

one hundred communicating at each morning service. We thankfully notice that Easter is gradually being observed as befits the commemoration of the Resurrection.

COLBORNE.—Trinity Church.—The solemn daily services during Passion Week were succeeded by an outburst of devout loyalty to the Risen Saviour and King, expressed in the very hearty services on Easter Day. The musical parts of the services, to which diligent attention had been paid by a voluntary and enthusiastic choir, directed and aided by Mr. Philp and orchestra, rendered with a heartiness and feeling, which included all who were at all able to join in the grand hymns and chants provided by the Church for this great Festival, while the full responses rising from all parts of the well filled church told of a unity of feeling and worship which made the heart rejoice. The sermons by the Rector in the morning on "Victory," and in the evening on "Peace" were listened to with deep attention, while his heart must have been gladdened, as were the hearts of many others, by the Eucharistic Feast, when sixty-eight persons testified to the reality of their belief in the Risen Lord.

The church had been reseated through the efforts of a prominent member, while a lady of the congregation had secured contributions, and had made all arrangements for the organ, choir and centre aisle being carpeted. This with the really beautiful and tastefully arranged floral decorations gave old Trinity a bright and glad appearance that spoke to all who could hear and see of Life triumphant over death.

The offertory during the day amounted to \$118.50.

ORILLIA.—The Vestry meeting in St. James' schoolhouse on Easter Monday was probably the largest and certainly one of the most harmonious ever held. The Rev. R. W. E. Greene presided. The reports of the charity, Sunday-school and general purpose fund showed that all were in a healthy and progressive state. The incumbent urged the erection of a new church, and there was considerable discussion, but no practical action. Messrs. F. Evans and Mr. A. D. Hewett were appointed churchwardens. Lay delegates: G. J. Booth, H. Greenland and F. Evans. \$100 per annum was voted to the Rev. A. Stewart, A. M., in addition to a life lease of the parsonage. A large number of votes of thanks were passed, those to Mr. Jaquith and Miss C. Stewart, leaders of the choir and organist, appearing particularly hearty.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GRIMSBY.—St. Andrew's Church.—The Rev. Thos. Motherwell, who has so acceptably filled the position of assistant minister for the last two years, left last Friday to take charge of the parish of Dannville, of which he has been appointed incumbent. Mr. Motherwell will be long remembered in this parish as an earnest, zealous worker, and his leaving will be deeply regretted by the congregation to whom he had endeared himself by his constant attention and his unvarying kindness. We are sure we are expressing the sentiments of the whole parish when we say we hope that the change may in every way be of advantage.—*Grimsbey Independent.*

DIOCESE OF HURON.

EXETER.—The Rector of this parish Rev. S. F. Robinson, made good use of the handsome Trivitt Memorial Church in holding services every morning in Holy Week at 7:45.

The Liturgical Gospels for the week were too important to be omitted as has been the case heretofore in this parish, and the privilege of having even a portion of the Communion service (to the end of the Prayer for the Church Militant) was one of which a goodly number of

the parishioners were glad to avail themselves; besides this daily service there was the usual Evensong on Wednesday, and two services on Good Friday. Easter Day was also observed in a fitting manner. The first celebration at 8 o'clock was well attended, and except for the omission of the Prayer for the Church Militant and its interpolation before the blessing, the result probably of an oversight, the service was rendered in a decent and orderly manner, indeed in the matter of reverent administration the Church in this little town will compare favorably with churches nearer Episcopal headquarters.

At Matins the *Te Deum* was sung to Woodward in E flat, and the Benedictus to a chant of Sippis; an unusually long pause, while the unbaptized, the excommunicate and those pressed for time were leaving the Church, a tolerably large number in this Diocese, together with a sermoneer of thirty minutes and administration, single-handed, made a lengthy service.

The evening service was well rendered as regards the canticles, sung to Stainer; the small choir at both services showing to good advantage. The hymns throughout related to the Festival, except "Rock of Ages," which was moreover marred by being "dragged" and the last line of every verse *staccato*.

The prime object of too many choirs seems to be effect, and not the congregational rendition of "songs of praise" to the Glory of God.

The Easter Vestry meeting of the Trivitt Memorial Church. The Rector, the Rev. S. F. Robinson, reported an increase in the number of communicants, and a large increase in the number of services held in the new church. The churchwarden's report showed an income of \$1,648, and a loan of \$1,500 affected during the year, which together cover an expenditure of \$3,149—the ordinary expenditure would be about \$1,200, the balance having been expended on the furniture of the new church; the report of the furnishing committee showed donations to the amount of some \$2,500, which amount went to defray the cost of providing a site, and seating, lighting and warming the church; the unpaid portion of the expense for these purposes is about \$3,500. Since the opening of the new church, Dec. 23rd last, the regular offertory has shown a steady increase, and is now double what it was a year ago.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—For churchwardens, J. Spackman and R. H. Archer; delegates to the Synod, R. H. Collins and B. S. O'Neil; auditors, W. J. Carling and B. S. O'Neil.

In view of the large increase in the congregation and the offertory, \$100 was added to the Rector's annual stipend. The meeting which throughout had been most harmonious, was then adjourned for a fortnight to receive the audited reports.

WATERLOO.—In this thriving town the interests of the Church have been greatly neglected heretofore, owing to the nearness of the larger and more English town of Berlin. A brighter day it is hoped has dawned. Since Advent Sunday an afternoon service has been kept up by the Rev. S. L. Smith, of Berlin, who has shown great perseverance in the face of various difficulties. On Good Friday in spite of unfavorable weather there was a very fair congregation at Evening prayer. After the sermon, the Story of the Cross was sung by the Choir and the elder Sunday-schoolers. The organist, Miss Edwards, formerly of Belleville, deserves great praise for the great care which she has bestowed on the choir and Sunday-school, and the good effects of her teaching are already to be seen in the hearty singing both at service and in the Sunday-school.

LONDON EASTER VESTRIES.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Paul's Cathedral was held in

Cronyn Hall, Very Rev. Dean Innes presiding.

The delegates elected to Diocesan Synod were Messrs. E. B. Reed, R. Bayly, R. W. Barker, the Rector appointed W. J. Reid, Esq., as his Churchwarden. Mr. J. S. Pearse was elected the People's Churchwarden.

The printed accounts of St. Paul's Cathedral, Woodland Cemetery, St. Paul's Cemetery, St. Paul's Vestry Building Fund, St. Paul's Sunday School and the other various church societies were all received, the items discussed and adopted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring Churchwardens, Auditors, Choir and Choirmaster, the Superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School and his staff of teachers, the different Church workers' association and the ushers for their valuable services during the past year.

LONDON SOUTH.—St. James'.—The Rev. Canon Davis read the rector's report, which showed that the Sunday services have been very well attended during the past year. The week day services and cottage meetings have been better attended than during any previous year, and the district visitors have been a source of help in looking after strangers, the sick and poor. The Sunday school was in a flourishing condition. A long felt want has lately been supplied by the formation of a Young Men's Bible Class, ably conducted by Mr. Booker. The ladies deserve much credit for having removed the entire debt of the rectory. During the twelve months there have been: baptisms 59; confirmed 25; marriages 8; deaths 26 (six of these have not been connected with the congregation). The receipts were \$4,535.95 all of which was expended.

The Sunday school has shown marked signs of progress during the year, the total strength of the school being now 414. Largest attendance on any one Sunday 304; average during the year 242. The receipts have been \$301.11, and the payments \$168.26.

The Junior Branch of the Mission Band, with Miss Hunt as President, and Miss Nettie Hart as Secretary, has a membership of 118. Meetings are held weekly, with an average attendance of between 60 and 70. They have paid of the Sunday school debt, \$62, and given \$20 towards the Church debt. Besides this they have sent clothing, &c., and money to the amount of \$60 to missions, leaving a balance on hand of \$35.64.

The Order of King's Daughter has been formed within the last year, with Miss Racey as President. Their objects are to comfort the sick and needy, to look up absent ones and bring new members into the Church. The badge of the order is a Maltese cross, inscribed with the letters "I. H. N." This order has proved a very successful organization.

The Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association, with Mrs. Davis as President and Miss Hunt as Secretary, has completed its third year, and has a membership of 44, holding their meetings fortnightly with an average attendance of 30. Cash and clothing to the amount of \$130.84 has been sent to various missions, besides assisting the poor of the parish.

The senior branch of the Mission Band, with Miss Racey as President and Miss Deadman as Secretary, has a membership of 95. They have sent clothes, etc., to the amount of \$175 to missions, and paid \$20 towards the church debt.

A society called "The Stewardship" has been formed. The idea is to take a five cent piece and trade with it to the best advantage. So far \$63.45 have been realized by this means.

Officers were elected as follows:—Wardens, John Beattie, George White, re-elected.

CRATHAM.—Christ Church.—The annual