

SS. MARY'S.—The Easter Vestry meeting of St. James' Church, held on Easter Monday, was largely attended, and much active interest taken in church work. The financial position of the church was shown to be particularly healthy. The rector, Rev. J. S. Wright, in the chair. The following officers were chosen: Wardens, Messrs. T. D. Stanley and Chas. Humphries; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Marshall and Stanley; Auditors, Messrs. Hutton and Stephenson; Sidesmen, Messrs. Howard, Hutton, Coleman and Rumsey; special Committees on choir and parsonage were appointed. The meeting adjourning for two weeks. The Lenten services in this parish were well attended. The clergy who assisted the rector were Rev. Canon Patterson, Stratford; Rev. M. Turnbull, Listowell; Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, London; Rev. W. Craig, Clinton; Rev. R. Ker, Mitchell; and Rev. T. W. Magahy, Lucan.

WARDSVILLE.—The annual Easter Vestry meeting of St. James' Church was held in the basement on Tuesday Evening last, and was well attended. After prayer the pastor, Rev. W. J. Taylor made a brief address, after which the Treasurer's report was read showing that during the year the sum of money raised for all purposes was considerably in advance of any other year in the history of the parish, and after all demands had been met there still remained a good balance on hand. The former wardens, Messrs. H. A. Willson and W. R. Ravenscroft were re-elected. Mr. Wm. Neal elected Delegate to Synod and Mr. Wm. Newson Sec. Treas. The meeting was most unanimous, and it was unanimously agreed to increase the pastor's stipend to a good round sum. Church work in this parish is in a most flourishing condition, and besides a good Sunday School and growing congregation, there is a Band of Hope and a branch of the C. E. T. S. each in a very thriving state.

COURTRIGHT.—Tuesday, April 7th, the Rev. Dr. Armstrong held service in the schoolhouse of school section number one. He delivered an eloquent address from the 18th chapter of the gospel of St. John, beginning at the 14th verse, in which he showed God's great love to us. Good Friday the Rev. Dr. held service in Trinity Church, Mooretown. There was a large congregation. Our energetic and hardworking clergyman has done much to further the interests of Trinity Church, there being 100 communicants connected with its congregation. On Easter Day there was an early communion at nine a.m. The evening of Easter Tuesday Bishop Baldwin confirmed a number of candidates, among whom was one hoary-headed man. His lordship delivered an excellent and touching address, in which he explained the love of Christ beautifully. The next morning his lordship preached a sermon and administered an early communion at half past nine a.m.

LONDON.—Easter Services.—The services of the great Christian festival were largely attended. In St. Paul's Church especially, the congregations were very large. There has been a great increase in the number of communicants in all our churches. At the early morning communion there were about 100. At the mid-day communion the number must have been very large. At the Chapter House, a small church assembling in an upper room, there were ninety communicants. The music at St. Paul's was said to have exceeded that at previous festivals.

THORNDALE.—The annual vestry meeting of St. George's Church, was held in the church on Easter Monday evening, Messrs. Harrison and J. Armstrong were appointed churchwardens, and Messrs. C. Harrison, W. Lee, delegates. The rector, Rev. J. Holmes, then tendered his resignation, which was accepted. A committee was appointed to wait on the Bishop at an early date. The financial report of the parish was very satisfactory.

DORCHESTER.—The Easter vestry meeting of St. Peter's Church was largely attended, Rev. C. Miles, incumbent, occupied the chair. The financial affairs of the church are prosperous. The churchwardens appointed are Messrs. Bill and Starrs; delegate to synod, Mr. T. Irwin, jr.

CHATHAM.—At the Easter vestry meeting of Christ Church, Mr. Richards was appointed churchwarden, and Messrs. Woods, Wilson and Patterson, delegates. The reports of church doings were very satisfactory: baptisms, 65; confirmed, 93; marriages, 21; burials, 35; services, 128; number who communicated at Easter, 310; number of families connected with the church, 340; number of Sunday school scholars on roll, 520. The vestry resolved to enlarge the Sunday school to an extra seating capacity of 250, and to move the choir to the chancel.

ALVINSTON.—Rev. A. F. Burt has been recently appointed incumbent of Alvinston by his lordship the Bishop, and will shortly assume the duties of that mission parish.

LUCAN.—Rev. Thomas W. has preached his farewell sermon in the Church of the Holy Trinity, of which he has been rector for some years.

LONDON.—Christ Church.—The Sunday school Easter festival on Friday evening, April 16th, was well attended. The scholars attended at 6 o'clock, and enjoyed their evening tea. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, about 300 sat down together, after which they enjoyed themselves outside till 7 o'clock with various games, when they again assembled with their parents and friends, the room being crowded. There was singing by the school, an address by Rev. C. W. Ball, a number of recitations, and a magic lantern entertainment. The evening was a very pleasant one.

MORPETH.—Rev. John Downie, rector of Morpeth, has been appointed by his lordship the Bishop, to succeed Rev. W. Magahy in the incumbency of Lucan.

GODERICH.—Rev. Mr. Young, who has for some time been Bishop's commissary, visiting and re-arranging the several parishes of the diocese, has been appointed rector of Goderich by his lordship the Bishop.

BURFORD.—Rev. W. Johnson has been appointed by the Bishop incumbent of Bayfield. Mr. Johnson, previous to his leaving for his new field of labour, was presented with a gold mounted Wirt fountain pen, and his wife with a handsomely bound volume of Longfellow's poems by friends in Goderich.

ALGOMA.

The treasurer acknowledges, with many thanks, the receipt of the following contributions:—Woman's Auxiliary, New St. Paul's, Woodstock, per Mrs. Eakins, \$52.50; St. James' Church, St. John, N. B., per Rev. Mr. James, \$150.50; offertory All Saints', Hamilton, per Rev. Geo. Forneret, \$10; Three little children, ditto, \$1; Two Sisters, Toronto, \$2; Miss Lowe, \$24; Mrs. James Henderson, \$5; Mr. Butler, \$1; Mr. Hutchison, \$5; per Mr. Rowe, D. H. Charles, \$10.

HUNTSVILLE.—The vestry of All Saints' Church met on Easter Monday, the Rev. Thos. Llwyd, incumbent, in the chair. The Wardens' report showed that the income from all sources was \$541.34, and the expenditure was \$538.22, leaving a balance in hand of \$3.12. Mr. Geo. Eccleston was re-appointed clergyman's warden, and Mr. Jacobs elected people's warden. It was unanimously resolved to submit Mr. Geo. Hunt's name to the Bishop through the incumbent as catechist to this station. The chairman called attention to the fact that the Sunday school had undertaken the flooring and the lining up of the inside of the Church Hall, and would attend to the unpaid balance of the cost at an early date, amounting to \$80. The total value of the church's effort in all committees amount to \$1,220. The expenditure is equal, with an outstanding liability of \$150.

FOREIGN.

The Bishop of Sydney is expected to arrive in England about the end of April. He will take the opportunity of communicating with the Church authorities at home, on some important resolutions passed at the late sitting of the General Synod of the Church in Australia and Tasmania.

A direct descendant of the chief murdered in Glencoe in 1692, Mrs. E. C. M. B. Macdonald, was buried in the Glen in true Highland fashion on March 9th, the procession being accompanied by pipers. Mrs. Macdonald had taken chief part in the erection of the memorial which marks the scene of the massacre, and in building the Church in the Glen.

There is a rumor that an effort will be made ere long to create a separate diocese of Lancaster, in order to lessen the burden which now falls on the Bishop of Manchester, and which is far beyond one man's strength. The population has increased this century from 485,896 to 2,474,291, and the number of churches from 170 to 493.

The chancel window of Fintona Church, County Tyrone, consisting of four semi-circular-headed main lights, divided into eight panels by the transomed

framework, and with a circle and four spandrels above, has recently been filled with richly colored and elaborately painted glass.

Bishop Roberts lately held a confirmation service at the military church, Aldershot, at which 106 out of 184 were from the garrison. The Bishop was much impressed by the intense reverence and devotion of the soldiers. Four stained glass windows have been placed in the church in memory of General Wardlaw, officers, non commissioned officers, and men of the First Royal Dragoons who fell in the Soudan.

Correspondence.

All Letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

MINORITY VOTE.

DEAR SIR,—Having, as a delegate to the Huron Synod, felt that the election of the Executive Committee has been very much elected by a combination of votes, so that beyond the favored circle, a large number of votes were in fact without any representation. I think that now the executive have full power over all financial matters, the minority vote would give a representation to all. As there are thirty clerical, and an equal number of laymen elected, if, instead of each member voting for thirty members of their respective order, they were to vote only for twenty, a fairer representation of all those interested would be obtained. I think the executive ability would not be decreased and the interests of the whole more beneficially and harmoniously administered.

Yours truly,

HURON.

ALGOMA.

SIR,—May I ask for space to gratefully make the following acknowledgements? A box of books and miscellaneous papers from H. Scadding, Esq., Orillia, which will be extremely useful to our work here. A bank order for £23 6s. 0d. sterling, per Sir Walter Farquhar, and £8 sterling from an old lady friend, both sums to be spent on the work to be done at St. George's church, Lancaster. How necessary this work is may be judged when I state that, owing to the shrinking of the timbers of the church, there have been, several times, fifteen pails full of snow taken out before we could commence service this last winter. Our congregation has increased so much that we are compelled to enlarge. Our bishop's visit raised enthusiasm to a high pitch, and the people, in their poverty, have promised nobly, and are already fulfilling their promises. So pleased am I that I have offered to give them a bell, myself, if a turret is added to their scheme. This is to be done. To complete the needed work call for over \$500, but alas! we have little more than half. I shall be glad to receive help from any one willing to join me in promoting what is really a good work.

The lady friend above mentioned, tells me that she has paid into Messrs. Drummond's bank the sum of £80 11s. 0d. for our W. and O. Fund, being the response to my first private appeal since the happy reconciliation brought about by our Heavenly Father last Christmas.

I am happy to add that the generous builder of the stone church, at Aspidin, has donated a further sum of £100 sterling for the purpose of adding a tower and spire, and so making the Church complete. This generous act has been in consequence of the strong and favorable report of our Bishop's visit to the Aspidin mission. *Lauds Deo.*

Aspidin P. O., Muskoka, WILLIAM CROMPTON,
Canada, April 19th, 1887.

SKETCH OF LESSON.

3RD. SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. MAY 1st, 1887.
The Law Accepted.

Passage to be read.—Exodus xxiv. 1-11.

Our last lesson was an account of the Law which God gave Israel to keep. The Ten Commandments were the rules given to the people saved from Egypt, and to which they promised obedience. The giving of the Law was the basis of the covenant between Jehovah and His ancient people, and was, at the same time, the Divine testimony against the sinful tendencies of all mankind. These rules are binding on us also (St. Matt. xxii. 35-40).

Before the law was uttered, Israel promised to keep it. To day we shall see how they afterwards promised the same thing.