

## NAPANEE.

The annual Easter vestry meeting was held in the Guild room of St. Mary Magdalene's Church on Easter Monday. Contributions towards all the funds, diocesan and parochial, showed an upward tendency, a very fair criterion of the prosperity and efficiency of this parish. Mr. G. F. Ruttan was re-appointed rector's warden, and Mr. R. G. Wright elected to represent the congregation. Mr. Wright was also re-elected lay representative to the diocesan synod for the next three years. An informal discussion took place upon the question of engaging the services of a professional choir-master and increasing the strength of the choir to thirty voices. This will involve the enlargement of the chancel. The matter was left in the hands of the churchwardens. Reports were presented by the various Guilds, showing that substantial work is being done, especially in the department of women's work. Notwithstanding the large exodus of church families from Napanee, no more prosperous year has been reported for many a long day.

## BATH.

The services in St. John's church were most interesting and attracted large congregations both morning and evening. The rector, Rural Dean Baker, was the preacher, assisted in the lessons at the evening service by his son, Mr. G. H. M. Baker, of Lindsay. The number attending Holy Communion occasioned great surprise, there being as many as fifty. The venerable edifice looked superb in its floral decorations, particularly the altar. At the evening service there was formed a procession of young men and boys, who, preceded by a chorister bearing a beautiful cross-inscribed banner and followed by the rector and reader, moved up and down the centre aisle at the opening and closing of the service, singing heartily appropriate processional hymns, and adding much to the impressiveness of the Easter evensong. It was a matter of regret with many that these young men and boys, so orderly and decorous in their behavior, were not clothed in accordance with the time-honored custom of the church, in surplices and cassocks. The offertory collections in aid of the widows' and orphans' fund reached the sum of \$8.59.

## GANANOQUE.

The Easter services in Christ Church were well attended and were of a bright character, in keeping with the festival. The music was unusually good throughout, and the floral decorations were beautiful indeed. They were three services, celebration at 7.30 a.m., full service and celebration at 11 a.m. and evening service at 7 p.m. At the two celebrations, there were one hundred communicants, perhaps the largest number recorded on any one day in the history of the church. At the morning and evening services the rector, Rev. H. Auston, preached appropriate sermons, and the offertory at all the services was exceedingly liberal.

On Monday evening, the annual vestry meeting was held, and was not only well attended but was the most harmonious of any held in recent years. The salary of the rector, Rev. H. Auston was increased for \$800, to \$1000. Mr. J. C. Ross retiring Lay delegate was re-elected for another term.

## Diocese of Toronto.

## TORONTO.

The Board of Management of the D. & F. Missionary Society of the Church of England held its annual meeting in the Synod rooms here, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, when there were present the Lord Bishops of Toronto, Huron, Algoma and Niagara; the Venerable Archdeacon Jones, the Revds. Dr. Mockbridge, general secretary, Canons Sweeney and Houston, Rural Dean Polard and E. P. Crawford and

Messrs. J. J. Mason, treasurer, R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Dr. Davidson, Q. C., V. Cronyn, Q. C., A. H. McLaren and A. H. Campbell. The question of work among the Chinese of British Columbia was brought up upon several letters from Bishops of Columbia and New Westminster, and from Mr. Lipscombe, missionary, and a special committee was appointed to consider the question and report. Reports were also read as to the work in Japan from Miss Sherlock, the Rev. Mr. Waller and Mr. Loyd. The *Ascension-tide* appeal was submitted and approved, and other routine business attended to.

THE W. A. M. A.—The sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary for the Diocese of Toronto was held in Toronto on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, being opened by an Administration of Holy Communion in the Cathedral at eleven a.m., when nearly 400 delegates from the different Diocesan branches were present. These all met after service in the St. James school house where a sumptuous lunch, provided by the ladies of Toronto, was served to the visiting delegates and to the members of the Board of Management of the D. & F. M. Society. In the afternoon a business session was held, commencing at 2.30, when Mrs. Williamson, the President, read an address of welcome to the delegates and also reported fully as to the work of last year. Mrs. Daniel, of Port Hope, replied on behalf of the delegates, after which reports were submitted by the treasurer and secretary, the former showing receipts \$6675.04, with an expenditure of \$5821.96, leaving a balance on hand of \$835.08. Mrs. Cummings read the secretary's report showing 175 adult branches and 21 junior branches in the diocese. Nine adult and seven junior branches had been started during the year and three had been disbanded. The total membership had increased from 2187 to 2414, and 17 life members had been added during the year. It was determined to apply the money from life membership fees to the purchase of buildings at St. Paul's Mission, Blood Reserve. On the evening of the first day a public missionary meeting, under the combined auspices of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions and the Woman's Auxiliary, was held in St. James school house, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. L. S. Osborne, of Newark, New Jersey, and by the Bishops of Huron and Algoma, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided. The Rev. Mr. Osborne brought the hearty congratulations of the Woman's Missionary Society of P. E. Church in the United States to the W. A. of Toronto and devoted his remarks mainly to Foreign mission; the Bishop of Algoma spoke of the need of his own diocese, and the Bishop of Huron on the general aspect of missionary work.

## Diocese of Huron.

## ST. MARVS.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.—The Easter Day Services here were reverent and hearty, and the congregations good. The singing of the choir was also good. A very tasteful Rood Screen had been erected, with the motto, "Christ is Risen," upon it: the front of the chancel was a mass of flowers from the rectory and from parishioners. The sermons of the day were most appropriate: the evening one being from the second lesson, "When I see the blood I will pass over," and from the words of the same narrative, "Remember this Day." It was an elaborate and earnest presentation of the substitution of Christ.

At the vestry meeting on Monday, the Rector, Rev. W. J. Taylor in the chair. Mr. T. D. Stanley, people's warden, presented the financial statement. He said that it was the ninth which he had presented, and by far the most favourable one in the history of the congregation, the sum raised being the largest ever given. The total receipts were \$2,326.46, leaving a surplus in cash of \$165.73. The diocesan offerings had

also increased and every institution in connection with the church was in a most flourishing state. The Rector gave a brief account of his work, speaking of the unity of the congregation, and expressing his thankfulness for the favour and grace of God extended to them. The different officers of the Church were then elected, and the meeting closed with prayer.

## Diocese of Algoma.

## HUNTSVILLE.

ALL SAINTS.—The following subscriptions received since Easter are gratefully acknowledged.

Miss Tucker 15s 0d, Miss Tucker 7s 0d, Miss Reid 16s 6d, Mrs. Glynn 19s 8d, Mrs. Piper £5 0s 0d, E. Hodgkinson 10s 0d, Mr. V. Smith 5s 0d, Mrs. F. Saunders £1 0s 0d, J. H. C. \$2.00, Mrs. W. \$4.00, G. Wilgress \$17.00, Rev. C. H. Marsh \$2.00, Mrs. F. Boulton \$5.00, Miss E. F. Wilgress \$4.00, Mrs. Roper \$21.00, Miss Francis \$1.30, W. H. B. \$2.00, A. \$1.00, Trinity S. S. Galt, \$10.00, Friend per Bishop \$10.00. Total contributions to date \$117.73.

The Bishop of Algoma has returned to Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and requests that postal and other communications be addressed accordingly.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL.—The Easter services were more than ordinarily beautiful and heartily rendered. The choir excelled itself. The congregations were large especially at evensong. At the early celebration 117 persons made their communion. The offerings during the day amounted to over \$175. The solemn *Te Deum* sung before the altar after evensong was most impressive. The following extract from the Easter report of the Incumbent reviewing the history of the parish since his taking charge of it, will no doubt be interesting to the friends of the Church.

I have now been in charge of St. Peter's for five full years, and during that time the congregation has increased 23 per cent., and the communicants a little over 22 per cent. Over \$25,600 has been received and expended, and other gifts to the value of \$2,700 have been presented. The church has been put in thorough repair, both externally and internally. The grounds have been graded and a new fence placed around them; a new boiler has been built for the heating apparatus of the church: the schools have been shingled, the foundations repaired and the interiors painted and improved: the chapel has been erected—to the memory of the first Priest-Incumbent—and will be completed this summer, except so far as the interior decoration is concerned. A new sacristy has been added to the former one, and the hot water system has been introduced in the chapel and sacristies. All this represents a good deal of money and work, and I am sure that had you been told at the outset that it would be necessary for you to raise over \$28,000 in five years you would have been in despair. I hope then, this review will encourage you to proceed heartily with the rectory and other works which are still needed in connection with the church.

At the Easter meeting a satisfactory surplus of receipts over expenditure was reported instead of an estimated deficit. Offerings during the year amounted to \$4,408.31 of which \$530 was for Missions.

ST. PAUL'S.—The Rev. F. H. Du Vernet, of Wycliffe College concluded a ten days' mission on Wednesday in Holy Week. The services were well attended especially that for men only on Palm Sunday afternoon, when over 700 men listened to the Missioner's eloquent address.

At the conclusion of the mission the congregation presented Mr. Du Vernet with an address of appreciation and thankfulness. Mr. Du Vernet visited his brother-in-law, Rev. Simon Gibbons, rector of Parrsboro, before his return to Toronto.