

churchwardens' report showed a balance of \$31. Churchwardens John Taylor and Wm. Lane were re-elected, and Messrs. Lloyd and Parnham were appointed lay delegates.

NIAGARA.

CAYUGA.—The annual vestry meeting of St. John's Church was held on the evening of Tuesday in Easter week. The finances of the congregation were in excellent condition, there being no debts of any kind, and a good surplus remaining in hand to carry to the credit of the coming year. G. Sackville Cotter, Esq., registrar of the county, was re-elected people's warden, and in the place of E. D. Cameron, Esq., who has just left for Brantford, having accepted a lucrative government appointment in that city. The incumbent nominated W. C. T. Morson, Esq., manager of the local branch of the Bank of Commerce, as his warden for the ensuing year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the choir for their valuable services, and a resolution was passed expressing the great regret of the congregation at the removal of so active and useful a worker and official as the outgoing clergyman's warden. A resolution was also unanimously passed raising the stipend provided by the congregation to \$600 per annum. Among the recent improvements made in the church are three handsome seats, with front rail of white oak, upholstered in crimson moreen, for the use of the choir, which now numbers seventeen members. The aisles have also been furnished with new matting throughout, and nearly sufficient funds are already in hand with which to purchase an expensive new communion service. At an after meeting of the congregation, John Simson, Esq., G. T. Agent, was elected delegate to the Diocesan Synod for the ensuing three years.

MILTON.—Last week a deputation of ladies representing the Parochial Society of Grace Church called on Miss Racey, who has for many years taken an active part in church work and been one of the most useful members of the congregation, and who is about to remove to Salt Lake City, Utah, and presented her with a very handsome dressing case, in oxidized silver, a gold brooch and the following address:

Dear Miss Racey.—The members of Grace Church Parochial Society, knowing that you are about to leave Milton, and desirous of expressing their sincere regret in view of your parting with them, and also by presenting you with the accompanying brooch and dressing case, would ask you to accept of them as tokens of esteem for you as a consistent member of the Church and as an active and useful member of the Parochial Society; and this they do in hope that they may learn, not unfrequently, of your future welfare; and praying that the grace and blessing of God may be with you until your life's end; and that whether we meet again in this world, we may finally enjoy a never-ending re-union and communion in the better world above.

A. MACKENZIE, President.
E. M. FREEMAN, Vice-President.

Miss Racey made a very suitable reply.

BURLINGTON.—*St. Luke's Church.*—The Easter vestry meeting was quite satisfactory. The income of the parish during the past two years had been larger than ever before, and the total value of the church property here is double what it was twelve years ago. Maitland Young, Esq., and W. McGivens, Esq., were elected church wardens, and C. A. Westell, Esq., was re-elected delegate to the synod. The sum of \$50, with the thanks of the vestry, was voted to the organist for the past year. The St. Andrew's Brotherhood in this parish is proving very helpful in the work and progress of the Church.

GUELPH.—*St. James' Church.*—The first annual meeting of St. James' Parish was held Easter Monday evening in the Collegiate Institute Gymnasium, and was attended by over 60 members of the congregation, 50 of whom signed the declaration.

The chair was occupied by the rector, Rev. Rural Dean Belt.

The rector presented his first annual report, stating that the total number of services held in the parish, Sunday and week-day, was 188, and the grand total of all the congregations, 21,573. The Lenten services, especially during Holy week, were well attended. There were 25 baptisms, 1 marriage, 7 burials, and 24 were confirmed by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on October 12. The average attendance at each Sunday service was 180, and at week-day services 47.

The number of public celebrations of the Holy Communion was 46. There are 117 communicants on the roll, and the attendance per month has averaged 95. Besides these 17 services were held in "Brooklyn," and three in Puslinch.

The total receipts from the Sunday School were \$105.64.

The churchwardens' report stated that the total receipts from offertories amounted to \$1,619.07, and expenditure \$1,572.56, leaving a balance on hand of \$46.51. The report also referred to the favorable manner in which the envelope system had worked. There were now 54 persons who contributed in this manner.

Mr. E. Harvey was appointed the people's churchwarden and the rector appointed Mr. T. W. Saunders as his warden.

The following gentlemen were appointed sidesmen for the year: Messrs. W. R. C. Foster, G. A. Richardson, John Ogg, R. McKenzie, W. C. Walker, Walter McWilliams, W. C. J. Hill, G. A. Thorp, J. E. Perry, W. E. Cullen, A. E. Smith and Fred Harvey.

Mr. E. Harvey presented the report of the Building Committee as follows: Cash received to date, \$1,044.91; disbursements to date, \$643.33. The amount of subscriptions due with balance on hand amounted to \$3,500. The report was adopted.

The old Building Committee was re-appointed, with Mr. Benalick in place of Wm. Slater, resigned.

The motion of Mr. F. J. Chadwick and J. E. Perry, that the stipend of the rector be \$900 per annum, dating back from the time he took charge of the parish, was carried. After the usual votes of thanks, including a very hearty one to the Board of Education and Capt. Clarke for the continued use of the gymnasium, the meeting adjourned. At a congregational meeting held afterwards, Mr. W. M. Stanley was elected lay representative to Synod for three years.

The ground for the new church has been broken and building operations have begun in earnest.

HURON.

OIL CITY.—On Monday, the 6th inst., a Young Peoples' Guild was started in connection with the English Church in this place, when the Rev. M. M. Goldberg, by way of starting the Guild, delivered a telling lecture on "Martin Luther," which was listened to attentively by all. There was a large attendance of the young people of both sexes. A collection was taken up at the close of the lecture in aid of the S. S. library.

ST. MARY'S.—The self-denial offerings of the children and young people of the Sunday-school during Lent amounted to over fifty-two dollars.

TILSONBURG.—The Easter services in St. John's church passed off very successfully. There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8.00, 9.30 and 11 a.m., the last of which was semi-choral, the Sanctus Agnus and Gloria in Excelsis being sung. There was full choral Evensong. The surpliced choir of 25 men and boys assisted at both services, and a processional and recessional was sung. The congregations at both services were very large, and a goodly number received. The church was beautifully decorated. On Monday, the annual vestry meeting, the largest and most harmonious ever assembled, was held in the church. A vote of confidence in Rev. W. Dixon, and thanking him for his untiring labours on behalf of the church, was unanimously passed.

LONDON.—*St. John the Evangelist.*—The Lenten services at this church have been more than usually well attended, specially those of morning and evening during Passion week, at which collections were made for the relief of the sufferers at the Spring Hill Mines, amounting to \$18. Easter Sunday commenced with Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., and again at midday, with a larger number of Easter communicants than on any former occasion. The chancel was beautifully decorated with flowers, with two vases of white lilies on the altar. The services were most attractive and devotional. The congregations, both morning and evening, were very large. This day was most appropriately chosen to enliven the service, on this joyous occasion, by the first use of the beautiful new organ lately placed in the chancel, the construction and melodious tones of which reflect great credit upon the builders, the Messrs. Lye, of Toronto. The thoroughly trained choir of men and boys, under the able management of Doctor Jones, the organist, added greatly to the services. The Easter offerings amounted to \$80, part of which will be devoted to the organ fund. Two most impressive sermons suitable to the day were preached by the esteemed rector, Rev. W. T. Hill. In the afternoon a Sunday school service was held which was largely attended by both parents and children; the special hymns were well sung, assisted by the choir boys in their surplices, which added greatly to the heartiness of this little ones' service. The Lenten and Easter services have been more largely attended than usual in all our city churches, showing that this part of our Church's year is being more valued and appreciated by her members.

GALT. *Trinity Church.*—Large congregations filled the sacred edifice on Easter Sunday. The services were very bright and hearty, and everything specially appropriate to the Easter festival. There was a large number of communicants at the early and mid-day services, and the other services, both morning and evening, were equally well attended. The sermons preached by the Rector had special reference to the "Resurrection," and the hymns, anthems and selections by the choir were all thoroughly in harmony with the occasion. The liturgical service of the Church of England never seemed more beautiful, and certainly its Easter celebration was never more joyously commemorated. The musical portion of the services was exceptionally good, and the organist and his choir are to be congratulated upon the result. The chancel of the church was beautifully decorated by Mr. John Wells, florist, the Bermuda lilies being especially attractive, and their fragrance filling the whole church. The annual vestry meeting was held in the school room on Tuesday evening, the rector in the chair. It was most harmonious and satisfactory. The report presented by the wardens, while showing a decrease in the ordinary collections, yet with the special collections, including the jubilee offering, showed an actual increase over last year of more than \$1,000, which, considering the somewhat trying year, is most encouraging. Total raised in the parish for all purposes being \$4,600. Capt. R. G. Dickson and A. Bisset-Thorn, Esq., were appointed wardens, and the following gentlemen were elected sidesmen: Messrs. A. Thom, G. Tolton, J. Gileland, F. Mellish, A. Strickland, J. W. Scott, C. R. H. Warnock, G. Woods, J. E. Warnock, G. Oliver, S. Wells, A. Ruff and J. Tylor. Messrs. R. S. Strong, sr., and James Wood, delegates to the Synod.

CLINTON.—*St. Paul's.*—The Easter services were very bright, and the musical parts were well rendered. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. Notwithstanding many removals and the pressure of hard times, the offertory was the largest which has been made at Easter. It is most gratifying to mention also that at the two celebrations on Easter Day there was the largest number of communicants in the history of the parish. The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. Messrs. W. W. Farran and W. Jackson were re-elected wardens; Messrs. John Rainford and S. G. Plummer delegates to Synod; Messrs. H. B. Combe and H. T. Rance, auditors; Mr. F. Alcock, vestry clerk. The Churchwardens' and Rector's Reports were held over till the adjourned vestry meeting. It is understood, however, that the past year has been a fairly prosperous one. The offerings for missionary objects, including the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, are much in excess of other years. The Church Woman's Guild have collected a considerable amount to meet a small floating debt. The past year has been a successful one for the Sunday School. A good deal of money has been raised, but not more than is needed, for the library papers, magazines and prizes. The teachers and officers are enthusiastic, and are earnestly endeavoring to increase the efficiency of the Sunday School. A Chapter of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood has been instituted, and begins its existence in favorable circumstances. Altogether the rector and others interested in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish, have much, amid many difficulties, to encourage them and make them thankful to Him "from whom all good things do come."

ALGOMA.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—*St. Luke's Parish.*—On Palm Sunday the incumbent presented 23 candidates for confirmation, 13 female and 10 male, mostly married people. In the afternoon the incumbent drove the Bishop to Christ Church, Korah, where 8 candidates were confirmed, 5 females and 3 males. The Lenten services at St. Luke's Church have been extremely well attended, especially during Holy Week. The services on Easter Day were very beautiful, especially at night, as the music was full choral. There were about 90 communicants present at the early and mid-day celebrations. A very beautiful altar cloth and dossal have been presented to the church and were used for the first time at Easter. The committee of the Indian Homes met at Bishophurst on Friday, March 17th. The new Shingwauk hall is completed; the upper part is to be used as a school-room, the lower as a gymnasium and drill hall. Mr. Wilson stated that, owing to economy during the winter, he hoped to open in May with full numbers. He also said that an appropriation of \$2,500 had been made by Government and placed on the estimates for the erection of the laundry, and the commencement of the new Wawanosh house near the present Shingwauk.

ILFRACOMBE.—At the close of the sermon on Good Friday in Christ Church, the Rev. L. Sinclair made special reference to the conversion of the Jews, and