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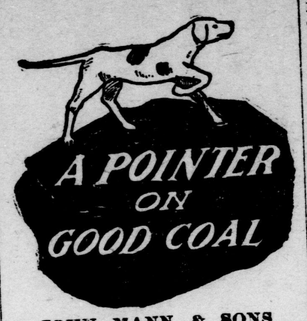

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. Luke Dyer has returned from a trip to the west.

—Mr. Swazie, of this city, spent Easter with his family at Point Edward.

—Alderman Robert Carlton and wife, of Port Huron, are spending a few days here.

—Mrs. Luke Dyer and daughter have returned home after spending Easter with Mrs. Henry, of Thorndale.

—Miss Lillian Stilson, 516 Talbot street, is spending the Easter holidays with her sister, Mrs. Will Fleming, 4 Clarence Square, Toronto.

—Mrs. Nellie Tucker, the Ridgeway, wishes, through The Advertiser, to thank the nurses at Victoria Hospital for their great kindness to her during her illness in the hospital.

—The Hermitage Club bowlers have challenged Harry Fowler's Phonies to a series of ten-pin games, and it is likely that the defi will be taken up at an early date.

—Mrs. (Dr.) Routledge and Mrs. George T. Carley, of this city, have returned home after spending a pleasant Easter with their aunt, Mrs. William Thorne, of Pearl street, Port Huron.

—A pretty wedding took place on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. John McClary, when Miss May Dixon Pavey was married to Mr. Arthur Henderson, civil engineer, of Grand Forks, B. C., by Rev. James Livingstone. The bride's gown was of white silk, while she carried white roses and wore a white veil. The wedding was witnessed by only the intimate friends and relatives of the bride and groom. After the wedding breakfast the happy couple left for the west, where they will reside.

—Miss Isabelle Peace, of Strathroy, delighted large congregations at Chalmers Presyterian Church on Sunday. She sang the "Light of the World" at the morning service, and the sacred song, "Hosanna," by Granier, in the evening. Miss Peace possesses a rich contralto voice, which she uses to splendid effect. Her enunciation was perfect, and she excelled herself in that difficult song, "Hosanna." The choir rendered special music at both services.

DOG-POISONER AT WORK.

A resident of Grey street writes that the dog-poisoner is busy again around the corner of Grey and Richmond streets, and that recently a setter valued at $40, a terrier worth $20, and a valuable spaniel, have been put out of the way. The writer urges that the police and the Humane Society take action in the matter at once.

DEATH OF EDWARD ROBINSON.

One of the oldest residents of London Township, Mr. Edward Robinson, passed away early this morning at his residence, lot 3, concession 3, the Grove neighborhood. The deceased, who was in his 88th year, was widely known, having acted as tax collector and assessor, as well as being for many years a deputy reeve of the township. He was a life-long Conservative, and a prominent worker in the Methodist Church. At the age of 24 years he came to this country from Ireland, and had lived ever since in the vicinity of London. He leaves three sons, Thomas, on the homestead; William, of Winnipeg, and George, of Creemore, and two daughters, Miss Lizzie and Mrs. E. A. Payne, of London, to mourn his loss.

THE LATE MRS. RAY.

Mrs. Mary A. Ray, wife of the late Robert Ray, M. C. R. engineer, who died on Sunday after a brief illness, had been a resident of St. Thomas for the past 33 years, and was highly respected. She was a prominent member of Alma Street Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Ray, who was in her 60th year, is survived by an only son, Richard A. Ray, M. C. R. engineer, of St. Thomas. The deceased was born at Ottawa. Her remains were taken to the residence of her son, 24 Forest avenue, St. Thomas. The funeral, which will be private, will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

LIBERAL WHIST MATCHES.

The weekly whist matches of the Liberal Club will be held at Hyman Hall on Wednesday night, when a record number of competitors is looked for. Both the compass and progressive games will be played. Three valuable prizes are to be given. Every Liberal is invited to attend. On Thursday evening, the weekly match of the South London Liberal Club will be held in the club rooms, corner of the Wortley road and Craig street. Valuable prizes are to be offered.

ANGLICAN CHURCHES OF CITY REPORT A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Annual Meeting of Vestries Last Night—Extension in North End Considered.

The annual meetings of the eight local Anglican vestries were held last evening. The church year closed on March 31, and in the majority of vestries it was impossible, therefore, to have the complete financial statement prepared. On the whole, satisfactory progress was reported.

At the meeting of the Church of St. John the Evangelist vestry the question of church extension in the northeast end of the city was discussed. The vestry of St. Matthew's Church showed its appreciation of Rev. Wm. Lowe's good work by granting him a substantial increase in salary. Mr. Lowe came to St. Matthew's Church about eighteen months ago, and during the past year he received an offer to go to another parish at a much larger salary than he is receiving at the east end church. He declined to go, however, preferring to remain at St. Matthew's, which is making splendid headway under his rectorship.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

At St. Paul's Cathedral the vestry meeting was very well attended, but it had to be adjourned for two weeks to receive the financial statement, which was not ready on account of the year ending on March 31.

The elections resulted as follows:

Rector's Warden—Dr. Moorhouse.

People's Warden—E. Paull.

Delegates to the Synod—Messrs. E. Paull, Dr. Moorhouse and T. H. Luscombe.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

The year just ended was undoubtedly the most prosperous yet experienced by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, East London. The attendance at all the services has steadily grown, the offerings have greatly increased, and there is a keen interest in the work of the church generally. The efforts of the new rector, Rev. William Lowe, are largely responsible for the improvement in the church's affairs.

Last night, the vestry showed its appreciation of Mr. Lowe's work, when it voted him an increase in salary of $150 a year, making it now $1,100. So great was the satisfaction, the vestry wanted to make the increase $250, but Mr. Lowe insisted that the congregation was not in a position to stand such an advance at present.

St. Matthew's now has a mortgage of only $2,100. At the vestry meeting a year ago it amounted to $3,200, but during the twelve months $1,100 was paid, in addition to the interest. An equally large reduction is anticipated this year.

The receipts from all sources for the year just closed totaled $2,571 31, with expenses of $2,546 29, leaving a balance of $25 02.

All organizations of the church have a balance on the right side, with all accounts met. The Ladies' Guild and the Anglican Young People's Association did well, the latter meeting the mortgage interest as it fell due.

The following officers were chosen:

Rector's Warden—Harry Farnan (third term).

People's Warden—James Mahon (re-elected).

Sidesmen—Frank Phillips, George Glen, Charles Thurling and Harold Farnan.

Advisory Board—Frank Phillips, Reed Depotie, Harold Farnan, and W. Element.

Clerk of the Vestry—Harry Farnan.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

The attendance at the vestry meeting of the Church of St.John the Evangelist was very large. Those present were: Rev. W. T. Hill, H. S. Blackburn, Henry Macklin, Col. Fisher, J. E. Johnson, Butler, R. Mitcheltree, E. L. Guillemont, W. Shoebottom, A. Connor, C. Leckie, G. Loughrey, A. Smith, H. B. Archer, T. F. Kingsmill, A. E. Ferte, V. Reeve, W. T. Cox, Stephen Grant, R. Clarke, Murray, H. B. Ashby and T. K. Styles.

The lay delegates to the synod were first elected and the choices of the congregation were Mr. Henry Macklin and Col. Fisher.

A lengthy discussion took place as to the placing of the funds of the synod in the hands of a trust company, and at a meeting to be held in two weeks the delegates will be instructed as to the wish of the congregation.

The regular Easter vestry meeting was then held, the minutes of two meetings held during the year being read and confirmed. The report of the people's warden, Mr. Stephen Grant, showed the assets of the church to be $25,519 94, with liabilities of $3,497 75—a total of assets over liabilities of $22,022 75.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Rector's Warden—Judge Edward Elliott.

People's Warden—Col. Fisher.

Sidesmen—Stephen Grant, L. Graves, S. Loughrey, A. Connor, H. B. Archer, C. B. Edwards, Murray, R. Mitcheltree, H. Macklin and E. L. Guillemont.

Ushers—J. E. Johnson, H. B. Archer and E. L. Guillemont.

Auditors—H. B. Archer and David Wilson.

Vestry Clerk—E. L. Guillemont.

Select Vestry—Vivian Reeve (convener), H. Macklin, Stephen Grant, E. James, David Wilson, Arthur Smith, H. S. Blackburn, Murray, T. F. Kingsmill, Butler and W. T. Cox.

A grant of $30 was made to the Sunday school, and votes of thanks were extended to the choir and other church organizations for their successful work during the year.

The question of free pews received a great deal of consideration, and on motion of Judge Elliott it was was referred to the select vestry.

The need of more church accommodation in the northeastern section of the city was discussed at some length, and if circumstances warrant, the Church of St. John the Evangelist will take immediate action in this regard.

At the adjourned meeting to be held in two weeks, the report of the auditors will be presented, and several important matters taken up.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

At a well-attended meeting last night the following officers were appointed:

Rector's Warden—Mr. J. S. Harrison.

People's Warden—Mr. Edward Kidner.

Vestry Clerk—Mr. Walter Slade.

Select Vestry—R. H. Westby, W. C. Roger, G. F. Burrows, F. Templar, J. Mann, J. Leno, J. E. P. Jones, F. Hogg, T. Eccles, W. Hogg, H. Tingey, L. Ryckman, T. Hogg, G. B. Drake, P. Phillips, H. G. Stein, T. Beadle, W J. Thompson.

Sidesmen—S. Jones, Eugene Risler, Alb. Parkinson, Henry Smythe, W. Dolby, W. Pyman, G. Mason, G. Templar, J. Barnet, C. Parkinson, H. B. Smith, J. Winslow, R. Ryckman, Mr. David.

Consulting Committee—Messrs. J. Pannell, J. Jones, Henry Jones, J. Clarke, G. Abey, O. Conley, W. Bowden.

The wardens presented their general report, showing that the total receipts amounted to $1,072 53; disbursements, $1,032 54; balance on hand, $39 49.

The building fund report showed $1,200 received; Sunday school report, $206 83; Women's Auxiliary report, $192 86; Ministering Children's League, $48 33; Women's Guild, $451 77.

The receipts from all sources amounted to $2,900.

Cordial votes of thanks and appreciation were tendered the rector, the wardens, vestry clerk, auditors, and the volunteer organists, Miss McBride and Miss Eccles.

A splendid and optimistic spirit pervaded the meeting, and all seemed confident that the ensuing year, begun so auspiciously on Easter Day, will, like the last, prove a record year, in effort and accomplishments.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the rector.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

The vestry of St. George's Church, West London, met last evening, the rector, Rev. G. B. Sage, in the chair, and 22 members in attendance.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Vestry Clerk—C. W. Milligan.

Rector's Warden—T. F. Dexter.

People's Warden—F. G. Turville.

Sidesmen—North side, T. R. Howard, F. V. Higginbotham, F. A. Anderdrewes, A. Jeffries, A. Bending, Joseph Murray. South side, G. C. Jolly, C. W. Nicholls, F. R. Rhoder, George Finnegan, Wm. Cotton and R. A. Jones.

Auditors—C. P. Butler and J. Higginbotham.

Delegates to Synod—J. Higginbotham and Wm. Ellis.

The ushers will be appointed by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the retiring officers, and all the organizations in connection with the church.

Several matters of interest were discussed, including the making of certain necessary repairs.

The vestry adjourned for two weeks, when the financial statement will be submitted. A balance on the right side will be shown.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The anual congregational meeting of the St. James' Church was held last evening, and was well attended.

The lay delegates appointed to the synod were Mr. J. K. H. Pope and Mr. J. H. A. Beattie.

The report of the rector was then presented and accepted as read.

At the close of this meeting the annual vestry meeting was opened.

After the customary reading of the minutes, which were approved, Mr. F. Lawson rendered a report from the organ committee, which was most encouraging, and showed that the new organ was perfect in every particular. The estimated cost of the instrument was $4,500, but owing to a discount for the old organ the price was reduced about $1,200.

The churchwarden's report showed the total receipts for the year to have been $6,171 51. At present there is a balance of over $300 over expenses.

Six hundred dollars was paid on the church debt during the year.

Owing to an expected increase in the expenses, the subject of increasing the revenue through the envelope system was discussed, and it will be considered at the adjourned meeting. The report was turned over to the auditors, who will report on it two weeks hence.

Mr. J. M. Shaw was then elected warden, while the election of a second warden was adjourned until the next meeting.

The following sidesmen were elected:

East Side—Messrs. F. Lawson, W. Wallis, W. Southam, F. Millson, H. A. Sabine, J. Clayton, J. Edwards, Dr. Woolverton, C. Hoar.

Center Aisle—Messrs. J. Weld, A. White, C. J. Collyer, T. Main, J. A. Thomas, C. Fox.

West Side—Messrs. J. C. Judd, A. Payne, W. H. Bartram, W. Peacock, J. H. Black, R. Smith, F. Reynolds.

Auditors elected were—F. Lawson and A. White.

The select vestry consists of the rector, wardens, and the following: J. H. A. Beattie, F. Lawson, J. K. H. Pope, J. H. Back, J. B. Collyer, E. E. Nugent, W. Peacock and W. Bartram.

The usual votes of thanks were extended to the teachers and officers of the Sunday school, and the various organizations, and a special vote of thanks was extended to Mr.John Pope, who has occupied the position of superintendent of the Sunday school for over 33 years.

The meeting was then adjourned for two weeks.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The congregation of Christ Church have every reason to congratulate themselves. Reports submitted at the vestry last night showed the church's affairs to be in a flourishing condition, with peace and prosperity working hand-in-hand for the good of all. During the year, which closed March 31, a handsome new organ was installed, at a cost of over $3,000, and many much-needed improvements were made to the church.

The treasurer's report showed total receipts for the year of $4,570 93, and expenditures of $4,533 23, leaving a balance of $37 70.

Officers for the year were elected as follows:

Rector's Warden—W. A. Hayden.

People's Warden—J. W. Rowlands.

Select Vestry—Messrs. E. H. Wingett, E. T. Stephens, H. Salter, W. Robinson, C. Smith, J. McFadden, W. Wilson, J. Mason, S. T. Bending, T. Wilson, H. R. Franks and A. G. McCormick.

Sidesmen—North side, Messrs. McFadden, Franks and Winden. South side—Messrs. Wingett, Smith and Stephens.

Ushers—S. Brown, V. P. Woonton, W. S. Woodward and W. F. Robinson.

Auditors—R. M. McElheran and T. Wilson.

Delegates to Synod—A. E. Welch and R. M. McElheran.

Vestry Clerk—W. A. Rowlands.

MEMORIAL CHURCH.

The vestry meeting at the Memorial Church was very harmonious. Although much of the regular business of the year was dealt with, the meeting had to be adjourned for two weeks to receive the warden's report.

Mr. A. E. Gibson was appointed rector's warden, and Mr. Albert Smith people's warden.

Messrs. F. P. Betts, F. E. Leonard and Dr. English were appointed lay representatives to the Synod of Huron.

The financial statement, although incomplete, showed very encouraging results, while the rector's report also showed good cause for thankfulness.

Votes of thanks were extended to the organist, the choir, the auditors, the Sunday school teachers and officers, Rev. Dr. Beaumont, honorary assistant to the rector, and to the missionary treasurer, Mr. Talbot.

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