

great credit is due for the way they have managed the affair.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—The Easter Vestry Meetings here have showed a satisfactory state of things throughout.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Though the final reports will not be presented till April 16, it appeared from statements made that the finances were in a satisfactory condition. On Easter Sunday the offertories amounted to \$880. J. J. Mason, Esq., was elected delegate to the Synod.

Church of the Ascension.—The reports submitted showed receipts for the year were \$7,837, exclusive of \$5,441.08 subscribed for the new Church, the balance on hand being \$711.54. Adam Brown, Esq., M.P., and Archdale Wilson, Esq., was re-elected Wardens. The entire cost of the restoration of the Church so far was shown to be \$22,580, towards which \$19,671.47 had been received from various sources, leaving \$2,908 to be provided. Mr. G. W. Gates was re-elected delegate to the Synod.

St. Thomas.—The total revenue for the year amounted to \$5,029.98. R. Morgan and Richard Fuller were re-elected Wardens. An appropriation was made for a number of important improvements in the Church, and \$600 was voted as the organist's stipend.

St. Mark's.—Mr. J. W. Wilson was re-elected People's Warden, and Jos. Tinsley re-elected Rector's Warden. T. D. Walker was elected delegate to the Synod. The deficit of \$170 existing from the previous year and last year's expenditure had been met, and the Church is now clear of floating liabilities. It was decided to hold quarterly meetings, financial statements to be presented at each.

St. Matthew's.—This Church held its first Vestry meeting, and although it has been open only six months the accommodation is already too small, and the Church will again be enlarged about 25 feet next fall. Mr. J. H. Land was appointed Rector's Warden, and Mr. Jas. Burton, People's Warden. The delegates to the Synod are Messrs. J. H. Land, J. G. T. Burkholder, Frank Booth.

ARTHUR.—The Easter services at Grace Church, Arthur, were bright and full of the teaching which the season brings with it. There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 and 11 a.m., when large numbers came and partook of the "Bread of Life." The altar was nicely prepared for the great Festival by Miss Nannie Green and Miss Carrie Lewis, and with the pots of flowers lent by good members of the congregation and two handsome bouquets of flowers presented by Mrs. Eden, sr., looked bright and cheerful. The congregations during the day were large in both town and country. The music as usual was well rendered by the organist and choir, especially at the mid-day celebration, when two very difficult solos—the *Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei*—were sung by Miss Carrie Lewis. All seemed to enter into the spirit of the services which were thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. W. E. A. Lewis preached at the morning service a thoughtful sermon. Two very handsome sermon cases were presented to the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe as Easter gifts.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

DURHAM.—On 4th March, the Bishop held a Confirmation in Trinity Church. The church was crowded and thirty-six were confirmed. Several being unable to get out, owing to roads being blocked. In the afternoon the Bishop preached in Egremont, having great difficulty in getting there; and again in the evening in Durham, to a large congregation, his text being, "He hath barley there, go and set it on fire." The sermon was much blessed to many.

LONDON.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron preached in the Cathedral on Good Friday morning; the congregation was large and the service solemn. It has been generally admitted that the sermon which was on the Jews, was one of the most able, logical and convincing, ever delivered in this city. The Rector, Rev. Canon Innis, preached in the evening.

LONDON EASTER VESTRIES.

At the Chapter House Easter meeting the Rector, Rev. R. S. Fowell, presided. Messrs. W. J. Imlach and C. F. Complin, were appointed lay delegates to the Synod. Col. Fisher was appointed by the Rector as his Warden, and Mr. Danks was unanimously elected People's Warden, both of these gentlemen being re-appointed.

The Warden's report showed that some heavy debts had been wiped off, and that the Church was in a prosperous condition and able to commence the year with a surplus.

It was resolved "That the members of the Chapter House congregation in vestry assembled takes this opportunity of tendering to their Rector, Rev. R. S. Fowell, their hearty thanks for his indefatigable work in securing for the congregation the erection of a new Church in this parish, which could not have been accomplished but for his liberality and that of his friends in England, and we also desire to assure the Rev. R. S. Fowell that he has our entire support and confidence, and trust that it may be long before his connection with the parish is severed." Carried unanimously. A resolution of thanks was also passed to the Wardens.

The Rector stated that the Building Committee would report at the adjourned meeting to be held on the 16th of this month, and the meeting closed.

At St. James', London South, the Rev. Evans Davis presided. The annual financial statement showed total receipts \$4,465.08, and disbursements \$4,450.52. The assets are placed at \$18,980.09, against which is a liability of \$3,047.75, leaving a balance in favor of the former of \$15,932.34.

The following statistics were furnished in the Rector's report:—Baptisms during the twelve months 43; marriages 12; confirmed 25; deaths 30 (several of these were not connected with St. James' Church); total number of communicants in parish 248; greatest number on one day 168; smallest number 42; average number 92; total number in the year 1,276; number of Sunday services 100; number of week day services 56; number of addresses in addition to the above 30; making a total of 195 sermons and addresses; total number of visits made during the year 1,022. The following officers were appointed: Rector's Warden, Mr. John Beattie; People's Warden, Mr. Geo. White; Delegates, Messrs. Moore and Sutherland.

LONDON SOUTH.—A Mission will be held in St. James' Church, by Rev. T. H. Brown, commencing April 8th. Mr. Brown is said to be a most successful Missioner.

Rev. Canon Innis preached here on Good Friday as the Rector has been in poor health for the past few weeks.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.

The *Victoria Times* bears this testimony of Bishop Hills in its leader of the 19th March, ult:—

The contemplated resignation of the Bishop of Columbia will remove from this province one of her most energetic pioneers. The British Columbian of to-day hardly realizes the loss which the country sustains in the absence of the tall and courtly old man, whose clear ringing tones he has heard, perhaps once or twice, in occasional visits to the Cathedral. But the old settler who has been familiar with Victoria for twenty or thirty years, will mourn for one

who has spent his life in efforts for the real good of the colony he made his home, especially at the present time, when the lapse of years has done much to clear away the shadow of passion and misapprehension, which so long clouded men's minds, and warped their judgment. Now, when they see no longer the brave man who, through evil report and good report, bore on his own shoulders the care and responsibilities of a struggling missionary church, they will rightly estimate his labors and their loss.

In the land to which he returns Bishop Hills had spent a life-time and made a reputation before he ever came to British Columbia. Ordained in 1839, from the first he became prominent as an able preacher and organizer, and as a staunch and consistent churchman. At Leeds, under Dr. Hook, he was well known for his unflagging labors through the great small-pox epidemic that visited that town, and won the hearts of the poorest by his ministries. At Yarmouth, where, for 11 years, he was Vicar of the largest parish church in England, he succeeded in a work, which 30 years has not effaced from the memories of the people. Indeed to this day "Hills of Yarmouth" is a more widely known title throughout England than the Bishop of Columbia. The machinery of the parish of Yarmouth one of the most thoroughly worked and able administered parishes in all England, foremost in every provision for body and soul of its people, has been retained in precisely the condition in which Bishop Hills left it; than which no greater proof could be found of his recognized powers of administration. For nearly thirty years he has labored here. Financial difficulties, under which many a church would have been altogether crippled, have been overcome by his own repeated personal efforts and sacrifices, and the influence of his name in the mother country.

Now, upon the eve of his jubilee in the ministry, he leaves Victoria, with his kind-hearted and generous wife, mourned by his flock, respected by all and regretted even by those who once misunderstood and distrusted him.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me to ask through your columns if there are any Clergy in the Eastern Provinces of Canada, who may be willing to come and take holiday duty in the invigorating climate of our North-West, for two or three or more months? We have three important Mission districts now unexpectedly vacant; and I should be most thankful to hear of any Priest who would be willing to come to help us for any, or all, of the months between now and the end of the year, especially during the summer months. The remuneration for such temporary duty would be at the rate of \$1,000 a year, with house. If any clergyman answers this letter I should be much obliged if he would in order to save time, send at once the names of three beneficed clergymen as references, or better still ask such clergyman to write direct to me. Please also state exact dates for which duty could be taken. Any clergyman coming must be ready to "rough it," and to take services at distant stations. He must also be willing during such temporary duty to continue the services in the same manner as he may find that they have been previously conducted in the Church to which he is appointed. I am, yours faithfully,

ADELBERT,

Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

Qu'Appelle, Assinaboia,
April 3rd, 1888.