

year. Let us remember that God has always enabled us to accomplish everything we, as a mission, have undertaken financially. This amount can be added to any time during the year should you find the state of the funds warrant it. We much regret that although a sum of money was voted by you last year for cemetery improvement the commencement of the work was delayed until too late last fall and nothing has been done. Year by year some of our loved ones are being laid there. Surely the thought of them will make us do our duty. The work cannot all be done by us in one year but something should be done every year and all moneys received from the cemetery should be spent on the cemetery with as much more as can be spared from the general funds. As usual we are under a debt of gratitude to the ladies of the congregation for their successful annual sale and concert, which netted \$114, and enabled your wardens to reimburse Mr. Ulbricht the hundred dollars he had advanced towards paying for the parsonage furnace. We have no doubt you will unite with us in thanking Mr. Scarlett for the great sacrifice he made in remaining with us so long, which he has done to the great disarrangement of his collegiate plans. We trust that there is a bright and useful career ahead of him in the Church ministry. We desire to tender our sincere thanks to the members of the congregation who have so generously supported us in the work of our Church during our term of office.

Signed,

JAMES PURVIS, } Wardens.
R. DORSETT, }

Easter Tuesday, 1899.

Huntsville Mission.

VEN. ARCHDEACON LLWYD, INCUMBENT.

The Easter vestry met in the Church Hall on Monday, April 3rd. It was fairly well attended and a goodly number of the Church women were present as spectators. After prayer and reading and signing of the minutes, the wardens presented their financial statement of the work of the year. It was a most satisfactory one. The working expenses of the year were fully met. The arrearages from the previous year were paid; \$225 paid off the Church debt, leaving a balance to be paid (D.V.) this year of \$212; the wood for next year purchased, eave-toughing put round the church; the additional \$100 to the local quota to stipend, \$500 in all, fully paid. The incumbent in acknowledging the faithful and hearty co-operation of the various committees, and the good work of the officers and members throughout, expressed his own great satisfaction and congratulated the vestry on the fact—that for the first time in many years the balance sheet was a *clean one*.

Mr. O. Wisler was reappointed clergyman's warden; Mr. R. J. Hutchison, re-

ected the people's warden; Mr. G. S. Wilgress, vestry clerk; the sidesmen, auditors, organist, choirmaster, were all re-elected. Messrs. M. Kinton and A. Durnford were appointed lay readers. A small token of the congregation's sincere appreciation of the arduous and successful labours of the choirmaster, in the shape of a little present, was given to that officer by the Churchwoman's Committee. The organist and all the officers were tendered the hearty thanks of the clergyman and the vestry, which closed with the benediction at 10 o'clock.

The Easter Day services in All Saints' Church, Huntsville, were very hearty and the congregations good. Over eighty communicated at the early and later celebrations. A special baptismal service at four p.m. added three new members to the Church.

The Sunday School of the parish is in a flourishing condition, and the general outlook for the opening year is an encouraging one.

Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

The old adage concerning the month of March was certainly verified this year, and the weather has taken a pleasant and spring like turn, presaging an early season, although the view lakewards, with its fifty miles of unusually thick ice, makes one feel a trifle dubious as to the date it will be navigable. It is with pleasure we record that the Evensong services during the latter part of Lent were well attended. To ensure the comfort of those attending the early celebrations during the very coldest weather and to obviate the expense of heating the church a plain portable altar was made by the rector's eldest son and placed by him in the school-room; a purple frontal and dossal with bands and the holy monogram in white felt combined in making a suitable and worthy erection.

The St. John's Guild of Communicants, which was founded early last year, has held monthly meetings during the winter, the object being to draw together those who earnestly desire "a closer walk with God" and to ensure an attendance on festival and saints' days, etc.; and, speaking of saints, one would like to ask how many of our Churchmen and women know anything about the lives of our "Noble army of martyrs." These would make a most interesting feature for future study, and is humbly offered as a suggestion.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held on Thursday, March 23rd, but was adjourned until Easter week, of which more anon.

Special sermons were preached during Passion Week to mark the different events of that most solemn time, that on Palm Sunday being taken from Phil. ii. 8, "Obedient unto death," as also the meditation on Monday at 8 p.m. upon the words, "If thou hadst known . . .

the things which belong to thy peace"—both by the rector. On Tuesday evening the Rev. J. W. Harper took as his subject "The Cross," making some allusion to St. Helena, the mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor Constantine, who had a residence at York, that old and interesting city, the seat of so many stirring events, and with which our ancient Church history has so much to do. The Invention of the Cross, or, as it means, the discovery of the Cross, is kept by the Church on May 3rd, and need not be regarded solely as a myth, as it is probable that not more than 300 years had elapsed since that wondrous event which had appealed to the hearts of so many and which gave to heathendom one of its severest blows. We pass over the finding of a mummy 3,000 years old with scarcely a symptom of surprise; therefore if we accept the one why not the other? It is a most significant fact that the Reformers who expunged so much should have left this day untouched and uncommented upon in our kalendar. On Wednesday there were eight persons who received at the eight o'clock celebration, the Rev. J. P. Smithman, of Schreiber, assisting the rector; the meditation that same evening also by the former, the subject, "The Betrayal." On Thursday the rector spoke on "The Crucifixion." The Story of the Cross was sung at all the services, also some Litanies. On the morning of Good Friday the rector preached on the "Seven Words," the hymns also being of a solemn and penitential character. In the evening a lantern service was held in the schoolroom which was filled to the doors, some of the pictures being very beautiful, notably the one of "Christ before Pilate." This is at all times a draw to those who are more easily impressed by pictures than by reading, especially the children, and a good series of slides from some of the best known subjects would be a most acceptable present from anyone interested in our mission, and would materially aid our funds. The Rev. T. J. Hay, of Murillo, was present and assisted although we believe he has not entirely recovered and may not undertake any arduous work.

At the early communion on Easter Day there was a very decided increase in the attendance, especially of the male members of the congregation. Hymn 199 was sung during the reception. The beautiful lilies and daffodils (which speak to us so eloquently of a rising again) diffused their fragrance around the "holy place," and were the gift of the mayor, other plants being placed on the chancel steps and on the shelf of the rood screen; these all contributed to the festal appearance of the church. Mains commenced with the same joyful strains used for so many centuries, "Jesus Christ is Risen To-day." The anthem and the psalms were sung to chants 353, 354, 355, and the *Te Deum* to a superb composition by Smart, *Jubilate* (Hayes), and hymns 139, 499. The Holy Communion service