

Auxiliary, and urged them to continue in well doing and they would be blessed. Thursday the attendance at the convention was very large, there being about 600 present. Letters of greeting were received from the Diocesan Boards of Huron and Quebec; also very interesting letters from Rev. C. J. Waller, Nagam, Japan, and Miss Symonds, W. A. missionary on the Blackfoot Reserve. The life membership money, amounting to \$300, by a majority vote, went to the new hospital on the Blackfoot Reserve. An animated discussion on "How can the spiritual life be deepened in the parish and in the home?" took place, led by Mrs. Davidson, 1st vice-president. Other ladies taking part were Mrs. Carry, Port Hope; Mrs. Walters, Lindsay, and Mrs. Green, Orillia. The nomination of officers by ballot resulted in the unanimous re-election of the officers of last year, who are as follows: President, Mrs. A. E. Williamson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Davidson; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. DuMoulin; Secretary, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings; Treasurer, Mrs. Grindlay; Convener of Dorcas Committee, Mrs. Mockridge; Secretary, Mrs. Banks; Convener of Literary Committee, Mrs. Broughall; Secretary, Mrs. Hodgins; Secretary Junior Branch, Mrs. Forsyth Grant; Treasurer, Miss Tilley; Treasurer E.C.D. Fund, Mrs. T. W. Howard; Convener of P.M.C. Committee, Miss Osler. Secretary, Mrs. Morgan. In the afternoon two splendid papers were read by Mrs. Lawrence Baldwin and Miss Osler on "Missionary Heroes" and "The Law-Woman in the Parish," and an interesting parliamentary drill or "method of carrying on a meeting," led by Miss Tilley. In the evening a very successful public missionary meeting was held in the Pavilion, presided over by the President, Mrs. Williamson. During the evening a number of lime-light views from the mission field were exhibited by Mr. Whittemore and explained by Rev. J. Cooper Robinson.

The ninth and most successful convention of the Women's Auxiliary to the Anglican Mission was brought to a close Friday afternoon. During the day several excellent five-minute papers were read, on "What the Girls can do for Missions." One feature of the last day's proceedings has always been the reception of thank offerings, and those of Friday were the largest in the history of the society, amounting to \$179.15, three foreign coins of unknown value, and a solid silver flagon, which will be donated to some church for the communion service. The collections taken up during the three days' meetings amount to \$311.95.

#### NIAGARA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, HAMILTON.

WELLAND.—Holy Trinity Church was presented on Easter Sunday with a new stone font. The gift was bestowed by three industrious young ladies of the church, Miss Jean Woodworth and the Misses Moran. These young ladies, besides their numerous school studies, carried on the good work of making and selling candy. By this means they raised about fifty dollars. The font presents a handsome appearance and occupies a position near the entrance. Another labour of love is being done by a party of small children, called the "Busy Bees." They are presenting the rector, Rev. Dr. Johnstone, with a new set of stoles. Under the guidance of two of the "King's Daughters," this society meets weekly, making, useful and fancy articles which find a ready sale. The "King's Daughters," under the leadership of Mrs. Johnstone, have accomplished a great deal of charitable work. They have been untiring in their efforts to relieve the sick and needy, to provide work for the unemployed, and in calling upon strangers. The individual members give whatever they can earn, outside their regular work; this, besides what the society make, by sewing, cutting, mending, etc., is all devoted to the work of charity. A society of the more experienced members, "The Guild," has been indefatigable in their efforts to advance the work of the church. They undertake the management of entertainments of all kinds, which are popular and always well attended by all denominations.

#### HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

SEAFORTH.—Workmen have been busy for more than a month making extensive repairs in connection with St. Thomas' Church, until now it can boast of being as pretty and as churchy in its interior as any church in the diocese. The chancel has been lengthened and new choir stalls put in, so as to provide accommodation for about 30 voices. An organ chamber has been built to the left of the chancel and the pulpit moved to the right. A fine new organ, built by Lye & Son, of Toronto, was placed in position last week. The front facing the chancel is 11 feet across, while the arch facing the nave is about 4 feet by 7, all filled in with beautiful and artistic coloured pipes. The tone of the organ is of remarkable sweetness, and has been admired by all musicians who had the pleasure of hearing it. On

Friday evening Mr. A. H. Lye, organist of Trinity Church, Toronto, gave a recital in the church to about 450 of the citizens of the town who had received invitations to be present, at which he was assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Hunt, of Exeter, Mr. R. H. Collins and Miss Pentecost, of Seaforth. The programme for the evening was most enjoyable, and many have asked that it be repeated. On Sunday, April 28th, the church was again crowded to the doors at both services, when Rev. J. C. Farthing, M.A., rector of Woodstock, preached two of the best sermons ever heard in St. John's Church. The singing of the large choir was also excellent, and would have done credit to a city church. Miss Pentecost's beautiful solo in the evening, "Come Unto Me," was much appreciated. Seaforth is still making progress in Church work, as all these improvements go to show. An energetic rector and a united and sympathetic congregation are bound to flourish, wherever they may be placed.

TYRCONNEL, BURWELL PARK, DUTTON.—The annual Easter vestry meetings of this parish were held on Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16. Reports showed a decided increase in every respect. Wardens elected—St. Peter's Church, Tyrconnel, Mr. J. L. Pearce, Mr. Alfred Bobier; lay delegate—Mr. G. S. Docker. Wardens elected, St. Stephens', Burwell Park—Mr. John Brown, Mr. Harry Nott; lay delegate—Mr. John Brown. Wardens elected, Church of the Nativity, Dutton—Mr. Thomas Hookin, Mr. J. C. Walker; lay delegate—Mr. Joseph Sifton.

WALKERTON.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Thomas' Church was held in the church, on Monday evening, the 15th. The rector, Rev. S. F. Robinson, in the chair. The wardens, Messrs. W. A. Green and W. A. McLean, were reinstated, after having held office for the last four years. They then submitted their annual statement, which was very satisfactory. The Easter services were well attended. The rector on entering the vestry on Easter morning was surprised and delighted to find a beautiful surplice, which had been presented by the Guild of the Good Shepherd, for which in a few well-chosen and feeling remarks he publicly thanked them from the reading-desk. An entertainment was given in Bothwell's Hall on the 23rd ult., under the auspices of the Guild of the Good Shepherd, for the benefit of the rectory fund, which was very successful, the proceeds amounting to \$56. The entertainment opened with the May-Pole and See-Saw, performed by the children of the Junior Auxiliary, after which the Peake sisters, members of the guild, made their appearance and entertained the audience for the rest of the evening in a very amusing and enjoyable manner. Now for a few words regarding the state of the parish, which is certainly more satisfactory than has been for many years. A Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, consisting of nine charter members, has been established, as well as the Guild of the Good Shepherd, which is under the able supervision of our good rector's wife. It consists of nearly thirty members of the young women of the parish, who are already doing a good work. The societies meet the first Friday in every month at the rectory, at which a paper is read by one of the members of the Brotherhood, or the rector gives an address on some religious subject, after which the business matters of the relative societies are discussed. The library of the Sunday-school has just been augmented by the addition of over seventy new books, the work of the school going on as well as can be expected, owing to the circumstance that we cannot have our rector with us, he being obliged to go to West Brant, an outside station, every Sunday afternoon. Mr. Robinson has also opened service at Cargill, about ten miles from Walkerton, every Thursday evening, where he already has a good congregation.

LONDON.—The Bishop's diary for Sunday, 28th April, included the morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral, confirmation at Crumlin in the afternoon, when Canon Smith conducted service and Mr. Cyril Anderson presented a class of ten candidates, and confirmation at Christ Church, London, when the rector, Rev. J. H. Moorehouse, who conducted the evening service, presented a class of 38 candidates.

HYDE PARK (NEAR LONDON).—With this church are connected two others, Byron and Ilderton, all forming one parish under the pastoral care of Rev. A. H. Rhodes, his Sunday circuit being some 22 miles. Mr. Rhodes took charge of this parish in November, 1893, and his record has been one of earnest, persevering and wise ministry. He is now extending his labours, which will include for the future the care of a new station, Melrose, in the Township of Lobo, and this will be, we believe, the first English Church service within the limits of that township. Arrangements have been made with Huron College Missionary Association to conduct the services at Melrose, with occasional changes with Mr. Rhodes, and he will take the visiting, baptisms,

communions, burials, etc. The first service was held at Melrose, conducted by Mr. Rhodes himself, on Sunday, April 28th.

DEANERY OF MIDDLESEX.—The S. S. Association of the deanery, on Tuesday, the 30th of April, held its quarterly meeting in the school-room of the Memorial Church, London, with the president, Canon Smith, in the chair, and Rev. G. B. Sage at the secretary's desk. The afternoon programme included a "Model Lesson for Juniors," conducted by Mr. A. S. Hannah, who teaches a class of 60 at the Memorial Sunday-school. The subject was well discussed, the discussion being opened by Mr. R. Kirkpatrick. Rev. A. Rhodes read a paper on "Training to Remember," and the subject was further dealt with by Rev. J. H. Moorehouse, Messrs. W. E. V. McMillan and A. S. Hannah, and Miss Baxter. Refreshments were served from 6 to 7.30 o'clock, and the evening programme, besides its question drawer and devotional exercises, furnished two good papers, one by Rev. John Berry, B.D., on "How to Ensure Regular Attendance," and the other on "How to Manage the School," by Mr. F. S. Jarvis, of St. Paul's Cathedral.

#### ALGOMA.

EDWARD SULLIVAN, D.D., BISHOP, SAULT STE. MARIE.

SCHRIEBER.—On Sunday evening, April 21st, just after I had finished the service, an Indian named Ashawaygzigigweb came into Nepigon in a great hurry in search of the Church of England clergyman. He went to Mr. McIlwraith's house to make enquiries. The clergyman was on the spot in ten minutes, having left Mr. Cowie's house as soon as he received the message, but, to his great surprise, found that Ashawaygzigigweb had not waited. Mr. McIlwraith, being afraid to allow the clergyman to go alone, went in company with him, as he was called to visit a sick Indian, Elijah Petikoquin. We started off from Nepigon at 8.30, or just at dusk, expecting to arrive at the Indian's at 9. We followed the railway until we came to the iron bridge, then we took to the bush. The road seemed to be very long. We could not understand how it was that we did not hear the dogs bark. At last we came to the end of the road, in the thick of the bush. I looked at my watch and found that we had been almost three-quarters of an hour, and also that we had missed our way. We tried to retrace our steps, but to no use. We could not find our way out of the bush. At last we began to call loudly, and at the same time doing all in our power to find either the Indian's house or a trail to lead us towards the track. After a while we saw a light, and knew that Nepigon was some distance off. Then we heard a faint call in another direction. The Indians, who were expecting us, were on the watch and heard us calling. We called again, then heard an answer, in a few moments another more distinct. The Indians had sent one of their company to find us and bring us to the house. In twenty minutes after the Indian found us we were in his house, just one hour and a quarter since we left Nepigon, and we ought to have been there in thirty-five minutes. I spent about an hour with the sick man. One thing that preyed upon his mind was the killing of a younger brother, which happened by accident when they were little children. After having talked with him, comforted him, prayed with him and urged him to continue in prayer, I left him to start off for the village, promising to call on him again, as I fully expected that he would live for three weeks. But he died in a few days. His death was like a gentle sleep. He was joyfully watching and waiting for his Master to call him. Having bid him good-bye, we left the house under the guide of an Indian, who took us to the trail, then left us to go towards the village. We followed the trail for half a mile, until we came to a large pool of water about a foot deep. There was no way around it, so we had to dash through it. The water was almost up to our knees. It is needless to say that we were wet. When Nepigon was reached it was 11.30, just three hours after we started. The Indian died on Tuesday morning, and I was called to Nepigon that evening. The Indians were asked to have the body at the church at 9 a.m. Wednesday, but those who instructed them never told them to have the grave dug. The body was there promptly. It was left in the church until the grave was dug. At 1.30 p.m. we had the funeral. I could only read a portion of Burial Service, because it had to be interpreted. Mr. Pullen was the interpreter. The Indians said the Lord's Prayer in their own language. I read portions of the Psalms and of the lesson, and at the grave the Committal in both languages. This Indian, whose name is Petikoquin, has lost fourteen children. Elijah was the only one left, and now all are dead. Wardens—Thomas Newman, Alfred B. Smith. Delegate to Council—T. H. Teefer.

ILFRACOMBE MISSION.—The annual vestry meeting was held at Christ Church, Ilfracombe, on Monday,