

## ALGOMA.

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PORT ARTHUR.—The usual vestry meeting of St. John's Church was held in the school-room Easter Monday and adjourned a fortnight, till Monday, 20th ult., when same was concluded, and the wardens handed in their financial report, which was very satisfactory. The floating debt of St. John's Church at Easter, 1895, was \$1,449.47. This debt, after paying the running expenses for the year, has been reduced to \$401.99. The retiring wardens were Mr. Richard Binnington and Mr. C. H. Shera. Mr. Binnington was re-nominated by the clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Thursby, but desired to be released, having served in that capacity for the past three years. The incumbent then nominated Mr. F. H. Keefer, and Mr. C. H. Shera was nominated and re-appointed people's warden. The sidesmen for the year were appointed as follows: by the clergyman, Mr. W. J. Clarke, Mr. Nelson and Mr. J. R. McMullen; by the vestry, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. T. H. Fisher and Mr. H. A. McKibbin. Mr. T. H. Fisher was also appointed vestry-clerk and Mr. T. J. C. Rodden, assistant vestry clerk. A special vote of thanks was given to Mr. T. R. Boyce, choir master, and the choir, for their services, which, though voluntary, have been of great value during the past year. The Rev. Mr. Thursby presented his report concerning priestly duties performed, and parochial visits paid, etc., during that part of the year in which he has officiated. The Rev. Mr. Bradshaw accepted the call of Christ Church, Winnipeg, and left Port Arthur about September, 1895. The Rev. Mr. Thursby was then sent by the bishop as *locum tenens*, and as such has very satisfactorily and faithfully performed the duties of the incumbent. The report of the Women's Auxiliary, presented by the President, Mrs. Wink, with a statement by the treasurer, Mrs. Crooks, attached, was read. It showed that the women of the parish during the past year have been very active in Church work. Their statement shows a total receipt of \$411.77, with which they have paid the salary of the organist for a little over a year and a half, and have turned over to the wardens for the liquidation of the church liabilities (after providing for other incidental expenses such as the sending away of a bale to the North-West) the sum of \$274.10. The Junior Branch of the Women's Auxiliary also presented their report, showing the results of their labours during the past year and showing a balance of cash on hand of 45 cents. The report of the St. John's Circle of King's Daughters was also presented, with a financial statement showing a balance on hand of \$4.47. This organization for the past year has purchased a carpet for the parsonage and also one or two handsome chancel chairs which were presented to the church, one by Mrs. Gibbs and the other by the St. John's Circle of King's Daughters. The Band of Hope also presented its report for the past year, which was very satisfactory. Its cash balance on hand was \$3.90. The secretary-treasurer of the Sunday-school presented the report of that organization, which showed an average attendance of 100, with a membership of 186 on the roll. All the expenses in connection with the school have been met by the school, leaving a small balance of cash on hand. A special appeal was made by the wardens a week before Easter, asking the parishioners to endeavour to liquidate the floating liability, and in response to same, the wardens have received to date in cash and in pledged promises to pay the sum of \$588.86, which leaves at present the net debt of the parish at about \$200. There are still some members of the congregation from whom additional subscriptions are expected, with which and the usual high tea given by the Women's Auxiliary in the spring, the entire debt of St. John's Church will be paid.

## British and Foreign.

The Hon. Mrs. Duberly has been elected people's Churchwarden for Great Stoughton, Huntingdonshire.

The Octagon Chapel at Bath, where Archbishop Magee first became famous, has been converted into a shop.

At Ramsey, near Harwich, the vicar, the Rev. W. Hurst, nominated Mrs. Isabella Saxby, wife of a farm labourer, as his Churchwarden.

The Rev. C. T. Campion, curate of St. Anne's, Manchester, has offered himself to, and been accepted by, the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.

Lord Iveagh has become a vice-president of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, and has sent a donation of £100 to its funds.

English Churchmen in Paris are raising funds to provide themselves with a church house of their own. A sum of £2,000 has already been collected.

The old Norman Church of Clordock, Herefordshire, was re-opened last week after partial restoration, much of the rough work being done by villagers.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. Philip Kemball Fyson, principal of the Theological College at Osaka, to be Bishop of Hokkaido, Japan.

The Duke of Fife has consented to preside at the annual meeting of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, to be held at Queen's Hall, Langham Place, on May 21st.

The Dean of Bangor, who, by the advice of his medical attendant, has spent the winter in the South of France, has returned to the Deanery greatly improved in health.

A large number of sermons on the subject of the observance of Sunday were preached in London and the provinces, under the auspices of the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association.

Of the ninety-nine candidates (sixty-one deacons and thirty-eight priests) at the Lent ordinations, 51 or 51.5 per cent. were Oxford and Cambridge graduates, as against 44.5 per cent. last year.

The courageous priest, Don Miraglia, of Piacenza, the founder of the newspaper *Savonarola*, has been formally and fully ex-communicated by the Pope. He has thus arrived at a happy condition.

The Rev. Thomas Milville, vicar of Crakehall, whose death was announced two weeks ago, was sixty-eight. He was greatly esteemed. He built at his own cost (\$15,000) St. Mary Magdalene's Church at Langthorne.

The prebendal stall of Milverton, in Wells Cathedral, which was held by the late Archdeacon Denison from 1851 until his death, has been given by the Bishop of Bath and Wells to the Rev. H. P. Denison, curate of East Brent.

A marriage in a cathedral is a rare event, and St. Albans Abbey was densely crowded when the Bishop of St. Albans married Baron von Eckardstein, of the German Embassy, to Miss Grace Maple, only daughter of Sir Blundell Maple, M.P.

The Archbishop of York lectured recently before the Sheffield Church Lecture Society on "The Worship of the Church in Primitive Times." He said that the worship of the Church of England was the legitimate offspring of the earliest forms of worship.

The vicar of Ramsgate, the Rev. H. Bartram, has been the recipient of a cheque for £100, from a parishioner who desires to remain anonymous, as an Easter offering. Mr. Bartram has been vicar of Ramsgate for ten years, and has done a splendid work there.

At the monthly meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge recently, the Rev. Prebendary Turner presiding, £1,000 were placed at the Standing Committee's disposal for the purpose of continuing to train women for medical missionary work in heathen lands.

The *Te Deum* was solemnly sung before the altar on Low Sunday evening, at the Church of the Ascension, Lavenderhill, S. W., immediately before the benediction, as an act of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessing on the work of the Church in the parish during Lent and at Easter.

At Chester Cathedral on Easter Sunday, the Bishop of Chester was the celebrant at the choral Communion service, and was vested in cope and mitre, Archdeacon Gore acting as mitre bearer. As usual, the four lights were burning, and the eastward position was maintained throughout.

The total deficit in the contributions of the Church Missionary Society is nearly £20,000, a large sum, and the cause of much concern to the committee. The Society on the whole is nobly supported, but those who study the report know that greater help could be afforded in most parishes in England.

The Bishop of Mashonaland is ambitious; he says he hopes to secure to himself £200 a year some time. At present he sleeps in a corner of the vestry. He thinks some kind of a house might be provided for himself and wife without the risk of his being taunted with undue concern for sublimity grandeur.

Nonconformists, as well as Churchmen, are uniting to raise £15,000 to save Chesterfield parish church, with its unique crooked spire, from tumbling into ruins. The Bishop of Southwell, the vicar (the Rev. the Hon. Canon Littleton), and the Mayor (a leading Wesleyan) are among the first subscribers.

The revenues of the Cathedral Chapters, which are dependent upon the state of agriculture, have been very considerably reduced during the last few years, owing to agricultural depression, and show no signs of improvement. The shrinkage amounts to sixty per cent. in one case, and in others varies from twenty to forty per cent.

Earl Nelson will preside at the annual meeting on behalf of the work of the Church in the Diocese of Cape Town, which by permission of the Duke of Westminster, was held recently at Grosvenor House. Addresses were given by Bishop Barry and two former Governors of the Cape. Further support from Church-people at home is very urgently needed.

The number of children at the Farthing Breakfasts given in the parish of St. Matthew, Stepney, has this winter been larger than in any previous year, 600 children having been sent weekly from the Cayley Street Board School. Half penny dinners have been provided twice a week, and for these over 800 children have been sent weekly from this Board School alone.

In memory of Prince Henry, of Battenburg, the restoration of the chancel of Carisbrooke Church is to be set on foot by the inhabitants of the Isle of Wight. Sir Charles Seely, who suggested the local memorial should take this form, has contributed £1,000. It is estimated that the re-decoration of the chancel, with an additional memorial at the castle, will cost £2,000.

The Rev. O'Bryen Hodge, vicar of Acton, Nantwich, has received from Mr. T. Sutton Timmis, a gentleman who was born in the parish, and whose mother lies in the old churchyard, an intimation that he will bear the cost of restoring the nave of the church. The estimated cost of the work is £2,000. It is proposed to place a tablet in the church recording the gift.

Many are the tokens of encouragement all over Ireland. There is unquestionably an increasing spirit of inquiry, and a willingness to discuss religious questions. In many places, too, the bitterness and prejudice against "Protestant" teaching is melting away, and our agents get a ready welcome as they visit and speak to the people of redemption through the one Mediator. It only needs persistent, believing prayer to see very shortly a great spiritual revival all over Ireland.

A clock has been placed in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Thornton Watlass, by Lady Cowell, in memory of Sir John C. Cowell, K.C.B., of Clifton Castle, Master of the Queen's household. On Sunday week, at the conclusion of morning service, appropriate prayers of dedication were offered up. Lady Cowell, together with her daughters, the Hon. Mrs. Curzon Howe and Miss Cowell, were conducted by the rector to the tower, and the clock was set in motion by her ladyship.

Churchmen and antiquaries will learn with pleasure that the historical picturesque ruin of Richborough Castle, Kent, has, mainly through the efforts of the Dean of Canterbury and the Rev. Canon Routledge, of that city, been secured as a national possession. Tradition affirms that King Ethelbert held his first interview with St. Augustine under the walls of Richborough, the Ancient Rutupia, which during the Roman occupation was one of the chief ports of communication with Gaul. The massive ruins will now be preserved.

It is not, perhaps, generally known that Landulph Church, near Saltash, Cornwall, contains the ashes of Theodore Paleologus, the last male descendant of the Christian Emperors of Constantinople. The announcement was recently made that the Princess Eugenie, a direct female descendant, had just been received into the Greek Church in London. The tablet in Landulph Church states that the tomb there contains the remains of "Theodore Paleologus, of Pesaro, in Italy, descended from the Imperial line of the last Christian Emperors of Greece."

The London correspondent attended Father Ignatius's service at Portman Rooms quite recently. He says that Morning Prayer was said by a priest, the Father accompanying the canticles on the piano and leading the singing. He subsequently gave an impassioned but by no means startling address on the new birth to the dead souls of modern society. "One could not help wondering why such a sermon, with all its power and pathos, should not have been