

will guide others to be good through Jesus Christ who died.

ONTARIO.

The Mission of Leeds Rear is now vacant, and, doubtless, measures will soon be taken to secure the services of another clergyman. It is a country of great natural beauty and at the same time excellent soil—a large and laborious field of labor certainly, but containing a well to do, intelligent, and kind-hearted people. After an incumbency of four years, the retiring incumbent leaves us a self-sustaining parish, with a fair subscription list fairly paid up, and at St. Peter's, Sealeys Bay, besides the payment of the promised salary, the congregation presented their minister on the occasion of his concluding service there with the proceeds of an additional subscription and a complimentary address.

TORONTO.

The synod of the diocese of Toronto will meet on Tuesday, the 5th day of June, in St. James' school house, at 10 a.m.

WESTON.—At the adjourned meeting of the vestry of St. Philip's Church, the church wardens presented the following very favorable report of the finances for the past year: Balance to credit of bazar fund, \$25.77, left in treasurer's hands; pew rent account, \$84.41; burial fund, \$30.09; general cash account, \$27.92; bounty fund, \$7; chapel account, \$2.59; envelope account, Easter day, \$5.20. Total balance on hand, \$132.98. There is deposited in Government Savings Bank, Toronto, To credit of burial fund, \$132; to credit of bounty fund, \$500; and for improvement of Caledon lot, \$322.51; omitted in place, interest accrued on burial fund, \$55.69.—W. R. Wadsworth, T. G. Savage, M.D., church wardens for 1887-8.

Note.—One of Warrens & Co's \$600 pipe organs is now being placed in St. Philip's Church, which is paid for.

NIAGARA.

The Rev. Canon R. Arnold has resigned the rectorship of Fort Erie and Bertie, the same to take effect on the 1st July.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's church, Fort Erie, held on Monday evening, April 30th, a unanimous vote was adopted that the wardens be requested to represent the name of the Rev. W. J. Pigott as their future rector.

HURON.

BRANTFORD.—St. Jude's Church.—Easter season this year has, indeed, been a joyous one in St. Jude's. On Easter Day the church presented a very fine appearance, the floral decorations were beautiful, especially the cross of white lilies, and the other flowers on the re-table. The services throughout the day were very bright and hearty; the first was the celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., at which there was a large number of communicants; at 11 a.m. a very large congregation assembled, the hymns and chants were all well selected for the day, and were sung with great spirit by the choir and congregation, the responses were especially good. The rector, the Rev. J. L. Strong, preached a most impressive sermon, after which there was another celebration of the Holy Communion, when a still greater number partook of the sacrament. At half past two the rector addressed the children in the church, a special service was held for them. The Bible class met, as usual, at a quarter to four, this class is conducted by the rector and is in a most flourishing condition, the usual attendance is between forty and fifty, and is attended by many of the elder members of the Church. At five o'clock the confirmation class met at 7 p.m., another large congregation assembled; this service was particularly joyful, the musical part of all the services was well rendered, and reflects great praise on Mrs. Weir, organist, and Mr. Kimpton, choir master. A special offering was taken up at both morning and evening services towards paying off the balance due on the improvements of the Church, and a handsome amount was received. On Monday evening the annual vestry meeting took place, the rector in the chair, there was a good attendance of the members, also a large number of ladies were present, a special invitation having been extended to them. The rector opened the meeting with prayer, after which he read a short account of his work in the parish during the year, which was both very interesting and most encouraging. The churchwardens presented their financial report, which showed that the parish had made great progress during the year, over four hundred dollars was spent on improving the church, which now presents a very fine

appearance; and a very pleasing feature is that they have given up raising money through entertainments, relying solely upon direct giving for the support of the church, and the result has been most satisfactory, the offertory has greatly increased and the amount received for missions has doubled. The rector re-appointed Mr. G. W. Seace his warden, and the vestry unanimously re-appointed Mr. C. E. Passmore people's warden. Col. J. T. Gilkison and Mr. C. E. Passmore were appointed lay delegates to the synod. The most gratifying part of all is the steady growth of spiritual life in the parish, there are three regular week-day services held, Wednesday evening in the school-house by the rector, and on Friday evening at the house of Miss Wright, Eagle Place, and also at Mr. Kerr's in the north part of the parish, these services are conducted by the rector and members of St. Jude's Workingmen's Association, and are all well attended. During the past three months a Sunday School has been started at Eagle Place in connection with St. Jude's at the house of Mr. Breeze, which numbers over 25 scholars. Miss Wright and Miss Breeze are the teachers, and their labors have been crowned with marked success. There is, also, the regular meetings of C. E. T. S., the St. Jude's Workingmen's Association, Women's Auxiliary, Dorcas Society and the Communicant's meeting.

On Easter Tuesday the annual choir festival took place in the church, when they rendered in a most acceptable manner the beautiful Cantata, Jairus' daughter, music by John Stevens, selections from Mozart's 12th Mass, and from the Creation, &c. The church was filled.

We are glad to know that St. Jude's prospects never were so bright as at the present time, and we heartily congratulate the rector and churchwardens upon the position. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Weir, organist, Mr. Kimpton, choir master, and to the choir for their very efficient service rendered during the year. The meeting adjourned for two weeks to receive the auditor's report.

BERLIN.—St. John's.—Churchwardens, Dr. Bowly, and H. J. Bowman, P.L.S.; lay delegate, John Fennell. The retiring churchwardens accounts show a small cash balance and no liabilities. Plans for additional church accommodation are under consideration. The number of communicants at Easter was the largest on record, and equally divided between the noon and the early celebration. Owing to the large attendance at the latter, the rector has decided to continue it once a month.

ALGOMA.

Mrs. T. S. Cole, superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School, Maintown, sincerely thanks Miss C. E. M. Ridgeway for the Easter offering of \$2.36 from her class, No. 17 St. George's Sunday School, Guelph, which was the more appreciated being the first received for a long time.

Death of one of the Blackfeet boys.—Extract from a private letter:—"We hoped he might rally when the warm weather came, but the spring is late and the snow still deep. He used to get up in the middle of the day, and at first go down-stairs, but latterly he would sit for a time in a sun-shiny window enjoying the warmth till he felt inclined to lie down again. This window looked out on the river, and he would watch the boys playing on the ice. Mr. Wilson baptized both the boys yesterday (April 22nd). Appikokia in church, giving him the name of "James Edward," Etukitsin, now "David" in his bed. I think God must have meant to take him as soon as he became a Christian. The last three nights he had been very restless and feverish, coughing very much, and suffering much in his right lung. I sat up with him, David Minominee sleeping in the room. When the pain came he liked me to rub and knead his chest, it soothed him. Last night David M. and Appikokia were to sit up while I went to bed in the inner room. For some time David was singing hymns to him, in which he would join a little. At half past twelve I heard him calling, and went to him. At the first moment he did not know me, but when I called him "my dear boy" he looked in my face and smiled brightly. I rubbed him till the pain ceased, and bathed his hands and face, and he amused himself with the sponge as he was fond of doing, squeezing it and laughing at the water running through his fingers. When he was quite comfortable I lay down again and heard David singing. He had been several times, and there seemed no worse symptoms than usual. About two David called me; blood was coming from his mouth. He ran for Mr. Wilson, but before he could get here the dear boy had passed away. David said he began to cough, and he gave him his little cup, but the blood began to run; it was impossible to stop it; it ran from his mouth and nostrils, and it was over in a few moments. Appikokia was standing by him when he

died, and when Mr. Wilson came he knelt and offered the commendatory prayer. He will be buried in our little cemetery on Wednesday. It is a sad blow to Mr. Wilson and we all feel it very much, for I think he was a favorite with all the boys. During his illness he left off being shy and became familiar with me, and I learned how lovable he was. He was very fond of the pictures in my Bible and Prayer book. His poor father and mother will be sorely grieved for him to die so far from home."

GRAVENHURST.—The new church building is let to A. W. Moore, Gravenhurst, to be built for the sum of \$1,890, and the iron roof to J. F. Young, Gravenhurst, for the sum of \$325. The seating will be supplied by the incumbent. The money in hand is \$2,340, and the two contracts take \$2,215. Besides the above a furnace will be needed, also windows, painting, lamps, carpet, and other necessaries. The sum contributed by friends in Canada is \$1,119 net; the insurance \$1,221.67; and the whole cost will be about \$3,200. The building is 60x80, with apse 18x12, and is designed by J. A. Fowler, C. E., architect, Toronto.

ASPEN.—The church wardens of St. Mary's, Aspen, beg to acknowledge through your paper the receipt of a very handsome brocade silk frontal embroidered with gold, from the donor of the Stone Church per the Rev. W. Crompton. We also take this means to thank the lady who worked the embroidery on the frontal.

FOREIGN.

It is stated, with every appearance of authenticity, that a nephew of the late King Oetewayo, after six years in Sweden in theological and other studies, has gone back to carry on mission work in his native land.

The twenty-thousand estimated membership of the Unitarian body of the United States, remains the same as it was four years ago, while the 86,288 of the Universalists of the same date have fallen to 85,550.

The Bishop of Bedford has for some years past taken the number of communicants on Easter Day in 26 of the larger East London parishes. The result shows steady growth all along the line. The total number in the 26 parishes this year was 8,450, an increase of 707 over last year, and of 1,668 over the year 1885, when the numbers were first taken.

Dr. Von Dollinger has sent, in reply to a question addressed to him by a highly placed personage in England, an explicit and categorical denial of certain statements hostile to the Old Catholics, which he is alleged to have made recently, warning the English bishops against them. He authorizes his correspondent to contradict this assertion emphatically, implying that an attempt was made unsuccessfully to draw some such expression of opinion from him, but that the only matter represented as coming from him, which corresponds to the facts, is that he did say that he knew not of any increase in the numbers or congregations of the Old Catholic body. Even here he is careful to say that he expressly added that he had no direct or personal knowledge on this head, and that he referred his questioner at the time to Professor Friedrich, as better able to supply information upon it.

Meeting of the London Diocesan Conference April 10. The Bishop of London in opening the proceedings spoke with great regret of the departure of Bishop How to the See of Wakefield. "It was not," he said, "the place or time for praising the bishop, because he was present, but it was the time and place for expressing their warmest sense of the loss they were about to sustain. It was a fitting time and place to assure the bishop how heartily their prayers and sympathies would go with him. The work of organizing a new diocese could not be put in better hands."

The Rev. Dr. Nevin received into the communion of the Church, at St. Paul's church, Rome, two Roman priests, the Rev. Messrs. Paolino Fiori and Paola Loja. Their confession of the Nicene faith, and renunciation of the additions made to that faith under the Popes Pius IV and Pius IX. was witnessed by the Rev. J. W. Pickance, of Reigate, and the Rev. G. W. Douglas, of Trinity church, New York. These priests were two out of six who applied to Dr. Nevin to be received into the Anglican communion during the week following the Papal Jubilee. They were both members of the Capuchin order, in which they were known respectively as Padre Modesto da Guarino, and Padre Luigi da Viterbo. They are young men of much promise, who had recently finished their course