

work of the Vicar, done and given in memory of his mother.

There were three services in this Church during Holy week, and a celebration on Easter Day at 8 o'clock. At this service voluntary offerings of the people to the amount of \$28 were presented at the altar towards the fund for the east window. A small cross for the retable was kindly given by Rev. J. M. Davenport, of St. John.

At Sandy Point, the Church is nearly finished, and will we trust be occupied before the coming winter. The people at Sandy Point show their devotion to their Church by handing in their part of the clergyman's stipend promptly to the day.

PICTOU.—The Ladies' Sewing Society of St. James' Church were entertained at Miss Davies, on Wednesday afternoon, 28th inst., being the last meeting for this season. The Rector, Rev. John Edgecombe, in a few chosen remarks thanked the ladies for their labor of love and self denying efforts in the Master's cause. Prompted by a sense of duty and love to the Saviour they raise a handsome sum every year for the benefit of this church.

The Mite Society is also progressing—thanks to the lady collectors.

DIOCESE OF QUÉBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—A Missionary meeting will be held in the Church Hall, Montreal street, on Thursday, 6th May, at eight o'clock p.m.

At the Easter Vestry meeting Messrs. H. A. Elkins and W. Farwell were appointed Wardens. The Rector announced to the Vestry that Dr. E. D. Worthington had offered to give a site in East Sherbrooke, on which to erect a Church.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Dr. Worthington for the grant.

A resolution was then adopted to the effect that the Rector and Wardens be authorized to take in hand the matter of building a Church in East Sherbrooke, and to report thereon to an adjourned meeting of the Vestry to be held two weeks from that day.

LENOXVILLE.—Easter Sunday was one of the finest here for many years, and accordingly its observance was very general. A large congregation attended the morning service at St. George's Church, filling the body of the Church and the galleries. The font and chancel were beautifully decorated with flowers, such as roses, lilies, geraniums, heliotropes, &c. The number of communicants was exceptionally large, numbering well over one hundred.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENOXVILLE.—A special and important meeting of the Convocation of the University of Bishop's College was held at the College on Wednesday, the 25th instant, when an amendment to the College statutes, in reference to the granting of degrees of Divinity was specially adopted. These amendments appeared in the *GUARDIAN* of April 14th, and are of a nature to remove all necessity for the exercise of any degree giving power in Divinity by any other Church of England institution in either of the Dioceses of Quebec or Montreal. The provisions of the new statutes are exceedingly liberal and are of such a nature as to form a foundation for that which many, who have the interests of Church Education at heart are longing for and aiming at, viz: a general Church University for the whole Ecclesiastical Province.

At this same meeting the degree of B.D. *ad eundem* was conferred upon the Rev. J. S. Stone, B.D., Rector of St. Martin's Church, of Montreal, and, we believe, he intends to proceed to the degree of D.D., at the next Convocation. The many friends of Mr. Stone, both in Montreal and Toronto, will be pleased to hear of this additional and well won honor.

The question of the application now being made by the Montreal Theological College to the Local Legislature for power to grant degrees of Divinity was also considered by the Convocation, and a strong resolution disapproving of such application, as well on educational grounds generally, as because of its involving an infringement of the rights and charters of Bishop's College, and as unnecessary, was adopted by the Convocation, with but one dissenting voice out of the large number present. It was resolved to address a petition to the Lieut.-Governor and each branch of the Legislature protesting against the granting of the power asked; and a special deputation was named to appear before the Private Bills Committee in support of the Petition of Convocation against such application.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*The Church of England Womens' Association for Domestic and Foreign Missions.*—In our advertising columns will be found a notice of the meeting of this Society, to be held on Thursday next. The objects and work of this Society are such as should commend it to the hearty support of all Churchmen, and we feel sure that, having the approbation of the Bishop, this result must follow. As we understand it, the Society aims at diffusing more generally intelligence regarding mission work the world over, and of uniting missionary zeal and interest. To this end interesting papers in reference to work carried on in different parts of the Mission Field, form one feature of the various meetings. We hope that the attendance at the coming meeting will be large, and that this Association may prove (as a similar association in the United States proved) a most valuable aid to the General Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. Mrs. Principal Henderson, we believe, is at the head of this local organization, and her well known energy and Christian zeal affords assurance of success.

A drawing-room missionary meeting was held last week in the Rectory of Christ Church Cathedral, to meet Bishop Young, of Athabasca. It was only the previous evening that it was known that the Bishop was in town and could attend; so that only a few hours were available for inviting those interested in Missionary work. In spite of this there was a room full, mostly ladies, to meet the Bishops of Athabasca and Algoma. Bishop Young gave a most interesting account of his diocese, its position and extent, its work, and its needs, which must have stirred up the sympathy of all who heard it. Bishop Sullivan made a few remarks, but reserved for another occasion, probably in a week or so, his address on the work in Algoma.

EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS IN MONTREAL.

It is exceedingly gratifying to note that all of the Easter Vestry Meetings seem to have been conducted harmoniously, and that the reports of the year's work show progress throughout. We have only space enough to give a mere summary of the proceedings:—

Christ Church (Cathedral).—The Rector, Rev. J. G. Norton, M.A., presided. Mr. Joseph Rielle read the annual report of the churchwardens, which was a most satisfactory one, showing that notwithstanding the smallpox epidemic, and the great loss due to the absence of strangers during the summer months last year, the attendance had gradually increased to very large numbers, and the offertories had been large, there being an increase in this respect of some \$500 as compared with the previous year. The sum of \$2,200, of which \$1,050 was collected by the ladies, was paid off the rectory debt. Mr. A. M. Crombie read the

financial statement, from which it appeared that the receipts during the year, including a balance of \$1,182.46 from the previous year and \$5,364.92 from pew rents, were \$16,401.43. The expenditure for the year was as follows: Current expenses, \$10,356.18; old debts paid, \$3,104.93; benevolent and charitable fund, \$2,655.07; total, \$16,116.18, leaving a balance on hand of \$285.25. Wardens: Messrs. Joseph Rielle and A. M. Crombie. Delegates to Synod: Messrs. Geo. A. Drummond and Robert Evans.

St. George's.—The Dean (Rector) presided, and the reports submitted showed very substantial progress. Both Rector and people are to be congratulated upon the fact—then announced—that their beautiful church is now free of debt, and it is to be hoped that ere long it may be formally and fully consecrated. The statement of accounts submitted showed: Receipts from pew rents, \$8,990.15; Offertory, \$8,251.46. The trustees of the debt fund reported that the debt on the church had been entirely paid off, leaving on hand at credit of that account \$3,215 against the debt on the rectory. A report was read recommending certain repairs to the church and school buildings, which were ordered to be made. The wardens having reported that the Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society were willing to accept the sum of \$2,700 in extinguishment of their claim on the school building, the trustees of the debt fund were authorized to pay the sum and so free the school building from the claim held by that body, and the discontinuance of its use as a school. The fact that the Rev. Campbell Fair, D.D., of Baltimore, who had been tendered the position of assistant minister, had replied, stating that he could not see his way to leave his present charge and accept the offer from St. George's, was communicated to the vestry. The resignation of the Rev. Mr. Hood was received and accepted. A committee was appointed to assist the rector and wardens in the securing of an assistant and the procuring of temporary assistance for the Dean in the meantime. The wardens reported that in view of the success of the envelope system, which they hoped would be still more generally adopted, they had reason to expect that the surplus of ordinary revenue over expenditure would next year be sufficient to make the repairs above suggested, amounting to about \$2,400. The retiring wardens—Messrs. J. W. Mills and George Lightbound—were re-elected.

Church of St. James the Apostle.—A very pleasant full meeting of the Church of St. James the Apostle was held, the Rev. Canon Ellegood, rector, in the chair. Wardens: Messrs. James Stephenson and J. W. Marling. Delegates: Messrs. J. W. Marling and George Macrae, Q.C. The finances were in a satisfactory state. Immediate action is to be taken to put the church and rectory in thorough repair.

Trinity Church.—Rev. Canon Mills, Rector. The vestry meeting was well attended, and everything passed off most harmoniously. The statement of the wardens showed a most satisfactory state of affairs. The receipts of the church for the year were over \$6,300. Wardens: The rector re-appointed Mr. Baile and the congregation re-elected Mr. Fatt, but that gentleman declining to serve, Mr. Charles Garth was appointed.

St. Martin's Church.—The Rev. J. S. Stone, B.D., Rector, presiding. The revenue for the year was \$7,413.44, with a special collection of \$725.95 for the diocesan missions and hospital chaplain. The disbursements were \$8,059.53. The floating debt had been reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,000. A long discussion ensued as to the best method of collecting the arrears of the pew rents. Wardens: Messrs. S. Bethune, Q.C., and J. F. D. Black. Delegates: Messrs. S. Bethune, Q.C., and Alex. Gowdey.