

animously approving of the enlargement of the Church, at a cost of not more than \$82,000, and asking the Finance Committee to report the ways and means for the same at an adjourned meeting of the vestry to be held on 18th May.

St. Paul's Church.—The rector of this Church is meeting with much success in his effort to establish a boy choir. He has now from 16 to 20 lads under training.

BEARSBROOK.—The Rev. Morris Taylor has resigned the Incumbency of this parish, and will leave for England in about two weeks.

HUNTLEY.—The Rev. Mr. Young, of Renfrew, has been appointed to succeed the Rev. Cornelius Soudamore in the Incumbency of the parish of Huntley.

The Rev. John Greeson, who has worked so successfully for the past two years as Incumbent of Osgoode and Russell, having received a call from an important parish in the diocese of Iowa, has resigned his present charge much to the regret of his congregations.

MARMORA.—Very successful "Mission" services, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Howitt, of Stoney Creek, Diocese of Niagara, were brought to a close on Friday last. The regular attendance at the "Bible Readings" and addresses which were given in St Paul's Church, indicated a deep interest in the undertaking, and a desire for improvement in the Christian life.

WELLINGTON.—The resignation of this mission by the Rev. W. H. Smythe, which was to take effect immediately after Easter, has been withdrawn. Mr. Smythe not caring to shoulder the responsibility of deserting his post, when so much encouragement is being given him in his work. He is now holding service regularly in the Hiller Town Hall, in sight of the almost deserted parish Church, and it is said the people are nobly sustaining him in his efforts.

OTTAWA.—*St. Alban's.*—There was a fair attendance at the adjourned vestry meeting of St. Alban the Martyr. The rector, the Rev. J. J. Bogert, presided. Mr. W. L. Marler, the people's warden, presented the financial report, which was received and adopted. It showed that the sum of \$4,258 53 had been collected during the year, as compared with \$3,655 in the previous year, and that there was a balance in hand of \$91. The rector nominated Mr. R. Victor Sinclair as his warden, and Mr. W. Lake Marler was re-elected people's warden. The following were elected sidesmen: Messrs. Fortescue, Maynard, L. Taylor, A. Jackson, Slocombe, C. C. Chipman, and G. Taylor. Messrs. Slocombe and Jackson were elected auditors. Mr. Marler, referring to the subscriptions for church repairs, stated that the amount subscribed was \$500, but that \$200 more was needed. On the motion of Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mr. Fortescue, the rector's stipend was increased \$250 a year. It was decided if the funds permitted to increase the organist's stipend by \$100 a year. Votes of thanks to the churchwardens, sidesmen, auditors, organist and choir, concluded the meeting.

St. John's Church.—The adjourned vestry meeting was held last week, Rev. Mr. Pollard presiding. There was a large attendance. Mr. Geo. Ford was elected people's churchwarden, and H. K. Egan was appointed rector's churchwarden.

Lay delegates to the Synod—Richard Pope and Dr. Wilson.

Sidesmen (besides those appointed already)—E. L. Brittan, E. Hunt, H. Bott.

Auditors—J. R. Armstrong, E. L. Brittan, J. Joynt.

At the particular request of the meeting Rev. Mr. Mackay consented to reconsider his resignation. The meeting was harmonious throughout.

PAKENHAM AND ANTRIM.—Easter Day was never more heartily welcomed nor joyfully observed. The services were reverent, bright and joyous, as becometh the celebration of the Queen of Festivals. Loving hearts and busy hands made the parish Church gay and festive with wreaths and flowers, which together with appropriate music, helped all to realize the beauty and grandeur of the occasions. There were two celebrations of Holy Communion during the day, at which 106 partook of the Paschal Feast. St. John Church, Antrim, rejoiced in the unveiling of a magnificent stained glass memorial window, erected to the memory of Mrs. McGinley, by her youngest daughter Mrs. Robert Sparrow. The work having been executed by Spence & Sons, of Montreal. Nothing further need be said about its superiority. The Easter meetings at both Pakenham and Antrim, shewed the parish to be holding its own. The pro-

verbial liberality of the people to their minister, especially showing itself during the past year. The wardens at Pakenham are: Mr. Anderson and Mr. Dunlop, Sr. At Antrim: Mr. Ed. Serson, Mr. Thos. and Armstrong. At both meetings very earnest regrets were expressed, at the great loss the parish will receive in the removal of our esteemed brother Dr. Jas. G. Baird and family from our midst. They will carry away with them the love and esteem of the whole community—"God grant them his richest blessing," is our united prayer.

PRESCOTT.—The adjourned vestry meeting of St. John's Church, was held on the evening of the 29th ult., and well attended, the churchwardens presented their annual statements, with report of the revised system according to which the sittings are apportioned, and by which the revenue is increased as well as the space economized, thus providing for a larger number of worshippers. The election of churchwardens resulted in the choice of Messrs. H. B. White, people's warden, and T. W. Plumb, rector's warden, the latter gentleman succeeding Mr. H. Daniels, who retired after holding office for some years. Delegates to the Synod: Messrs. E. Leslie and F. Knapp. A pleasant incident of Holy Week was the presentation to the Y.W.G. by Mr. R. McCarthy, Esq., of alms plates to be, by them, an Easter offering to the Church. In mentioning the excellent attendance during the Lenten season, we omitted to remark upon the large increase of communicants. On Easter Day, 185 were present at the early celebration, 87 at the later service. A great improvement upon the previous year, when 139 formed the total number at both services, the W. A. of this parish have held their annual meetings when the secretary and treasurer presented very satisfactory reports which record a fair seasons work, the O.C.M.G. whose report was through mistake omitted, have also a good account to give of their opportunities, these useful organizations working in connection with the W. A. are likely to prove very powerful allies.

KINGSTON.—The Synod of the Diocese will meet here on June 17.

KEMPTVILLE.—The parish of Kemptville keeps up with other parishes in placing more value on the Holy season of Lent, as a means of deepening the spiritual life. The offertory on Good Friday was devoted to the Bishop Blythe Fund for the conversion of the Jews. Easter Sunday was unusually bright this year. There were four services, two celebrations of the blessed sacrament. The children's choral service at three o'clock in the afternoon was very devout and edifying. Too much praise cannot be accorded to Miss Elizabeth Tompkins, for her indefatigable attention in training the children in their Easter carols. The Rector, Mr. Emery requested the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Leslie, and the Reeve, Mr. George Keating, to say a few words to the children and parents. They kindly assented. And their remarks were highly appreciated. The special offertory, representing the savings from self-denial during Lent amounted to \$81.00. The parish of Kemptville have lost several influential families during the past year. Some having gone to reside in Toronto, others to the North West, whilst some have made their way to California, and Dakota; notwithstanding this loss, the number of the congregation increases. There is to be a flower show in the parish hall early in June. The rector has requested every child in the parish, as well as their parents and friends, to give one plant in a pot, to be sold in behalf of the debt on the Church. At least six hundred plants are expected to be given. Whilst any one that chooses will be allowed to send their plants for exhibition. The rector will be glad to receive contributions of plants from any part, for this good cause. The "Ministering Children's League" is in a flourishing condition. It has during the past year contributed sheets, and pillow slips, small dresses, and underclothing, quilted counterpanes and money, to the convalescent hospital in Ottawa. The vestry meeting assembled in St. James' Hall on Easter Monday, and after electing officers adjourned for a fortnight.

BELLEVILLE.—The annual vestry meetings were held last week in the following Churches at 8 p.m.

Christ Church.—Rev. S. Daw in the chair. After reading minutes of former meeting, the wardens read their financial statements which gave an excellent showing and reflected the great and growing work accomplished by the present rector.

The following officers were appointed: Rector's warden, Walter Alford; People's warden, G. A. Skinner; sidesmen—Messrs. Warrin, Tate, Leonard, Vanallen, McGregor, Wiggins, D. Vandewater, W. H. Mills, Gorman, Simpson, Pole, F. Wallbridge, J. Pantor, Lee, R. Greatrix. Finance committee—Messrs. Gorman, (chairman), Carmichael, Diamond. Auditors

—Messrs. A. I. Bird and J. E. Hallowell. At the congregation meeting which immediately followed, Mr. J. H. Simpson was elected delegate to Synod. A. Delaney, vestry clerk.

St. Thomas.—St. Thomas' Church vestry meeting was well attended. The meeting opened with prayer by the rector, Rev. J. W. Burke. Mr. J. P. C. Phillips read the financial statement of the Church, showing a most favorable standing. Receipts during the year were \$3,145.07, leaving a balance on hand of \$443.56. Mr. Z. Macnider read the auditor's report showing the various accounts had been carefully gone over and found correct. The rector appointed Mr. J. P. C. Phillips, banker, his warden for the ensuing year. Mr. T. W. Wragg was appointed the people's warden. Mr. Preston and Z. Macnider were appointed auditors. Messrs. Macnider, Wallbridge, Preston, L. H. Henderson, Craig and Taylor were appointed sidesmen. The rector made a few remarks in reference to getting a Curate, and intimated that if he could make satisfactory arrangements he would secure one. The churchwardens together with the rector were appointed a committee to have repairs made at once in connection with the grave yard and such other work done to the church as may be deemed necessary the expenditure not to exceed \$400. A vote of thanks was moved to the choir and officials for their efficient duties in connection with the church. Mr. Macnider was appointed lay delegate to the Synod.

St. John's Church.—The usual reports were submitted, the rector, Rev. D. F. Bogart in the chair. The receipts during the year amounted to \$882.67, and Sunday School \$40.00, alms box, \$11.11. Mr. J. F. Jones was elected rector's warden, and Mr. John Newton, people's warden, sidesmen: Alfred G. A. Robinson, John Black, Geo. Kinch, Geo. Brown; Thomas Nightingale lay delegates to Synod; auditors, Thomas Nightingale and C. McMullen.

OTTAWA.—The annual meeting of the branch of the Church Women's Auxiliary Missionary Society, was held in St. Alban's Church last week. After the missionary litany at 10.30 a.m., the Rev. W. J. Mucklestone gave a very excellent address, which was followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion. At 8 p.m. about 70 ladies and most of the city clergy met in the basement of the church, when the president, Mrs. Tilton, took the chair, and after prayer and a hymn, delivered an address congratulating the society on its growth during the four years of its existence, there being now 26 branches in the diocese. Taking the constitution as a basis, she impressed upon all the duty of united, intelligent and earnest work for the cause of missions. The recording secretary's report gave a resume of the work of the past year, and the corresponding secretary read some interesting letters from those who had been helped by the society. The treasurer's report showed the amount received to be over \$800 in money and articles of clothing, etc.

The following officers were unanimously elected, President, Mrs. Tilton; vice-presidents, Mrs. Pollard; Bogert, Hanington, Owen Jones, and Mucklestone; recording secretary, Mrs. Newcombe; corresponding secretary, Miss Greene; treasurer, Miss A. B. Yielding; delegates to diocesan meeting, Mrs. Mucklestone and Miss B. Yielding.

Master Brown Wallis read the report from the Children's Church Mission Guild, showing the work done by the 75 members during the year.

Votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Pollard for her services as secretary during the last four years, and to the president for her able management of the auxiliary.

The Ven. Archdeacon Lander expressed his great pleasure at the success of the auxiliary, and wished the Easter vestry meetings were as well conducted as this annual meeting.

The children then recited a missionary piece and sang a closing hymn, after which the Archdeacon pronounced the benediction. The ladies of St. Alban's treated the visitors to a five o'clock tea and then closed a very satisfactory meeting.

In the evening a meeting was held in the school-room of St. John's Church, at which Ven. Archdeacon Lander presided, and a good attendance were present. Rev. Messrs. G. W. Taylor and T. Bailey addressed those present on the British Columbia and Madagascar missions. Mrs. Twing, of New York, honorary secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the United States, also delivered an interesting and instructive address on the work carried on by the auxiliary in the United States, and also thanked the Ottawa Auxiliary for their kind welcome. At the conclusion votes of thanks were passed to the speakers.

TORONTO.

Death of Mrs. O'Reilly.—Our readers will be deeply pained to hear that Mrs. O'Reilly, whose good work for missions have made her name honoured through-