

The twenty-second annual meeting of the "Church Home" Association was held on Friday, the 25th inst. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan, who occupied the chair, opened the meeting with prayer and a few appropriate remarks, after which the Secretary's Report was read. A new building has been secured to meet the demand for increased accommodation, which when fitted up would cost \$800, the half of which could be paid by the 1st of May. The following committee was appointed: Mesdames Stanley, Bagg, A. Howe, W. B. Simpson, L. Tyler, McKay, J. Simpson, Kerr, Parry, Tatley, and the Misses Blackwood, Moffatt, Ramsey, C. Gibb, Holmes, and Shepherd. A gentlemen's committee was also formed of the following: Rev. Dr. Wright, Rev. J. Empson, and Messrs. W. B. Simpson, J. J. Gibb, and M. Sanborn.

The Rev. Jas. Carmichael, who, as the readers of the CHURCHMAN are aware, is about to leave Montreal for Hamilton, was on Thursday evening made the recipient of a well-filled purse and a suitable address by the Irish Roman Catholics of Montreal. The address was signed by the leading Irishmen of Montreal of that persuasion. Such acts need no comment, as they speak volumes for themselves. The rev. gentleman was also the recipient of an address from the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society on Saturday afternoon, and in the morning of the same day one from the clergy of the diocese, accompanied by Wordsworth's Greek Testament, and Commentary, and the Speaker's Commentary.

BUCKINGHAM.—The Easter vestry meetings were held on Easter Monday. *St. Stephen's*—Wardens elected—James Strickland, James Macfall. Delegates to Synod—W. H. Stevenson, Esq., Wm. Cooper, Esq. *St. Thomas'*—Wardens—Edward Hughes, Esq., John Tompkins, Esq. Delegates to Synod—R. C. Hamilton, Esq., Chas. Foster, Esq.

Dr. C. Clarke, the present Incumbent, is removing to the Church of St. Alban's, Ottawa, immediately after Easter.

THE METROPOLITAN'S RETIREMENT.—Before taking his departure from the Diocese the Metropolitan proposed taking leave of the various church congregations of the city as follows: Sunday, the 28th, St. Martin's, at 11 a.m.; St. James the Apostle at 4.15 p.m.; and St. Stephens at 7 p.m.; Monday, 29th, Grace Church at 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 30th, St. Jude's at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, May 1st, St. John the Evangelist at 8 p.m.; Thursday, 2nd, St. Luke's at 8 p.m.; Friday, 3rd, Trinity at 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5th, St. George's at 11 a.m., and St. Thomas' at 7 p.m.; Monday, 6th, at the Cathedral at 8 p.m. His Lordship asks the congregations to bear him and his family in their prayerful remembrance on Sundays the 12th and the 19th of May. He purposes to leave Montreal on the 7th.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ARCHVILLE.—On Palm Sunday, confirmation was administered for the first time at Trinity Church. The Church was well filled by an attentive audience. The service was opened by the singing of Processional Hymn, No 391 (Hymns A. & M.); The usual evening prayer was conducted by the Curate up to the end of the 3rd Collect, when Hymn 282 was sung. The Rev. T. D. Philips then presented the eleven candidates using these words; "Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you these persons here present to receive the Apostolic rite of confirmation." The address to the candidates was then read by Archdeacon Lauder, and his Lordship proceeded with the remainder of the impressive service: the candidates then knelt one at a time at the altar steps for the imposition of the Bishops hands. This portion of the ceremony over, the Bishop delivered an excellent address to the recently confirmed, urging them to avail themselves of their full privileges as members of the church, especially by becoming regular communicants. The proceedings were brought to a close by the taking up of the offertory, and singing of hymn 27, and the Bene-

diction. The musical portion was very effectively rendered by the very full choir, now under the direction of Mrs. Phillips, during the temporary absence of Miss Barnum, who has had charge for upwards of a year. "Ten of the eleven confirmed received the Holy Communion on Easter Day, when the communicants numbered twenty."

OTTAWA.—*St. John's*.—The services on Easter Sunday were largely attended. In the evening the edifice was uncomfortably crowded, and hundreds had to be turned away. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered from 8.30 a.m. to eighty communicants, and the 11 o'clock to 106. Rev. Mr. Pollard preached at the morning service on the "Resurrection," and at the evening service His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario confirmed a class of 39, 20 males and 19 females. The Bishop addressed a few words of advice to the candidates as to their future walk in life, dwelling especially on the force of example. The choir sang a pretty anthem under the direction of Mr. Steele. The font, lectern and *Reveries*, were beautifully decorated with flowers. "The Hymns and Chants, went up with a shout," from the whole congregation.

BELLEVILLE.—*Christ Church*.—The attendance was large on E.M. The Incumbent, Rev. I. R. Jones, occupied the chair. Appointments, R. Newbery and H. Wilkins re-elected Churchwardens. Mr. Falkner elected lay delegate to the Synod. A vote of thanks was passed to the Incumbent for his "conciliatory Christian like and successful management of the church during the past year."

St. Johns.—There was a good attendance, the Incumbent, Rev. R. S. Forneri, B.A., presided. The churchwardens report was satisfactory. J. W. Brown and A. L. Geen, were re-appointed churchwardens. W. R. Carmichael, Vestry clerk. S. R. Earl was re-appointed lay delegate to the Synod. Complimentary resolutions were passed to Miss Large for her services as organist, and to Mr. English for making two handsome chancel chairs.

St. John's Church.—On Sunday morning April 7th, the Lord Bishop of Algoma was present and gave a most interesting account of his work in his Missionary diocese. In the evening he delivered an address in St. Thomas congregation. His visit has resulted in the addition of many subscribers to his Mission Fund.

St. George's Day.—St. George's Society attended service in St. John's Church upon their anniversary, and listened to an eloquent and comprehensive discourse from the Rev. J. Halliwell, Rector of Hillier, from Psalm 143:8.

St. Thomas' Church.—The annual vestry meeting of the congregation of St. Thomas' Church was held on Easter Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the Metropolitan Hall, in accordance with a notice read on the previous Sunday by the Rector calling the congregation of St. Thomas' Church to assemble for the purpose of organizing a Free Vestry under the 10th Canon, Ont., as in consequence of the destruction of the church no pews or sittings were held by the members of the congregation. A number of persons, claiming to be members of the old Vestry (but who had long ceased to be members of the present congregation or contributors to its funds, and who, in fact, belonged to other congregations in Belleville, and who, in some instances, resided in other parts of the Province) were also present, who created a great deal of noise and confusion during the meeting with the view of preventing the formation of the Free Vestry and the rebuilding of the church. In spite of this opposition, however, a resolution was carried constituting a Free Vestry as proposed. The Rector appointed Mr. R. C. Hulme as his churchwarden, and Mr. Morgan Jellett was elected by the congregation. A committee was appointed to inspect the remains of the Church with a view of rebuilding, and to report at the adjourned meeting. The Vestry then adjourned for a fortnight. The attendance of the members of congregation was large and they manifested a spirit of warm sympathy with and a desire to support the Rector and rebuild their church. Messrs. Hulme and Lockwood, the former for 3 and the latter for 2 years, were elected lay delegates to the Synod.

OTTAWA.—The Bishop of Algoma gave an interesting description of the missions, on the 14th inst., in the Bishop's Chapel, and made an earnest appeal for further support. He states that the missionaries are far too few for the Muskoka, Huron, and Superior regions, including Indians and whites, and that the Muskoka and Algoma districts are rapidly filling up with Canadian immigrants. The population now far north and west is widely scattered, having increased 30,000 since 1873. Much of the land is good, squatting is largely the fashion, and the settlers' difficulties are less trying than feared. He attaches great importance to this colonization, and shows much anxiety as to better religious provision for the settlers.

Good Friday and Easter Services at St. Alban's.—There were four services at this church, and all remarkably well attended. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. At 11 o'clock there was a large congregation, and the service was characterized by great solemnity. The altar, prayer desks, and lectern were draped in black cloth, and the effect, together with the simple and devout manner of all the worshippers was very striking. The only music was the singing by the people, without any organ accompaniment, of three hymns on the Passion, and many persons were deeply affected by the touching strains. The rector preached an earnest, practical sermon, from the text, "Who loved me and gave Himself for me," Gal. ii. 20. At 3 p.m., and continuing to 5 o'clock, the Rev. Canon had what is termed a Devotional Meditation, consisting of a series of impressive addresses on the words from the Cross. After each address the congregation knelt for a short space in silent prayer, and then sang one of the hymns specially referring to the words of the Lord. At 7:30, again, there was another service, at which the Rector was assisted by Rev. Herbert Patton; Canon Jones himself preaching, on "Death and Paradise." At all the services there was an unusually good attendance, showing that the observance of Good Friday was fully recognized as a Christian duty.

On Easter Sunday the church presented a strong contrast to its appearance on Good Friday. The emblems of mourning gave place to those of joy and festivity. The altar shone out in white satin, and surrounded by Arum lilies, scarlet and pink cactuses and other flowers, exquisite in color and fragrant in perfume. The font was filled also with flowers, conspicuous among which was a beautiful and rare coral plant, whose bright scarlet lilies at the very tip of long tapering stems, attracted general admiration. There were large congregations at all the services, the communicants alone numbering close on 200, and of these 95 were present at the first celebration at 8 o'clock. It was hard work for the rector, who was the only officiating clergyman throughout the day. The sermon in the morning preached from the first words of the Easter Anthem—"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us therefore let us keep the feast"—I. Cor. v. 7. and that of the evening from Revelation i, 18, "I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. Amen: and have the keys of hell and death." The congregational music was very hearty, and in harmony with the joyful character of the service. Professor Tiepke presided most efficiently at the organ, and deserves much credit for the conducting of the arrangements, in which not the slightest delay or difficulty was observed. A complimentary word is also due to the choir, who led the people firmly, and in good tune. Indeed the whole of the services were most satisfactory. Canon Jones, however, was so fatigued, that in the evening he was obliged to shorten the service. There were unusually liberal offertory collections, the churchwardens receiving over \$270.

CARRYING PLACE.—The annual vestry meeting took place in St. John's Church, Carrying Place, on Easter Monday, Rev. C. P. Mulvany, M.A., Rector of the Parish, in the chair. The proceedings which related to some details concerning the renting of the Rectory land were conducted with the utmost harmony. The churchwardens were re-elected. W. Flindal, Richard Corrigan, Esqs. and Reuben Young, Esq., was elected lay delegate to Synod.

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