

usual earnest and practical. His Lordship expressed his great satisfaction with the changes which had taken place in the church, and with the continued growth and prosperity of the parish. The Easter decorations were more extensive than usual, and were greatly admired. Officers, incumbent, Rev. W. R. Clark, M.A.; wardens, E. Kenrick and T. Gurnett; delegates, A. T. Hubbard, E. Kenrick and C. Halson.

BURLINGTON.—*St. Luke's Church.* The Easter vestry meetings were satisfactory, and the financial statement showed a surplus of receipts over expenditures of about \$54. Capt. Adam Sharpe, and Sidney O. Colbran, Esq., were appointed churchwardens; and John Cape, Maitland Young and C. A. Wastell, Esq., delegates to synod. The thanks of the vestry and a bonus of \$50 were voted to the organist. Through the efforts of the churchwomen's aid, substantial improvements have been made to the parsonage during the past year, and, with a view to further improvements, a very successful concert was held in the town hall, on Tuesday evening, May 3rd. Mrs. Frank McKelcan, and the orchestra of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, under Mr. Grossman, leader, with other kind friends, gave valuable assistance, and the proceeds amounted to about \$70.

NIAGARA FALLS.—The annual vestry meeting was held in Christ Church on the evening of Easter Monday. Though a Conservative meeting in connection with the bye-election for the County of Welland was being held in the town hall, the members of the vestry apparently recognized that their duty to the Church claimed the first place, as there was a good attendance. The report of the churchwardens showed that all expenses had been met, and more increase had been derived both from pew rent and offertory than during the preceding year. W. W. Woodruff and Alex. Fraser were re-appointed churchwardens, and Chas. J. McKenzie re-elected delegate to synod for three years. W. J. S. Drew was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his successful efforts in providing a bell for the church, chiefly through the Sunday school, towards which the offerings of the children on Easter Sunday amounted to \$110 and of the congregation to \$45. The bell is from the Buckeye foundry of Vanduzen & Co., Cincinnati. It weighs 1050 lbs., is in the key of G, and is much admired for its sweet and mellow tone. A movement is now on foot to provide new windows from the establishment of McCausland & Co., of Toronto. The quarterly meeting of the chapter of the Lincoln and Welland deanery was held at the rectory on Tuesday and Wednesday; sermon by Rev. J. J. Morton; subject for discussion, Plymouth Brethren, introduced by a paper by the Rev. P. L. Spencer. The numerous friends of the Rev. Canon Bull, of the neighbouring parish of Stamford, will be sorry to learn that he has been confined to his bed for several days by illness.

HURON.

BERLIN.—Churchwardens, 1892-3, J. C. Falls and J. C. Cook; lay delegates, Alex. Millar, Q.C., and John Fennel. On Tuesday before Easter, thirty candidates (11 male) were confirmed, seven being adults and five scholars or former scholars of the mission S.S., in Waterloo. Nearly all the newly confirmed made their first communion on Easter day, swelling the number to eighty-four (forty at the early celebration), a number much in advance of any former occasion. This must be gratifying to the energetic rector, the Rev. John Downie, B.D.

ALGOMA.

PORT CARLING MISSION.—The incumbent of the above mission has lately commenced services in a new quarter, and, as the people are not very wealthy, he would be very pleased if some kind friend, who is a lover of decency and order in Divine worship, would present this out-station with a surplice; two surplices are often required, but one would be thankfully received, while two would be more so, and acknowledged in CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. There is but one cassock in the whole mission embracing five stations, so that there is an opportunity for another kind friend to present the mission with a cassock for a man of five feet eight inches in height, and chest measure of thirty-six inches.

RAVENSLIFFE.—The annual meeting of the vestry was held in St. John the Baptist's church on Friday in Easter week. There was a large meeting, and the same officials were unanimously re-elected. Mr. George William Tipper, clergyman's warden; Mr. Isaac Hopkins, people's warden; and Mr. William Clarke, vestry clerk. Mr. Edmund Tipper was elected auditor for the present year. The sums of money obtained for the organ fund were as follows: Miss Alice Champ, \$27.50; Miss Mary Ann Robinson, \$9.05; and Miss Mary M. T. Clarke, of Danesford, \$18.40. This leaves the sum of \$10 in the fund for next year's payment. The vestry proposed the ad-

vancement of the Rev. L. Sinclair's supplement, which he was pleased to accept. Mr. Sinclair re-elected Mr. Brook as organist, and Miss Emily Thompson as substitute in Mr. Brook's absence. He expressed his pleasure in the very satisfactory progression and harmony of the congregation, trusting that God's blessing might be continued in the future.

HOODSTOWN. The annual vestry meeting was held in Mr. Wm. Hirst's house, on Lake Vernon, as soon after the opening of navigation as opportunity would permit. The following appointments were made: Mr. Sydney Goldthorp, clergyman's warden, Mr. Wm. Tipper, people's warden, and Mr. Wm. Goldthorp, vestry clerk. Mr. Hirst was elected organist by the incumbent. The Rev. L. Sinclair said that he was glad to be with them, and to know the friendly nature of the meeting, and although the congregation was very small, he wished them God's blessing, and on consideration of their devotedness he would not venture to close the church.

IFRACOMBE.—The Rev. L. Sinclair was sent for to officiate at the funeral of Mr. Hoperaft, but could not attend in consequence of the Hoodstown vestry meeting on the same day. When will the people learn to consult the clergyman before they fix the time for burials and marriages?

QU'APPELLE.

QU'APPELLE STATION.—The Bishop of Qu'Appelle held an ordination in his cathedral on the Sunday after Easter, when the Rev. Thomas Greene, B.A., headmaster of St. John's College School, was admitted to the order of priesthood. The bishop wore his scarlet robe, and was preceded by his chaplain bearing the beautiful pastoral staff of ebony and silver, which was presented by the Church people of the diocese in 1889. The candidate was presented by the Rev. F. V. Baker, B.A., principal of St. John's College. The bishop preached the sermon on the words of ordination, "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them, and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." The prospects of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle are looking brighter this year as far as the increase of clergy is concerned. In response to his appeal for a clergyman for Regina, the capital of the North-West, the bishop has had communications from several applicants of high ability and good standing in the Church, and the appointment has been given to a clergyman from England, who it is believed will prove in every way suited to the position. The Rev. W. E. Brown, well known in the diocese for his long and excellent service, is expected to return from England in a few weeks and take up his old work. Another recent addition to the staff is the Rev. Guy Terry, from the diocese of Durham, who arrived in the diocese about the end of March, and has since been in temporary charge of Regina. We have also to record the arrival of Mr. Herbert E. Bowers, M.A. Oxon., who has lately passed through the course of the Montreal Theological College with first class honors. He will assist the Rev. T. Greene, for the present, in the work of St. John's school, and will probably be ordained at Trinity. It is expected that there will be at least three candidates for the diaconate at that season. On the other hand, we are losing the services of the Rev. W. G. Lyon, B.A., incumbent of Moosomin, who has given most faithful service to the diocese during the past five years, during almost the whole of which period he has acted as secretary to the Synod. He leaves us to fill an appointment in England.

British and Foreign.

The Rev. Arthur J. Fidler has accepted the rectorship of Christ Church, Greensburg, Pa.

The Rev. Henry J. Palmer, son of the late proprietor. Mr. George J. Palmer, is the new editor of *The Church Times*.

The Right Rev. C. F. Douet, D.D., assistant bishop of Jamaica, has just made a fortnight's visit to the Church Mission on the Isthmus of Panama.

The Right Rev. Hussey Burgh Macartney, D.D., dean of Melbourne, attained the great age of ninety-three last month.

We are informed that Canon Malcolm M'Coll has now definitely declined the Deanery of Argyll and the Isles, vacant by the death of Dean Mapleton.

It is proposed to place in Salisbury cathedral, opposite the memorial figure of Bishop Hamilton, a brass in memory of Dr. Liddon.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. Williams, who has completed his third year as pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church at Fall River, Mass., will immediately connect himself with the Episcopal Church. Dr. Williams has applied to Bishop Brooks for confirmation. He has been a minister of the Methodist denomination for twenty-four years.

Dr. Barlow, the new Bishop of North Queensland, who was lately in England, when the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred the Lambeth D.D. upon him, has safely arrived in his diocese on his return from England, and was formally installed at Townsville. The Bishop of Sydney, Primate of Australia, assisted at the ceremony.

The Archbishop of York has instituted the Rev. Henry Woodfin, late vicar of St. George's, Sheffield, to the Perpetual Curacy of Bessingby, near Bridlington, in succession to Bishop Isaac Hellmuth, resigned. By the Archbishop's special dispensation, Mr. Woodfin will hold the Incumbency of Bessingby in addition to the Rectory of Bridlington.

On Palm Sunday, at St. Paul's Cathedral, eight fine palm branches, specially sent over from Egypt according to annual custom, were placed at the back of the Altar, but the great length of the choir prevented them from being very prominent to the worshippers seated under the dome. Other palm branches were also placed on the altar in the side chapel, generally used for the early services.

The question of the Niger Bishopric is still unsettled. It was before the General Committee of the Church Missionary Society again, and, notwithstanding that the small attendance was favourable to coming to a conclusion on the lines of the resolutions submitted, the matter was referred back to the Corresponding Committee for further consideration.

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.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

Unfermented Wine.

SIR,—A few weeks ago your Montreal correspondent quoted with approval the reported dictum of some bishop in favor of "unfermented wine," if there is such a thing. It would be well for your correspondent to lay to heart Resolution 2 of the Lambeth Conference in 1888, viz.:

"That the Bishops assembled in this conference declare that the use of unfermented juice of the grape, or any liquid other than true wine, diluted or undiluted, as the element in the administration of the cup in Holy Communion, is unwarranted by the example of our Lord, and is an unauthorised departure from the custom of the Catholic Church." (Official report, page 21.)

This decision ought to be accepted against any individual notion, certainly against the statement of a "Converted Jewess."

1st May, 1892.

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Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

SIR,—Allow me to draw the attention of your readers in the Diocese of Ontario to the needs of our widows' and orphans' fund.

A circular was sent to my clergyman asking him to announce to his congregation, when giving notice of the annual collection, that for two years the income had been insufficient to meet the payment of annuities. The returns are not all in yet, but it is not too late for the parochial clergy to urge their people to a slight advance upon their liberality of former years, if such advance has not been already made.

One churchwarden (*O si sic omnes*) wrote me a very kind note, saying that he had received the Easter offerings from his parish (Morrisburg) as an additional contribution to the fund this year. I learn, too, that the Rector of a city parish, on the Sunday after the collection was made, advertised his parishioners that their gifts to the fund were not quite equal to their ordinary Sunday offerings—a hint which produced very excellent results. I should be very glad to chronicle a few more effects such as these on behalf of what ought to be the most popular fund of the diocese. I do not wish to appear an alarmist, but when the committee is forced to draw