

A chancery suit has been commenced "between the Reverend Joel Tomblason Wright, who sues as well on his own behalf as on behalf of all other, the clergymen of the Diocese of Huron, who are not on the Commutation Fund of the said Diocese, nor on the Superannuation List thereof, *Plaintiff*; and The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Huron, *Defendants*."

Another chancery suit from one of the commuting clergy is also expected.

LONDON.—The Easter Services throughout the city were hearty, joyous, and well attended, and especially so in St. Paul's. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., when many partook of that holy sacrament. At 11 o'clock the service was choral. The music was delightful. The rector preached an excellent Easter sermon to a very large congregation. Very many availed themselves of the privilege of partaking of the Holy Communion. At evensong the church was filled to its utmost capacity, there being about 1,200 persons present. Again the joyous music of Easter arose from the choir and organ. Truly a choral service is well appreciated in our forest city. Bishop Alford was the preacher at evensong. The offertory, which amounted to over eighty dollars, was given for prizes to the Sunday school.

St. Jude's.—At the annual vestry meeting the rector, Rev. T. R. Davis took the chair. The wardens' report, which was a clear statement of receipts and expenditure, was read by Mr. J. T. Gikison. It showed the total receipts for the year ending the 31st March to have been \$2,386.83. As this is a free church the report was considered very satisfactory. Messrs. J. T. Gikison and A. Fair were re-appointed wardens; and Messrs. J. T. Gikison and W. H. Hudson were elected representatives to the synod. Votes of thanks were passed to the wardens, vestry clerk, choir and Ladies' Aid Society, after which the meeting adjourned for two weeks to receive the auditors report.

CRONYN MEMORIAL.—The Easter vestry meeting was held in the school-room on Monday evening, the Rev. J. B. Richardson, rector, presiding, and opening the meeting with prayer. Mr. J. A. Roe read the financial statement:—Receipts, including a balance at the bank, \$3,741.59, and disbursements \$3,526.47, leaving a credit balance of \$215.12. It was further shown that the debt on the school-house and rectory had been entirely wiped out, towards which the Women's Aid Society had contributed \$1,145.43. It was shown that an increase of \$200 had taken place in the ordinary Sunday school collections, and the envelope fund also showed an increase. Mr. V. Cronyn said it was necessary to increase the envelope fund materially, and hoped that an effort would be made to add to the finances of the church in this direction. Mr. V. Cronyn and Mr. T. Aspden were appointed wardens; and Messrs. V. Cronyn, E. Rowland and W. C. L. Gill representatives.

PETROLIA: Christ Church.—At the vestry meeting Rev. W. Hinde took the chair. There was an unusually large attendance of the members of the vestry, and also a number of ladies. Among those present were: Messrs. C. Jenkins, J. D. Noble, E. J. Denroche, J. Odbert, P. Crews, T. J. Gordon, T. C. Ide, R. Herring, J. Raison, A. T. Gurd, W. H. Hammond, C. McKenzie, A. S. Van Alstyne, H. B. Walker, D. Deacon, &c.

Mr. R. D. Noble was appointed secretary. He read his financial report which showed a balance of \$114.19. The liability on the parsonage was, in round numbers about \$1,000, and the church building fund owed about \$500. The progress and advancement made by the Church during the year had been very marked, and there was every reason to look forward to a bright and prosperous future. Churchwardens appointed: Messrs. Chas. Jenkins and R. D. Noble. The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the standing committee, in addition to the incumbent and wardens:—Mr. C. McKenzie, E. J. Denroche, W. H. Hammond, J. Raison, A. S. Van Alstyne and J. D. Noble. The following sidesmen were appointed: J. Raison, A. S. Van Alstyne, R. Borland and T. C. Ide. The lay representative is Mr. Jenkins. The wardens were instructed to pay the organist \$50 a year. Mr. E. J. Denroche, acting superintendent of the Sunday school, reported that during the year there had been a steady increase in the number of scholars, and a marked improvement in the organization of the school. During the year he had received the sum of \$103.76 for Sunday school purposes, and had expended \$102.26, leaving a balance on hand of \$1.50, and liabilities all paid in full with the exception of \$1.50.

WESTMINSTER: St. James's.—There was large attendance at the Easter vestry meeting, the Rev. Evans Davis, rector presiding. The statement of the financial condition of the parish showed a very favourable state of affairs. The church debt was, during the past year reduced to \$700, and there is still a good surplus on

hand. The incumbent's salary was increased, and the wardens were empowered to purchase a suitable lot for a parsonage, with the funds on hand for that purpose. Mr. John Wright and Mr. C. D. Sutherland were appointed wardens; and Mr. Wm. Moore and Major Gregg representatives.

LONDON: St. Paul's.—The annual vestry meeting was held in Bishop Cronyn Hall on Easter Monday evening. The rector, Canon Innes, presided, *ex officio*, and opened the meeting with prayer. There were present Messrs. Bayly, Long, Reed, Smyth, Smylie, Peters, Jewell, Dyas, Pearce, Labatt, B. A. Mitchell, J. B. Laing, G. Laing and Bander. Messrs. R. Bayly, Jas. Hamilton and E. B. Reed were unanimously re-elected lay representatives to the synod. Mr. Bayly was appointed warden. Messrs. Laing and Baxter were appointed auditors of the bank accounts, and Messrs. Reed and Jewell, auditors of the cemetery accounts. Eighteen sidesmen were appointed for the body of the church and eight for the galleries. A finance committee of fifteen members was appointed, with the rector and churchwardens, *ex officio*. The vestry then adjourned for two weeks when the annual financial statement will be presented.

At St. James's on Sunday, the 25th ultimo, the rector, Rev. Evans Davis preached to a crowded congregation of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, from the text James i. 27. The discourse was an exceedingly eloquent one, and was listened to with rapt attention.

At St. Paul's, on the morning of the 24th ult., the services were of a most interesting character. Rev. A. Brown read the prayers, and Rev. Canon Innes the lessons. His lordship the Bishop of Huron delivered an earnest and practical address to the candidates for confirmation, who were thirty-six in number, and occupied seats immediately in front of the pulpit. He chose for his text the last two verses of the 116th Psalm. The address was spoken of as one of his lordship's most able efforts. The impressive ceremony of confirmation was then proceeded with.

WALKERTON.—At the Easter vestry meeting the Rev. W. Shortt, rector, occupied the chair. There were present Messrs. Kingsmill, Miller, Penton, Gunn, Rothwell, J. A. Wilson, Lee, H. Burnham, Kinzey, A. Wilson, Bacon, Stovel, W. A. Green, Hurrell, H. A. Wilson, Mackintosh, Rivers, W. A. McLean, Luxon, Collins, Nott and others. Messrs. Mackintosh and Allardice were appointed wardens; Messrs. Bacon and H. Burnham were appointed sidesmen; Messrs. W. A. Green and F. O'Connor, auditors.

The accounts of the past year, with the vouchers, were presented by Judge Kingsmill and were ordered to be submitted to the auditors, to be reported upon at an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday, the 25th ultimo, at 4 p.m. The receipts, which included arrears of pew rents for 1879, pew rents for 1880 and 1881, offertory, etc., amounted to \$1,450.80, and the disbursements, which included the rector's stipend for 1880 and arrears in 1879, organist, sexton, synod, lay representatives, expenses, light, wood, &c., &c., amounted to the same sum. Every liability due by the church was discharged in full. The thanks of the vestry were tendered to the rector for the generous offer of \$50 made by him to enable the wardens to liquidate in full the church liabilities up to the end of the past year. It is pleasant to record that the rector's offer was respectfully declined.

At a meeting held afterwards, Messrs. Kingsmill and Collins were appointed lay representatives to the synod.

ALGOMA.

From Our own Correspondent.

ROSSAU.—Church of the Redeemer.—During Holy Week and on Good Friday our services were well attended. On Easter Sunday, the Rev. A. Chowne officiated in the morning and gave us an excellent discourse. The musical portion of the service was well rendered, all members of the congregation joining heartily in the chants and the glorious Easter hymns. The altar was beautifully adorned with choice flowers presented by Mrs. Pratt and a lady friend of the Rosseau House. In the centre was a magnificent white lily, a beautiful type in its simplicity of our Saviour, the One only pure and beautiful.

In the evening, service was conducted by our lay-reader, to whom great praise should be given for his untiring efforts to keep our congregation together by services in the absence of our pastor who has to travel over miles of almost impassable roads to outlying settlements. Few there are who fully realize the hardships and privations that a clergyman has to contend with in a backwood settlement like this. Our Sunday school, the nursery of the Church, as a lady friend lovingly described it, is carried on efficiently. Our pastor's wife promotes the enjoyment of the scholars very much by her talented performance upon

the harmonium, which has just been presented to the church by members of the congregation.

Our Easter meeting for the election of officers has just closed with perfect harmony, and was very largely attended, showing the interest that is felt amongst us in all Church matters. Our wardens and officers were mostly re-elected by acclamation, with the exception of Mr. Wm. Sarason who, we deeply regret, has been obliged to retire on account of ill health. He has been our warden since the church was built, and we are truly sorry to lose him.

I have troubled you with this report in the hope that very many of those friends from all parts of the world, and also those richer dioceses who have liberally aided our good bishop's wishes for the spread of the Truth amongst those poorer brethren in this part, may see that the good seed which they have planted has produced a goodly harvest unto the Lord. It has always been a great comfort to lovers of the Church whilst visiting our beautiful lakes, to find so pretty an edifice to worship in, and we look forward with heartfelt pleasure to the summer months when we hope to have Christian friends from all parts to fill our church to overflowing.

ROSSAU.—The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the sum of \$5.00 from J. D. Oliver, as an Easter offering to the parsonage fund.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING.—On Tuesday, April 5th, the church and parsonage of this place, Thunder Bay, were burnt to the ground. Congregation much depressed, but determined to rebuild.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have to hold over a large quantity of correspondence, and Diocesan Intelligence. We would also remind our correspondents of the importance of writing all names of persons and places plainly.

Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full, and we do not hold ourselves responsible for their opinions.

"TO THE JEWS A STUMBLING BLOCK."

SIR,—In a contemporary an indignant letter of protest from one "B. H. D." anent the crosses which have been placed on the gables and over the entrance porches of Grace church, Elm Street. Surely the writer is neither an "Ebrew Jew" to be scandalized by the Sign of our Salvation; nor an infidel Greek to laugh like a fool at what all true Christians of the type of St. Paul "glory in." If he were ever baptized by a clergyman of the Church, why does he not erase the Cross mark from his brow, and so proclaim himself not one of Christ's fold, but a follower of the enemy, a fautor of those who, like the Dutch in China, would tread the Cross under foot, if so be they might put money in their purse? As for the alleged assertion on the part of the architect, that the crosses referred to are only shamrocks, I am ashamed to read it. Is he, is the editor of a professedly Christian paper afraid of being recognized a Christian and a Churchman.

Yours &c.

J. WILLIAMSON.

WHILE "ON THE ROAD."

SIR,—May I take the liberty of asking for a small space in your columns to write a few lines on behalf of Commercial Travellers, especially for such of them who are, like myself, affectionate sons of the Church. I know your paper has always so loyally and so strenuously advocated the interests of our dear old Church, and that you will only be too happy to help us in our present difficulty, a difficulty both momentous and precious it certainly is to us, and by thus bringing the following suggestion prominently before our clergymen and Church officers at this auspicious time of the year (Easter), help both us and the Church. The facts are these: That during my perambulations around the country in my business character as a commercial traveller, as Sunday comes around I often find myself in some town or city far away from Toronto, and with the exception of my business relations, find myself a stranger and unknown; and always being desirous to attend my Church, I naturally look around the office and rooms of the hotel for a card or directory, informing me where I may find my church; but in every case I am disappointed, and have often to make numerous inquiries of the clerk or landlord if there be an edifice of the Church