

counts, when examined, showed that the Vestry was in debt for the sum of \$76.00. This amount having been kindly presented to the Vestry by the devoted Church-Warden, Mr. Henry Atkinson, the Church begins the work of another year, free from debt. The Incumbent, nominated Mr. Atkinson as Minister's Warden, and on motion of Mr. E. H. Wade, Mr. Henry Sample was elected People's Warden. Mr. E. H. Wade, the retiring Warden, kindly consented to assist the new Warden, and to act for him in his absence.

It was decided to repaint and otherwise improve the condition of the Church.

The usual votes of thanks were passed.

Easter offering, \$29.31.

#### SANDY BEACH.

The Rev. G. T. Harding reports :—

Our Lenten Services, this year, were unusually successful. They were devoted to a special work in the interests of Temperance, although their design was also to awaken more spiritual life generally; and they partook, therefore, of the character of a "Mission," with special Mission Hymns and prayers used by permission of the Lord Bishop. We had full congregations throughout, excepting one stormy night, and many showed and expressed a deep interest in the effort thus made.

In order to reach some practical results in connection with these Services, I asked those who wished it to meet me at the Parsonage on Easter Eve and sign the following resolution, which I had had printed on cards for the purpose:—

"I solemnly resolve in God's strength to strive more earnestly, henceforth, to fulfil my Baptismal vows, in particular, 'To keep my body in temperance sobriety, and charity'; and to this end will faithfully use, God helping me, all the means of grace to which I may be admitted in His Church."

To this was appended, on the same card, a prayer compiled from the catechism, to be said daily for one year, as follows:—

"O my Lord God, my heavenly Father, the giver of all goodness, send Thy grace upon me, that I may worship, serve and obey Thee as I ought. Be merciful to me, and forgive me my past sins; save and defend me in all dangers, ghostly

and bodily; keep me from all sin and wickedness, and especially from that sin 'which doth so easily beset me'; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all the honour and glory, world without end. Amen."

As an evidence of the impression made, I am glad to say that thirty-one persons signed these cards.

Easter Day was wet and stormy, with very bad roads, which to some extent affected our Services; but they were hearty and well attended considering. At an eight o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion twenty-five, and at the mid-day celebration thirty-three persons communicated, which, with eighteen others on Palm Sunday and seventeen at private celebrations made an aggregate of ninety-three communicants for the season; many other regular ones, of course, missing the opportunity.

At the Easter Vestry Meeting, on Monday, the old Wardens were again chosen, namely: Mr. Wm. Alexander, for the Clergyman, and Capt. Robt. Pye, for the people; and I was glad to find from the accounts that the amount of the Sunday collections for the year was the largest we had yet had, being \$116, without special collections.

#### MAGDALEN ISLANDS.

The Rev. J. N. Hunter writes:—

Our winter's exile is past, and now for eight happy months we are in means of communication with you all.

During the winter 21 Services have been held at Grosse Isle, and 27 at Grindstone. The Clergyman spends a whole Sunday at each of these places, fortnightly, having two Services a Sunday. Besides the Grindstone Assessment Papers, Grosse Isle has likewise signed, and what is more they have paid in \$20 out of \$24, conscience money, for old arrears of assessment since 1892 and back.

At Christmas we had a tree at the Parsonage. It was the joint labour of the Clergyman, William Leslie and Phillip Jean. Suffice it to say it was a success.

The Easter Services were conducted at Grosse Isle, to overflowing congregations at both Services of 125.

And now for a thing hardly credible for Grosse Isle, but nevertheless true; over