

ONTARIO.

MATTAWA MISSION.—Holy week was well observed at St. Alban's, Mattawa. A service consisting of the Litany, meditation and the "Story of the Cross," was held every evening (except Friday). The attendance was exceptionally large. The subjects of the meditations delivered by the mission priest during the week were "The Mockery," "The Crown of Thorns," "The Judgment," "The Cross-bearing," "Paradise." There were a good number of people present on Good Friday morning for Matins, Litany and Ante-communion. In the afternoon the church was filled for the special service. Short addresses on the "Seven Last Words" were given by the priest. The people remained throughout the service, which lasted over two hours, and concluded with the singing of the "Story of the Cross." Easter Day was a perfect day, within the church and without. The number of communicants was probably the largest on record. There were 19 at 8 a.m., and 23 at 11 a.m. Total 42. Several who were unable to be present on Easter Day came forward during the week, bringing the total up to 48. The church was bright and gay with banners and flowers and was filled with worshippers both morning and evening. In the afternoon a children's service and baptism was held. The Rev. R. W. Samwell (priest-in-charge) officiated at all the services. Altogether, the services during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter were such as to afford much thankfulness and encouragement to those engaged in the work.

KINGSTON.—The remodelling of St. George's Cathedral, which is to cost about \$35,000, by the terms of the contract, is to be finished by the 1st April, 1892.

St. James'.—The pressure for pews in this church is increasing and some special measure for enlarging the accommodation is in contemplation. A beautiful memorial has been erected by Rev. J. K. McMorin in memory of his son, John McMorin. It is a window very fine in design and execution.

St. Paul's.—During the absence in England of the rector, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, late of Wellington, will serve as *locum tenens*. On Sunday, 5th inst., Bishop Kingdon preached in the evening. The service was choral throughout.

TAMWORTH.—The Churchwoman's Guild here is doing a good work.

NAPANEE.—At the Easter vestry meeting on the 6th, Judge Wilkison was appointed lay delegate for three years. It was resolved to abolish the system of pew-renting and revert to the envelope offerings. The question of a surpliced choir was discussed.

SMITH'S FALLS.—Rural Dean Nesbitt's stable near the rectory was fired by incendiaries and his horse and harness burnt.

BELLEVILLE.—*Christ Church.*—This parish needs and it is said soon will have a curate.

WELLINGTON.—Mr. Waterman, lay reader, has been transferred from St. Paul's, Kingston, to the charge of St. Andrew's, vacated by Rev. Mr. Johnson's appointment as *pro tem.* curate of St. Paul's.

BATH.—The Churchwarden's exhibit at the Easter vestry was very encouraging. Offertory collections and pew rents returned a larger amount than has been received for many years past. No eligible seats are at present available.

OTTAWA.—The beautiful floral decoration of the font of St. Bartholomew's church on Easter Day was a tribute to the skill of the Hon. Mrs. Colville, while the altar was a perfect bower of hot-house flowers and ferns sent from Rideau Hall. Upon the re-table was a cross made by Lady Stanley.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—The Rev. R. Harding, formerly rector of this parish, has presented to the U.E.D. memorial church (St. Alban's) a handsome brass Alms Basin.

DESERONTO.—The annual meeting of the vestry of St. Mark's church was duly held on Easter Monday. The retiring wardens, T. H. Nasmith and W. G. Egar, with the Treasurer, J. M. Oliver, presented a most satisfactory financial report, showing receipts from all sources of about \$2,040, being the largest year's ordinary receipts in the history of the parish. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. A. Rixen, rector's Warden; W. J. Malley, people's Warden; R. N. Ervine, Treasurer; F. K.

Baker, Secretary, Finance Committee, John Hopper, W. Evans, J. M. Oliver, W. G. Egar, A. H. McCaughy and T. H. Nasmith. It is hoped that at an early date the church may be ready for consecration. Easter Sunday proved a day of bright and happy services. The rector (Rural Dean Stanton) and the assistant (Rev. H. B. Patton) officiated at the various services. The collection amounted to \$304.

BELLEVILLE.—*Christ Church.*—The Easter services were well attended and the choir furnished excellent music, there being a full cathedral service. The Rev. S. Daw preached two most eloquent sermons on the resurrection. In the afternoon there was a children's service, Christ Church and St. George's Sunday schools being present. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The offertory amounted to \$700. This is the third time the congregation has given so liberally within the past year. Last year the offertory amounted to \$1,000, and the harvest festival \$500, and this Easter \$700, making a total of \$2,200. At the vestry meeting the reports were found most satisfactory, and the church is now in the best condition it ever was. S. R. Gorman was appointed people's Warden and C. Fothergill clergyman's Warden. It was decided to secure a curate, as the work has increased so rapidly that it will need two to carry it on properly. The St. Andrew's Brotherhood is doing a grand work here among the colleges. The St. Andrew's cross has been secured and placed in all the public reading-rooms. The Brotherhood's Bible class is prospering; new members are joining every Sunday.

TORONTO.

EAST TORONTO.—*St. Saviour's.*—The opening services of this church were continued during Easter week with all the success that could be desired. The special preachers were Rev. Prof. Lloyd, Rev. C. Darling, Rev. Canon Cayley, and Rev. E. A. Oliver. On Friday evening there was a beautiful service, when the members of St. Agnes' Guild and of the Snowdrop Band, numbering in all thirty-seven, each presented a simple white flower upon a silver tray, which was laid upon the altar by the Rev. Dr. Gam-mack, as an offering to God in His service and emblematic of purity and truth. The Guilds were most appropriately addressed by Mr. Oliver. The Guild of Willing Workers prepared a bounteous supper in Boston's Hall, where a large company sat down to enjoy the evening with songs, acting and speeches. On Wednesday, April 8th, the Lord Bishop of Toronto again paid a visit to St. Saviour's, and confirmed eighteen candidates, eight men and ten women. The church was again quite full, and his Lordship gave a very plain and practical address to those who were about to be confirmed.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$26 from the Rev. G. O. Troop, of Montreal, for the Rev. J. G. Brick's mission at Peace River, divided as follows: St. Martin's Sunday School, \$25; a member of St. Martin's, \$1.

Holy Trinity.—The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in this parish have just started a club room for young men and strangers, where all the daily and illustrated papers are to be had, as well as magazines and church periodicals. A Brotherhood Bible class is held every Tuesday evening.

COBOURG.—*St. Peter's.*—The annual Easter vestry meeting of this church was held in the school house of Monday evening, 30th. The rector, Rev. Canon A. W. Spragge, presided; Mr. J. C. Boswell was appointed secretary. The report of the church wardens was satisfactory, showing that the total receipts for the year were \$2,882.66, of which \$519.50 has been expended for missionary and charitable purposes, and the balance for parish expenses. The cemetery report noted the completion of the mortuary chapel, and showed this branch of the church's affairs to be in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. Wm. Black and Mr. J. E. Boswell were appointed auditors and will report at the adjourned meeting, when the Sunday School Building Committee will report fully on what has been done, and the architect's plans will be on view. A handsome building has been decided on; the contract is let to Mr. C. Carruthers. The corner lot, which has been occupied by a private dwelling, has been purchased; the building will be torn down and the ground converted into a lawn. The chairman announced with regret that Mr. W. D. Burn, who has been the rector's warden for so long, had been obliged to resign, and a resolution of thanks to Mr. Burn for his services to the church was unanimously carried. Mr. Herbert Boggs was appointed in Mr. Burns' stead. The other officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mr. E. H. Osler re-elected people's warden, and Messrs. W. C. Bourne, D. Roberts, A. Milne, F. R. Dymond, J. W. Bickle, W. H. Floyd, R. Craig, W. Russell, J.

E. Boswell, E. Barnum, Wm. Black and F. Osland were appointed sidesmen. The following were elected delegates to the synod, viz.: Col. Boulton and Messrs. W. D. Burn and Wilgress. The Woman's Auxiliary: The annual business meeting was held on Wednesday, 1st April. The treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Burn, gave a very satisfactory account of the finances, and the secretary, Mrs. E. H. Osler, read several interesting letters from missionaries. The delegates for the annual meeting in Toronto were elected as follows: Mrs. Spragge, Miss Ley and Miss Wilgress. The president, Mrs. Stennett, ably conducted the meeting.

GRAFTON.—On Easter Day there was used for the first time a beautiful brass almsdish obtained for the Church of St. George, Grafton, through the loving exertions of one of the younger members of the congregation—a gift which will ever be highly prized. The congregations, morning and evening, were unusually large, the number of communicants being larger than has ever been the case in this parish, even in its more prosperous days. This was ascertained from the records, which have been most carefully kept by the late Archdeacon. The number of communicants amounted to a little more than fifty-three per cent. of the total number of souls belonging to the congregation. At the little outlying church of the parish, St. John's, Centreton, there were eleven communicants, being about one-third of the souls belonging to this congregation. At their vestry meeting a most satisfactory state of things was shown, no debts being reported except a shortage of forty dollars in the Rector's stipend. Eight members of the vestry immediately put down five dollars each, and thus this deficiency was made good. There is still a small nominal debt due by the Centreton Church Building Committee, which the holder has consented should remain hitherto unpaid, provided a small interest were annually paid: this the vestry intend to take steps to have cleared off, also to build a fence about the church. The reproach upon Grafton, of having for eleven years paid no Synod assessment, will this year be cleared away. A beautiful set of new windows, of ornamental cathedral glass, have arrived for St. George's, Grafton, and will be put in at once. Two very costly and beautiful memorial windows are also being made by Mr. N. T. Lyon, of Toronto, and will be ready in a few months.

COLBORNE.—*Trinity Church.*—The Easter services were of the brightest character. The church, which has lately been improved by the addition of a handsome memorial lectern and stained glass window, was beautifully adorned with flowers. Large congregations assembled with a goodly number of communicants. The Easter offertory amounted to \$78. At the Easter Monday meeting the warden's report showed that the past year had been one of the most prosperous in the history of the parish. All old liabilities had been paid, and a balance remained of some \$40. The retiring wardens, Messrs. J. C. Cumming and G. E. R. Wilson, were re-elected, and Messrs. Cumming, Cornwell and N. F. Davidson, of Toronto, were appointed lay delegates. During the past four years Trinity church has been refurnished throughout, and in addition past liabilities on the church and rectory of \$1,600 have been well nigh liquidated. A considerable sum has also been spent by the rector and congregation in improving the rectory, which is one of the most commodious and well appointed parsonage houses in the diocese.

NEWMARKET.—*St. Paul's.*—There was a large attendance at all the services on Easter Day in this church. There were 70 communicants. The special music and decorations were in full harmony with the brightness of the festival. A service was held in the afternoon specially for the Sunday School, when Mr. R. H. C. Browne gave an excellent address. The collections during the day amounted to over \$120. At the vestry meeting on Monday, Messrs. Wm. Denne and W. A. Brunton were elected as church wardens; Messrs. T. H. Brunton, R. J. Davison, T. J. Robertson and W. J. Stickwood, sidesmen. A statement was made by Canon Farncomb, showing that the debt on the church had been reduced by \$470 during the year. The Sunday School, under the able superintendence of Mr. T. J. Robertson, has greatly increased in numbers.

HOLLAND LANDING.—*Christ Church.*—The pretty church of Holland Landing, in charge of Rev. J. Farncomb, was crowded to its utmost capacity on Easter Day. The church was handsomely decorated, and the anthem, etc., sung with excellent taste. There was 30 communicants. After the service the remains of Mrs. G. Bell, who had sung in the choir the Sunday before, were committed to the earth, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ. At the vestry meeting on Thursday, the 2nd inst., the