

after Passion Week and Eastertide, with their multiplied services, this mission has been a very safe test by which to try the possibility of rousing people by special revival efforts. It is much to be wished that in our large towns and cities, missions of the like nature could be organized, but of such a nature, that the whole community might be reached and the substantial unity of the Church exhibited. O Lord revive Thy work among us.

STONY CREEK.—On Tuesday May 3rd, the Lord Bishop of Niagara administered in the Church of the Redeemer in this mission the rite of Confirmation to twelve catechumens. Rev. W. B. Curran accompanied the bishop as chaplain, *pro tem.* and Rev. T. Smith, Taplestown, and Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, missionary in charge, were also present.

ERIN.—The vestry meeting of All Saints' Church, was held on Easter Monday morning, and adjourned until last Monday evening. The Rev. A. J. Belt, B.A., incumbent, occupied the chair. The finances were shown to be in a very good condition, with a surplus in hand. Mr. Richard Anthony, and Mr. Thomas Carbery, were elected wardens; and Mr. Wm. Cornock, representative to the Synod. It was decided to repaint the inside of the church. The proposition to either buy or build a parsonage, was also favourably received, and steps will probably shortly be taken for this end. At Hillsburg, in the evening, Mr. John Byrne and Mr. W. H. McCullough were elected wardens; and Mr. Byrne, representative to the Synod. At Reading, the meeting was held on the afternoon of the same day, (Easter Monday,) when Mr. Robert Donaldson and Mr. Wm. Hall, jr., were chosen wardens; and Mr. Jas. Connor, representative to the Synod.

HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALVINSTON.—*St. John's*.—The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday the 25th ultimo. The incumbent, the Rev. E. Softly, B.D., in the chair. The meeting opened with prayer. The statement of the accounts showed the salary of the incumbent to have been paid in full by the wardens. A debt of about \$75 remains on the organ; it was determined to liquidate the same. Mr. A. Lucas, and Mr. R. Code were appointed wardens. Mr. Lamont was elected as lay representative. The wardens and the representative was appointed a committee, with power to make such repairs in the church as they may deem advisable. The meeting was harmonious.

KERWOOD.—The Easter vestry meeting was held on Wednesday the 27th ultimo. The incumbent, the Rev. E. Softly, B.D., in the chair. The meeting opened with prayer. Mr. Isaac Blane, and Mr. Henry Freer were appointed wardens. The church will be speedily pushed to completion, and will be ready for opening on the 1st of October next.

CHAPTER HOUSE.—At the adjourned vestry meeting held on Monday, the 25th ultimo, Messrs. Street and Shoebottom were appointed wardens. Judge Davis, and Mr. W. T. Imlack were re-elected lay representatives to the Synod.

GODERICH: *St. George's*.—This new church was opened for divine service on Sunday, 24th of April, by the Rev. Canon Carmichael, of Hamilton. During the morning service he referred to the long period during which the rector, Venerable Archdeacon Elwood had ministered to the congregation. The offertory at the various services amounted to nearly \$300.

LONDON: *St. Paul's*.—The congregation at morning service on the Sunday after Easter was very large, only less than that of Easter Sunday itself. The influence of the heart-moving service of the great Christian Festival, was to many of a more than usually abiding force. Added to this was the special service of the day—the laying on of hands—deemed by many the most interesting of our Church services. Over the windows and doors, and along the gallery were the texts that had been traced there in old English characters, speaking of the arising from the tomb of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life. The services were most interesting. The Rev. A. Brown said morning prayers, and the Rev. Canon Innes read the lessons. His lordship the Bishop delivered an earnest practical address to the candidates for confirmation, taking for his text the following words: "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord." The interesting rite of the laying on of hands was then proceeded with, and thirty six young soldiers of the Cross were admitted to the full communion of the Church.

OTTERVILLE: *St. John's*.—At the vestry meeting Mr. T. G. Bullock was appointed warden, and Mr. T. J. Peake, lay representative to the Synod.

SIMCOE: *Trinity Church*.—The adjourned Easter vestry meeting of this church, was held on Monday evening, the 2nd of May. The rector, the Rev. John Gemley, in the chair. The auditors' report was read and disclosed the gratifying fact that not only was every dollar of pew rents for the past year collected, but that the contributions for ordinary Church purposes, were one third in excess of any past year; and that the special collections for the diocesan funds, were, in many instances, doubled. The unanimous thanks of the vestry were presented to Mr. Wm. Sharpe upon his retiring from the onerous position of warden, after nineteen years service, coupled with the hope that, at some future time, he might again find himself able to take the position.

The fact that every pew in the church is rented, and that there are many applications from persons who cannot be accommodated, has led to the vestry making all seats free at the evening services, and also to the appointment of a committee to devise a scheme for the enlargement and completion of the church. Judging from the gentlemen who form the committee we shall soon have the pleasure of having a church worthy of its object, a credit to the congregation, and an ornament to the town. The rector has a large class being prepared for the rite of Confirmation, which is to take place shortly.

Since the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Gemley to this parish, he has, by his untiring devotion and attention to his duties, entirely revolutionized the aspect of Church affairs, and instead of a sleepy indifference, there is now manifested a great and increasing interest, not only amongst those who have been regular members, but also amongst those who have unfortunately strayed away from the Church, and it must be gratifying to the Rev. gentleman to witness such important results from his labours.

KINCARDINE.—The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, and was of the most harmonious and gratifying character. The rector, the Rev. R. H. Starr, occupied the chair. The revenue for the year amounted to \$3,230.00, of which \$207.50 were applied to diocesan objects. The retiring wardens, Messrs. Tyre and Freer were reappointed. Dr. Martyn and Mr. Tyre were elected representatives to the diocesan Synod. The Sunday school was found to be in a most satisfactory condition, and the teachers and officers received a well-deserved vote of thanks.

ALGOMA.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Rev. W. Crompton wishes to acknowledge with thanks, \$5 from Mrs. Girdlestone, Galt; \$25 from H. Rowsell, Esq., Toronto; £7 sterling from Mrs. Lucia de Moleyn, Rochester, England; £10 sterling from Mrs. Legh and daughter, St. Helier, Jersey; and £20 sterling from a lady in England who wishes him not to mention her name.

Mr. Crompton also gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$4.60 from the late S. E. H. R. offertory purse, Orillia; \$4 from Goodwood, Algoma mission box; and \$6.40 from "R." and family, Orillia (to be used in your mission for Church purposes in the way you may think best) per Rev. B. Rowe.

At the same time he wishes to make a special appeal to his friends for funds to erect the proposed church at Burk's Falls, a village of rising importance, upon plans kindly furnished by his bishop, which call for about \$800 more than he has at his command. Burk's Falls is the centre of a well settled country, and there are many members of the Church in that neighbourhood, some of whom had not been to service for four, eight, eleven, and fourteen years. He is literally the pioneer parson. He had his first service there on Sunday afternoon, April 10th, and, to their delight, promised to arrange the continuance of them every three weeks. The site (chosen by the bishop) is a most excellent one, and the church when erected will be as a "Beacon on a hill," which can be seen for many miles around. Its spire, though silent, will speak to all of the religion they profess, the God who made them, and the Saviour by whose Name they are called. Who will aid in bringing this result about?

GRAVENHURST.—The Rev. Thos. Lloyd has just returned from a series of services and pastoral visits in the outlying districts of his large mission. He reports:—"In a remote spot cornering the townships of Draper, McLean and Oakley, is a cluster of thirteen families, all members of the Church of England, the majority of whom are new comers. Very poor, and having to contend with all the difficulties of early settlement in the bush. Now, these members of our Church, naturally desiring for themselves and their

children the services of religion and a place in which to hold them, have secured to the church a good site, and by a great and united effort, about two-thirds of the material necessary for a mission room has been got on the ground; but here, I grieve to say, the work rests, for, they have done what they can, and money they have none, and dare not incur a debt, as they have not the means to pay. That the good work done be not thrown away, or lost, and that a struggling section of the flock of Christ receive that measure of help of which they are most worthy, he brings this case under the notice of the Christian public, only adding, that, as the members will themselves erect the building, sixty dollars will enable him to get for them all that is necessary. For any "mite" sent to him, his warmest thanks and prompt acknowledgment will be given.

ROSSEAU.—A complimentary entertainment, given at the Rosseau House on the 22nd ult., to Mr. William Ditchburn, in recognition of his labours as lay-reader of our church was in the highest degree successful, and through the energy of Mrs. Pract and able assistance of Mrs. and other ladies of the committee, a very substantial proof of the friendship and good will of the congregation was the result.

We understand that, whilst the roads are at their worst in Muskoka and the people cannot very well get out to service, the Rev. Mr. Crompton, travelling clergyman, is to pay a visit to Toronto, Hamilton, Galt, and Niagara, at the latter end of May and the beginning of June, when he will occupy various pulpits and speak upon missions in the bush.

Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full, and we do not hold ourselves responsible for their opinions.

INCIPIENT MARIOLATRY.

SIR,—I certainly thought that a mental power so wonderfully acute as to see what nobody else could ever have seen before—Incipient Mariolatry in that beautiful Gospel hymn, beginning "Shall we not love thee, Mother dear," would have perceived the real "sequitur" implied in my communication, viz: that either the teaching in the church S. G. Wood attends must be miserably defective, or that he has profited shamefully little by that teaching. I purposely however only hinted at my meaning, and thence the apparent "non sequitur."

On referring to S. G. Wood's first letter, I find that it is "as" a direct address to, if not an invocation of, the Blessed Virgin that it has always seemed to him "a dangerous approach to Mariolatry." I must still contend that the 148th Psalm contains by the figure of apostrophe as much of address to created objects as the truly evangelical hymn objected to, that the danger of offering Divine worship to the objects of the address in the Psalm was just as great when it was written as in the case of the hymn: because that worship was offered in the immediate neighbourhood of the Psalmist's residence. As to the idea of "invocation" in the sense of *imploring* or *beseeching for aid*, whether in the Psalm or in the hymn, it is too absurd to need a reply. And S. G. Wood has quite as much right to say, that, were it not for the existence of idolatry in the neighbourhood of Judea, the 148th Psalm would never have been written, as to say that "were it not for the existence of Mariolatry in that Church, the hymn in question would never have been written." The former assertion would be blasphemously profane: the latter is a baseless calumny. The Psalm directs us to the proper object of adoration, and so does the hymn.

S. G. Wood takes scant notice of Theoph. S. Richey's letter, which contains a fuller refutation of his error than I supposed it necessary to give.

Yours,

R. JOHNSON.

THE NORTH-WEST.

SIR,—The editorial contained in your issue of the 5th inst. has prompted me to a further discussion of the matter to which my suggestion and proposal, concerning the North-West, referred. My first idea, which I had written, but afterwards changed, was to make the proposal for one hundred subscribers to contribute fifty dollars each for three years, with a view to the permanency of the work, and as more likely to secure efficient missionaries. This view I still hold, and cordially endorse the way presented by you. I think it must strike most thoughtful minds that permanency is a very important, if not