

THE CANADIAN CHURCH.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

BRUCE MINES MISSION.—The Bishop of Algoma visited this parish on the 23rd. ult. and preached in St. George's church in the evening. There was a good congregation and the Bishop rendered a very impressive service in the dedication of the new tower and bell, after which he thanked the people for their liberality in competing to the glory of God one of the nicest little churches in the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—A formal farewell was tendered to Bishop Kingston before his leaving for England. A programme was carried out, and during the intermission Sheriff Sterling, on behalf of the congregation, read and presented His Lordship with a handsomely engraved address; and on behalf of the Women's Aid Association presented to the Bishop, for Mrs. Kingston, an exquisite bouquet of cut flowers. His Lordship briefly replied.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

AMHERSTBURG.—The Easter vestry of Christ Church was the most prosperous meeting held in the parish for many years. The Rector, Rev. John Berry, M.A., presided, and there was an unusually large attendance of members, and several ladies were present at the congregation meeting which was held after the vestry. The wardens, vestry clerk, auditors and lay delegate were re-elected. The year that commenced with a debt of \$200 on current expenses, and a considerable debt for rectory repairs, and the church was in a very dilapidated condition. The wardens' statement showed that these debts had been paid off and all the expenses for the year and there remained a balance on hand. The church had been repaired at a cost of \$612 and paid for. The statistics presented by the Rector showed a good increase in the Sunday attendance, though several Church families had left the town. There were sixty-five communicants on Easter Day. The Sunday school had eight y-three members—exclusive of senior Bible classes. The success of the church was attributed in a great measure, to the fact that there was a staff of about fifty active workers.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—At the Maisonneuve Mission during the past year there has been a most gratifying increase in the interest, both in the services of St. George's, as well as in the Sunday school, Band of Hope, and sewing classes. On the 2nd. of May the new Mission building was occupied for the first time. The morning services were conducted by the Rev. E. McManus, and the Rev. Richard Simonds, there being thirty communicants present. In the evening the service was conducted by Rev. E. L. Rexford, assisted by the lay readers, Mr. A. B. Haycock, and Mr. E. F. Dartnell, while the afternoon children's service was conducted by the superintendent, Mr. Arthur P. Tippet. All the services were most hearty and well attended and the outlook for the Mission is very bright. The prayer desk and stall were a donation from the Band of Hope, the lectern from the Sunday school. Miss East continues to act as organist, while Mr. John Willis, of the St. George's Y.M.C.A. is now helping with the music. A dedication service will be held on Whitsunday, when it is hoped that the Bishop and Dean will be present.

The formal inauguration of the new organ in St. George's will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 1st. and 2nd. next. Mr. Frederick Archer, the well-known English organist, will preside. As yet the details of the programme has not definitely been settled, but it is understood that the formal dedication and blessing of the new instrument will take place on the evening of June 1st., when His Lordship, Bishop Bond, will solemnly set apart the organ to the service of Almighty God. The second evening will be devoted entirely to organ music, when Mr. Archer will play a number of the best selections in his extensive repertoire. The work of erecting the new instrument has begun and is being pushed forward as quickly as possible. The old organ has been sold to the authorities of the parish church at Joliette.

The annual convocation of the Diocesan Theological College was held on the 29th. ult., in the large hall of the institution, which was filled with the friends of the students and the College. His Lordship, Bishop Bond, Rev. Professor Waller and the Bishop of Quebec addressed the assembly. The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, His Worship the Mayor, Professor Steen and Ven. Archdeacon Evans presented the various prizes. Professor Steen afterwards delivered an able address on ecclesiastical education.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

JARVIS.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Paul's church was unusually well attended. Rev. F. C. Piper, the Rector, was in the chair. The wardens' report showed the finances in a fairly encouraging condition. Wm. Peterson and W. E. Sowter were re-elected churchwardens, and C. E. Bourne delegate to the Synod. The feature of the meeting was the unanimous manner in which the question of building a new church was taken. A committee was appointed to act with the Rector and wardens, with power to go on

with the building. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Leather for his plans of the new church, which were approved. A number of gentlemen present each subscribed \$100 to the building fund, and a handsome edifice to replace the old church which has done duty for forty years is now a certainty.

LISTOWEL.—At the annual vestry meeting of Christ church it was determined to adopt the system of rented pews.

MARSHVILLE.—The adjourned vestry meeting of Christ church was held on Monday the 26th. ult., the Rector, Rev. A. Bonny, in the chair. The meeting, which was very harmonious and well-attended, voluntarily and unanimously voted to increase the stipend of the Rector \$100 per annum. The retiring wardens left the funds of the church in good condition. The average attendance for the four years Mr. Bonny has been here is believed to exceed that of any similar period in the history of the church, and the last year's attendance was highest of all. The mutual confidence and esteem of Rector and people has made this a very happy and harmonious parish.

MOUNT FOREST.—Very hearty services were held at St. Paul's on Easter Day with large congregations and seventy-three communicants. At the Easter vestry meeting the wardens presented a very encouraging statement of accounts. Receipts \$1276.13 with a small balance to the good.

WOODSTOCK.—At the adjourned vestry meeting at new St. Paul's the churchwardens' report was discussed and finally adopted. The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the question of the mission in the west end, reported that in view of the heavy financial burden which the church is carrying, it would be desirable to dispense with the services of Rev. Mr. May and for the present stop the Sunday services in All Saints', continuing, however, the Sunday school and week night services. The report was adopted with regret, each speaker having kind words for Mr. May and wishing him success. It was particularly a matter for regret to Mr. Farthing. He had strongly urged the erection of the chapel and if there were not one now he believed he would do so again. They had a large Sunday school at the mission and it would be their endeavour to keep it running. He asked that the chapel be not closed till the 16th. inst., so that they might hold farewell services.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PLYMOUTH.—The annual Easter meeting was most satisfactory. The reports showed good work done. The total cash contributions amounted to \$1,577.79 for the year, of which \$221.72 were for Diocesan and extra diocesan purposes, including \$36.40 for the India Famine Fund. The weekly envelope system was adopted, and the parish is being quite satisfactorily canvassed for subscribers. A very creditable pamphlet has been issued containing the wardens' and Rector's reports of monies raised and expended, and work done; together with lists of the regular services, names of the officers, etc. a memorial page with the names of the twelve members, deceased, with a very pretty out of the parish church in the back cover. Charles Burrill and George Taylor were elected wardens. Very beautiful services were held on Easter Day, with four celebrations, at which seventy-one out of the 100 communicants partook of the Holy Supper, many being absent through sickness. The church was very prettily decorated.

DIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

OTTAWA.—Before leaving for England for a holiday, for the benefit of his health, the Rev. J. M. Snowdon of St. George's, was presented with a well filled purse by the church wardens on behalf of the congregation.

Twenty-two candidates were confirmed at St. Albans' last Sunday week. The Bishop of Ottawa delivered an impressive address on the Primitive church as the great teacher, and the reception of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

PAKENHAM.—Rev. R. M. Jones was surprised at Easter by his congregations at Pakenham, Antrim and Cedar Hill presenting him with a splendid mikado. It is indeed a beautiful carriage and is greatly appreciated by Mr. Jones and family, as it shows a warm feeling for them is held by their many friends.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

BROCKVILLE.—The Ven. Archdeacon Bedford Jones, who is commissary for the Archbishop during his absence, has issued an appeal to church members in the diocese. He requests special offerings on June 20th. or 22nd. for a fund to be known as The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Building Fund, to be utilized in assisting struggling missions in their efforts to erect suitable places of worship. It is calculated that a sum of \$5,000 would yield sufficient interest. A fund of this nature would have a practical and permanent value.

At the adjourned vestry meeting of St. Peter's the disposal of the cemetery fund was settled. Great unanimity and enthusiasm was displayed over the proposal to secure a chime of tubular bells to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. The old bell of St. Peter's, the sound of which is well known throughout the district, is out of repair; and it is felt that some effort should be made by the congregation to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

DESERONTO.—His Lordship, Bishop Hamilton of Ottawa, held a