

plaining of the item which appeared in our paper of April 19th, in regard to alleged surprise at the position which the Church of England in the city of Toronto occupied according to the Census. He says that the fact should not be a "surprise" to any one, since the Church of England has always held that position in the city from its earliest history down to the present time; and which position, as heading the list numerically, has never been questioned until, perhaps, the recent "boom" within the last decade, when there was a large influx of population rather to the disadvantage of The Church, and which tended to raise other bodies nearer to an equality with her. But that equality has not been reached.

Our subscriber again objects to the statement that "in the matter of buildings The Church is a long way behind." He says: "I cannot understand what authority there can be for such a statement. The Church has in Toronto and suburbs over 40 church buildings irrespective of mission halls and the like, and a large proportion of these are buildings of good size and substantial character. Some of them may be rated as first-class, and I do not know any other body that can claim any kind of equality in this respect with The Church. If all the other bodies in town were to be put together no doubt The Church would be surpassed, but certainly not by any one body alone."

We are much obliged to our friend for the correction. We are very jealous of The Church's interests, and certainly would not be willing that our columns should be made at any time a means of belittling or misrepresenting the Church's strength and the Church's progress.

Diocese of Niagara.

GUELPH.

St. George's—At the Easter Vestry Meeting Dr. Lott and Mr. J. M. Bond were re-appointed wardens. The gross receipts for the year amounted to \$3,979.00 and the expenditures to \$3,891.00. There were outstanding liabilities on notes amounting to \$337.00. Though there was a slight falling off in receipts from pew rents, the offertories showed an increase of \$3.55 per Sunday, attributed largely to the envelope system.

On *St. George's Day* in the afternoon, *St. George's Society* to the number of about 150 marched to *St. George's church* where a large congregation was assembled and where a beautiful choral service was rendered. There were 70 voices in the chorus. Archdeacon Dixon was the preacher taking as his text *Samuel xii, 14*.

A touching service was that of the funeral of Miss Fannie Howard, daughter of William P. Howard of this parish, a young girl who had endeared herself to all she was brought into contact with by her thoughtful kindness of disposition and devotion to her father. There was a large attendance of Sunday School members and teachers and other prominent members of the congregation and of her class in the public school.

St. George's on Easter Day presented a most beautiful appearance, being decorated with flowers, palms, lilies, carnations, roses, ferns, &c. At the early celebration of Holy Communion there was a very large attendance, and at the midday service the church was crowded to doors. The music rendered by the highly trained and powerful choir was grand. In the morning Archdeacon Dixon delivered an eloquent sermon from *Luke xiv, 2, 3*; and in the evening the Rev. J. H. Ross preached to a very large congregation.

St. George's has lost another valuable member in the death of Major Harvey, which took place on April 23rd. He was a devout member of The Church from the early days of Archdeacon Palmer's ministry. He died in his eighty-fourth year. He came to the country when 24 years of

age, served in the Mackenzie rebellion and always took an active part in military affairs.

The Lenten offerings of the Sunday School children of the parish amounted to \$35.50, which were forwarded to Archdeacon Mackay, to aid in the education at Emmanuel College, of a young Indian student.

The offertory on Good Friday for Bishop Blyth's Mission to the Jews amounted to \$34.13, being the largest yet given.

ORDINATION.

It is announced that the Bishop of the Diocese will hold an Ordination in *St. George's church, Guelph*, on Trinity Sunday morning and will in the evening administer the Apostolic rite of Confirmation.

WEST INDIAN CHURCH NEWS.

(From "*The West Indian Guardian*," organ of *The Church in Barbados*.)

It was expected that the new Primate would be appointed at an early date, as the election takes place from amongst the present Bishops.

The Bishop of NASSAU and Father Lowndes visited *Andros Island*, where it is said every soul over twelve is confirmed.

In GRENADA the Bishop confirmed between the 16th and 23rd of March, 191 persons.

The Synod of JAMAICA was attended by 76 priests and 85 laymen. It very strongly endorsed the work of the Church Army. A committee was also appointed to draw up a syllabus of a course of religious instruction in Church day schools. The Bishop lately admitted four to the priesthood and two to the diaconate. The report of the Deaconesses Home was encouraging. Great efforts are being made towards Church extension in Kingston.

In the Diocese of ANTIGUA the first priest, according to a sketch of Diocesan history by Archdeacon Clarke, was the Rev. Gilbert Ramsay 1634-1693. It is claimed that the West Indian Bishops can trace their Orders back to the Apostles by six lines of descent.

The Synod of DEMERARA unanimously confirmed the nomination of the Rev. W. P. Swaby, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese and passed a resolution thanking the English Committee of selection for the good service rendered, and cordially and loyally welcoming its new Bishop. The death of the Very Rev. Dean May whose first curacy in Demerara dates back 1853, and who became Dean of the Cathedral in 1890, is announced.

In the Diocese of ST. VINCENT the Bishop confirmed at his last visitation in the parish of St. Patrick's, St. David's, St. Paul's, North and South Chartoll, St. George's, St. Andrew's and the Islands of Beguia, Carruon and Urriere, 522 persons. The Rev. Jos. F. White, M. A., of Toronto, was instituted to the cure of souls as rector of St. George's and St. Andrews on the 9th of March; and the Rev. Mr. Melville was installed as Canon of the Cathedral, and the Rev. Mr. Timothy as rector of Beguia and Grenadines. At the last visitation of the Bishop Mr. Timothy, as curate of those places, presented, 180 candidates for confirmation. The following incident is given by the St. Vincent correspondent to the *West Indian Guardian*:

We must just a little longer trespass on space of *Guardian* to give one more incident (pathetic in its character) during the Bishop's visitation.

On the 14th we were becalmed between Carriacou and Union islands, and as we afterward heard all day long persons were on the look-out for the Bishop's vessel, but somehow she was not seen. In the evening the captain of the *Kee waten*, when about 5 miles from the Union, put out his boat and four hearty sailors pulled us across the channel to Ashton Bay of the Union Island. Located on the sea shore are some 200 houses with a population of 700. As we had severe difficulty in getting to the right place for landing, time was given for our arrival being known, the bell of the school chapel rang and in a few minutes an eager and excited crowd thronged the beach, the boat still in the shallow water was surrounded and willing hands dragged boat and all high and dry on beach. We were so thronged in that we could scarcely move, when some one happily started a hymn and slowly we made our way on, with all reverence it reminded one of the scene on Palm Sunday. Around the School Mistress's home, to which the Bishop went, for a long time members lingered as afraid he might go away. Again and again they had to be assured that the Bishop would have a confirmation early next morning. Next day the Bishop received a petition praying that a Deacon School master should be located amongst them. That there were 1,000 people in the two villages that only once every month their rector could visit them; and Sunday after Sunday they wanted somebody if only to read the church prayers to them in the school-chapel; a list was handed the chaplain of those who would give, and a sum already collected as an earnest of what they would do.

The island is owned by a gentleman in England who is perhaps in ignorance of the spiritual destitution thereof, but who at all events gives nothing. The lesser is a poor man, hardly able to pay the rent, about £25 to £35 per annum is the most the poor people could raise for a clergyman. What they should have is an educated resident Parson who could command and secure respect, one with the single motive of advancing our Lord's Kingdom. Would that one of the devoted men in England with some means and a Missionary spirit would come to our help. The Island is not isolated, we went over in an open boat to Carriacou in a little over an hour, and Carriacou has all connection with the outer world.

Here are 1000 ready made Christians, ALL OF THE CHURCH, waiting, longing, praying for one to reside amongst them to teach them how they should live in this world and to fit them for their right hereafter. The fields are white already to harvest, but where are the reapers to reap it.

One's thoughts often go back to the simple minded grown up children of little Union island, following us to the water's edge thrusting on us offerings of eggs, so that at last not to seem ungracious and to give pleasure, the chaplain had to open his hand-travelling bag and take out its contents to be soon filled with eggs eagerly put in. At last it seemed as if he escaped from their kindness, and one often looked back to see them lingering on the shore, regarding their Bishop as some heaven-sent messenger, who had come and gone but too quickly. S. F. B.

Contemporary Church Opinion.

Church Bells (London, Eng.):

The discussion to which the appointment of Bishop G. H. Wilkinson to the bishopric of St. Andrews lately gave rise, owing to his not being a Scotsman, will be fresh in the minds of our readers. The appointment of Bishop Burn to the See of Qu'Appelle has been, we hear from a Canadian correspondent, the subject of some rather similar feelings among Church people in North-west Canada. It appears that they