

was held, and the duties of its members. The Sons of England also attended in large numbers. The church was beautifully decorated with English flags of different designs, and the words and tunes of the hymns used were specially written for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Reverend Rural Dean Pollard, another chaplain of the society, assisted in the service.

On Sunday, May 2nd, the Bishop of the Diocese administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation to twenty-two candidates, seven of whom had not been brought up in the Church of England. The Bishop's address on "The Church as the Great Teacher" was listened to with earnest attention by all present, and could not fail to be helpful to those young churchmen for whom it was specially intended.

**GRACE CHURCH.**—There is now a flourishing branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in connection with Grace Church. The following officers have been appointed, Mrs. G. E. Perley, president; Miss Whitcher, vice-president; Mrs. Banfield, secretary; Miss A. Lee, treasurer; Miss Goodeve, leaflet correspondent. Meetings are to be held monthly. The formation of this branch has been the means of arousing an unusual degree of interest in the work of the society, and a number of new members have been enrolled.

Confirmation is to be administered by the Bishop on the 30th inst. at the morning service.

Mrs. Crombie, the president of the Woman's Guild, is making an effort to pay off the small balance of debt which remains upon the organ. Each member of the congregation is to be asked to contribute twenty-five cents. This amount together with generous subscriptions already given by members of the church will no doubt provide the necessary sum. The women of the Guild deserve the warmest thanks of all concerned for their energetic work, and also to be congratulated upon the very happy and successful issue to which their efforts have been brought.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.**—On Easter Day there were celebrations at 7 a.m., 110 communicants; at 8 a.m. 126; and 11 a.m. 121; making a total of 357. The services were very bright and joyous, the choir rendering the musical portions with great vim. The chancel was tastefully decorated and had a very festive appearance. In response to a special appeal for generous offering, over eight hundred dollars were placed in the offertory, showing a due appreciation of the Church's ministrations, and a readiness to accept financial responsibility for the efficient carrying on of the work.

The St. John's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is well-equipped with capable officers and at their first monthly meeting there was an attendance of twenty-six. Miss Thompson read an excellent paper on India. While regretting the separation as tending to "parochialism," in a large parish like St. John's, we have nothing to fear and we see every prospect of developing new material and bringing the majority of our women into membership.

The Woman's Association held a very successful "At-Home" on May 5th. Miss Shea, Miss Lacey, Miss Whiteaves, Mrs. Godwin, and several gentlemen contributed an excellent programme. The Association seems to have taken well among the parishioners and much success has attended their various entertainments. A Jubilee Garden Party will be held next month at Rockcliffe.

The Easter Vestry meeting was well attended and very satisfactory reports presented. The retiring churchwardens shewed a balance of over two hundred dollars and were duly thanked for their labors. The new wardens, Messrs. F. C. Bate and E. J. Darby have commenced their work with a desire to continue the record of their predecessors and hope to make a good shewing at the end of the year.

**OTTAWA.**—The first annual meeting of the Ottawa Diocesan Branch of the W.A. was held at Christ Church, and proved of great interest. The business meetings were presided over by Mrs. Tilton, who, besides being Gen. Pres. is First Vice-President of this diocese, owing to the absence of Mrs. Hamilton, the President, who was only able to give the address of welcome on the first morning, before leaving for England. The Bishop preached both at the opening service on Tuesday morning and also on Wednesday evening when it had been hoped that the Bishop of New Westminster would have been present. The Hon. President of Niagara Diocese, and the Corresponding Secretary of Toronto Diocese were introduced and warmly welcomed. Reports showed that branches had been formed in Arnprior, L'Orignal, Crysler, and six in Ottawa city, while the Ottawa branch had been dissolved. One Junior branch at Almonte had also begun work, making twenty-three Senior and eleven Junior branches in all. The receipts for the year had been \$709.33 and the offerings at this session were \$156.22. A number of bales were sent out during the year. The new Constitution was taken up clause by clause and adopted with few alterations. The Bishop proposed the following by-law, which was, with his consent, laid upon the table for a year to give time for full consideration: "The Parochial branch may, at the request of the clergyman, undertake any