

meeting of the Board of Missions. He returned Saturday, and proceeded to Essex County to hold Confirmation through that county.

INGERSOLL.—The congregations of Ingersoll and St. Marys are considering who they propose asking the Bishop to appoint. Rev. Mr. Chackley has been taking duty in Ingersoll for the present.

WARWICK.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Mary's Church, Warwick, was held on Easter Monday, a good number of the members being present. The former wardens were re-elected, Mr. Richard Browne as Rector's warden, and Mr. Frank Kenward as warden for the people. Mr. Robert Herbert was also re-elected as delegate to the Synod. The warden's accounts showed a respectable balance on the credit side. This Rectory has recently become vacant through the resignation of the Rev. P. E. Hyland, but the congregation have unanimously requested the Bishop to appoint as Rector, the Rev. H. A. Thomas, M. A., who has during the past year held the office of *locum tenens*. Warwick is one of the old Crown rectories, and is in possession of a considerable endowment. The Rector's residence is a fine two-storey brick building, almost new, situated upon a lot containing two acres, and is entirely free from debt. During the past year a very neat and comfortable brick church was erected, with stained glass windows (five of them being beautiful memorials of former parishioners), with furnace, extension pews, and all modern conveniences. This, too, is free from debt and was therefore consecrated by the Bishop at the time of its opening.

There is also an out station a few miles distant, at Wisbeach, where St. Paul's Church has stood for nearly 35 years, but, strange to say, had never been out of debt during that long period. However, this church has recently been beautified, and also freed from debt, so that on the 9th February last it was consecrated by the Bishop and became in fact what it had long been in name merely—the House of God.

The parish thus comprised under the name of the Rectory of Warwick is one of the most compact in the Diocese of Huron, inasmuch as the great majority of its membership live upon the London and Sarnia, road, the best gravel road in the county of Lambton. Possessed of two neat and comfortable churches and a large and commodious rectory, all free from debt; and presided over by a rector who is the unanimous choice of the people, the prospects of this parish are bright and hopeful.—*London, Ont., Free Press.*

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

BEAMSVILLE.—Pursuant to notice at the hour of 10:30 in the forenoon of Thursday, April 17, the bell of the new church of St. Alban, the martyr, rang out for the first time its summons to divine worship. At 11 o'clock the following clergy entered the church by the west door, in procession, all vested in cassock, surplice and white stole: Rev. F. C. Piper, mission priest; Rev. E. O. Edgeow, curate, Grimsby; Rev. F. Howitt, mission priest, Stoney Creek; Rev. T. Geoghegan, rector St. Matthew's, Hamilton; Rev. P. Spencer, rector, Thorold; Rev. Rural Dean Gribble, rector, Port Dalhousie. Holy Communion was celebrated, then the Rural Dean gave an address on the adoration of our Lord by the Holy women after His resurrection. A large congregation, considering the hour, was present. The choir, strengthened by several singers of the Presbyterian and Methodist bodies, led the services most satisfactorily.

During the communion the processional hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," Gounod's Communion service was used, with the Gloria Tibi and Gratias; and hymn, "Christ is our Corner

Stone"; "Bread of Heaven, on Thee we feed"; after consecration, "And now, O Father, mindful of the love"; Gloria in Excelsis, Gregorian tones V and III. Nunc Dimittis, Anglican.

At 3 p. m. another service was held when the church was crowded, the following clergy being present in addition to those of the morning: Rev. A. McNab, rector of St. Barnabas, St. Catherines; Canon Read, Grimsby; Rev. E. Bland, rector-in-charge Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton. Rev. A. McNab intoned Evensong to the third Collect, Rev. P. Spencer reading the lessons and Rev. T. Geoghegan the remainder of Evening prayer. Rev. E. Bland delivered an eloquent sermon from Malachi 1, vii. to xi. The service closed with a recessional hymn. At 7:30 p. m. the church was again crowded. The clergy present were Revs. Piper, Howitt, Gribble and Rural Dean Mackenzie, of Grace church, Brantford. Evensong having been sung, Rural Dean Mackenzie gave an eloquent address on temples and temple building. The preacher showed how in the beginning of history, in the childhood of the human race, men had builded altars and called on the name of the Lord, referring to the magnificent temples of Assyria, Egypt and Peru, speaking of our Anglo-Saxon and Celtic forefathers. The preacher dwelt at length on the Jewish tabernacle and the first temple, then, passing on to the second temple, he showed the origin and meaning of the synagogue worship, clearly proving that the latter is perpetuated in the various systems and plans adopted by Christian bodies; while the Holy Eucharist serves to perpetuate the temple worship; that Matins, Litany and Evensong, correspond to the Synagogue worship, while the great Christian obligation of the Blessed Sacrament is the representative of the latter—the higher worship. The address was listened to very attentively and furnished food to many for thought.

On Friday evening, Rev. E. Fessenden, rector of Chippawa, preached Evensong, from Psalm 53, i and ii. He spoke of The Church, the mystical body of Christ, shewing that Christ had founded a society called the church to be continued to the end of time; that to this Church were committed the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; that just as the life from the parent vine is communicated by the sap to the branches, so the spiritual life is communicated to the members of the Church from their spiritual head, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Saturday evening, after Evensong had been sung, Rev. F. E. Howitt, of Stoney Creek, preached on the spiritual life in the individual, taking for his text the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah. His Lordship, the Bishop of Niagara, being present gave the Apostolic benediction.

On Sunday, 13th, at 11 a. m., the Rev. F. C. Piper, said Matins. The Bishop taking his place before the altar commenced the celebration of the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. F. C. Piper as Epistoller, and the Very Rev. the Dean of Niagara, as Gospeller. His Lordship delivered an earnest, thoughtful and impressive sermon from the words "And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His Body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all," Eph. 1, verses 22 and 23. His Lordship held the large congregation's enraptured attention while he enlarged upon the facts: that the earthly society called the Church was founded by Christ Himself to be the regeneration of the human race; that this regeneration was to be accomplished by uniting individuals to this Society by Holy Baptism; that once baptized into the Catholic church they were mysteriously united to Christ, their Head; that this union was strengthened by Confirmation and perpetuated in the Holy Communion, together with other minor means of grace; that this society was perpetuated as in any earthly so-

ciety, viz., through its officers the Bishops, Priests and Deacons of Apostolic ordering and appointment. Those who, chose to separate themselves from the society of Christ's appointment, might be compared to members separated from the body to which they had originally belonged. At the close of the sermon the service was proceeded with, as on Thursday morning previous—the number of communicants being very large.

(To be Continued.)

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

UFFINGTON.—The Easter vestry was held in the Church hall, on Tuesday, April 8. Present the Rev. H. N. Bardén, Messrs. R. Y. Corrigan, lay reader, James Kirkpatrick, people's warden, L. B. Smith, R. McBride, T. Coulter, W. H. Tinkiss, vestry clerk, and others.

The meeting being held immediately after Evensong, the chairman proceeded immediately with his opening address as follows:

My Brethren.—I have great pleasure in meeting you here at our second Easter vestry since I first came among you, and I avail myself of this opportunity of wishing you all a successful and useful year. Of one thing we may rest assured, that it can and will be successful and useful, only in proportion, as it is spent with a constant remembrance of the presence of Him, who is with us in all our ways, as he was with the two on the way to Emmaus.

If you will permit me, I would pass in review, the various works we have together been engaged in during the past year. And at the same time, I would impress upon you the deep debt of gratitude we owe to Almighty God for the success with which he has crowned our efforts.

During the year, 201 services have been held in the mission on Sundays, and Holy days. Besides these services there has been of course the usual week day services; 28 children have been admitted into Christ's Church by Holy Baptism; 8 persons have been united in Holy Matrimony; and two have passed to their rest. There are some 22 candidates for the rite of confirmation. Among the most successful of our undertakings are the Sunday school and Bible-classes, the former have upwards of eighty names on their books, and the latter about thirty. The attendance at both is also good. Take the register of St. Paul's Sunday school for the last three months and we find 43 per cent. have made the full number of attendances; 21 per cent. have missed but one; 20 and 16 per cent. have missed two and three attendances respectively. The attendance at the weekly Bible class is even more satisfactory. Another of our works is proceeding in a most hopeful manner, I mean St. Paul's Guild. It is impossible to say the amount of good this will be capable of doing, when it is more fully developed. Surely the fact alone of its associates in England and other parts of the world, offering prayers at the Holy Eucharist, for the mission and the souls therein, can not but bring down upon all great blessings, from our Heavenly Father's hand, as may our prayers, bring upon them like blessings. The Church Workers' Guild also deserves notice; small are its numbers, but willing and anxious are its members, to do what they can for the good of the Church they love so well. Our newly formed Mission band, has I believe 21 members, each of whom would say "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee."

Personally, I have delivered 367 sermons and addresses; paid 421 pastoral visits; travelled some 3,191 miles on duty; written 795 letters on matters connected with the mission, (of letters received no account has been kept); I have received about 1,300 newspapers and periodicals, and 10 packages of articles of clothing, and articles for the Christmas tree, also I have obtained grants of books, etc., to