

ARVA.—The Lord Bishop officiated at St. John's Church, at Matins, on Good Friday. He preached an excellent and appropriate sermon with his wonted impressiveness. The parish of St. John's Church is one of the oldest in the diocese, and enjoys a fair endowment, having been an organized parish previous to the legislative sacrifice of the Church of Canada. The church of St. John is a handsome ecclesiastical structure, and has a chastely designed Memorial window of the first Bishop of Huron.

WINDSOR.—We fear our diocese is about to be deprived of one of our Church clergymen. The congregation of All Saints Church, Winnipeg, has given a unanimous and very flattering invitation to the Rev. W. H. Ramsay, Rector of Windsor, to accept the Rectorship. Mr. Ramsay has not as yet given a decisive reply to the invitation. There has been a great advance in the churchly ordering of the Church services, in the attendance at the Church, and the observance of the days and seasons, according to the Book of Common Prayer—all outward signs of increasing spiritual life. In Winnipeg, whereto he is invited, there is a most promising field. The immigration to the great North-west will soon be as brisk as ever, and, in part at least, conducted in connection with the Church. A large and influential society has been incorporated in connection with the Church of England, for the purpose of dealing practically with the question of immigration. Among the members of the council are Rev. C. Prothers, Canon of Westminster; Rector of Whippingham and Chaplain to the Queen, Sir William Vincent, and Rev. J. Bridges, the Emigrant's Chaplain. A large quantity of land has been secured on very advantageous terms in Manitoba, near the railway. The emigrants will be assisted to establish themselves and to cultivate their lands. Out of the capital subscribed, a tenth portion will be set apart to provide the settlers with religious ministrations, under the control of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts. The society has also in view to establish an agricultural training college, for the benefit of young men of means desirous of settling in the country. Mr. Bridges sails to Canada with the first party of settlers on May 23rd.

BLenheim.—Rev. R. J. Uniacke, incumbent of Chesley, Deanery of Bruce County, has been appointed to the Mission of Blenheim, in the Deanery of Kent.

LONDON EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS.—*St. Paul's Church.*—Rev. Canon Innes, Rector, Chairman. Churchwardens—Wm. J. Reid, T. H. Marsh, Esqrs. Delegates to the Diocesan Synod—Richard Bayley, J. B. Reed and Wm. Barker, Esqrs.

Memorial Church.—Churchwardens—B. Cronyn and W. Tackaberry. Delegates to Synod—V. Cronyn, J. A. Roe, and F. Rowland.

Chapter House.—Churchwardens—E. A. Taylor and Isaiah Danks. Delegates to Synod—James Shanley and W. J. Imlach.

St. James' Church.—Churchwardens—C. Richardson and R. B. Hungerford. Delegates to Synod—W. Moore and G. D. Sutherland.

St. George's Church.—Churchwardens—J. U. Lings and Samuel Gibson. Delegates to Synod—J. U. Lings.

St. Matthew's Church.—Churchwardens, W. Brown and John Stansfield. Delegate to Synod—John Stansfield.

NORFOLK.—*Christ Church.*—The financial reports and other important matters held over till next communication.

BRANTFORD VESTRY MEETINGS.—*Grace Church.*—The vestry meeting of Grace Church was held on Easter Monday; Rev. G. C. Mackenzie in the chair. Mr. L. E. Blackadder and Mr. B. H. Rothwell were chosen as wardens. Other officers were elected as follows: Vestry clerk—F. Bishop, re-elected. Sidesmen—Messrs. Leonard, Smith, Moore, Botham, Bunnell, Bishop, Jones, Wilson, Burnley, Jackson, and Weekes. A satisfactory financial statement was submitted by the wardens, showing a balance in hand, after meeting all current expenses, and in addition paying off over a thousand dollars on the indebtedness of the church. The total revenue from all sources was some \$6,000. Messrs. Dymond, Botham and Dr. Griffin were elected Delegates to Synod.

St. Jude's.—The vestry meeting of St. Jude's Church was held on Easter Monday, the rector, the Rev. Wm. Young, in the chair. The vicar's warden, Mr. John Spence, read the report, for the first time for many

years brought a small balance in favor of the church. During the year the free pew system was discarded, and the majority of the seats were rented. To this change is due the pleasing feature in the annual financial report. A new school house is now under way, the material is on the ground, and funds for a commencement are in the hands of the Wardens.

The Wardens chosen were, Mr. Spence, and Mr. A. Hemsworth.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Wier, the organist, and the choir, also to the Wardens.

Messrs. Spence and Hemsworth, were appointed lay delegates to the Synod.

OSHEWKEN.—The vestry meeting of St. Paul's Church was held on Easter Monday, the Rev. Mr. Caswell in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing a Mohawk Hymn. The wardens appointed were Chief Wm. Wedge and Chief P. Powles, and the Synod delegates, Chief A. J. and Wm. Smith. The Church is prospering.

Egg Festival.—An egg festival was recently held in St. John's Church, Oshweken. A nice round sum was realized. Rev. Mr. Anthony took the chair and called on Mr. W. Reep, Interpreter, for a speech, and also to explain to the people the absence of Mr. Caswell, who was unable to be present owing to the bad roads. Geo. Loft, Interpreter, also made a few remarks, thanking the people for turning out in such large numbers. The music was furnished by the St. John's church choir. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem.

ONONDAGA SETTLEMENT.—The annual Easter Vestry meeting was held in St. John's Church, Onondaga Settlement, when the following officers were elected for the current year: Wardens, Joseph Smith, and Alex. Bomberly; delegate to the Synod, Elijah Turkey; Sidesmen, Jacob Johnson and Geo. Powles; Sexton, Isaac Henry. Pastor and people are working harmoniously together, and notwithstanding many obstacles are making arrangements to have their church opened on June 24th, St. John the Baptist's Day, on which occasion there will be a sale of Indian work and a grand holiday.

ALGOMA.

MAGNETTAWAN MISSION.—The Bishop of Algoma, accompanied by Mr. A. J. Young, Catechist, commenced his annual visit through this mission on the 15th of March with matins at Pearceley, seven miles north east of Magnetawan. A nearly start was made as the service was to begin at 10.30, but owing to a snowstorm the roads were so blocked with snow as to be almost impassable. Thanks to Mr. Irwin, who kindly lent a strong horse and volunteered to pilot us, Pearceley was reached about noon without any misfortune, and to the surprise of the settlers, who had judged it impossible for us to have accomplished the journey. The Bishop read the lesson, preached and administered the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. The congregation was small, owing to the weather, many being disappointed at being compelled to miss the Bishop's service. Service over, we adjourned to the house of Mr. T. Pearce, who had kindly provided dinner, here the Bishop subsequently baptised three children and administered the rite of confirmation to Mrs. T. Pearce, all of whom were prevented by the weather from getting out to church. Again the horses were put in and a start made. The snowdrifts were very deep, however, the journey was accomplished safely and Magnetawan reached in time for evensong at St. George's Church. Prayers having been read, the Bishop preached an eloquent sermon from the text Heb. ch. ii. verse 18. Three young persons received the rite of confirmation, the Bishop addressing them in a few earnest words of counsel and encouragement. Nine persons partook of Holy Communion, including the newly confirmed. The attendance was good, and the service hearty, and the day will ever be remembered as a red letter day at Magnetawan. Next day an early start was made for Midlothian, where matins was held at St. Peter's Church, the Bishop again preaching. Three persons received the rite of confirmation, fifteen the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The people turned out well and the service was very hearty, the singing being very good and deserving of special mention. Subsequently a business meeting was held. After refreshments a start was made for Dufferin Bridge, twelve miles distant, which was reached by 8 o'clock, here we were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irwin, who had invited a few members of the congregation to meet the Bishop. Next day, Tuesday, matins was held at St. John's Church at 10.30, here there was a good congregation. Prayers was read by Mr. Young,

the Bishop preached from the text, Psalm xlviii. 12 and 13; baptising eleven, ten children, 1 adult, and confirming five, thirteen receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. At the close a business meeting was held, the Bishop expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing the church so nearly completed, and pointed out the necessity of organizing a Sunday-school. Here too, the service was most hearty. In the afternoon a start was made for Sequin Falls, two and a half miles south, where evensong was held at St. Paul's Church. After prayers the Bishop preached, confirming six persons, three adults, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to nine persons. The evening was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Fry, who also kindly sheltered us for the night. This completed the Bishop's third winter tour, and he left early on the 18th March, for Toronto.

ROSSBAU.—The annual vestry meeting of the Church of the Redeemer was held on the evening of April 6th, churchwardens and other officers were appointed. The church accounts showed a deficit of about \$55. It is earnestly to be hoped that all members of the Church will do their best to support the Church and its minister in spirit and substance. Arthur Ditchburn, Edward Clifford, wardens.

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PORT SYDNEY.—The Rev. R. W. Plante desires to acknowledge the following:—One copy of the "Church Times" (regularly) from Mrs. W. Stewart Darling, Toronto; a package of very useful papers for distribution from All Saints Sunday-school, Collingwood, per Miss Jennie Hamilton, also a box containing Sunday-school books and other kinds, clothing, etc., from Mrs. Geo. F. Platt, Paris, Ontario.

UFFINGTON.—Good Friday was commemorated in St. Paul's Anglican Church as usual. In the afternoon the incumbent, Rev. J. Gresson, conducted the meditations on the "seven last words" from the cross. The service opened with the Good Friday collects and an introductory address after each meditation. The congregation feelingly united in the singing of the hymn. There was a fairly good congregation notwithstanding the severity of the weather, some having walked from the out stations through three feet of snow. In the evening the combined choir of Purbrook and Uffington rendered very creditably the service of song, entitled "the Man of Sorrows" illustrating the passion and death of our Lord. Miss Moffatt sang very nicely the solo "He is despised" from Handel's Messiah, and Miss Kirby ably officiated at the organ.

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BIBLE LESSON.

"The Covenant with Abraham."

Genesis xv. 1, 18.

We saw in a former lesson God's promise to Abram, ch. xii. 2, that He would make of him a great nation. We find that Abram had been waiting some years and yet the fulfillment seemed as far off as ever. To-day we see how God specially encouraged His believing and waiting servant. Abram had just refused to be enriched by the King of Sodom; and the Lord would not suffer His servants to be a loser by rejecting the offers of the world, verse 1 tells us, "The Word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision." This is the first time this expression is used in the Bible, "the Word of the Lord." It was afterwards to comprehend what we know by the name of *the Bible*, and was also to be one of the great names of the Lord Jesus, 3 John i. 14. Abram had "a vision;" God spoke to him, the series of revelations from God