

the South Ward Mission, for the splendid music they had furnished during the year. The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Chancel Guild were also thanked for their efforts in entertaining distinguished visitors and aiding in useful work. On Thursday night a most pleasant gathering took place at the residence of Mrs. J. Campbell, Water street, when the members of the Girls' Guild of St. John's Church met and were most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Campbell. Games, refreshments and social intercourse made up a pleasant evening, the interesting feature of which was the presentation to Mrs. Campbell, who has been superintendent of the Guild and is now retiring from office after most efficient service, of an address, accompanied by a handsome work basket, a gift from the members of the Guild intended to express their appreciation of Mrs. Campbell's kind services and their esteem for her as their superintendent. Miss Sarah Comstock, secretary of the Guild, read the address, while Miss M. Pratt made the presentation.

#### NIAGARA.

STONY CREEK.—The Young People's Society of the Church of the Redeemer gave an "At Home" on Tuesday evening to the sister society of St. Mary's Church, Bartonville. The evening was very pleasantly spent in conversation interspersed with parlor games, recitations and music. Cake and coffee were served during the evening. After heartily singing the Doxology the young people separated all delighted with their evening's entertainment.

The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of Hamilton, gave a most interesting lecture on Church History before the Y. P. Society at Bartonville on Thursday last. The Rev. Mr. Fessenden will lecture (with stereopticon) before the Stony Creek Society some time in April.

The Canadian Church Union held its first annual meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd, in the crypt room of the Church of St. Matthew, Hamilton. The annual report of the secretary showed the following:—About 7,000 tracts have been distributed (free to members) during the past year; there are about 180 communicants in the society; of these 91 are full members, 6 associate members, and 79 are enrolled associates, 26 being priests; the membership extends over the whole Dominion, and there are besides the central society two branches. Among the points in the report of the secretary specially emphasized, were the following: 1. That the moral object of the society was to unite in bonds of mutual love and inter-communication, communicants of the Anglican Church widely sundered by geographical distance. 2. That the definite object of the society is to promote the full use of the Book of Common Prayer. Considerable amusement was caused by the report of a member that someone had thought that by the "full use" was meant the now happily obsolete custom of making a three hours' service every Lord's Day, by joining together the separate services of the Holy Communion, matins, and litany. The clause in the Constitution which forbids the formation of any branch without full consent of the parish priest in writing, was emphatically endorsed and approved. On the important subject of "Religious Education" it was resolved, "That in the opinion of this meeting the continued stability of the Church will largely under God depend upon securing for the children of the Church definite religious instruction." Full information, and blank forms for application for membership, from our sec. treas., Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, Hamilton.

GUELPH.—St. James' Church.—There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion on Easter Day at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and at midday, the total number of communions made being 150. The rector preached both morning and evening and addressed the Sunday school children in the afternoon. The offertories on Easter Day amounted to \$450. Altogether, since the formation of this young parish, four years ago, more than \$10,000 have been raised; the total receipts during the past year, in all parish funds, were \$2,814.95. The parochial branch of the Woman's Auxiliary raised \$92.48, of which \$83.50 went to Zenana mission work in India, in answer to Miss Sugden's appeal, and \$8.98 value of bales sent to Algoma and North-west missions. The churchwardens reported \$68.62 for missionary collections during the year, and the Sunday school children forwarded \$10. Messrs. E. Harvey and Chas. Walker were elected churchwardens. On Good Friday the three hours service was taken by Rev. F. C. Heathcote, of King, whose addresses were thoughtful and devotional. This service, the first of the kind ever held in Guelph, was very impressive, the large congregation remaining throughout. The rector exchanged with Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock, on Low Sunday. The number of communicants in the parish is now 200.

K.D.C. Pills the laxative for children.

#### HURON.

LONDON.—St. John the Evangelist.—The church work in this parish is progressing most favorably under our energetic rector, Rev. W. T. Hill. The Lenten season has been well kept, with large congregations on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. During Holy Week morning and evening service every day. Easter Day commenced with Holy Communion at 8 o'clock a.m., and again at midday, with larger numbers receiving than on any former occasion, and with full congregation, with beautiful selections of hymns, anthems and solos sung by the full surpliced choir consisting of thirty men and boys. In the afternoon a special Sunday school service, at which the Bishop addressed the children in his usual forcible style. At this service the church was again filled. At the close the children's Lenten offerings were taken up, which amounted to \$45. Thanks to the Chancel Chapter and liberality of church members in loaning pot plants and donating cut flowers, the Easter decorations were never more beautiful or artistically arranged. The Easter vestry was very largely attended, and most harmonious in all the proceedings. The yearly accounts presented by the church wardens showed the financial position to be in a highly satisfactory condition, with all accounts paid or provided for, and leaving a fair surplus to begin the new year with, surely showing "a live parson will make a live parish." C. Shanley, Esq., was elected people's warden and E. Corbett was nominated by the rector. Messrs. W. J. Imlach and Henry Macklin were re-elected delegates to the synod. The most important matter discussed was the question of free seats. The general feeling of the meeting seemed in favor of the change. The rector was requested to call a meeting of pewholders and members of the congregation to further consider the subject. The rector's report of Church work in the parish and the prosperous condition of the various Church Guilds was also very satisfactory.—Com.

PETROLIA.—Christ Church.—The rector of this parish ventured in the experiment of daily services—at least once a day—during Lent, and was gratified to find that the opportunity for going to church to pray and hear the Word of God was much appreciated by many. During Holy Week there were morning and evening services every day, with sermons on special subjects at evensong. The Easter services were, as might be expected, bright and hearty. At evening prayer the service was full choral. The floral decorations were chaste and appropriate. At the Easter vestry Messrs. W. F. Cooper and R. Berland were chosen as churchwardens, and Messrs. C. Jenkins and J. D. Noble delegates to the synod. The retiring wardens presented their report, showing receipts from all sources to be in the neighborhood of \$2,900. The expenditure left a small balance on hand. The rector also presented a report on the attendance at church, Holy Communion and the work of various societies. There had been an increase in the attendance at Sunday services, an increase of one-third in the number of communicants, and an increase over last year in the offerings for missionary objects.

NEW HAMBURG.—Easter, St. George's Church.—The chancel was decorated with white flowers, and a handsome altar frontal (for festivals) of velvet and white silk was used for the first time. This, together with a fair linen communion cloth, are gifts from Mrs. Platt, of Toronto (sister of Mr. S. G. Holley, churchwarden), and of Miss Roper, of St. Thomas Church, Toronto, and are memorials of Mrs. Platt's son Vivian, a choir boy of St. Thomas Church, who was accidentally drowned in Muskoka. The service was bright and simple; the pretty little church was well filled and a goodly number received the Holy Communion. The Easter vestry meeting on Tuesday evening had the largest attendance for years. The wardens presented a satisfactory statement. S. G. Holley was re-elected rector's warden, Major Campbell for the parish. The progress of St. George's Church is best illustrated by the steady increase in attendance at both week-day and Sunday services, the plate offerings and the large increase of communicants. The Lent services were well attended and the Good Friday offertory given to Bishop Blythe's Church work in Jerusalem. The congregation regrets the loss, through removal, of two liberal supporters, viz: Mr. T. D. Allin, late manager of Western Bank, and of Mr. J. Laird. The total number of Church families do not exceed 14; the average attendance at the single Sunday service is 60 and average number of communicants 30; total annual receipts from all sources about \$400, over one-third of which is given to outside purposes. Besides, the "Ladies' Aid Society," who are working for interior church improvements, and the Sunday school, are well supported, as also the W. A. M. S.

St. George's is part of the parish of Wilmet, consisting of Christ Church, Haysville, St. James', Huron Road, and St. George's, Hamburg. Rev. James Ward is rector, residing at Haysville.

LONDON.—St. Alban's Company (No. 100) of the Church Lads' Brigade held their second annual entertainment on Tuesday, the 27th ult., in the East End hall. The lads, under the command of Capt. Hogg, Lieuts. Fitzgerald and Sands and their non-commissioned officers, went through the physical drills, ambulance and signalling exercises, sang three choruses, and gave two laughable sketches with very creditable smartness. They were ably assisted by various ladies and gentlemen friends of the Company, and evidently pleased the large crowd present.

The annual vestry meetings of the various churches in this city were held during last week, not much of general interest being done, with the exception of St. Paul's Cathedral and the Church of St. John the Evangelist. At the first named matters relating to the re-opening of the restored cathedral were under discussion. A motion to ask the congregation to rise at the entrance and exit of the clergy and choir was adopted, and a scale of rates for the pews in the new building was fixed, ranging from \$50 to \$14, according to location. On the other hand, at St. John's, the meeting decided in favour of the abolition of pews, and will shortly test the feelings of the congregation on this desirable reformation.

#### ALGOMA.

HUNTSVILLE.—Churchwardens' report showed receipts, \$998.14, expenditure, \$1,088.34. Wardens elected, L. H. Ware and I. T. Burk.

#### QU'APPELLE.

QU'APPELLE STATION.—All through Lent there have been daily and extra services in St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral. Besides the usual Sunday services, there have been evensong on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30 (on the former an address on one of the Penitential Psalms, and on the latter, a choir practice); on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, evensong at 4.30; on Wednesdays and Fridays, litany at 10 a.m., and on Thursdays a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. These services have all been very well attended, better than have ever been known before. During Holy Week there was a daily address on one of the characters in connection with our Lord during His Passion. There was also a daily celebration except on Good Friday and Easter eve. Notwithstanding the rough, stormy weather on Good Friday, the services were fairly well attended. On Easter Day, the services began with celebration at 8 a.m., at which there were 85 communicants, 38 being present. At 11 there was matins followed by celebration, 92 forming the congregation and 47 being communicants (making a total of 83 communicants for the day). At 3 p.m., there was a children's service, with a very good attendance; evensong at 7, with a congregation of 120. The music was good, and the singing congregational and hearty; there was a very full surpliced choir, more than 20 being in the chancel; the services were fully choral with processional and recessional hymns. The Rev. J. P. Sargent, incumbent of the Pro-Cathedral, was single-handed, and preached at all three services (including the children's service, and not at the early celebration). Very earnest, impressive sermons, an earnest pastor "leading the van," must naturally infuse fresh life into his people, and we have every reason to be thankful for the visible signs of life in our little parish, not judging only from figures and statistics, but from the helpful sympathy, as well, extended to the Church workers, and careful visitation of the poor and all communicants. In addition to the organ, the choir was accompanied by two violins; this mention must not be omitted, as one of the violinists came in quite a distance from the country. We are expecting the Bishop of the diocese from his visit to the East, where he has been preaching on behalf of the diocese. Mrs. Burn gave a supper to the choir.

### Correspondence.

All letters containing personal allusions will appear over the signature of the writer.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

N. B.—If any one has a good thought, or a Christian sentiment, or has facts, or deductions from facts, useful to the Church, and to Churchmen, we would solicit their statement in brief and concise letters in this department.

#### Acknowledgment.

SIR,—In response to appeal for destitute Blood Indians: Already acknowledged, \$67. Further contributions: A Friend, Gravenhurst, \$5; A Friend, Hamilton, \$2; Friend, Hazeldean, 50c.

L. PATERSON, General Dorcas Secretary W. A.

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