

with marked success in his work, and the parish is in a healthy condition. If the present prosperity continue for a couple of years longer, the debt on the church will be entirely liquidated. The rector's stipend was advanced \$100.

ST. THOMAS.—*St. John's.*—The Easter meeting was characterized by the unanimity and kindly feeling with which the business was transacted throughout. The reports in the various departments of work showed the progressive and healthy condition of the affairs of the church and parish. The congregations at the morning and evening services are full and encouraging, and take an active part, by responding and by joining heartily in the prayers and singing. The Incumbent spoke in terms of commendation of the deep-toned piety and exemplary life of the communicants and congregation in general. Various organizations, notably the St. John's Guild, the Ladies' Association, the Band of Mercy, and other enterprises, have rendered effective and valuable service to the church during the past year. Votes of thanks were given to the churchwardens, the lady organist and choir, the Sunday school superintendent and teachers, and other meritorious helpers in church work. A unanimous and very hearty vote of thanks was carried, standing, to the Incumbent, the Rev. Dr. Beaumont, to which he affectionately and feelingly responded.

MITCHELL.—The services during Lent have been well attended, relatively speaking. Strictly, however, the congregations did not consist of as many men as they should. This, however, is not the fault of the rector, who soon made an improvement when he got fairly into harness, and by the time Holy Week arrived the attendance of both sexes was much more satisfactory. The services during that sacred week were beautiful, and the series of sermons, or rather instructions, upon the "Seven Last Words from the Cross" were decidedly touching and effective. On the Great Death Day of our Lord, matins and evensong were said plain, there being an appropriate absence of chanting, the only music being penitential hymns. The "Three Hours" service in the afternoon was attended by a goodly number. The Crucifixion and the mournful events leading up to, and attending it, were vividly portrayed, as only a teacher possessed of a sympathetic nature could portray them. The different addresses were interspersed by periods of silent prayer and the singing of metrical litanies in the attitude of supplication. The Easter vestry meeting unanimously adopted the annual report of the wardens, which showed receipts to be improved to such an extent that the deficit of last year had almost disappeared. James Jones, Esq., was unanimously re-elected as warden representing the congregation, and W. G. Murphy, Esq., was re-appointed warden by the incumbent. Messrs. James Jones and Fuljames Awty were elected synodsmen. The matter of free seats was discussed, and it was resolved to keep them free as heretofore. Harmony prevailed throughout.

ST. MARY'S.—The Easter services in St. James' church were largely attended, the church being filled both morning and evening. The floral decorations were beautiful. The singing was very good, and the whole service joyous and profitable. At the annual Easter vestry meeting the rector, the Rev. W. J. Taylor, presided. Mr. T. D. Stanley presented the wardens' annual statement. It was the most favorable and encouraging report ever submitted to an annual meeting of the congregation. The total receipts, exclusive of the Sunday school and other auxiliaries of the church, whose accounts are kept separate, amounted to \$2,038.45, and the disbursements to \$1,952.04, leaving a clear cash balance, after paying every liability of the year, of \$86.41, beside \$75 of good, unpaid pew rent. In addition to the current expenses of the church the interest on the mortgage debt was paid, as well as a balance on an old floating debt completely wiped out, and all by the direct contributions of the members during the year. The proverbial deficits of past years have given place to a handsome surplus and the large increase of four hundred per cent. in the diocesan contributions over the previous year, is an evidence of new spiritual life and a shaking of the dry bones in old St. James'. The total receipts were about \$500 in excess of the previous year, and, exclusive of building fund subscriptions, were considerably larger than any former year in the history of the parish. Wardens, T. D. Stanley, R. S. Wilson; sidesmen, Messrs. F. W. Guernsey and J. A. Chesterfield; vestry clerk, F. W. Guernsey; treasurer, C. S. Rumsey; auditors, Messrs. H. F. Sharp and W. V. Hutton; envelope clerk, Miss Amy Taylor; choir leader, F. Allen; delegates, T. D. Stanley and R. S. Wilson. The utmost harmony and unanimity prevailed throughout, and the prospects are full of encouragement to both the congregation and their new rector, whom they all love and esteem so highly.

LONDON. The Bishop of Huron is now able to take an occasional walk, and his complete recovery from the attack of diphtheria is looked for.

OWEN SOUND.—The annual vestry meeting was held in church. The late wardens were re-elected, W. T. Lee and J. H. Notter. W. Kough and H. Robinson were elected as delegates to the Synod.

ALGOMA.

The Bishop's appointments for the diocese of Huron, in connection with his tour in the interests of the Board of Missions, are as follows: London (2 churches), April 5; (semi-annual meeting of Board of Missions, 8 and 9); Chatham (2 churches) 12; Windsor, 13; Sarnia, 14; Petrolea, 15; Strathroy, 16; Ingersoll, 17; Woodstock (2 churches), 19; St. Thomas, 20; Aylmer, 21; Simcoe, 22; Galt, 23; Berlin, 24; Brantford (2 churches), 26; Listowell, 27; Kincardine, 28; Wingham, 29; Wiarton, May 1; Stratford (2 churches), 3.

The annual report of Mr. Wilson's Indian Home is at hand. It is 36 pages in length, well got up, and illustrated with nine or ten pictures. The full length portrait of John A. Moffat, a former pupil of the Shingwauk, and now a student at St. John's College, Winnipeg, is an evidence in itself of what these homes for children are accomplishing. There is also a map folded in at the end of the report which shows how very widely extended the work now is, homes being either in active operation or in course of construction in three of our missionary dioceses, and covering a tract of country 1,500 miles in length, from east to west. We are not surprised that Mr. Wilson labors under some difficulty in raising sufficient funds for carrying on his greatly extended work. The Elkhorn School especially seems to be greatly in want of funds. The cost of maintenance for the year, according to the financial statement, was \$5,416, and of that amount government contributed only \$2,482, less than half. Canadian contributions amounted only to \$831, and English (including C. C. S. grant) to \$352, so that there remained the large deficit of \$1,701 on the Elkhorn account when the books were closed for the year. The Medicine Hat Home, in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, is already a *fait accompli*, if one may judge by the engraving taken from a photograph, but the accounts show \$2,000 only as yet paid to the builder out of the \$4,000, the amount of the contract, and to meet this there is only \$345 left in the treasury. To those who may see and examine the report we would recommend special notice of page 35, just behind the map; it gives a list of twelve special wants, and the page may be detached and sent to the treasurer with name, address and remittance. We think that this work in which Mr. Wilson has been so long engaged ought to receive a more generous and hearty support on the part of our Church people. Mr. Wilson wishes us to say that he will gladly send a copy of the report gratis to any contributor, and for distribution they may be had at the rate of twelve copies for a dollar.

British and Foreign.

When Dr. Creighton is consecrated Bishop of Peterborough, the episcopal bench will be once more complete, and it will be found that Oxford supplies nineteen of its occupants, Cambridge thirteen, and Dublin two. Of the deans no fewer than seventeen are Oxford men, only nine are Cambridge, and three Dublin men.

Bishop Barry re-opened St. Stephen's, Southwark, recently. In his sermon he referred to the two persons whose memories are perpetuated in the adjoining institute and the re-decorated church. The architect, Mr. Rogers, restored the church in memory of his wife, and the late Mr. Morgan rebuilt the institute at a cost of over £2,000.

In the Wells Town Council, after Dean Plumtre's funeral; one of the aldermen, in seconding a vote of condolence to the Dean's family, declared "that the Dean's gifts to the town were by thousands, not by hundreds. He gave £1000 to the Theological College, £500 to the Blue School, £500 to this and £500 to that." He added that "he was afraid they would never get such a Dean again."

AUSTRALIA.—It is announced that the Rev. C. G. Barlow, vicar of St. James' pro-cathedral, Townsville, has been unanimously elected by the Synod of North Queensland to the bishopric vacated by the translation of Bishop Stanton to Newcastle. Mr. Barlow was only ordained priest in 1882.

The book of the present that will excite the interest of Churchmen is the late Dean Church's *Oxford Movement*, in which the principal phases of it are recorded from 1833 to 1845. It also contains character sketches of Newman, Keble, Hurrell, Froude, and other celebrities of those days.

Much excitement has been caused in Nationalist circles in Belfast by a letter from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor, which practically excommunicates all members of the Catholic Church who support Mr. Parnell. Those who do so, the Bishop says, "have become the propagators of a public scandal, and have, by their own acts, placed themselves in the company of those to whom it is unlawful for priests to administer the Sacrament."

It is the opinion of many that the exhaustive argument of Bishop Huntington, in favour of a consolidated Protestantism on the basis of a historic episcopate, recently delivered before the Presbyterians, is opening the eyes and hearts of many to the truth. Now that they are breaking away from barren Calvinism, is the time to ply them with all the severest and subtlest arguments of love and reason. They are to be found in this remarkable pamphlet and it ought to be widely circulated.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has become President of the Palestine Exploration Fund, over which Society the late Archbishop of York presided from its foundation, in 1865, to his death.

Mission Notes.

AFRICA.—Lord Brassey, in the "Last Voyage of the Sunbeam," says: "At Sierra Leone the Church of England is strongly supported by the C.M.S. It has a large body of adherents (members we suppose), and is the See of a Bishop [the Rt. Rev. Dr. Crowther (coloured)]. It has a college, affiliated to Durham University, which has turned out coloured students of distinguished ability." Freetown, the capital, now has a population of 37,000, and the many churches in this city and other towns are nearly all self-supporting, and from them have gone missionaries to the Niger territory, Abbeokuta, Lagos and other places. Sierra Leone was one of the first districts in Western Africa to be occupied by missionaries. Many devoted men and women have laboured there, a large number of whom early fell victims to the exceedingly unhealthy climate, but others equally consecrated came forward to take their places, and the result of their labours and the example of their lives is now seen in this well-ordered Christian State, in the large number of communicants in the churches, and in the transformation of their characters, and in their intelligence and thrift.

SOUTH AFRICA.—The Rev. M. A. Maggs, missionary of St. John's, Bolotwa, in the diocese of Grahamstown, describes a confirmation, and the bright and hearty services held during the Bishop's visit, at which large numbers of friendly disposed heathen were present, and gives an account of several conversions. A Kaffir woman and two children were baptized, to the great comfort of her husband, who had long been a Christian. She is very earnest and devout, giving great satisfaction in her behaviour. A Basuto man, showing great faith in the Saviour, was also baptized with a little girl of 12 years of age, and was afterwards married to a Fingo girl of the mission. These people are eager for instruction, and undergo a lengthened course as catechumens before being admitted to Holy Baptism. But the intemperance and the superstitious and immoral customs of many are a great hindrance to the work. In August last the Rev. C. Clulee baptized twenty-three adult natives of the Moloto Mission, in the diocese of Pretoria, and also made nineteen "hearers" into catechumens. Rev. W. Bramley, of Swellendam, diocese of Capetown, writes that last year there were twenty adults of the coloured races baptized, and this year there are fifteen more, all of whom had been under a suitable course of instruction. He says, in spite of many drawbacks, the congregation keeps staunch and steady, though there are of course cases of falling into sin, which grieves the heart.

INDIA.—The Nazareth Mission among the Tinnevely shepherds is under the care of the Rev. A. Margoschis, and includes many villages arranged in pastorates, each being in charge of one or more native clergymen. That of Kadianodie embraces 20 congregations with 2,232 Christians. Their native clergyman is Rev. V. Abraham, who has under him eleven mission agents. The most important of his pastorates is Tentirupudy, inhabited chiefly by Brahmans whose servants are shepherds, seven families of whom embraced Christianity this year. After prov