

Holt re-elected church wardens. A bonus of \$300 was unanimously voted to the rector as an expression of the love and confidence of his people, and a slight token of their estimation of the faithful labors performed by him in the parish, and in connection with the new church, almost complete, and shortly to be opened. The finances of the church were reported to be in a most satisfactory condition, better than at any previous meeting.

CHELSEA.

The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Tuesday evening and was a very pleasant one in every respect. Rev. Aaron A. Allen, M.A., the Incumbent, presided.

Messrs. Spence and Hill were re-appointed delegates to synod. Messrs. F. R. Garvin and W. P. Kirby were elected as wardens, and Messrs. Wm. Woodhouse and Henry Burrows sidesmen.

This season cannot be allowed to pass without some record of our Easter service in Chelsea. Our little church in St. Mary Magdalene was in perfect Easter dress, having a dainty white and gold reredos and lectern cover, and the Holy Table draped in pure white. Pots of magnificent Easter lilies stood at each end of the Holy Table, and in the centre was a beautiful silver leaf geranium. There were also pots of lovely flowers in the two side windows of the chancel, and pots of flowers as well as bouquets of most fragrant cut flowers, on the organ. (The flowers were the gift of Mrs. Alonzo Wright, and a beautiful bouquet from Mrs. Webb.) The whole service was most hearty, all seeming to feel that "Christ is risen indeed." Hymns 137, 134, 302, and 316 A. and M. were sung.

The Easter offerings (for the Incumbent) amounted to twenty-six dollars and eighteen cents (\$26.18).

The service closed with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, at which there were a goodly number of communicants.

CHAMBLY.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.—A more than ordinary interest was manifested this year by the members of this old and historic parish. Willing loving hearts and hands were intent upon and busied themselves in beautifying the Fabric for this Queen of Festivals. A beautiful white emblem of our holy religion (I.H.S.) was placed over the altar surrounded and surmounted by Easter and calla lilies, roses and other flowers in full bloom on the retable and in the chancel windows.

The font was richly and tastefully adorned with flowers. Never has the church been so tastefully and appropriately decorated and the religious services were in harmony. The music was excellent and was beautifully rendered, the hymns and an offertory duet "The Lord is my Shepherd" being specially pleasing and breathing of devotion. We doubt if any of our larger sister churches produced any music better or more congregational in character.

Our rector preached with his usual fervour and directness to the hearts and minds of his hearers, a good congregation being present; nearly forty communicants remained to partake of the Holy feast.

On Easter Monday the vestry meeting was held. The wardens' accounts were very satisfactory, showing receipts for the year for general purposes of nearly \$1100.00, and a balance on hand of over \$200.00. The Rector named Mr. I. W. Howard as his warden, and Mr. Wyndham Austin was re-elected people's warden

with a hearty vote of thanks for his highly valued services during the past year. Messrs. M. M. Myhill and B. Burland were elected sidesmen and Messrs. I. W. Howard and R. H. Plimsoil, lay delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

Cordial votes of thanks were tendered to the Rector, organist, choir and all those who had specially devoted themselves to the welfare of the parish during the year.

With the existing spirit and the expected influx of residents to this neighborhood, the future of this parish is bright indeed. May such expectations be fully realized.

FREIGHTSBURG.

The services of Easter day in the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church were of a joyous character. The beautiful chancel made more beautiful with choice plants and flowers, and the fragrance from some of those which decked the altar-table, were reminders of the costly "ointments" and "spices" which will be offered by devout and loving hearts while the church which is Christ's Body continues. The "tout ensemble" reflected the Carol lines "With joy we bring—Love's offering—And chant our loud thanksgiving—Hoping ere long—Our Easter song—Will swell the choir of Heaven." The large assemblage, the inspiring Easter anthem, special Te Deum, and the Carols by the composers Shelly, Warren, Mosenthal—of singular excellence in harmony and sentiment—the goodly company of nearly 50 communicants combined to unite Nathaniel Hawthorne's exclamation "Thank Providence for Spring" with the profounder anticipation of the typified final Resurrection when "mighty mother—Nature" shall no longer be balked by blight and fro and storm, nor the Christian be subject to the infirmities and imperfections incident to the presence of sin. "Christ the Lord is risen—risen from the dead—Sing with voice exultant, sing the glad refrain—Sing it young and aged o'er and o'er again." The Easter Offertory exceeded \$35. The programme of Easter music, *in part* will be repeated on next Sunday in the parish church with special sermon on "Free Churches."

GRANBY.

The glorious festival of the Resurrection was celebrated in St. George's Church with a manifest increase of interest and general enthusiasm. An early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. brought together the first band of worshippers who come to offer their "Peace Offering" to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, even as the Easter flowers their fragrance and the birds their early morning croots.

The next service at 10 a.m. was that of Holy Baptism when two little ones were admitted into the "fellowship of the Risen Christ's religion."

At 10.30, a great congregation filled our House of God, which the faithful hands of women had beautified with varied floral offerings. A larger number than ever before partook of the cup of Salvation, and called gratefully on the name of "Him who was dead but is alive for ever more," and the offertory plainly showed that they were not willing to come before the Lord empty.

At the close of Sunday school, a children's service was held at 4 p.m. at which again a number of the congregation were present.

The Gospel of Easter was accentuated by the rendering of a service compiled by the rector and under the name of "The Easter Story."

The result of the children's Lenten self-denials was a contribution of \$24.88 towards mission work suggested by the Board of Home and Foreign Missions. It was more than double the

amount of their contributions last Easter, and each child had his "very own" mite box.

The choir assisted the school in the service. This Queen of Feasts was brought to a close by evening prayer at 7 p.m., when a last act of praise and thanksgiving brought to an end perhaps the happiest and most glorious series of Easter services ever held in this parish.

VESTRY MEETING.—*Easter Monday*.—The annual vestry meeting resulted in the re-election of Mr. E. N. Robinson and the appointment of Mr. G. F. Payne to fill the position of churchwardens for the ensuing year.

Messrs. J. Bruce Payne and Ed. Seale were re-elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod, and the former was elected delegate to the coporation of Dunham Ladies' College. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. John Bradford, presented the financial report of the outgoing wardens, when a good showing balance sheet indicated the growing prosperity of the parish as far as temporalities were concerned. The Sunday offertories had increased from last year 35 per cent., and the collections for diocesan purposes at the same ratio and some of the pews in the church are rented twice over. "*Non nobis Domine Glorias*."

Diocese of Ontario.

PETERBORO.

Holy Trinity Church was all glorious within on Easter morning, large congregations attended all the services, and 130 communions were made, of which 70 were at the early celebration. In the afternoon the Sunday school scholars presented their Lenten offerings towards Mr. Wilson's Indian Homes. The vestry meeting was satisfactory, the amount reported as raised during the year being upwards of \$2000, and a committee was appointed to consider the subject of the erection of a parish hall.

Diocese of Toronto.

METHODIST KING AND VAUGHAN. *All Saints, Kings*.—The church looked very bright on Easter day.

There were twelve bouquets on the altar, for the most part filled with Easter lilies. Flowers in pots were placed about the altar choir.

The Holy Communion was celebrated at 10.30. The Church was nearly filled and 48 communicants, being the largest number in the church for years.

Rev. F. G. Plummer was the celebrant assisted by Rev. F. Heathcote. The celebrant preached. Evening song was said at 7 p.m. A good congregation being present. The service was hearty.

ST. STEPHEN'S, VAUGHAN.—The congregation had an evening service. The church being unusually well filled. The service, which was choral, was well sung.

EASTER IN PETERBOROUGH.

ST. JOHN'S.—Four services were held during the day commencing with *Celebration* at 8 a.m., when the church was more than half filled with communicants, and over one hundred more were received at midday, making in all the largest number of communicants in the history of the church.

At the 11 a.m. service the church was crowded,