

that an engagement with his confirmation class prevented his remaining for the meeting. Rev. Prof. Clark then gave a lecture on "Church History," illustrated by some lantern pictures. The roll having been called and routine business transacted, the meeting was closed by Rev. A. J. Broughall with a hymn and the benediction.

The lord bishop has fixed Trinity Sunday, June 13th, as the date of his next general ordination. Candidates for the diaconate or the priesthood may obtain copies of the Signis and Letters Testimonial on application to the examining chaplain, Rev. A. J. Broughall, St. Stephen's rectory, Toronto. The examination will, D.V., begin on Wednesday, 9th, at 9.30 a.m. in the Synod Rooms, Wellington St. west.

PERRYTOWN.—The Rev. Wm. Rooney has been for the past six weeks confined to his house and bed seriously ill. The heavy work of the past eleven years in this parish has had its effect upon his physical system, and with the result that he quite broke down under the heavy load, but his physician, Dr. Beatty, has every hope that he will soon be himself again, and able as in the past to do his work in the parish. Great sympathy is expressed on all sides towards Mr. Rooney in his unfortunate illness, and the heart felt prayer of all is that soon may he again be able to conduct the services. During the incumbent's sickness he has done his best to have the services conducted on Easter Sunday. Mr. Holsworth, a student of Wycliffe College, conducted service. The attendance at Easter service was exceptionally large. Owing to Mr. Rooney's illness the annual vestry meeting on Easter Monday had to be deferred until such time as his health would permit him being present and preside. Now that the times are improving with the farmers, Church matters in this parish will no doubt also improve.

PORT HOPE.—At St. Mark's the rector (Rev. C. B. Kenrick) announced to his congregation that two friends of the parish would jointly give one hundred and fifty dollars to the church restoration debt if the congregation would give the same sum to wipe out the deficit on current expenses. In response to this appeal one hundred and eighty dollars was placed in the offertory on Easter Day, thus securing the amount promised, and netting to St. Mark's the total sum of three hundred and thirty dollars. Easter this year was marked by a greatly increased number of communicants, large congregations and splendidly rendered choral services.

STREETSVILLE.—The Easter services were largely attended. The services of the day began at 8 a.m. with a celebration of the Holy Communion. At 10 a.m. children's service and address. At 11 a.m. the regular morning service was held and the Holy Communion again administered. The number of communicants was encouragingly large—being 78. At 7 p.m. the regular evening service was held. Miss Emma Peck, of Peterborough, presented the church at Easter with white book-markers. On the altar were Easter lilies and white roses, the gift of Mrs. Hector, "Erindale" cottage. There was a very large congregation on Wednesday evening, April 21st, when the Lord Bishop of Toronto administered the rite of confirmation to 22 candidates. This makes a total of 46 candidates confirmed since the appointment of the present rector in November, 1893. The Revs. R. W. Hindes, rector of Springfield, took the shortened form of Evensong, and Wm. Walsh, rector of Brampton, read the lessons. After the 3rd Collect, hymn 270 was sung. Then the bishop advancing from the sanctuary to the chancel steps, called on the rector of the parish to read the preface to the confirmation service, after which he delivered a very striking address, which was attentively listened to by candidates and congregation. The benediction was pronounced by the bishop, after which the Vesper hymn was sung kneeling.

NEWCASTLE.—*St. George's.*—The church was tastefully decorated for Easter, the attendance at all the services unusually large, and the music excellent. At evensong the rector addressed the Sunday school children, who presented their Lenten offerings to missions. At the meeting of vestry the following were appointed: Wardens, Messrs. W. Foster and J. K. Allen; sidesmen, Messrs. A. Lake, R. Allen, H. Browne, J. Armstrong, A. Walden and L. Hillary; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. G. H. Gibson and S. Wilmot.

NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*St. John the Evangelist.*—Easter services at this church were very bright and joyous, succeeding the Lenten, and solemn three hours' service from 12 to 3 p.m. on Good Friday. Three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, at 7 a.m., 8

a.m. and 11 a.m.; children's instruction on the Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. in the chapel. The collection at this service was the self-denial offerings of those children, and was taken up by two little boys. Litany was sung at 4 p.m. in the church, choral evensong at 7 p.m., music being well rendered by the choir, and solos by Mr. Andrews and Master Fraser Daw. The altar, sanctuary, pulpit and baptistery were beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and other white and yellow flowers. The rector preached most eloquent and instructive sermons at both services on the resurrection of the body to eternal life. At 8 a.m. a purse containing \$100 in gold, with an address expressing the love and esteem of the congregation, was placed on the plate as an Easter offering to the rector, the Rev. S. Daw.

Cathedral.—At the 7, 8, and 11 Easter Sunday Communions there were nearly 400 communicants. The church decorations were in perfect taste, so chaste and pure in tone. Canon Bland was the morning preacher, and Bishop DuMoulin the evening. There were also celebrations on Monday and Tuesday of Easter week. An organ recital was given on Wednesday morning.

St. Mark's, as usual, had most beautiful and impressive services, large congregations and number of communicants at the three celebrations.

St. Thomas.—This church was well attended, and the music particularly good.

St. Luke's.—Services were well attended, and bright and hearty, with lovely decorations.

St. Luke's Girls' Friendly Society made an offering of \$50 to the church debt, at their early celebration. Considering the self-denial involved, this is worthy of notice.

GUELPH.—*St. George's.*—This church never appeared more beautiful than it did on Easter morning. There was a very large number of communicants at the early and mid-day services. The archdeacon preached very able sermons both morning and evening. At the latter service the St. George's Society attended in a body.

St. James.—There were large congregations on Easter Sunday at all the services in this church. It was beautifully decorated with lilies, palms, etc.

CHIPPewa.—Easter Sunday was the 80th birthday of the Rev. Canon Mackenzie. His four children, Miss Mackenzie, of Chippewa; Mrs. Panton, of Milton; A. H. Mackenzie of New York; and W. D. Mackenzie, of Buffalo, spent the day with him.

MILTON.—*Grace Church.*—Large congregations attended the services in this church on Easter Sunday. Very able sermons were preached by the rector. The offertory in the morning amounted to \$111.75. At the vestry meeting on Monday evening the reports showed that the finances of the church were in a healthy condition. Wardens elected, Thos. Wilson and V. Chisholm. Representatives, Wm. Panton and E. W. Boyd.

ST. CATHARINES.—The annual meeting of St. George's church vestry took place on Monday evening, 19th inst., the rector in the chair. Johnson Clench submitted the financial statement for the year, and in doing so he said that the present financial position of the parish was better than it had been at any time during the past thirty years. All their liabilities had been met, every salary paid and a balance on the credit side. He urged the vestry to clear off the old indebtedness which they had been carrying for several years past. Their mortgage debt only amounted to the insignificant sum of \$1,200, and this would soon be reduced to about \$400, so that practically their position was in every way most satisfactory. Three years ago, when he introduced the scheme of weekly offertories, he promised the members that there would not be any special appeals or entertainments, and this had been fulfilled to the letter, and their income had fairly met their expenditure and even a little more, as they had paid off several accounts which did not properly belong to the period referred to. The estimates for the current year were adopted, after which H. H. Carlisle and Mr. Clinch were elected wardens. A resolution was passed which will require all collections for outside purposes to have both the consent of the bishop and the rector. It was also decided by a retractive resolution that parties non resident in the parish and not contributing to its funds shall pay \$2 for all certificates from 1870, and double that amount for all dates antecedent. The rector referred in the most eulogistic terms to the work of the choir and the Ladies' Parochial Society. Complimentary votes were passed to the choir, choirmaster, organist and to Alonzo Kerr for his faithful and efficient service

in chiming; also to the Ladies' Parochial Society. The rector was granted two months' leave for the purpose of going to England. J. H. Ingersoll was re-elected delegate to Synod, and Messrs. Yale and O'Laughlin auditors. The meeting closed with the benediction.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

GALT.—Large congregations attended the services in Galt on Easter Sunday. The offerings amounted to over \$300. There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

PETROLIA.—*Christ Church.*—Lent and Easter.—Lent was observed in this parish as usual by daily Evensong and special preachers on Thursday evenings. Holy Week, daily morning and evening prayer. There were three services on Good Friday, and Easter even was duly observed. Easter Day services began with Holy Communion at 8 a.m., morning prayer and Holy Communion, children's service, Sacrament of baptism and evening prayer. There had been Holy Communion on every Sunday during Lent, and on Easter Day there was the largest number of communicants in the history of the parish. The Easter offering amounted to \$216. The musical part of the services was particularly good, as the choir had given much time and attention to practice and rehearsal.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY, D.D., BISHOP, ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE

WINNIPEG.—*St. John's College.*—The annual theological examinations have been held. The Rev. Wells Johnson, of Fort Qu'Appelle, was writing on his B.D. final: Mr. Hewison, B.A., on his B.D. Junior year, and Mr. Chambers for Deacons' Orders. The Rev. C. Littler, B.D., of Selkirk, recently paid us a visit. The Rev. H. Gray, B.A., an alumnus of the College, has been removed from South to North Edmonton, Diocese of Calgary. The examination for the "Archdeacon Cowley" prize was held last week. The following were the books examined in: Joshua and St. Mark. The result has not yet been announced. The following students attended the examination: Messrs. Chambers, Mahood and Collins. The services at Christ Church on Easter Sunday were largely attended. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated. Special music was rendered: "Salve Festa Dies;" "He is Risen," by Clare; "God hath appointed a day," by Tours. The rector, Rev. W. Mitton, M.A., officiated at all the services, preaching in the evening on the special subject of the "Resurrection of the Body." He was assisted both morning and evening by Mr. Ryall, of the College. The following is a list of the Divinity students with the names of their missions, during the coming summer vacation: Mr. Ryall, Keewatin; Mr. Tucker, Bradwardine; Mr. Cassop, Gilbert Plains; Mr. McMorine, St. Mark's; Mr. Davis, Morris; Mr. Bartlett, Fort Francis; Mr. Belford, Baldur; Mr. Mahood, Whittemouth; Mr. Anderson, Posen; Mr. Pritchard, Lac Seul. Ordination Sunday is fixed for May 30th. The following are to be ordained deacons: Messrs. M. A. Custance and S. G. Chambers: Priests, Rev. E. L. King, B.A. and Rev. J. Johnston.

BRIEF MENTION.

Rev. J. A. Shaw, Cobden, has received \$100 for the new English church at Haley's, to be built this summer.

King Christian, of Denmark, celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday on Thursday, 15th inst.

A tiny electric light, attached to a pencil, enables French reporters to take notes at night.

A swordfish, weighing nearly 600 pounds, was recently caught and taken to New London, Conn.

The universities and colleges of Austria afford employment to 1,430 professors.

One result of the prosperous year enjoyed by Great Britain last year is greatly decreased emigration.

No ruler's head was impressed on coins until after the death of Alexander the Great. All images before that time were of deities.

Rice paper is not made from either rice or rice straw, but from a pithy plant found in China, Corea and Japan.

Some of the spiders of the East Indies are so large that they devour small birds.

England sent 350,000,000 messages by telephone last year, 37,000,000 more than the year before.

In the dental colleges of the United States there were in 1893, 4,152 students learning the principles and practices of dental surgery.