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St. Matthias.—The annual Confirmation took place on Thursday in Passion Week when 37 candidates were presented to the Bishop.

The Young Peoples' Association gave an "At Home" on Tuesday, April 30th, at 58 Euclid avenue. Over 125 persons were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Refreshments were served toward the close of the evening. The Committee will be glad to receive the names of any who wish to join the Association, which now numbers about 90 members. The fee is only 25 cents. All young people would find their membership not only a source of enjoyment, but of instruction. Mr. Charles Phillips, 29 Henderson avenue, is the Secretary.

St. Mary Magdalene.—This formally began its existence as a Parish Church on Low Sunday, April 28th. Special services were held to mark the event. At the morning service Rev. Prof. Clark preached a beautiful and most appropriate sermon. A children's service was held at 3:15, when the children's Lenten savings were presented upon the altar, and an address given by Mr. Samwell from the Ottawa Mission, who, by a happy coincidence happened to be in Toronto, and who will take back with him to the head of the Mission the \$10 or \$12 that was realized. At Evensong the Rev. J. C. Roper of S. Thomas was the preacher. Though a steady down-pour of rain prevented a very large attendance at the morning service, at Evensong the Church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The music, under Mr. Lane's supervision, was throughout the day excellent, and was the subject of very general remark.

The altar, font and lectern were decorated with flowers, and all looked well. The offertory amounted to \$60 and this with what had been collected during the five previous weeks brought the amount up to \$1400.

The first Vestry meeting of the new parish took place on Easter Monday, at 8 p.m.

The Rector, after thanking Mr. Tokor and the Vestry for a few kindly words of welcome proceeded to nominate as his own churchwarden one who from the beginning of the work has been one of its trusted and most self sacrificing supporters, Mr. Clubb.

Mr. James Perks was elected by the people, though efforts were made by Mr. Perks and many others to induce Mr. Restoll to accept the office.

The sidesmen chosen were Messrs. Restoll, Sindrey, Moth, Stroud, Gribble and Smith.

Delegates to the Synod are: Messrs. E. J. Tokor, G. Crawford and W. Bullock.

The Rector appointed Mr. W. P. Thompson his Lay Reader, subject to the Bishop's approval, and Mr. Bullock Vestry clerk. The building committee elected were the Rector, Messrs. E. J. Tokor, A. H. Lightbourn, Nixon, Clubb, Thompson and J. Perks.

Votes of thanks were passed to the various officials, special mention, being made of the services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Miss Clubb, Mr. Bullock, and the choir.

The accounts shewed a balance in hand of some \$37, the expenditure since the opening of the Church being \$694.34. The estimate for the ensuing year amounted to about \$800.

On Tuesday, April 25th, a social gathering of the congregation was held in the school-room to celebrate the inauguration of the new parish. A committee consisting of Mesdames Smith, Stroud, Clubb, Holmes, Perks, Crawford, Blomfield, Hutchings and Messrs. Moth, Gribble and Crawford worked with a will and the result of their labours was a most successful and enjoyable evening. After a most bountiful supper served from 7 to 8 p.m. the Messrs. Rudge and a detachment of Girls' Grenadiers from the Church of the Holy Trinity, under the care and direction of Miss Thompson, afforded

infinite pleasure and amusement to the company present.

To Messrs. Ball and Nixon thanks are specially due for the manufacture of seven large tables, which will be of permanent use, and also to Messrs. Webb and Woods for their ready help in other respects.

Owing to the recent purchase of fifty additional feet of land, the church property now embraces 100 feet on Manning avenue, and 50 feet on Euclid avenue, the whole being bounded on the south by Ulster street to the extent of 269 feet. This will be land enough to allow for the future development of the work, and all efforts henceforth will be directed to the advancement of the building.

If \$500 dollars more could be raised, the present building will be at once extended, so as to afford accommodation for 300 people. This also will be a step towards the commencement of the nave of the church.

On Easter day there were large congregations at all the services. There were fifty communicants. There have been five marriages and upwards of thirty baptisms at S.M.M., since its beginning.

The outlook for the new parish, though naturally not without anxiety, owing to the smallness of the present portion of the building, and the comparative scantiness of the population, is on the whole full of encouragement.

The parish already possesses property worth nearly \$11,000, on which there is a mortgage of \$5,000. There is land sufficient for all future needs, and the first stage of the permanent church has been erected, and by the time the population becomes very large, the parish ought to be in a position to proceed with the main building. The congregation look forward with hopefulness to the future.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*The Cathedral.*—The Rev. Dr. Mockridge, was the recipient of gratifying tokens of friendship from those among whom he laboured so long, on the eve of his departure from Hamilton. After the morning service at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, April 20th, the members of the choir presented the Dr. with an address expressive of the high esteem entertained for him, wishing him prosperity and happiness in his new field of labor. The address was accompanied with the presentation of a travelling case. The Dr. replied appropriately, speaking feelingly of the many happy hours they had spent together.

In the afternoon the officers and teachers, on behalf of Christ Church Cathedral S.S., presented him with an address, expressing their deep sense of his untiring energy and devotion, hearty co-operation, timely counsel and zealous interest which had so materially contributed to the welfare and advancement of the school. As a slight token of remembrance, the Dr. was presented with a handsomely engraved gold pencil and pen. Dr. Mockridge made an appropriate reply.

A well filled purse of gold (\$210) had been previously presented to Mrs. Mockridge, on behalf of the ladies of the congregation.

Dr. Mockridge was also the recipient of an address and purse of \$50 from the friends of Temperance in Hamilton, as a slight acknowledgement of his earnest advocacy of the cause of Temperance in that city.

Church of the Ascension.—The Rev. E. P. Crawford of Brockville, has, it is said, accepted the Rectorship of this parish, and will assume his duties next month. The parishioners are to be congratulated upon having secured one of the leading presbyters of this Ecclesiastical Province as their Rector.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON WEST.—*St. George's.*—The adjourn-

ed vestry meeting of St. George's Church, London West, was held on the 6th inst., when there were present Rev. G. B. Sage (rector), Churchwardens J. H. Lings and J. E. Snow, Messrs. Jolly, Kingsmill, Gibson, Edmonds, F. Peters, W. W. Fitzgerald, Gahan, Houghton, Garratt, Ward, D. C. Macdonald and Hardy.

From the Rector's report it appeared that during the year 50 baptisms, 14 marriages and 9 deaths had taken place, and 26 candidates had been confirmed.

The Warden's report is that the ordinary Sunday collections show a large increase, being \$70 over any previous year; also a good increase in amount of pew rents. The new method of collecting pew rents, and being paid quarterly, has been found to work very well, leaving the small amount unpaid up to 1st, April, \$35.50; part of that amount \$12, balance by contra account, leaving actual amount of unpaid pew rents to 1st, April, 1889, only \$23.50. The mortgage on the church property, of \$600 and interest, has been paid off during the past year. We are indebted to the members of the Guild for having aided us with over half that amount. We would especially call your attention to the want of seating accommodation.

The financial statement showed the total receipts to have been \$2,031.04, as follows:—Balance from 1888, \$99.69; Offertory, \$456.82; Pew rents, \$283.25; Ministers' stipend, \$323; St. George's Guild, \$324.20; Special collections, \$172.27; Special income, \$155.25; Rectory surplus, \$144; Mission Fund, \$61.75; Sundries, \$10.81.—Total, \$2,031.04.

The disbursements for Salaries, general expenses, special collections, school house, and Mission fund amounted to \$1,099.07.

The assets were placed at \$6,027.47, and the liabilities at \$228, leaving assets over liabilities \$5,799.47.

The choir and members of the guild received a hearty vote of thanks for their services during the past year.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. S. Gibson, the retiring Rector's Warden, for the amount of time and assistance devoted to the church during his long term of office, nearly fifteen years; also to the People's Warden, Mr. J. H. Lings, for his untiring efforts in paying off the debt, and rendering every assistance in his power for the interests of the church.

The Churchwardens were empowered to supply extra accommodation for the Sunday school and the church, and make what alterations they may think fit.

The members of the congregation contemplate erecting a new church in the near future as the congregation and general attendance has largely increased since being able to support a clergyman—who is now living in the parish, Rev. G. B. Sage. The debt on the church and school-house has been paid off during the past year. Extra accommodation is much wanted for both church and Sunday school purposes. Though a larger church is much needed, the congregation being far from wealthy it is impossible to build one unless help can be obtained from outside sources.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

GRAVENHURST.—At the annual Vestry meeting of St. James' Church, the Rev. W. T. Noble, incumbent, the Church wardens presented their accounts for past year, which were audited, passed, and ordered to be printed. The Incumbent nominated Mr. Pedler as his Churchwarden, and Mr. Swan was elected as the people's Churchwarden for the ensuing year.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Churchwardens—Mr. H. H. Marter and Mr. S. J. Henderson—for the able and efficient manner in which they conducted the business of the church during the past year. Mr. H. H. Marter has filled the office of Churchwarden for the past nine years.