

divine worship, showed that they were delighted to praise their risen Lord.

That the choir had done their utmost in careful preparation for this high and Holy day, was abundantly evidenced by their rendition of the hymns, chants and anthems: With the latter, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" being beautifully rendered.

The pretty country church, with its new interior, bears evidence of the taste and energy of the late warden, (Walter Ridout, Esq.) who has recently been removed by death, was beautifully decorated with flowers, sweet emblems of the resurrection to life.

A communion table was used for the first time, which has been presented, as a Thank-offering for the restoration to health of the son and daughter of the Rector, after a long term of grievous illness.

Fifty four persons partook of the Heavenly Feast, among whom were several who had not before availed themselves of this greatest privilege; and thus to many here was Easter joy complete.

The Easter day offertory amounted to \$97. This from a small and struggling congregation, speaks of something deeper and truer than mere lip service. To God be all the praise.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—The special week of services prior to Easter were well attended at St. Paul's. Mr. Tytler, the son of an Indian officer, at present residing in Harriston, very kindly occupied the pulpit on Palm Sunday and also one night during the week following he read the services and preached most acceptably. Mr. Herbert E. Browers, M.A., at present located at Grand Valley, preached on Monday and Tuesday evenings. He handled his subjects in a scholarly manner and gives every promise of being an able preacher. The church is to be congratulated upon having such aspirants for Holy orders.

The Easter services at St. Paul's Church were well attended and were bright and hearty. On the retable were, as usual, on this the Queen of Festivals, beautiful bouquets of cut flowers, tastefully arranged. The potted plants grouped about the pulpit, lectern and font, with the white fontals and cheerful Easter hymns all made the fact more patent, that each soul was worshipping a risen Christ. The children's service in the afternoon was a great success.

The annual vestry meeting was held at the rectory on Tuesday evening, when everything passed off harmoniously. The churchwardens presented their financial statement and although not as good as the previous year was very creditable. Total receipts for the year were \$1414.75; and the total disbursements were \$1217.46; balance on hand, \$197.29.

All the retiring officers of the congregation were re-elected, and after a hearty vote of thanks to all the officers of the Church, the Rector, Ladies' Aid, Organist and Choir, the meeting adjourned until Thursday, the 17th inst., to receive the Auditor's Report.

HAMILTON VESTRY MEETINGS.

All Saints.—The receipts to the present time are \$3014.31, and the expenditure \$2898.03. The new Sunday school fund is rapidly increasing, about \$890 having been subscribed. A special committee in regard to a Chapel of Ease in the west end of the parish, reported that it had bought a site on the north western corner of Tom and Sophia streets, with one hundred feet frontage on the former street.

Plans and specifications had been adopted, and subscriptions received for the erection of the building amounting to \$3250. The church will be 64 feet long by 40 feet broad, so arranged as to allow of extension. The fabric itself will cost \$2250; pews and permanent furniture \$600; site \$400, making a total of \$4250 as the

estimated cost. Of this \$2000 has been already subscribed.

The wardens elected were Messrs. S. F. Ross and Thomas E. Leather.

St. Matthews.—The reports presented at the annual Vestry meeting showed a healthy state of affairs. There was only a deficit of \$3 00, and no outstanding claims. The choir numbers fifty voices and the singing is always bright and good. In the three years of its existence, there have been 152 members confirmed; 200 baptized; and with S.S. there are 280 children, and 23 teachers, all communicants. The officers elected were, Messrs. Thos. Irvin and Jas. Burt, churchwardens; John Sand, Lay Delegate.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The Rector, Rev. E. L. Bland presided at the Vestry meeting. Messrs. Robert Quinn and G. H. Ball were appointed churchwardens, and Dr. Ridley was elected Lay Delegate to the Synod.

St. Luke's.—The finances in this church were reported in satisfactory condition, and the officers elected, are, Mr. Geo. Hewson, Rector's warden, and Mr. Worrell, Delegate to Synod.

St. John's.—This parish held its first Vestry meeting on the evening of the 2nd, inst., in the Mission House, on Herkimer street, Rev. C. L. Brine presiding. The wardens appointed were, Messrs. Maitland Newman, and F. L. Whately, and those elected to Synod, were, Messrs. L. A. Studdart, Richard Jose, and F. L. Whitley for three years, two years, and one year respectively.

Church of the Ascension.—The annual Easter Vestry meeting was held on the evening of the 7th, inst., the Rev. E. P. Crawford, Rector presiding. The churchwardens' report showed total receipts for the year 12,831.95, and expenditure \$12,826.17.

The Rector nominated Mr. Henry McLaren, as his churchwarden, and Mr. Archdale Wilson was unanimously chosen people's warden for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the choir, and the organist, Mrs. Wykes, and also to the auditors.

At the election of delegates to Synod, some little amusement was created by the demand that ladies should vote; but finally it was ruled that ladies could not vote for Lay Delegates. Mr. Gaviller was elected as Lay Delegate to the Synod.

St. Thomas.—Rev. Canon Curran presided at the Vestry meeting. From the churchwardens' account it appeared that when all outstanding pew rents were paid there would be a surplus of about \$100. The offertory averaged about \$36 per Sunday. There is a standing liability of about \$1,600 for improvements to the interior of the church, and a special committee was appointed to suggest means of raising funds to pay off such indebtedness. The Rector named as his churchwarden, Mr. K. Fuller, and Mr. K. K. Morgan was unanimously re-elected as people's warden. This is his 21st, year in office.

Mr. W. F. Burton was elected Lay Delegate to Synod.

St. Marks.—The Rector, Canon Sutherland, presided at the Vestry meeting in this church and from the statistics furnished of the work done in the year, it appeared that there were 145 celebrations of Holy Communion; 160 addresses delivered, 7 marriages, 25 baptisms, 1057 visits paid, and 92 meetings of guilds and societies. The expenditure for the year had been \$1649.34, and the receipts \$1657.78. From the report of the building committee, it appeared that more seating capacity was needed and that the proposed addition to secure this will cost about \$1600. This would give double the present seating capacity; and power was given to the building committee to commence the work at once.

Mr. John Bailie was named people's warden,

and Mr. K. Martin was elected Delegate to Synod.

DIocese OF HURON.

LONDON.—A most interesting service was held in St. James' Church, London South, on Easter Sunday at 3 p.m., when the 7th Battalion of volunteers assembled, and a special sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Davis. The 7th Fusiliers presented a fine appearance and were in full force, neat, clean and fresh; the fine busbies adding much to their general attractiveness. The church was well filled, and after the service a most practical and logical sermon, with much earnestness, was delivered from Eph. vi, 10 11. The church was handsomely decorated with beautiful flowers. The people of London are justly proud of their brave and loyal Battalion.

All Saints' Chapel.—Easter Day was celebrated very beautifully in this church. In the afternoon a service was conducted by Rev. Canon Richardson, more especially for the Sunday school children. The exercises opened by the singing of 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' during which the children to the number of some 125 passed up the aisle, and each made an offering of flowers, laying them upon a table provided. The effect was very pleasing, and a great mass of flowers was received. A feature of the festival was the presentation of a basket of magnificent roses to the Rector. The little chancel of the chapel was tastefully adorned with ferns and flowers, and the appearance was very fine. The sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was on 'The Open Sepulchre in the Garden.' The building was completely filled by a large congregation, many standing in the aisles. The flowers were presented to the city hospital.

LONDON EASTER MEETINGS.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—The Rev. Dean Innes presided at the vestry meeting of this church, which was well attended. Messrs. R. W. Birker, R. Bagly and Edward Paull were elected delegates to Synod, and Messrs. W. J. Reid and J. S. Pearce churchwardens. The churchwardens' reports of Easter, &c., were after a lengthy discussion adopted.

One hundred dollars was granted to the S. School. The old St. Paul's Cemetery accounts were closed and surpluses transferred to the Woodland Cemetery for permanent care. The following resolution was passed in regard to E. Baynes Reed, Esq., who has always taken an active interest not alone in church matters in this city and in the Diocese, but also has been a valued number of the Provincial Synod of Canada. This vestry having heard that Mr. E. B. Reed purposes leaving the city in a few weeks, desires to express its sense of the value of the services he has rendered to the Cathedral congregation for many years past as representative to the Diocesan Synod and in other capacities. Our wish and prayer is that the blessing of God may rest upon him and his family wherever in His providence his lot may be cast.

The usual votes of thanks to the choir, superintendent of the S. School, and Missionary Association were passed, and the meeting adjourned.

Memorial Church.—The Rev. Canon Richardson presided, and it appeared from the churchwardens' report that the total receipts for the year had been \$4 096.77, of which \$3,268 were received from the offertory; \$677 were paid to the Synod of Huron, and a contribution to Foreign and Domestic Missions amounting to \$105.88. The mortgage account showed that the entire debt on the church property had been reduced to \$3,600.

Messrs. J. B. Betts and W. C. L. Gill were elected churchwardens. The thanks of the vestry were tendered to Company 'D' for services on Christmas and Easter day, and to Mr. L. S. Wright, Sunday School Superintendent;