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ANNUAL REPORT - ST. MARY'S CHURCH -

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

I wish that this report could be more attractive in presentation. But time and my limited ability as a typist prevent such. Anyhow I hope you will find it interesting. I should have liked to include many other things, a report from the Choirmaster and Organist on their splendid work of the year, a more detailed report on the Altar Guild, a list of the Communicants of the parish, a list of the men and women in the armed services, a report of the Church School, listing those faithful teachers who serve so wonderfully, a report of the Girl's Friendly Society, a report of the Acolytes Guild. Since so much has been ommitted from this Annual Report I shall devote one of our weekly bulletins to presenting some of these missing ones.

The year 1943 was a good one in the parish. But 1944 can be even better if we again have the loyal devotion and work of every member. I leave you with one question to ask yourself, "What one big thing can I do for my parish Church this year ?."

A Financial Summary of the Altar Guild, submitted by the Treasurer, Miss Frances Williams.

Bal . on hand, Jan.1,1943.	59.49
Receipts for the year	46.03
	105.52
Expenses for the year	69.28
Balance on hand,Jan.1,1944	36.24

SOME RULES FOR KILLING A CHURCH

1. Don't come (Psalm 42:4; 96:4)
2. If you do come, come late (Psalm 84:19)
3. Don't imagine the front seats are for you. People might think you are conceited.
4. Come bound to find fault.
5. Don't encourage the Rector, but tell his faults to others (Gal.6:1)
6. Try to run the Church (Mark 10:42,45)
7. If you see a stranger in church, don't offer to shake his hand or ask him to come again. People might think you bold.
8. If you see anyone who tries to work in the Church, be sure to find fault with him, especially new people, after all their grandfathers did not attend this Church.
9. When ill,don't send your Rector word. He is supposed to find out himself. But tell others how he neglected you during your illness (S.John 11:3)

(With apologies to The Connecticut Churchman")