

and the matter was finally left over until the adjourned meeting, which meets a week from Monday night.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ANNUAL VESTRIES.—We continue particulars respecting the Easter vestries, this week referring chiefly to congregations outside the city.

BARRE.—*Trinity Church.*—Rector, Rev. Canon Morgan; Assistant, Rev. Wm. Reiner. Receipts, including a balance of \$19.60 from last year, \$2,167.61; expenditure, \$2,158.02. Sunday-school accounts show receipts \$246.19, and outlay, \$226.41. Churchwardens, Messrs. D. Spry and S. J. Sanford. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. G. A. Radenhurst, S. J. Sanford and Capt. S. J. Smith.

BOWMANVILLE.—*St. John's Church.*—Rector, Rev. Dr. Macnab; churchwardens, Messrs. S. J. Edsall and J. Wesley; delegates to Synod, Messrs. W. Armstrong, H. Hesketh and R. Virtue. An effort is to be made to secure the services of a curate if possible.

OSHAWA.—*St. George's.*—Incumbent, Rev. J. Middleton; churchwardens, Messrs. W. H. Holland and W. T. Atkinson; delegates to Synod, Messrs. John Cowan, John Mothersill and Dr. Belt. The incumbent reported a larger number of communicants than had been at any previous Easter.

C.E.T.S.—The annual mass meeting will be held at the Pavilion, Toronto, on May 13th. Addresses will be delivered by the Bishops of Algoma and Huron and Dr. Potts.

OMEMEE.—*Christ Church.*—Rector, Rev. W. T. Smithott; churchwardens, Messrs. W. Adams and W. R. Cottingham. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. A. McQuade, Thos. Stephenson and Wm. Adams.

ORILLIA.—*St. James Church.*—Rector, Rev. Rural Dean Stewart; Assistant, Rev. W. J. Armitage. Accounts were not ready for presentation. Churchwardens, Messrs. F. Evans and S. S. Robinson; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Evans, Booth and Dr. Elliott. It is expected that the curate will remove to St. Catharines, although a strong desire has been expressed to retain his services in Orillia.

LINDSAY.—*St. Paul's Church.*—Incumbent, Rev. S. Weston-Jones; churchwardens, Messrs. A. Hudspeth and R. Bryans; delegates to Synod, Messrs. P. S. Martin, H. Dunsford and John Dobson. Receipts, \$2,546.12; expenditure, \$2,369.40, leaving a balance in hand of \$176.72. The incumbent's salary was increased to \$1,200. The offer of Mr. Holtorf for the old church was refused. The financial report in connection with the new church showed receipts \$18,362, and expenditure \$18,328.06, the entire cost being \$19,109. An effort is being made to secure bells for a chime, and the denominations are aiding the project.

BOBOYGEON.—*Christ Church.*—Incumbent, Rev. W. Farncomb; churchwardens, Messrs. W. Thurston and J. H. Thompson; delegates to Synod, Messrs. W. B. Read and H. Norgate. It was proposed to purchase a new organ, and a committee was appointed for that purpose.

ASHBURNHAM.—*St. Luke's.*—Rector, Rev. W. C. Bradshaw; churchwardens, Messrs. John Burnham, M. P., and H. T. Strickland; delegates to Synod, Messrs. H. T. Strickland, R. Meade and H. C. Rogers. Receipts \$2,022.56, and expenditure about the same. For building fund the receipts amounted to \$986.08, and

there was a balance due on the new school-room of \$1,740.92. The Rector gave a summary of his year's work, as follows: 800 visits paid, 429 services held, 71 celebrations of communion, 25 baptisms, 14 marriage ceremonies, 18 burials, 207 sermons and lectures delivered, 48 week-day Bible class meetings held, and he also presided at 46 meetings. The number of communicants at Easter was 175, the largest since the Church was established in Ashburnham. The total communions made from Easter last was 1,406. Mr. E. A. Peck submitted the Sunday-school report, showing an average attendance of 110. The collections showed an increase. The cash balance amounted to \$34.93. The total receipts were \$161.95.

PETERBORO.—*St. John's.*—Rector, Rev. J. W. R. Beck; churchwardens, Dr. Geo. Burnham and Mr. C. H. Sheffield; delegates to Synod, Judge Weller, Dr. Geo. Burnham and Mr. J. E. Belcher. Communicants at Easter, 164. A bazaar was held last week, which realized \$600 for the organ fund.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mrs. J. S. Cole, Superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday-school, Manitowaning, acknowledges with sincere and grateful thanks the sum of \$5 from St. George's Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Montreal, through their Secretary, Miss Brooks; also \$5 from Mr. Bruce, Hamilton, through Miss Bruce, towards the funds of the school.

SHINGWAWK EXTENSION.—The Rev. E. F. Wilson desires to acknowledge with very many thanks the following contributions towards the above object:—E. H. Garden, \$2; collected by Mrs. Williams, Quebec, \$20; St. George's Church Sunday-school, New York, per Rev. Dr. Wilson, \$218.17; Churchwoman, \$2; Church of the Redeemer Sunday-school, Toronto, "for a plank in the Katapwa Home, Assiniboia," \$50; Mrs. Jos. Island, \$1. Total received for Shingwauk Extension, \$1,008; for Assiniboia Branch Home, \$50. Promised for Manitoba Branch Home, \$1,000. Total required for Shingwauk Extension, \$7,000; for erection of Branch Homes, \$5,000 each.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson purposes making a short trip (D.V.) to the Northwest in May, and then to cross the Atlantic to England. A kind unknown friend has sent him \$20 towards the expenses of the latter trip, which is exceedingly acceptable, as travelling expenses are never charged to the Home.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

John Bull, the most able and influential organ of religious and political conservatism in England says:—

The death of Archbishop Trench must not pass without notice, if it were only for the historical position which he occupied as the last Archbishop of Dublin in the Established Church of Ireland, and the first Archbishop of Dublin in the Disestablished Church of Ireland, and for the skill and judgment with which he steered through the many difficulties of the changed relations of that Church to the State. But he had other claims for our admiration and regard, as a graceful poet, an accomplished scholar, and a learned divine; so that, even apart from his old connection with Westminster, it was not unsuitable, that he should be buried within the walls of the venerable Abbey which he loved so well. It was no small sacrifice of his own personal feelings and wishes when he left its quiet precincts for the more exalted, but less peaceful, position of Archbishop of Dublin, and he said, with more truth than some of his brethren, *Nolo Episcopari*. But he felt that it was the call of duty, and though he may not have fully

realised how soon the waves and storms of Disestablishment were to pass over his new position, none who knew his zeal and energy and devotion could doubt but that he would have still accepted it. He fought the battles of the Church with all his might, and when Mr. Gladstone pacified Ireland—the first of his many successful pacifications—by abolishing its connection with the State, he exerted himself to make the change as little harmful as he could, and also to prevent the ill-regulated zeal and Protestant devotion of some of its members from inflicting on it injuries far more severe than the Disestablishment itself. It is mainly owing to him that the state of the Church of Ireland is not more unsatisfactory than it is. We may regret that one who by his special talents and the bent of his genius seemed better suited for the studious and literary life than for the dreary business and wrangling in which he found himself involved in the reorganization of the Irish Church; yet we recognise gratefully how in that uncongenial task he did manfully what his hand found to do.

A correspondent of the *Family Churchman* presents seven problems for the materialist. He says:—

Whatever objections may be urged against Faith, far greater obstacles lie in the way of Infidelity. The Atheist and the Materialist have some tremendous difficulties to surmount before they can expect to commend their cheerless creed to reasonable, thinking men. Seven weighty problems, at least, demand a solution at their hands. Materialists must, *inter alia*, satisfactorily account for the origin of, and the phenomena presented by,

1. *Matter*—The earliest atom, the primeval molecule.
2. *Natural Law*—Gravity, growth, chemical affinity.
3. *Life*—With its so-called "physical basis, protoplasm," and with its dark, inexplicable negation—death.
4. *Mind*—Thought, consciousness, aspiration.
5. *Moral Law*—The stern and stubborn fact that moral evil or sin—wrong-doing—does actually produce suffering.
6. *The Jews*—With their time-honored observance of the yearly Passover and of the weekly Sabbath.
7. *The Christian Church*—With her universal observance, during 1,800 years, of the Lord's Day and of the Lord's Supper, and with her world-embracing practical charity, dealing with the crying needs of the human family, as she bears her message of comfort to the sorrowing, and with the tender touch of her healing hand applies balm to the sores and sufferings of mankind.

WISE WORDS FROM A DISSENTER.—Dr. Parker of the Temple Church, London, commenting on the "People's Bible," on Leviticus II:—12 to 16, says:—

"Here is the element of discipline even in worship. We have not been accustomed to associate worship and discipline, but the two cannot be properly or justly—that is, in harmony with the genius of the divine purpose—dissociated. Worship is discipline, discipline in its highest sense is worship. Is God careless about the way in which he is worshipped, or approached, or sought unto? Already in these ancient writings we find that it is God himself who marks the road, keeps the gate, gives the password, indicates times, seasons, gifts, quantities, methods. There is no human invention in all this poetry of worship, nor is there laxity. No man is left to himself to invent his own religion, to build his own little altar, and to have everything according to his own way of thinking."