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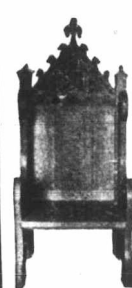
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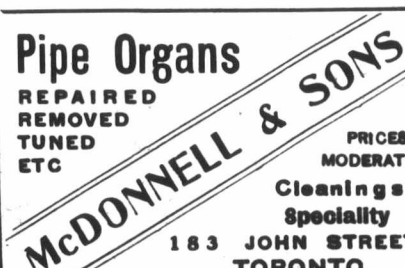
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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

At Easter-tide we reach the summit. We start from the lowly manger-bed wherein lay the Infant of promise. We follow along the line of fulfillment, and, with the first disciples and Apostles, we grow in the knowledge and appreciation of the mission of Jesus Christ. We learn of His love and power. Of His love when we see Him on Calvary; of His power when we view the empty grave and hear His voice. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the climax of all His ministry inasmuch as it interprets and justifies His every claim. The Resurrection compels us to ask ourselves, and to answer, the question of the ages, "What think ye of the Christ?" The Collect for this Sunday

teaches us how to answer the question. Jesus Christ is both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life. A view of present-day circumstances teaches us how necessary it is for us to be clear as to what our belief in Jesus Christ implies. Every age is characterized by vagueness of belief. And it is not an unjust thing to say that vagueness of belief and carelessness of living are necessarily connected. Christianity is a religion of faith and practice. It is impossible to think of a dissociation of these two factors in a sphere dominated by Christian thought and methods of life. Therefore in the case of Christians much depends upon what we believe. The fuller our faith, the keener our appreciation of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, the more god-like our habits of life, our principles of being. The more remote the interpretation of Christ's mission, the dimmer the portrait of the Son of God, the grosser the mentality, the more crude the civilization of men. Now in the light of the Resurrection what think we of Christ? Remember the witness of St. John Baptist: "Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" How pregnant the symbolism of the Bible! The triumph of modern scholarship is that it is throwing new light upon that symbolism. Biblical criticism interprets to succeeding ages the truth revealed in Christ. And every age must have its own criticism else it would fail to grasp that truth, fail to have any positive thoughts of Jesus Christ. The Lamb of God as a designation of Jesus taught the disciples to look for atonement, for self-sacrifice, in the life of Christ. And the more they learned of the love of Jesus the more reconciled did they become to His Passion. Sin is the great disintegrating power in the world. How meet then that Jesus, Who is the sacrifice for sin, should be regarded as the good shepherd. Indeed Jesus knows that His death is necessary to the unification of mankind. His death and burial brought the faithful to the upper room. The knowledge of His Resurrection will some day bring all men together. Then "there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." The death of Jesus means our redemption. But it is not necessary for us to die before we are redeemed. We, by faith in Him, are in a state of salvation. Therefore, day by day, we must note the effects of redemption in our lives. Jesus is not only a sacrifice for sin. He is also an example of godly living. To live aright we must know the life of Jesus. How did He live? Find out the answer to the question. And in all things imitate Christ. And let us do so particularly under the very circumstances to which St. Peter refers in the Epistle. The unshepherded character of the Jews aroused the deepest sympathy of Jesus. Sin was a terrible burden to them. They had no inspiring example of life. How differently are we placed! The Lamb of God hath borne our sins in His own body on the tree. By His stripes we are healed. He has left unto us an example of living. Let us thankfully receive the inestimable benefit of His sacrifice. Let us follow the blessed steps of His most holy life. For He is "the Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls."

Canadian Authors.

We are glad to see that Canadians are in various fields of literary effort taking more generally to the use of the pen for the instruction and entertainment of readers. It is to be regretted that there are occasionally books put on the market that to the unwary are positively harmful. It is a source of gratification on the other hand that we find issuing from the press such bright, readable and interesting contributions to religious biography as the two handy little sketches of "Cranmer" and "Wycliffe," by the Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A. Though to some readers Canon

Hague's estimate of these historic Churchmen will be deemed too eulogistic yet it cannot be denied that the learned writer has acquitted himself in a manner that will rouse the enthusiasm of sympathetic readers. The influence of these two great Churchmen was not only great in their respective generations but as moulding forces of religious thought and opinion they maintain their position as two of the most distinguished leaders and reformers of the Evangelical school in the British Church. We may say in passing that the letter press is beautifully clear and that these booklets can be obtained from any bookseller.

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The Church in Wales.

This part of the home Church is once more the storm centre of a fierce attack of the Church's enemies. It is well to spread broadcast the wonderful story of the Church's growth in that region, as revealed by the Welsh Church Commission evidence. Instead of the Church being, as many have thought, a tender perishing plant in Wales she is the most sturdy and progressive religious organization in that land. In ten years, 1898 to 1907, there were 133,120 candidates confirmed, representing (says the Church Times) an increase of thirty-three per cent. A Church that increases one-third in ten years is not likely to consent tamely to be throttled or robbed.

Better Religious Teaching.

Scotland used to be looked on as essentially a theological country and the education as religious. But times have changed and a discussion of great value to us has been printed in the Scotsman over the neglect of the children by the Church, the lack of religious training and teaching, and what should be done. It is pointed out that religious instruction used to be given only at school and at home. But those things are of the past. The growing demands of secular education have made large inroads on the time set apart for Biblical instruction. The claim and call for learning that gives the daily bread has gradually cut down the time available for higher studies. The day school teacher has neither method nor enthusiasm for the grudging and unsystematic Bible teaching and so in many it has gone and is gradually disappearing. One correspondent says, and what he says was true in many cases, that in the village school where he was fortunate enough to have his early education, the morning Bible lesson and the daily repetition of a question in the shorter Catechism constituted part of the day's instruction. That morning Scripture lesson, given by an earnest God-fearing man is, in the writer's opinion, the ideal way of imparting religious instruction to children; it was religious education in the best sense. "We had no examination to face, no fear of losing marks if we mixed up the Kings of Israel. The lesson was not only highly profitable but was looked forward to as being a thing apart." The writer goes on to show how diametrically opposed to this is the modern systematized mode and how, in fact, Sunday School teaching has the same general system and the

consequent lack of spiritual force. But the Sunday School must, says another writer, be the mainstay, we must remember that childhood is the seed time and that the soul of the child is virgin soil.

The Lord's Day.

Easter Day, which is our highest sanction for observing our Sunday as the day of worship, has returned once more and turned our thoughts anew to the blessed privileges and associations of the Lord's Day. We commend The Lord's Day Advocate for its valuable and watchful defence of our day of worship, and still more do we commend "the Lord's Day Alliance" for its vigorous warfare in support of Sunday rest and worship. It is ever on the alert to discover devices to desecrate the Lord's Day, and to break down the holy associations of the Lord's Day. Not only is it alert in discovering all such devices, but it is reasonable, and its sweet reasonableness has secured for it the attentive hearing of all our Governments. We doubt not that its desire to observe April 18th to 25th as "Lord's Day Week" will be widely regarded in the Church of England whose Prelates and Synods have always been its warm friends.

Boys' Drill.

A discussion at the meeting of the Ontario Educational Association caused by the reading of a paper objecting to military training in schools recalled to the writer's memory an article in the March number of the Cornhill Magazine on a high school of Danish Peasants, by Edith Sellers. Denmark was dying, becoming poorer year by year, weaker and more demoralised, her Church had lost its influence and the teachers were uncultured. Bishop Grundtvig was the moving spirit of a great national revival. He conceived the idea of a peasants high school. He insisted that no one under eighteen should attend, being anxious that all who went to the school should first work on the land and have the chance of becoming attached to it. The writer describes the class who attend for the winter's training, one of as rough and peasant-looking men as could be found in Canada. Yet these men were listening to, and moved by, lectures on Shakespeare and the masterpieces of the national literature. "The men then betake themselves to the gymnasium where their bodies are trained just as carefully. They are taught on the Swedish system all the newest devices for strengthening themselves physicaly, for developing their muscles and rendering themselves at once active, robust and hardy. Then they are drilled as if they were soldiers; they are taught to march in step, to hold their heads erect and to manage their hands and feet. The overwhelming majority enjoy it immensely and will tell you with pride how much good it does them, how their chests have expanded and how much stronger they have become. "We should never be able to work with our heads as we do were it not for that hour in the gymnasium." This schooling has made a wonderful difference. Although the greatest customer and most formidable neighbour passed a hostile tariff, Denmark has taken heart and applied its head to cultivating the soil and changed its products so that to-day from being the poorest it has become the richest country per head of population on the continent of Europe and that population is one of small farmers whose bodies as well as their minds are well trained, while there are courses for women, in the summer, with the same results.

THE BACKBONE OF A DIOCESE.

We hope that our readers carefully read the note from Barrie in our number of the 8th April above the initials W.B.H. The remarks were unexpectedly frank and plain but too true to be passed

over unheeded. They were evoked by the presence and personality of the new Bishop. Here are some of the sentences: "He is aware that unless a strong, sane and persistent forward movement is at once inaugurated the Church of England will in ten or twenty years at most be only a memory in some parts of this diocese." "It is a mere self-deception to say that our Church has strongly rooted herself among the rural population; it is, moreover, folly to argue that the real situation is either appreciated to-day, or that any adequate effort is being made to grapple with the new problems which surround the rural Church." It is not often that an infrequent correspondent speaks out so bravely and so well. This is a crisis in the Church. Our thoughtful men are beginning to see that. Ours is essentially a farming community with the good and bad habits of a life lived in Canada for three or four generations, the community is there and its peculiarities must be understood and appreciated by the clergy or they will fail—sink, as so many poor fellows have done, drift to the cities as so many others do, go to the States as too many have done already. It is often asserted that the ways of life and thought of the city students are such that a student becomes out of touch with the country and needs another training. We repeat what we have often said already, that our large centres are not in touch with country needs and life. "This is essentially a farming country," our correspondent wrote, "one readily sees the imperative necessity of studying at first hand the work of the Church outside of the city, and of adopting such methods as may enable her to reach and influence these young lives for God and country and Church." This study should not be confined to the clergy or to the leaders among the laity but should be appreciated as a privilege by all our laity who either are or may be in the future chosen to do their part in the Church's councils. A custom prevails among us which in times of excitement has been open to criticism, that is the appointment of city men as delegates for country parishes and missions. Too often the parishioners do not care either to go to town themselves or the persons who may represent them and so leave the matter in the incumbent's hands. The laymen, too, allotted by their leaders, often know or care nothing for the parish for which they act and vote. We have before this pointed out this disheartening and unseemly practice and suggested, as we do again, how it might be turned to a good use. If the city delegate were really to associate with the country ones and with the clergyman of the parish they are delegates of, untold good might be done all round. The city man and his family might spend their holidays in the country parish where they would be most welcome and there are few places where the young especially would not enjoy the life. And delegates so living would understand, as they could not otherwise do, the real questions which make or mar the Church's influence. At any rate it is worth trying and certainly the scandal of men assuming to be delegates of a community they know nothing of should cease. No one with any self-respect should accept the office without a determination to do all he honourably can to understand and know thoroughly the people and the needs and peculiarities of his parish.

"IT IS WRITTEN."

Those who in each generation undertake to convince the religious of the folly of "Faith" and the wisdom of "common sense," and among them may be numbered some of the most unenviably notorious names of the past, must in common honesty stand or fall by the teaching of Jesus Christ. If God be all wise, and if He, who claimed to be, "the only begotten of the Father," found his surest reply and safest weapon against

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the strongest temptation of our great spiritual enemy in the above quoted words, surely they may suffice for all his humble followers. And let us be careful to remember as we listen to, or read, the words of some "modern interpreters of the Word of God," who freely refer to "fable," "myth," "tradition," "Gospel of humanity," "common sense," "modern science," etc., that He Who chose and used this weapon out of God's armoury made in His own person and verified by His own life and teaching the following supreme claim of authority and capacity: "No man hath seen God at any time; but the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, He hath revealed Him!" Now, may we not fairly ask: Where in the recorded teaching of the God Man, or of the Holy Spirit who followed Him, or of His Disciples and Apostles do we find any part of the sacred writings, then of record, described as fabulous or mythical; and with regard to the other terms referred to can there be any doubt that their true and traditional relation to the Christian religion may be thus expressed: "The Gospel for the conversion of humanity," "sanctified common sense," and "true science, the handmaid of Faith." It may not be out of place in view of the appeals that are made to the student and thinker on behalf of what is commonly called "Modern Thought" to quote the views of a few great modern thinkers on the "Written Word," said Coleridge: "I know the Bible is inspired because it finds me at greater depths of my being than any other book." Carlyle: "It is the one book wherein for thousands of years, the spirit of man has found light and nourishment, and the response to whatever was deepest in his heart." Kant: "You do well in that you base your peace and piety on the Gospels, for in the Gospels, in the Gospels alone, is the source of deep spiritual truths after reason has measured out its whole territory in vain. Goethe: "Let the world progress as much as it likes; let all branches of human research develop to the very utmost nothing will take the place of the Bible." The Bible is the Divine record of the Divine revelation of "the only Begotten of the Father," of whom the Apostle said: "Other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The wise counsel, learned in the law, wastes neither his own nor the time of the court in attempts to bolster up what he deems to be remote and discrepant details of his case. With quick prescience he addresses himself to the strongest point in his client's cause, and with consummate skill presses conviction home to heart and mind of his hearer. So it is with the astute politician, the keen man of business, the winner in each and all of the strenuous walks of modern life. No beating about the bush, straight to the mark go the shafts of direct and determined energy of the world's successful workers for good or ill, and yet some able, cultivated, scholarly preachers are content in the main to prepare long and learned sermons on disputed points in the written record, whilst near and far the bodies of men, made in the Divine image, are being polluted and their souls seared by the leprosy of sin, and all the while the parting words of the revealed subject of the record are with gathering force and yet tender and appealing tones urging upon them the Divine entreaty: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It surely cannot be denied that: "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth," or that "in the beginning was the Word," and "in Him was life and the life was the light of men," and that a man "came for witness that he might bear witness of the light that all might believe through Him," and that this is the plain and simple command, the marching order of each faithful witness from that day to this "to bear witness of that Light," to the intent "that all men through Him might believe." No more sublime or far-reaching commission was ever tendered to man. So simple, so direct is it that a mere child may fulfil it; and yet so vague, indirect and diffi-

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cult does it seem to some acute and learned men that, to adopt the phraseology of the "Immortal Dreamer," it will take the peal of the last trumpet to make them fully understand what it meant to them and to those for whom they were responsible whilst on earth.

"WHAT IS MY RELIGION WORTH."

Speaking of some historical character, of vast learning but of little judgment or practical ability, Macaulay in his vividly illustrative style says "the fuel had choked out the fire." Of some people it might with equal force and truth be said, "their religion has choked out their Christianity." For as wisdom is not necessarily the possession of learning, but its right use so Christianity is the right use of religion. A learned man is no more necessarily a wise man than a religious man is necessarily a religious man. The abuse or non-utilization of both learning and religion is not at all uncommon. People there are in abundance who still regard "education" as the heaping up of knowledge, as a condition of mere possession, quite irrespective of what use it may be put to, just as, to vary the illustration to be rich in the common acceptance of the term is the simple possession of wealth, whereas it is a totally different thing. To be really "rich" is to have the capacity for leading a full life and for enjoying things, which is quite independent of one's belongings. There used to be, and probably still is, though we have not heard it so often of late, a very common saying in this country, "so and so has got religion." It was a well meant expression, and, no doubt, it really did stand for something solid and real, but at its root lay a popular, if unconsciously held fundamental and far too common fallacy in regard to the true nature of Christianity. The real question is not has a man "got" religion, that is easy and simple enough, it may be had for the taking or accepting, but what use does he make of it. It may be said that the fault of the age is not over religiosity but rather the opposite. The point at issue is this, that such a thing, it is only too apparent, is possible among avowedly honestly religious people, and it is this class that are mainly concerned, not the irreligious. Now every man is a gainer or loser by his religion. Religion must be either one of two things, an inspiration or a hindrance, just as a soldier's arms and accoutrements must either help or hinder him. There are certain remedies, we are told, that, if not exactly "kill or cure," are either markedly beneficial or correspondingly injurious, and for all we know to the contrary this is true of all medicines. So it is with religion. We cannot say of it as rash and ignorant dabblers in physic often say of certain medicines, "If it does him no good it will do him no harm." Religion is bound to be either a gain or a loss. A man's religion may be a very feeble affair, it may consist of a few rudimentary impulses and vague instincts, but if it exercises a real inspiring or elevating influence it is to that extent genuine, and is, therefore, so much clear gain. On the other hand the holders of the highest form of religion as a speculative belief or as a matter of sentiment is just so much the worse for it, and it is just so much dead loss. A religious man is, therefore, invariably the better or worse for his religion. A number of illustrations suggest themselves in connection with this statement. Every good man is a religious man—in some sense and degree—but every religious man is not a good man. Every soldier is a well drilled, well equipped man, but every well drilled and well equipped man is not a good soldier. Every skilful mechanic must have the tools and training, but every man who has the tools and training is not a skilful mechanic. With unutilized religion a man is bound to deteriorate, because such a condition tends to make a man satisfied with himself, and self-satisfaction is only another name

for deterioration. We have met men with an excellent degree who have contentedly remained nonentities all their lives. Having got themselves classed and labeled, they had achieved the chief end of their ambition, and were content to stagnate and decay for the rest of their lives. Any religion, it has been said, is better than none. This is true in the sense, as we have shown, that a man is always better for the most imperfect religion faithfully lived up to, and such a religion is infinitely better than an infinitely higher type misused or abused. How many people are there who are resting perfectly content in the mere possession of religion! They have apparently never stopped and asked themselves the question, "Am I really any the better for my religion? How much have others gained by it? Am I a better or a worse man to do with for it? What does my religion really stand for? Has it really increased my worth in the world?" We feel certain that our readers will not misunderstand our position, and that we have no intention whatever of depreciating what, in the true sense we may legitimately call, "formal religion." It is just because we do exceedingly value it, that we have written as we have done, on its right bearing on conduct. Rightly held religion is the foundation of all morality, for ideas rule the world, but none the less is it only too lamentably true that religion wrongly held is worse than none at all.

FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

Spectator's Comments and Notes of Public Interest.

For the first time in more than five years Spectator's weekly contributions failed of delivery at the Churchman's office, two weeks ago. Considering the many complaints that one hears concerning the inefficiency of the postal authorities and that sort of thing, it is rather significant that a man should write every week for five years and post his letters at various points in the country as well as the city and yet they should reach their destination on time without a single mishap. It will not be surprising when this missing document shall reappear to find that the name of the wrong city was put on the envelope. In other words the difficulty may be with the sender and not with the postal authorities. Postal efficiency is one of the marvels of the age. It perhaps would not do to cease complaining when something goes wrong else the great care that is taken might be relaxed, but surely it is a marvel that so few things go astray when so many are handled. Spectator had been in attendance at the great National Missionary Congress in Toronto and on his way home he had painfully committed to paper a few paragraphs for public perusal which in due time found their way into a post box. When they failed to appear in the next issue he naturally thought that the compositor was taking some extra time to decipher the fearful and wonderful handwriting which a man may execute on a train going at full speed, but a special despatch revealed that all that wrestling on the "International Limited" had been in vain. It is extraordinary how keenly we appreciate the value of what is lost. The man that went unappreciated in life is loudly lamented at death. The fish that get away are, of course, always the biggest. It is the case of the lost coin and the lost sheep all over again. Spectator felt the same law expressing itself within him when he learned of the tragic end of his toil. The "stuff" that he declared a dozen times when writing wasn't fit to be printed, now became glorified and idealized. "What a pity the Church couldn't see it!" "It was a shame that when a fellow specially spread himself his efforts should come to nought." Well, well, such is the tendency of human nature and such are the disciplines of life.

It is perhaps a little late in the day to begin to express oneself on the character and effect of the Laymen's Missionary Congress. The freshness of the impressions has gone and possibly some of the enthusiasm has gone with it. Still the experience will bear fruit in many ways and probably the great cause of missions has never had such a great and permanent uplift in Canada as on the occasion we refer to. There are a few features of that Congress that are well worth bearing in mind. In the first place let us remember that the largest theatre in Canada was used as the place of meeting and that it was filled from pit to ceiling. In the next place the occupants of those three thousand chairs were men, nearly all laymen—not a woman allowed in the place. This rule proved a sore trial to many ladies who eagerly looked forward to having a place as spectators at least at this great assembly. And in the third place the commissioners represented almost every occupation and rank. There was the prosperous business man and the sturdy workingman. There were professional men, who had won some fame in their calling, and there were men who had taken a hand in the Government of their country. There were men of all ages with a considerable preponderance of those who had reached maturity. It could not, therefore, be written down a young man's convention, although young men were there in considerable numbers. It was an aggregation apparently of men of many occupations and gifts representing Canada's best in character and much of her material prosperity. It was not of the financial calibre of the Manufacturers' Association or the Board of Trade, neither were its members to be financially or politically ignored. When, therefore, one recalls the difficulty in the past of interesting laymen in missionary enterprises, an assembly such as we have described is essentially inspiring and stimulating. The attendance of Anglicans was very considerable, although they naturally formed but a small part of the great whole. One enthusiastic member of our Communion ventured to remark that the Anglicans were the saving of the situation since they held in each hand something which somebody else didn't possess. Fortunately the remark was made in the presence of Anglicans only, for to join in an enterprise of this kind in the spirit of ecclesiastical egotism would be altogether fatal and prove most detrimental to Anglican progress in this country. Church egotism possesses the same inherent blemish as the personal variety. Neither demonstrates strength, it usually proclaims a weakness.

The purpose of the Congress was avowedly to stimulate enthusiasm to disseminate information and to give Christian men a vision of what their faith demanded of them. It was furthermore to outline a national policy in missionary enterprise and to set the forces of Christianity at work in the great undertaking that seemed to be so clearly standing out before us. Spectator did not attend all the meetings. In fact he felt that he dare not do so lest out of the abundance and variety of enthusiasm and inspiration that was on draught he should react and his last state would be worse than the first. He, however, heard and saw enough to convince him that a mighty movement was in the process of being shaped and directed and any Church that ventures to keep out of this movement or fails to set its own forces in operation to the full capacity of its power will be left so far behind in the race that it will become absolutely insignificant. This is not a question of "holy fuss," but a question of the exercising of the essential functions of the Church in the service of the children of men. The Church that exercises these functions to the limit of its ability deserves to prosper and the Church that stands aside and excuses itself will miserably fail no matter what its antecedents are. There is one sure thing and that is the laity will not spend undue time over details when there is a manifest

problem to face. One other word only shall we add at this juncture and that is, we would respectfully suggest to public speakers on missionary subjects to cease quoting the "pledges" which congregations have made as a response to this Missionary Movement among laymen. This movement has been in existence long enough to give the actual results rather than the promises. A promise is sometimes lightly given but the performance counts. From different sources in Toronto we learned that glittering pledges were followed by very sombre results and yet the public speaker goes on quoting the pledges as wonderful inspirations. This movement, like everything else that stands the test of time, must rest on a firm and honest foundation. From a non-Anglican source we learned that in some of those congregations where fabulous increases are quoted all sorts of contributions not hitherto reported as missionary contributions have now been raked together to swell the total and make it appear that an immense advance has been attained. Now that sort of unreality is fundamentally wrong and those who are guiding the movement ought to make straightforward honesty one of the essential planks in their platform. These things will, no doubt, all be corrected in time and we feel sure that Church extension in the world-field will be carried on with greater vigour and success than ever before. On another occasion Spectator hopes to have something to say about the more notable utterances of the Congress.

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Picton.—St. Mary Magdalene.—The annual meeting of the W.A. was held on Wednesday, the 7th, at 3 p.m., the vicar in the chair. The secretary and treasurer reported a very satisfactory year's work. Membership, 70; 54 "Leaflets" taken; 23 meetings held; \$170 passed through the treasurer's hands. The officers were all re-elected by ballot. One great disappointment was that Dr. Gould's illness prevented his coming to lecture as had been expected.

TORONTO.

Toronto.—The Library of the Woman's Auxiliary has been moved from St. James' Schoolhouse to Holy Trinity Schoolhouse. The Library has grown from its very small beginnings till now there are several hundred volumes on the shelves, and the newest books relating to Missions are continually being added. One of the latest acquisitions is "A Parson in the Australian Bush," which the Bishop of London speaks of as being "breezy." It gives a most interesting account of the trials of a missionary, and makes the reader realize that the hardships of a missionary are not confined to our own North-West, as one is perhaps too much inclined to do especially after reading "The Life of Bishop Bompas." Another book is "North India," which will be of especial interest to those who have been studying the Moslem world. Out of town branches besides being able to have one of the boxes of the "Travelling Library," may, upon application, have sent to them any book that they may specially want.

Home & Foreign Church News

From our own Correspondents

NOVA SCOTIA.

Clarendon Lamb Worrell, D.D., Bishop, Halifax, N.S.

Halifax.—The annual vestry meetings were held in the different parishes on the evening of Easter Monday. The reports presented were of an encouraging nature, and the new year opened under the best auspices. Following are the results of the elections held.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, H. St. C. Silver A. H. Whitman; delegates to Synod, J. T. Wylde, E.

D. Tucker; substitutes, G. A. Woodill, W. H. Mowell. Receipts, \$4,055.34; disbursements, \$4,053.49.

S. Paul's.—Wardens, R. D. Taylor, J. C. Jones; Delegates to Synod, Chancellor Harris, G. W. G. Bonner; substitutes, H. E. Mahon, A. DeB. Tremaine. The financial report showed that the sum of \$16,689.33 had been received. The collections by the envelope system totalled \$5,813.02, the largest in the history of the parish. **Trinity.**—Wardens, J. M. Donovan, W. E. Brokenshire; delegates to Synod; W. E. Brokenshire, A. G. French; substitutes, J. G. Colp, E. Shaeffer.

St. Luke's.—The Lenten season at this church was observed as usual by special services and sermons, the Dean delivering a course on "Worship" on the Wednesday evening, and the Rev. Ernest Smith a course on "Lessons of Faith and Duty." Good Friday was ushered in by a special devotional service at 7.30, conducted by the Dean; the Rev. Ernest Smith took the Children's Matins at 9, giving an address, and he also preached at the 10.30 altar service. The Dean conducted the three-hours service which was largely attended throughout. At this service and at the children's service little memorial cards of the Crucifixion were distributed. Easter morning dawned clear and bright and large congregations attended all the services in the little chapel, which began with a celebration at 7, followed by others at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Matins was sung at 10.15 and the choral celebration, at which the Bishop celebrated and preached at 11. The total number of communicants at the four celebrations and the 10.30 celebration at St. Alban's Mission Chapel was 350. Varley Roberts Service in "F" was most sweetly sung by the choir, the anthem being "Ye choirs of New Jerusalem." The offerings, which were principally for the Cathedral Building Fund and the New Organ Fund, amounted during the day to \$763. It is hoped that this will be the last Easter to be spent in the Schoolhouse, as the Cathedral will probably be in use next year.

Truro.—St. John's.—Wardens, J. W. Pollock, G. A. Layton; delegates to Synod, C. E. Bentley, R. A. Tremaine; substitutes, S. G. Chambers, B. F. Porter.

Annapolis Royal.—St. Luke's.—There were large congregations in this church on Easter Day. There was a generous offertory for general Church purposes, and in addition thereto there was a sum of \$31.04 for parochial charities, and a gift of \$10 for the rector. The Gilpin Window, from Mayer & Company, Munich, Bavaria, was unveiled during the morning service, after dedicatory prayers, by Mrs. Godfrey. It is a genuine work of art, of high order. It represents the Resurrection of Christ. The figures (four) are veritable studies. The faces are characteristic. The eyes of Christ follow one from the lowest part of the nave up to the Sanctuary. The radiant body seems to turn. Everybody is delighted with the gift of Mrs. Croucher, of Yale, and the other members of the Gilpin family. The inscription is "To the glory of God, and in memory of Edwin Gilpin, Dean of Nova Scotia, his wife Amelia and their sons, Edwin and Arthur." The annual Easter vestry meeting took place in the schoolhouse on the following evening. Wardens, Messrs. Cheese and G. A. Hawkesworth. Delegates to Synod, Their Honors Judges Savary and Owen, Messrs. Cheese and F. C. Whitman. Cordial votes of thanks for the invaluable services of the several Societies and to Mrs. Croucher for the window were passed. The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry are the local committee to prepare for the Bicennial Commemoration of the first public service of the Rev. T. Harrison, Chaplain to Commodore Martin of H.M.S. "Dragon" in 1710.

Perotte.—St. Mark's.—Messrs. W. B. A. Ritchie, K.C., and J. J. Ritchie, K.C., are presenting this church with an oak lectern in memory of their father the late revered rector of the parish, the Rev. J. J. Ritchie, M.A. The lectern was made in England.

FREDERICTON.

John Andrew Richardson, D.D., Bishop, Fredericton, N.B.

St. John.—The reports presented at the various vestry meetings showed that the parishes were in a flourishing condition. Great interest was shown in the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

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St. John's.—Wardens, W. Downie, F. W. Daniel; delegates to Synod, W. M. Jarvis, A. H. Hanington; substitutes, R. B. Emerson, Judge Armstrong. The financial report was a satisfactory one.

Trinity.—Wardens, J. McArdy, C. P. Clark; delegates to Synod, M. G. Teed, J. M. Robinson; substitutes, W. S. Fisher, H. H. Pickett. Finances reported to be in excellent shape.

St. George's.—Wardens, M. Peterson, H. Lord; delegates to Synod, H. Lord, W. J. Cornfield; substitutes, M. Peterson, T. H. Johnson. A very satisfactory balance in the bank was reported with which to start the new year.

St. Mary's.—Wardens, R. L. Carloss, S. Willis; delegates to Synod, J. N. Rodgers, R. L. Carloss; substitutes, H. R. Coleman, B. V. Wetmore. A balance of \$103 on the right side of the ledger was reported by the treasurer.

St. James'.—Wardens, G. Bridges and S. S. De Forest; delegates to Synod, S. S. De Forest, W. Pearce; substitutes, W. Land, W. Clark. Receipts, \$2,561.67; disbursements, \$2,547.63.

St. Jude.—Wardens, C. Coster, W. O. Dunham; delegates to Synod, C. Coster, E. R. W. Ingraham; substitutes, W. L. Harding and W. O. Dunham. The finances were reported to be in a flourishing condition.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, J. K. Schofield, E. P. Starr; delegates to Synod, T. B. Robinson, G. Sydney Smith; substitutes, J. Roy Campbell, W. Z. Earle.

Oromocto.—St. John's.—Wardens, H. Wilmot, J. W. Gilmore.

St. Stephen.—Christ Church.—Wardens, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, S. A. McBride; delegates to Synod, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, G. S. Topping; substitutes, S. A. McBride, E. G. Vroom.

Trinity.—The meeting was postponed for a week.

Moncton.—St. George's.—Wardens, G. A. Dodge, J. G. Wran; delegates to Synod, R. W. Hewson, H. C. Hunter; substitutes, J. McManns, C. Teed.

Chatham.—St. Mary.—Wardens, Hon. J. P. Burchill, M.P.P., F.E. Danville; delegates to Synod, Hon. J. P. Burchill, F. E. Neale; substitutes, V. A. Danville, H. Pout.

Woodstock.—Christ Church.—Wardens, F. B. Bull, J. T. A. Dibblee; delegates to Synod, C. L. S. Raymond, J. T. A. Dibblee.

Rothsay.—St. Paul's.—Wardens, F. S. West, A. E. Dickson; delegates to Synod, A. C. Fairweather, J. S. Armstrong; substitutes, W. T. Peters, H. F. Puddington.

QUEBEC.

Andrew H. Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec, P.Q.

Quebec.—The reports presented at the various Easter vestry meetings were of a very encouraging nature, showing that steady progress was being made in every parish.

Holy Trinity.—Wardens, St. George Boswell, W. G. Hinds.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens, Dr. Laurie, R. Campbell. The question of the installation of a new organ in the church was considered and a special committee was appointed to consider the ways and means for bringing about this desired improvement.

Trinity.—Wardens, W. De Q. Sewell, W. C. Scott; delegates to Synod, C. Knowles, J. T. Middleton.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, A. P. Doddridge, A. E. Hookes.

Lennoxville.—Bishop's College.—It is expected work will be begun on the new library as soon as the weather permits. It will stand on the east side of the Arts building. A tablet in bronze has been erected in the College Chapel to the memory of Herbert Lawrence Price, B.Sc., electrical engineer, lieutenant in Queen's Own Canadian Hussars and former B. C. schoolboy. The late Mr. Price met his death at Victoria Mine, Ontario, in April 1908.

Bishop's College School.—A cablegram has been received by the Rev. Dr. Parrock, Principal of Bishop's University, from the Rev. E. W. Clark of Glen Almond, Scotland, stating that owing to ill health he will be obliged to withdraw his acceptance of the headmastership of this school in succession to the Very Rev. Dr. Bidwell. Steps will be at once taken to select another out of the seventy-five applications received.

MONTREAL.

John Cragg Farthing, D.D., Bishop, Montreal.

Montreal.—Christ Church Cathedral.—A unique ceremony, so far as the Diocese of Montreal is concerned, took place in this Cathedral on Easter Eve, when the laity of the diocese presented His Lordship, Bishop Farthing, with a magnificent pastoral staff of sterling silver-gilt and ebony.

A large congregation—including many of the subscribers to the Staff Fund and their friends—witnessed the impressive incidents associated with the presentation and blessing of the staff, and the service, as a whole, was one of the most dignified and splendid in the history of the Cathedral of Montreal. The Easter decorations added very materially to the beauty and richness of the scene, the choir, chancel and altar being splendidly embellished with Easter lilies, syringa, Boston laurel and palms. An enormous floral cross of roses, carnations, lilies-of-the-valley and ferns occupied the centre of the retable. The presentation proper was preceded by the Order for Evening Prayer, which was sung by the Rev. Dr. Symonds, vicar of the Cathedral, the proper psalms being the xxiii. and cxviii. The first lesson (Ezekiel xxxiv. 11-25) was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Norton, rector of Montreal, and the second (St. John x. 1-16) by the Rev. A. J. Doull, rector of the Church of the Advent, Montreal, who first suggested to the laity the desirability of presenting Bishop Farthing with the staff. The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" were rendered in festal settings by John E. West. On the conclusion of the "third" collect, hymn 353, "O Thou Who makest souls to shine," was sung by the choir and congregation. During its rendition the Bishop left his throne and, preceded by his staff-bearer, the Rev. E. J. Sawers, and followed by his chaplain, the Rev. Canon Baylis, proceeded to the entrance to the chancel. At the same time the hon. secretary of the staff committee, Mr. John M. Black, vested in cassock of scarlet-cloth and surplice of Irish lawn, entered the Cathedral from the vestry carrying the staff. Halting at the entrance in the chancel he handed the Staff to Mr. A. M. Crombie, chairman of the staff committee, who held it while the following Address of presentation was read by Lieut.-Col. Hibbard, K.C., another member of the committee:—"To the Right Rev. John Cragg Farthing, Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Civil Law; by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Montreal: Right Rev. Father-in-God,—On the occasion of your election in November, 1908, to the See of Montreal, in succession to the Right Rev. James Carmichael, of greatly beloved memory, it occurred to the laity of your diocese that it would be eminently fitting if they were to mark your acceptance of the Bishopric and your consecration to the Apostolic Order by presenting you, as Lord Bishop, with a gift symbolical of the high and holy office to which by Divine Providence and the Synod of this diocese you had been called. A representative meeting of laymen, gathered from the churches, decided on a pastoral staff of fitting beauty and richness, that should be to you and to your successors not only a memorial of your election, but a token of the care and authority of a Bishop over his diocese. The committee in charge is now called under Divine Providence to ask your Lordship to accept the fruit of their labours and to dedicate to the service of Almighty God this beautiful staff—an emblem at once of service and authority which has been sanctioned and used from time immemorial in our historic Church. Let its symbolism speak to you and to all men of truth and beauty. The ancient Celtic reading on the crook is typical of many congregation united under one Bishop; the Agnus Dei is symbolical of the Lamb once slain for men and raised from the dead at this glorious Eastertide; the jewels denote 'sincerity' and 'light'; the Canadian wake-robin flora on the knop are emblematical of the Blessed Trinity in leaf and flower; the prairie flowers on the crook are typical of the joy and gladness which the Gospel of Christ brings to the souls of men, even as they, in their natural state, make glad and bright our dear Canadian soil. To you in visible form upon this staff is given the Lord's command (as to the first Apostles), 'Pascite measoves,' as well as the Church's admonition to their successors, 'Esto Gregi Christi Pastor.' Let the gilding be emblematical of this, the jubilee year of your diocese; let the crown be symbolical of the reward that follows faithful service in the sheepfold of the Chief Pastor, and let the staff in its form and all its parts ever remind the shepherd of the flock and the flock of the shepherd. Accept, then, this staff, Right Reverend Father-in-God, with the heartfelt joy of the laity in your election and consecration; their loyal support and earnest prayer that the Divine blessing will ever rest

upon your labours; that you may long be spared to guide the Church in rebuking wrong, in strengthening the weak, and binding up the broken, in giving comfort to the stricken, rest to the weary, balm to the sorrowful, peace to the dying and in ever leading men to Him who is the Great Shepherd and Saviour of us all."

The address ended the chairman gave the staff to the Bishop who, on taking it, said: "In the name of God, Amen. We receive this staff, the gift of the laity of the Diocese of Montreal to us, as Bishop of Montreal, and to our successors in this See, and do now proceed to dedicate it to the service of Almighty God and of His Holy Catholic Church."

Preceded by his staff-bearer and chaplain, and followed by the members of the presentation committee and a number of prominent laymen, the Bishop then carried the staff to the altar, upon which he laid it, the crook resting on the gospel side. Then, standing "humbly afore the middes of the altar," he blessed and dedicated it in the form and manner following:—"Almighty and Most Merciful God, Who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, mercifully regard the supplications of Thy congregation and vouchsafe to accept, sanctify and bless this staff which we now dedicate and bless in Thy Name as a token of the pastoral office, that they who are furnished therewith may so diligently keep Thy people as to suffer none to stray from the unity of the Church, but may make whole that which is broken, establish that which is shaken, and may keep both themselves and their flocks whole and undefiled for Thee; Who livest and reignest ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen."

"O Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, Who didst lay down Thy life for the sheep and Who dost ever nourish them with the spiritual food of Thy most precious Body and Blood; we pray Thee to quicken with Thy divine charity the hearts of those whom Thou hast chosen to be Pastors of Thy flock that they may resolve gladly to spend whatsoever Thou hast given them in ministering to the salvation of Thine elect servants and in promoting Thine own eternal praise and glory; Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen."

"O Lord God, Who art the Author of all gifts which are consecrated unto Thee, be pleased to bless all those who have in any way or in any degree contributed to the production and presentation of this staff, granting them Thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The dedication ended, hymn 352, "Christ is gone up; yet ere he pass'd," was sung, during the rendition of which the Bishop, preceded by Mr. Sawers, bearing the staff, proceeded to the pulpit, where he subsequently, staff in hand, replied to the address of presentation, expressing his appreciation of the laity's gift, and sketching the rise and development of the staff as a token of the episcopal office.

"The use of the staff," he said, "is of primitive and not of mediaeval origin. While, therefore, accepting this staff, I am perpetuating a very ancient custom in the Church, one which adds dignity to the office. I am also perpetuating the custom of this Diocese of Montreal. Our first Bishop used a staff, which I have had the privilege of using since my coming among you. It is a staff of dignity and grace, and is to be venerated as the first staff used in this diocese, and, if I mistake not, the first used in our Church in Canada. I hope it will always be preserved in this Cathedral as a sacred historic relic. While I shall show my appreciation of your gift by always using this beautiful and artistic staff in this Cathedral, and wherever else it may be required in the diocese, yet I shall always venerate the historic staff used by Bishop Fulford, my great predecessor in this See. It will, indeed, be fitting that this Cathedral, which was built by him, should treasure as one of its most valued possessions the staff which he carried."

The reply ended, the Bishop and his chaplain, as well as the Cathedral clergy, went into the sanctuary, then followed the offertory, during the taking of which the choir of the Cathedral sang, with magnificent effect, Shelley's beautiful anthem, "The King of Love my Shepherd is." After the presentation of the alms, the Bishop said a number of appropriate collects, and, then, staff in hand, pronounced the Benediction. Thus was brought to a close a most beautiful and impressive service. After the recessional, the staff was again brought into the Cathedral where it was critically inspected by the large congregation. The general opinion seemed to be that it was a most magnificent and symbolic "ornament." Its total cost was upwards of \$650.

The committee in charge of the donation were: Mr. A. M. Crombie, chairman; Lieut.-Col. Hibbard, Messrs. W. H. A. Eckardt, A. R. Doble, O. R. Rowley, hon. treasurer, and John M. Black, hon. secretary.

Among the clergy present at the service was the Rev. Basil G. Bouchier, M.A., of London, who has been preaching the Lenten Missions at the Church of St. John the Evangelist and the Church of the Advent, Montreal. Mr. Bouchier is one of King Edward's chaplains, and, at this service, he wore the robes he always wears when preaching before His Majesty.

Church of the Good Shepherd.—The Bishop of Montreal officiated at the opening of the Church of the Good Shepherd, at the corner of Claremont Avenue and Sherbrooke Street, on Thursday evening, April 8th. The church is the fourth that has been built of the six that were asked for by the late Bishop Carmichael to meet the needs of the suburbs, and it is the gift of a friend of the Anglican Church, who does not wish his name made public. The seating accommodation of the church is for upwards of three hundred people and the building was filled at the opening service. The Bishop, in his address, said everyone would appreciate the sentiment that prompted the gift and honour the donor's desire to remain anonymous. His Lordship asked the congregation to realize that the new church marked a forward movement in a general religious awakening, and said it was their privilege to carry on the good cause. The service which was fully choral, was conducted by Dean Evans, Archdeacons Norton and Ker, and the Rev. Dr. G. Abbott-Smith, who read the prayers. The Rev. F. A. Pratt welcomed His Lordship, and referred touchingly to the late Bishop, who had inspired the building of the church.

Bishop Carmichael Memorial Church.—The church which it is proposed to build to the glory of God and in memory of the late Right Rev. Dr. Carmichael, fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal, will be given to the parish of St. Alban's, which embraces St. Denis Boulevard and Amherst Park. The Rev. H. E. Horsey, the rector, made an announcement to the foregoing effect during service in St. Alban's Mission Church last evening. The statement was authorized by the Rev. Paterson Smyth, chairman of the Memorial Committee, after Bishop Farthing had sanctioned the selection of St. Alban's parish, which, it is generally conceded, is more urgently in need and deserving of a new church building than any other parish in the suburbs of the city. St. Alban's Church Mission was commenced in 1894 in a room in Mr. L. J. Lepage's house, Amherst Park, and for a time the Rev. Canon Evans, who occupied the adjoining parish of All Saints, assumed spiritual oversight. He laid the foundation of the present mission hall of St. Alban's, on St. Zotique Street, and then, with the Bishop's sanction, handed over the charge of the mission to the Students' Missionary Society of the Diocesan College. Diligent and earnest work has always been a characteristic of the mission church's members, who have shown a consistent increase in numbers with the passing of years. The Rev. H. E. Horsey was appointed in July, 1905, to the charge of the mission, which was created a parish by Synod in February 1906. About this time the church was enlarged by the addition of 40 feet to its length, the greater part of the work being done at night time by the voluntary labour of the members of the congregation. In 1900, seventeen families—ninety-one persons in all—belonged to the mission. Five years later the members had increased to sixty-five families and two hundred and seventy persons, while at the present time there are one hundred and ninety-five families and about one thousand persons directly associated with the church. The Sunday School pupils have increased from 60 in 1900, and 96 in 1905, to upwards of 250 at the present time; in fact, there are more pupils than the church building can find accommodation for, and a class has to be taken at the residence of Mr. D. G. Lepage. The church is filled at every Sunday service, and at special services accommodation cannot be provided for all who wish to attend. A branch mission has been started on Papineau Avenue, Rossland extension. It has a Sunday School of thirty and a Sunday evening congregation of forty.

St. John the Evangelist.—The Rev. Basil G. Bouchier, M.A., vicar-designate of the Hamstead Garden City, London, Eng., closed a most successful Lenten mission at this church and the Church of the Advent on Easter Day, preaching in the former church at the high celebration in the morning and in the latter at Evensong. Overflowing congregations greeted the eloquent missionary on each occasion; in fact, the churches, large as they were, were far too small to accommodate the immense crowds that flocked to hear him, and hundreds were turned away. Mr. Bouchier came to Montreal at the request of the Rev.

Edmund Wood and with the approval of the Bishop of London and the Bishop of Montreal. He preached his first sermon in St. John's Church at Evensong on Quinquagesima Sunday, when it was at once seen that he was a preacher of rare magnetism, eloquence and spirituality. During his sojourn of six weeks in Montreal he attracted enormous congregations to the churches in which he preached, not only on Sundays but on week nights. At St. John's on Good Friday the church was crowded from the opening of the three hours' service at 12 o'clock until its close at 3 o'clock, and on Easter Day, the largest congregation in the history of the church was assembled within its walls. While in Montreal Mr. Bouchier also spoke at the Cathedral, and at the Church of St. James the Apostle, and frequently delivered addresses and officiated at services in the St. Margaret's Home and elsewhere. His farewell service was held in the Home on Easter Monday afternoon, on the evening of which day he left for New York, where he was the guest of Bishop Courtney until, when he sailed on the steamship Teutonic for England. During his stay of six weeks in Canada Mr. Bouchier preached no less than 74 sermons—the record for two days being, respectively, 7 and 5. In the interests of his Garden City work he visited Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec, where he addressed large congregations. At the beginning of his visit he asked the Canadian people for \$1,500 wherewith to erect a pulpit in his Garden City Church. When he left Montreal he had already received \$300 in excess of the amount he had asked for. Several church gifts from private parties had also been promised him. Mr. Bouchier's Lenten sermons dealt with the problems of modern life, and it was an inspiration to witness how young and old, rich and poor, hung upon his words. No more powerful Anglican preacher has visited the city in recent years.

Most of the churches in this city held their annual Easter vestry meetings on Easter Monday last, and the reports presented at them were considered to be very satisfactory on the whole.

Grace Church.—Wardens, T. Worthington, G. H. Jenkins; delegates to Synod, W. McWord, C. Manning. A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of an address of congratulation to the rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Ker on his completion of twenty years pastorate at the church and of appreciation of his services which the rector acknowledged in a short speech.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, N. Wight, J. Forgrave; delegates to Synod, H. Tucker, B.C.L., H. J. Elliott, B.C.L.

Trinity.—Wardens, Major A. F. Gault, W. S. Campbell; delegates to Synod, A. Baillie, J. Mitchell. The stipend of the rector was increased by the sum of \$400 making it the sum of 2,400 in all. The Bishop was present at the meeting, and during a part of the evening presided.

L'Eglise Du Redempteur.—Wardens, Messrs. Kingsley and Valliere; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Calixte, Kingsley and A. Valliere.

Church of the Advent.—Wardens, J. Rogers, F. G. Mingay; delegates to Synod, A. P. Tuppet, J. Rogers. A special vote of thanks was passed to the Guild of St. Agnes for a handsome altar frontal which the members had presented to the church.

St. Matthias'.—Wardens, T. Brophy, H. E. Suckling; delegates to Synod, Col. Sweeny, and J. J. Fisk. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and matters in connection with the proposed new church were discussed. It is anticipated that the new edifice will soon be erected.

St. Barnabas.—Wardens, H. Tucker, W. H. B. Hooper; delegates to Synod, J. Horsfall, A. S. Hetherington. Receipts, \$1,919; disbursements, \$1,807.

All Saints'.—Wardens, W. J. T. Malone, W. H. Flawn; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Davis and Notting.

St. Stephen's.—Wardens, G. M. Bosworth, W. D. Birchall; delegates to Synod, Lieut.-Colonel Carson, W. Williamson. The debt on this church during the past year has been reduced \$5,000.

St. Simon's.—Wardens, G. Armstrong, W. G. Kneec; delegates to Synod, J. E. Wright; B. T. Sellars. Receipts, over \$9,000. The stipend of the rector, the Rev. F. Charters, was raised \$200 per annum. A committee was appointed to consider the question of church extension.

St. Clement's.—Wardens, J. F. Farrar, J. F. N. Duggan; delegates to Synod, E. May, G. R. Ker. The financial report was a very satisfactory one.

Church of the Redeemer.—Wardens, A. Bate-man, J. Hern; delegates to Synod, W. B. Clark, J. G. Brock. It was decided to hold monthly vestry meetings in future.

St. Edward's.—Delegates to Synod, J. Maybury, R. J. Kendall. The meeting was adjourned till early in May.

St. Cyprian's.—The vestry meeting of this parish was held on Easter Monday evening. Mr.

J. Jarvis was appointed rector's warden and Mr. Mr. W. Carter people's warden, Mr. H. G. Goodfellow was elected vestry clerk. Plans for a parish house were presented to the meeting but were referred back to a select vestry for further consideration. The Easter Day services were well attended, and the number of communicants at both celebrations was larger than on any previous Easter Day. The outlook for the parish is, to say the least, very encouraging. Delegates to Synod, A. B. Haycock, H. G. Goodfellow.

St. Thomas.—Wardens, P. B. Ryan, J. Campbell; delegates to Synod, J. Campbell, H. R. Cross. The financial position is a most satisfactory one.

The Bishop visited this church on Wednesday evening the 14th inst., and confirmed a large number of candidates, who were presented to him by the Rev. Canon Renaud, the rector of the parish. The Bishop was attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Norton, who acted as chaplain.

St. Alban's.—Wardens, W. C. Butcher, H. Peterson; delegates to Synod, H. James, G. Bennett. Very much satisfaction was expressed at the decision to erect the Bishop Carmichael Memorial Church in this parish. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the rector for his steady and persistent work in the parish. The meeting adjourned until May 17th.

St. Luke's.—Meeting postponed for one week.

St. Phillip's.—Meeting postponed till May 3rd.

Church of the Ascension.—The annual Easter vestry meeting of this church was held on Easter Monday evening, Rev. J. R. Flanagan rector, presiding. The financial report for the year was read by Mr. Loiselle, and was very satisfactory, showing a credit balance of \$90. The report from the Sunday School showed the great need of teachers owing to the increase in the number of scholars. The gentlemen holding office last year were re-elected.

St. James the Apostle.—Meeting adjourned till April 26th.

St. John the Evangelist.—Meeting adjourned till April 19th.

St. George's.—Meeting adjourned till May 10. Christ Church Cathedral.—Meeting adjourned until May.

Hochelaga.—St. Mary's.—Wardens, R. W. Milne, C. J. Wight; delegates to Synod, C. Wright, F. Kirkpatrick. A new steam heating plant has been installed during the past year at a cost of \$700. The financial report was a satisfactory one.

Terrebonne.—The annual vestries of Mascouche and Terrebonne were held on Easter Monday, with the incumbent, the Rev. H. C. Walsh, in the chair. Grace Church, Mascouche, was able to report the best financial statement since the incumbent took charge, four years ago, showing all arrears wiped out, and despite the heaviest current expenses in several years, a balance on the right side. It was decided to now proceed with the enlargement of the carriage shed, and to take steps towards securing a new organ. At St. Michael's Church, Terrebonne, it was resolved, among other things, to have the church lighted by electricity, and to beautify the grounds with shade trees.

Buckingham.—St. Stephen's.—At the annual vestry meeting, the rector, Rev. J. Ellis Ireland, presided. The various reports presented were of a very satisfactory nature, the financial statement showing an increased revenue over last year. The feature of the evening was the raising of the rector's stipend by \$150. Considering that this parish three years ago was drawing \$200 from the Mission Fund, it is quite evident that Buckingham is not asleep. The election of officers resulted as follows: Rector's warden, Mr. Silvester Newton; people's warden, Mr. R. T. Manley; delegates to Synod, Mr. W. E. Middleton and Mr. Edgar Roy; sidesmen, Messrs. Jas. Drummond, Harry Halliday, Wallace Hewson, Reid Flaherty, and H. M. Crawford.

Valleyfield.—St. Mark's.—The annual Easter vestry meeting of this church was held in the church hall on Easter Monday evening. The incumbent, the Rev. R. Gordon Ascah, presided, and opened the meeting with prayer. After the minutes were read and confirmed the wardens presented their report. Mention was made of progress in spite of the unsettled condition of trade in the town. The financial report showed a balance on hand. Total cash received, \$1,400.50; disbursements, \$1,391.68; balance, \$8.82. The Sunday School report was submitted by the superintendent, Mr. W. Isherwood, and showed that the sum of \$343.91 had been raised during the year. Average attendance of scholars, 130; teachers, 12. Average collection, \$2.16. The Ladies' Guild reported through their presi-

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dent, Mrs. Robert Kay, that to date the sum of \$236.09 had been received. No official report was given by the Young Mens' Association, but it was stated that there remained a substantial balance in the bank. The election of officers resulted as follows: Wardens, Walter Sutherland, M.D., J. H. Whalley; sidesmen, J. Sweeting, W. Connell, J. Crook, S. Sugden, Thomas Saunders, T. Isherwood; delegates to Synod, Hamilton Gault, Charles Gurnham; auditors, Sam. Sugden, Charles Gurnham; representative on County Board, A. V. Gurnham. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to all who had held office or assisted in the work of the church during the past year, special reference being made to the wardens, delegates, officers of Sunday School, officers of Ladies' Guild, choir-master and choir. It was moved that a committee be named to prepare a letter of congratulation and welcome to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to be presented to him on the occasion of his first visit to this parish on Friday the 16th inst. The incumbent asked for an opinion on the subject of introducing a surplised choir. After some discussion it was decided that the matter should receive the careful thought of the members of the vestry and that if at any time it was thought wise to introduce a surplise choir a meeting of the vestry be held to decide the matter. A report of the Organ Fund showed that the sum of \$394.36 had been raised during the two past years. This was largely due, as was stated in the warden's report, to the efforts of the Misses Simpson and members of the choir. The church debt continues to decrease through the untiring efforts of the Ladies' Guild and Sunday School. After some further business of a purely parochial nature the meeting adjourned at 9.45.

ONTARIO.

William Lennox Mills, D.D., Bishop, Kingston.

Kingston.—St. George's Cathedral.—Wardens, Messrs. Spangenburg and Waldron; delegate to Synod for three years, M. Sutherland.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, G. Compton, A. J. Shannon; delegates to Synod, W. Carroll, H. Simpson.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, Ald. R. F. Elliott, A. E. Loscomb; delegate to Synod for three years, J. W. Power.

St. James'.—Meeting postponed on account of the vicar's illness.

The following are the Bishop's public engagements for the next month:—April 20th to 26th, committee meetings in Toronto; April 25th, Sunday, St. Paul's, Toronto, 11 a.m., Church of Redeemer, 7 p.m.; May 2nd, Sunday, Tamworth, 10.30 a.m., Enterprise, 3 p.m., Marlbank, 7 p.m.; May 5th, Stella, 8 p.m.; May 6th, Emerald, 11 a.m.; Bath, 8 p.m.; May 7th, Fredericksburgh, 11 a.m., Adolphustown, 7.30 p.m.; May 8th, Gosport, 10.30 a.m.; May 9th, Sunday, Marysburg, 11 a.m., Milford, 3 p.m., Picton, 7 p.m.; May 10th, Gosport, 10.30 a.m., Wellington, 8 p.m.; May 11th, Hillier, 10.30 a.m.; Consecon, 3 p.m., Carrying Place, 8 p.m.; May 12th, Glen Miller, 3 p.m., Trenton, 8 p.m.; May 13th, Frankford, 10.30 a.m., Stirling, 8 p.m.; May 14th, St. Lawrence, 10.30, Rawdon, 8 line, 3, 12th line, 7.30 p.m.; May 15th, Marmora, Trinity, 3 p.m., St. Paul's, 7.30 p.m.; May 16th, Sunday, Madoc, 11 a.m., Rockies, 3 p.m., Queensboro, 7 p.m.; May 17th, Millbridge, 11 a.m., Glenmure, 3 p.m., Bannockburn, 7.30 p.m.; May 18th, L'Amable, 11 a.m., Bancroft, 7.30 p.m.; May 19th, Pevers, 11 a.m., Maynooth, 7.30 p.m.; May 20th, White Church, 10.30 a.m., Monteagle Valley, 3 p.m.; May 21st, Faraday, 11 a.m., Coe Hill, 3 p.m., Ormsby, 7.30 p.m.

Tamworth.—Christ Church.—The services on Easter Day were very well attended. The church was beautifully decorated and the music was most appropriate. The offerings during the day, which amounted to nearly \$50, was given to the rector. The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on the following evening. Wardens, J. Wheeler, D. Hinchey. The parish was never in a healthier or more flourishing condition than now. The congregation of Enterprise hope to greatly improve their church this summer. Mr. E. Teskey, of Queen's University, has been engaged for the summer as lay reader for Marlbank. The Lord Bishop will hold confirmation in Christ Church on 2nd May, 10.30 a.m.

Barriehead.—St. Mark's.—Wardens, J. S. Sibbitt, J. Baxter. The Bishop has appointed Mr. A. McGrear to be rector of this parish. He is to be ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday (D.V.), and will take charge of the parish from June next.

Cataraqui.—Christ Church.—A most harmonious vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. All the reports presented was satisfactory.

Portsmouth.—St. John's.—Wardens, S. M. Watts, J. B. Walkem; delegates to Synod for three years, J. W. Henstridge; for two years, S. N. Watts, J. B. Walkem. Meeting adjourned for two weeks.

Belleville.—St. Thomas.—Wardens, Ald. J. A. Kerr, F. B. Hudson; delegates to Synod for three years, Messrs. Kenny and S. A. Lockwood. Receipts, \$3,234.52.

St. John's.—Wardens, J. Jervis, F. D. Ford; delegate to Synod for three years, J. Black.

Christ Church.—The vestry meeting was postponed for a week.

Brockville.—St. Peter's.—Wardens, Mr. Baynes, His Honor Judge McDonald. Receipts, \$3,084.15.

Trinity.—Wardens, W. Richardson, A. H. Cobb; delegate to Synod for unexpired term of two years; W. Richardson; for three years, C. W. deCarle.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, W. H. Osborne, W. H. Davis; delegate to Synod, A. Coad.

Prescott.—St. John's.—The vestry of this church, to which belongs the cemetery containing the grave of Barbara Heck, founder of Methodism in Canada, has consented to the granting of a 99-year lease of the plot containing her grave to the Barbara Heck Memorial Committee with permission to erect a memorial, which is already nearing completion.

Picton.—St. Mary Magdalene.—On Good Friday night the Crucifixion by Stainer was rendered by the choir. On Easter Sunday there were three celebrations of the Holy Communion, all of which were well attended. The eleven o'clock service was particularly bright, the church was decorated with a profusion of Easter lilies, the music was especially attractive, and the sermon, "The Message of Easter Morning," most inspiring. There was a special Sunday School service, and at the evening service the subject of the sermon was "The Message of Easter Evening." The annual vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, the vicar appointed Mr. Herbert Ringer, his church-warden, and Mr. A. E. Wilson was re-appointed people's warden, all other business was postponed until the adjourned vestry meeting, but before closing the idea of a new church was pretty thoroughly discussed.

Napanee.—St. Mary Magdalene.—The Easter services in this church were of a most beautiful and impressive character. They marked the first anniversary of the induction of the Reverend Rural Dean Dibb as vicar. The services of the day consisted of early communion at 6 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion at 10.30, Sunday School meeting at 3 p.m., and Evensong at 7 p.m. The early service was well attended, no less than 76 communicants partaking of the Sacrament. Two very earnest addresses were delivered by the vicar, the text in the morning being 1 Cor. 5:7, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us," and in the evening his sermon was based upon Acts 26:18, "Why should it seem incredible that God should raise the dead." The musical portion of the service was rendered by the choir of the church composed of forty members and reflected great credit upon the leader. The solos of Miss Herring and Messrs. White and Fisher deserve particular mention, and the evening services concluded with a quartette, "Saviour, breathe an evening blessing," sung very feelingly by Mrs. Burritt, Miss Light and Messrs. White and Fisher after the Benediction had been pronounced, and while the congregation remained kneeling. The Sunday School meeting in the afternoon was well attended and addresses were delivered by the vicar, the superintendent and wardens. During the course of both morning and evening services, a letter from the wardens was read by the vicar, thanking the congregation for their loyal support and co-operation during the year just closed. So many members of the congregation expressed their appreciation of the music of the day that the choir by special request will on Sunday evening next repeat the programme so beautifully rendered on Easter night. The chapel, in the basement of this church, has been further enriched by the donation of a handsome organ, the much-appreciated gift of Mrs. Herbert Daly.

Camden East.—St. Luke's.—The choir of this church were vested for the first time at the evening service on Easter Day, and there was a special

service of praise rendered at the close of the sermon.

Belleville.—St. Thomas.—The Rev. A. L. Geen, the curate of this church was presented at Easter with a beautiful rich corded black silk cassock and girdle by some of his friends, which he wore for the first time on Easter Day.

OTTAWA.

Charles Hamilton, D.D., Bishop, Ottawa, Ont.

Ottawa.—Many of the city churches held their annual vestry meetings on Monday of last week, according to canonical regulation, in some cases, however, the meetings adjourned without taking up any business, so that complete reports of the year's work might be placed before the respective congregations. Of those that transacted the business on the agenda, the following summarized reports are given.

St. John's.—The Rev. E. H. Capp presided.—Reports showed excellent work done, and the church in first-class financial condition. Total receipts, \$5,062; expenditure, \$4,600; baptisms, 24; marriages, 20; deaths, 16; people's warden, W. H. Pennock; rector's warden, J. R. Armstrong; delegate to Synod, J. R. Armstrong. The proposal to purchase a new organ was referred for report at a subsequent meeting.

St. George's.—The Rev. J. M. Snowdon presided.—All reports thoroughly satisfactory. Receipts, \$11,500; expenditure, \$10,273; rector's warden, G. A. Mountain; people's warden, Andrew Hayden. The approaching resignation of the Rev. E. C. Burch, who has been appointed assistant rector of Holy Trinity, Winnipeg, was referred to with extreme regret.

All Saints'.—The Rev. A. W. MacKay presided.—Reports showed the most prosperous year in the history of the church. Receipts, \$7,786; expenditure, \$7,570; increase of 20 families in the congregation; 31 baptisms, 18 marriages, 40 confirmations, 17 burials. Sunday School has 319 teachers and scholars. Rector's warden, T. C. Bate; people's warden, D. M. Finnie; delegate to Synod, H. N. Bate. Plans for enlargement of church buildings and the erection of a rectory were discussed and referred for future report.

St. Barnabas.—Mr. E. R. Dewhurst presided in the absence of the rector, the Rev. H. Love, who is at present in England. Receipts, \$2,222; expenditure, \$2,207; rector's warden, Lt.-Col. G. C. Jones, M.D.; people's warden, E. R. Dewhurst; delegates to Synod, W. M. Maynard and Lt.-Col. Jones.

Ottawa South.—Trinity.—The Rev. C. B. Clarke presided. Reports showed satisfactory results of year's work and good progress in all departments. Financial statement indicated balance in hand. People's warden, H. Fentiman; rector's warden, C. O. Wood; delegate to Synod, John Kelly.

Hintonburg.—St. Matthias.—The Rev. E. A. Anderson presided. It was decided to purchase additional land adjoining the present church property to enable an enlargement of the edifice in the near future. Rector's warden, George Partidge; people's warden, Donald Lockhart; delegate to Synod, Fred. Hayter.

Hazeldean.—St. Paul's.—Finances in excellent condition, showing credit balance of \$335, a scheme of extensive renovation of the church building was approved. Rector's warden, Adam Abbott; people's warden, Robert Bradley; delegate to Synod, J. J. Hodgins.

TORONTO.

James Fielding Sweeney, D.D., Bishop, Toronto.

Toronto.—Synod Office.—Circulars have been sent to all the clergy, notifying them of the Confirmation engagements of the Bishop during the coming summer, as far as have been arranged for. Also blank forms of annual report to be filled up by the clergymen of each Parish and Mission, and sent in to the Synod Office immediately after the vestry meetings, have been forwarded to the clergy. As the statistics of the diocese are made up from these reports it is important that they should be filled up and sent in promptly. The Rev. H. D. Raymond, M.A., formerly assistant in All Saints', Toronto, has been licensed by the Bishop as assistant curate to the

Rev. Canon Greene, L.Th., rector of St. James' Church, Orillia, Ont. The special edition of the "Synod Journal," containing full particulars of the Election, Consecration, Installation and Enthronement of the Ven. Archdeacon Sweeny, M.A., D.D., as fourth Bishop of Toronto, is being printed and will be issued in a few days. Copies may be procured at the Synod Office. The Rev. C. W. Holdsworth, of Rosemount, has been appointed to the incumbency of Belmont, and will take charge May 1st.

The reports presented at the very great majority of the vestry meetings which were held in this city last Easter Monday were of a most encouraging nature, and they plainly showed that progress and advance had been made all along the line. The general feeling expressed in regard to the position of the Church, and more especially of the future which lies before it, was optimistic to a degree. The following are the leading results of the meetings held, election of wardens, etc.:

St. James'.—Wardens, Dr. Grasett, A. H. Campbell; delegates to Synod, Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C., Col. Grasett, A. D. Braithwaite. Receipts, \$33,014, of which \$17,461 were for parochial purposes, \$14,042 for missions, and \$609 for diocesan purposes. The most important forward step taken during the meeting was to authorize the immediate erection of the new parish house, plans for which have been under consideration since last Easter. This was done with enthusiasm in face of the fact that the expenditure now contemplated is \$80,000 in place of \$60,000, as first planned, as a larger building was found necessary. The old schoolhouse will be demolished at once. It was announced that the Easter Sunday offerings at St. James' amounted to the magnificent sum of \$3,387.

St. George's.—Wardens, L. McMurray, R. A. Baines; delegates to Synod, G. F. and H. M. Harman.

Church of the Ascension.—Wardens, T. G. Soole, M. Currey, delegates to Synod, R. C. Bickerstaffe, T. D. Delamere, K.C., and T. Langton; receipts, \$3,734.11; balance in hand, \$21.47. Several handsome gifts of church furniture have lately been presented.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, G. H. Kilmer, C. Lewis; delegates to Synod, Hon. S. H. Blake, R. Millichamp, J. R. Roaf. The total income from all sources amounted to \$38,356.79, an increase of \$6,673.40 over the preceding year. The receipts of the general expense fund were \$17,605.97. Pew rents and offertory collections show an increase of \$1,214.77. Missionary collections amounted to \$10,842, and special collections for Synod purposes, etc., \$1,921.51. The Woman's Auxiliary raised \$1,960. Contributions to Wycliffe College by members of the congregation totalled \$2,006. The Sunday School and Boys' Club collections amounted to \$1,022.27, and to other objects there was subscribed \$600. The response to the Laymen's Missionary Movement was very hearty, resulting in the amount aimed at, \$15,000 being practically attained. The erection of a new church was decided upon.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, J. T. Symons, J. A. Catto; delegates to Synod, G. S. Holmsted, K.C., W. H. Worden, A. F. Jones. The financial statement showed that a small overdraft which existed at the close of the fiscal year, March 15th, had since been wiped out, and that the church is now without capital liabilities, except the mortgage on the schoolhouse, which now stands at \$6,400. During the past two years the mortgage has been reduced by \$2,000, a very creditable effort. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of a handsome silk umbrella, to Mr. J. C. Morgan, who has been acting as the honorary organist for the past three months. Mr. Selwyn Holmsted, Jr., the retiring people's warden, made the presentation, and Mr. Morgan acknowledged the gift in a gracefully-worded speech.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, J. W. Humphrey, R. H. Cosbie; delegates to Synod, F. J. Stewart, A. J. Russell Snow, R. R. Davis. Receipts, \$5,846.76. The rector's stipend was increased \$100.

St. Matthias.—Wardens, E. Reeves, E. J. Skinner; delegates to Synod, E. Reeves, E. Verity. The wardens acknowledged the gift of a handsome white bourse and veil for the altar, and the rector acknowledged the gift of beautiful white vestments.

Holy Trinity.—Wardens, W. R. Cavell, A. D. Langmuir; delegates to Synod, C. J. Agar, H. P. Blachford, J. A. Worrell, K.C. Receipts, \$5,582.21. The balance on hand amounts to \$479.59.

Church of the Redeemer.—Wardens, A. D. Parker, W. C. Brent; delegates to Synod, A. H. Campbell, N. W. Hoyles, K.C. Receipts, \$14,920.27; disbursements, \$12,804.71.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens, E. F. Crossland, A. Parker; delegates to Synod, F. W. Thomas, J. A. Ewan, J. C. Forman. Receipts, \$5,444.81; disbursements, \$5,345.80.

St. Stephen's.—Wardens, C. A. C. Jennings, Captain Melville; receipts, \$8,185. A Building Committee was appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a new church as the congregation has so greatly increased that a step of this kind is absolutely necessary.

St. John the Evangelist.—Wardens, R. McCausland, H. Briscoe; delegates to Synod, A. R. Boswell, K.C., D. D. Harmon, R. McCausland; receipts, \$4,004; disbursements, \$3,766.

St. Philip's.—Delegates to Synod, C. Evans-Lewis, W. Brooks and R. McLelland; receipts, \$5,538.71; disbursements, \$5,524.16. As a successor to the Lord Bishop of Toronto as rector of the parish has not yet been decided upon, the meeting was adjourned indefinitely, and no election of wardens or sidesmen took place.

St. Simon's.—Wardens, M. Rawlinson, R. R. Lockhart; delegates to Synod, F. E. Hodgins, K.C., T. E. Moberly, and W. G. Gwynne; receipts, \$17,168. The rector, the Rev. E. C. Cayley, will have a two months' holiday in England during the summer, and the congregation are giving him a purse of \$500 towards the expenses of the trip. The Rev. E. J. Wood, the assistant rector, was granted a bonus of \$200.

St. Thomas'.—Wardens, D. W. Saunders, W. Rae; delegates to Synod, J. H. Paterson, J. R. Cartwright, H. T. Beck; receipts, \$12,941.35; disbursements, \$8,591.01. During the past year both the parish house and the rectory were acquired, the former costing \$7,800, and the latter \$13,500.

St. Bartholemew.—Wardens, R. Postans, J. G. Lackey. During the past year the congregation of this church has spent over \$400 in putting on a new roof and decorating the interior of the pretty little River Street church. There was a note of sadness in last night's vestry meeting, as it will probably be the last Easter meeting to be held in the church, the city requiring the property in connection with the building of the Wilton Avenue bridge. The rector, the Rev. G. J. Taylor, presided, and said he could not yet give the congregation any definite information regarding a new site and church, as the city had not yet given them notice of their intentions. Receipts, \$1,498.50; disbursements, \$1,467.30.

Grace Church.—Wardens, L. Rawlinson, J. W. Truscott; delegates to Synod, J. S. Barber, A. F. Wallis, J. W. Congdon; receipts, \$2,854.08; disbursements, \$2,844.70. It was decided to adopt the new Hymnal when it is issued.

Trinity Church.—Wardens, R. M. Cameron, G. Stagg, Sr.; receipts, \$4,080.40; disbursements about the same.

St. Anne's.—Wardens, G. Rathbone, E. Hawes; receipts, (including \$20,000 from the mortgage account), \$38,481.90.

All Saints'.—Wardens, S. Trees, F. H. Bridgen; delegates to Synod, S. Trees, W. H. Lockhart Gordon, W. H. Knowlton; receipts, \$14,990.43. The question of enlarging the church was discussed, but it was decided to leave this matter over to be thoroughly considered at a special meeting of the vestry to be held later on in the year. All who were present expressed themselves as in favour of the project.

St. Jude's.—Wardens, G. E. Liddell, W. E. Squire; delegates to Synod, E. P. Howe, I. J. Cooper, D. E. Standen. Receipts, \$1,400, with disbursements about the same. Although small in numbers, the congregation of this church have had such a successful year that they decided to go ahead with the work of building a new addition to the present edifice at a cost of \$12,000, which will also include the completion of the tower. The seating capacity, at present 250, will be trebled, and it is expected that the new addition will be ready for occupation about November next.

Church of the Epiphany.—Wardens, E. S. Ball, A. C. McConnell. Receipts, \$5,639. The Rev. R. B. Grobb was appointed curate of the parish. Such gratifying progress has been made that it was decided at the meeting to build a new church on the corner of Queen Street and Beatty Avenue, the full details of which were left to the members of a special committee.

St. Mark's.—Wardens, P. H. Drayton, H. Jewell; delegates to Synod, G. Gouinlock, H. Jewell, P. H. Drayton. Receipts, \$5,804. The curate's salary was increased to \$1,200.

Church of the Messiah.—Wardens, H. O. Asman, W. A. Wharrin; delegates to Synod, J. Patterson, W. H. Battin, H. Mortimer. Receipts, \$8,241.77; disbursements, \$8,196.77.

St. Aidan's.—Wardens, Dr. W. F. Clarke, W. Hanna; delegates to Synod, the two church-

wardens and C. B. Watts. Receipts, \$3,172.34; balance in hand, \$281.33.

St. Margaret's.—Wardens, H. H. Drury, C. Deverall; delegates to Synod, J. Maughan, Beverley Robinson and Dr. J. Harley Smith. Receipts, \$5,458; balance in hand, \$53.75, with all liabilities paid. The members of the Finance Committee and the churchwardens were instructed to take action for the enlargement of the church and the erection of a new Sunday School.

St. Clement's.—Wardens, S. B. Herbert, R. Hanks. Receipts, \$2,688.22; disbursements, \$2,645.79. The rector, the Rev. John Bushell, who presided, announced that as the result of the generous offertory on Easter Day the whole of the mortgage debt on the church had been wiped out. Last Easter this amounted to \$1,500.

St. Augustine's.—Wardens, F. W. Harcourt, K.C., E. B. Brown, K.C.; delegates to Synod, Major Crozier, H. M. Blackburn, Capt. Malone. Receipts, \$10,166.68. During the year one of the members offered \$1,000 in aid of the building extension fund, providing a similar amount could be raised by the congregation before Easter; not only has this amount been received, but considerably more. An increase to the general fund has been guaranteed by an increase of 45 new subscribers to the envelope system during the year.

St. Cyprian's.—Wardens, A. L. Barrett, E. W. Hylton; delegates to Synod, E. Price, T. Fraser, A. L. Barrett. It was proposed that the stipend of the rector, the Rev. C. A. Seager, M.A., should be increased, but at the rector's request the matter was left over until a special vestry meeting in the autumn. The total receipts for the year ending March 2nd were \$2,543, and the expenditure, \$3,003. The deficit was practically cleared away by the Easter offertory. It was decided to appoint a Parish Council, to assist the rector and churchwardens in the parochial work.

St. Mary Magdalene.—Wardens, T. G. L. Barnes, P. Dykes; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Lightbourn, Dykes, and V. P. Thompson. Receipts, \$3,324.49; disbursements, \$4,004.36.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.—Wardens, T. Needham, J. Hollinger; delegates to Synod, P. D. Knowles, J. B. McCaul, G. W. Parker. Receipts, \$1,855.31; disbursements, \$1,589.41. The receipts showed an increase of \$1,100 over those of last year. The congregation has so greatly increased in numbers that it is found necessary to build a larger church and a committee was appointed to at once look for a suitable site. Directly this is obtained the erection of a more commodious church will be proceeded with at once.

St. Mary the Virgin.—Wardens, (people's), G. T. Sheppard. The appointment of the rector's warden was postponed for a week. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Sheppard and MacKenzie. Receipts, \$5,029.85; disbursements, \$4,859.37. The Rev. Anthony Hart, the rector, was authorized to appoint a curate to assist him.

St. Saviour's.—Wardens, (people's), C. J. McReath. The appointment of the rector's warden was postponed for a week. Delegates to Synod, N. T. Lyon, C. J. McReath, F. P. Edmunds. Receipts, \$1,150; disbursements, \$1,140.39.

St. Barnabas.—Wardens, R. Burns, F. A. Pennel. Receipts, \$1,416.32; disbursements, \$1,269.14.

The Rev. S. E. Peck, who has had an interesting career as a pioneer missionary in the Hudson Bay region, was in the city lately. He was born near Manchester, England, in 1850. Left an orphan at 13, he went into the Navy, and through a fondness for Scripture reading, became imbued with missionary fervour, and in his early manhood bought his discharge. About 20 years ago he was sent by the Church of England as missionary to the Eskimos to the remote Black Lead Island, in the Hudson Bay, Mr. Peck's visit here is to assist in the translation of missionary literature into Eskimo. He will shortly return to Black Lead Island.

Bishop and Mrs. Reeve have given up their apartments at the Alexandra and have taken up their abode at 544 Huron Street, in this city.

Laymen's Missionary Movement.—In connection with this Movement the laymen of the Church held a meeting on Thursday evening last, under the presidency of Mr. Frank E. Hodgins, K.C., at which a committee of forty-six members was appointed to be a central committee for the movement in the Church of England in this city, and to consider and act upon what they consider the best methods of organization for the carrying on of the work. The following is the committee appointed:—Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C., A. B. Morine, K.C., F. E. Hodgins, K.C., A. H. Campbell, A. W. Grasett, G. B. Kirkpatrick, D. W. Saunders, K.C., W. J. Dyas, N. F. Davidson, K.C., R. R. Lockhart, Dr. W. H. Pepler, J. S. Barber, Jas. A.

Catto, R. H. Coleman, Noel Marshall, J. A. Kammerer, A. R. Boswell, K.C., A. S. Wigmore, J. S. Green, W. H. Worden, Mark Bredin, J. M. McWhinney, W. H. Smith, J. D. Falconbridge, C. A. Moss, W. C. Brent, Jas. Moneypenney, Evelyn Macrae, Thos. Jenkins, F. C. Jarvis, F. J. Stewart, Philip Dykes, R. A. Williams, H. P. Blachford, T. D. Delamere, K.C., Dr. W. F. Clark, Dr. Harley Smith, S. Casey Wood, Jr., W. D. Gwynne, W. M. Wallace, Henry Briggs, F. A. Hall, W. H. Lockhart Gordon, J. C. Forman, J. R. Roaf, John A. Ewan, and the Chairmen of the various parochial committees.

York Mills.—Sunday, April 18th, is a day long to be remembered in the parish of York Mills, as it marked the first official visit of the newly-elected Bishop of Toronto (Dr. Sweeney). He visited the parish to hold a Confirmation service. Before the sermon, the rector, in the name of the congregation, welcomed His Lordship, and offered congratulations on the honour conferred upon him in his election to the Bishopric of Toronto, assuring him of the upholding of his hands in prayer and service. Having thanked the congregation for this mark of esteem and respect, His Lordship proceeded to his address to the candidates, and the whole congregation. He based his remarks on "The vine and the branches," John 15, and in simple but strikingly beautiful language pointed out therefrom the duties and responsibilities, (1) of the newly-confirmed, connected with the consecration and dedication of themselves to the service of God, and (2) applying them to the congregation appealed to them to give themselves to more active service in the vineyard of the Master. Holy Communion was celebrated afterwards. In spite of the weather and the bad roads, a goodly number of the parishioners were present. In the afternoon the children in the Sunday School had the honour and pleasure of His Lordship's presence. In this department of the Church's work the Bishop is very conversant and has ever shown a very deep interest. His address to them was a very happy one, and enlisted their rapt attention. The theme His Lordship took was the Sunday School as the "Nursery" of the Church, and in homely simile and earnest simple words he completely won the hearts of teachers and children. The day was a very happy one to all concerned, and it is to be hoped that in the not distant future we shall have the pleasure of His Lordship's presence again, and feel the power of his inspiring words.

Wardens, D. Wilkinson, J. Smith; delegates to Synod, F. C. Jarvis, W. L. Short, J. McKenzie.

Eglinton.—St. Clement's.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese preached in this church last Sunday evening, when the sacred edifice was crowded to the doors. Wardens, F. Grundy, D. C. Radcliffe; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Worth, Charlesworth and Robinson. Receipts, \$4,469.39; balance on hand, \$37.25. The rector's stipend was increased by \$200, making a total in all of \$1,400. The curate's stipend was also increased by \$50, making a total in all of \$450.

Peterborough.—All Saints'.—The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday evening, the 12th inst., the rector, the Rev. H. R. Trumpour, M.A., presided. Wardens, Messrs. Hogan, and J. Edgar. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Davis, W. G. Howden, and T. Hooper. The past year has been the most successful year which this church has ever had in its history. The congregation is thoroughly united, and all are working in harmony. The feature of the wardens' report was that during the past six months the weekly offerings have averaged \$50 per Sunday, the largest amount ever received. The average for the six months preceding was \$38. The building of the new church will proceed at once. The congregation is now waiting for the tenders to come in and these will be opened and the contracts awarded at the adjourned meeting to be held in two weeks.

Wychwood.—St. Michael and All Angels.—Wardens, J. M. Greenwood, S. H. Jones; delegates to Synod, the two churchwardens and E. W. Boyd. The rector, the Rev. W. H. Brain, reported the communicants to have reached just double the number of the year previous. The total receipts were over \$1,500. To show their appreciation of their pastor's faithful service during the year the congregation voted him a \$200 increase of salary. Arrangements are being made for the acquisition of a permanent site for the church, and the meeting was adjourned to receive the report from a special committee appointed to look into the matter.

Deer Park.—Christ Church.—Wardens, W. McRae, R. G. Mintz; delegates to Synod, Messrs. Andrew, Graham, and Ball. Receipts, \$2,344.08; balance in hand, \$12.52. The Building Fund of the proposed new church shows total receipts up-to-date of \$9,441.50.

West Toronto.—St. John's.—Wardens, R. W. H. Brough, R. Drewitt; delegates to Synod, B. W. Murray; E. R. Rogers, A. H. Richardson. Receipts, \$3,269.28. The congregation will not erect a new schoolhouse this year. This course has been practically decided upon, but in lieu thereof it is proposed to enlarge the basement.

St. Mark's.—Wardens, P. Laughton, A. Pye; delegates to Synod, the two churchwardens and G. A. Gedron. Receipts, \$1,934.34.

Norway.—St. John the Baptist.—Wardens, A. M. Stratton, C. D. Lennox; delegates to Synod, F. V. Philpott, G. F. Davis, R. O. Kemp. Receipts, \$2,163.49; disbursements, \$2,081.79.

St. Monica.—(Mission Church).—Receipts, \$1,104; disbursements, \$1,082.

Chester.—St. Barnabas.—Wardens, J. Armstrong, H. W. Parsons; delegates to Synod, W. F. Summerhayes, G. Carradus. Receipts, \$1,161.64; disbursements, \$1,159.44.

Swansea.—St. Olave.—Wardens, J. Hansford, F. Moulard; delegates to Synod, J. Ellis, F. G. Coombes, W. C. Rogers. Receipts, \$1,200.

Weston. St. John's.—Wardens, G. W. Verral, T. J. Reaston; delegates to Synod, the two churchwardens and T. Angler. Receipts, \$1,134.48.

Mimico.—Christ Church.—Warden, F. Homer. Election of people's warden deferred. Receipts, \$896.17; disbursements, \$874.43. It was decided at the meeting to adopt the envelope system for weekly contributions, to do away with the making of special appeals and the money raised will be allotted to each department of Church work.

Humber Bay.—St. James'.—In this a daughter church of the parish of Mimico the vestry meeting will be held later. Receipts, \$362.90, with disbursements of about the same amount.

Creemore.—St. Luke's.—The wind-storm of April 7th blew down the belfry and spire of the church here. It was found that dry-rot had affected some of the supports. Steps have been taken towards rebuilding as soon as possible. For twenty-two years the steeple had withstood every storm. As a result of Archdeacon Warren's visits and labours recently, the stipend in this parish has been increased from \$700 to \$850, Creemore undertaking another \$100, and Lisle \$50. Only four years ago the parish became self-supporting. The missionary contributions from Easter to Easter were \$175. The Rev. J. Bennet Anderson is to conduct a parochial Mission, beginning on May 2nd, and extending for over a week. Most of the week-night services will be in Christ Church, Banda, which is midway between Creemore and Lisle churches. Prayer is asked for the Divine blessing.

Collingwood.—All Saints'.—Mr. L. A. Hamilton, of Lorne Park, who was visiting at his former home here, attended the Laymen's Missionary Congress in Toronto, as a commissioner from this church, and on Sunday evening, April 11th, he gave an excellent report to the congregation at the church service. A laymen's committee has been appointed to co-operate. The Rev. H. J. Hamilton, of Japan, preached in his old home-church on Good Friday evening. He spent the Easter season with his aged mother.

Blackstock.—St. John's.—At the annual Easter vestry meeting held in this church, the reports speak of a successful year. Receipts amounted to \$1,360.34, a slight increase over last year. Expenditure, \$1,240.80, leaving a balance on hand of \$119.45. A Board of Management was formed to meet quarterly, hoping thereby to create a more intelligent interest in church work among the members of the congregation generally. Improvements on church and rectory are talked of and the Ladies' Aid with a substantial balance on hand are assisting in the work.

Brampton.—Christ Church.—The annual vestry meeting of this parish, was held on Easter Monday evening in the schoolroom. The reports presented by the wardens, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary and Young People's Association proved

very encouraging. The growth of the Sunday School was highly gratifying. Dr. R. G. Edwards was reappointed people's warden, and Mr. W. B. McCulla, rector's warden. T. G. Sheppard was re-elected vestry clerk, and Messrs. W. S. Morphy and John Pexton, auditors. The sidesmen are J. Fletcher, F. J. Shreve, A. M. Bethune, C. Charters, S. Wilson, and E. C. Denison. His Honor Judge McGibbon, W. C. Young, and A. M. Bethune, were appointed delegates to the Synod. Votes of thanks to the wardens, choir-master and members of the choir were proposed and heartily endorsed.

Ashburnham.—St. Luke's.—The annual Easter vestry which was held on Easter Monday evening was a most enthusiastic and harmonious one. The finances of the church were shown to be in a most satisfactory condition, and a handsome surplus was reported. The wardens appointed for the ensuing year were Messrs. G. L. Hay and G. R. Browning. Resolutions of condolence were passed to the families of the late Col. J. L. Rogers and A. Fitzgerald. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of vesting the choir, which is to report at an adjourned meeting.

Otonabee.—St. Mark's.—Wardens, J. Smithson and F. Collins; delegates to Synod, R. Parker, Barlow Cumberland, Dr. Burnham.

Barrie.—Trinity.—The Rev. W. B. Heaney preached his farewell sermon in this Church on the evening of Easter Sunday. The church was filled to overflowing. Members from the Missions of Midhurst, Minesing, and Vespra, were present, despite the distance and the unpleasant bleak winds. Mr. Heaney preached from the following text:—"As my Father has sent me, even so send I you," . . . Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted to them, and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." Upon these texts Mr. Heaney founded an eloquent discourse which was listened to with rapt attention by the very large congregation that was present. In the stillness of the church one could realize how deeply both clergyman and people felt that the tie was to be sundered which had bound them together in the past,—but we trust that our vicar and ourselves may be always bound together in kindly memories of the days when he went in and out among us, sympathetic, and strong, and now when he is "sent" to Winnipeg, our best wishes and loving prayers will follow him and his to his new field of labour.

Stouffville.—Christ Church.—The annual Easter meeting of this congregation was held on Monday evening last in the church. After most encouraging reports from the Secretary-Treasurer, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Church wardens, Mr. F. W. Silvester, Mr. Walter J. Foot; delegates to Synod, Mr. A. S. Leaney, Mr. J. C. Massie; sidesmen, Mr. E. Lawrence, Mr. R. Foot; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. P. Coulson; auditors, the Rev. A. H. Wright, Mr. C. Russell Fitch; steward of church property, Dr. Ira Freel. At the conclusion of the meeting a most pleasant surprise was given the rector when Mr. Fitch, after stating the congregation's appreciation of his services in their midst during the past year asked Mr. Wright to accept fifty dollars. This was a pleasant surprise to the rector who thanked the congregation most heartily for this and many expressions of kindness extended to himself and family since their arrival in the parish.

NIAGARA.

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Hamilton.—Confirmations.—At morning service on Palm Sunday the Bishop of the diocese administered the rite of confirmation to thirty-three candidates in St. Thomas Church, Hamilton, and the same evening to thirty-four candidates in All Saints' Church. On the Tuesday in Holy Week thirty-four candidates received the laying on of hands at St. George's Church, Hamilton, and on Wednesday of the same week the rite was administered to fourteen candidates in St. Mark's. His Lordship gave a most interesting and instructive address to the young people, pointing out to them the great honour it was to be a member of the Church which had its beginning at Jerusalem, whose ministry could trace their orders back to our Blessed Lord Himself without a single break. The sects around us we must regard in loving charity and rejoice in the good they were enabled

to accomplish in our Lord's name. The members of the Church Catholic and Apostolic must pray most earnestly for grace to enable them to live up to their high calling and to fight manfully against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Easter Day at Christ Church Cathedral, which seats 1,000 people, the communicants numbered over 600. At the Church of the Ascension, which with its galleries accommodates about 1,400, the communicants numbered 571. St. Thomas Church, with seating capacity for 800, the communicants numbered 400. All Saints', which seats 400, the communicants were 335. St. Mark's, seating 300 had 250. St. George's, seating 400, had 290. St. Peter's, seating nearly 300, had 249 communicants. At Philip's which is a new parish, the communicants numbered 98. St. Luke's, which seats 250, had 229 communicants on Easter Day.

The reports presented at the various Easter vestry meetings, which were held generally throughout the city on Easter Monday evening, showed that the various parishes were prospering and that a real advance had been made all along the line.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Wardens, G. Moore, H. H. Champ; delegate to Synod for three years, R. R. Bruce. Receipts, \$12,905.12; disbursements, \$12,670.74. The chief feature of the meeting was when the congregation, with brief hand-clapping to express its appreciation, received the announcement from Mr. H. H. Champ, the people's warden, that the cathedral was now entirely free of debt. Mr. Champ simply reported that the morning collection on Easter Sunday amounted to \$4,926.99 and the evening collection to \$270.84, a total for the day of \$5,197.83. The mortgage indebtedness of the church was \$5,197.83, the exact amount of the collection. The Bishop of the diocese has announced that he will consecrate the church next June (D.V.). When the Rev. Canon Abbott took charge of the cathedral three years ago there was a debt on it of \$18,000, and through his efforts this debt has been entirely wiped out.

Church of the Ascension.—Wardens, J. Henderson, F. Grave; delegate to Synod for three years, A. Powis. Receipts, \$7,505.39; disbursements, \$7,472.79. The matter of introducing a surpliced choir was discussed at length but it was finally decided to allow things to remain in statu quo.

St. John's.—Wardens, W. G. E. Boyd, E. Hockaday; delegate to Synod for three years, J. H. Collinson. Receipts, \$1,792.26; disbursements, \$1,832.62. A motion was passed to the effect that an effort would be made to make an increase in the rector's stipend. It is thought that Mr. Daw, who has been rector for nearly thirteen years, has established the church on a good financial basis and increased the membership considerably, is entitled to an increase.

All Saints'.—Wardens, H. L. Wilkinson, T. W. Hand. Receipts, \$4,737.36; disbursements, \$4,626.69. A committee was appointed to enquire into the matter of church extension to report at an adjourned meeting of the vestry which is to be held on the 26th inst.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, J. A. Zimmerman, O. T. Davis. Receipts, \$2,321.63, with a balance in hand after all expenses had been paid of \$41.84. A discussion as to the site of the proposed new church took place but nothing was definitely settled. The rector's salary was unanimously increased to \$1,200, but Mr. TenEyck said he would accept it only on condition that the finances at the end of the year warranted it. Recommendations were made to the executive committee that the organist, Mr. H. E. J. Vernon, have his salary increased to \$25 a month, and that the caretaker receive \$14 a month. Delegate to Synod, A. W. Kaye.

St. Thomas.—Wardens, T. W. Lester, W. J. Grant; delegate to Synod, G. C. Copley. The receipts were about \$7,000 and \$1,200 was raised for missions. By a standing vote of the vestry a resolution was passed desiring to place on record its high appreciation of the earnest, conscientious and zealous services of the Rev. E. J. Etherington, B.A., as rector of the church.

St. Phillip's.—Wardens, C. Emery, J. E. Cooper; delegates to Synod, J. Whitehead, J. E. Cooper and J. Souter. In opening the proceedings, the chairman, the Rev. C. B. Kenrick, congratulated the congregation on the successful year just ended, especially mentioning the additions and improvements recently effected in the church buildings and furniture, the encouraging nature of the Easter services and of the offerings and attendance thereat, and the installation of the surpliced choir. The churchwardens' report showed receipts from all sources of about \$1,000, with expenditure somewhat in excess of this amount. The financial statement, however, not being complete, the meeting was adjourned for two weeks to enable the wardens and auditors to complete their work.

St. George's.—Wardens, C. A. Zimmerman, H. A. White; delegate to Synod for three years, W. Marsden. Receipts, \$4,262.94. The receipts for the year were \$520.29 in excess of last year.

St. Mark's.—Wardens, W. H. F. Wheatley, R. H. Labatt; delegate to Synod for three years, C. W. Heming. Receipts, \$2,012.94; disbursements, \$2,009.63. Reference was made at the meeting to the recent gifts of a brass altar desk given by Miss Heming and a silver chalice and paten by C. W. Heming.

St. Matthew's.—Wardens, E. J. Ellis, W. J. Evans; delegate to Synod, J. Stedford. The chief matter for consideration was that of the incumbent's stipend. After some consideration and discussion of ways and means, it was moved by J. W. Buckingham, seconded by W. Shaw, and carried unanimously, that the churchwardens pay the rector immediately \$100, and the balance of the \$300 extra within three months. At the expiration of that period the vestry will meet to consider the matter of stipend for the current year.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, W. H. Rewbury, C. Hardman; delegate to Synod for three years, T. Partridge. Receipts, \$2,500. It is hoped to complete the purchase of the lot adjoining the church this summer. A new font has been placed in the baptistry during the past year, which is the gift of the Parochial Branch of the G.F.S. An increase in the rector's stipend was made.

Hagersville.—All Saints'.—Wardens, D. J. Almas, J. C. Ingles; delegates to Synod, D. J. Almas, D. J. Lindsay. The building of a parish hall was unanimously approved of by the vestry, and the following building committee was appointed: Rev. J. C. Ingles, D. J. Almas, C. O. Read, D. J. Lindsay, D. Lindsay, Miss M. E. Almas and Mrs. Ingles. The sum of \$1,250 has been subscribed towards this building, and the work will be commenced as soon as possible. The reports presented showed that steady progress had been made throughout the past year in all branches of the work.

Fort Erie.—St. Paul's.—The services in this church on Easter Day were most successful. The church was beautifully decorated by members of the Woman's Guild. The music rendered by the choir was of the highest order and reflected great credit upon the members of the choir, and upon Mr. J. B. Whitney, M.Sc., Hobart College, N.Y., the organist. The attendances at the services were large, especially at the 11 a.m. service. The number of communicants was the largest in the history of the parish. The rector, the Rev. A. C. Mackintosh, preached appropriate sermons at both services. On Monday evening the annual vestry meeting was held. The reports made were most gratifying. The treasurer, Mr. A. B. Hurrell, reported that the receipts for the year were over \$2,300, and that after paying all claims, including both apportionments in full, there was a balance of over \$100 left in the treasury. He also reported that the mortgage on the church had been paid off and he then made a strong appeal to the members to make a special effort to wipe out the mortgage on the rectory during the present year. The rector, in speaking about building a Guild Hall, said that as he had received a bona fide offer of \$100 from a member of the congregation towards the removal of the rectory mortgage on the condition that the parish raise the remaining \$900 by Christmas, he (the rector) would defer the question of the Guild Hall for another year. Meantime an effort will be made to raise the rectory mortgage. The retiring wardens, Messrs. Hurrell and Lewis were re-elected for another year.

Cuelph.—St. James'.—Wardens, C. L. Nelles, A. E. Smith; delegates to Synod, J. Curzon, R. Mackenzie. Receipts, \$3,091.78. A small balance was reported after all expenses had been met.

St. Catharines.—The vestry meetings were of a very gratifying description. The reports presented showed that in all departments of the work there had been decided progress made during the past year.

St. Barnabas.—All the officers of the church were unanimously elected.

St. Thomas.—Wardens, R. W. Leonard, A. C. Kingstone; delegate to Synod for three years, Dr. Merritt. Receipts, \$5,157.84. During the past year several gifts have been made to the church, viz., the T. R. Merritt memorial windows, a bequest from the late Mr. Kane's estate of \$200 and a lot at the side of the rectory which was given by a member of the congregation.

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Port Dalhousie.—St. John's.—Wardens, J. Pawling, Captain J. Reid; delegate to Synod, J. Johnston.

Thorold.—St. John's.—Wardens, C. J. Inglis, F. Hancock; delegate to Synod, G. Keating. Meeting adjourned for two weeks. Before adjourning the duplex envelope was adopted.

Milton.—Grace Church.—Wardens, A. Winn, S. Dice. The meeting was adjourned for two weeks.

Omagh.—Christ Church.—Wardens, W. Devlin, J. A. Gibbons; delegate to Synod for three years, J. A. Gibson.

All Saints' Mission.—Warden, A. Transom.

Nelson.—St. John's.—Wardens, R. M. Spence, A. Peer.

Beamsville.—St. Alban's.—The interior of this church has been greatly improved by the addition of a chancel carpet, also the east wall of the chancel has been hung with a beautiful red-figured Repp. A number of gifts have also been received which add to the complement of the chancel, amongst which may be named a brass altar cross, which is a memorial to the late Rev. W. J. Andrews, who was for many years a resident of the parish. It was manufactured by the well-known firm of Keith & Fitzsimmons, of Toronto, and was given by members of his family. Brass vases were also given for the retable which were also manufactured by the same firm, and a handsome set of cruets with tray for the credence table. White festival altar hangings have been completed by the addition of antependium for lectern and cover for credence table. These were thankofferings from various members of the congregation. A new carved oak retable and lectern have also been given by the rector of Grimsby. Last, but not least, a medium-sized pipe organ is being installed, which was secured from St. John's, West Toronto. This instrument was manufactured by the old-established firm of Warren & Son, of Woodstock, Ont. Since the

commencement of regular evening service with the first Sunday in the New Year the electric light has been installed. The congregation are growing and all are taking a keen interest in the advancement of the parish. Arrangements are on the way to commemorate the church's 20th anniversary in June next (D.V.) by a series of events, the details of which will be announced later.

At the annual vestry meeting, held Easter Monday, W. D. Fairbrother and William Andrewes were elected clergy and people's wardens respectively, Mr. F. A. Storrs lay delegate to the Synod and Mr. Fairweather clerk of the vestry. A resolution of condolence was passed and ordered to be sent to Mrs. Andrewes, expressing sincere sympathy with her in the great loss which she has sustained in the death of her husband. The financial report was presented, showing a substantial increase all along the line. A very optimistic spirit prevailed throughout the meeting.

RUPERT'S LAND.

Samuel P. Matheson, D.D., Archbishop, Winnipeg.

Winnipeg.—St. Margaret's.—The first annual meeting of the parishioners was held on Wednesday, the 14th, in the church. The report of the Treasurer, Mr. B. Neild, showed that the finances of the church were in a very flourishing condition. Receipts, \$1,860.41; expenditure, \$1,752.18; balance on hand, \$108.23. Total assets, \$4,392.58; total liabilities, \$2,131.64. The following officers were elected: Incumbent's warden, S. R. Armstrong; people's warden, Bertrand Neild, both re-elected. Lay delegates to Synod: Geo. Carpenter and R. R. Neild. Auditors: A. Bevan and F. Hiam. Vestry: Messrs. Eclund, McMahon, R. R.

Neild, McCollum, Bevan, Irvin, Carpenter, Stenden, H. F. Moulden, Hower, Sherwin and Dure. The Woman's Auxiliary report, which was read by the incumbent, the Rev. A. W. Woods, was very encouraging, showing a membership of 24. Receipts for the year, \$279.29. This brings the total cash receipts, including the Sunday School collections for the parish, up to \$2,184.70. The first services were held in a rented building on the 23rd February, 1908, on the 30th October following the present building was opened, which has a seating capacity of 250. One hundred and six feet frontage was secured on Arlington Street where the new church was built, reserving 76 feet for future expansion. In connection with the work of the Church are the following societies and organizations: The Woman's Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Boys' Brigade, with a membership of 35, and a young peoples organization which meets every Monday evening. A chess club is also under consideration. The Sunday School is making rapid progress under the guidance of the Superintendent, Mr. R. R. Neild.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., at a meeting of the Bishops, specially convened by the Archbishop of the Province of Rupert's Land the Right Rev. Bishop Holmes, the former Bishop of Moosonee, was chosen to succeed the late Bishop Young as the Bishop of Athabasca. The deceased prelate died in England last year. Bishop Holmes was formerly in charge of Moosonee, but resigned last year on account of ill-health. His reappointment to Athabasca, where the strain will be less on his health, was what was expected. The canned diet upon which he was forced to exist largely in Moosonee almost ruined his health. The Rev. J. G. Anderson, rector of St. Peter's, Dynevor, Man., was chosen to succeed Dr. Holmes as Bishop of Moosonee. The election of Mr. Anderson is very popular with the clergy and laity as well. He was considered the strongest and best candidate for the office. He was born in the Orkney Islands, of a Hudson's Bay family, 42 years ago.

With his family he removed to this country and received his early training in the parish school of St. Andrew's and then attended St. John's College, Winnipeg, graduating with honours. He was ordained Deacon in 1889 and Priest in 1890. After graduation he first went as missionary to Long Sault and was afterwards transferred to Lac Seul, and for the past sixteen years has been at Dynevor, where he has obtained a perfect knowledge of the Indian language and of Indian customs, which will be invaluable to him in his northern diocese.

Brandon.—St. Mary's.—Wardens, A. R. B. Hearn, J. P. Curran. Lay delegates to Synod: H. James, J. P. Curran. Substitute: H. M. Arnold. The financial report was of a most gratifying nature.

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A new oak doorway, consisting of pilasters, gable and pinnacles, richly carved, and a brass tablet with appropriate inscriptions on the wall at the side of the doorway, has been placed in Christ Church, Elizabeth, N.J., in memory of the late Mr. W. P. Barber, sometime warden of the church. The deceased was a member of one of the oldest families in the State of New Jersey.

A carved oak reredos has recently been placed in the private chapel of the Bishop's Palace at Chichester with the following inscription: "To the glory of God and in grateful memory of our Father in God, Ernest Roland Wilberforce, Lord Bishop of Chichester, this reredos is erected by some of those upon whom, after the example of the holy apostles, he laid his hands to certify them, by this sign, of God's favour and goodness towards them." A.D. 1896-1907."

The aged Bishop of Western Michigan (Dr. Gillespie), who died on the 19th ult., was born in June 1819, and he was at the time of his death the senior in age among the American Bishops, being more than ten years older than the Presiding Bishop and more than seven years the senior of the Bishop of Maryland, who now becomes the senior in age amongst his brethren. He was elected the first Bishop of Western Michigan in 1874, and was consecrated on February 24th, 1875.

On March 23rd the Bishop of Kentucky held a special Confirmation service in St. Paul's, Louisville, when he bestowed the Apostolic Rite upon the Rev. W. R. Plummer, a Methodist minister, who for the past three years has been pastor of the Wesley Chapel in New Albany, Ind., together with his wife and three adult children. The candidates were presented to the Bishop by the Rev. John Mockridge, the rector of the parish, under whose supervision Mr. Plummer is studying for Holy Orders and he will assist the rector as lay reader during the time of his preparation.

On the second Sunday in last September the Rev. D. G. MacKinnon was inducted as rector of St. Paul's, Doyleston, Pa. Since that date the work in the parish has greatly prospered, and on the afternoon of March 11th a Confirmation service was held by the Bishop-Coadjutor of the diocese, at which the rector presented

thirty-one candidates for the Apostolic rite, which is the largest number ever presented at one time in the history of the parish, which will be observing its diamond jubilee next year. Amongst the number who were then confirmed were former Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and Baptists.

At the Diocesan Registry, Bangos, Wales, on St. David's Day, the Rev. A. Owen Evans, the Diocesan Inspector of Schools, was presented with a valuable piece of plate by the clergy of the diocese. The presentation was made by the Ven. Archdeacon Morgan, who was accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Lloyd-Jones. Inscribed on the plate is: "Presented by the clergy of the Diocese of Bangor to the Rev. A. Owen Evans, B.A., as a small recognition of the valuable service rendered by him in preparing the diocesan evidence for the Royal Commission on the Church in Wales, St. David's Day, 1909."

A recent meeting, which was held at Oxford lately on behalf of the Oxford University Mission at Calcutta and the Oxford Educational Mission to India was unique in this respect, namely, that side by side on the platform were seated the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and never before have the two English Primates journeyed to Oxford to plead for foreign mission work. Besides the two Archbishops, speeches were made by the Vice-Principal of Agra College and the Bishop of Birmingham, whose speech is described as being a most inspiring, profound and vital one. The chair was taken on this memorable occasion by the Master of Brasenose.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed to the Bishopric of Singapore the Rev. Charles James Ferguson-Davie, S.P.G., Missionary at Rawal Pindi, Punjab, in the Diocese of Lahore, India. The Bishop-designate graduated from Trinity Hall, Cambridge (as Junior Optime) in 1894. He afterwards passed through Leeds Clergy School, and was ordained in 1896 to the curacy of St. Paul's, Preston. From 1899 to 1902 he was Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Lahore, and in 1902 he became S.P.G. Missionary at Rewari, removing to Rawal Pindi in 1907. When home on furlough in 1904-5 Mr. Ferguson-Davie won the silver medal at Bisley. His wife is an M.D. of London, and was one of the first medical women to join the Cambridge Mission to Delhi.

Thursday, April 1st, was the 355th anniversary of the consecration of six Marian Bishops in St. Saviour's, Southwark, by Bishops Bonner of London, Tunstall of Durham, and Gardiner of Winchester. It was the first episcopal consecration since the death of Edward VI., and was regarded as a triumph for the reactionary

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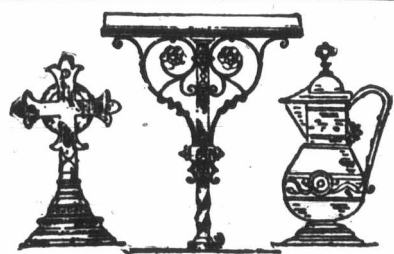
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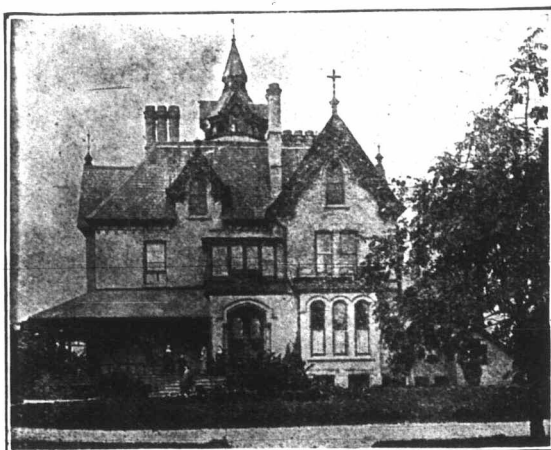
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