

**TORONTO.—Christ Church.**—Rector, Rev. J. W. Patterson. Churchwardens, Dr. Larratt W. Smith, and Alfred Hoskin, Esq., Q.C. Delegates to the Synod, Messrs. Smith, Hoskins and C. D. Warren. Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies for their exquisite decoration of the Church at Easter, and to the organist, choir and Sunday School officials. Churchwardens' report was considered very satisfactory.

**TORONTO.—Grace Church.**—Rector, Rev. J. P. Lewis. Churchwardens, Dr. Morton, and Mr. H. A. Knowles. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Hector Cameron, R. Birmingham and Thomas Kennedy. Senior. Receipts, \$3,693.05; expenditure, \$3,676. There is a considerable debt remaining on the church, and arrangements were made to liquidate by subscriptions.

**PETERBORO.—St. John's.**—Rector, Rev. J. W. R. Beck. Churchwardens, Dr. Geo. Burnham and Mr. A. P. Ponsetti. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Dr. Geo. Burnham, A. P. Ponsetti, and J. E. Belcher. Auditors, Messrs. C. D. MacDonald and J. E. Bell. The Churchwardens report of receipts and expenditure showed a surplus of \$300 nearly. This was referred to the auditors to report at the adjourned meeting.

**SISTERHOOD.**—On Thursday evening, April 9th, a meeting of those interested in the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, recently established in the city, was held at St. George's School House. Brief addresses were delivered by the Bishop who presided, and also by the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, J. D. Cayley and O. P. Ford. Hitherto a great amount of relief has been given to deserving sufferers. Three hundred and forty-eight dinners were supplied in the Sisters' house, chiefly to invalids or aged people. Sixty families received help in fuel, food and clothing and in some cases medicine was granted. Three hundred and sixty-four dinners were carried by the sisters to the sick in their own homes, and much nourishment in the way of beef tea, jellies, &c., was also supplied to the needy and suffering. The Mother Superior begs for continued assistance in the way of funds, cast off clothing, &c., so as to enable them to continue their charitable doings. Surely such a deserving work will not appeal to Torontonians in vain!

**ITEMS.**—St. Philip's Church, Toronto, held its annual sale and Easter festival on the 12th inst. The attendance was exceedingly large, articles for sale numerous, and purchasers for the goods as plentiful as the goods.

St. Matthias Church has been presented with a very handsome Bishop's chair. There should be one in every church of importance throughout the Diocese.

The Hon. W. Ross, Minister of Education, very kindly addressed St. James' C. E. T. S. in the school house, Toronto, on the 6th inst. There was a large attendance.

Rev. W. Compton, the pioneer missionary of Algoma, whose success has been phenomenal, has gone on a visit to England. He takes with him samples of Muskoka's productions in the way of cereals, &c., and is commissioned by the Dominion Government to act as a sort of emigration agent. For this work Mr. Compton is thoroughly well qualified, and it is pleasing to know he can aid the country while he builds up the Church also.

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

**PERSONAL.**—The Rev. Hartley Carmichael, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, has been invited to take the Rev. Dr. Courtney's duty in St. Paul's, Boston, for two Sundays. He preaches there on 18th and 26th instant. Mr. Carmichael will probably go from Boston to Fredericton, to be present at the consecration of the Bishop-elect.

**LUTHER AND AMARANTH MISSIONS.**—Good Friday services were held at St. Alban's, Luther, and

St. Clement's, Colbeck. Matins was said at St. Alban's at half-past ten a.m., the preacher being Mr. W. R. Blackford, Lay Reader. At two p.m., began a service to bring before us the Three Hours' Agony of Our Blessed Redeemer. The preacher was Mr. G. H. Webb, the junior Lay Reader of the Mission. At half-past seven Evening-song was said and a sermon preached by the Missionary-in-charge, Rev. R. T. W. Webb. The Organ was closed all day, and the singing without accompaniment was very hearty.

At St. Clement's, Mr. W. R. Blackford conducted the services at three p.m.

The congregations were good and we believe that the services proved profitable to those who attended them.

**EASTER DAY.**—Shortly before Christmas, some members of the congregation of St. Alban's waited upon the Missionary-in-charge, and asked his permission to organize a surpliced choir. The permission was given, and the co-operation of the Missionary promised. The work of training the men and boys was begun by Mr. W. F. Webb, the Organist of St. Mark's Church, Hamilton, and was carried on by the Missionary and his assistants.

On Easter Day the choir came into Church for the first time to conduct the services. The behaviour of those in the choir was most commendable, and the music was sung very heartily and reverently. The boys are much assisted by the young ladies who constituted the old choir, and who still retained their usual seats at the front of the nave, additional seats having been erected for the men and boys.

Our choir now numbers about twenty-five and a very marked improvement in the services is noticeable. All our service is very congregational. We sing music which is well-known, and in which every one can join, and thus render it not only possible, but easy for "young men and maidens, old men and children to praise the name of the Lord." Let us pray that all those who put on the white robe to lead God's worship here on earth, may hereafter in the white raiment of the redeemed sing eternally before the throne the praises of God and of the Lamb.

Our congregations are steadily increasing, and it seems very probable that St. Alban's will have to be enlarged ere long. There is much work to be done in this Mission, but we can look with thankfulness to the past, and with hope to the future and "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

**HARRISTON.**—The Rev. G. B. Taylor of Bay field, Diocese of Huron, lectured here on Tuesday evening the 30th ult., on the Subject "The Scott Act." The audience was large and attentive. Judging from the ability this gentleman has shown, Huron Diocese has some very able men.

**ACTON.—Obituary.**—The death of Sydney Smith, Esq., a prominent and active Churchman in this parish, took place on Wednesday, 25th ult. His death is a great loss to the Church and community generally. To his bereaved wife and five children we beg to offer our most sincere expressions of sympathy, and to remind them, that all things work together for good to them that love God.

**JARVIS.**—The Rev. G. Johnstone's health has much improved, and he is again able to perform his parochial duties.

**NIAGARA FALLS.**—On Easter Sunday, Christ Church was tastefully decorated with flowers. The lilies and roses were especially remarkable for their beauty and fragrance. The flowers were the gift of G. Colburn, Esq., and several others.

There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion, one at 8 o'clock and the other after morning service; at each celebration there was a large number of communicants.

In the evening a children's service was held, at which a Choral Litany was sung by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Houston; the children of the Sunday School assisted by the Choir responding. The

Incumbent delivered an effective address to the S.S. pupils. The Church was crowded; the success of the service being, in a great measure due to G. H. Howard, Esq., by whom an Easter Anthem sung on the occasion was composed.

On Easter Monday, the annual Vestry meeting was held. After a vote of thanks to the retiring Churchwardens was passed, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Churchwardens, Messrs. W. W. Woodruff and R. Furness. Lay Delegates, Messrs. W. Leggett and G. H. Howard. Sidesmen, Messrs. N. Preston, J. Stevens, O. A. Nelles and W. Drew.

A Band of Hope has recently been organized in connection with the Sunday School of this parish. At the first meeting 75 members were enrolled.

**ORANGEVILLE.**—St. Mark's Church Vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday and was attended by a larger number of members than usual. F. C. Stewart and W. L. Walsh were chosen Churchwardens, and F. Irwin Delegate to the Synod for three years.

The Envelope System of contributing to the funds of the Church was adopted and bids fair to be a very great success.

After the usual business of the meeting was transacted the subject of putting the choir in surplices was talked over, and communications which had been received from parishes where their choir had been in surplices were read, all of which were unanimous in recommending the custom for three reasons especially,—it secured more regular attendance and more reverent conduct and obliterated distinction in dress between the children of the rich and the poor. The information was thought very satisfactory.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**ST. JAMES', LONDON SOUTH.**—For the first time in about a year and a half the Rev. Evans Davis conducted both services in this church on Sunday last. We trust his health may continue to improve.

The envelope system has been adopted for the Diocesan Mission in St. James' for the first time. The Rector was able to announce on Sunday that he had received up to that time \$21.08 more than had ever been collected for the same purpose in any one year before. This, in the face of "hard times," is very gratifying.

A social gathering of the congregation took place at the Rectory on Tuesday evening, April 14th. A programme of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was rendered. Refreshments were served during the evening. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are doing all in their power to make the time pass pleasantly. Such gatherings are calculated to remove some, at least, of the barriers which too frequently exist between members of the one congregation.

**SARNIA.**—The young ladies of St. George's Church have organized a society to be known as "The Young Ladies Guild of St. George's Church." The object is to assist in any kind of Church work the Rector may require. They purpose having a sale of fancy work on May 24th.

The Holy Communion is to be administered on the third Sunday in each month at 8 a.m., as well as the first Sunday, after Morning service.

**GLENCOE, WARDSVILLE, AND NEWBURY.**—The three Vestry meetings in this parish, which comprises the above named villages, were among the most largely attended of any held in its annals. Rev. W. J. Taylor, chairman. The utmost unanimity prevailed, and everything passed off in a most pleasing manner. Though the two last mentioned villages are decaying and the Church in recent years has lost nearly all its members, yet work here is of a very hopeful character. In the first named place there is much evidence of life and earnestness; in connection with all three churches there are good schools, with many scholars and an efficient staff of teachers. There are also