

**Fort William.**

REV. E. J. HARPER, INCUMBENT.

The following is taken from the local Aduly with a few verbal alterations: "The Easter morning service in St. Luke's Church was largely attended, and the members of the congregation had great reason to feel proud of their place of worship, which had never looked prettier before. The new dossal curtains, with the handsome organ that has lately been placed in the church, the beautiful plants arranged at the steps of the chancel, the chaste 'falls' of the pulpit and lectern, one of which was a gift from a member of the congregation, and the lovely Easter lilies in the vases on the altar, the gift of one who loves to 'do good by stealth,' all added to the fine effect. The music was excellent and suitable for the occasion."

There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion. At the 8 a.m. celebration twenty-four, and at the 11 a.m. forty made their Easter communion. The evening service, unfortunately, had to be shortened owing to the sudden change in the weather, which rendered the church quite unfit to worship in, as proper precautions were not taken for the lighting of the fires. Thanks to our young friend, Mr. Wm. Rumsey, who did sexton's or rather caretaker's duty, during the winter, the church has been thoroughly looked after and kept scrupulously clean and well lighted. A veritable *rara avis*, his place will be hard to fill.

The Easter parish meeting, which was adjourned till the books could be audited, is called for Thursday evening. Some changes in the vestry will take place.

The little flock at West Fort have held their own wonderfully well. Some improvements in the interior of the church are in contemplation, but as improvements cost money, these must be slowly effected. Will some kind reader present altar ornaments for this station, e.g., cross and vases and green altar cloth with "falls" for the prayer desk and lectern?

**Baysville Mission.**

A. W. HAZLEHURST, INCUMBENT.

Our Easter services were well attended. They were as follows: Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (nearly all the communicants were present at this service, besides a good number of others), Matins at 10.30 a.m., followed by celebration of Holy Eucharist (choral). Evensong at 7.30 p.m. (choral). After this service the choir sang a selection of Easter carols.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, many of the lady members of the congregation bringing choice window and house plants as early as six o'clock on Sunday morning to help make bright the church of the living God. Perhaps some of your readers may wonder why the ladies brought their plants on Sunday morning. I will explain. The

nights in this northern country about the season of Easter are apt to be cold and frosty, and to have put the flowers in on Saturday night might have meant having them frozen.

The Easter vestry meetings of this mission passed off in their usual quiet, orderly manner, the old wardens being reappointed in each case. There is nothing of particular note in connection with them except that, as usual, all the three churches were clear of debt, and a few dollars in hand. The only debt we have is the debt on the parsonage at Baysville, viz., \$230. We need help for that.

By the way, some few weeks ago I mentioned in your paper that we had only one surplice at this station, and I appealed for one. I am still hoping to get it in the near future.

We also need a set of frontals for the different seasons. I know we need the debt off the parsonage worse than these, but I merely mention this need in passing.

A. W. HAZLEHURST.

**Mission of Sturgeon Falls and Warren.**

F. R. GODOLPHIN, CATECHIST.

His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma favored this mission with a visit on Monday and Tuesday, the 5th and 6th of April. Monday afternoon was devoted to looking over church registers, commenting on various means of helping forward Church work, and to seeing something of the town of Sturgeon Falls. Tuesday, at 10 a.m., there was a celebration of Holy Communion, and a most helpful and practical sermon on the need of spiritual as of material strengthening. In the evening at 7.30 a good congregation assembled for Evening Prayer, the Bishop reading the lessons and giving an address on "The Catholic Church," which was listened to with deepest attention and reverence on the part of the worshippers. His Lordship also took occasion to speak very kindly and encouragingly of the work of the students in the mission. At the close of the service most of the congregation remained for a few words of personal greeting from their Bishop. Student and people are much encouraged by this visit, the only regret being that other stations in the mission could not be visited.

F. R. G.

The following is sent us: The Easter reports of the Church of England in the mission of Sturgeon Falls and Warren, while not so bright as could be wished, are still encouraging. There were 142 services held during the year, with a total attendance of 5,790. The Sacrament of the Eucharist was administered four times, and the Sacrament of Baptism nine times. In June Bishop Sullivan confirmed 19 persons. Five times the burial service was read. The total amount raised by the mission was \$200. In Sturgeon Falls Mr. H. Swan was re-appointed warden, a position he has well filled for the past two years. Mr. F. Bard continues people's warden.

At Cache Bay Messrs. Boyle and Le-febvre are the wardens, and at Warren Dr. Irwin for the student and Mr. R. Botham for the people. The hearty thanks of student, wardens, and people were extended to the ladies who so efficiently attend to the musical part of the services—Miss F. E. O'Neil in Sturgeon Falls, Miss J. Douglas at Cache Bay, and Miss E. Bingham at Warren.—*Sturgeon Falls Colonization.*

**Manitowaning Mission.**

The regular Easter vestry meeting will be held in St. Paul's on Monday, 19th. The offertories this year are over \$5 in excess of last year, and the service register shows an increase of three in the average congregation. Not very large figures, perhaps, but in so small a congregation indicative of advance. In the past year we have lost by death our strongest supporter, and by removal two large families. This loss is partly compensated for by the arrival last fall of Mr. Hunt and family from Gore Bay.

The Woman's Auxiliary has laboured faithfully, and have in this day of small things proved very useful. The Churchyard Fence Fund has \$7.50 to its credit, and the congregation is free from debt. Steps are being taken to organize a society among the young people, so as to be ready for active work next fall. H.C.A.

**Port Sydney Mission.**

REV. A. R. MITCHELL, INCUMBENT.

Christ Church, Port Sydney. — The Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday, April 19th, when the churchwardens' report was presented, duly audited, and adopted by the vestry. Consequent upon the inclemency of the weather and other causes there was a small attendance, which rendered it necessary to have an adjourned meeting, which was held on Monday, April 26th. The two churchwardens took office again. Messrs. James Balls and W. Thoms, jr., were appointed as sidesmen. The untiring energy of the churchwardens during the past year was recognized by expressions of thanks from the vestry.

Many improvements have been made in the church during the past year. The interior walls of the church have been painted a light salmon-pink, which gives the building a cheery appearance, and the reredos was brightened up with "hard oil finish"; half the cost of this was provided by the Churchwoman's Aid Society and the other half by Mr. A. Sydney Smith. The chancel and sanctuary have been covered with carpet, and the aisle with cocoa-matting. This was also given by the Churchwoman's Aid Society. The church has also been lighted by new lamps, being subscribed by C.W.A.S., Sunday-school, and other members of the Church.

A long-felt want has been supplied by a book-desk on the altar, and a re-table