

College supporters affirm. He will learn, also, that those clergy who elevate the pulpit so very high above the place of prayer and offering, are undermining the foundations upon which their office rests. We trust to hear of no more petitions and counter petitions of this nature. Such disagreements ought to be settled with less agitation, and more generosity and kindly feeling. It is a cruel thing to injure the prospects of a young clergyman by making him the centre of a parish disturbance.

**Archdeacon Boddy at Holy Trinity.**—The Ven. Archdeacon Boddy preached a most impressive discourse at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday night. The building was crowded to excess, as usual on Sunday evening.

**HANDSOME DONATION TO MISSION FUND.**—We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. S. I. Vankoughnet, Q.C., has presented the very handsome sum of \$500 to the Mission Fund of the Toronto diocese. Such liberality, we trust, will stir the Christian emulation of many others from whom a like gift would be timely and welcome. We are rejoiced to hear that Mr. Vankoughnet's health is improving, and trust that this points to early convalescence.

**Legacy to Trinity College.**—The sum of \$2,500 is left by the will of the late Hon. John Hamilton to Trinity College.

**Splendid Gift to the Bishop of Toronto.**—A number of ladies knowing of the Bishop's intention to attend the Pan Anglican Synod this year, have presented him with \$800 to meet the expenses of the visit. Bishop Sweetman in acknowledging this splendid gift, expresses himself as "deeply touched by this proof of loving loyalty, which will cheer his heart and strengthen his hands amid duties often difficult and trying."

**Social and Service of Praise.**—The combined attractions of tea in the school-house and the fine programme to be given in St. Bartholomew's Church, drew an unusually large congregation. The school-room had to be twice emptied of its guests, who adjourned to the church for the service, at which Revs. G. I. Taylor, rector, and J. G. McCollum, officiated. The latter gentleman preached, taking as his subject, "Church Music." It was a most enjoyable discourse. He warmly complimented the choir on its improved singing. The music was under Mr. G. C. Warburton's direction, and was rendered by the regular choir of the church, numbering some thirty voices. Their singing showed the excellent training they had gone through. The chorale, "Cast thy burden," from "Elijah," was beautifully sung. The soloists were Miss Guest, Miss L. Dennett, Mr. Barton and Mr. Warburton. Miss Guest's solo, "Hark, the glad sound," was a fine effort. Mr. Warburton gave Mozart's "In holiness and beauty" with power and finish, his concluding notes being remarkable for their richness and depth. Mr. Barton gives promise with study of making his mark. Mr. Guest, the organist of the church, also gave some solos in excellent taste. A handsome sum was realized for the choir fund.

**Church of England Sunday School Association.**—A meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Association was held last week in St. Matthias Church school-room. Mr. J. C. Morgan, Public School Inspector of North Simcoe, was to have delivered a lecture, but he was unavoidably absent. Rev. Mr. Harrison, however, took his place, and gave an exposition of the collect for the Second Sunday after Easter. The address pointed out the necessity of continuing day after day the practice of devotion. They should not trust so much to "the sweet by and by" as to the sweet present time, as it was only in the present they could follow, in the words of the collect, "the blessed steps of His most holy life."

The representation from each Sunday School was then taken up, and created quite a lot of interest. Rev. Mr. Cooper read an able and instructive paper on "The rationale of the Liturgy," after which the meeting separated.

**St. James'.**—The Woman's Auxiliary to Missions and the C. W. M. A. Society of the diocese of Toronto, purpose holding their annual meeting on Wednesday, the 25th of April, in the school house. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. James' Cathedral at 11 o'clock. When the Rev. Arthur Baldwin, M.A., of All Saints' Church, Toronto, will deliver an address. The offertory will be devoted to missionary purposes. An election of officers for the ensuing year will be made by ballot in the school-room immediately after the service. A free lunch at 1 o'clock. At 2 p.m. the general business meeting will be held, the Bishop of Toronto kindly presiding, other

clergy assisting and giving addresser. There will be no evening meeting. Members of the W. A. M. S., the P. M. A., and all interested in mission work are invited to be present. A reduction in railroad return fares has been requested for clergy and delegates from branches.

**St. Matthias'.**—Lay representative, Wm. Wedd, M.A., Ald. Geo. Verral, A. H. Lightburn.

**Holy Trinity.**—A handsome brass mural tablet has been placed by some members of the congregation and other friends of the late rector in the south transept of this church. It bears the following inscription:—To the glory of God, and in memory of William Stewart Darling, priest, some time rector of this parish, who for nearly thirty years laboured with unwearied energy for the welfare of its people, teaching fearlessly the principles of the Catholic faith, and ever seeking to realize in the services of this Church the true ideal of the worship of the Church of England. Born in Edinburgh, A.D. 1818. Died in Allassio, Italy, A.D. 1886. Grant him, Lord, eternal rest.

**COLBORNE.**—Trinity Church.—The church in this parish on "Easter Sunday," was handsomely decorated with flowers. The services were bright and hearty. The singing very good; congregations large at all the services. The collections for the day amounted to \$135. The annual vestry meeting was held on Monday evening. The churchwardens presented their annual statement, which proved to be highly satisfactory. Total receipts, \$1,800. The Church here is making marked and gratifying advancement, all due to the present efficient and energetic incumbent, who enters heartily and faithfully into every branch of the Church's work. With such a devoted and hard-working clergyman, the Church's work is certain to prosper.

#### HURON.

**St. Thomas.**—St. John's Church.—At the Easter vestry Rev. Dr. Beaumont remarked that during the short period of his incumbency the prospects of the church had considerably brightened in every department. The debt had been reduced one half and the weekly contributions had about doubled. The number of communicants had greatly increased until last Sunday's attendance at the Holy Table was the largest on record. He also intimated that by a Canon of June last the grant from the Mission Fund towards the expenses of the Rev. Dr. Schulte, the assistant clergyman, had been abrogated, and he had therefore made arrangements with the vestry of Port Stanley to raise a quarterly sum of \$15 on that account, and urged this vestry to supplement it by a like amount, when it was suggested by several gentlemen present that although it were, perhaps, a little premature, a strenuous effort should at once be made to raise such an annual sum as would warrant the Bishop in proclaiming St. Thomas East a separate parish at an early date, a proposition which was left for consideration between this and the adjourned meeting. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing term:—Wardens, Mr. Usher, Mr. H. L. Pullen; sidesmen, Messrs. Stansbury, Tarrant, J. Lea, Bentley, Dixon, Healey, G. Lea and A. Lea; lay delegate to the Synod, Mr. J. T. Pullen; auditors, Messrs. Tarrant and Wigley. As superintendent Mr. Lea made a very flattering announcement as to the Sunday School, showing an increasing regular attendance of teachers and pupils.

**BURFORD.**—The Easter season has been one of unusual activity. The Good Friday congregations in the three churches of the mission were gratifying large. The sermon was from the text "I thirst," and the offerings for the Society for Propagating Christianity among the Jews. The Easter services were bright and hearty, the congregations large for the state of the roads, and a goodly number at each service remained for the Easter communion. At Trinity, Burford, some effort was made to beautify the House of God with flowers, &c. The Sunday Schools at Burford and Cathcart were taught the lessons of the resurrection in a song service, interspersed by short addresses by the rector, and also one by Mr. Thos. Chilcott, which was much appreciated. The children thoroughly enjoyed and, we trust, profited by their service, as also their Easter token in the form of an egg beautifully painted or decorated, and bearing an Easter text. An encouraging feature of the Easter vestry meetings was the unusually large attendance. Everything was harmony, and the finances, considering the increased assessments, were generally considered in a most hopeful condition. An effort is to be made at once to dispose of the parsonage at Burford and procure a more suitable one.

**CORUNNA.**—Christ's Church.—The Easter Vestry held in connection with this Church was fairly attended, and the report of the church wardens more satisfactory than any presented for a good many years. The church-wardens for the current year are Joseph Rinn and Wm. Gilbert; Mr. J. W. Maguire was re-elected a lay delegate to Synod.

**OWEN SOUND.**—St. George's Church.—A branch of the Women's Auxiliary in connection with the Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada, has been formed in this parish by the Rev. J. Cooper Robinson. The first regular meeting of the society was held on the first Wednesday in April.

**MOORETOWN.**—Trinity Church.—The Easter Vestry connected with the above church was held in the Church school house on Monday last. The attendance was large. The financial standing of the congregation is somewhat as follows: Receipts, including the Ladies' Association, \$1,181.55; expenditures, also including the Ladies' Association, \$1,138.40, leaving a balance to this year's credit of \$53.06. This was spoken of as the best and most encouraging report ever presented to the vestry of Trinity Church. The church wardens for the current year are H. H. Green, Peoples' warden; and J. C. Wyld, for the Incumbent, both re-elected. Joseph Featherstone was re-elected a lay delegate to Synod. It is understood that a curate is to be given the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, whose duties will lie chiefly in the eastern part of the large field now under the doctor's care. Trinity church is to have a new organ as soon as the manufacturers, Messrs. Karn & Co., of Woodstock, can finish it. It is now being built specially for this church, and will be the largest and best reed organ manufactured in Canada. On its arrival, the fine organ now in Trinity Church will be transferred to Courtwright, to be used at the services about to be opened in the Church hall.

**TILSONBURG.**—During the Lenten season just past, services were held in St. John's church on Wednesday, Thursday (children's service), and Friday, and during the last week of Lent, services were held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Good Friday service was held at 11 a.m., consisting of matins and "ante communion," and also at 8 p.m., both of which were well attended. On Easter Sunday, in beautiful contrast to the gloom of Good Friday, the services were of a bright and joyous character, and strikingly symbolized the great and glorious truth of the resurrection. The church was also beautifully and appropriately decorated. The services consisted of an Early Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., when the large number of forty-one received. Service was again held at 11 a.m., when the church was packed, and another celebration took place, at which forty-one received, making a grand total of eighty-two communicants, the largest number in the history of St. John's church. About fifteen were unavoidably absent. In the evening there was again a very large congregation. On Monday following, at the vestry meeting, the rector appointed Mr. G. J. Rogers warden; Mr. G. B. Hawkins was elected people's warden; Mr. John Smith was elected delegate to the Synod.

#### SASKATCHEWAN.

**LETHBRIDGE.**—Two most interesting ceremonies took place in the new church of St. Augustine, in this town on Sunday, March 25th. The first was the Consecration and Dedication of the building which took place in the morning, and the second was the Confirmation of several persons in the afternoon. The cold and snow of Saturday had made walking somewhat unpleasant, nevertheless, at the hour of service the church was fairly well filled with members of the congregation and others. The Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. J. W. Tims, was met at the vestibule of the church by the resident clergyman, the Rev. E. K. Matheson, and the church wardens and vestrymen who presented His Lordship with a petition, praying him to consecrate the building. His Lordship having consented, a procession was formed, and the vestrymen, churchwardens and clergy preceded the Bishop up the aisle of the church, the people repeating alternately the twenty-fourth Psalm. Having arrived at the chancel steps His Lordship and the Rev. Mr. Tims went up to the Communion table and the Rev. E. K. Matheson to the reading desk. The form of service used was that in use in the Diocese of Winchester, England, and consisted of the Litany, the Te Deum and special prayers suited to the occasion. Immediately after the Litany the Rev. J. W. Tims read the sentence of consecration, which the Bishop signed. The sermon was preached by His Lordship, who took for his text Psalm xvi., 9: "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." At the close of the sermon the Holy Communion was administered to a goodly number of communicants. The confirmation

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