

The annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, which was postponed from Easter Monday, was held on April 9th in the school room, and was one of the most successful in the history of the parish. The Warden's report showed the payment of all overdue indebtedness by the church to date, and the finances of the parish are now on a much better basis than they have ever been before.

Mr. W. H. Rowley, who has been a warden for several years, declined to act again for the present and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for the valuable work he has done for the parish during his long term of office. Mr. Plunket B. Taylor was then appointed Rector's warden and Mr. J. D. Hunton was re-elected people's warden for another year. A new feature of the meeting was the report, presented by Rev. W. M. Loucks, of the work done by the various parish organizations during the past year. It is to be hoped that this feature will be a permanent one. It was resolved to print the report, together with the Warden's report and a short account of the history of the parish, for distribution among the members of the congregation.

On Sunday the 15th April, the Archbishop of Ontario confirmed a large number of boys and girls at Christ Church, in addition to several candidates from St. Matthias, Hintonburg. The service as usual was very impressive, and the Archbishop's address to the candidates was particularly good.

An effort is being made at Christ Church to form a Communicants' Class to be composed of those who have been confirmed within the past few years. The idea is that the class should meet once every month for a short preparation for Holy Communion. It is to be hoped that the effort may be successful as the neglect of regular reception of the Eucharist by the young is very great and anything which will remedy the evil should be hailed with delight.

The rite of Confirmation was administered at St. George's Church on Thursday evening, April 12th, in the presence of a good sized congregation. The number of candidates was 55, made up as follows:—Adults, 8 men and 10 women; young people, 22 boys and 15 girls. Of these 15 were brought up outside the Church of England.

At the annual vestry meeting at St Alban's Church, Messrs. W. L. Marler and M. W. Maynard were re-elected church wardens for the ensuing year.

The candidates for confirmation from the parish of St. Matthias, Hintonburg, were confirmed on the third Sunday after Easter, in Christ Church, in company with the Christ Church candidates. They were presented by the Rector, Rev. W. H. Green, and were fourteen in number.

A very successful concert was held on April 17th, under the auspices of the "Women's Guild of St. Matthias." The audience was very large, the order excellent, the programme very superior, and the financial results, most satisfactory. Though the admission fee was only 15 cents, the sum of \$50 was realized. The ladies of the Guild desire to return hearty thanks to those who kindly donated candy, and to those who took part in the programme.

Since the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Bousfield at Billings' Bridge, the congregations at the three missions in his parish, Holy Trinity, Billings' Bridge; St. George's, Taylorville, and St. James' Cowans, have greatly increased. Several improvements have been made about the church at the bridge, in the way of a new fence, painting, etc., and it is hoped that the pretty little church will now thrive and flourish with renewed life.

It is with pleasure that we note the appointment by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, of the Rev. Rural Dean Naylor, who is so well known to Ottawa church people, as Archdeacon of Clarendon, and also the appointment of the Rev. F. R. Smith, of St. James', Hull, as Rural Dean, in Mr. Naylor's stead.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Ninth Annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to Domestic and Foreign Missions was held on Tuesday April 24th, at Christ Church. There was Litany and a celebration of Holy Communion in Christ Church at 10.30, at which the Venerable Archdeacon Lauder gave a pleasing and helpful address from the 2nd Corinthians, chapter 5, verse 14. "The Love of Christ Constraneth us," asking those present to keep the text before them, as it would help them to be true and earnest in their daily work, and not to get discouraged.

A most successful business meeting was held in Christ Church School Room, at 3 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Bogert presided, in the absence of the Ven. Archdeacon. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayers, after which came the reports from the officers, followed by reports from the Junior Auxiliary and from the Guilds of the different parishes. The reports were very encouraging.

Short and pleasing addresses were given by Mrs. Wilson of Elkhorn, Manitoba, the Rev. Mr. Pollard and the Rev. T. Austin Smith. Mrs. Holden, of the W. A. of Niagara, read a very valuable and interesting paper; Rev. Mr. Bogert gave a few encouraging words before leaving.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Tilton; vice-