

WESTMINSTER.—*St. James's*.—At the Easter Vestry Meeting there was a large attendance of the members of the Church, Rev. Evans Davis in the chair. The financial statement of the outgoing churchwardens was very satisfactory, showing a balance in hand, after paying all expenses, including the purchase money of the site for the new church. Messrs. John Beattie and Richard B. Hungerford were elected churchwardens for the ensuing year, and Messrs. Thos. Churcher and G. D. Sutherland delegates to the Synod. The work on the new church will, it is expected, commence next week. The eagerness and vigour of *St. James's* Church may be estimated from the fact that a church seating two hundred people has, in a period of three years, to be replaced by one for five hundred members.

FLORENCE.—We are pleased to learn that the congregation of *St. Matthew's* Church have not been unmindful of the voluntary services of Miss Gunne, daughter of their late pastor, as the following address would indicate:

Miss Kathelven Gunne:

We, the churchwardens of *St. Matthew's* Church have much pleasure in presenting you with this purse and donation (\$40) as a token of esteem and appreciation of your services, as organist, and of the interest you have taken in the welfare of the Church.

JAMES STURGEON, } Churchwardens.  
HIRAM WILSON, }

To which Miss Gunne made a suitable reply.

CHATHAM.—*Holy Trinity*.—The annual vestry meeting was in this church on Easter Monday evening, Rev. F. Harding presiding. The minutes of last meeting read by the Secretary and approved. The churchwardens presented their report, which gave a very satisfactory exhibit, not only financially, but also of the successful working of the envelope system adopted last year, showing the advantage of affording ready access to the church by all classes, and removing the restraint, felt by many, upon entering a church where the pews or sittings are not free, also the weekly contribution being less felt by contributors, than where quarterly or half yearly payments are required in larger sums. The following officers were then appointed for the current year. Mr. J. C. Small was re-appointed churchwarden by Rev. F. Harding, Mr. F. S. Key was also re-elected by the vestry. John E. Brook, lay delegate; A. Richardson, J. S. Barttem and Thomas McCrae, Esquires, sidersmen, Jas. G. Wier and J. S. Barttem, auditors, and D. Forsyth, vestry clerk. The vestry then adjourned until Monday evening, 16th inst., to receive auditors report.

The prospect for erecting a new church this year (the building now in use being only temporary), is very encouraging. The land paid for, stone and brick for foundation delivered on the ground, and contractors ready to commence work.

LONDON EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS.—*St. Paul's*.—The Easter Vestry Meeting was held at eight o'clock, Monday evening, in Bishop Cronyn Hall, the Rev. G. McInnes in the chair. The meeting having been opened with prayer, the following gentlemen were elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod: Messrs. James Hamilton, Richd. Bayley, and E. B. Reed. The Rector appointed Mr. Jno. B. Laing his churchwarden for the ensuing year, and Mr. Jas. Hamilton was unanimously elected People's churchwarden. The accounts of the churchwardens of *St. Paul's* for the year are not rendered to the Vestry till at the adjourned Vestry meeting. A financial committee was appointed to act with the churchwardens in financial matters. This is something new, the Rector and churchwardens being held to have full authority.

*Christ Church*.—The Annual Vestry Meeting of this, the second oldest of our city churches, was held in the schoolroom. Rev. J. W. P. Smith, Rector, presided, and there was a large number of members present. The churchwardens presented their report for the past year, showing a very satisfactory state of the finances. They not only avoided running into debt, but also paid about \$100 of old accounts. The amount raised by this congregation during the year was about \$1,350—a pretty good amount for them. The Rector ap-

pointed Mr. Wm. Robinson his churchwarden, and Mr. John Tibbs was elected by the people. The lay delegates to the Diocesan Synod are Col. Taylor and Mr. Horton.

*Algoma Memorial Church*.—The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Rector, Rev. W. N. Tilley, presiding. This is the only church in the city having the pews free and unappropriated. The financial report of the churchwardens was satisfactory. In the discussion consequent on its presentation, it was held by the great majority of members present that the free pew system had been a decided success, and it would not be advisable ever to return to the system of raising the revenue for the Church by renting the pews. The churchwardens for the ensuing year are Mr. B. Cronyn for the Rector, and Mr. W. C. L. Gill for the people. Messrs. V. Cronyn and P. Rowland were re-appointed delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

EASTER DAY IN THE CITY CHURCHES.—The congregations in all our churches on Sunday were very large, and the number of communicants was much greater than at any previous time. Of young members this is especially observable. At *St. Paul's* there was an administration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., when seventy-two members partook of the Sacrament. 11 a.m., Morning Service by Revs. Cannon Innes and J. Gemley. Revd. Canon Innes preached an appropriate sermon, full of life and power, from the words "Saved by his life" (Rom. v. 10.) The Holy Communion was then administered to a large number, there being three hundred communicants at both services. The music for morning service was as follows: Hymn, "Jesus Christ is risen to-day"; Psalms for the day; Easter sentences; Anthem, "They have taken my Lord away;" and Hymn, "Christ the Lord is risen to-day."

#### ALGOMA.

The Missionary Bishop of Algoma acknowledges the following sums received for mission purposes in his diocese, during the quarter ending 31st March. These moneys should have been acknowledged in the April number of the *Algoma Missionary News*, but owing to the difficulty of communication during the winter season, with the Shingwauk Home, where that journal is now printed by *Indian boys*, the list was not received in time for insertion.

ALGOMA DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.—Received per the Bishop—A friend, \$1; H. F. Mission Box, \$2.50; Rev. Canon Townshend, Amherst, N. S., \$30; Rev. H. Holland, \$20; Miss Holland, England, \$4.80; Rev. Dr. Beaumont, \$10; John McDonough, Esq., \$4; Master Ernest Roberts, 50c.; Mrs. Heath, \$2; George Halben, Esq., \$2; Synod of Toronto grant, per Wm. Atkinson, \$228.50; Board of Foreign Missions, N. B., per W. M. Jarvis, \$181.14.

Diocesan Missionary Associations—Montreal, per Sec.-Treas., \$212.50; Quebec, per Sec.-Treas., \$196.26; Ontario, per Sec.-Treas., \$408.60; Huron, per Sec.-Treas., \$46.76; Niagara, \$32.90.

From Societies in England—Col. and Con. C. S., grant for quarter, £67 10s., (\$325.49); S. P. C. K. grant for church buildings at Stisted, Beatrix, Ufford, Brunel, Stoneleigh, £10 each, £50 (\$242.18); S. P. G. F. P., £17 7s. 4d. (\$83.72).

For repair of Church at Manitowaning—Trinity Church, St. John, N.B., per W.M. Jarvis, Sec. Treas. B. F. M., N.B., \$21.

For Shingwauk Home—Ascension Church S.S., Hamilton, per Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, \$52.82; H. C. Harris, Nova Scotia, per F. Wootten, \$10; Fruit of Lenten self-denial, \$5.

The Bishop specially requests that contributors to his work will, if possible, send their subscriptions, donations, &c., to the Secretary-Treasurer of their own several Diocesan Associations, rather than to himself; as the doing so will not only save confusion in keeping the accounts, but also tend to show more clearly what each Diocese is doing for missionary work in Algoma.

ALGOMA MISSIONARY ASSOCIATIONS.—Sec.-Treas. Huron Diocese, John Beard, Esq., Woodstock; Sec.-Treas. Toronto Diocese, Rev. S. Givins, Yorkville; Sec.-Treas. Ontario Diocese, Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Kingston; Sec.-Treas. Montreal Diocese, Mrs. Simpson, 117 Metcalfe street; Sec.

Treas. Quebec Diocese, Rev. John Walters, Point Levis; Sec.-Treas. Fredericton, Rev. T. E. Dowling, Carleton, S. John; Sec.-Treas. Niagara, Rev. T. H. Bartlett, Highlands, Drummondville.

MISSION VACANT.—*Mary Lake Mission, Muskoka*.—Salary \$800 per annum, with a small parsonage. The bishop will be glad to hear from any clergyman in priest's orders, and good standing, who may feel inclined to accept this charge.

## Correspondence.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

### THE MISSION FUND IN TORONTO.

SIR,—The sum charged to Toronto towards the Mission Fund appears to be about \$5,300. I estimate the heads of families (and church members of independent means) in Toronto to be 1,800. Therefore, if each contributes three dollars per annum, the amount will be obtained. There are very few who cannot do this. If they can, and do not, they can only be churchmen in name. Enclosed are two dollars for the first six months; also, one dollar for the Algoma Mission Fund, from Mrs. H——r, of Yorkville. This does not interfere with "free-will" contributions. H.

### THE "ECHO."

To the Editor of THE DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

SIR,—I have just cast my eye over No. 1, Vol. 1, of a paper called the *Echo*, an organ of the body of Separatists, styling themselves the Reformed Episcopal Church.

The name of the paper is singularly appropriate, inasmuch as I notice in this, its primary issue, that it echoes every voice that gives utterance to an attack upon the Church, from "Bishop" Cummins to "Punch."

There is one sentiment, however, that does not find an Echo in its pages, viz: the aspiration for oneness the we read in the 17th chapter of *St. John*.

When the editor of a professedly religious paper can so far demean himself as to quote a "funny" paragraph from his facetious English contemporary for the purpose of giving point to expressions of enmity to the Church, he must be greatly at a loss for sound and solid arguments, as well as sadly deficient in gentlemanly feeling and good taste.

Let him pursue the same course in future, and he will probably effect his desire—and ours—viz: the weeding out from the ranks of our Church of any unfilial members that may still remain within her pale.

Peterborough, April 7, 1877.

B. A.

### A "LOW" CHURCHMAN'S VIEW OF THE EASTWARD POSITION.

The following is from the *Guardian*:—

SIR—Although "a Low Churchman," I am not alarmed at the prospect of a decision in favour of the eastward position.

1. Whatever position or dress may be legally sanctioned by our "Church and realm," our Anglo-Roman brethren will continue to offer "the sacrifice of the Mass" at the Consecration Prayer. Many are offering it now with their faces towards the south.

2. If the eastward position is pronounced legal, many "Low" Churchmen will adopt it as being more convenient and devotional.

3. As to the sacrificial vestments; suppose them lawful. Few will consider them as conducive to dignity or devotion. Reverence and good taste will forbid the intrusion of grotesque postures or adornments at that solemn hour.

4. Considering the piety and self-denying labours of many of our ritualising brethren, ought not "Low Churchmen" to allow them as much liberty as may be consistent with our principles?

5. Are we sure that there is no manual offering to be made to God as well as to His people in the Eucharist? Protestants though we are, may we not offer an oblation of the holy bread and wine?

Waterland contends against any sacrificial action; but he admits the following interpretation of *Malachi* i. 11, by Justin Martyr:—