

On Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y 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 faithfully 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 took 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 until

in the matter until the next Monthly meeting  
 There being no other business the meeting  
 adjourned.

Christ Church Feb 21. 1876

The Vestry met at 7.30 P. M. Present: The  
 Rector, Messrs Mitchell, Gale, Harrison  
 Payne, Simmon & Clark.

The minutes of the last meeting were read  
 and approved. The Treas. reports for Decr  
 & Jan'y were read & accepted. -

The Treas. also read out the amt 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 revenue - and the amount expended -  
 adjourned to meet Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day  
 of March. 1876.

S. M. S. Clark Secy.

Decr. Refs.

401.00	Pew Rent	Due Treas. paid	29.00
115.30	Offerings	Mr Graham	50.
		Bishop Quinby	50.
		Wahr	50.
		Insurance	39.00
		Sexton	14.40
		Expenses	17.10
		Gas Bill	12.80
		Bal. on hand	360
			\$516.35

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Report for Jan'y 76.

360 On Hand	Paid Mr Graham	150.
303.00 Pew Rents	" Hemmings	100.
149.80 Affertories	" B. Dumbauld	65.37
52.27 Due Treas.	" Ga. &	43.90
	" Sunday Missions	36.65
	" Un. Youth	16.25
	" Dom. Missions	14.25
	" For. Missions	19.00
	" Two St. Pauls	Expd 30.
	" Sextons	15.
	" Fuel -	4.
	" Expenses	14.25

\$508.67

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Christ Church Mar. 6. 76

At the Special Meeting of the Vestry, held this 7.30 P.M. The Pastor, 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 not paid <sup>and, requests are appropriate, after notice having been given, might be referred to other parties.</sup> ~~the date of payment~~ - & that the collectors use every effort to make quarterly collections, as it is much easier to pay quarterly than when the same grow larger.

On motion adjourned  
S. M. & Clark Secy

Feb'y Report.

217.45	Pew Rents	Paid Mr Graham	200.
87.85	Affertories	" Sextons	15.
22.67	Two St Paul	Expenses	10.90
		Paid Treas	52.27
327.97			\$327.97

Christ Church

March 20. 76

The Vestry met at 7.30 P.M. - The Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Present: Messrs Mitchell, Gale, Payne, Simmons, Clark. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. The Pastor read a communal letter from P. P. Peck, Senior Warden of Church of the Advent in response to his letter inviting the Advent congregation to join with us in our Lenten services. It was decided to <sup>distribute published</sup> put the report into the hands among the congregation at the congregational meeting to be held the Monday after Easter.

On motion a <sup>special</sup> called meeting was to be appointed for April. 76 -

On motion adjourned.

S. M. & Clark Secy

April. 76

Special Meeting - Present: Messrs Mitchell, Gale, Gaultier, Harrison, Payne, Clark. The Com. on Par. presented for inspection & correction the proof sheets of the Financial Report, &c.

On motion adjourned

S. M. & Clark

Secy.

The Pastor went in the afternoon to the meeting of the Vestry of the Church of the Advent.

- Congregational -  
April 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Bush, Cooper, Cummings, Miss Crandall, Mrs Farrell, Gale, Clark, Miss Gale, Mrs J. P. Nickerson, J. P. Nickerson, Mrs J. P. Nickerson, J. P. Nickerson, A. B. Payne, H. P. Moley, Smith, J. S. Wheeler, L. Woods, A. F. Woods, Miss (Young), and Messrs.  
Blackish, Gale, Manoy  
Berry, Harrison, Mitchell  
Linnix, Lewis, Payne  
Clarke.

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 definite informa-

- tion 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 week days & Holy days, - Holy Communion administered once a month, & on the usual Festival days appointed by the church.

Baptisms during the year;  
Adults 5. Infants 26. Total 31.  
Marriages - 1. Burials 17.

No Confirmation during the year took place 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 20)  
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 *bona fide* *bona fide* communicants



did not exceed 120; that the first report thereafter, shows the number to have increased to 140. The next report, to 158. 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 but 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 can not 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 the Rector is that of his Sunday School and Parochial Missionary Operations.

In connection with the parish there are three Sunday schools

having in all about 40 teachers having on the Roll <sup>about</sup> 800 and an average attendance each Sunday of 214 scholars.

The contributions of these Sunday schools as received yesterday, for the past year and in the aggregate to about \$195 - and the amount 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 <sup>point</sup> of reaching that point but from a variety of causes into which we need not here enter the number has been greatly & materially reduced. ~~It~~

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 John'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 neigh-

borhood, 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 band of young ladies who are most indefatigable in their labors. This Mission has done great good among the poor & the debilitate in that neighborhood and deserves the cordial support of those interested in church work.

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 that at St John's has been especially large & interesting. Week night services have been attempted at each of these missions during the past 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 ~~are~~ 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 de-  
partment one or two suggestions  
may be made. It is that a  
Rector of a Parish such as this, can  
not, 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 mem-  
bers, 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's

but if these missions are to prove  
a success, the time ought to come  
when such provisions, in one way or  
other, should be made & such an  
appointment made.

This Report would be im-  
perfect, were we not to refer, how-  
ever briefly, to the fact that since  
last Easter we have been enabled  
to erect a suitable brick chapel  
in connection with St John's Mis-  
sion, 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 \$3,000. That of that sum,  
this parish as a parish, contrib-  
uted by pledges some \$7 to \$800,  
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 can not 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 ef-  
forts in behalf of the mission, have  
been very great & very laborious.

In regard to the special collection  
that have passed through the  
Rector's hands the following ac-

book may be submitted,

That the Eastern collection amounting to \$224.90 is to be devoted, as is usually done, on such an occasion to the Rectory Fund, and that during the year passed the sum of \$400 has been received for the support 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 ~~in hand~~ up conjointly 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 & 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; <sup>as well</sup> 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 <sup>pleasing</sup> in His sight, is the <sup>abundant</sup> 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 leave to make special mention of the following, viz.

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> The beautiful & chaste Communion service presented by the "Sewing Society" is sufficient evidence of the industry and unwearied perseverance of the members, who are still engaged in their laudable purpose of pro-

viding 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 Vestryroom of the church, where clothing is furnished them; instruction in sewing given and efforts made to improve their condition in every respect.

Next in order comes the St. John's Sewing 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 this 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 greatly needed & 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. Every one should work with both hands & assist in 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 sum 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 exertions of this committee, I ask leave to urge them with the new year to push forth greater exertion and zealous perseverance towards the accomplishment of the object in view.

The Treas. report of this Com. shows that the receipts of money since the last annual meeting in Octo 1894 (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 \$130.87 in currency, making in all \$3,257.37 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 in 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  
Wm. W. Gale  
Pres. P. A. S.



Christ Church -  
Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1876 -

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

The Vestry was organized by receiving  
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. -

An motion <sup>for clerk</sup> ~~the~~ Treas. was then elect-  
ed. Treasurer - and vote of thanks  
tendered for past services. -

Mr A. B. Payne was elected secy. -

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

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

The following members were then  
<sup>proposed as</sup> elected delegates to the convention,

F. B. Fogg.

M. S. Gale,

A. B. Payne -

Mr Clark's name being substituted  
for that of W. Gale ~~of this re-~~  
quest of the latter, the motion  
was put & carried.

Messrs Gale, Mitchell & Dr Green  
leaf were elected Alternates

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

On motion of Mr Harrison, <sup>it was decided</sup> the Secy  
is should take the offertory, count the  
same, charge it on the offertory book  
and hand the amts. to the Treasurer.  
On motion the Dr. 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 Mrs M.

M. Brien Jr. and Mr Byrd. Douglas.

The amts due & unpaid on St. John's  
Chapel was then discussed. On  
motion of Mr Berry, the Vestry was <sup>appointed</sup>  
a Com. of the whole to raise \$100. -  
to pay on Mr Baskin's bill.

Mr Payne, moved, <sup>that</sup> we retain Prof  
Heimberg 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 9 P.M.  
3rd Monday in May.

J. W. S. Clark  
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Treas report. not called for & at  
this time a new vestry could not  
be read. It is however filed -

Report for March.

872.65	Par. Aunts.	Ed. to Rector	570.
123.90	Offering	" Bishop	201.50
	"	" Sexton	25.
	"	" Expenses	110.38
	"	" St. P. Bureau	22.50
	"	" S. N. H. W.	12.50
	"	" Supt. S. S.	35.10
	"	" Supt. S. S. <sup>W. H. S.</sup>	51.85
	"	" Treasurer	22.62
<u>\$996.50</u>			<u>\$996.50</u>

Christ Church. May 15, 1896.

The Vestry met at 5 P.M. present, the Rector, Messrs. Fogg, Birch, Simmons, Abbecher, Johnson, Morrison, 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: trust:

Receipts

Par. Aunts	\$ 108.60	
Offering	83.20	
Rector offering	<u>935.75</u>	\$ 427.60

Expenditures

Expenses etc	\$ .50	
Gas. Co.	39.20	
Ladies Par. Aid Soc.	<u>435.75</u>	<u>268.50</u>

Balance Cash on hand \$ 159.05

Collectors called upon for reports. Mr Morrison being the only one present, reported he had been unable, from pressure of other engagements,

to make any collections. Mr Byrd Douglas' offer of \$100 towards liquidating the indebtedness of the Church to Cape 1<sup>st</sup> discussed, and collecter requested to push collections, in order if possible to avoid outside of the offer. Mr Clark reported the engagement of Prof. Benjamin for the coming year. The indebtedness of St Johns Chapel discussed, and Messrs Johnson and Payne appointed a Committee to inquire in reference to balance of \$100 reported as due from Festivals of last year, and to arrange negotiate a loan for a sufficient amount to relieve the pressing liabilities. Mr Clark asked for instructions, as Treasurer, in reference to payment of Expenses bills. Upon motion the matter was referred to his discretion. The repairs of the walls and ceiling of the Church discussed, and Messrs Gale, Abbecher, Clark and Johnson appointed a Committee to inquire as to the Expenses of the repairs needed, and also as to the practicability of raising the funds necessary, with instructions to report at next regular meeting. Thanks forwarded if you find sufficient matter since last meeting. The Junior Warden instructed to look after the ventilation of the Church. The Treasurer authorized to make all collections for par. Aunts, push blue. adjourned to meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath in June

Albert B. Payne. Secy.



Christ Church June 19<sup>th</sup> 1876.

The Vestry met at 8 P.M. present Junior Warden Whitcomb, presiding, and Messrs Beach Johnson, Simmons, Gauthier, and Payne. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved. Treasurer's Report also read and approved, as follows, to wit:

Profructus hand, last Report	\$ 159.00
Receipts, Pensions	724.87
" Offerings	117.00
" Special Contribution	100.
" Easter Offering	<u>9. 1098.47</u>

Expenditures

Paid the Rector	\$ 500.00
" Prof. Hennings	100.00
" the Sexton	15.00
" Ladies Par. Soc.	50.
" Expenses	<u>15.75</u>
Balances, Cash on hand,	\$ 399.67

Repairs of the Church

discussed, and Messrs Gauthier, Whitcomb and Johnson appointed a Committee to inquire further, and report at a special meeting to be held Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr Johnson, from Committee in reference to the balance of \$1000 due from Festival of last year, reported that they had taken a note for \$100<sup>00</sup> dated May 1876, at 10% with 10% int, in full of balance and interest. He also reported that \$159.<sup>00</sup> had been received for St Pauls Chapel, of which amount \$100 had been obtained by the Counting note of the Treasurer of Christ Church

for that amount, at 10% time, with 10% int. The balance was due Mr Beach, the Contractor, was \$200 - The Com. on obtaining subscriptions for repairs to the Church, reported \$100 subscribed - Application from Mr Dixon for position as Organist received, but declined. Prof Hennings having been engaged for the current year.

Adjourned to next Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Albert B. Payne, Secy.

Christ Church, June 26<sup>th</sup> 1876

At a special meeting of the Vestry, held as above, there were present, the Rector, Messrs Simmons, Harrison, Johnson, Gauthier, and Whitcomb. 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 resolved, 1<sup>st</sup>, that the Church be painted, and other necessary repairs executed; 2<sup>d</sup> that the Committee appointed at last meeting, consisting of Whitcomb, Johnson and Gauthier be re-appointed, with power to receive bids or 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, Secy.



Christ Church Sept 18. 1896.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry, held as above, there were present the Rector, and Messrs Gale, Simmons, Hitchell, Johnson, Clarke 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 solicitations, 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 intrusted to them. The minutes Report received and approved, as follows:

June

Cash on hand	Cash Report	377.67
"	Recd from Rev. Aunts	36.77
"	" " Offertory	83.00
"	" " Special Contributions	75.00
		<u>\$571.94</u>

Cash paid the Rector	150.00
" " " Episcopate	100.00
" " " Prot. Aid Society	7.00
" " " Sextons	15.00
" " " Fuel	7.00
" " " Supt Sunday Schools	35.80
" " " Expenses &c	36.27
" " " Balance on hand	<u>80.77</u>
	<u>\$571.94</u>

July

Cash on hand, mo. of June, balance	\$80.77
" Recd from Offertory	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>\$130.77</u>
Cash paid the Sextons	15.00
" " Expenses	.25
" " Gas Co.	24.30
" " Balance on hand	<u>91.17</u>
	<u>\$130.77</u>

August

Cash on hand, mo. of July, balance	\$91.17
" Recd from Offertory	<u>52.90</u>
	<u>143.97</u>
Cash paid the Sextons	15.00
" " Repairs	25.00
" " Balance on hand	<u>103.97</u>
	<u>143.97</u>

Finances of the church discussed, and Treasurer requested to have full statements of assets and liabilities ready for next 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 reference to the proposed union of Christ Church parish with that of the Church of the Advent. Adjourned.

Albert D. Payne, Secy.

Christ Church Sept 25. 1896.

At a called meeting of the Vestry, held as above, there were present the Rector, Messrs Gale, Simmons, Harrison, Hitchell, Clarke, Payne, and Payne, also Messrs Kistner and Donnellan, from

the Congregation, and Messrs Dick, Simmons, 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 of the Advent, asking for a Conference upon the subject of the union of the two parishes, stating, that in accordance with that request, he had called the present meeting. Messrs Dick, Thompson and Harris, followed, with an informal statement of the affairs of their parish, after which considerable discussions took place between the members of the Committee, the Rector, and Messrs Gale, Kirkman, Drouillard, Harrison, Clark and Bayne. Upon motion the matter was referred to a Committee of three. Messrs Gale, Kirkman and Bayne, to confer with the Committee from the Church of the Advent, and report at a meeting to be called by the Rector. Adjourned. *Attest B. Bayne, Secy.*

Christ Church Oct. 16. 1876.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry, held as above, there were present the Rector and Messrs Beech, Gale, Simmons, Harrison, Hitchcock, Johnson, Clark and Bayne. The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The Gov. on Repairs Report on 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
Rec'd from Offertory	62.00
" " Pew Rents	137.50 & 386.07
Paid the Rector	430.00
" " Bishop	27.25
" " Sister	15.00
" " Expense	90
Balance on hand.	92.92 & 386.07

The Treasurer also submitted the following statement of Assets and Liabilities to date 1<sup>st</sup>:

Div from Pew Rents to April 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 867.48
" " " 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter, current year	366.47
" " " 2 <sup>d</sup> " " "	195.08 & 1427.03
1000 due the Rector	4 1000.00
" " " Bishop	162.80
" " " Bayne	100.00
" " " for Organ Repairs	25.00
" " " for Fuel <sup>237.25</sup> Insurance	64.25 & 1387.10
Balance	476.58

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 Washoe, 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 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 Oct. 23<sup>d</sup> at 4 P.M.

Albert B. Payne, Secy.

Christ Church Oct. 23 1876.

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

Albert B. Payne, Secy.

Church Church Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1876

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry, held this evening at 4 o'clock those were present the Rector in the Chair, and Messrs Barry, Gale Johnson, Simmons, Guthrie, Clark and Payne.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the preceding regular and called meetings read and approved. Treasurers Report <sup>for October</sup> submitted and approved, as follows to wit:

Balances on hand Cash Report	\$99.92
Recd from Rev Rents	365.25
" " Affortions	165.50
	<u>4623.72</u>
Paid the Rector	\$300.00
" " Bishop	111.53
" " Organist	100.
" " Sexton	15.
" for Insurance	39.30
" " Gas	14.50
" " Expense	4.65
	<u>\$585.38</u>
Balances on hand.	\$3834

Collectors instructed to use greater diligence if possible in making collections to avert the embarrassed condition of our finances. The Trust was directed to prepare and present at the next regular meeting a complete and detailed statement of the affairs of St Johns Chapel. The proposed purchase of the Advent Church building discussed, and it being the opinion of the Vestry that some \$4,000 additional to the resources now at our command would be necessary to build a Chapel on the land for Sunday School and other uses, and to complete these improvements, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed at the discretion of the Rector to canvass the Parish and see if this amount could be raised, to report at an adjourned meeting to be held Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Subscriptions to the amount of \$700 were made

towards this object by members of the Vestry.  
Adjourned to next Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 4. P.M.  
Abner B. Payne Secy.

Christ Church Nov. 27. 1876

At an adjourned meeting held this evening  
at 4 o'clock, the Rev. present the Rector,  
in the Chair, and Messrs. Berry, Hitchell,  
Johnson, Harrison, Sanborn, Rich, Clark,  
Sole and Payne. The Rector opened the meeting  
with prayer. The subject of the purchase of  
the Christ Church building having been brought  
forward for final action, the Committee on  
subscriptions reported that they had spent  
the greater portion of the week previous in  
confering with 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 the Clergy  
communicate to the Senior Warden of the Church  
of the Christ the views of the Vestry, as  
follows, to wit:

Nashville Tenn Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1876.

To the Committee of the Vestry  
of the Church of the Christ.

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  
Christ - for the necessary repairs and improvements  
on the same and for the erection of a small  
chapel in the rear - all of which amount in the  
aggregate to the sum of \$9,000. This, with the  
existing debt of \$8,000 or thereabouts, make the  
sum total of \$17,000 to be raised.

We received an offer for our lot on Church  
St. for \$11,000, which offer has now been reduced  
to \$10,000, leaving the sum of \$7,000 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 to-day  
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 \$2,000. 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 con-  
spelled for the time being to abandon the project  
which they had so sincerely contemplated carrying  
through successfully. The impossibility of raising  
anything like an adequate amount, at the present  
time, together with the discouraging prospect of  
effecting an adequate sale of their property,  
should it be impossible for time to elapse in the  
planning, 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 Christ of the pleasure they have  
had in negotiating with them; of their sincere



Agent 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 if the Christ Church may take in preserving their organization, the divine blessing may rest upon them, and success and prosperity attend them.

In witness whereof the Vestry of Christ Church  
Albert B. Payne, Secy.

Upon motion it was resolved that the amounts pledged by the members of the Vestry, at the regular meeting of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, be continued as a sinking fund towards the erection of a new church, and the Secretary directed to take charge of said funds. The subscriptions were further increased from \$700 to \$900 - with the understanding that they were to be used for this purpose alone.

Adjourned to meet upon 3<sup>d</sup> Monday in Dec.  
Albert B. Payne, Secy.

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, Bury, 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
" Recd from Pew Rents	47.50
" " " Offerings	<u>155.70</u> \$ 241.54

Cash paid the Rector	\$ 125.00
" " " Bishop	11.40
" " " for Fuel	18.70
" " " Diocesan Expenses	21.00
" " " the Sisters	15.00
" " " for Music, Expenses	<u>4.65</u> <u>195.75</u>
Balance, Cash on hand.	\$ 45.79

Upon motion it was resolved that a Committee of 5 to be attend the Treasurer upon Collections of pew Rents make Easter next. The Rector stated that some additional subscriptions to the "Church of the Christ" 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 Christ"; with a view to a-super negotiations for the purchase of this Church building. Messrs Gale, Clark Bury and Payne were thereupon appointed said Committee, to meet at the Rector's house, Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 P.M. upon motion adjourned.

Albert B. Payne, Secy.

Christ Church. Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1876.

A Special Congregational meeting was held this day. At 11 o'clock, 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 the 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. Blake, 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 action, whatever it may be.

After prayer by the Rector, adjourned.

Albert B. Payne, Secy.