

Vestry Minutes of Christ Church
1876

On Monday the 17th day of Jany 1876 the monthly meeting of the Vestry was held at Christ Church. Present the Rector, Messrs. Gale, Payne, Mitchell, & Simmons.

In consequence of the unavoidable absence of the Secy & Treas. the minutes of the last meeting together with the monthly report were left over till next meeting - The Vestry then discussed the financial condition of the parish, and it was agreed that the Secy be authorized to see if the collectors were faithful in making their calls and in handing in their monthly reports, or if the deficiency arose from inability of pew holders to pay their pew rents and to devise some ways or means by which a more systematic mode can be secured so as to avoid the repetition of such deficiencies.

The Vestry then looked into consideration the advisability of printing an annual Report of the condition of the parish by Easter when it was resolved to delay final action in the matter until the next Monthly meetings. There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Christ Church Feby 21 1876

The Vestry met at 7:30 P.M. Present the Rector, Messrs. Mitchell, Gale, Harrison, Payne, Simmons, & Clark.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treas. Reports for Decr & Jany were read & accepted.

The Treas. also read out the amts due by the several pew holders - The collectors were instructed to make special efforts to collect during the time intervening between now & Easter. After mature deliberation it was decided to publish in pamphlet form a financial statement showing our sources of revenues and the current expenses -

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Rector, Payne, Gale, Harrison adjourned to meet Tuesday the 7th day of March 1876.

S.M.D. Clark Secy

Decr. Rept.

401.05	Pew Rent	Due Treas. paid	29.05
115.30	Offertories	Mr. Graham	300.00
		Bishop Quintard	50.00
		Hahn	50.00
		Insurance	39.35
		Sexton	14.40
		Expense	17.10
		Gas Bill	12.85
		Bal. on hand	<u>360.00</u>
\$516.35			\$516.35

Report for Jan'y 76

3.60	On Hand	Paid Mr. Graham	150.00
303.00	Pew Rents	Paid Henneberg	100.00
149.80	Offertories	Paid B. Quintard	65.37
52.27	Due Treas.	Paid Gas	43.90
		Paid Sunday & Mission Sch	36.65
		Paid Un. South	16.25
		Paid Dom. Missions	14.25
		Paid for Missions	19.00
		Paid Jno. St. Jno 3 yrs	30.00
		Paid Sexton	15.00
		Paid Fuel	4.00
		Paid Expense	<u>14.25</u>
\$508.67			\$508.67

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At the called meeting of the Vestry held this 7:30 P.M. the Rector, Messrs. Mitchell, Beech, Gale, Harrison, Payne, & Clark were present -

The Com. on Financial statement reported progress. The collectors reported they had made very few additional collections.

Col. Gale offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved. That all pews will be considered forfeited when the rent is six months in arrearage, after which time they will be rented. To other parties & that the collectors use every effort to make quarterly collections as it is much easier to pay quarterly than when the same grows larger.

On motion adjourned.

S.M.D. Clark Secy

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Feby Report

217.45	Pew Rent	Paid Mr. Graham	250.00
87.85	Offertories	Paid Sexton	15.00
22.67	Due Treas.	Expense	10.70
		Paid Treas.	52.27
\$327.97			\$327.97

Christ Church

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The Vestry met at 7:30 P.M. - The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. Present Messrs. Mitchell, Gale, Payne, Simmons, Clark. Minutes of last meeting & approved. The Rector read a letter from P.P. Peck Senior Warden of Church of the Advent in response to his letter inviting the Advent congregation to join with is

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in our Lantern services - It was decided to distribute the congregational meeting to be held the Monday after Easter.

On motion a special meeting was appointed for Apr 11 76 -

On motion adjourned.

S.M.D. Clark Secy

Apr 11 76

Special Meeting - Present Messrs. Mitchell, Gail, Gauthier, Harrison, Payne, Clark. The Com. on Pres. presented for inspection & correction the pro of sheets of the Financial Report & c.

On motion adjourned.

S.M.D. Clerk
Secy

Congregational

Apr 17th 1876

The congregational meeting for electing a new Vestry, and hearing the reports of church work done during the year was held in the body of the church at 4 P.M. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer - The following named persons were present - Mrs. Bailey, A.B. Beech, Cooper, Cunningham, Miss Crandall, Mrs. Farrey, Gale, Clark, Miss Gale, Mrs. Jno. Kirkman, J.P. Kirkman, A.B. Payne, Geo. Maney, Smith, J.D. Wheeler, L. Woods, A.F. Woods, Miss Young, and Messrs. Blackie, Gale, Maury, Berry, Harrison, Mitchell, Dennis, LEwis, Payne, Clark.

The Secy read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. The Rector then read his report.

Rector's Report

It has been thought desirable to lay before the Annual Meeting of the Parish a few brief Reports concerning the Parish Work which has been carried on for the past year; with a view of eliciting on the part of the church members greater interest in church work in general, as well as of obtaining clear and [illeg.] information regarding the ground already gone over & that to which is yet before us.

The Rector's Report is necessarily confined to Parish statistics and the following is respectfully submitted for the year ending Easter 1876.

Church services twice every Sunday together with the usual services on weekdays and Holy days - Holy Communion administered once a month, and on the usual festival days appointed by the church -

Baptisms during the year:

Adults 5 Infants 26 Total 31.

Marriages 1 Burials 17.

No confirmations during the year past in consequence of the necessary absence of the Bishop & of the inability of the Standing Committee to procure the services of any other in his place.

Number of families 92 (other parties 25)

The number of Regular Communicants at present on the Roll in exact figures 195 or about 200.

Number of Irregular Communicants including a few who have left the city without taking their certificates 30. Total in all 230.

In comparing the present report with previous ones, it may be noted that on assuming the Rectorship of the Parish, the number of Regular bonafide communicants did not exceed 120; that the

first report thereafter, shows the number to have increased to 140. The next report, to 153. The next to 179 and this year without any confirmation the number is very near 200 of regular communicants. These figures do not include the irregular communicants, nor those who have by a mere nominal connection with the parish, of which there is always a number in every parish. In the present case, these are left out, and the number indicated embraces those only who are actual and regular communicants of the parish -

These figures indicate a slow but a very steady & health increase from year to year.

In connection with the subject of Church Membership it cannot be too strongly impressed upon all members, that when they leave a parish to unite with another it is necessary for them to take with them from the parish they are leaving, a certificate of church membership and to present the same to the Rector of the parish to which they are removing. The canon of the church on this subject is as follows: "A communicant removing from one parish to another shall procure from the Rector of the parish of the last residence, a certificate stating he or she is a communicant in good standing, and the Rector of the Parish to which he or she removes, shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced."

Such is the canon of the church upon the subject; & it is either from ignorance of the canon, or from carelessness and thoughtlessness that so many remove into a parish and take communion regularly and to all intents and purposes join a parish without complying with the above named canon. The canon is a very wise one, a very necessary one, and a very simple one; and if all church members were conscientiously to carry it into effect, it would greatly assist the Rector in his work and expedite the plan & arrangement which is laid out for church work.

The next Department of Church work that falls more immediately under the personal cognizance & control of a Rector is that of his Sunday School - and Paris Missionary operations - In connection with this parish there are three Sunday schools in all about 40 teachers having on the Roll about 850 and an average attendance each Sunday of 214 scholars.

The contributions of these Sunday schools as received yesterday, for the past year amt. in the aggregate to about \$195 - and the amt. expended during the past year for current expenses on our three schools has been about \$1000.

In regard to the state or condition of these schools; that of the Home School is perhaps the least satisfactory of all. We have had an average attendance of only some 90 whereas it ought to be double that number. A few years ago we were on a way of reaching that point but from a variety of causes into which we need not enter the number has been greatly & materially reduced.

During the past few months the Rector has had this school in charge, assisted by Mr. Harrison, whose services in the S.S. are highly appreciated.

The school at St. Jno's Chapel is in a fair way of accomplishing good in that part of the city, and the attendance considering the many schools that exist in the immediate neighborhood, is encouraging. The school is superintended with great zeal by Mr. Clark, who is ably assisted by Dr. Blackie, who has a large and promising young men's class in connection with the mission.

The school at St. Peter's Mission in North Nashville is the largest and best we have, so far as numbers is concerned. This school is still under the superintendence of Mr. Gauthier to whom we are under many obligations, assisted by a noble bond of young ladies who are most indefatigable in their labors. This mission has done great good among the poor & the destitute in that neighborhood and deserves the cordial support of those interested in church work.

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The Rector visits each of these missions once a month on a Sunday afternoon & while the attendance at both of the Missions is good, that at St. John's has been especially large & interesting. Week night services have been attempted at each of these Missions during the last Lenten season.

Dr. Greenleaf very kindly volunteered to conduct those at St. Peter's & Mr. Clark those at St. John's. The services at St. John's have been and still are being carried on with success, the attendance good, & the interest sustained throughout. Dr. Greenleaf had to leave & the meetings at St. Peter's were suspended -

In connection with this department one or two suggestions may be made. It is that a Rector of a parish such as this, cannot, in consistency with his other duties, undertake to visit the families or to conduct all the services in each of these missions, and it is also apparent that it is too much to expect any of our gentlemen members, who have their own duties & families to attend to, to devote any very large portion of their time to this otherwise interesting work. What we want is a Deacon, or one preparing for the ministry, to whom such work ought to be delegated & whose business it would be, to take an oversight of the Sunday schools and to visit all the families in the neighborhood of our missions, and to conduct church services among them.

This of course implies that provision be made for his support: Our finances are not at present in a condition to warrant such an expenditure; but if these missions are to prove a success, the time ought to come when such provision in one way or other should be made & such an appointment made.

This Report would be imperfect, were we not to refer, however briefly, to the fact that since last Easter we have been enabled to erect a suitable brick chapel in connection with St. John's Mission, a detailed printed account of the total cost, and the total receipts will be put into your hands today, from which you

will observe that the building cost nearly \$3000 that of that sum, this parish as a parish, contributed by pledges some \$7 to \$1800 that the balance has been raised by individual efforts of a few, and that a debt still exists of some \$800 on the building.

We cannot close this, without putting on record an expression of our thanks to Mr. A.B. Beech & to Mr. Clark, both of whom have heartily & successfully carried this matter so far through & whose efforts in behalf of the mission, have been very great & very laborious.

In regard to the special collections that have passed through the Rector's hands the following report may be submitted. That the Easter collection amounting to \$224.90 is to be devoted, as is usually done, on such occasion to the Rectory Fund, and that during the year past the sum of 480 has been received for the poor of the parish and other objects. The distribution of this fund is under the personal supervision of the Rector, with the assistance of one or two ladies and all cases for help are carefully investigated.

In regard to the Rectory Fund a full report of which will be submitted by the President of the Parish Aid Society, it may be suggested that perhaps the time has come when it would be well for the Vestry that is to be elected to take this matter up cojointly with the Parish Aid Society with a view of its being speedily brought to a successful termination. The ladies have done nobly in their department of work; but it seems to some that the gentlemen ought to relieve the ladies as much as possible of what remains so that the Parish Aid Society may devote their time and contribute to other objects which are pressing upon them.

There are other Reports of church work to be submitted to you all of which are affectionately commended to the practical consideration of the members of the church. The past encourages us to hope for still better things in the future. We should aim to elicit a deeper interest in church work to develop a more

systematic liberality; to awaken a true missionary spirit; to enlist more entirely the aid of laymen in our mission operations; and to invoke a large measure of the Divine blessing through the fervent united prayers of the people.

That God may make you perfect in every good work to do His will; working in you that which is well, pleasing in his sight, is the abstract prayer of your friend & Rector -

Report of Parish Aid Society

In obedience to the constitution of "The Parish Aid Society" it is my duty as presiding officer to make an Annual Report of its transactions which is hereby respectfully submitted;

Soon after the election of the present officers in October 1874 it was deemed advisable, in order to increase the efficiency of the society and promote greater interest in church work among the members of the congregation to adopt a constitution. A committee was appointed to draw up one; and your present constitution was submitted and adopted at the next regular meeting. Various committees were then appointed and special duties assigned to each. I am much gratified to state that those duties have been discharged with commendable zeal.

Among the committees I beg to leave to make special mention of the following, viz.

1st The Visiting Committee who have been untiring in their efforts; their report showing quite 1000 visits paid, in which they extended a cordial welcome to the stranger and relieved the wants & necessities of the poor to the full extent of their ability.

2nd The beautiful & chaste communion service presented by the "Serving Society" is sufficient evidence of the industry and unwearied perseverance of the members who are still engaged in their laudable purpose of procuring funds for further church

decoration, now having on hand \$97. A most important and commendable branch of this society is the "Industrial School" composed of the most needy children of the Parish Sunday School. The meetings are held weekly in the Vestry room of the church where clothing is furnished them, instruction in serving given and efforts made to improve their condition in every respect.

Next in order comes the St. John's Serving Society, organized and presided over by Mrs. John Wheeler for the special purpose of giving aid to that Mission. It is composed entirely of the young girls of the congregation, who have done most excellent service, having cleared since their organization \$50. The chairman of the Society has eminently succeeded in imbuing the minds of her class with a love of church work, and the efforts made for their instruction and improvement are gratefully remembered. Under the auspices of this society aided by the ladies of the congregation two festivals were held during the year 1875 from which about \$430.00 were realized, all of which funds were appropriated to St. John's Mission Chapel.

The ladies appointed to solicit contributions for a Rectory Fund have discharged their duties admirably, and deserve special thanks from the congregation. The duties of this com. As you well know, is to raise funds for the purchase of a Rectory, so earnestly longed for. No parish can be complete or efficient without it. In order to achieve the object of our wishes we must enlist the sympathy and active cooperation of every member of the congregation. Everyone should work with both hands. Earnestly giving of their substance as well as their influence to push this work ahead. Every member of the congregation should feel it a duty to contribute something however small the [illeg.] to this fund. Let your contributions be regular and conscientiously systematic. All sums from a dime up even though small in themselves will when paid regularly help to swell the aggregate.

As the success of our enterprise depends mainly upon the exertion of this committee, I ask leave to urge them with the new year to put forth greater exertion and zealous perseverance towards the accomplishment of the object in view. The Treas. Report of this Com. shows that the receipt of money since the last annual meeting in Octo 1874 (18 months) have amounted to \$573.50 which is far below what we hoped for. It also shows that we have on hand and in safe custody \$4,200 in Bonds which cost \$3,126.50. Also \$130.82 in currency. Making in all \$3257.32 in currency value. From these figures it is plain that although our progress has been slow yet it is full of encouragement for the future provided the whole body of the congregation will enlist themselves as a unit in this work and as each monthly meeting comes around I earnestly ask the name of the society that each & every member of the congregation may feel that they are personally asked to take part in its deliberations.

Respectfully
W.D. Gale
Pres. P.A.S.

The Sewing Society immediately connected with St. Jno's Mission report \$160 raised by them which has done most efficient service having been expended in brick for the chapel. This society deserves great credit for its energy and devotion to the cause. The funds of this society are always to be devoted to the interests of St. John's Chapel and will, judging by what has already been accomplished, prove very efficient.

W.D.G.

The Treasurer of the Parish then read his report for the year ending Apr. 1 1875 which was accepted -

S.M.D. Clark, Treasurer,

In Account With Christ Church

1875

March 28, To balance Cash on hand		\$184.32
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1876

March 31 To Cash to date from Offertory, Envelopes	\$980.50	
To Cash to date from Offertory, Miscellaneous	356.43	1336.93
To Cash to date from Offertory, Pew Rents	3409.95	4931.20

1876

March 31 By amount to date paid Rector, old account	\$500.00	
By amount to date paid Rector, current year	2410.00	
By amount to date paid Organist, old account	100.00	
By amount to date paid Organist, current year	300.00	
By amount to date paid Episcopate assessment,	430.32	
By amount to date paid Insure Christ Church, 1 year,	78.85	
By amount to date paid St. John's, 3 year,	30.00	
By amount to date paid St. Peter's, 1 year,	22.50	
By amount to date paid Sexton,	179.70	
By amount to date paid Nashville Gas Co.,	118.35	
By amount to date paid fuel account,	45.70	
By amount to date paid miscellaneous expenses,	481.31	
By amount to date paid University of the South,		

special collection,	16.25
By amount to date paid	
Domestic Missions,	14.25
By amount to date paid	
Foreign Missions,	18.00
By amount to date paid	
Sunday Schools,	189.97
	\$4931.20

Resources

Pew Rents, paid due and unpaid	\$1345.40
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Liabilities

Due the Rector	\$590.00
Due the Organist	100.00
Due the Episcopate Assessment	100.05
Due the Nashville Gas Co	32.25
	\$822.30
	\$523.10

Respectfully submitted,
S.M.D. Clark, Treasurer

The election of Vestrymen for the ensuing year was then in order. It was moved seconded & carried that the election be by ballot & that the number be eleven. The Rector read letters from Reece & Gauthier in regard to the mobility to serve as Vestrymen. Messrs. Payne & Clark appointed tellers.

The following was the result.

Beech	26	2
Berry	18	11
Blackie	9	
Clark	26	3
Druillard	2	
Fogg, F.B.	26	4
Gale	24	8
Gauthier	24	9
Harrison	26	5

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Johnson, B. R.	26	5
Kirkman, J.	1	
Mitchell	26	7
Maury, J.H.	5	
Payne	27	1
Reese	2	
Robinson	2	
Summons, J.	23	10

On motion adjourned to meet the first Monday after Easter 77.

S.M.D. Clark Secy

Christ Church
Apr 24th 1876

The meeting was opened by prayers by the Rector. Present Messrs. Berry, Gale, Harrison, Payne, Mitchell, Clark.

The Vestry was organized by re-electing the former Wardens.

F.B. Fogg Senior Warden
Thos. Mitchell Jr. Junior Warden

By motion it was resolved to separate the offices of Secy & Treas.

On motion Mr. Clark was then elected Treasurer - and a vote of thanks tendered for past services.

Mr. A.B. Payne was elected Secy.

Four collectors were then appointed by the chair viz. Messrs. Berry, Gale, Gauthier, & Harrison. It was decided that the collector's report at every Vestry meeting -

Messrs. Payne & Gauthier were appointed ushers for the morning service & Messrs. Mitchell & Harrison for the evening services.

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The following members were then proposed as delegates to the convention.

F.B. Fogg, W.D. Gale, A.B. Payne

Mr. Clark's name being substituted for that of Col. Gale at the request of the latter, the motion was passed & carried.

Messrs. Gale, Mitchell, and Dr. Greenleaf were elected alternates.

Messrs. Berry & Harrison were appointed a Com. to look into the assessment of church property.

On motion of Mr. Harrison it was decided the Secy should take the offertory, count the same, charge it on the offertory book and hand the amt. to the Treasurers. On motion the Tr. was instructed to pay the cost of publishing the Parish Guide.

Com. consisting of the Rector & Mr. Payne were appointed to inquire to the cost of publishing the reports read at the Congregational meeting. The Treas. Read letters from Mr. M.M. Brien Jr. and Mr. Byrd Douglas. The amt. Due & unpaid on St. John's Chapel was then discussed. On motion of Mr. Berry, the Vestry was appointed a com. of the whole to raise \$150 to pay on Mr. Bush's bill. Mr. Payne moved that we retain Prof. Heinneberg as organist. Pay him \$400 per annum on condition that he be responsible for the choir. Carried. Mr. Clark was instructed to see him & notify him of the above fact.

Adjourned to meet at 5 P.M. 3rd Monday in May.

S.M.D. Clark Tr.

Treas. Report not called for & as this was a new Vestry could not be read. It is however filed -

Report for March

872.65	Pew Rents	Pd. to the Rector	510.00
123.90	Offertories	Pd. to the Bishop	201.55
		Pd. to the Sexton	30.00
		Pd. to Expense	110.38
		Pd. to St. P. Insurance	22.50
		Pd. to S. Hahn	12.50
		Pd. to Supt. S.S.	35.10
		Pd. to Supt. S.S & old a/c	51.85
		Pd. to Treasurer	22.67
\$996.55			\$996.55

Christ Church May 15 1876

The Vestry met at 5 P.M. present the Rector, Messrs. Fogg, Beech, Simmons, Mitchell, Johnson, Harrison, Clark, and Payne. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report for month of April submitted as follows to wit:

Receipts

Pew Rents	\$108.65	
Offertory	83.20	
Easter offering	235.75	\$427.60

Expenditures

Expenses a/c	\$0.55	
Gas Co.	32.25	
Ladies Par. Aid Soc.	235.75	268.55

Balance cash on hand \$159.05

Collectors called upon for reports. Mr. Harrison being the only one present reported he had been unable from pressure of other engagements to make any collections. Mr. Byrd Douglas' offer of [illeg.] towards liquidating the indebtedness of the church to

Apr. 1st discussed, and collectors requested to push collections in order if possible to [illeg.] ourselves of the offer. Mr. Clark reported the engagement of Prof. Heinnberg for the ensuing year. The indebtedness of St. John's Chapel discussed and Messrs. Johnson and Payne appointed a Committee to inquire in reference to balance of \$100 reported as due from [illeg.] of last year and to initiate a loan for a sufficient amount to alevate the pressing liabilities. Mr. Clark asked for instructions, as Treasurer in reference to payment of expense bills. Upon motion the matter was referred to his discretion. The repairs of the walls and ceiling of the church discussed, and Messrs. Gale, Mitchell, Clark, and Johnson appointed a committee to inquire as to the expense of the repairs needed and also as to the practicability of reusing the funds necessary with instructions to report at next regular meeting. Three-fourths of a pew reported rented since last meeting. The Junior Warden instructed to look after the ventilation of the church. The Treasurer authorized to make all collections for pew rents past due. Adjourned to meet 3rd Monday in June.

Albert B. Payne Secty

Christ Church June 19th 1876

The Vestry met at 5 P.M. Present Junior Warden Mitchell, presiding, and Messrs. Beech, Johnson, Simmons, Gauthier, and Payne. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved. Treasurer's Report also read and approved as follows to wit:

Amount on hand last report	\$159.05
Receipts	
Pew Rents	724.87
Offertories	112.50
Special Contribution	100.00
Easter offering	\$1098.42

Expenditures

Paid the Rector	\$500.00	
Paid Prof. Heineberg	100.00	
Paid the Sexton	15.00	
Paid Ladies Par. A Soc.	00.50	
Paid Expense a/c	15.25	\$630.75
Balance Cash on hand		\$399.67

Repairs of the Church discussed and Messrs. Gauthier, Mitchell, and Johnson appointed a Committee to inquire further, and report at a special meeting to be held Monday, June 26th. Mr. Johnson from Committee in reference to the balance of \$100 due from Festival of last year, reported that they had taken a note for \$112.00 dated May 1876 at [illeg.] with 10% interest in full of balance and interest. We also reported that \$159.75 had been raised for St. Paul's Chapel of which amount \$100 had been offered by discounting note of the Treasurer of Christ Church for that amount at 12 mos. time with 10% int. The balance now due Mr. Beech the contractor was \$200. The Com. on Subscriptions for repairs of the Church reported \$250 subscribed. Application from Mr. Davis for position as organist received but declined. Prof. Heineberg having been engaged for the current year.

Adjourned to meet Monday June 26 76

Albert B. Payne Secty

Christ Church June 26 76

At a special meeting of the Vestry, held as above, there were present the Rector, Messrs Simmons, Harrison, Johnson, Gauthier, and Mitchell. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rector. The business for which the meeting was called, the repairs upon the church being brought up and discussed at some length it was recalled 1st that the church be painted and other necessary repairs executed; 2nd that the committee appoint at

each meeting, consisting of Mitchell, Johnson, and Gauthier be re-appointed, with power to receive bids on same, to accept the best, and to see the same carried out according to contract - said Committee to report at next meeting.

Adjourned
Albert B. Payne, Secty

Christ Church Sept 18 1876

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry, held as above there were present the Rector, and Messrs. Gale, Simmons, Mitchell, Johnson, Clark, and Payne. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. Report of Committee on Repairs received, showing that the repairs to the walls and ceiling had been done as directed at a total expense of \$394; that the Committee had collected from various sources \$360, showing a deficit of \$34, which amount they proposed to raise by further solicitation, and without calling upon the Vestry - Report approved and the thanks of the Vestry tendered the members of the Committee for the very efficient manner in which they had performed the duties entrusted to them - Treasurer's Report received and approved, as follows:

	<u>June</u>	
Cash on hand last report	377.67	
Cash recd. from Pew rents	36.27	
Cash recd. from offertory	83.00	
Cash recd. special contributions	25.00	<u>\$521.94</u>
Cash paid the Rector	250.00	
Cash paid the Episcopate	100.60	
Cash paid the Par. Aid Society	2.00	
Cash paid the Sexton	15.00	
Cash paid the Fuel	2.00	
Cash paid the Supt Sunday Schools	35.80	
Cash paid Expenses a/c	36.27	

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Cash paid balances on hand	<u>80.27</u>	<u>\$521.94</u>
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July

Cash on hand mo. of JUne balance	\$80.27	
Cash recd. From offertory	50.50	\$130.77
Cash paid the Sexton	15.00	
Cash paid Expense	0.25	
Cash paid Gas Co.	24.35	
Cash paid Balances on hand	<u>91.17</u>	<u>\$130.77</u>

August

Cash on hand mo. of July balance	\$91.17	
Cash recd. from offertory	<u>51.90</u>	<u>143.07</u>
Cash paid the Sexton	15.00	
Cash paid the Repairs	25.00	
Cash paid Balance on hand	<u>103.07</u>	<u>143.07</u>

Finances of the church discussed, and Treasurer requested to have full statements of assets and liabilities ready for regular meeting. Collectors directed to push collections between this date and end of the quarter. An informal discussion followed upon the condition of the choir, and also in references to the proposed union of Christ Church Parish with that of the Church of the Advent. Adjourned.

Albert B. Payne Secty

Christ Church Sept 25, 1876

At a called meeting on the Vestry, held as above, then were present the Rector, Messrs. Gale, Simmons, Harrison Mitchell, Clark, Berry, and Payne. Also Messrs. Kirkman and Drouillard from the Congregation, and Messrs. Peck, Thompson, and Harris.

Committee from the Church of the Advent. The meeting was opened by the Rector with prayer. The Rector then read a communication received from the Senior Warden of the Church asking for a conference upon the subject of the union of the two parishes stating that in accordance with the request he had called the present meeting. Messrs. Peck, Thompson, and Harris followed with an informal statement of the affairs of this parish, after which considerable discussion took place between the members of the Committee, the Rector, and Messrs. Gale, Kirkman, Drouillard, Harrison, Clark, and Payne. Upon motion the matter was referred to a committee of three. Messrs. Gale, Kirkman, and Payne to confer with the committee from the Church of the Advent and report at a meeting to be called by the Rector.

Adjourned.

Albert B. Payne, Secty.

Christ Church Octo. 16 1876

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry held as above there were present the Rector and Messrs. Beech, Gale, Simmons, Harrison, Mitchell, Johnson, Clark, and Payne. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The Com. on Repairs reported a further subscription of \$10 leaving a deficit of \$24 to be provided for.

The Treasurer's report for September as follows to wit:

Balance on hand. Last report	\$103.07	
Recd. from Offertory	50.50	
Recd. from Pew Rents	232.50	& 386.07
Paid the Rector	\$250.00	
Paid the Bishop	27.25	
Paid the Sexton	15.00	
Paid the Expense	00.90	
Balance on hand	92.92	& 386.07

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The Treasurer also submitted the following statement of assets and liabilities to Octo 1st.

Due from Pew Rents to April 1st	\$867.48
Due from Pew Rents 1st quarter current year	366.47
Due from Pew Rents 2nd quarter current year	195.08 & 1429.03

We owe the Rector	\$1000.00	
We owe the Bishop	162.80	
We owe the Organist	100.00	
We owe for organ repairs	25.00	
We owe for Fuel	25.00	
Insurance	37.25	64.23 1352.15

Balance \$76.88

The reports were upon motion adopted. The finances of the Church were discussed at some length and the Treasurer and Collector instructed to make all possible efforts to make collections of all past due pew rents that the liabilities might be reduced.

The Rector read a Communication from the Bishop suggesting the formation of a Cathedral Church in Nashville. After full discussion of the subject it was unanimously resolved that in the opinion of this Vestry it is not expedient at present to act upon the proposition for the establishment of a Cathedral Church in Nashville and that the Rector be authorized to communicate the action of the Vestry upon the subject to the Bishop. The Committee on the proposed union of "Christ Church" and "Church of the Advent" reported progress and asked for one week's further time when they hoped to lay full and definite reports and propositions before the Vestry for their action. This was granted and an adjournment taken to Monday, Octo 23rd at 4 P.M.

Albert B. Payne, Secty.

Christ Church Octo 23 1876

At an informal meeting of the Vestry held this evening at 4 o'clock there were present the Rector and MEssrs. Gale, Mitchell, Clark, and Payne. The question of the purchase of Advent Church building was discussed but no definite conclusion reached. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Rector.

Albert B. Payne Secty

Christ Church Nov. 20th 1876

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry, held this evening at 4 o'clock there were present the Rector in the chair, and Messrs. Beech, Gale, Johnson, Simmons, Gauthier, Clark, and Payne.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the preceding regular and called meetings read and approved. Treasurer's report for October submitted and approved, as follows to wit:

Balance on hand last report	\$92.92	
Recd. from Pew Rents	365.25	
Recd. from offertories	165.55	& 623.72
Paid the Rector	\$300.00	
Paid the Bishop	111.83	
Paid the Organist	100.00	
Paid the Sexton	15.00	
Paid for Insurance	39.35	
Paid for Gas	14.55	
Paid for Expense	4.65	\$585.38
	Balance on hand	\$38.34

Collectors instructed to use greater diligence if possible in making collections to alleve the embarrassed condition of our finances. The Treasurer was directed to propose and present at

the next regular meeting a complete and detailed statement of the affairs of St. John's Chapel.

The proposed purchase of the Advent Church building discussed and it was the opinion of the Vestry that some \$4,000 additional to the resources now at our own command would be necessary to build a chapel on the rear for Sunday School and other users and to complete other improvements. It was resolved, that a committee be appointed at the discretion of the Rector to canvas the Parish and see if the amount could be raised, to Report at an adjourned meeting to be held Nov. 27th, Subscriptions to the amount of \$70 were made towards this object by members of the Vestry. Adjourned to meet Nov. 27th at 4 P.M.

Albert B. Payne Secty

Christ Church Nov. 27, 1876

At an adjourned meeting held this evening at 4 o'clock. There were present the Rector in the chair, and Messrs. Berry, Mitchell, Johnson, Harrison, Gauthier, Beech, Clark, Gale, and Payne. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The subject of the purchase of the Advent church building having been brought forward for final action, the Committee on subscriptions reported that they had spent the quarter portion of the week previous in canvassing the parish, and had obtained a total subscription of say \$2500 including the amounts pledged by members of the Vestry at the preceding meeting. After a full discussion of the subject, it was resolved that they Secty communicate to the Senior Warden of the Church of the Advent the views of the Vestry, as follows to wit:

Nashville Tenn. Nov. 27th 1876

To the Committee of the Vestry
of the Church of the Advent

Gentlemen, We beg to apologize in being so long in reporting to you, the delay being occasioned by the absence from the City of some of our principle members.

Since last we had the pleasure of meeting with you, we have received the lowest approximate estimate for finishing the front of the Church of the Advent for the necessary repairs and improvements on the same and for the erection of a small chapel in the rear - all of which amounts in the aggregate to the sum of \$9500. This, with the existing debt of \$8000 or thereabouts, make the sum total of \$17500 to be raised.

We received an offer for our lot in church. It for \$11,500 which offer has now been reduced to \$10,000 leaving the sum of \$7500 to be provided for. At a recent meeting of the Vestry a committee was appointed to solicit by subscription the amount indicated, and at our meeting today said committee reported that they had devoted an entire week to canvassing the parish and that they had succeeded in obtaining the promise of only some \$2000. The Vestry of Christ Church having taken the matter into consideration, it was resolved that in view of the financial inability to raise anything approximating the requisite amount, the Vestry are reluctantly compelled for the time being to abandon the project which they had so sincerely contemplated carrying through successfully. The impossibility of raising anything like the adequate amount at the present time, together with the discouraging prospect of effecting an adequate sale of their property, render it impossible for them to act in the premises, without incurring a debt, which they do not feel justified in doing.

In making this announcement the Vestry of Christ Church beg to assure their brethren of the Church of the Advent of the pleasure they have had in negotiating with them: of their sincere request in being compelled to abandon a project which would have added strength and stability to the Church in this City, and to express their earnest wish that whatever steps the Church of the Advent may take in preserving their organization,

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the divine blessing may wish upon them, and success and prosperity abound them.

In names of the Vestry of Christ Church.

Albert B. Payne Secty

Upon motion it was advised that the amounts pledged by the members of the Vestry at the regular meeting of Nov. 20th be continued as a sinking fund towards the erection of a new church and the secretary directed to take charge of said fund. The subscriptions were further increased from \$750 to \$900 with the understanding that they were to be used for this purpose alone.

Adjourned to meet upon 3rd Monday in Dec.

Albert B. Payne Secty.

Christ Church Dec. 18 1876

At a regular meeting of the Vestry, held at 4 P.M., there were present the Rector in the chair, and Messrs. Gale, Berry, Harrison, Clark, and Payne, and also by invitation Capt. J.P. Drouillard of the Congregation. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the preceding regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved. The Treasurer's report for month of November also read and approved as follows to wit —

Cash on hand at last report	\$38.34	
Cash Recd. from Pew Rents	\$47.50	
Cash Recd. from offertories	\$155.70	\$241.54
Cash paid the Rector		\$125.00
Cash paid the Bishop		11.40
Cash paid for Fuel		18.70
Cash paid for the Diocesan Missions		21.00

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Cash paid for the Sexton	15.00	
Cash paid for music, expense, a/c	<u>4.65</u>	<u>195.75</u>
Balance, cash on hand		45.79

Upon motion it was resolved that a commission of 5% be allowed the Treasurer upon collections of pew rents until Easter next. The Rector states that some additional subscriptions to the "Church of the Advent" purchase fund having been received, and he had therefore thought it advisable to bring the matter again before the Vestry. After considerable discussion, it was upon motion resolved, that the Rector be authorized to appoint a committee to confer with the Vestry of the "Church of the Advent" with a view to reopen negotiations for the purchase of their church building. Messrs. Gale, Clark, Berry, and Payne were thereupon appointed said Committee, to meet at the Rector's house, Thursday Dec. 21st at 7:30 P.M. Upon motion adjourned.

Albert B. Payne, Secty.

Christ Church Dec. 26th 1876

A Special Congregational meeting was held this day, St. Stephen's Day, immediately after divine service pursuant to an announcement made by the Rector on the preceding Sunday. The object of the meeting was stated by the Rector to be obtaining some expression of the sentiments of the Congregation in reference to the purchase of the building of the Church of the Advent by the Vestry of Christ Church. After some discussion of the subject the following resolution was presented by Dr. Geo. S. Blackie and upon motion adopted.

Resolved. That the Congregation of Christ Church view with favor the proposition for the purchase of the building of the Church of the Advent, submitted to them by the Vestry of this Church, and that as said Vestry have made themselves familiar with all details of the transaction, the Congregation refer the matter entirely to them, and pledge themselves to support their

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action, whatever it may be. After prayer by the Rector,
adjourned.

Albert B. Payne, Secty.