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The Easter vestry meeting of the Cathedral was highly satisfactory. The retiring wardens, C. W. Rowley, and H. J. Adams, presented a splendid showing. The church revenues had increased during the past three years by some five thousand dollars, and a recent canvass of the parish for envelope subscribers by a special committee had resulted in a most satisfactory addition to the parish income. An increase of salary was voted to the able assistant priest, the Rev. S. Ryall, B.A., whose active work, both in the parish and Sunday School, has contributed much to this excellent showing. Lieut.-Colonel Cunliffe was appointed by the Dean as rector's warden, and Mr. F. W. Mapson was elected by the congregation. A strong vestry was then elected. Special praise is also due to Mr. A. Qua, the able organist of the Cathedral, under whose efficient training the large voluntary choir of men and boys, assisted by an auxiliary choir of ladies in seats near the chancel, has done excellent work.

Lacombe.—St. Cyprian's.—This church, until the autumn of 1906, was the centre of a large Mission. The town of Lacombe had grown to such an extent, however, that it was decided by the Bishop and Executive, to appoint the present incumbent, the Rev. R. A. Robinson, to the charge of the one congregation, hoping that it would shortly become self-supporting. The result would seem from parish statistics to have been quite satisfactory. At the Easter meeting for 1908, the following comparative statement was given:-Number of souls, Easter, 1907, 141; Easter, 1908, 200; communicants (actual), Easter, 1907, 28; Easter, 1908, 53; Sunday School teachers, Easter, 1907, 2; Easter, 1908, 4; Sunday School scholars, Easter, 1907, 22; Easter, 1908, 43; current income, Easter, 1907, \$323; Easter, 1908, \$662; mortgage debt, (parsonage), Easter, 1907, \$650; Easter, 1908, \$400. The payments on the latter (\$300, including interest), were made through the efforts of the Ladies' Guild, not included in current income. R. F. Young was appointed clergyman's warden, and F. W. Fowler elected by the congregation. The vestry are, W. L. Elliott, E. J. Tett, L. Overton, C. Craig, Frank Young, W. G. Haylock, A. Crow, H. Young, T. Cummings, R. W. Golding, T. F. Roberts and P. Owen. Delegates to Synod, Col. Gregory and T. F. Roberts with A. Crow and R. W. Colding. Roberts, with A. Crow and R. W. Golding as substitutes. The parish receives a grant of \$100 for the current year, and every effort will be made to make it self-supporting in 1909.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

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Victoria.—A branch of the A.Y.P.A. has been successfully inaugurated in this city at a meeting which was largely attended and at which an interesting address was delivered on the aims and objects of the Society by the Rev. J. Stanley Ard. There is every prospect of the movement growing and many other branches being founded before long, not only in this city, but throughout the

Vancouver.—The churches were crowded on Easter Day, and the financial reports of the Easter meetings were most satisfactory.

Christchurch.—Over eight hundred communicated. Revenue, \$11,225.04; \$15,000 was pledged for enlargement of the church. Baptisms, 86; marriages, 85; burials, 72; confirmed, 57; number in choir, 92. Wardens, H. J. Cambie, R. G. Harvey; Delegates to Synod, H. J. Cambie, D. B. Charleson, A. P. Judge.

Holy Trinity.—Receipts, \$2,249.61; Wardens,
H. Cottrell, L. Hunt; Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Cowan, L. Took and Gill. Easter Communions, 161. The pressing question of the enlargement of the church was postponed till the first week in May.

All Saints'.—Wardens, W. Miller, Wilson,

Heaps. Easter Communion, 61.

St. James'.—The annual meeting was postponed for a week. In memory of a relative killed in South Africa, two parishioners have presented "Calvary," with figures on each side of St. John and the Virgin Mary. The "Calvary" takes the place of the cross on the rood screen. The figures are three feet nine inches high. The carving was done by a peasant in Ober Ammer-The dedication took place on Good Friday. At the Easter services the church was crowded. The clergy and choir numbered 45 in all. The new Eucharistic vestments, a gift of the congregation, were used for the first time on Easter Day. A Men's Club has been organized, and the members of the Catholic League has co-operated with the clergy in making the new club a success. It was decided to request the Executive Committee to set apart all that part of the parish lying south of Second Avenue as a new parish, to be organized by the Archdeacon of Columbia. The question of building a parsonage will be considered at an early date.

St. Michael's.—Receipts, \$3,237.61 for year ending March 31st. The debt on the church property has been paid. The church enlargement is now going on. All departments of church work have been very successful. The annual meeting will be held on May 4th.

Proposed New Parishes.—Application will be made to the next meeting of the Executive Committee to set apart three new parishes in Vancouver. 1. A district midway beween Holy Trinity and St. Michael's, bounded by Oak and Manitoba. 2. All that part of Holy Trinity Parish west of Vine Street will be assigned to St. Mark's Mission. 3. All of All Saints' Parish south of Second Avenue, to be known as St. Margaret's

All Hallows School Sale.—Archdeacon Pentreath, Commisssary-General, spent the greater part of Holy Week in holding the Holy Week services in the School Chapel. He conducted the three hours service on Good Friday. On Easter Day there was a fine choral communion service at 7 a.m. in the chapel, the music being Felix Adam's adaptation of Gounod's "Messe Sollenelle," which was admirably sung by the children. At 11 a.m. he conducted the service in the Parish Church, the vicar, Rev. C. Croucher taking the service at All Saints', Agassez, a part of the parish. In the evening the Archdeacon took choral Evensong in the School Chapel. The Lenten Mission Boxes were opened after this service, and including \$40 made by a little sale arranged by the Canadian School, the remarkable sum of \$80 was given for Missions, the Indian children giving \$7 of this amount. The Archdeacon addresses them twice a year on Missions, and the children are very enthusiastic. interest was excited at the counting of the contents of the boxes; \$20 had been previously given as a Thankoffering, so that the schools have given \$100 for Missionary work this year.

St. Paul's.-Wardens, W. E. Knowler, F. Hartley; Delegates to Synod, A. E. Beck, K.C., J. H. Macgill, W. E. Knowler. Receipts, \$7,346. This is the last Vestry meeting at which the present rector, the Rev. H. J. Underhill, will preside. He has been rector of the parish for the past twelve years. Under his pastorate the parish has made remarkable progress, and his relations with his parishioners have always been of the most pleasant nature. That this was so was made evident by a resolution tendered the Rev. H. J. Underhill by the members of his congregation regretting his resignation and recounting in glowing terms the splendid work of his pastorate, particular reference being made to the beautiful new church which has been erected within the past two years. Short speeches in favour of the resolution were made by Messrs. Knowler, Creery, Beck and others, and the rector made a feeling reply. The

meeting was well attended.

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Metlakatla.—St. Paul's.—An interesting service was held in this church on Tuesday morning, April 14th, when Mr. E. P. Laycock was ordained deacon by Bishop DuVernet. The Rev. J. H. Keen presented the candidate, who for the last six months has been in charge of the Mission of Lakkalzap, Nass River. Mr. and Mrs. Laycock will stay a few weeks with the Bishop before going on to take charge of the church at Claxton during the fishing season.

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The late Rev. G. F. Holden, vicar of All Saints', Margaret Street, London, left, by will, the sums of £500 to the Bishop of London's Fund and £500 to the S.P.G.

By the death of Mr. E. J. Lupson, for 45 years parish clerk of Great Yarmouth, an interesting personality has passed away. Many visitors to the Church Congress last year will have pleasant recollections of Mr. Lupson, who conducted many parties over the famous Parish Church, with every stone of which he was familiar, and whose history he knew from the twelfth century. Mr. Lupson, who twelfth century. Mr. Lupson, who had passed his eightieth year, was appointed parish clerk in 1863, and has served under six vicars of Yarmouth. In his official capacity he has attended more than 12,500 weddings and had "given away" 1,325 brides. In the time of the Crimean War Mr. Lupson was a Scripture reader in the parish, and he often referred with pride to his recollections of the services held in the church for the soldiers.

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