

Prayers. Roll Call. Minutes. Discussion: "The Benefit of Definite Pledges," led by Mrs. Grindlay. Miss Keatler, of Weston; Miss Ayer, of Cobourg, and others took part. Nomination of Diocesan officers and designation of Life Membership fees by ballot during recess. 2.30 p.m.—Hymn 168 H. C.; 363 A. & M. Address: "The General Thankofferings," Miss Montizambert, Provincial Corresponding Secretary. Hymn 375 H. C.; 540 A. & M. "A Model Parochial Monthly Meeting." Those taking part in discussion were Mrs. Moberly, Collingwood; Mr. Stennett, of Cobourg; Mrs. Ingus. This is only a sort of object lesson "Model Meeting" for the benefit of new and inexperienced branches. Several topics will be discussed which are "vexed questions." Question Drawer. Doxology. 7.30 p.m.—Public Missionary Meeting in Guild Hall. Attended by the Junior Branches and Ministering Children's League, as well as by Senior Branches. Chairman—The Lord Bishop of Toronto. Hymn. Brief reports by Secretaries. Hymn. Collection. Lime light views of the far North, shown by Mr. Whittemore, and explained in an address by the Rev. J. O. Stringer, of the Diocese of Mackenzie River, the only white missionary labouring in the Arctic circle. The first portion of the address was a description in part of the life led by the Esquimaux in the distant north. The ordinary attire worn by Indians and Esquimaux in the Arctic circle was exhibited through the kindness of friends who appeared in the costumes. A number of unique and interesting relics were also shown and explained. The latter part of Mr. Stringer's address was illustrated by stereopticon views, which were much enjoyed. The whole address proved intensely interesting and absorbing, especially as the speaker treated of a territory never before visited by a white missionary, and only known to whalers and Hudson Bay traders. Many were the interesting incidents told of the work in this almost unknown land, and of the queer people who inhabit it, and who by a strange coincidence will wear beads of no other colour than red, white and blue. Very modestly, and rarely referring to his own work, the lecturer told of the splendid work achieved since he first went to the Lone Land, four years ago, both among the Esquimaux and their equally barbaric white brethren, the whalers. Earnestly he pleaded that help might be sent out at once, and said that two ladies and one young man were even now waiting and prepared to go if only the funds could be obtained to take them there. The young man asked nothing for his labours but the privilege of engaging in the work in that frozen country. This address is the last that Mr. Stringer will deliver before leaving, with Mrs. Stringer, for his mission, on the 13th of next month. He expects it will take from two to three months to reach their destination. Hymn. Doxology.

SCARBORO.—We are very sorry to hear of the death of Miss Jackson, which occurred on the evening of Sunday, the 19th inst. Miss Jackson was an active member of Christ Church, and ever ready to render assistance to further the good work in the parish. She had a beautiful voice, which will be greatly missed by all in the congregation. She was a loving daughter, beloved and respected by all. We tender our deepest sympathy to her home circle, especially her father, Mr. Thompson Jackson, who is at present Churchwarden of Christ Church, and an earnest and ever willing worker.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—Dr. Ridley was appointed rector's warden and J. M. Burns was appointed people's warden at the meeting held last week. The fifty-fourth annual service of St. George's Society was held in this church. The members, headed by President W. F. Burton, marched to the cathedral, accompanied by delegations of the Sons of England, St. Andrew's Society and the Irish Protestants. Among the past presidents of St. George's Society present were: George Roach, J. J. Mason, H. N. Kittson, Thomas Mason, S. J. Whitehead and F. Mackelcan, Q.C. Rev. Canon Bland and Rev. George A. Forneret, chaplains of the society, assisted in the service, a very able sermon being preached by Rev. Provost Welch, M.A., of Trinity University, Toronto. His text was, "Blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God" (Psalms cxlv. 15). From these words he preached a scholarly and analytical discourse.

St. Mark's.—Rev. Canon Sutherland, in his sermon on Sunday, referred to the departure of Bishop Hamilton. He said: "There is not a village in the diocese where he will not be missed; for, though he never forgot that he was a bishop, he always remembered that he was a man. To myself what the loss is I will not say—the pulpit is not the place for the expression of personal grief; rather I would merge my own feelings in the common regret. Only the Great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls knows how we mourn the removal of the faithful

shepherd, the retiring bishop, Charles, once Niagara, now, alas Ottawa."

St. Luke's.—At the adjourned vestry meeting held Monday, the 20th inst., J. W. Hotrum was elected people's warden, and Thomas Clay was appointed by the rector. George Hewson is vestry clerk.

St. John the Evangelist.—C. J. Dixon, Mus. Bac., organist of the Church of the Ascension, gave an organ recital in this church on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst. There was a fair audience and the programme admirably rendered.

St. John's Church.—The Girls' Friendly Society gave a delightful entertainment on last Thursday evening; the school room was well filled. A pretty scarf drill under Sister Evelyn's training was much liked. At the close a handsome Bagster Bible and markers was presented to Mrs. Brine by the Girls' Friendly. Much interest is felt as to Mr. Brine's successor. A most interesting feature of the Women's Auxiliary was the memorial, moved by Mrs. Edward Martin, seconded by Mrs. Fessenden, and signed by the officers of the Board, to the House of Bishops, asking them not to consent to the removal of their beloved bishop, who had been such an inspiration in all missionary work. The memorial was unanimously adopted, and Rev. E. Whitcombe went as bearer to Montreal. Alas! that it, among other efforts, should have proved so futile.

Rev. J. S. Stringer has been exciting much interest in work among his far distant people, the Esquimaux. The Church of the Ascension is prepared to send a missionary, and has contributed largely to this work. The addresses were most interesting, and the needs most pathetically presented. Money for a small bell to weigh 150 lbs. was collected by Mrs. Fessenden, as the result of his address at the cathedral.

DUNDAS.—*St. James'.*—The Brotherhood of St. Andrew chapter met on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Director Tresham presiding. There was a good attendance of members. Brothers Tresham and Galway were appointed to conduct mission services in Victoria School-house Mission, while the Rev. E. A. Irving and Bro. S. Milington take charge of the Valley mission. It was decided to get out a new leaflet for the Brotherhood. Director Tresham gave a recitation, and promised with the assistance of Bro. Stanley to provide entertainment for the next meeting.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

BRANTFORD.—*St. Jude's.*—At the annual vestry meeting the rector, Rev. T. A. Wright, occupied the chair. The rector appointed Mr. Thos. A. Good his warden, while the vestry elected Mr. G. G. Lambdon. Mr. J. Spence and Col. Gilkinson were elected lay delegates to the Synod. The contributions of the parish amounted to over \$3,000 for the year, and the wardens' statement showed \$85 on hand. The rector's stipend was raised \$100.

CLINTON.—*St. John's.*—At the annual vestry meeting the rector, Rev. Wm. Stout, presided. Mr. John Holmes was chosen to be lay representative to Synod; Messrs. S. Sturdy and Wm. Miller, Churchwardens, and Mr. Jas. Connolly, sidesman for the current Synod year. This church has made marked progress during the past year; a shed has been built and the church considerably improved, and the average of congregation and number of communicants have largely increased, and the state of finances shows a respectable amount of cash balance for further improvements. Much, under God's blessing, is due to the harmonious concord which exists. The wardens and vestry spoke in the warmest appreciative terms of their pastor for his efficiency, zeal and uniformly obliging courtesy in all his intercourse with the people, in promoting every interest of the church in their midst.

STRATFORD.—*Home Memorial Church.*—It having been reported that the Rev. Rural Dean Deacon intended to resign this parish, the Easter Vestry here and at Sebringville passed very strong and flattering resolutions in praise of Mr. Deacon and urged him to stay on, and he assured them that he would still continue their pastor.

ST. JOHN'S.—NEAR LONDON.—During Ven. Archdeacon Marsh's illness, the work has been under the charge of Rev. Canon Smith, assisted by Mr. Ernest Smith, of Huron College.

PARKHILL.—*St. James'.*—The Easter reports of this parish show continued and increasing prosperity. By the death of Mrs. Sawyer, the dwelling occupied by the incumbent came into the possession of the parish, and as soon as the necessary papers are made

out will be deeded to the Synod. The number of communicants Easter morning showed a decided increase over the previous years, whilst the collection was the largest Easter collection in the history of the parish. The following is taken from the Easter report and gives the policy of the retiring wardens: The churchwardens, in submitting their annual statement, are pleased to be able to congratulate the vestry on the favorable position we occupy financially, and trust your zeal will not diminish during the coming year. The Mission Fund of the diocese is heavily overdrawn, and it should be the aim of this parish to become self-sustaining and relieve the Synod of the amount we annually receive from it. The envelope contributions show a slight falling off as compared with the previous year, and we would suggest a canvass among the congregation in order that the list of envelope contributors may be increased. Those in arrears will kindly place the balance on the collection plate as soon as possible to enable necessary repairs to be made. The retiring wardens desire to express their grateful thanks to the Ladies' Guild for their cheque of \$45, thus allowing them to show a slight balance to the good. The officers for the year are Jos. Simpson, people's warden; J. F. Roberts, Incumbent's warden. Wm. Stanley, lay delegate; G. M. Wedd, auditor; Wm. Watson, vestry clerk. Votes of thanks were given to the retiring wardens, organist and choir, Ladies' Guild and others who had assisted in church work.

INGERSOLL.—At the adjourned vestry meeting the vestry granted the Rev. Arthur Murphy a month's holiday, and will defray the expense of a substitute during his absence.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE

HOLLAND.—On April 10th, Emmanuel Church, Holland, was the recipient of a very chaste free stone font bowl from Mrs. Holland. "In Memoriam" to her husband, who died April 11th, 1894. It was used for the first time on Sunday afternoon, April 19th, when three of Mrs. Holland's grand-children were admitted into the church through the sacrament of baptism. The font is octagon shape to correspond with the wooden pedestal on which it stands, and is placed in its proper place at the entrance of the church. On one octagon is carved I. H. S., on the other the inscription, and on the others Maltese crosses. It was made at the marble works of Hooper & Co., Winnipeg. Emmanuel Church only needs now a Communion set in order to complete everything necessary for the proper conducting of services of the church. Who amongst your readers will supply the want?

British and Foreign.

The Archbishop of York is going abroad for about three weeks.

The Bishop of Worcester is going abroad to recruit his health, and has cancelled all immediate engagements.

The Bishop of Winchester's health has suddenly broken down, necessitating his cancelling all immediate engagements and leaving England.

Chichester Diocesan conference will be held this year in the dome of the Brighton Pavilion, on Wednesday and Thursday, October 21st and 22nd.

The Rev. C. E. Storrs, vicar of Ellacombe, Torquay, has had the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by the Western University of Canada.

On Palm Sunday, the Bishop of Exeter, who has been visiting Ipplepen Deanery, confirmed 102 cadets on Board H.M.S. *Britannia*, where he was the guest of Captain Moore, R. N.

The Rev. R. R. Dolling has received during Lent the sum of £320 towards the £3,000 debt on the work at St. Agatha's, Sandport, for which he has made himself responsible.

On the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Croydon on May 15th, to open the new town hall, the Archbishop of Canterbury will conduct a religious service in the Council Chamber.

The Rev. J. O. Coleman, senior curate of St. George's, Bolton has been appointed to the incumbency of the new parish of St. Barnabas, Bolton. Mr. Coleman will probably enter upon his new duties immediately.