

out Canada, passed to rest on Sunday last. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. Rowsell, who died recently at a very advanced age. The bereaved family has sustained a loss it is distressing to think of, they will have the sincerest condolences of the whole Church in Canada.

WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.—St. John's Church.—The foundation stone of this church was laid on the 11th May. The building is to be from designs of Messrs. Strickland & Symonds. The Bishop, Archdeacon, and Rural Dean were absent, but their places were filled by Presbyterian and Baptist ministers, with Principal Sheraton as chief officiant.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will (D. V.) hold his next general ordination, on Sunday, July 14th, candidates for the diaconate or the priesthood will please give notice forthwith to the examining chaplain. They will assemble in the Synod Rooms, Wellington Street, on Wednesday, July 10th, at 10 a.m., furnished with letter testimonials and the customary *si quis* which must be read at least one month previous to the day of ordination. Copies may be had by communicating with A. J. Bronghall, M.A., Examining Chaplain.

Rev. Dr. Gammack.—We desire to offer a cordial welcome to an addition to our Canadian clergy list, in the Rev. James Gammack, M.A., LL.D., for many years an Incumbent in the Diocese of Brechin, and a friend of the well known Bishop Forbes, and more recently of the Diocese of Aberdeen. Dr. Gammack is a gentleman of extensive and accurate learning, and has been a copious contributor to the *Dictionaries* and *Christian Archaeology and Biography*, edited by Dr. W. Smith, S. Cheetham, and H. Wace. We see from the *Scottish Guardian* that his departure from Aberdeen has been much regretted. The following letter will speak for itself:

DEAR DR. GAMMACK.—I am requested by the undersigned to offer for your acceptance a parting gift of \$117, as a token of their respect for your character as a clergyman of thirty years standing in the Scottish Episcopal Church, and also as an assurance of their best wishes for your success in the New World. Your own Alma Mater, in conferring upon you the degree of LL.D., has given official recognition to your status as an author upon sacred and antiquarian subjects. It is their privilege, as your friends and fellow churchmen, to bear testimony to the private virtues and qualities of heart which have endeared you to them all. That God may bless you in your new home with opportunities of useful and congenial work, is their earnest prayer. I remain, dear Mr. Gammack, Very Sincerely yours,
J. C. OGILVIE WILL.

Aberdeen, April 8, 1899.

We also see that at the recent Synod of the Diocese, the Bishop, (Dr. Douglas), referred to the regret with which he and others bid farewell to the Doctor. According to the *Scottish Guardian*:

"The Bishop then proceeded, in the name of the Council and in his own, to express their thanks to Dr. Gammack for all the services he had rendered to them. They were aware that he was about to leave them, and leave the country, and he could only say that he had never found, on any single occasion, Dr. Gammack unwilling to give a helping hand whenever they were hard pressed. He had never once applied to Dr. Gammack in vain for his services when he was in any difficulty how to provide for the services in any of the churches. He was sure they most cordially bade him farewell and God-speed in the work that he was about to undertake in another part of the world. Dr. Gammack is settling in Canada for the sake of his children.

TORONTO.—Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$5 from E. C. Chadwick, Esq., of Guelph, in aid of Rev. Mr. Brick's mission at Peace River, N.W.T.

NLAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, took place on Tuesday evening, at the Rectory, where a good representation of the male members of the congregation were present. The meeting opened with prayer as usual, when the churchwardens presented their annual statement of accounts which were very gratifying to the meeting. It shows a total reduction in the liabilities of the congregation since Easter 1898 of \$800. Votes of thanks were tendered to the Rector, and all the officers of the church including the Ladies' Aid. The following officers were elected for the year: W. C. Perry and Thomas Wood, churchwardens; Messrs. J. C. Wilkes, E. C. Wood, T. G. Smith and H. Stevenson, sidesmen. The total receipts during the year

were \$2215.90. We have in working order a "Ladies' Aid" and "A Girls Friendly" besides eight Ladies who have charge of the four wards in the town, who visit the sick and dying. St. Paul's church is in a prosperous condition, and there is a grand work being done in the parish for God and His Church, and to God be the glory.

WATERDOWN.—On Monday evening, April 29th, a farewell reception and presentation was given to Rev. S. Bennetts, at the residence of Mrs. Davidson, "Glenmount," before leaving for the Old Country. Early in the evening the rev. gentleman was presented with the following address and a handsome travelling outfit, consisting of a valise, dressing case and railway rug. Mr. Bennetts made a suitable reply, expressing himself as sorry at leaving Waterdown and his many friends.

Presentation to the Rev. S. Bennetts, April 29th 1899.

We, the members of Grace church, Waterdown, have met here this evening to express our deep regret at your intended departure from our midst. In consideration of your successful efforts in building up our congregation and Sunday school to their former flourishing state, also your Christian kindness and charity in all cases of sickness, and affliction, we consider it our duty, as well as pleasure, to express our appreciation of all your services as a Christian clergyman, and beg your acceptance of this small token of our esteem and affection. Signed on behalf of the congregation, Samuel Gallagher.

OMAGH AND PALERMO.—The Rev. J. H. Fletcher thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions in aid of the church to be built at Zimmerman.

\$10, E. M. Jarvis.
\$5, Rev. W. E. Grahame, Wm. Joyce, Chris. Armstrong, J. A. Williams, M. Felan.
\$2, Henry Wilson, W. A. Ferrah, S. McGiffin, S. T. Harris.
\$1, Miss P. L. J. Baker, Mrs. Richards, Dr. J. Urquhart.

Friends who have promised subscriptions are requested to send them in as soon as convenient.

PALMERSTON.—The church in this parish has been entirely renovated, and the interior presents a very handsome appearance. The ceiling and walls have been frescoed in oil, and the designs are brought out well in the blending of the various colors. A beautiful new pulpit, made of white ash and cherry wood, was also added to the improvements. A hearty re-opening was held on Sunday, the 14th, when the church was filled, and through a liberal offering the entire debt was cleared off. Rev. A. D. Dawdney, of Durham, was the preacher. The Rev. G. B. Cook, the Incumbent, has resigned, and will accept the parish of Acton and Rockwood, at the wish of the Church there.

GUELPH.—The Lenten offering of St. George's church Sunday School amounting to \$41.11 were this season given to the furnishing of the chancel in a new church, the missionary is erecting. He writes in response,

Strabane, May 7th, 1899.

DEAR MR. ARCHDEACON.—I have received the Lenten savings of your Sunday School children. I am very glad to receive so large a help for our chancel, and am thankful to you for allowing this year's offerings to come to us. There will be enough money to buy a handsome altar frontal and four choir seats for the church. Believe me, yours very obediently,
Ven. Archdeacon Dixon. W. R. Blachford.

HURON.

MITCHELL.—His Lordship, Bishop Baldwin, preached two sermons here on Sunday, April 28th. They were earnest and helpful presentations of the subjects of the Resurrection, and of the Day, which should break upon the world at the coming of Christ. The days offertories were for the debt upon the church, and reached nearly \$200. The Holy Table was very beautifully adorned with flowers, and the new hangings for pulpit and prayer desk, as well as the new upholstery of the chancel furniture, made by the young people of the church looked very well. This congregation has worked most harmoniously with its Rector in this his first year among them. Its offertories to Parochial Missions have increased from \$80 to \$125, its Diocesan offertories from \$80 to \$521. Two members of the congregation have given a bell and a Holy Table. To the sympathies existing between the Rector and his people the result of this success is due, as well as to the valuable aid rendered by the clergyman's wife and family.

SUMMERHILL.—The annual Easter vestry meeting in connection with St. Peter's church was held on Thurs-

day evening, the 25th inst. Messrs. H. Murphy and J. Wright were re-elected wardens. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was tendered the Rev. W. Craig for his kindness in coming out here at great inconvenience to himself, and also for the instructive and thoughtful sermons which he delivered. Votes of thanks were also tendered the choir, the retiring wardens, and those who keep the church clean and in good order.

BLYTH.—The annual Easter vestry meeting was held in Trinity church on Monday afternoon for the purpose of winding up the financial business of the past year, which was found to be very satisfactory. Messrs. T. W. Scott and D. McGill were appointed churchwardens for the ensuing year. Mr. John Bell was appointed lay delegate to Synod. Other business having been gone through the meeting adjourned to meet again on May 6th.

On Sunday morning the congregation in Trinity Church were taken by surprise when the incumbent, Rev. H. A. Thomas announced to them, although deeply regretting to have to do so, that through failing health and too large extent of parish work, he had been forced to hand his resignation into the hands of the church wardens, to take effect on the 1st of June.

GODERICH.—St. George's church was nicely arranged with flowers on Easter day. There was Communion at 7 a.m., and at the close of the regular morning service on Easter day.

The annual vestry meeting of the congregation was held in the school room on Monday evening, the Rector in the chair, and Mr. F. W. Johnston as vestry clerk. The wardens' statement presented showed the financial standing of the church to be most satisfactory. Mr. Thomas Weatherald by the congregation, and Mr. Chas. Seager by the Rector, were re-elected churchwardens, Messrs. R. Radcliffe, F. W. Johnston, T. B. VanEvery, James Sheppard, Geo. Porter and Dr. Ross were elected sidesmen. Messrs. F. W. Johnston and T. B. VanEvery were re-elected auditors. Mr. Jas. Sheppard, superintendent of the Sunday School, presented a favorable report of the attendance and financial standing for the past year. The officers of the church were all re-engaged at salaries the same as last year.

BAYFIELD.—The annual vestry meetings of the Church of England Mission were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Rev. Mr. Hodgins, incumbent, in the chair. The reports presented show the parish to be in a most prosperous condition. All current expenses cleared up and a balance on hand of about \$75. Mr. Hodgins reported that in two and a half years he had collected \$1,273 for the parsonage fund, reducing that debt to \$125, which is provided for by subscriptions. The average congregation for the year was 216, being an increase of 16 over last year which, considering the number of removals and loss of members by death, is very gratifying. The Sunday offerings and the annual subscription list also show a marked increase. The number of communicants on Easter day was 80, the largest in the history of the parish. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. James Sheppard, of Goderich, for his kindness in presenting the parish with a cheque for \$50 towards clearing off the parsonage debt. The incumbent enters on his fifth year in this parish under the most favorable auspices.

CLINTON.—*Holy Week and Easter.*—This Holy Week was one of special interest in St. Paul's Church. Services were held morning and evening during the week. The church was handsomely adorned on Easter Day with natural flowers, and Rural Dean Craig's discourses, morning and evening, were the most thoughtful, powerful, and convincing he has ever delivered. At least this seemed to be the almost universal opinion of the large congregations present. The appeal of the rev. gentleman was made touching by earnestness, convincing by sound and clear argument. The choir was in excellent form, and the anthems and hymns unusually well rendered.

During Lent there has been as usual in this parish many extra week-day services. Holy Communion on every Sunday. It is gratifying to know that the number of communicants is steadily growing—the number communicating this Lent and Easter being the largest in the history of the parish. A good deal is sometimes said of the great advantages of intimacy. The present Rector nearly eight years in the parish—came into the inheritance of a practical intimacy of six Rectors in thirteen years. Comparisons are odious, but facts are against very frequent changes of Rectors.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. There was a large attendance of the members. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the Church Wardens presented their annual report showing the standing of the different funds, namely:—General, \$1311; Diocesan, \$158; Improve-

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