

and believe that the formation of a branch in the different parishes of Avon Deanery would be greatly beneficial not only in training the young and others in the true and Biblical principles of systematic and proportionate giving as a means of grace, but also in increasing largely their contributions to religious and charitable purposes.

The next meeting is to be held in Aylesford on the occasion of celebrating the centennial of the consecration of St. Mary's Church, June 29th and 30th. Dr Bowman is asked to read a paper before the members on 'The Rise and Progress of the Church in the Diocese since its inception.'

THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL FOR SPAINGHILL MINES.

To Editor of the Church Guardian :

Dear sir,—I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions :

Rev. Francis W. Dobbs, offering from St. John's Church, \$16; Rev. C. F. Lowe, collections at Summerside parish, P.E.I., \$20.44; Rev. J. E. Warner, offerings from Holy Trinity parish, Stewiacke, \$27; Rev. H. Grasset Baldwin, collected by one of his Sunday school scholars, \$3.87; Rev. G. S. Anderson, offertory from Maitland, Ontario, \$4.50; Rev. Henry Harper, Easter offerings from Port Hill, P.E.I., \$24.10; Rev. G. M. Kingston, Penetang; \$2. Total \$101.91; amount already acknowledged, \$428.28. Full total, \$530.19. Amount required, \$4 000.

We are deeply indebted to the churches of P.E.I., for their spontaneous sympathy. The need of the Hospital is very apparent at the present moment. At least two members of our congregation are waiting for sufficient strength, if it shall come, to enable them to travel 130 miles to enter the Halifax Hospital. Both need peculiar and special attention.

I remain, yours sincerely,

W CHAS. WILSON.

Springhill Mines, April 15th, 1891.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

The Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, Domestic Chaplain to the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem and the East, will be the guest of the Rev. Dean Hale, Cathedral Close, Davenport, Iowa, during Whitsuntide. He is at present delivering popular lectures in Missouri on 'The Holy Orthodox Eastern Church and the Marks of Mount Atlas,' 'The Flora of Palestine,' and 'the Jews in the Holy Land,' on behalf of the Jerusalem Bishopric Mission Fund.

After a short visit to New Brunswick in July, Mr. Dowling intends returning as soon as possible to Jerusalem.

ST. JOANS.—The annual service of the Women's and Girls' Association of St. John's Church was held on Sunday evening the 12th April. There was a large attendance and the rector, Rev. S. de Soyres, preached an admirable sermon.

At the annual meeting of the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist, Messrs Geo. A. Schofield and H. W. Frith were elected delegates to the Synod, and Messrs. I. Allen Jack and Hurd Peters, substitutes. A resolution was adopted that in the interests of the Church it was not desirable to amalgamate the Diocesan Church Society and the Synod.

The Church of England Sunday School Teachers held their bi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening, April 14th. Rev. Canon Brigstocke presided. A united children's service will be held in the Stone Church on the evening of Ascension Day, Thursday, May 7, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Dyson Hague, of Halifax. An excellent paper was read by Miss J. R. Barlow on 'How can Sunday school teachers best supply the lack of religious teaching in the public schools?' An instructive discussion also took place.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

ST. LAMBERT.—Signs are not wanting of increased interest in the Church in this parish. The pews or sittings in the church itself have all been rented, and it is now proposed to increase the accommodation and add to the beauty and completeness of the church by the addition of a chancel. The increased number of visitors to this suburb during the summer time and indeed for the whole season also would seem to favor the proposed extension.

A short time ago a number of young women were presented to his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese for Confirmation, and now another class, especially for young men, is being formed by the hard working incumbent, the Rev. W. J. Daart.

On Monday evening, the 13th inst., a parochial meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. The incumbent presided and after an explanation of the objects and aims of the Society and of its dual basis a branch was duly formed.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—The following are the appointments of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for April and May :

- April 26th, Sunday, Chambly, Rev. T. Butler; and Rougemont, Mr. Watterson.
 " 27th, Monday, Abbotsford, Rev. H. E. Horsey.
 " 28th, Tuesday, Granby and Milton, Rural Dean Longhurst.
 " 29th, Wednesday, Waterloo, &c., Archdeacon Lindsay.
 " 30th, Thursday, West Shefford and Fulford, Rev. W. Robinson.
 May 1st, Friday, South Roxton, North Shefford and Warden, Rev. R. F. Taylor.
 " 3rd, Sunday, Boscobel and North Bly, Rev. C. P. Abbott.
 " 4th, Monday, South Stukely, &c., Rev. J. W. Garland.
 " 5th, Tuesday, Bolton Centre, &c., Mr. Rollit.
 " 6th, Wednesday, Mansonville, Rural Dean Brown; Glen Sutton, Mr. Blunt.
 " 7th, Thursday, Sutton, &c., Rev. C. Bancroft.
 " 8th, Friday, Brome, Rev. J. Carmichael.
 " 10th, Sunday, Knowlton, &c., Rev. W. P. Chambers.
 " 11th, Monday, Iron Hill, &c., Rev. F. Charters.
 " 12th, Tuesday, Sweetzburg, &c., Rev. R. D. Mills.
 " 13th, Wednesday, East Farnham, &c., Rev. W. C. Bernard.
 " 14th, Thursday, Danham, Rev. George Johnson.
 " 15th, Friday, Frelighsburg, Rev. Canon Davidson.
 " 17th, Sunday, Pigeon Hill, Mr. Mervyn.
 " 18th, Monday, Bedford, &c., Rev. Rural Dean Nye.
 " 19th, Tuesday, Stanbridge, Rev. J. Constantine.
 " 24th, Trinity Sunday, Montreal, ordination

The Bishop places himself at the disposal of the clergy during his visit. Letters may be directed as follows: Waterloo, until April 27; South Stukely, until May 2nd; Knowlton, until May 7th; Frelighsburg, until May 13th; Bedford, until May 17th.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

ORILLIA.—There were 148 communicants in St. James Church on Easter Sunday.

The annual meeting of the St. James' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on the 11th of April and passed off successfully.

The President of the Barrie Branch with several delegates attended as also the local representatives. A paper on 'Parochial branches and how to make them successful' was read by

Mrs. George Moberly and elicited some discussion. One result was that the Orillia branch has decided to have an additional meeting for its members on the first Friday of each month. Mrs. Dreyer read a paper entitled 'Mission talk with children,' which showed the urgent need of and greater zeal in behalf of Missions on the part of the children of the Church.

The report of the Treasurer and Secretary for the Orillia Branch shewed much good work. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Greene, President; Miss Thomeon and Mrs. Bolster, Vice-Presidents; Miss Stewart, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Dreyer, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Murphy, sen., Treasurer.

The Vestry meeting of St. James' was held on the evening of the 13th, when a special committee was appointed to canvass the town to obtain subscribers for the general purposes fund under the envelope system, and to obtain subscriptions to the building fund; the committee to meet once a month. A vote of thanks to the incumbent was also passed by standing vote expressing appreciation of his labors and teaching, and his energy and devotedness to the work of the Church.

The annual Vestry meeting at Longford Mills was held on the 14th inst., the Rev. Canon Greene presiding. The appointment of the Rev. Hugh Jones to the Mission by the Bishop of the Diocese was unanimously accepted. Messrs. J. H. Jones and Banj Watt were appointed churchwardens. The envelope system has been used in this congregation for two years past, and according to the Minister's warden has proved most satisfactory.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—St. James'.—The first service in St. James' Parish (Rev. A. J. Belt, M.A., Rector) was held on April 27th, 1890. On the 26th of this present month the year will close, and on that day Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, of Brantford, will (D.V.) preach at both services. A baptismal service will be held at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The following contributions to the Building Fund from friends outside the parish are acknowledged with very many thanks: Mr. Robt. Baldwin, Toronto, \$100; Mr. M. Sweetnam, Guelph, \$10; and Capt. J. H. Hamilton, Mass., U.S.A., \$10.

The number of communicants on Easter Day was 102, viz., 31 at 8 a.m., and seventy-one at mid day.

It is intended to have weekly and holy-day celebrations of the Holy Communion, this being believed to be the nearest practicable fulfilment of the Scripture rule (Acts ii. 42 46., xx. 7) and the requirement of the Church, as set forth in the Collect Epistle and Gospel provided for the day, and also because it gives all an opportunity to come frequently to this Blessed Feast which Christ commanded to be received. It is impossible to measure the spiritual advantage to the parish of this weekly Communion, nor the great spiritual blessing to our people if they would all come, and come often, to the early Sunday celebrations. The 'sweet morning hour' is the fittest time to come to God in this, the highest act of Christian worship, the mind being then fresh and free from any distractions of the day.

During the year just closed, according to the Rector's report, 101 Sunday services were held, with a total attendance of 18,176, making an average of 180 at each service. There have been forty week day services, with a total attendance of 1,896, being an average of 47 at each. The number of celebrations of the Holy Communion was 46, the total number of Communions made was 1,042, an average of 9 for the early and 35 for the late celebrations. There are 117 communicants on the roll, and the attendance per month has averaged 95. Besides these 17 services were held in Brooklyn, where the attendance was 259, averaging 15 at each service. Three services were held in Puslinch,