

**STAFFORD.**—St. Patrick's Church has the honor of having the first organ in the parish. It is hoped the other two churches will emulate the example of the members of St. Patrick's. Miss Mary Woods, of Cobden, and Miss Ida Macdonald, of Pembroke, played for the two first Sundays that the organ was used in March, and on the two first Sundays in April, local artists discharged the office very creditably. The present arrangement is that Miss Lizzie Macdonald and Miss Jennie Brown shall play the organ on alternate Sundays. The six lectures that the Rev. J. P. Smitherman delivered during Lent in St. Stephen's church were much appreciated. The study of Church History has a tendency to bind all parties together.

**FRANKTOWN.**—The busy season of Lent and Passiontide are past and gone once more, leaving behind, we trust, many blessings. Unfortunately our Rector was taken down with a severe attack of influenza the second week in Lent, from which he is not yet fully recovered. This put a stop to the week-night services for three weeks; but in Holy Week they were resumed, service being held every night, a suitable subject being discussed by Mr. Waterman at each service. Large congregations attended all the services held in the three churches of the parish on Good Friday and Easter Day; indeed, the attendance at every service during the past fortnight was most encouraging. On the night of Easter Day Mr. Waterman took as his text Hosea xiii. 14, and after speaking of the way in which our Risen Lord was the "plague of death," dealt at some length upon the blessed fact that "the Church brings before us 'at this season a LIVING Christ, ever present in His Church, in His Sacraments'; not, as some believe, 'a Christ who died 1800 years ago, and left us only 'an example to follow, a memory to dwell upon, and 'a book to wrangle about.' The offering for the day (\$8.00) was given to Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the diocese. On Monday the annual Vestry Meetings were held, at which the following gentlemen were elected as lay delegates to the Synod:—Messrs. D. Edwards (St. James'), Jas. Prescott (St. John's), Geo. Leach (St. Bede's). It was decided unanimously that all arrears of Synod assessment should be paid at once, and that the laity of the parish should be represented at the approaching Synod. On Tuesday in Easter week the Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt preached an eloquent sermon at Evensong, on "The life which was (and is) the light of men" (St. John i. 4), preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which took place the following morning, the Rural Dean being the celebrant. Sunday Schools are being organised in each of the three congregations; that in connection with the parish church being held on Saturday afternoon, for the convenience of the rector, who, otherwise, would not be able to be present. The Wardens for Franktown this year are Messrs. Jno. Hughton and D. McCarty (re-elected). Mr. John Flemming, who for a long time has filled the office of people's warden, resigned that position, and is taking a well-deserved rest from parochial worries.

#### TORONTO.

**Easter Vestries** were well attended, the meetings most harmonious and the financial statements very satisfactory. The following are the Wardens and Lay Delegates elected in the city. W. stands for Wardens, L.D. for Lay Delegate.

**St. James' Cathedral.**—W.—R. N. Gooch, Colonel Grasset.  
**St. Matthew's.**—W.—Noel Marshall, J. B. Vick.  
**St. Peter's.**—W.—E. T. Carter, W. A. Geddes.  
**St. Margaret's.**—W.—Herbert Parsons, A. Harvard.  
**L.D.**—Beverly Jones, H. T. Beck, T. H. Ince.  
**St. John the Evangelist.**—W.—C. W. Postlewaite, Jas. Wilson. **L.D.**—A. W. Boswell, Q.C., James Wilson, Dr. M. Harman.

**All Saints.**—W.—George Goulding, E. Perryman. **L.D.**—James Haywood, W. Logan, Dr. A. R. Pyne.  
**St. Simon's.**—W.—Dr. E. H. Kertland, Frank S. Hodgins. **L.D.**—A. McLean Howard, Philip H. Drayton, Harry Symons.

**The Epiphany.**—W.—Thomas Maclean, J. S. Lockie.  
**St. Barnabas.**—W.—Dr. Lennox, Mr. Bovell. **L.D.**—William Miles, Frank Wootten, J. Donaldson.  
**St. Paul's.**—W.—John G. Greay, W. R. Smallpiece. **L.D.**—Messrs. Roof, Caldecott and Jenkins.  
**St. Thomas.**—W.—Walter Perrin, R. Greenwood. **L.D.**—Justice Street, D. W. Saunders.  
**St. Matthias.**—W.—W. N. Pepler, John Spink. **L.D.**—A. H. Lightburn, George Verral, John De-Gruchy.

**St. Cyprian's.**—W.—David Orr, P. J. L. Smith. **L.D.**—W. G. Smith, F. J. Goodman, D. Drover.  
**St. Stephen's.**—W.—W. A. Brown, William Cooke. **L.D.**—J. H. Paterson, J. D. Oliver, W. A. Brown.  
**Church of the Ascension.**—W.—Thomas Langton, J. B. Fitzsimmons. **L.D.**—Kivas Tully, Robert Bick-erstaff, T. D. Delamere.

**Grace Church.**—W.—H. C. Fortier, Baldwin Jacks.

**L.D.**—Thomas Kennedy, Robert Birmingham, J. S. Barber.

**Trinity Church, King St.**—W.—J. J. Davis, A. E. O'Meara. **L.D.**—C. R. Cooper, T. McIlroy, E. N. Trent.

**St. Mary Magdalene.**—W.—Dr. Pringle, E. Ristall. **L.D.**—Capt. C. G. Harston, J. A. Fowler, J. Foote.

**Holy Trinity.**—W.—William Hill, F. Hall.  
**St. Anne's.**—W.—E. J. Voss, T. N. Sampson. **L.D.**—James Armstrong, W. Medland.

**St. Mary's.**—W.—G. G. McKenzie, E. Dawes, L.D.—Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Dawes and Sheppard.

**St. Bartholomew's.**—W.—T. Gadsby, F. Chessman. **L.D.**—J. Blacklock, Ex. Ald. Allan, E. L. Barstow.

**Church of Redeemer.**—W.—Robert Parker, Wm. Monkhouse. **L.D.**—A. H. Campbell, Alfred Wilson, W. G. Storm.

**St. George's.**—W.—S. Bruce Harman, George P. Reid. **L.D.**—C. R. W. Biggar, G. F. Harman, Frank Arnoldi.

**St. Philip's.**—W.—W. D. McPherson, Dr. T. Millman.

**Church of the Messiah.**—W.—A. J. Parker, J. Jackes. **L.D.**—C. K. Unwin, J. D. Armstrong, J. Patterson.

**St. Luke's.**—W.—F. W. Harcourt, R. Russel Baldwin.

**St. Mark's.**—W.—Fred. Kelk, B. Goodman. **L.D.**—John Dennis, James Scott, I. J. Cooper.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for the Rev. J. G. Brick, Peace River, Athabasca: Mrs. Robert Gooderham, Toronto, \$25.00; Bible class of St. Mary Magdalene, Picton, \$15.00; Young Ladies' Society of St. John's church, Stratroy, \$10.00.

**W.A. appeal for Diocesan Mission Fund debt.**—Acknowledged previously, \$62. Newcastle, W.A. (additional), 50c; St. Stephen's, Vaughan, W.A., \$2.75; M.R., \$1.00; St. Stephen's, Toronto, W.A., \$3.10; Innisfil W.A., \$5.00; Stayner W.A., \$13.00.

His Lordship the Bishop arrived safely from England, last week, much improved in health by his three months stay in Europe. On his arrival at the station, he was met by a number of clergy and friends.

**Society of Systematic and Proportionate Giving.**—A conference in connection with the above society will (D.V.) be held under the auspices of the synod committee of the diocese of Toronto, on Friday evening, May 13, 1892, in St. Philip's lecture hall, St. Patrick street, corner Spadina avenue. The Lord Bishop of the diocese will take the chair at 8 p.m. sharp. It is expected that the following will take part in the proceedings: The Bishops of Huron and Niagara, the Revs. Rural Dean Forneret and Wade, Dr. Mockridge, W. C. Allen, and Messrs. Baldwin, Dymond, and Dr. Millman.

AN are cordially invited to attend. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses. J. Fielding Sweeney, Organizing Secretary, S. and P. G., Diocese of Toronto.

**EAST TORONTO.**—**St. Saviour's.**—During Lent there were special services on Wednesday evening, when Rev. Dr. Gammack preached upon the six topics: How do I know that I am a Christian? Prayers out of a book, Why? Can we believe too much? The Gospel, is it true? What is a member of Christ? and Repentance, how a change of heart? On Sunday evening the subjects selected were of a similar and useful character. Why should I go to church? Why do I belong to the Church of England in Canada? What is meant by the Church? &c. On Easter day the services were very well attended, and the singing particularly good, there being thirty men and boys in their surplices and cassocks in the chancel, which was neatly decorated with pot plants and palms. For church and services there are no brighter in Canada, or more enjoyed by the people. The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, the Rev. Dr. Gammack in the chair. A general statement regarding the church and congregation was made by the chairman, and an auditor for the accounts was appointed to examine and report to an adjourned meeting. A choir fund was established for the payment of the choir-master, and similar purposes; there was also commenced a sinking fund for the extinction of the church debt. The general condition of the church was considered most promising. There were appointed Wm. Empringham, sen., and R. Needham, sen., churchwardens. Fred. Taber, Lay Delegate to the synod; Messrs. Hunter, Howard, Markle and Lightfoot, sidesmen. Mr. Barton, who has been a very careful and painstaking choir-master for the last eighteen months, is retiring, and the choir has presented him with an address and a large photograph of the clergyman and choir as a small token of their regard for him. His place is to be taken by Mr. Timms, who has come from the city to reside in East Toronto. There is every prospect of

the church's requiring an enlargement at no distant date.

**ETOBICOKE.**—**St. George's.**—Wardens—R. H. Tier, R. Walker; delegates, C. J. Musson, T. A. Tier, and T. Knight.

**NORWAY.**—**St. John's.**—Wardens, J. W. Millar, Ira Bates; delegate, Walter Darling.

**MEDONTE.**—The Easter vestries held in this parish were interesting and harmonious. The magnificent sum of \$3000 has been expended upon the erection of a new church, and the renovation of another since the year 1885, when the present Incumbent, the Rev. J. M. Jones, took charge of the parish. It is very few country parishes which have done as well in such a short time, and both the people and the Incumbent are to be congratulated upon their successful work.

**KING.**—**All Saints.**—Holy Week and Easter Day passed off very happily in this church. The ante-Communion office was said each night in Holy Week, followed by a sermon. On Good Friday night, a children's choir sang suitable hymns and the "Story of the Cross" very sweetly. At 10.30 a.m. on Easter day, a good congregation joined in the choral celebration, and 48 communicated. Rev. F. G. Plummer celebrated and preached. Evensong was bright and well attended. The church was prettily decorated with bouquets of Easter lilies, flowers in pot, and an evergreen lattice work on the east wall. At St. Stephen's, Vaughan, there was choral Evensong at 7 p.m., attended by a large congregation. Rev. F. Heathcote sang the service and preached.

#### NIAGARA.

**PORT COLBORNE.**—The clergy of the diocese of Niagara, and others, who have visited the little parish of Marshville, will be deeply pained to learn that the handsome residence of Mrs. Lattimore was burned to the ground early on the morning of the 13th inst. Most of the contents was lost, including the communion set, which was a memorial of the late Mr. Haun. A new set of beautifully worked hangings also perished. These were a gift from Mrs. Counce, of Petrolea, and were to have been presented as an Easter gift. While all who have ever enjoyed Mrs. Lattimore's hospitality will sympathise with her in the heavy loss she has met with, they will be glad to know that no lives were lost, but that all the household, which included several young grandchildren, were roused in time, and escaped unhurt. Not the least of the loss will be the destruction of the large primeval forest trees, among which the house had been built. Some of these it is hoped have escaped, but there are several which stood near the house that are utterly ruined.

**CHIPPAWA.**—Trinity Church never looked fairer than this Easter—the altar with its beautifully embroidered festal frontal, the gift of the Kilburn Sisters, and the fair white linen cloth, also their gift—the solid silver Eucharist vessels given "in loving memory of our blessed dead"—nearly every one who had friends at rest in this churchyard responding to the appeal of the rector's wife, whose efforts secured this memorial—the flowers so lovingly provided by Mrs. Lench for the chancel—the hearty services, large numbers who partook of the Sacred Feast, and unusually large offerings (the rector was not forgotten) for domestic missions—all made a very happy Easter.

**NIAGARA FALLS.**—The new bell for Christ church was successfully hung on Tuesday, April 12th, and was rung for services on Easter Sunday. The bell, which weighs 1053 lbs., is the Easter gift of the Sunday school, who raised the funds by Lenten savings. The hanging of the bell was superintended by Mr. W. Garden, and was completed without the slightest hitch. On one side of the bell is inscribed:

"Rector—Stewart Houston, M.A., Canon.  
 Wardens.—W. W. Woodruff, Alex. Fraser.  
 Supt. S. S.—Joseph P. Brown.  
 Secretary S. S.—W. J. S. Drew.  
 The gift of the Sunday School children, Easter, 1892."

On the other side of the bell is:  
 "Christ Church, Niagara Falls, Ont."  
 "I call the living  
 I mourn the dead."

**WEST FLAMBORO.**—**Christ Church.**—The services in this church were exceptionally bright and hearty on Easter day. The roads and weather being fine, the Church people turned out in full force, there being nearly 50 communicants, including the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. celebrations. The church was beautifully