

which followed was provided with suitable music for the day. *Kyrie*, taken from the Toronto Chant Book No. 92. *Gloria Tibi* and *Sanctus* (Jackson), Nicene Creed (Tallis), and *Nunc Dimittis* to chant 271. The sermon was preached by the rector. Fifty-five persons received "these holy mysteries" at the later celebration, the proportion of men again being far in advance of former years, and which brought the total to 90.

The afternoon service was interspersed by carols, the children's voices taking up the familiar tunes very heartily. The mission offertory amounted to \$8.05, with a possible augmentation.

The evening service was full choral, and was as follows: Hymn 134; Responses, Tallis, Psalter 356, 357, 358, *Magnificat* (Nares in F), *Nunc Dimittis* (Eldon in C). Anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," closing with Hymns 140, 437. The Rev. T. J. Hay preached the sermon. The united offerings amounted to \$250.

The usual vestry meeting was called for Easter Monday, but was adjourned for a fortnight.

On Tuesday evening the third concert of the Glee Club was given in Silver Cross Hall. The attendance was good, and the programme an attractive one with some sacred selections, and was worthy of more extended patronage. An elderly lady much interested in the Organ Fund gave as her offering on Easter Day the sum of \$6.62. This was the result of much self-denial during Lent.

On Wednesday afternoon the W.A. met for their annual selection of officers. After much debate, the presidential chair was accepted by Mrs. Gibbs, with Mrs. Clarke as vice-president, Mrs. Binnington, 2nd vice-president. Mrs. Keefer and Mrs. Wink retain their places as treasurer and secretary.

A sewing-class for the little ones, kindly undertaken by Mrs. Thursby and others, held their first sale and tea on April 11th, with a short entertainment in the evening. The proceeds, which will be used in the extension of our school-house, amounted to \$20.

We again must chronicle a departure from town, that of Mr. and Mrs. Wineart. The latter was for many years a faithful and punctual assistant in the Sunday-school, in later years also secretary to the St. John's Circle of King's Daughters. Their home is at present in Fort William.

A concert was given during the winter chiefly through the exertions of Miss

Eveleen Bray, to assist the Extension Fund and to provide a sociable evening for the children

### The First Break

IN THE RANKS OF THE CLERGY OF ALGOMA DIOCESE.

REV. A. W. H. CHOWNE, B. D., AN ENLIGHTENED MISSIONARY, PASSES BEYOND THE VEIL.

Man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. *Lamentations iii 5*

In the providence of God no missionary in active service in the diocese has

rural deaneries Mr. Chowne had been the Rural Dean of Parry Sound and from its inception in 1892 he had been a member of the Standing Committee of the diocese. He was also a member of the committee, appointed in 1895, to draft a scheme for synodical organization.

The Rev. Alfred William de Holland Chowne was a native of Lancashire, England, being born at Messtard, in the parish of Eccles, on March 16th, 1843. He had, therefore, just completed his 56th year. His early education was received at Manchester Grammar School, and he was afterwards a student at

the Lichfield Theological College. He was ordained deacon (1873) and priest (1875) by the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Sewyn). After some experience as a curate in the Church of England at Longton, Staffordshire, and at Wolverton, he came to Canada in 1876 to work in the Diocese of Quebec, being in charge of the mission of Riviere du Loup. In about a year he moved westward to the Diocese of Niagara, where he labored in the missions of Erin and Garafraxa. Nor did he thoroughly settle down there, for in the summer of 1880 he came to the poor Missionary Diocese of Algoma, to minister to the settlers in Muskoka, and made Rosseau his home and centre of work. From Rosseau he removed at Eastertide, 1890, to Emsdale, a point hitherto attached to the Mission of Burks Falls. Here he worked patiently until within a few days of his death, going in and out among his people at the home station as well as at the outstation. While at Emsdale Mr. Chowne was instrumental



The Late Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, B.D., Rural Dean of Parry Sound, and Incumbent of Emsdale Mission.

until now been summoned from our midst by the hand of death. Years came and went; clergy in the diocese suffered the loss of wives and children; but no priest or deacon was stricken down. However, when the first break comes, there is taken from the ranks of the Church militant an experienced missionary, a faithful parish priest, a genial companion, a large-hearted friend, whose generous impulses and hospitality were recognized and appreciated by all who knew him. He had worked under the administration of the three Bishops of Algoma and was present at each of the five gatherings known as Diocesan Triennial Councils. From the time when the diocese was divided into

in the building of a small log church at Sand Lake, a spot for which he had a strong liking; also in the improvement of the church building at Eberston (once known as Bethune). At Emsdale he lived to see the church removed from a hill outside the village to a spot in its midst, where it now stands on a good stone foundation. A strongly-built tower was erected and a good bell placed therein. A commodious parsonage, with stone cellar, good stabling, etc., was also added since Mr. Chowne assumed the incumbency of Emsdale. One feature of Mr. Chowne's character may here be mentioned—his fondness for his "ponies." There could be no man more kind to dumb animals than he.

For some time back our friend has been ailing, but not until the week before