

and a large majority of the congregation remained for their Easter Communion.

The Easter Vestry meeting was held on Monday evening. The following appointments were made: W. J. W. Howard, Rector's Warden, W. Wyndham, B. Anstin, People's Warden, Messrs. Glen and Myhil, sidesmen; and Messrs. Plimsoll and Howard, delegates to the Synod. The financial report was most satisfactory, a balance of over \$200 on hand being shown after payment of all expenses, including many improvements to the Church property.

Well attended weekly meetings were held during Lent, ending with two most impressive services on Good Friday.

MANFONVILLE—The Easter service in the morning had a large congregation in attendance. The altar was vested in its festal coverings of white, and the gradine filled with potted plants; the organ and font receiving their due share of decoration. The number of communicants was larger than for some time back, but not yet up to the proportion there ought to have been, if the communicants duly understood the requirement of their Church to 'communicate three times a year, of which Easter is to be one.' As however the communion will be celebrated on the Octave of the Feast, those absent on Sunday can communicate then and thus fulfil their obligation. The services on the week days through Lent were favorably attended, country circumstances taken into consideration. In this Mission a Church Guild for the young people has been organized, and also a branch of the 'Ministering Children's League' for the still younger people. These associations we do not expect will do much through the summer months, as the young people prefer to be out of doors as much as possible, and have games, &c., to amuse them and call them out. This parish, never very strong, is far from being as strong in its church element, or even in its English speaking population as it once was, and consequently, while services are attended and Sunday school in good order, the one weak thing is the inadequate stipend of its clergyman, who receives but little over \$500! Of course this cripples him in much of the work in which, if he was properly paid, he would naturally take the lead in proposing and organizing.

BOLTON CENTRE on the north of above Mission, and **GLAN SURTON** on the south are both destitute of clergy, only that services are kept up by students from the Theological College, the cause of the Church would rapidly retrograde.

ST. JOHNS.—*St. James* was very beautifully decorated for Easter. The display and arrangement of the flowers were the finest we ever saw in this place at this season of the year. The decorations were the handiwork of the Girl's Guild, who also presented the church with two beautiful vases. The services were largely attended. The music was exceptionally good—the choir being strengthened by the addition of the fine clear soprano voices of Mrs. H. N. Fisk and Mrs. John Donaghy. The former sang a solo at morning service—'A Contrite Heart,'—and the latter at evening service 'Consider the Lilies.' The Rector preached on each occasion a most excellent and appropriate sermon. The offertory was for the Diocesan Mission Fund and footed up to about \$200.

KNOWLTON.—*St. Paul's*.—There was a good attendance at the Easter Vestry meeting. The Rev. W. P. Chambers presided. Messrs. S. F. Belknap and H. T. Knowlton were re-elected churchwardens and lay delegates to Synod. The financial statement was very satisfactory. The ordinary offertory collections during the year amounted to \$440, besides a special collection of \$86. An offer was made by Mr. H. S. Foster to remove to an adjacent lot at his own expense, the present church, so as to permit the

construction of the proposed new edifice, and not interfere with the regular services of the church while the work of building is going on. This generous offer was referred to the building committee, by whom it will no doubt be favorably entertained.

COWANSVILLE.—The usual Easter services were held in Trinity Church, Rev. Mr. Bernard officiating in the morning and the Rector, Rev. R. D. Mills, in the evening; a pleasing feature of the latter service being the singing of the offertorium by Mrs. E. L. Vincents. The chancel, lectern, organ and font were handsomely decorated with flowers and plants, a large bouquet of Easter lilies being especially beautiful.

FARNHAM.—The annual meeting of the vestry of *St. James' Church* was held at the Church hall, on Monday evening the 30th, which was largely attended by the members of the church. Rev. Canon Mussen, the Rector, presided and gave a very interesting statement of the past year's work in connection with the church. The church warden's accounts, which were very satisfactory, were read and passed. The following appointments for the ensuing year were made: Rector's churchwarden, Mr. Silas Randall; People's churchwarden, Mr. John Leslie.

Dunham Ladies' College, Mr. J. A. Truax. Delegates to Synod—Dr. F. G. Slack and Mr. Thos. Parkins. After a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Mussen and the churchwardens, the meeting closed.

MONTREAL.—*St. Martin's*.—The position of the Church as shown by the Churchwardens report on Easter Monday evening is highly gratifying; another \$2,000 had been paid on the mortgage debt, reducing it to the even sum of \$20,000; \$15,000 being on the Church and \$5,000 on the Rectory. This condition of affairs is ground for profound thankfulness, and is all the more satisfactory in view of the radical change made last year from pew rents to voluntary offerings. Under the new system the envelope contributions exceeded the pew rents of the previous year by \$340.02, while the regular offertory and the contributions for missions and other outside objects have also increased, the latter amounting to \$1,314.85.

The wardens recommended: 1. That the Rector's stipend for the coming year be increased by \$250, making it \$2,500; 2. That the present system of voluntary offerings be continued for another year, and 3. That a sum not exceeding \$150 per annum be appropriated for the purpose of securing a Vestry Clerk or Assistant to the Financial Warden to attend to details, which recommendations were adopted.

The salary of the efficient organist, Mr. J. H. Campbell, was increased in September last from \$500 to \$650 per annum.

The wardens, Messrs S. Bethune, Q. C., and R. Wilson Smith, received a hearty vote of thanks for their administration and were re-appointed.

Messrs. S. Bethune, Q. C., and J. P. Cleghorn were re-elected delegates to Synod.

A special vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Mulock for his valuable services in connection with the Church, and embodying the wish that the Rev. Canon would long be spared, was moved by Mr. J. P. Cleghorn, seconded by Mr. C. D. Hanson, and carried with acclamation. The Rector spoke in the warmest terms of love and kindness towards Canon Mulock.

AYLMER.—The Easter services in Christ Church were large both morning and evening. The Holy Table was tastefully decorated with a choice selection of beautiful flowers. The choir sang appropriate hymns and chants in a creditable manner, the solo by Mrs. Gordon being specially good. The sermons both morning and evening were on the Resurrection. The preacher, Rev. S. Moore, from McGill College, showed that the doctrine, although a

mystery, yet it was full of comfort to the Christian pilgrim. The Rev. H. Almon, Rector elect, will take charge (D. V.) 3rd Sunday after Easter. This parish has a good Church and Rectory, a good congregation, a well organized Sunday school, Ladies' Aid and Auxiliary, and a Young People's Literary Society.

BRISTOL.—The Easter Vestry meetings were held on Easter Monday. There was a very fair attendance at both churches.

St. Luke's.—Thomas Caldwell, sr., and James Graham were reappointed as churchwardens. Delegates to Synod, J. Craddock Simpson, and S. Cookson.

St. Thomas.—Joseph E. Morris was chosen as clergyman's churchwarden; Mailes Cowley was elected as people's churchwarden. Delegates to Synod, J. E. Morris and Mailes Cowley. The financial report for this Mission is most satisfactory, showing a large increase of subscriptions, and offerings over previous years. There has also been an increase of ten in the average weekly attendance at Divine service, and an increase of five communicants on Easter day, as compared with the attendance on Easter day 1890. The services on Easter day were well attended. At *St. Luke's*, Mrs. Latham, senior, who is one of the oldest settlers in Bristol, being over 100 years of age, was present at the Holy Communion, thus setting an example to many of a younger generation, who are wont to disregard the Lord's command, 'Tis do in remembrance of Me.' The fortnightly services Bristol Mines, the Mission station opened by the present incumbent, are largely attended and appreciated by the miners.

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PEMBRIDGE.—The past Lent has been well observed in this parish, and a devoutly bright Easter has been the result. The attendance at all the special services has been better than a year ago, and on the festival of the Resurrection, the Church, fully arranged and adorned, was crowded by reverent congregations. At the two celebrations there were 120 communicants, of which 65 were at the early service. At the annual vestry meeting, which was large and harmonious, the financial report showed a revenue of over \$2,350, the largest amount ever raised in the parish, the old officers were all re-appointed.

PETERBORO'.—*St. John's*.—The service on Easter day was largely musical, attractive and beautiful; Dr. Davies, the organist of the Church, well known for his abilities, having made a special effort for the occasion. The music was of a high order and excellently rendered. The chancel, altar and pulpit were beautifully decorated with flowers, the Rector, the Rev. J. C. Davidson, had appealed before Easter for special offerings to reduce the Church debt, asking the amount of \$1,050. The offertories during the day reached the splendid sum of \$1,700, a magnificent response to the appeal of the Rector. In the afternoon a Children's service was held, at which many of the children laid upon the plates the savings of the last six weeks, evidencing much self denial; the total sum reaching \$111. At the evening service the church was crowded, and extra seats had to be provided. The Rector preached at this service, and the Rev. Mr. Kendrick in the morning.

ASHBURNHAM.—*St. Luke's*.—Easter was duly marked at *St. Luke's*, the Church having been duly decorated; the interior having been much improved within the few days preceding. The Rev. J. W. McCleary, Rector, conducted the services and preached.

On Easter Monday the usual Vestry meetings were held, the position financially of both parishes being satisfactory. In *St. John's* parish a floating debt of \$670 had been wiped off and a payment of \$1,800 made on the mortgage debt.