

Leone, James Johnson was trained to worship the Yoruba God of Twins. When ten years of age the lessons of Holy Scripture learned in a C.M.S. school— isn't it a strange thing that some people who willingly give money to teach the Scripture in schools to heathen children think the Bible better absent from our schools—led the boy to refuse the heathen god. He then went to the Grammar school, thence to the Church Missionary College at Fourah Bay, now, largely by his exertions, affiliated to Durham University. In 1859 he became a catechist. In 1863 he was ordained. So successful has he been in organizing the native pastorate at Lagos that the Christians there now support all their own pastors and schools and also missionary agents in the interior. As Superintendent of the C.M.S. missions in the interior of Yoruba he struggled against slave-holding and slave-buying and selling by Christian converts, and incurred violent persecution in consequence. He took a leading part in opposition to polygamy and drink traffic. He has been one of the chief and most strenuous advocates of vernacular education. In this he had to struggle against the strong feeling of his Christian fellow-countrymen as well as the policy of the English Governors. In regard to this question of the vernacular he has been entirely successful. The people are resuming their native names, and the Government not only requires their officials to learn the vernacular, but has undertaken the preparation of Anglo vernacular school books. The subject of our paragraph is the Diocesan Inspector of Schools, and has taken an active part in the translation of the Bible. He was for some years a member of the Legislative Council of Lagos. With all this he has sought to foster a spirit of prayer and consecration to God among the people with whom he lived. His work is carefully ordered and his congregation is led to cultivate a life of holiness and faith. Possessed of these qualifications he was pointed out by Bishop Crowther as a suitable successor to himself and Archdeacon Crowther and the Delta pastorate clergy have earnestly desired that he should be their bishop. That God may bless him, guide and uphold him in the responsible office of a bishop in the Church of God is the prayer of Anglo-Saxon and African.

His strength was as the strength of ten, because his heart was pure.

### St. Thomas' Parish, Bracebridge.

REV. W. A. I. BURL, R.D., RECTOR.

By a unanimous decision of the Easter Vestry, it was agreed that, dating from Easter, 1900, this church be self-supporting, and by this means be raised to the dignity of a parish guaranteeing a stipend of \$800 per annum.

The following officers were elected for the year 1900: Rector's Warden, Mr. H. B. Bridgland; People's Warden, Mr. J. Ashworth; Sidesmen, Messrs. Ecclestone, Hodgson, Mawdsley, Aulph, Sibbett and Beaumont; Vestry Clerk, Mr. F. C. Mulkins; Auditors, Mr. Kirk and Mr. Thomson; Cemetery Committee, Mr. W. Kirk, Dr. Bridgland and Mr. Buckerfield.

### Sudbury Mission

REV. JAMES BOYDELL, M.A., INCUMBENT.

The services in the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, on Easter Day, were as follows: a celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, followed by a second celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m., and Evensong at 7 p.m. The music was bright and appropriate and the attendance at all the services was good.

The chancel of the church was tastefully decorated with flowers lent for the occasion by many members of the congregation.

On Monday the usual vestry meeting was held and the finances of the Church found to be in a satisfactory condition, a small balance remaining on the right side of the ledger. Mr. James Purvis kindly consented to be renominated clergyman's warden by the incumbent, and Mr. D. P. Shuler was elected church-warden by the congregation, Mr. Dorsett refusing again to act in that capacity, having earned a well deserved rest.

It was moved, seconded and resolved, that the congregation assume an additional \$50, beginning May 1st, towards incumbent's stipend, relieving the Diocesan Treasury of this amount.

The substance of the resolution was transmitted to the Bishop of the Diocese by the incumbent, who at once replied in feeling terms and thanking the vestry for their spontaneous action.

After the discussion of various matters of local church interest the vestry adjourned.

### Sturgeon Falls Mission.

REV. C. PIERCY, INCUMBENT.

During the season of Lent there was a weekly celebration of Holy Communion in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls. The action of the missionary priest in this direction was amply justified, as there were from nine to sixteen communicants every Sunday.

Easter Day was as bright as we could make it. Our choir is not a very able

one, still it helps the congregation to sing the canticles and hymns. During Lent the *Te Deum* had been read, but on Easter Day it was again sung to two double chants. The new music was the singing of the Easter Anthems instead of the *Venite* and the singing of the *Sanctus* for the first time at the celebration after Morning Prayer. The Easter services were a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, Morning Prayer, followed by a second celebration at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer at 7.30 p.m. A little was done to the brighten up the church. No pot plants were obtainable, but we procured a few cut flowers—roses and hyacinths—to place on the ledge behind the holy table.

It is not quite in order to refer to Good Friday after Easter, but it was for the moment forgotten. There were three services, at 11 a.m., and 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. The afternoon service was specially for children and was so far a success that our missionary has said he means to repeat it next year. The offerings made during the day were for the Bishop Blyth Fund—for the Jews—and amounted to \$3.28. Of this sum one dollar was offered by the Sunday-school.

On Easter Monday, in the evening, the usual Easter vestry meeting was held. Why it is that so few of our men will come to vestry meetings it is hard to say. Sturgeon Falls parish was very inadequately represented by four. The Churchwardens' statement was gratifying, for they were able to say that receipts had equalled expenditures, while some small sums due made an asset. It was resolved to add \$40 to the local quota paid towards the minister's stipend. Votes of thanks were given to Miss Hatch for her services at the organ and to the Women's Auxiliary of the parish for their help during the past year—help that meant over \$90 to the funds of the Church. Mr. H. W. Gill was nominated by the minister and Dr. Bolster was re-elected churchwarden by the people. Messrs. H. Thorpe and W. Cashmore were appointed sidesmen. The total receipts for the past year—all from within the parish—reached a total of \$258.

The half dozen girls who are organized as a Church Girl's Guild are interested in procuring funds for a font for the Church here.

### North Bay Mission.

REV. A. J. COBB, INCUMBENT.

At the annual vestry meeting held on Saturday, April 21st, the churchwardens were able to present a very satisfactory statement. The total receipts were \$1,557, of which over \$400 were contributed by the Woman's Auxiliary of the parish. The Bishop, who was present, congratulated the women on their splendid work—work of which the women of any congregation might be proud. He also expressed pleasure at the reduction of the debt on the church.