

handed over to the Churchwardens to meet the current expenses of the church.

The general monthly meeting of the Guild of St. Barnabas will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 8 p.m., instead of the first Friday.

#### CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR.

The Women's Guild of the church gave their monthly reception on Thursday evening, March 12. As this was in the season of Lent they changed the character of their programme, the first part of which consisted of sacred music and readings. The second was a lecture on "Nature," by Rev. G. J. Low, of Almonte. The lecture was bright, interesting and instructive.

The services on Good Friday were well attended. The Devotion of Three Hours was conducted by Rev. J. M. V. King, of Billings Bridge.

On Easter Day the services were remarkably bright, the singing being especially good, and reflecting great credit on Mr. Collier-Grounds, the organist and choir master.

The offerings, including those of Holy Week, were over \$200.

#### GRACE CHURCH.

The services on Easter Day were wonderfully bright and hearty. The church was beautifully decorated with the choicest of white flowers and appropriate texts. The chancel presented a most pleasing appearance. The handsome crimson curtain, presented by a lady of the congregation, with the flowers upon and grouped round the altar, made the chancel most effective. We were disappointed in not having our carpet down for this festive occasion. It is on its way from England and we hope that we shall not be much longer without it. A temporary carpet was laid, however, for the occasion.

At the early Communion there were some seventy-five communicants and fifty at mid-day. The musical part of the services was simply delightful. Mr. F. Colson presided at the new organ, which was played for the first time, with his well known taste, and the congregation were more than delighted with the sweetness and richness of tone, and the excellent rendering by the choir of the music. Solos were sung by Miss Selwyn and Mrs. L. Jones, and a bass solo by Mr. Blanchet.

The congregations during the Lenten Season and Holy Week were very good, and on Easter Day quite exceeded our most sanguine anticipations. On Easter morn the church was comfortably filled, but at the evening service it was quite full. The church will seat some six hundred people, and it is very encouraging to find that the sittings are being taken up so rapidly. The offertory amounted to about \$90 during the day.

On Monday photographs were taken by Mr. Topley of the interior of the church, and can be obtained in a few days from the church authorities for a small sum.

The Easter Vestry was held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the church. There was a fair attendance.

The financial condition of the church was shown to be very satisfactory.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Mr. Lewis, the contractor, the Church Wardens and others, and the meeting was attended in every way by the happiest results.

Major Walsh and Mr. F. White were re-elected as Church Wardens for the ensuing year.

A handsome marble Font will shortly be placed in the church, for which Mr. M. Rogers has been kindly interesting himself.

#### ST. LUKE'S.

The Easter services were bright and hearty; the communicants at 8 a.m. were 48; at 11 a.m. 62; total 110. The children's service was at 10 a.m. Judging by the attendance and general interest of the large congregation, there seems to be a prosperous future for St. Luke.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on Easter Monday; after the reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, the officers were appointed for the current year: Wardens, William Farmer, appointed by the Rector; Wm. Glover, elected by the Parish. Mr. A. P. Johnson was elected delegate to Synod for three years.

The meeting then adjourned till the 17th April, when the current business of the past year is settled and estimates for the future determined. Full and cheering reports are promised from the Y.P.G., the M.C.L., the Woman's Parish Guild and Auxiliary.

The W.P.G. is in fine shape for their entertainment and sale on the 7th April.

The Y.P.G. will follow soon with one of their popular entertainments, and the Auxiliary hold their annual meeting on the 21st April.

#### VISIT OF THE LORD BISHOP OF QU'APPELLE.

His Lordship arrived in Ottawa on Saturday, March 7th, and on Sunday preached at Christ Church in the morning, St. Margaret's in the afternoon, and St. John's in the evening. At each church he gave a very interesting account of the work done in his diocese by the twenty clergy, and complained that Ontario did not help to maintain the church amongst the settlers in Assiniboia, many of whom had come from the Eastern Provinces. His Lordship stated that only \$2,500 had been contributed during the past year for the six North-Western Dioceses, and although this is correct as regards the amounts paid directly through the Board of D. and F. Missions, yet a much larger sum had been given by the Church in answer to special appeals for special objects. No doubt Algoma does receive a very large share of the money contributed for what are called