

the sexton; to the Ladies Aid, who had contributed since the opening of the new church, fifteen months ago, over \$1,000; to the Christian Association for \$25, the proceeds of a concert, and to Messrs. G. Silverwood, J. Morgan and T. Gregson for raising money to improve the church grounds.

HUNTINGDON.—The Easter vestry meeting of St. John's Church was held in the lecture room of the church, on the 3rd inst., at 7 p.m. There was a good attendance and the proceedings were harmonious. Messrs. Chas. Dewitt and W. B. Saunders were elected rector's and people's wardens, respectively; and Messrs. J. C. Bruce and W. H. Robinson were elected delegates to the synod. A vote of thanks to the outgoing wardens, Messrs. Thos. Hunter and W. B. Saunders, was carried unanimously.

St. Simon's.—The first Easter vestry in connection with this church was held on Monday evening, the Rev. Samuel Massey in the chair. Messrs. E. F. Dartnell and James Brown were re-elected wardens, and Messrs. Thos. Liggett and James Armstrong, delegates to the synod. Resolutions were unanimously passed thanking the organist and choir for their assistance at the service; the mayor and council of St. Henri, for the use of the town hall free of charge at the concert on March 21, in aid of the fund for putting seats into the church; Mr. C. W. Lindsay, for the use of piano; and the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted on that occasion.

LACHINE.—*St. Stephen's.*—The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, in the church hall, and was largely attended. The financial statement presented by the retiring wardens showed the total revenue for the past year to have been \$2,459.93, in addition to which \$342.85 had been raised towards paying off the debt on the church hall building, the latter amount being chiefly the result of the work of the Ladies' Guild. For the ensuing year Messrs. F. Goucher and J. G. Brock were re-appointed rector's and people's wardens, respectively; Messrs. R. C. Thornloe and S. J. Doran, delegates to the synod; Messrs. S. Shackell and E. W. Strathy, auditors, and the following gentlemen were appointed sidesmen:—Messrs. J. T. Rathwell, R. L. Baynes-Reed, H. W. Reynolds, R. B. Kenrick, F. Crispo and Chas. Crispo. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the organist and choir for their services, and to the Ladies' Guild and others for valuable assistance. The Rev. R. Hewton, M.A., the rector, and Mrs. Hewton, leave this week on a trip across the Atlantic.

LONGUEUIL.—The annual Easter vestry meeting of St. Mark's church was held in the parish school house, the Rev. J. Gilbert Baylis in the chair. The election of lay delegates to the diocesan synod resulted in the unanimous return of Dr. T. P. Butler, Q.C., and Mr. Henry J. Gear. F. J. McClure and Thomas Blaikie were elected wardens. The rectory building committee's report showed that a solid stone foundation had been put in and that the walls of the building were now in course of erection. The total amount subscribed to date, including interest, was \$1,109.97. A vigorous effort will be made to finish the work of completion by the fall. The house will be a convenient, commodious, two-storied brick structure with all modern improvements, and will probably cost about \$3,500. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring wardens, the choir and organist, and also to the Ladies' Aid Society, the "Y.O.U.," the Longueuil Social Club, and the Young Ladies' Literary Society, for substantial aid in the work of the parish. During the past year a very handsome brass eagle lectern was given to the church by a member of the congregation, and the rector presented a large Bible to be placed thereon. Other minor, but acceptable, donations have also been forthcoming. On Easter Sunday the services were of a special character, and were largely attended. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and plants.

COTE ST. ANTOINE.—*St. Matthias.*—At the Easter vestry meeting the same churchwardens and lay delegates to synod were appointed, and a comprehensive vote of thanks was unanimously carried to all the active workers who, during the year, have helped on the work with much energy and liberality. An envelope committee was chosen from among the sidesmen, with Mr. Knowles convener. The most important parochial business of the meeting was in relation to the report of the building committee of the prospective new church, which on account of the contracts footing up some six thousand dollars in excess of proposed expenditure, and also because an improvement in the church site is looked for, the building committee advise to enlarge the old church. Carried.

A stone church will be erected at Roxbury, N. Y., by the children of the late Jay Gould in memory of their father.

ONTARIO.

CORNWALL.—Rev. Dr. Mountain has let the contract for the building of the new church of the Good Shepherd here, to J. C. Johnstone, and the work will be proceeded with immediately. The new church will be of pressed brick of handsome design, with a spire, and seating capacity for 300 or 400 persons. It will stand on the same site as the old church, which will be moved on the lot to the north, to be used as a hall and Sunday school house. The plans of the new church were prepared by Rev. Arthur Jarvis, of Napanee, and are very complete. The new church will cost about \$8,000.

KINGSTON.—*St. George's.*—On Easter Sunday, the services were very interesting. His Lordship the Metropolitan preached in the morning, and was assisted by Revs. Messrs. Smith and Spencer. A full choral service was given morning and evening. Rev. B. B. Smith preached at night. The new reredos, presented by private subscription, was unveiled and was beautifully decorated. A large cross in the reredos, made of calla lilies, was presented by Mrs. Deacon and Edward Ferris.

St. Mark's.—The vestry meeting of this church was very satisfactory. A large proportion of the congregation was present and displayed a deep interest in the affairs of the parish. The auditors' report showed that the receipts for the year amounted to \$1,083.94, and the expenditure to \$1,071.03, leaving a balance of \$12.91. The year began with a deficit of \$210, which has been wiped out. A new furnace at a cost of nearly \$200 was put in the church last fall. This, too, has been paid for. Altogether the affairs of the parish are in a most promising condition. It is intended to improve the interior of the building this year by plastering and coloring the walls and painting the woodwork. Hearty votes of thanks were tendered to the rector, wardens, choir, auditors and ladies' guild. The Rector's stipend and the organist's salary were increased. A committee was appointed to canvas the congregation with a view of making the pews of the church free. The following officers for the year were elected: Rector's warden, James Baxter; people's warden, Henry Milton; sidesmen, Capt. Batten, A. Hora, W. Ruttan, J. J. Wilmot, H. Esford, T. Gillespie, A. Medley and W. Milton; advisory committee, the Rector, wardens, and Messrs. R. Gillespie, J. A. Wilmot, W. Allan, W. Ruttan and A. Hora; vestry clerk, G. O. Stuart; auditors, Messrs. G. O. Stuart and Alex. Rickey. At a meeting of the congregation Messrs. E. J. B. Pense, A. Hora and J. A. Wilmot were elected delegates to the Synod.

CATARAQUI.—The annual vestry meeting was held in Christ Church. A goodly number were present. The meeting was opened with prayer by the rector. The accounts were read and approved. It was found that after the current expenses of the year were paid there was a small balance on hand; also a nucleus of about \$26 for a fund for the repairs of the church. William Waddington was re-elected as warden for the congregation, and J. Northmore was re-appointed by the rector. J. Baker, W. Roach, H. Counter, H. I. Simpson and T. Weston were appointed sidesmen, and H. I. Simpson and J. Baker, auditors. Wm. Waddington was elected delegate to the synod for three years. The vestry expressed its regards for Wm. B. Lancaster and his family, who have moved to the States and its regret for the loss the congregation sustained by their departure. It was decided to do the necessary repairs on the church as soon as possible.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the meeting in St. John's Church, Rev. F. W. Dobbs presided, with R. M. Graham as clerk. The churchwardens reported receipts as \$776, expenditure \$757, of which Mr. Dobbs received \$323. The report was referred to the auditors. A. Maclean was appointed the minister's warden and Thomas Evans people's warden. Thanks were passed to the organist, choir and retiring wardens for interest manifested during the past year. Thomas Nicholson was appointed sexton vice Mrs. Wilford, resigned. The retiring synod delegate, A. Maclean, was re-appointed for three years.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—The members of the vestry met at 8 o'clock Easter Monday. Capt. Chalmers was re-appointed clergyman's churchwarden, and S. M. Outwater, people's churchwarden. F. Chalmers, A. Taverner and Thos. Gibbs were elected sidesmen; J. F. Chalmers was also appointed vestry clerk. Capt. Chalmers and S. M. Outwater were made lay delegates to the Synod. It was decided by the vestry to call a meeting of the congregation as soon as the roads improved, to take steps for reducing the debt on the church. It was also resolved to put a new fence round the churchyard.

ODESSA.—*St. Alban's.*—A handsome font has just

been presented to this church by the children's missionary guild of St. Alban's Church, Ottawa. The font is of white marble and is beautifully designed, with suitable symbols engraved thereon. The workmanship is excellent and reflects great credit on Mr. Kouber, of Napanee, who executed it. It was put in place in time for the Easter festival and was duly consecrated on Easter day. The services in this church on Easter day were of the usual bright and happy character.

TORONTO.

Easter Vestries.—A careful reader of the reports of the Easter Monday meetings in the 30 churches of Toronto—or rather more than that number if the suburbs are included—will notice much that is gratifying to every true lover of the Church. The "hard times" show themselves in church finance as well as elsewhere, but they put the members "to the proof" of their principles. Toronto churches—with the exception of about half a dozen—evince this state of things. Churches whose yearly incomes rise to about \$5,000 or \$10,000, are of course exempt from the ordinary difficulties experienced by those whose income falls below the "self-supporting standard of \$3,000." It is inspiring to see how this last class of congregations struggle bravely and resolutely with their "hard times," even reducing their debts meanwhile in some cases. The net results are very satisfactory. The returns range from St. James' with \$20,000 per annum, All Saints' with \$15,000, and several churches averaging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 per annum, down to others whose income does not reach even \$1,000. Yet these last are doing well with the means at their disposal. Dissension, fortunately, even the *bete noir* of ritualism, was conspicuous by its absence this year; whatever slight exception there was only seemed to "prove the rule" of harmony and peace, if not prosperity. We note below the election of the chief officials in connection with the various parishes.

St. James' Cathedral.—Wardens—Colonel Grassett, R. N. Gooch. Delegates—Dr. J. G. Hodgins, R. N. Gooch and O. A. Howland.

Holy Trinity.—Wardens—Horace Blachford and Edmund Wragge.

St. George.—Wardens—S. Bruce Harman and G. P. Reid. Delegates—Messrs. Biggar, Harman and Arnoldi.

St. Peter's.—Wardens—W. A. Geddes and E. T. Malone.

St. Anne's.—Wardens—Samuel Shaw and G. G. S. Lindsay. Delegates—Col. G. T. Denison and Dr. McConell.

St. John the Evangelist.—Wardens—C. W. Postlethwaite and James Wilson. Delegates—James Wilson, A. R. Boswell and D. M. Harman.

St. Luke's.—Delegates—Clarkson Jones, W. G. P. Cassells, Q.C., and R. Russell Baldwin.

St. Stephen's.—Wardens—W. J. Mitchell and Wm. Cook. Delegates—W. C. Brown, J. D. Oliver and J. H. Patterson.

St. Paul's.—Wardens—W. R. Smallpiece and R. Millichamp. Delegates—Stapleton Caldecott, Jas. R. Roaf and Walter Geddes.

St. Matthias.—Wardens—Vivian Morgan and Edgar Sampson. Delegates—Messrs. Gowanlock, J. D. Gruchy and Dr. Pepler.

All Saints.—Wardens—Geo. Goulding and F. A. Thayer.

Church of the Redeemer.—Wardens—Dr. Thomas Millman and D. T. Symons. Delegates—A. H. Campbell, A. Watson and H. J. Wickham.

Church of the Ascension.—Wardens—Thomas Langton, Q.C., and J. B. Fitzsimmons. Delegates—R. C. Bickerstaff, C. E. Ryerson and T. D. Delamere, Q.C.

St. Bartholomew.—Wardens—E. L. Barstow and F. L. Bucklee. Delegates—Thomas Allan, John Blackstock and E. Unwin.

St. Barnabas.—Wardens—Dr. Lennox and Howard Bovell. Delegates—J. A. Donaldson, T. J. Peake and H. J. Boswell.

St. Simon's.—Wardens—Dr. E. H. Kertland and Capt. H. M. Pellatt.

St. Clement's.—Wardens—John Jones and Dr. Passmore.

St. Thomas.—Wardens—R. Greenwood and W. A. Medland. Delegates—J. H. Plummer, D. W. Saunders and W. H. Perram.

St. Phillip's.—Wardens—Henry Smith and W. S. McPherson. Delegates—Col. R. B. Denison, J. T. Jones and N. H. Hoyles.

St. Margaret's.—Wardens—A. Harvard and J. R. Code. Delegates—H. T. Beck, Beverley Jones and T. H. Ince.

St. Mary Magdalene.—Wardens—H. Chick and E. Restall. Delegates—Dr. Pringle, Capt. Harston and Mr. Fowler.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens—F. W. Thomas and Jos. Taylor. Delegates—F. T. Farr, W. F. Summerhayes, and W. A. Goodwin.

St. Mary.—Wardens—Edward Dawes and George G. Mackenzie.