

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## EASTER IN MONTREAL.

EASTER DAY in Montreal dawned bright and beautiful, indeed and at an early hour worshippers were wending their way in all directions and by eleven o'clock the streets were thronged. The services not alone in The Church but amongst the denominations were such as to give expression to the gladness and joy with which the Queen of Festivals is fittingly greeted.

At *Christ Church Cathedral*, there was an early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock at which a very large number of communicants were present, the Rev. G. Smith, acting as celebrant, and the Rector, Rev. Dr. Norton, and Rev. E. A. W. King as Epistoler and Gospeller, respectively. At 8 o'clock the full Cathedral service was well rendered, the singing of the choir showing much improvement, the anthem "They have taken away my Lord," (Stainer) was exquisitely sung. All the music partook of the festal character of the day. Easter lilies were placed on the Holy Table. The Rector preached at the morning service, from Rev. i, 18, and gave an eloquent address on the subject of the day; the attendance of communicants was again very large.

At *St. George's Church* there was a large congregation at the 11 a.m. service, the Rev. L. N. Tucker and Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, officiating. The choir, under the direction of Mr. W. E. Fairclough, the organist, rendered the musical part of the service in an affective manner. The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael took for his text Romans viii., 28; "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Holy Communion was celebrated at 9 a.m., and after the eleven o'clock service, large numbers partaking.

At *St. James' the Apostle* more than usual preparations had been made for rendering the Easter services beautiful. The floral decorations surpassed those of former years, and there was also the use for the first time of the new chime of bells presented by Mrs. Philips, which were rung for some time before each service, hymns suitable to the season being played. The Bishop of the Diocese preached in the morning from Matthew xxviii., 6; "He is not here for He is risen," and dwelt in simple, eloquent words upon the lessons to be learned from the resurrection and the glorious hopes of immortality. The musical part of the service was grandly executed by the choir under the leadership of Mr. C. A. E. Harriss, organist. There were three celebrations, viz., at 8, 9.40 and 11 a.m., each being attended by unusually large numbers. The Rev. J. Ellegood and Rev. Mr. Walker officiated. At the evening service, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael preached; the Church was crowded and hundreds could not gain access.

*St. Stephen's Church* was also decorated with flowers, and the musical service was well conducted. The Rector, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, preached from Luke xxiv., 36, "Peace be unto you." The number of communicants was exceptionally large.

At *St. John the Evangelist* there were large congregations at all the services. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7 o'clock in the chapel, at 7.45 and again at 11.15 in the church; the church was crowded at the latter service, and there were nearly four hundred communicants. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Arthur Krauss, of Park tone, Dorsetshire, Eng., who delivered an earnest and impressive discourse on the chief events of the resurrection, taking for his text St. John xx, 1; "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." At evensong an eloquent sermon was preached by the rector, Rev. Edmund Wood. The

musical service, under the direction of Mr. W. R. Spence, was excellently rendered. The decorations were very tasteful; the chancel was filled with flowers including a great many lilies in pots.

At *St. Martin's Church* the services were of a most joyous and triumphant character. The sermon by the rector, Rev. G. Osborne Troop, from the 26th of Isaiah, "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust," was intended and fitted to encourage the Christian soldier in his spiritual warfare. The preacher showed that the follower of Christ from the contemplation of a risen and glorified Lord should feel fresh strength and put forth fresh effort, even as the face of nature itself at this season manifests renewed vigor. The Church was beautifully decorated, the Font, desk and pulpit being decked in beautiful flowers and covered with white banners, that on the pulpit having the words "Christ is Risen" embroidered in gold letters. On the retable were three large pots each containing a beautiful lily. A very large proportion of the congregation remained at the mid-day service to partake of the Holy Communion; and the attendance at the Easter celebration at 9 a.m. was also large.

At *Trinity Church* there were large congregations at all the services held during the day. His Lordship Bishop Bond held a confirmation in the evening, when forty-one candidates were presented. His Lordship took as his text I Corinthians, 7, 8; "Who shall also confirm you unto the end that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**COTE ST. PAUL.—Church of the Redeemer.**—The floral decorations here surpassed those of former years and the numbers present both morning and evening exceeded any in the past; the congregation numbering in the morning over 100, and in the evening 65. The service at 10.30 a.m. was choral and was very well and heartily rendered. Two cornets and a violin were used besides the organ, adding much to the effectiveness of the music. At the morning service Dr. Davidson was assisted by J. W. Marling Esq., of Montreal.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**DIOCESAN S. S. ASSOCIATION.**—The monthly meeting of the Association was held in the Synod Hall Monday evening the 15th April, when excellent and most interesting instructions were given by Rev. E. A. W. King, M. A., and the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, on the use of the blackboard in teaching. The former showed its usefulness in teaching the Church Catechism, which he condensed into five parts on the blackboard. The Dean further explained its advantages in lectures to senior classes by showing on a blackboard the whole history of the Jewish nation from Moses to the birth of Christ, divided into five plain and easily-grasped tables.

**BROME.**—The Easter services at St. John's Church were of a bright and happy character, and worthy of the season which commemorates the Resurrection of the world's Redeemer. The Church was tastefully decorated with flowers and plants. The congregations were good and entered with evident cheerfulness into the worship of the day. A thoughtful and practical sermon was preached by the incumbent at Morning Prayer on I Cor. xv: 14-15; and Rev. i, 18, formed the basis of the evening discourse. The attendance at the Holy Communion after Morning Prayer was large and satisfactory.

The regular annual Vestry meeting of St. John's Church was held in the Academy on Easter Monday, at 2 p.m. Most encouraging reports were presented by the incumbent and wardens. A balance on hand of \$44 was brought forward to the ensuing year's account. It was

found too that an increased amount had been raised through the Sunday offertories.

The following officers were elected: Incumbent's Warden: A. M. Hunter; People's W. M. Chapman; Lay Delegates to Synod, E. S. Chapman and Prof. G. H. Chandler; Delegate to Dunham Ladies' College, A. H. Chandler; Treasurer, Mr. Lester Ball; Vestry Clerk, A. H. Chandler.

## APPOINTMENTS of the Lord Bishop of Montreal for May:

- May 5th: Sunday, St. Johns, Rev. Rural Dean Renaud.
- " 5th: Sunday, Iberville, Rev. B. P. Lewis.
- " 6th: Monday, Granby and Milton, Rev. Rural Dean Longhurst.
- " 7th: Tuesday, Roxton and North Shefford, Rev. W. N. Duthie.
- " 8th: Wednesday, Waterloo, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay.
- " 9th: Thursday, Knowlton, churchwardens.
- " 10th: Friday, Brome, Rev. R. L. Macfarlane.
- " 12th: Sunday, Iron Hill and West Brome, Rev. F. Charters.
- " 15th: Wednesday, North Ely, Rev. C. P. Abbott.
- " 16th: Thursday, Boscobel and Warden, Rev. C. P. Abbott.
- " 17th: Friday, West Shefford and Falford, Rev. W. Robinson.
- " 19th: Sunday, South Stukely, Rev. J. W. Garland.
- " 20th: Monday, Bolton, churchwardens.
- " 21st: Tuesday, Mansonville, Rev. W. Ross Brown.
- " 22nd: Wednesday, Glen Sutton, Rev. H. A. Meek.
- " 23rd: Thursday, Abercorn and Sutton, Rev. C. Banoroff.
- " 24th: Friday, Sweetsburg and Cowansville, Rev. G. Forsey.
- " 26th: Sunday, Farnham, Rev. Canon Musson.
- " 27th: Monday, Adamsville and East Farnham.
- " 28th: Tuesday, Dunham, churchwardens.
- " 29th: Wednesday, Stanbridge, Rev. I. Constantino.
- " 30th: Thursday, Bedford, Rev. Rural Dean Nye.
- " 31st: Friday, Frelighsburg, Rev. Canon Davidson.

Letters may be sent to meet the Bishop, to 8th May, Waterloo; 13th Montreal; 17th, to South Stukely; 24th, Sweetsburg; 31st, Frelighsburg; afterwards, Montreal.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**W. A. M. A.**—The Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toronto will hold their annual meeting on May 2nd and 3rd, in St. James School House, Toronto. The meetings promise to be unusually interesting from the fact that in addition to the business, papers on Missionary work will be read by Mrs. Baldwin, of London, Mrs. Crawford of Brockville, and Miss Johnson, of Toronto. On Thursday evening addresses will be given by the Rev. Bucknall Smith, Missionary from Central Africa, and Mrs. Twing, Hon. Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the United States.

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**NOTE THIS.**—We will send the *CHURCH GUARDIAN* free for one year to any Clergyman who sends us Three Dollars with the names of three parishioners as new subscribers.

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