

endeavour to clear away some wrong impressions which have been circulated about this country. He also intends to look after the interest of the Church of England in Canada during his trip. He will give information collected by himself as to the opportunities offered to agriculturists in Muskoka district. He takes with him a box containing specimens of twenty different kinds of wood which he collected. One piece, bird's eye maple, of which there are 1,000 acres, heavily wooded, is a very fine specimen. He will give information as to the product of the soil per acre, and the amount of capital necessary to make a start. He states that a good start can be made with £500, but that a man with £1,000 will in a few years gain a competency. He also takes with him specimens of woolen goods manufactured at the Bracebridge woolen mills from Muskoka wool, and also cereals and grain. Rev. Mr. Crompton leaves Halifax on Saturday for England, by the steamship Sardinian.

The veteran missionary is not officially authorized to appeal for help on behalf of the Church in Algoma. But he may make statements as to the condition of the diocese, and expose its needs and the dangers gathering around its progress from party plotters. There is no law of God or the Church or of man to prevent English Church people showing their personal good-will to Mr. Crompton, and their sympathy with his work. He can also ask the prayers of God's people against the machinations of those who regard a diocese as a mere field for party operations. He can also speak of those whose party tactics are to support a clergyman or seek to starve him out, according to the degree in which he recognises that "One," and one only, "is His Master ever Christ," or forgets his vows and manliness by subserviency to party bosses, who vain would boast Muskoka is our wash-pot, over Algoma will we triumph.

AMBULANCE CORPS FOR THE NORTH-WEST.—Mr. Wragge, Grand Trunk Superintendent, has collected a number of very liberal contributions in Toronto, Hamilton, London, &c., towards fitting out an ambulance corps for the North-West, which left a few days ago well equipped. Dr. Natrass, brother of the esteemed curate of Holy Trinity, is in charge, and the corps is made up of a fine body of medical students of high standing and promise, with a few assistants. We trust they will have no experience in this work of mercy!

BARRIE.—*Juvenile Concert.*—The juvenile concert at the town hall was all that it promised. Careful preparation was evinced and Miss Mason, under whose direction the juveniles have been trained, is entitled to great credit and she must feel a sense of gratification that her efforts are appreciated. Space will not allow any extended notice of this excellent entertainment, but we were particularly pleased with the opening chorus, and the march in fancy costume. The tableaux were good. In the operetta the parts of Jack, the Chief Pirate, Indian Chief, and Tom, were well sustained, and Paquita and Dr. Birch were very creditable. The whole entertainment was much above the ordinary level, and well deserved the patronage and support it received.

NIAGARA.

GEORGETOWN.—The vestry meeting of this Church held on Easter Monday, was a very harmonious one. The parish was declared to be in a prosperous condition, and cordality and sympathy exists between the incumbent and people. The congregation have undertaken several improvements for the summer—renovating the church inside, the building of a new chimney necessary for the improved heating of the church, and the pointing of the stonework outside, etc. The congregation have very much increased, and the expectation for the year are bright. Messrs T. J. Wheeler and Samuel Beaumont, two energetic churchmen, were elected churchwardens. Mr. Samuel Philips was elected delegate to the Synod.

STEWARTTOWN.—This little congregation is one of the most energetic in the whole diocese. The members are devoted churchmen. Till recently there was a debt on the property, and when the demand for the Episcopal Fund came it was unanimously agreed that this debt should not be augmented, but that it should be promptly paid. Accordingly the people became stirred up with enthusiasm, and not only paid their share of the Ep. En. Fund, but also put their hands in their pockets to a good amount and paid off the whole debt of the church. The result was that the church is completely out of debt and has a surplus on hand, also an increase of salary was unanimously granted to the incumbent, the Rev. C. Graham

Adams, M.A., for the ensuing year. Messrs. Morrison and Ashenburt were re-elected wardens. Mr. Wm. Thompson delegate. We cannot speak too highly of Mr. Morrison, the financier of the church, for what he has lately accomplished for the church.

ORANGEVILLE.—*St. Mark's Church.*—Vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday and was attended by a larger number of members than usually. F. C. Stewart and W. L. Walsh were chosen churchwardens, and F. Irwin delegate to the Synod for three years. The envelope system of contributing to the funds of the church was adopted, and bids fair to be a very great success. After the usual business of the meeting was transacted, the subject of putting the choir in surplices was talked over, and communications which had been received from parishes where choirs had been in surplices for some time were read, all of which were unanimous in recommending the custom for three reasons especially—it secured more regular attendance and more reverent conduct, and obliterated distinction in dress between the rich and the poor. This information was thought very satisfactory.

THE LATE C. S. SMITH.—*In Memoriam.*—The following resolution was passed at the vestry meeting in St. Alban's Church.—Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His divine providence hath called to rest our well beloved brother and associate friend in Christ, Charles S. Smith, we, the incumbent, wardens and vestry, desire to express our deep sense of the irreparable loss the parish of St. Alban's has sustained by his sudden removal from our circle. For many years he has faithfully served the parish as a vestryman, warden, and lay delegate, and was ever ready to promote the interest of the same by his earnest counsels, great liberality, and deep-minded sympathy. His sweet urbanity of manners, ever won for him the entire respect of the community among whom he resided so long. The sincerity of his christian life and walking before God was well illustrated by that quietness and confidence which mark at all times the earnestness of the principles in which as a christian he had been educated and trained as a devoted son of the church of his Father, and now that he is called to the rest of the sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection, we, the members in session, desire to express to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in the loss sustained, pray that the God of all consolation will heal their sorrowing hearts. Resolved—that a copy of the above minute be inscribed on the books of the church, and published in the *Action Free Press* and the *DOMINION CHURCHMAN*. Signed on behalf of the congregation, Rev. W. J. Piggott, incumbent, John Perkins, Geo. Hynds, churchwardens.

Deceased was a prominent and zealous churchman, in whom St. Alban's loses a valuable friend. A sorrowing wife and five children, are left to mourn the loss of a kind and considerate husband and father. Their grief is too sacred for a stranger's eye, but as a brother in a double sense of the deceased, we assure them of our sympathy and commend them to His care in Whose presence their beloved now rests awaiting re-union in the tearless land.

LUTHER AND AMARANTH MISSION.—Good Friday services were held at St. Alban's, Luther, and in St. Clement's, Colbeck. Matins was said at St. Alban's, at half-past ten a.m., the preacher being Mr. W. R. Blachford, lay reader. At two p.m. began a service to bring before us the three hours agony of our Blessed Redeemer. The preacher was Mr. G. H. Webb, the junior lay reader of the mission. At half-past seven, evensong was said, and a sermon preached by Rev. R. T. W. Webb, missionary in charge. The singing all through the day was without accompaniment, and was very hearty. At St. Clement's, Mr. W. R. Blachford conducted the service at 3 p.m. The congregations were good and we believe that the services proved profitable to those who attended.

Easter Day.—Shortly before Christmas last some members of the congregation of St. Alban's waited upon the missionary in charge, asked his permission to organize a surpliced choir. The permission was given and the co-operation of the missionary promised. The work of training the men and boys was begun by Mr. W. F. Webb, the present organist of St. Mark's Church, Hamilton, and was carried on by the Rev. R. T. W. Webb and his assistants. On Easter Day the choir came into church for the first time to conduct the services. The behaviour of those in the choir was most commendable, and the music was sung very heartily and reverently. The boys are much assisted by the young ladies who constituted the old choir, and who still keep their usual seats at the front of the nave, additional seats having been erected for the men and boys. Our choir now numbers about twenty-five, and a very marked improvement in the services is

noticeable. All our service is very congregational. We sing music which is well known, and which every one can join and so render it not only possible but easy for "young men and maidens, old men and children, to praise the name of the Lord." Let us pray that all those who put on the white robe to lead God's worship here on earth may hereafter in the white raiment of the redeemer sing eternally before the throne the praises of God and of the Lamb. The congregations are steadily increasing; it seems very probable that St. Alban's will have to be enlarged ere long. There is much work to be done, but we can look with thankfulness to the past and with hopes to the future, and "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

HURON.

SARNIA.—A Young Ladies Guild was organized on Monday, April 13th, in connection with St. George's Church, it commences with a membership of twenty-four, its object is to do some definite work for the church. In future the holy communion will be administered on the third Sunday of the month at half-past eight o'clock.

The vestry meeting of St. George's Church was held on Easter Monday evening, the rector, Rev. T. R. Davis, in the chair. The rector submitted his annual report of work done in the parish, which, on motion, was ordered to be entered in the minutes of the vestry book. Financial reports showed the total revenue of the church for the past year to have been over \$6,000. All the funds are in a most satisfactory condition. Mr. Thos. Kenny was re-appointed rector's warden, and Mr. J. P. Bucke was re-elected people's warden for the current year. Dr. Poussette and Mr. A. C. Clarke were appointed delegates to the Synod. On motion, votes of thanks were tendered to the rector, to the Ladies' Aid Society, to Mr. R. S. Gurd, Miss Kenny, Mrs. H. Neal and Miss Rothwell, for gifts of church furniture, altar cloth, and pulpit drape; to the members of the choir and organist; to Mr. C. Mole, vestry clerk, and the churchwardens.

CHATHAM.—Christ Church East vestry, held in Christ Church Sunday-school, Monday, 3rd inst., present Rev. N. H. Martin, incumbent, S. F. Jarvis, and S. Stephenson, church wardens, Mr. Dallas, vestry clerk, pro tem, who read the minutes of the last meeting. Rev. Mr. Martin spoke a few words, regretting the financial condition of the church for the last year, after which he called on the committee appointed some three weeks ago to make special collections to make up the deficiency of the Rev. Mr. Martin's salary, which was at that time \$1,100, also to get those who had not paid up their pew rent to do so at once, what with the subscriptions and paid up pew rents, the amount was reduced to \$500, and there being still arrears of pew rent about \$400. There was a great deal of discussion of the organist's salary which most of the pew holders thought too much to pay these hard times, which with the music, tuning, and organ boy for blowing, brought it to about \$500 to \$550 a year, it was voted that \$350 be allowed the present warden to pay organist, music, tuning, and organ boy, and \$125 to the sexton instead of \$175 as at present paid, it was considered that about \$300 in salary would be saved, the salary of vestry clerk was done away with, a very neat lectern was presented to the church by the late vestry clerk, who has gone to the old country, the following officers were appointed for the coming year:—Wm. Richards, minister's warden, Isaac Snuble, people's warden; lay delegates, R. S. Woods, M. Wilson, J. L. Bartham; sidesmen, R. S. Woods, T. S. Jarvis, S. Stephenson, O. S. Moore, J. Sturman, F. J. Gillet, Jas. Moore, R. V. Bray; auditors appointed were John Moorish, Jas. Richardson. The meeting adjourned for two weeks to receive the auditors report. Rev. N. H. Martin closed by pronouncing the benediction.

CHATSWORTH MISSION.—Rev. Geo. Keys, R. D., missionary. *St. Paul's Church.*—Geo. S. Bayley senior churchwarden, John McElheran junior churchwarden, John McElheran delegate to Synod. *St. Luke's Church.*—Geo. Lee senior churchwarden, Wm. Crawford junior churchwarden, Wm. Davidson delegate to Synod. *St. Mark's Church.*—Daniel Taylor senior churchwarden, Robert Givens junior churchwarden, Andrew Irvine delegate to Synod. *St. John's Church.*—James Bryant senior churchwarden, Thos. Crawford junior churchwarden, James Bryant delegate to Synod.

MITCHELL.—On Easter Sunday, Rev. B. P. DeLom officiated in Trinity Church for the last time as Rector of that Parish; though he will not fully commence his evangelistic duties for some weeks. Rev. J. Ridley, of Quebec, has been chosen as Mr. DeLom's successor, with the approval of his Lordship, the Bishop