

of the quarter commencing April 1st, my services as organist would no longer be required," and believing the reasons alleged for that action to be unjust both to the choir and myself, I desire to bring the following facts to the notice of the Vestry of St. James':—The arrangement placing the management of the choir in my hands, provided,—(1.) That I should receive the sum of \$1,000 per annum and take upon myself the whole responsibility of the choir. (2.) That the engagement of the voices should devolve entirely upon me. (3.) That the committee should not interfere in any way, the only condition being "that the musical portion of our services be conducted with efficiency by a full choir of at least fifty voices."

"I objected—(1.) That there was no possibility of carrying out the proposition successfully, because, as existing arrangements had not been terminated, it was impossible to make new ones. (2.) No position had been provided to enable me to control the choir. (3.) There was no proper supply of music. This was partially supplied by a grant of fifty dollars. I also stated that I must rely upon that generous support and consideration which would be necessary to make any effort of mine satisfactory. The only condition which depended upon me has been fairly performed. I have a full and effective choir of over fifty voices in general attendance. Many additional voices were being trained, but for want of a position which would enable me to control them, the effort to secure them had to be abandoned. The stipulations on the part of the Committee have not been fulfilled. The sum of \$1,000 per annum has not been paid to me. The manner in which the proposition was forced upon me prevented the possibility of the engagement of the voices devolving entirely upon me, and only an insufficient supply of music was provided. The many efforts I have made during the past year to improve the music of the Church have been paralyzed from want of sympathy, co-operation, and encouragement.

"I have only so long held my position, with all its discouragements, for the love which I bear to our Church and its services. The miserable pittance of four hundred dollars a year attached to the office as a salary, could never have induced me to do so. Under these circumstances I cannot feel that any blame is attachable to me, and having been refused an opportunity of meeting the Committee appointed by the Vestry to co-operate with me, even to make explanations, I appeal to the Vestry to take such action as it may deem fitting in the matter, and to remove the stigma it has been sought to fasten upon me, that I have not fulfilled the conditions I undertook. I have the honour to be, faithfully yours, JOHN CARTER."

Moved by Hon. W. Cayley, seconded by Hon. Chief Justice Hagarty, "The vestry of St. James', as representing the congregation, desires to express its deep regret that they are about to lose the services of an old and valued servant, their organist, who has faithfully discharged the duties of his post for a period of twenty years. As the engagement of an organist is a matter entirely within the jurisdiction of the churchwardens, the vestry does not deem that the duty devolves upon them to enquire into the circumstances which has led to the loss of Mr. Carter's services." Carried.

Church of the Ascension.—The Rev. S. W. Young, M. A., in the chair. The Hon. Jas. Patton, Q. C., was nominated by the Rector as warden, but to the great regret of the meeting that gentleman felt obliged to decline owing to the pressure of his private business. The rector then nominated Mr. Chas. Magrath, and Mr. Kivas Tully was elected. Sidesmen—Messrs. Bickerstaff, Biggar, Boomer, Boswell, Bryce, Delamere, Piper, Strathy, Robertson, Winans, Young, Fahey, Duffy, Godson, Fitzsimmons, Hastings and Langton. Mr. W. Fahey was re-elected vestry clerk; and Messrs. Robertson and Biggar, auditors. Messrs. Strathy and Robertson were appointed trustees of the building fund. The account showed receipts amounting to nearly \$4,000, and a balance in hand of \$75. The Building Committee reported that about \$34,000 had passed through their hands. Messrs. S. Smith, Chas. Magrath, and Thos. Delamere, were elected delegates.

Trinity.—Rev. Alexander Sanson in the chair. Messrs. William Gooderham, sen., and Dr. Cameron were appointed churchwardens; Messrs. William Gooderham, sen., T. W. Rawlinson, and

Frederick Lemaitre Grasset, delegates. The meeting adjourned until the 6th of May, when the financial statement will be presented.

Grace Church.—Rev. Mr. Sheraton in the chair. Messrs. W. H. Howland and J. Berwick were elected churchwardens, and the Hon. Edw. Blake, F. A. Ball and Joseph Bickerstaff delegates to the Diocesan Synod. Mr. J. B. Fleming, vestry clerk. The meeting was adjourned till May 6th, for receiving the auditor's report.

St. Matthias.—Rev. R. Harrison presided. The following gentlemen were appointed churchwardens:—Mr. Thos. Baily, and Mr. Wm. Peacock, sen.; Messrs. P. Beverley, R. Radcliffe and W. Peacock, jun., delegates. The retiring churchwardens presented a satisfactory financial statement. The following were elected sidesmen:—Messrs. Maybee, Pritchard, Hicks and Dickson. Mr. Timms retired from the office of choir-master, owing to ill-health, and the office was assumed *pro tem* by the incumbent. Messrs. Peacock, sen., and Telfer consented to act respectively as organist and sexton for the ensuing year.

St. Peter's.—Rev. S. G. Boddy in the chair. The incumbent appointed Capt. Douglas, church warden, and Mr. J. Herbert Mason was elected. Messrs. A. G. Lee and H. P. Dwight, sidesmen. The following were elected delegates:—Messrs. Boyd, Conger and Coate. On the suggestion of the incumbent, an advisory board or committee, consisting of six members, was appointed to assist the churchwardens in their work during the ensuing year. Votes of thanks were tendered to Mr. Atkinson, organist, and the ladies and gentlemen composing the choir; to Messrs. Thorne and Coate, the retiring churchwardens, and also to Mr. Smith, the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

St. Thomas.—Rev. J. H. McCollum in the chair. The financial statement was read, and gave satisfaction. The following were appointed churchwardens:—Mr. Robert Wells and Mr. Fussell. Delegates—Messrs. Marcellus Crombie, John Canavan, and M. M. Matthews, Esq.

St. John's.—Wardens—Mr. C. W. Postlethwaite and Mr. S. Shaw. The following gentlemen were appointed sidesmen:—Dr. Spragge, Capt. McMaster, Messrs. G. L. Garden, T. G. Bright, W. Moffatt, H. Dixon, T. Kerr, and D'Arcy Boulton. Delegates to the Synod:—Messrs. S. Shaw, J. Maughan, and T. C. Bright.

St. Stephen's.—Churchwardens—Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pepler; sidesmen—E. Coleman, Dr. Machell, Jas. Pepler, jr., C. H. Coate, John Aird, S. J. Barwick; delegates, F. W. Coate, F. J. Vankoughnet, M. Shephard.

St. Philip's.—Rev. Geo. H. Moxon, presided. The following were appointed churchwardens—Mr. C. S. Gzowski, jr., Mr. James Browne. Sidesmen—Messrs. E. W. Windeat, Frank Roberts, G. D. Dawson, and Herbert Crocker. Delegates to the Synod—Col. Robert Denison, Col. C. S. Gzowski, and Mr. C. M. Evans. Auditors—Messrs. Porter and Windeat.

St. George's.—The Rev. J. D. Cayley occupied the chair. Mr. E. M. Chadwick was appointed churchwarden, and Mr. Elmes Henderson was elected. Messrs. Wm. Gamble, S. W. Farrell, H. W. M. Murray were elected delegates.

Holy Trinity.—Rev. Mr. Darling, in the chair. Churchwardens—Messrs. R. H. Bethune, and E. F. Oates. Delegates—Messrs. W. T. O'Reilly, W. Ince, and S. G. Wood.

St. Luke's.—The Rev. J. Langtry occupied the chair. Messrs. James Broom and Clarkson Jones were appointed churchwardens. Delegates—Messrs. Clarkson Jones, John Hague, and W. Plummer. The total receipts for the past year were announced to be \$3,229.61; balance on hand, \$50.36.

St. Paul's.—Delegates: Bernard Haldan, Geo. Boyd, Robert Sewell. Churchwardens: Henry Draper, W. Evans.

All Saints.—Rev. A. H. Baldwin in the chair. The receipts were announced to be \$5,168 19, and the expenditure \$5,013 41, leaving a balance of \$164.78. Churchwardens: Messrs. C. H. Green, C. Unwin. Sidesmen—Messrs. J. Alley, E. Cox, S. Trees, T. Moberley, C. Fuller, and R. Gooderham. Messrs. G. R. Howard and Marling were appointed auditors. A committee consisting of Messrs. A. McL. Howard, G. R. Howard, R. Gooderham, Moberly, Trees, A. Marling, Joseph, and Cox, was appointed with a view of assisting

the Churchwardens in making collections in aid of the building fund and other expenses of the church. Delegates—Messrs. Howard, Whitney and Fuller.

St. Stephens.—The amount raised was \$2,620. Churchwardens—Messrs. J. D. Oliver, Jas. Pepler, Senr. Sidesmen—Messrs. E. Coleman, Jas. Pepler, Junr., C. B. Coate, John Aird, L. J. Barwick, Dr. Machell. Delegates—Messrs. S. J. Vankoughnet, F. W. Coate, and Maxfield Shephard.

Church of the Redeemer.—Church Wardens—J. Harris, E. Burch. Delegates—A. H. Campbell, R. J. Dunbar, J. L. Bronsdon.

St. Bartholomew.—Churchwardens—Robt. Davis, Thomas Allen.

Christ Church.—Churchwardens—Dr. Laratt W. Smith, Joseph Jaques. Delegates—Philip Armstrong, Thos. Elzie, W. Shreiber.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

During Holy Week there were daily services in St. George's Church, Guelph. On Monday there were three adult baptisms. On Good Friday there were large congregations and the music was very beautiful and appropriate. "The Story of the Cross" was sung with much sweetness, to Redhead's arrangement. In the evening Canon Dixon gave the last of his series of lectures on the Burial Service, the subject was "Recognition in a future State." It was very appropriate to the feeling of sorrow that pervades the congregation, from which three members had been taken by death during Holy Week. One, Miss Brock, a young lady much beloved by all, and a devoted Churchwoman. Mr. James Webster, Registrar of the County, a gentleman whose genial disposition made him a universal favourite, and Mr. Hall, father of Mr. Watson Hall, Master in Chancery. On Good Friday there were two funerals and one on Saturday. On Easter morning, there was an early celebration of the Holy Communion at which 71 were present, and at the mid-day service there were 137, making 208, the largest number that ever received this sacrament on one day in St. George's Church. The congregations both morning and evening were very great, and the singing, chanting, &c., were rendered admirably by a very strong choir, Miss Geddes officiating at the organ with her usual brilliancy of execution. In the evening the St. George's Society attended Church, and Canon Dixon gave an appropriate sermon. The Church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

SALT FLEET & BINBROOK.—His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara held a confirmation on Tuesday 16th inst., in the Church of the Redeemer, Stoney Creek, when fifteen candidates were presented by Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, and received the "laying on of hands."

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LENTEN SERVICES.—The observances of the Church Services of Holy week, have been in the city much the same as in preceding years. The congregations at morning and evening service have not been very large, though they have been pretty good, and the evening services have been well attended, especially at St. Paul's, the oldest and principal church. On Friday the congregations were larger than usual. The services held during Holy Week in St. Paul's, were as follows: Service every morning at 11 o'clock. Sermon almost always by Rev. Canon Innes: subject; The history of Christ during the week preceding his Passion. Evening services, 7:30 o'clock, Monday, Rev. Evans Davis, A. M., Tuesday, Rev. H. W. Halpin, M. A.; Wednesday, Rev. Mr. De Lom; Thursday, Rev. J. Richardson, A. M.; Good Friday, morning service, Rev. Dr. Lew; Evening Service, Rev. Canon Innes. No service on Saturday.

CHRIST CHURCH.—Memorial Window.—This church has very little to attract the attention of the wayfarer, either in the style of architecture or the site selected. It is in the extreme south of the city, near to Wellington Bridge, and having no handsome church grounds around it. But