

church shall have been erected. The lot conveyed by Mrs. Howell and Mr. D. S. Leach as a gift to the bishop of the diocese, is sufficiently large to admit of the construction of a school-house, and a church of the size of St. James the Apostle is beautifully situated on the high land overlooking the Upper Lachine Road, and is easy of access from all parts of the Junction. It is believed that a resident clergyman will be appointed forthwith.

*St. Jude's.*—The Rev. G. Osborne Troop preached in St. Jude's church last Sunday evening. He prefaced his sermon with some remarks on free seats. When he heard of the improvements being made in St. Jude's church and that the seats were to be free, he lost no time in telephoning to the pastor of St. Jude's his expression of congratulation. He always felt strongly on the subject of free seats. He went so far as to feel that the system of renting pews was as wrong as free seats was right. He might be allowed to express himself so emphatically as it was not merely from sentiments, but from happy experience. This experience embraced one year at St. Martin's, where the income of the church for the year just closed exceeded that of the former year (when the renting system was in vogue) by \$850, besides being able to pay \$2,000 towards the reduction of the church debt. In four years, in a comparatively poor district in St. John, N. B., with the free seat system he had enjoyed the greatest blessings, and never wanted for money. Congregations must not feel themselves absolved from church support by the introduction of free seats. They would be wronging themselves to lessen their gifts. The great blessing this system had was that the poor man who gave his five cents was in every sense equal to that fellowship with the rich man who gave a dollar or more out of his fulness. The church member ceases simply paying for his pew or seat, and begins to contribute to the maintenance of God's house. The free seat step was going forward. In Toronto there were ten free churches and others that were free in the evening. In many other places the movement was taking root. He would always pray for the continued and increasing furtherance of this blessed work.

#### ONTARIO.

*Eganville.*—The Rev. Charles Saddington, of the diocese of Newfoundland, was inducted by the rural dean to the charge of this mission on the 9th April. The Rev. Mr. Robinson has removed to Combermere after a short incumbency here, where he has made very many friends. This mission has been lately re-organized, and the work so apportioned that it is expected the congregations connected with Eganville will be greatly benefited, while the settlers in distant outstations will be provided for from another quarter. Heretofore Mr. Robinson has been doing the work of three men.

*Petawawa Mission.*—The progress made in this mission since last Easter is very gratifying. The attendance at the several Good Friday services in different parts of the mission doubled that of last year, and on Easter Day the congregations were very much larger. The number of communicants slightly exceeded former years. At the Easter vestry meetings the financial report showed that during the year there had been contributed in the mission \$1,023.97, an increase of \$567 over the previous year. Of this sum \$264 was for priest's stipend, \$62 special collections, and the remainder expended in church property. It was decided that a larger sum must be raised this year for stipend, and the wardens were requested to make special exertions in this direction. The property about the mission house has been much improved, out buildings have been erected and the land cleared, stumped, and five acres fenced. As two years ago it was all a green bush without any buildings, it will be seen something has been done, though a great deal remains to be done. At St. George's church, 18 miles from All Saints', a new fence has been erected, and it is proposed this year to put in a stone foundation, clapboard the building and add porch and vestry. One new church is being proceeded with, six miles from headquarters, and will be ready for use about July, and another will, it is hoped, be commenced eleven miles from headquarters, though in opposite direction, soon as seed time is over. This, however, depends largely on the contributions forwarded us between now and then. At present there are six fully organized congregations having regular Sunday services, while but two of them have churches. Mr. Bliss counts on receiving sufficient support to enable him to carry out the work proposed this year.

#### TORONTO.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will (D.V.) hold his next general Ordination on Sunday, June 28th. All candidates will please apply to the examining chap-

lain, the Rev. A. J. Broughall, 99 Bellevue Avenue, for copies of the Siquis and Letters Testimonial.

*St. Matthias Women's Auxiliary* recently had a gathering of about 200 of their adherents and friends to listen to a lecture by Rev. Professor Lloyd on "A Dirty Old Book." The eloquent and versatile Professor handled his subject in his usual graceful and felicitous manner, cutely unravelling the mystery of his lecture's curious title and drawing happy lessons in morals, patriotism and religion. The audience was evidently thoroughly well pleased. The clergy have reason to congratulate themselves on the activity and usefulness of the lay element, both male and female, and the large attendance which has characterized the services and meetings during the past year—a very trying one in so poor a parish. The health of Rev. F. G. Plummer (still in Europe) continues to improve. It is hoped he may pay the parish a flying visit this year.

*St. Margaret's.*—Confirmation service was held last Thursday evening in this church, at which 48 candidates were confirmed by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. A few impressive words from his lordship strongly urged them to fulfil the obligations which they had taken and to carry them into practice during their everyday life.

*St. Peter's.*—The Church of England Sunday School Association held its regular monthly meeting in the school house last Thursday evening, Ven. Archdeacon Boddy in the chair. In the absence of Rev. Provost Boddy, who was announced to lecture, a thoughtful and instructive address was given by Rev. E. C. Cayley, M.A., upon "The Reformation Period." An interesting discussion followed, in which several city clergymen present took part.

*Grace Church.*—The adjourned meeting of the vestry was held last Monday evening in the school room on Elm street, the rector, Rev. J. P. Lewis, presiding. The churchwardens' financial report, showing the year's receipts to be \$5,170, was read and adopted. The principal item therein was the expenditure of \$1,200 upon improvements to the interior of the edifice, improvements which had greatly added to the appearance and comfort of the building. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Rector's warden, Mr. Baldwin Jackson; people's warden, Mr. H. C. Fortier; sidesmen, Messrs. John Irwin, T. R. Clougher, A. F. Wallis, P. G. Godard, H. A. Taylor, C. H. Hubbard, H. A. Knowles, Capt. F. F. Manley and Dr. Nesbitt; ushers, Messrs. Geo. Waddell, G. G. Webster, J. Shortt, George Taunt, P. G. Godard and J. H. Williams; delegates to the Synod, Messrs. Thomas Kennedy, jr., Robt. Birmingham and John S. Barber. A report was presented upon the seating system in the church, showing that a twelve months' trial of the free seat system had resulted in larger congregations and heavier receipts, and had proved in every way an improvement on the pew rent system previously in use. It was therefore unanimously resolved to abolish pew rents and add Grace Church to the increasing lists of free churches in the city. A motion to adopt Hymns Ancient and Modern in place of the Hymnal Companion now used, was very favourably received and referred to the Executive committee, with power to act in the matter. Heartly votes of thanks were passed to the choir, the Ladies' Aid Society and the Guild of the Good Shepherd, the Sewing Society and the Sunday school, for their faithful work in the past year, and a very warm tribute was paid to the untiring labours of the rector and his assistant, Rev. C. C. Kemp.

*Brampton.*—*Christ Church.*—The adjourned Easter meeting on Monday night took place, and it was a very short one. The statements of the Women's Guild, Woman's Auxiliary, the Choir, Sunday school and young people's organization were read and adopted and the meeting closed.

*Shanty Bay.*—*Easter Vestry Meeting.*—The wardens' report showed an increase of \$777.82, including receipts on stipend, and on church repairs; the expenditure, everything paid up, is about equivalent. The outgoing wardens and sidesmen, Messrs. G. Raikes, Polk, H. Goode, W. Goulter, G. Brooks, were re-appointed. It is proposed to expend five or six hundred dollars on improvements on the parsonage. It was decided on the motion of Col. O'Brien, M.P., to prepare the incumbent's garden, as a feature in the reception on his returning home. At East Oro the report on the 18th inst. showed receipts amounting to \$212.48, with an expenditure about equivalent, leaving the balance of thirty dollars on hand last year untouched. The outgoing wardens, Messrs. H. Crawford and J. Shaw, were re-appointed, and they are about to canvass for subscriptions towards

parsonage repairs, in case the improvements be decided on, and also about a picnic, on a grand scale, which it is proposed to hold at the parsonage grounds early in June, both as a welcome to the incumbent on his returning home, and to start the aforesaid funds. At after meetings Messrs. G. Raikes, W. Wiggins, and H. Crawford were re-appointed delegates to Synod.

#### NIAGARA.

*Grimsby.*—The members of St. Mary's Guild, Grimsby, Ont., met on the afternoon of March 31st, 1891, at the house of Mr. G. S. Morphy, to take a final farewell of their President, Mrs. Edgelow. When all had assembled, the Vice-President, Mrs. Morphy, read an address, and presented to Mrs. Edgelow on behalf of St. Mary's Guild a beautiful gold watch, suitably engraved, as an expression of their love and esteem for her, and wishing her every blessing in her future sphere of work. Mrs. Edgelow, who was completely surprised at receiving this valuable proof of their kind esteem and affection, made a suitable reply; and after the Guild had partaken of Mrs. Morphy's hospitality, they dispersed to their different homes.

*Orangeville.*—On Easter the services in this church were bright, as usual, and well attended. The offertory was more than twice as much as on any previous Easter. The children of the Sunday school, as has been the custom for many years past, visited the jail and sang a number of very sweet and beautiful carols and left a quantity of fruit and cakes for prisoners, most of whom are paupers. In the evening a children's service was held and an immense congregation attended. On Monday the regular vestry meeting was held, and the churchwarden's report showed a very satisfactory financial improvement on last year's statement.

*Bullock's Corners.*—*Christ Church.*—The annual vestry meeting of the above church was held on Monday, April 13th, 1891, at 8 p.m. Mr. C. S. Basset, lay reader in charge of the mission, acted as chairman. Under the able management of Mr. Fred. Thornton, a decided improvement has taken place in the church finances. Mr. J. Morden was appointed incumbent's churchwarden, Mr. Fred. Thornton continuing in office as people's churchwarden. It was unanimously decided that the free pew-rent system started during the past year be continued. This system was started during the incumbency of Rev. W. Bevan. The deficiency in the church finances resulting from the pews being free is met by voluntary subscriptions, the present system for the first year showing a balance of \$96.48 over and above the amount received when the pews were rented. The meeting closed with prayer at 10.45 p.m.

*Beamsville.*—*St. Alban's.*—On Good Friday, for the first time in the history of the village, divine service, consisting of the ante-communion office with sermon, was celebrated. On Easter Day, a full celebration of the blessed sacrament at 11.30 a.m. was the only service, the incumbent having to celebrate at Smithville, and to return thither for evening-song. The music was well rendered. The services were hearty as usual, and not the least pleasing feature was the presence of many nonconformists, some being members of other religious bodies; all of them remained until the close of the service. On the evening of Easter Monday the usual vestry meeting was held, at which the church officers of the preceding year were re-appointed, with the exception of the vestry clerk, Mr. D. F. H. Wilkins receiving that office. It should be added that the re-table was beautifully decorated with Bermuda lilies and other plants for the Easter service; also that at the vestry meeting, the best of feeling prevailed. *Laus Deo.*

#### HURON.

*Sarnia.*—The annual vestry meeting was held in St. George's school house on Easter Monday. The warden's report showed that the total income of the parish for the year was \$4,711. After paying all current expenses they had a balance on hand of \$135. The church debt was reduced by about \$1,000, and the consolidated debt now amounts to \$6,032 on a property valued at \$32,000. Messrs. R. S. Gurd and A. C. Clark were re-elected wardens; Messrs. A. C. Clark and Robt. MacAdams were elected delegates to Synod. The Sarnia branch of the W. M. A. S. had a social gathering on Tuesday evening, April 7th, at which some useful and fancy articles were offered for sale. The net proceeds amounted to \$55.

#### ALGOMA.

Mrs. Sullivan desires to acknowledge with very many thanks the receipt, from the members of the