

Lent, brought them back on Easter Day with the amounts saved by self-denial or earned by themselves, making up over \$28 for the missions of the diocese.

The Easter Vestry held on the 18th was unusually well attended and the proceedings throughout were pleasant and harmonious.

A motion of condolence and sympathy was passed by a rising vote in reference to the loss sustained by the parish in the deaths of two old office-bearers and earnest churchmen, the late Mr. Charles Green and Dr. Bristol, of whom the latter had been for 22 years a delegate representing the parish in Synod. The statement of the retiring wardens was considered satisfactory and ordered to be printed, and votes of thanks were given to the choir and the energetic ladies who collected the amounts required to meet the payments of interest on the debt. This has been reduced during the year to \$6,813.34, and an amount of \$280 is in hand to make up another payment of \$500. The Rector nominated as his Warden Walter Darling, Esq., who had been elected last year by the congregation and the Vestry returned the compliment by unanimously choosing Jas. E. Herring, Esq., previously the Rector's Warden.

A committee was appointed to discuss the advisability of readjusting the indebtedness of the church, and, if possible, procuring a rectory house nearer to the church, from which at present it lies distant nearly a mile.

Before the Vestry was closed a good deal of amusement was caused by a gentleman, one of the Synod delegates, asking leave to put a question to the Archdeacon on a question of privilege. He drew from his pocket a marked copy of the *Evangelical Churchman*, which he said had been industriously passed round the town, and in which it was gravely asserted that the *Metropolitan of Canada, Bishop Kingdon, the Archdeacon of Kingston* and sundry other clergymen, being members of the English Church Union, were "pledged to introduce" all sorts of "Popish practices." As the Archdeacon was of course able to give this statement the most unqualified contradiction, there was a good general laugh and condemnation of the attempt to make mischief in the congregation.

The retiring delegate to the Synod, A. T. Harshaw, Esq., was re-elected for three years, and an equally good friend and old officer, R. G. Wright, Esq., was elected to fill the place made vacant by the death of Dr. Bristol, to serve for the two ensuing years.

#### DIocese OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*Church Women's Mission Aid.*—There were between sixty and seventy ladies present in the Synod room on Wednesday afternoon, April 27th, the occasion being the 8th annual meeting of the above Society. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Cayley, President of the Society; Mesdames J. S. McMurray, Wyatt, Tinning, C. Thompson, W. A. Baldwin, and Miss Thorne, members of the Board of Management; Mrs. O'Reilly, Sec'y.-Treas.; Mesdames Cowan Baker, McMurrich, H. Thorne, Jas. Strachan, Lockhart, Cartwright, and Misses White, Robnson, Osler, Street, Paterson and many others, all active members of the Society. There were also present Mrs. Renaud, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and Miss Maynard, President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, with which now organisation the C.W.M.A. now works hand in hand. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto occupied the chair, and the clergy of Toronto were represented by the Revs. J. D. Cayley, J. P. Lewis, J. Pearson, W. H. Clarke and Canon Osler. The Rev. Dr. Mockridge, of Hamilton, was also present, and the Rev. Mr. Edgelow, of Huron Diocese.

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer, and then called upon the Secretary to read the report, which showed a large increase in the

work done, the number of boxes sent to missionaries since April last year amounting to 57, the value of which, together with some gifts of church furnishings, is reckoned at \$2,357.74. This has all been accomplished with the very small expense of \$202.14, leaving a balance in hand of \$59.27, as the total receipts have only been \$241.41 for the whole year.

The Society regret that their money receipts are so small, as it obliges them to be so cautious in their expenditure, and to put aside as impossible many applications which they would like to fill. They hope during the next year to organise a plan by which the cash at their disposal may be augmented.

The report goes on to speak of the relations of the C. W. M. A. to the W. A. and claims for Toronto Diocese the honor of first organising women's work in the Canadian Church, inasmuch as Miss Westmenott, established the C. W. M. A. eight years ago, and they have now ratified an agreement with the W. A., by which they work together, the C. W. M. A. keeping control of all Dorcas missionary work done in the Diocese of Toronto as heretofore, and their Secretary still receiving all applications for that kind of assistance.

The Board express their satisfaction that the establishment of a W. A. has enabled them to increase the number of their branches and members. The number of branches in connection with the C. W. M. A. is twenty-six, sixteen being in the city of Toronto, and the remaining ten in other parts of the diocese.

The Rev. J. P. Lewis with a few pleasant words of praise and encouragement, moved the adoption of the report and was seconded by Canon Osler. The Rev. W. H. Clarke then moved that the officers of last year be re-elected seconded by Rev. J. Pearson, and carried unanimously.

The Bishop then expressed the regret of the Society and himself that the Bishop of Algoma was unable to be present, and also read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Brick, of Peace River, apologising for his unavoidable absence. His Lordship then called upon the Rev. Dr. Mockridge to address the meeting, which he did in a few well chosen words, expressing his pleasure at really learning for the first time the true aim and object of the C. W. M. A. and finding that they had been doing so well and so long a work greatly needed in the Church, that of gladdening poor missionaries with practical sympathy and substantial help. He was also pleased to find that the Secretary was promoting unity in the Church by combining all the parishes to work for one cause. Women's work in the Church had perhaps not been enough considered in times past, but where it was well organised and perseveringly carried on as this had been there was hardly anything it could not accomplish, and he hoped that as Toronto Diocese rightly claimed the honor of first organising women's work in the Canadian Church so they, by persevering in the good cause, and by unity among themselves would continue to keep the first place in such missionary work as only women could undertake.

The Bishop then called on the Rev. J. D. Cayley for a few words. He was glad to hear that the work of the Society had increased and very pleased that the C. W. M. A. and the W. A. were working together, he felt sure that by so doing they would strengthen each others' hands, instead of weakening as some had feared.

The Rev. W. H. Clarke then said that a resolution had been placed in his hands which he was sure would be well received, moved by Mrs. Wyatt, seconded by Mrs. Tinning, that the thanks of the Society are due to Mrs. O'Reilly, Secretary-Treasurer, for her untiring active discharge of her duties. This was passed with applause and the Bishop in a few complimentary words tendered the thanks of the Society to Mrs. O'Reilly.

Mrs. Renaud, President of W. A., then spoke a few words, expressing her hope that the

C. W. M. A. would feel themselves as one with the W. A. inasmuch as they were striving in the same cause and for love of the same Master.

The Bishop then closed the meeting with the benediction.

*St. Matthias.*—All through the Lenten season the attendance at the services was well maintained, indeed never in our experience have such large congregations, notably in Holy Week, assembled on week-days within the walls of St. Matthias. On Good Friday so full was the church at the "Three Hours Service," that throughout the whole of that time, it was with difficulty that a seat could be found. The Rev. R. T. Nichol conducted the service as announced, and by his earnest and beautiful addresses brought home, we may well believe, to many a soul amongst us, the wide and deep meaning of those precious words spoken from the Cross.

Four hundred and fifty pictures of the Crucifixion, each enclosed in an envelope, were given away at the door of the church on Good Friday. These were the gift of our kind friend, the Rev. C. V. Adams, who also gave a beautiful card to each person who was confirmed.

On Easter 308 persons communicated at the early Celebrations (at 6 and 8 a.m.), and at 11.15 the communicants brought up the total number for the day to 390, an increase of 45 upon the previous year. The services throughout the day were of more than usual beauty, and the immense congregation that assembled at the mid-day Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, overflowing far into the school-room, was very striking. At Evensong the Church was crowded long before the hour of service, and although the school-room was utilised to its full extent, many had to go away unable to get in at all. The Rector was the preacher at mid-day and the Rev. R. T. Nichol at evensong.

The offertory amounted to \$338 for the day, a sum which, notwithstanding the fears of the Churchwardens, balanced the Easter accounts on the right side.

The Easter Vestry took place as usual on the Monday after Easter Day at 8 p.m., the Rector in the chair. The Churchwardens' statement showed that \$3,428.66 had been received from all sources during the year. The average offertory was \$40 a Sunday, a very decided increase upon last year.

The estimates for the coming year included an addition of \$200 to the Assistant Minister's Stipend and \$100 to that of the organist. It is thought that \$200 further will be necessary for re-shingling the roof and providing a drain.

The total debt now upon the church property is \$4,173.30, though there had been a reduction of nearly \$300 in the past year. In five years all the interest has been practically paid and \$1,427 of the principal wiped out. The present plan of paying from the offertory \$500 per annum toward the principal and interest will gradually obliterate the debt.

The Rector nominated Mr. George W. Verral as his Churchwarden for another year, while the congregation chose Mr. A. H. Lightbourne as theirs, in the place of Mr. William Thompson, who wished to be relieved from an office, which for two years he has filled with ability, and in the discharge of which he has won the esteem and good will of the congregation generally.

At a subsequent meeting Mr. Alderman Verral, Mr. William Wedd, sen., and Mr. B. L. Northcott were unanimously chosen delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

The report of the clergy as to the spiritual condition of the parish stated that during the year there had been 143 baptisms, 46 Confirmations, 53 churchings, 24 marriages. Over 900 persons have been baptised at St. Matthias since January, 1882, and 312 persons have been confirmed.