

MIDLAND.—Geo. S. Holmstead was elected lay representative to the Synod, not Mr. Weber, as stated in our last issue.

TECUMSETH.—It is very gratifying to learn that the parishioners have been and are most industrious in building their two new churches, by their strenuous efforts in getting up liberal subscriptions, hauling the materials, and other work, needed for the purpose. Such laudable exertions are most satisfactory indications of Church progress.

BRIGHTON.—The Lenten services have been well attended this year. During Passion week the incumbent, Rev. R. H. Harris held daily service, the congregation were very large, increasing daily. Services were continued daily during Easter week until Friday when a solemn and delightful service was held concluding with the Lord's Supper. A large number of communicants (principally young people) partook of that Holy Sacrament. The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday when the wardens reported that in the last six months debts to the amount of over one hundred dollars had been paid off and the incumbents salary paid to the end of the second quarter with the exception of eight or nine dollars. The incumbent nominated Mr. L. E. Austen as warden Mr. Wm. Flendell elected by the people; Messrs. Arthur Mayhew and W. Ayre as sidesmen. Messrs. Fred. W. Austen and D. Bullock representatives. A vote of thanks was passed to the wardens Messrs. L. E. Austen and W. Ayre for their efficient services during the past year.

STOUFFVILLE.—The Church is steadily, but surely, progressing in this new mission station. The reports at the Easter vestry meeting, the second since the inception of the mission were very encouraging. The services of the Church are more highly esteemed, and the responses are heartily rendered. The congregation is very steady, united, and in perfect accord with the missionary. The vestry was cheered by a gift of sufficient land, on which to build a church, from Mrs. C. Reesor, of Markham. The lot is situated on Main street, in the very centre of the village, and is very valuable. The Church people of Stouffville owe a very great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Reesor for her rare generosity; as she is not a member of the congregation there, but of the parent church in Markham village. It was decided to procure plans, and proceed with the building of a small church as soon as possible.

SPRINGHILL, KING.—Just before Easter a most successful four days' mission was given in the parish by the Rev. Ogden P. Ford, prior to his taking the district over permanently and working it from Woodbridge. The services, four every day with a daily Eucharist, were well attended as well by churchmen as by non-churchmen, and a deep feeling of the solemnity of the occasion was manifested by all. An afternoon service for youths and men only, was one of the most impressive and satisfactory of all, the church being completely filled. The communicants numbered well on to a hundred; and the Easter Communion showed, this year, a grand and encouraging display of fervour.

AURORA.—Trinity Church.—At the Easter meeting of this Church, the wardens' report showed a balance in hand of \$18-22. Messrs. W. H. Perram and W. Willis were re-appointed wardens. The Rev. Mr. Paterson reported that as the result of his ten days canvass among the numbers of the congregation for subscriptions toward the erection of a new church, he had secured the sum of \$4,025, and there were others yet to be called on where subscriptions he thought would raise the amount to \$4,200. There was also a sum of \$150 promised toward the furnishing fund. The report was received, and a vote of thanks passed, a resolution was also adopted appointing a building committee with instructions to proceed at once with the erection of a new building (not to exceed \$5,000 in cash) with the object of having it ready for divine service by Christmas day. The arrangement concluded at a special vestry meeting for a separation of King from the parish, was approved. Mr. W. H. Perram was elected representative. On Easter day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at eight a.m., at which seventy-seven communicants were present, being twenty-seven in excess of those last Easter, and thirty-three more than at the same festival the previous year. In the afternoon a service in connection with the Sunday School was held, when the evensong, "The Saviour King" was rendered by the scholars in a most pleasing manner. An address was delivered by the Incumbent, and the Lenten offerings of the children for the Shingwauk and Wa-Wanosh Homes were presented. At the evening service the church was crowded. At the communion service in the morning as well as in the evening the musical part was performed in a manner

such as is seldom heard in a village church. And it might be added that the chancel was very prettily decorated with flowers and plants.

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HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office from 1st March to 18th April, 1881.

MISSION FUND.—*Offering Collections.*—Burlington, 25:00; Nelson, 2:00; Welland, 2:43; Guelph, 21:50; Copeston, 31:16; Barton, 2:43; Glendon, 2:39; Watdown, 12:25; Allerton, 2:00; Hamilton, 2:50; Clinton, 11:33; Oakville, 7:36; Hamilton, Church of the Ascension, 100:00; St. Catharines, St. Thomas, 30:00. *Thanks for Collections.*—Clifton, 6:15. *Parishal Collections.*—Hambly, 68:00; Ayrton, 85:00; Welland, 29:25; Hamilton, Christ Church, 27:14; Grimsby, 19:00; St. Catharines, St. George's, 24:75; Barton, 16:50; Glendon, 11:00; Hamilton, St. Thomas, 18:50; Clifton, 7:55; Stewarttown, 36:00; Rothsay and Huston, 58:02; Amaranth West, 6:00; Acton, 18:00; Eramosa, 10:00; Cayuga, 85:73; Guelph, 114:83; Niagara, 44:78; Stony Creek and Bartonville, 50:00; Mount Forest, 42:00; North Arthur, 20:75; Salfleet, Binbrook, and Barton East, 36:08; St. Catharines, St. Barnabas, 25:00; Hamilton, All Saints, 15:50; Beverley and West Flamboro', 80:00; Elora, 42:45; Alma, 14:55; Erin and Garatrasa, 37:08; Watdown and Aldershot, 5:25; Caledonia, 39:55; York, 44:00; Welland and Fonthill, 28:00; Thorold and Port Robinson, 122:30; Fort Erie and Bertie, 53:70; Milton, 78:05; Burlington and Nelson, 88:90; Arthur, 39:60; Port Colborne and Marshville, 73:20; Louth and Port Dalhousie, 77:65; Orangeville, 56:00; Norval, 13:25; Queenston, 12:55; Lowville, &c., 100:41; Palmerston, 41:17; Oakville, 91:45; Dundas, 71:90; Walpole South, 28:00. *On Guarantee account.*—Chippawa, 62:50; Clifford, 25:00; Welland, 125:00; Colbech, 25:00; Bowling Green, 43:00; Waldemar, 7:50; Rothsay, 50:00; Port Colborne, 100:00; Marshville, 50:00; Bartonville, 20:00; West Flamboro', 60:00; Harrison, 86:01; Caledonia, 108:32; York, 108:17; Nanticoke, 62:50; Salfleet, 32:50; Erin, 60:00; Rockton, 27:50; Cayuga, 125:00; Stony Creek, 25:00; Barton East, 22:50.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offering Collections.*—Hamilton, Church of the Ascension, 200:00; Guelph, 10:00; Ancaster, 19:00; St. Catharines, St. George's, 7:50; St. Thomas, 9:49; Port Maitland, 1:00; Chippawa, 38:04; Erin, 1:00; Reading, 1:00; Hillsburg, 1:56; Clifton, 11:34.

ALGOMA FUND.—Hamilton, Church of the Ascension, 127:85; Fonthill, 1:57; Acton, 5:18; Rockwood, 4:40; Eramosa, 1:34; Chippawa, 23:41; Clifford, 9:63; Arthur, 4:80; Burlington and Nelson, 4:25; Hamilton, St. Mark's, 14:52; Mount Forest, 5:32; Thorold, 6:00; Oakville, 6:00. *For the Shingwauk Home.*—Guelph, 3:00.

CAYUGA.—At an adjourned meeting of the vestry of St. John's parish the Rev. Wm. Lumsden occupied the chair. There is no debt; a small balance on hand. The synodical assessment is overpaid. A new organ with two ranks of keys and seventeen stops, costing four hundred and fifty dollars, was bought last winter and paid for, and it gives the highest satisfaction.

The Easter Communion was well attended. The parish church stands in great need of renovation. Unfortunately there is no parsonage. To these points immediate attention is absolutely necessary.

G. S. Cotter Esq. and K. H. L. Cameron, M.D. were elected wardens, and Messrs. Smider, Blakeney, Gardner and McCormack, sidesmen. T. R. Martin, q.c. was chosen lay representative.

The attendance at the morning service on Sundays is good, but that at the evening service is remarkably so. The church is filled with the youth of the town and country.

STANFORD.—The rector was truly thankful for and gratified at a most pleasing mark of sympathy and esteem shown him on Sunday last. It has recently pleased God to afflict him with loss of voice, and weakness, caused, doubtless, by a little over-exertion. He, and his son, who had come over from Toronto to take duty for his father, went to St. John's church for the morning service. At the door, his son had a slip of paper put into his hand by the churchwarden, having on it "The prayers of the congregation are requested on behalf of the rector, that he may be restored to his health and to his accustomed duty." God grant that such a feeling may long continue, and that the prayers of the pastor for his people, as well as those of the people for their pastor, may never be omitted, and an abundant outpouring of the Spirit be the result. St. John's was beautifully decorated with illuminated texts and flowers of Easter-tide.

All Saints', Drummondville, had an extemporized

recess and re-table beautifully decorated with flowers, and pots of flowers tastefully placed about the chancel.

It also should be mentioned that Mrs. MacLeod of Drynosh, Yonge Street, presented to All Saints' church a very handsome Communion linen which was first used at the celebration on Easter Sunday; for which and many other pleasing incidents we should thank God and take courage.

GRIMM.—Among the ceremonials of the Church there are none of greater solemnity or more impressive in its character, than those connected with the ordination of her ministry. The first Sunday after Easter these services were conducted in St. George's in a manner equal to their importance and gravity, at 11 a.m. As the bell ceased ringing the choir sang the Easter hymn "Come ye faithful raise the strain," while the candidates for Orders, the deacons, priests, and the bishop proceeded from the rectory where they had robed, through the main door of the church and up the spacious aisle towards the chancel, where the clergy and candidates fell into line on either side, the bishop and his chaplain passing between them to the episcopal chair. Canon Dixon as chaplain carrying the bishop's pastoral staff immediately in front of him. The usual services then commenced, Mr. Geoghegan reading prayers, and Messrs. Belt and Smith the lessons. The Rev. Rural Dean Holland, of St. Catherine's, preached an exceedingly beautiful and impressive sermon from 2 Cor. iv. 1, on the duties and obligations of the Christian ministry. The ordination services were then proceeded with. Mr. Alfred Belt, missionary in Erie, and Mr. Thomas Smith, missionary at Tapleystown, were admitted to the office of the priesthood; Mr. Frederick E. Howitt, and Mr. Edward Westmacott to the diaconate. Mr. Howitt takes temporary duty at Barton, prior to a few months' absence in England; while Mr. Westmacott takes missionary work in the outskirts of this city, in connection with St. George's church. At the close of the ordination the Holy Communion was administered. We cannot close this brief notice without alluding to the musical part of the service which was exceedingly beautiful and appropriate to the solemn service of the day. An anthem "Come Holy Spirit" was sung with excellent taste, and the ordination hymn "O Jesu I have promised" was very pleasingly rendered.

At 3 p.m. there was a service for the Sunday school children, their parents and friends. There was a large attendance, and several hymns were sung. The Rev. T. Smith gave a very impressive address on the teaching of the life of Daniel.

At the evening service the church was densely crowded. As the clergy entered in the same order as in the morning, the clergy, choir, and congregation sung "The Church's one foundation," with great effect. The St. George's Society was present in force. The music was very fine, the tune Old Hundredth being sung to a Provident society's hymn. The grand anthem "I know that my Redeemer liveth," was also beautifully sung. The bishop preached with great force an admirable sermon from the text "Thou hast given gifts for men." At the close of the service, instead of a voluntary, "God Save the Queen," was sung with thrilling effect, the congregation joining in the grand old National Anthem.

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SARNIA INDIAN MISSION.—The Easter services in St. Peter's church were largely attended by the Sarnia Reserve Indians, the church being well filled at the morning service. Nearly forty communicants partook of the Lord's Supper. The pastor, the Rev. J. Jacobs preached appropriate sermons bearing on the resurrection of Christ. Morning theme, "Disciples going to Emmaus: Christ made known to them in breaking of bread." The afternoon service was also well attended, when Mr. Jacobs again preached a suitable sermon from St. John xx. 11, 12—"Christ appearing to Mary after His resurrection." The anthem and Easter hymns were beautifully and heartily sung. The services throughout were very impressive, and appeared to be greatly appreciated by the large congregations present on each occasion.

BRANTFORD: Grace Church.—The annual vestry meeting was held in the school house on Monday evening; the rector, Rev. G. C. Mackenzie in the chair. The wardens' report showed the financial affairs of the church to be in a very satisfactory condition, the total receipts for the year being \$4,402:30. The debt on the church was reduced to \$1,000. Mr. Thomas Botham and Mr. Chas. Mason were appointed wardens; Messrs. Thos. Botham, Chas. Mason and L. E. Blackadder were appointed lay representatives to the synod. The usual committees were appointed, and votes of thanks passed, after which the vestry was closed.