

Weasley; Sidesmen, W. Tamblin, J. Adams, A. Sutton, J. Iabell, W. Pettewick, and W. Duttan; Lay delegates, W. Armstrong, R. S. Manning, R. Virtue.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

THORNLOE AND PORT ROBINSON.—A solemn service of song was held in St. John's Church on the evening of Good Friday, and was largely attended. The Easter services were bright and the Church was well filled. The singing was particularly good. On Sunday afternoon, 17th instant, a children's service was held in each of the Churches. The combined offerings, the result of Lenten self-denial and work, amounting to \$57.50. The mite box system had been employed during Lent.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—The Easter Vestry meetings were held in connection with the several churches on Easter Monday and were well attended.

St. Paul's.—Rev. Canon Innes in the chair. Wardens elected, Messrs. W. J. Reed and T. H. Marsh. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. R. Bayly, E. B. Reed and R. W. Barker.

The financial reports were read, and showed a very satisfactory condition of affairs. Canon Innes called attention to the Rev. Mr. Hicks, his Curate, and spoke of his delicate condition of health. It was decided to give Mr. Hicks one year's leave of absence, and the Churchwardens and Rector empowered to secure temporary assistance.

Chapter House.—Rev. Principal Powell presided. Warden's report showed the receipts to have been \$1,803.18, and the expenditures, \$1,798.34, leaving a balance of \$4.84.

Wardens elected, Col. Fisher and J. Danks. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Imlach and A. B. Cox.

The building committee reported having nearly \$4,500 subscribed towards the new church. The estimated cost of the new church is \$10,000.

Memorial Church.—Rev. Canon Richardson presided. Warden's report showed receipts to be from: Envelope collections, \$1,776.71; Sunday collections, \$910.51; balance from last year, \$10.54; receipts from surplus Rectory \$550; receipts from Ladies' Aid, \$396.83; collected for Missions, \$53.29; total receipts from all sources, \$5,112.18; expenditures, \$4,832.70.

Wardens elected, Messrs. Baines and Joanes. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. V. Cronyn, Gill and Rowland.

Christ's Church.—Rev. Canon Smith presided. A statement of receipts and disbursements was presented, which was considered satisfactory.

Wardens elected, Messrs. H. J. Boyd and A. McCormick. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Robinson and Wright.

St. James'.—Rev. Evans Davis presided. Warden's report showed the receipts to be as follows:—Balance from 1886, \$6.91; pew rents, \$1,868.11; offertory collections, \$1,405.95; subscriptions paid on church debt, \$1,250; interest on deposits, \$36.02. Sunday-school report showed the following items:—Improvement fund, receipts, \$1,263.32; disbursements, \$1,250.35. The cost of new addition was \$1,009.75, of which \$840.75 had been paid, leaving \$160 still to be provided for.

Wardens elected, Messrs. Brottie and White. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Moore and Sutherland.

MONCKTON.—Rev. Mr. Griffin preached his farewell sermon Sunday week evening, from the text 5th and 6th verses of the 24th chapter of St. Luke.

MITCHELL.—The annual Easter meeting in connection with Trinity Church on Monday evening was well attended. The Rector pre-

sided and opened with prayer. Messrs. A. Dent and W. R. Davis were re-appointed delegates to the Diocesan Synod. Mr. M. H. Dent was appointed Vestry clerk. The retiring Wardens presented a statement of the financial affairs of the church, which was highly satisfactory, the receipts being in excess of previous years. Mr. A. Dent was re-elected Churchwarden, and the Rector again appointed Mr. W. G. Murphy as his Warden. A committee appointed to let contract of building chancel and the purchasing of organ, and were also empowered to sell old instrument to best advantage. The matter of securing lot of ground for cemetery purposes was referred to next meeting.

Sunday, April 17th, His Lordship the Bishop of Huron confirmed twenty-four persons in Trinity Church. One of those confirmed was of the ripe age of 81 years. The church was crowded and the congregation deeply interested not only in the service, but also in His Lordship's address and sermon. In the afternoon the Bishop was driven to Moncton, where he administered the rite of Confirmation to four persons, and preached. Then he drove back again to Mitchell and preached in the evening.

SEAFORTH.—Rev. J. Edmonds was presented with a purse of money and complimentary address previous to his leaving for Haysville.

The Rev. Freeman Harding has returned from Bermuda, and is much improved in health.

The Rev. Mr. Hicks leaves next week for the south of Europe. He proposes spending a year there for the benefit of his health.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron has appointed Rev. Mr. Bert to the parish of Ridgetown.

WINGHAM.—The annual Easter Vestry meeting was held in St. Paul's Church on Monday, 11th inst., the Rector, Rev. R. McCosh, in the chair. The Rector re-appointed Mr. Crowl Wilson his Churchwarden, and by unanimous resolution Mr. Thomas Cornyn was re-elected People's Churchwarden. Mr. Crowl Wilson was also re-elected lay delegate. The meeting adjourned until the 9th of May, when the financial report will be printed and distributed to the members of the congregation.

CHATHAM.—The Christ Church School Room is to be enlarged by an additional capacity of 250 scholars. We expect the Bishop here by Dominion Day, and hope that he may be in time to open it. It is to be regretted that Mr. Jarvis (manager Merchants Bank) is not on the list of Church officers this year, but he has done yeoman's service, and by his own wish was left out, and still continues his vigorous work in the Sunday-school, which has no peer in this province, leaving out some of the big cities.

SARNIA.—St. George's Church was decorated with flowers on Easter Day. The services were bright and cheerful, and the congregations large. The number of communicants, 164, by far the largest in the history of the church. On Monday evening the annual Vestry meeting was held and the Rector, Rev. T. R. Davis, in the chair. In his opening remarks he alluded to the steady and encouraging growth of the parish. The various reports of the different organisations connected with the church showed the total revenue for the year to have been \$5,138.43. The interest on the church debt was paid to date and the principal reduced by \$1,029.70, which at present stands at \$8,290. A subscription list is now in circulation which amounts to almost \$6,000, and it is hoped the whole amount of mortgage debt will be covered by this means.

Thomas Kenny was re-elected Rector's Warden and F. W. Kittermaster was appointed People's Warden. Delegates to Synod, R. S. Gurd, A. C. Clarke and Dr. Poussette.

POINT EDWARD.—The annual Vestry meeting here was held in St. Paul's Church, on Easter Monday, when the following office-bearers were unanimously elected, viz., Mr. Joseph James, Clergyman's Warden; Mr. Jas. Alcock, People's Warden; Mr. E. J. Everett, Vestry clerk; Mr. R. Abraham, Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. Everett, Delegate to Synod. Since the Rev. Mr. Steele has assumed charge of this congregation in February last, the attendance at Sunday services has more than doubled.

PERCHE.—This is an outstation connected with the mission at Point Edward. The following were elected office-bearers at the Easter meeting, viz., Mr. Robert Bright, Clergyman's Warden; Mr. Thomas J. Ewin, People's Warden, and Mr. Robert Bright, delegate to Synod. Here also, at St. John's Church, the Sunday attendance has largely increased, and a Sunday-school is to be opened in the beginning of May.

BRANTFORD.—The services in the different city churches on Easter were noticeable for increased earnestness among the members of the congregation; and the floral decorations were attractive and pleasing. This was particularly the case at St. Jude's Church. The decorations in this church were the work of the ladies of the congregation, who displayed excellent judgment in the beautiful display of choice flowers and plants. Before the pulpit, pyramids of plants with white lilies forming a centre piece, were prettily arranged, and hyacinths and narcissus were also tastefully and effectively displayed about the pulpit and reading desk. The communion Table was beautifully decorated with lilies and roses on either side, and intermingling with groups of foliage plants and white stocks. On the re-table were placed a number of lilies and roses with a beautiful floral cross in the centre. The font was beautifully adorned with white stocks, moss and foliage. The Easter services commenced with early Communion, in which a large number took part. The usual morning service at 11 o'clock was well attended, and the congregation joined in the service with increased heartiness. Rev. J. L. Strong preached a very impressive sermon from the text, John xiv, 19, "Because I live ye shall live also." At the conclusion of the morning service, Communion was again administered at which the members of St. Jude's Workingmen's Association were participants in a body. At this service the hymns, "Thee we adore," and the Sanctus and Gloria in Excelsis were well sung. A children's service was held in the afternoon, and it too, was largely attended. The hymn, "Hosanna, we sing," was very sweetly rendered by the children and congregation, and an Easter carol was also sung with beautiful effect. Rev. Mr. Strong delivered a very impressive discourse to the children, in which he pointed out to them the glories of Easter Day. The collection was in aid of the Algoma mission.

The congregation at evening service was large and the same deep reverence and attention marked the services as in the morning and afternoon. The anthem from the Cantata, "Christ and His Soldiers" (Farmer), was rendered with beautiful effect, the solo part being taken by Miss Mabel Fair with precision and charming impressiveness. The hymns, "Jesus lives," and "Hark, hark my soul," were given with much force, and very heartily joined in with by the congregation. Rev. Mr. Strong preached an excellent discourse from 1 Cor. xv, 20, "But now is Christ risen from the dead." The discourse was listened to with deep attention by the large congregation present.