

mally low. The accounts of two vestries showed a balance due the incumbent, which the members hoped would be soon wiped out. A spirit of faith and hope animated the respective vestries in regard to the future. A H A

### Dunchurch Mission.

MR. I. I. HAY, CATECHIST.

The Easter service in the Church of St. Andrew, Dunchurch, was attended by a good congregation; the church looked very nice, being decorated with flowers and new banners. The service was bright and hearty, with very good singing. Mr. Markham officiated as organist, and was given most efficient help by Mr. W. Buchanan with his violin.

The Easter vestry meeting (the first held since we entered our new church) was held on Easter Monday, and passed off very pleasantly; the new wardens are Messrs. Butler and Sager, with Messrs. Creasor and W. Buchanan as sidesmen, and Mr. Markham as vestry clerk; Dr. O'Gorman and Mr. H. Gibson being elected in connection with the wardens as a board of management. A vote of thanks was given to our catechist, Mr. T. J. Hay, for the zeal shown in his work in Dunchurch, he having brought matters to a successful issue in getting the church into a habitable condition. The number of subscribers towards the catechist's stipend is eleven, most of them contributing 25 cents weekly, the amount of salary raised for six months being \$56.47, the loose offertories amount to \$16.35, and special \$19.25, making a total of \$92.07. The amount received for building fund from all sources is \$400. The church is now free from debt. As the expenditure has been \$385, the surplus of \$15 will go towards paying for the seats now being made. The people, in addition, have contributed about \$75 in work, etc.

The vestry passed a resolution expressing their heartfelt thanks to all who have helped them, especially to the W.A. of Toronto and Bishop Sullivan.

Although so much has been done there is yet much to be wished for. There is great need of altar hangings, reading desk, and other furniture, and the church has to be ceiled inside, as at present it is only lined with paper. E.M.

### Parry Sound Mission.

REV. W. EVANS, INCUMBENT.

The usual vestry meeting of Trinity Church was held on Easter Monday. Mr. E. J. Vincent, the people's warden, presented a statement of church finances, which showed an improvement over last year, notwithstanding the dull times. Mr. Vincent was again tendered the office of people's warden, but declined the nomination. The following officers were then appointed for the year: People's warden, Mr. Wm. McKinley; clergyman's warden, Mr. Wm. Taylor, sen.; sidesmen,

Messrs. J. A. Cryderman, Wm. Ansley, Geo. Taylor, and F. B. Bowden; vestry clerk, Mr. H. W. Woolton; finance committee, Messrs. G. G. Gladman, W. R. Foote, and J. A. Cryderman. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the retiring wardens, Miss Jukes, and the choir, and to the vestry clerk, Mr. H. W. Woolton. In view of the contemplated visit to England of the incumbent, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that the vestry of Trinity Church, appreciating the earnest and zealous work of the Rev. William Evans for the past four years, do with pleasure express their approval of his intention to visit his old home in the old land, and, as far as in their power, cordially grant him leave of absence, and wish him a happy reunion with friends of other days." The Woman's Auxiliary were also tendered a most cordial vote of thanks for their valuable services.

### Our Indian Homes.

The 22nd annual report of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes has just been published and distributed to friends of this important and interesting feature of the work of the Church in Algoma among the children of the "red man." We are unable in this number of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS to reprint all we desire from the pages of the report. This month we give space to the letter of the Bishop of Algoma, and also to a letter from Bishop Sullivan. Next month we hope to epitomize the report of the principal. The pamphlet is illustrated by five full-page photogravures, one of which we reproduce in our columns.

#### THE BISHOP'S LETTER.

*To the Clergy and Laity of "The Church of England in Canada":*

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—One of my first duties after entering into residence at Bishophurst was to visit the Shingwauk Home. I had taken an interest in the Home for many years, and was anxious to see it with my own eyes. It is not too much to say that in many ways, though I had heard and read a good deal about it, the institution surprised me. In magnitude it far exceeded my expectations. Not that I found the main building so much larger than I had imagined it to be, but there were so many buildings, ten at least, and several of them spacious and, for the place, costly. In solidity, too, and style of architecture; in the completeness of their appointments, and their adaptation to their purpose; in the neatness and order prevailing everywhere, and in the excellence of the discipline throughout, I found cause not only for astonishment, but for thankfulness to God. Certainly "The Shingwauk" is an admirable institution, in admirable working condition and thoroughly well managed by the painstaking princi-

pal, Mr. George Ley King, and his faithful wife, who performs most efficiently the duties of Lady Superintendent.

I was much impressed by the excellent plan adopted for giving the boys alternate head work and hand work—training of the mind and development of the bodily powers and skill. In this way, part of every day being spent in the schoolroom and part in the fields, in the workshops, or at least in some active employment, not only do they receive a wider training than would otherwise be possible, but their bodily health is promoted and their elasticity of spirit sustained.

After going through the Home, looking over its grounds, visiting the schoolroom, examining the work, inspecting the lovely Memorial Chapel, in which prayers are regularly said, and which recalls the devotion of the sainted Bishop Fauquier; and especially after talking over with the officials the details of the management, the course of training, the discipline and the provision made for recreation, I was quite prepared to find, as I certainly did, that the boys appeared to be bright, happy, diligent, and obedient.

I was not for a moment disposed to think, nor do I now wish to imply, that the Shingwauk is a perfect institution, or that the sixty Indian boys in residence there are models of all the virtues. Not only are they subject to like infirmities of body and mind with other boys, but they are afflicted with numerous shortcomings from which, for the most part, English boys are exempt. The offspring of parents born of, or descended from, pagans, they are likely to manifest peculiarities of temper and disposition not easily understood, much less overcome. And while they certainly show a ready skill in some of the rudimentary arts, it need not surprise us that they have less aptitude for and ability to excel in the occupation of civilized life than other children have. Yet the extent to which these difficulties seem to be overcome in the Shingwauk Home is very gratifying. I do not think it would be quite fair, if possible, to compare an Indian school like the Shingwauk with ordinary English schools. But I really believe the school is making the most of its opportunities and its materials, and, all things considered, is achieving wonderfully good results. In my journeyings recently I met one of its old pupils who is a successful teacher on an Indian reserve. He gave me in good idiomatic English a very intelligent and interesting account of his work, impressing me as a useful and well-trained man. Another promising young Indian, trained in the Shingwauk Home, is now pursuing his preliminary studies in a collegiate institute with the well-founded hope of one day being ready for ordination as a missionary to his brethren. And I see no reason to doubt that among the boys now in training in the Home many are fitting themselves for similarly useful careers, which, with God's blessing, they will fill to His glory in the years to come.

It is my earnest hope that the Church