

of them as may desire his visits; the stipend of the assistant minister to be not less than \$800 a year. He should be a man of moderate views, but a sound Churchman and capable of approaching and discharging the duties he undertakes with judgment and care. 3. We further recommend that the present Church-members of the parish do actively unite in developing Church work and increasing Church membership, and aiding in acquiring the proposed increased accommodation by the erection of the proposed new church. The progress of our church in Orillia, having regard to the apparent prosperity of the town, appears to us to have been very slow. It was shown before us in evidence that while the membership of other denominations had largely increased, similar results had not followed in regard to the Church of England; and while we have avoided discussing the causes which may have brought about these results, we are of the opinion that the lost ground should be regained, and we venture to hope, and we sincerely trust that it would be, if our recommendations are acted upon, and that in the not distant future, the Lord Bishop might be able, for the benefit of the church in Orillia and the church at large, to sanction the division of the parish of St. James' and the carving out of a new parish therefrom; and should this be hereafter done, we think the division proposed, namely, the West Ward for the new parish and the retention of the North and South Wards for the old parish, would be a very prudent division, provided always that the church in the then new parish be erected at a greater distance than now proposed from the church in the old parish. 4. We venture to hope, and we believe that if our recommendations are carried out, peace and prosperity would be secured and the unhappy divisions of the congregation put an end to; and, under the Divine blessing, we urge the friends now parted to be restored to love and unity, that His house and His sanctuary may be standing firm and stately as of old." Secondly, as to the charges against the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Greene's orthodoxy and Churchmanship, the Commissioners are of opinion that little need be said in order to dispose of them. Most of the charges were in their nature trivial, and all admitted of being satisfactorily explained. The Commissioners wish to place it upon record that though the Rev. Mr. Greene may occasionally have used unguarded expressions, he has said nothing, neither has he done anything to compromise his character as a loyal and devoted Churchman. We desire to express our unqualified approval of the manner in which all the parties interested presented their respective views, and to the manner in which their respective witnesses gave their evidence, and we believe that all parties were actuated by an earnest desire towards the welfare of the Church and the promotion of its highest aims.

NIAGARA.

THOROLD.—The interior of St. John's church has recently undergone extensive alterations and improvements. The chancel platform has been extended some distance in to the nave, so as to allow more space for the choir and to enable the clergyman to be heard more easily by the congregation. Three new choir benches have been placed on the side opposite the organ. The ceiling and walls of both nave and chancel have been painted in appropriate colors, the general effect being very pleasing to the eye. A new carpet of a handsome ecclesiastical pattern has been spread over the large platform. A communion rail made by the Hamilton Brass Works according to the best design in the company's catalogue has been erected. The carpet and rail have been purchased by the choir, while the painting has been done at the expense of the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Foy, of Queenstown, Ireland, now on a visit to friends in Thorold, have generously contributed a beautiful brass lectern. Mr. Foy also kindly superintended the work of painting and decorating. The church was re-opened on Sunday, April 20th, a large congregation being present both morning and evening. Suitable sermons were preached by the rector, the morning discourse dealing with the subject of worship, that of the evening treating of the transitoriness of earthly things. The choir were present in full force and performed their part with more than usual ability. A member of the congregation, Mr. F. T. Walton, has kindly undertaken to make a pulpit and present it to the church. When this is in position the building will be one of the best furnished churches in the diocese, the interior according with the well-known beauty of the exterior. Other changes and improvements are however possible and desirable; and these will be carried out in due course of time.

BEAMSVILLE.—St. Alban's.—This church opened on Thursday of last week. And the following clergy took part in the opening services, viz, Revs. F. C. Piper, E. O. Edgelow, F. Howitt, T. Geoghegan, P. Spencer, Rural Dean Gribble, A. McNab,

Canon Read, E. Bland and Rural Dean Mackenzie. On the following Sunday, His Lordship the Bishop preached at all the services. The church is a plain red brick building, 30 feet by 60, with a light airy basement of stone. It is built in pointed gothic style, with pointed doors and windows. The windows are elegantly frosted, and the larger are bordered with colored glass. The building is heated by two furnaces. The bell tower surmounts the west end and contains a clear toned bell made by the celebrated Troy foundry. Over the bell tower stands the symbol of the redemption, the reason for which was also explained by his lordship. The pews are ash and are finished in oil, as are also the choir benches, lectern and prayer desk. As is usual in Anglican churches, half the choir sits with the clergyman on the south side of the chancel and half on the north side with the organ, the two halves facing each other for responsive singing. The altar rail is of black walnut and is very handsome. The altar, the gift of St. John's church, Port Dalhousie, has an antique finish, the work of Mr. Forester of Beamsville, and has the front divided into three panels with Gothic arches, behind which are red cloth spaces completely filling the intervals. The altar has a re-table or shelf running along the back for flowers, and behind it is a dossal of red cloth with wings projecting at the sides and reaching the floor, the wings being composed of red cloth with a bar of old gold. During the opening services the re-table and various other parts of the building were covered with calla lilies, geraniums and other flowering plants. The church is well lighted by five chandeliers; one a gift of a former citizen of Beamsville. The acoustic properties are excellent, those unable to obtain seats within the church hearing every word of the services. It should be added that with the exception of the altar, bishop's chair and sedilia for the clergy the whole furniture was contracted for and supplied by the Globe Furniture Co., Walkerville, and that it seems to be eminently satisfactory.

HURON.

PARKHILL.—The Easter choral services in connection with St. James' church were very largely attended, the church being crowded at both services. The singing of the choir, under the direction of Mr. J. L. Barnum, choirmaster, and Miss B. MacAlpine, organist, was extremely good, especially the solos of Miss Eva Marrin, and the carols of the Sunday-school children. The chancel was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the services of the day were very impressive. The sermons preached by the incumbent, M. G. Freeman, were appropriate to the occasion, and were listened to by the large congregations with marked attention. The number of communicants at 11 a.m. exceeded the number at any previous celebration. The offertories were towards the church debt. At the annual vestry meeting on Monday the wardens elected were Mr. C. L. Rogers and Mr. Chas. Barrett. The churchwardens' statement showed a satisfactory state of the church's finances, the debt having been made considerably less, leaving now only about two hundred dollars against the church.

PETROLIA.—Special Easter services were held in Christ Church on Easter Sunday, and were very largely attended. Rev. R. McCosh officiated both morning and evening, and preached two very eloquent and appropriate sermons. The singing, both by choir and congregation, partook of the Easter services and some of the Hymns, and especially the Anthem, "Now is Christ risen," were very beautifully and efficiently rendered. The floral decorations were exceedingly handsome. The offertories of the day, which are to be applied towards reducing the church debt, amounted to \$103.00, which speaks volumes for the rapidly increasing prosperity and universal harmony of Christ Church, under the able ministrations of Rev. Dr. McCosh. In the evening, the services were made more interesting by the professional playing of Mr. Green, of Toronto, who presided at the organ. The Annual Easter Vestry meeting was held in the basement of the church. Mr. R. D. Noble stated that the accounts for the year had all been prepared and audited. He said that the result showed that the year just closed had been one of the greatest prosperity in the history of the church. Mr. Charles Jenkins elected delegate.

SIMCOE.—At the vestry meeting the Wardens appointed were D. Matthews and R. D. Coles. Sheriff Deedes and J. H. Ansley were elected as Lay Delegates. G. A. Curtis and J. L. Campbell were appointed sidesmen. The annual statement was read and received. Thanks were presented to the last year's wardens: to the ladies of the congregation for their repeated financial assistance, and to the organist and choir for their services. From the printed financial statement it will be found that the income for the past year is \$4,336 80. To this sum

other items which have been contributed by the congregation might have been added, making the total \$4,459 00. The meeting was very pleasant and harmonious and was well attended.

BRANTFORD.—St. James' Mission was begun in 1886 by Rev. G. C. Mackenzie by holding week night services. In 1887, a chapel was built and opened for divine service. The Sunday-school of this mission has 90 names on the roll, with a staff of nine teachers. The chapel as it now stands is valued at \$1,800 and is free from debt.

Congratulations.—Rev. George Gray Ballard, B.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, formerly rector of Trinity Church, St. Thomas, and more recently of the Chapter House congregation in London, has just been unanimously elected to the rectory of St. John's church, Buffalo. Mr. Ballard was regarded as one of the ablest scholars and best preachers of the diocese of Huron. We heartily congratulate the Rev. gentleman on his well deserved promotion, while, at the same time, we regret that such a man could not have been retained in the Canadian Church, if not in Huron diocese.

QU'APPELLE.

QU'APPELLE STATION.—Each Friday evening during Lent there has been a special service of penitence, with an address by the Bishop in St. Peter's Pro Cathedral. In Holy Week there were services each day at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., with a meditation or sermon at the latter. Good Friday was well observed, and a very pleasing feature was the large attendance at the "Children's Hour," from 2 to 3. On Easter Day thirty-two of our communicants made their Easter communion before breakfast, and twenty-eight at the midday celebration, a total increase of 13 over last year. The mid-day service was choral, the music being taken from Dyke's communion service. All the services were bright and hearty, and very largely attended. The choir is to give Farmer's Oratoria "Christ and His Soldiers," on the festival of St. Philip and St. James', (May 1st.)

FORT QU'APPELLE.—The Rev. R. C. Crokat, who has been in charge of the work here since November last, has been suddenly called back to England. His place, however, is to be filled shortly after Easter by a clergyman who has been for some time diocesan missionary in the Diocese of Truro, England. We hope that in addition to his work at Fort Qu'Appelle he will be able to devote some time in holding missions in other districts.

REGINA.—With a view to his Sunday-school teachers' entering for the Sunday-school Institute's Teachers' Examination, the rector has been giving a course of Wednesday evening lectures on St. Luke's Gospel, and having completed this, is now continuing with a course on the Prayer Book.

GRENFELL.—The new church of St. Andrew, in the southern part of the district, has just been opened for divine service. On account of the cold weather and impassable state of the country roads still prevailing, the consecration has been deferred till May. We believe that in every way this church is one of the prettiest in the diocese. The seats are of varnished pine, and will accommodate 50 persons. The altar, reredos, font, and other furniture, are of oak, well carved by Mr. McGuire, of Moosomin. The whole work has cost about \$1,000.

FORT PELLEY.—The Rev. T. D. Cunliffe, Indian missionary, reports favorably, he has received about enough money to complete the church with windows and stove, for lack of which his work has been much hindered.

TOUCHWOOD.—The Rev. Owen Owens, Indian missionary, speaking of his day and boarding school for Indians, says: "We have now 17 boarders and 24 day scholars. Our most pressing wants have for the time been supplied; but we must ask our friends to remember us again, or we shall soon come to need."

KUTAWA.—Mr. Hardyman, teacher of the Indian School on "Poor Man's Reserve," reports his pupils progressing very fairly, but as he is still unable to speak the language well, and as there is no missionary, very little is being done to christianize these Indians. As the Roman Catholics have their eyes turned on this reserve, and another in the neighbourhood in much the same circumstances, something must soon be done by the Church of England if she wishes to retain even her present slight hold upon them.

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