

and Choir for the great pains taken and time given to the practice for, and the rendering of, the Easter music; they certainly earned the vote of thanks extended to them by the Vestry.

The annual Vestry Meeting was held on Easter Monday Evening, when there was a good attendance. The retiring Church-Wardens presented their report, which, alas, showed a balance on the wrong side. It must be remembered that this congregation is now entirely self-supporting. Mr. H. E. Channell was re-appointed Rector's Warden, and Mr. A. Rainbach was elected People's Warden. Messrs. G. Tiffin, H. G. Duncalf, A. T. Allan, Jr., and E. W. Thomas were elected Sidesmen. Messrs. Rainbach, Duncalf and Thomas were appointed a Committee to canvass the whole parish for the purpose of soliciting definite subscriptions for the coming year.

Mr. H. G. Duncalf has been appointed Lay Reader for the Parish, having consented to help the Rector in this manner.

The Woman's Auxiliary is busily engaged in making up its annual outfit for its Indian *protégée*.

The severe stormy weather has sadly interfered with our various School-house Services.

#### WAY'S MILLS.

The Rev. A. E. Whatham reports:—

Wednesday, March 25th, was a red-letter day in our calendar here, since we had with us our esteemed Lord Bishop, who at three o'clock in the afternoon performed the solemn and Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, admitting thereby three of our members, Mr. W. H. Davidson, Miss Janie Davidson, and Miss Daisy Needham, to the highest privilege of the Church, viz: participation in "The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion."

The congregation numbered fifty-three, and would have been undoubtedly larger had the Service been held in the evening, since many of our male friends were absent owing to necessary attendance on stock, etc., for our farmers are very busy men as the afternoon closes in. Nevertheless, we had a most impressive Service, and the wise words of our good Bishop will long be remembered by all. The Clergy present included the Lord Bishop, Rev. W. T. Forsythe, acting Chaplain, and myself. There seems to be no end to our

Bishop's energies. Early in the morning he had driven many miles to Coaticook, where we met him, and after a light dinner at Canon Foster's, we drove him to Way's Mills, nearly ten more miles. In the evening he was driven by one of our Church-Wardens, Mr. G. Davis, to Ayer's Flat, nearly six more miles, to catch the 9.25 train for Quebec. This is but one indication of his untiring efforts for the good of his Diocese and is a great encouragement to his Clergy to be as active as their Chief Pastor.

After the Confirmation, more than twenty guests assembled to meet the Bishop at tea in the Parsonage. Those who took advantage of this arrangement subsequently spoke in high terms of the pleasure it had given them to meet his Lordship in so friendly a manner, and said how much they had enjoyed his company.

With many difficulties still before us, we feel, nevertheless, much blessed in being able to report that this Mission is beginning to bear signs of future success. Besides the two original appointments, Way's Mills and Barnston, four other Stations have been opened, Libbytown, Kingscroft, California and Sutton. With all these posts in operation the Church should make much progress both spiritually and temporally in this locality. For this end may all work and pray earnestly.

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