Jesse Tree and were introduced to the customs of the Advent Wreath and the Advent Calendar.

From all accounts, the children enjoyed both their regular Sunday sessions and the Advent Workshop. However, during the Christmas season, attendance dropped off, and, with the loss in early January of two regular students (who will be attending the Sunday School of a neighbouring church), numbers were too low to justify continuing the School. At the January meeting of the Spiritual Development Committee, I recommended that the School be closed until such time as increased numbers of children make it desirable to open it again.

In the meantime, a Senior School had begun, due to a shared concern of Father Petite and Ken Pringle that the servers were missing the kind of religious education which, at their age, they should be receiving. With the agreement of the servers, I began offering lessons in November to those servers who were not "on duty", concentrating largely on increasing the students' knowledge of the historical and social aspects of the Old and New Testaments.

This rotating system soon proved to have serious drawbacks, the chief one being that every Sunday saw completely different students attending the class. For this reason, I have recommended to the Spiritual Development Committee that a new system be instituted, beginning on January 26th. Now the students will receive prepared packages of study and activity materials which they will complete during the week, under the supervision (and with the help, we hope) of their parents. Occasional individual tutorials and perhaps even social gatherings of the entire group will supplement the weekly assignments.

It is my hope that this new system will not only be successful in itself, but will also draw the parents of these children more deeply into the religious instruction of their children. A meeting of the parents involved, to discuss the program and their role in it, is one of the Sunday School's planned events for early this year.

I would like to thank all those who have given time and effort to the operation of the School, particularly our excellent teachers and Father Petite for his support.

Respectfully submitted

Mark DeWolf
Sunday School Supervisor

NURSERY

For the 1985-86 term: A successful time of development for the Sunday morning nursery:

With a total of 11 helpers
A registry of 9 children
An average per Sunday of 5

Many thanks for donations of toys from Cynthia Watts and other members; to Mrs. Mabel Wainwright for Christmas gifts for the children; also thanks to the volunteers who help out with the nursery and whose time and effort are immensely appreciated in order to allow the nursery to continue so happily and consistently.

Several requests for a gate to be installed across the door, a) to allow air in when too hot (a change from previous years) and b) also to stop the toddlers getting in and out as they crawl through chairs and open doors.

Some helpers don't feel that certain parents allow enough time with their children; talking to them when leaving them in the volunteer's care. These comments are noted and I may speak individually to the parents concerned if it persists to make the helpers uneasy.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Cottle

2ND HALIFAX, PARISH OF ST. GEORGE
GROUP COMMITTEE

1985 encompassed portions of 2 scouting seasons: Since the previous Annual Report, 1984/85 Cub and Scout activities included a profitable 'Trees for Canada' campaign in May and our Annual Banquet in June. Two cubs attended Cub Camp at Miller Lake, compliments of a service club in the city. The Scout Troop went backpack camping in July to Cape Split. This helped prepare them for "Operation Alert - Wilderness Challenge" in September.

This 1985/86 season began with much movement of personnel on the Group Committee. George Munroe resigned as Chairman and Don Connors resigned as Treasurer to facilitate his becoming Troup Scouter. Daisy McDonald joined our Group Committee and within a month became our Beaver Leader. Five Leaders have taken their first stage training (known as Woodbadge I) with our newest Beaver Leader also registered for this course.

Notable is the fact that we have parishioners heading up all three sections this year; Daisy McDonald - Beavers, Joyce Brown - Cubs and Don Connors - Scouts.

The Beavers spent several of their earlier meetings in participation with the Colony at St. John's United Church in order for boys and Leaders alike to learn quickly what Beavers is all about. A few Beavers participated on Apple Day with Cubs and Scouts.

Our Cubs had a Fall Ramble at Point Pleasant Park to work on their "Star Work" and also enjoyed a swim and "Feast" at King's College. With the Annual Seasonal parties and "Operation Snowball" over, the boys are now busily preparing Kub Kars for a rally in March. Cubs, along with Scouts, participated in Church Parades for both The Little Dutch Church Service and The Trafalgar Day Service.

The Scouts have been very active this year. Already mentioned was "Operation Alert", but the Troop has also been out on several hikes and swimming at King's College. At time of this report, they are preparing and planning for a "Frosty" overnight camp at Soldiers Lake (no cabins - no tents)!

Thus far this season, funds to support Colony/Pack/Troop activities have come from four sources. A bottle drive and sale of 1986 calendars were two of these where the boys participated themselves in fund raising. Also was the support

we received from several of St. George's parishioners who provided registration funds, allowing several boys representing all sections to participate in the Scouting Program.

Of course, this report would not be complete without acknowledging the participation of the Saint George's Society of Halifax as our Patron. Their generous gift of \$500. is helping to provide the basic (and costly) equipment which is standard to Scouting Sections throughout Canada.

Respectfully submitted

Janet Connors
Chairman

<u>BEAVERS</u>	<u>CUBS</u>	<u>SCOUTS</u>
Daisy McDonald	Joyce Brown	Don Connors
Chris Zawislak	D'arcy Richardson	Rod MacQuarrie
12 boys	10 boys	Jim Meikle
		11 boys

2ND HALIFAX - GROUP COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - DECEMBER 31/85

Balance December 31/84 259.49

REVENUE

84/85 Registration/Donations/ Trees for Canada/Bottle Drive	447.10	
84/85 Dues balance	24.67	
85/86 Registration/Donations/ Bottle Drive/Calendars	762.99	
St. George's Society	<u>500.00</u>	1,734.76

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	23.00	
Boy Scouts - Registration	341.00	
Banquet & Awards	215.80	
Course Registration	24.00	
Cub Outing to King's College	36.00	
Equipment & Supplies	150.08	
Halifax North District (Calendars)	120.00	
Halifax North District (Trees)	99.33	
Operation Alert Registration	26.00	
Uniforms (3) Badges/Equipment	<u>602.04</u>	<u>1,637.25</u>

Balance December 31/85 \$357.00

Bank Statement Balance	\$159.01
Plus Outstanding Deposit	<u>197.99</u>
	<u>\$357.00</u>



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