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## VESTRY MEETINGS HELD

### Steady Improvement at St. Luke's Church—Progress at Christ, Cataract.

A most representative gathering attended the annual vestry meeting held Monday night in St. Luke's church hall. After the opening prayers by the rector and chairman, Rev. J. de Pencier Wright, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The rector, in his report, referred to his five years' pastorate and noted many of the changes and improvements in that time.

Sergt.-Major Clark reported for the auditors and A. J. Shannon for the church wardens. The wardens referred to the strenuous year that had been experienced, owing to unsettled conditions, but noticed recently a steady improvement in collections and attendance.

H. Jennings reported for the choir, J. W. Connor for the Sunday school and Dramatic Club and Mrs. T. H. Rider for the Woman's Guild. Mrs. John A. Caldwell, for the Women's Auxiliary, St. Agnes Guild and the Sanctuary Guild also presented reports.

A. J. Shannon was reappointed people's warden and George Compton was appointed rector's warden for the ensuing year.

George Holland and Sergt.-Major Clarke were appointed auditors. The synod representatives are J. M. Watts, H. Jennings and T. H. Rider. The rectory lands representative is Sergt.-Major Clark.

Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation at the close of the meeting.

**Christ Church, Cataract.**  
 The congregation of Christ church, Cataract, never had better Easter festivities. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and the singing was most jubilant, and the attendance above the average. The offerings were very generous.

At the vestry meeting Monday evening, the wardens, Women's Guild and other reports showed a total revenue of \$1,400.00 during the year. There had also been important expenditures during the year, such as the pointing of the church tower, renewing pinnacles, decorating interior and repairs and improvements to the rectory. The sum of \$400 was spent in necessary work and improvements.

John Clarke was appointed clergyman's warden in place of Alfred Baker, retired, and John Heaton was re-elected people's warden. The following sidemen were appointed: James Grant, Andrew Black, Sidney Baker, Edward Riley, Robert McMichael and John H. Simpson. Alfred the Synod, the other delegate being B. Lancaster and Colin Clarke.

A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to all church workers and officials which was heartily endorsed by the rector, Rev. J. Austin Smith.

**St. Paul's Meeting Adjourned.**  
 The vestry meeting of St. Paul's church has been adjourned for a week.

**Trinity Church, Wolfe Island.**  
 The annual vestry meeting of Trinity church, Wolfe Island, was held on Easter Monday with a good attendance and satisfactory reports. Robert Horns and George Friend were re-elected as wardens and the latter was also appointed delegate to Synod. The vestry unanimously resolved to hold the annual meeting in January of each year in accordance with the permission given by the canon passed at the last session of Synod.

**St. Mark's, Barriefield.**  
 The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday evening, the rector, Rev. A. O. Cooke occupied the chair and addressed the vestry on work of the past year. After reading the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed, the vestry re-elected Capt. Vokes as vestry clerk for the ensuing year.

The auditors' report, presented by J. M. Stuart, showed an expenditure of \$2,194, there still remained a deficit of \$75, which outstanding envelope collections covered. It was urged by the vestry that more of the congregation should use the envelope system and thereby assure the treasurer of a stated sum for each Sunday, which at the end of the year could be counted on as revenue. The voluntary collections exceeded the year's by a small amount. The special Easter offering amounted to \$88.74, which included a donation from a former resident of Barriefield and member of St. Mark's, now living in New York city.

The treasurer's report was very encouraging after taking into consideration the many demands made upon the limited treasury and the loss of several families from the congregation.

The members of the advisory board, the wardens, the treasurer and auditors were re-elected. The delegates to the Synod were also re-elected.

The following were added to the list of sidemen: E. Warmington, F. Vokes, A. Murray, R. Warmington and F. Muller.

J. S. Sibbit presented his report with reference to the question of electric power for the church and after discussion, it was decided to let the matter stand over for the present.

With reference to the date of closing the financial year, which at present terminates at Easter, the proposed change of date was left to the advisory board for adjustment.

The sum of \$13.00 was donated to the Altar Chapter for the Easter flowers, which were distributed to the sick in the parish.

Votes of thanks were passed to

the organist and choir, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Guild, and the Altar Chapter. Special votes of thanks were passed to Henry Milton, for his generous financial assistance during the past four years, also to N. Stanton, Jr., and W. A. Milton, for services rendered in connection with the heating and lighting of the church. The meeting was enthusiastic and most encouraging, and optimistic regarding the future.

## EASTER MONDAY CONCERT

Miss Edna Reid, Toronto, and Miss Jean Chown, the Principals.

Sydenham street Methodist church was well filled on Monday evening when a concert was given under the auspices of the city Methodist churches. Miss Edna Reid, Toronto, and Miss Jean Chown, "The Canadian Contralto," were the soloists and Miss M. Shaw, organist of the church, the very efficient accompanist. Miss Reid is the possessor of a powerful soprano of good range, the notes of the lower and middle register being pleasing. Her clear, distinct enunciation added to the dramatic rendering of some of the operatic numbers won her hearty applause and she responded with several encores. Perhaps her best liked numbers were "The same old, dear old Place" and "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," which she sang with sympathy and charm.

Miss Jean Chown, whose beautiful voice is growing still more beautiful, its range increasing and its tone becoming even more exquisite, sang two Italian numbers, two lovely "sea pictures" of Elgar's, a delightful song, "The Blind Ploughman," "The Night Nursery," a dear little song, and by request, "Three Fishers," which not only showed the depth and sweetness of the girl contralto's voice, but her great dramatic sense; her singing of this gem was a treat indeed. "Will o' the Wisp," light and airy, finished this group, and Miss Chown was recalled to sing "I Passed by Your Window." Miss Shaw added greatly to this most enjoyable concert by her sympathetic accompaniments.

## AN INTERESTING DEBATE HELD AT BETHEL CHURCH

On "Resolved, That Home Missions Has Larger Claim on Our Support Than Foreign Missions."

An interesting debate was held on Monday night, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of Bethel Congregational church. The question under debate was, "Resolved, that home missions has a larger claim on our support than foreign missions."

The affirmative was taken by William Bruce and James Lomax, the negative being taken by Aubrey Williams and Ronald Metcalfe.

The judges, A. S. Duncan, Dr. E. J. Lake and Robert Trener, decided in favor of the negative. The side brought out many interesting points, both in regard to home and foreign missions.

While the judges were considering the merits of the debate, Herbert C. Trener, Toronto, rendered instrumental and vocal numbers, which were greatly appreciated.

## Supper at the Y.M.C.A.

Rev. W. E. Kidd addressed the senior Bible class at the supper session on Monday evening, his subject being "The Practical Value of the Resurrection." The remarks of the speaker were of a very helpful nature in that they capitalized the facts of the Resurrection as a source of confidence to the Christian in the battle of life, with the constant companionship of a living Christ.

A special Easter supper was served, after the class, by a committee from the women's auxiliary, composed of Mrs. E. Rutlan, Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. R. N. Douglas.



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The Contention of City Solicitor Whiting in a Damage Action.

On Tuesday morning there were rumors to the effect that the case of Edmund Aiken vs. the Corporation of the City of Kingston, which was slated for the non-jury sitting of the supreme court before Justice Middleton on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, would not be proceeded with. It is understood that J. L. Whiting, K.C., who is acting on behalf of the city, will contend that the plaintiff has no claim against the city the police patrol, which is charged with running into the automobile driven by Edmund Aiken, is the property of the police commissioners and the action should be brought against that body and not the corporation of the city of Kingston. A. B. Cunningham, K.C., who is representing the plaintiff, will move to have the police commissioners made a party to the action.

## Rombough-Marshall Wedding.

An interesting event took place on April 5th at the Methodist parsonage, Deseronto, when Miss Pansy Marshall, only daughter of the late Caleb R. and Mrs. Marshall, formerly of Prince Edward county, was united in marriage to S. A. Rombough, Fredericksburg. The bride looked charming in her travelling suit of sand homespun, with brown trimmings and hat to match, wearing a bouquet of lovely spring flowers. Her maid of honor was Miss Madeleine Provins, Deseronto, while the groom was attended by Bert Davey, Napanee. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a bar pin of gold set with pearls, and a tie pin went to his best man. After the ceremony, performed by Rev. R. Bamforth, B.A., the happy couple motored to Napanee en route to Montreal where they intend spending part of their honeymoon.

## Queen's Convocation.

It was announced at Queen's University on Tuesday morning that Chancellor E. W. Beatty would be present for the annual convocation, which takes place on May 16th. A number of honorary degrees will be conferred. The list of honorary degrees will be announced on Wednesday.

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