

unique pattern and will be of Cathedral glass, with a large ornamented window in front. The light will thus be excellent and give an airy appearance. It is proposed to heat the building by hot air. All the interior furnishings will be in the natural wood.

LONDON SOUTH.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron held Confirmation in St. James' Church, on the evening of Palm Sunday. Seldom has the church been so crowded; chairs had to be supplied wherever there was space for such, and the officers of the church had all they could do to find accommodation for all who sought admission. The Rector, Rev. Canon Davis, conducted the services. There were 31 persons confirmed, most of whom were adults, and several came to the church from other denominations. His Lordship addressed the candidates on their duties and privileges, and pointed out most impressively the stand they were about to take. He asked them to weigh well these matters before the solemn vow was made. The Confirmation service was then proceeded with; after which a most eloquent and soul stirring address was given in which he appealed to all who had been admitted members of the Church of Christ to be faithful in the cause in which they were now enlisted, and to keep the faith to the end. Many were deeply moved by the touching, earnest words of advice.

Daily services are being held in St. James', the Rector preaching each evening on a subject appropriate for the day. Services are also being held in the city churches.

The Bishop preaches each day of the week in one parish or another. Wednesday he goes to Tilsonburg, holding Confirmation there, and then again in Delhi. He has every Sunday engaged up to about the middle of June.

CHATHAM.—Rev. N. H. Martin has declined the offer from Michigan, and decided to remain here still.

Rev. Jeffrey Hill, of Trinity Church, has signified his intention of resigning at Easter, and asks for another parish.

An interesting service was held at the Memorial Church on Wednesday evening of Passion Week. As had been previously arranged, the various societies of the congregation, viz., the Women's Missionary Society, Havergal Mission Band, Young Ladies' Auxiliary, Women's Aid and Mother's Union, Young People Society of Christian Endeavor, Ministering Children's League and All Saints' Mission Society, assembled in the school-room to the number of nearly three hundred members. At eight o'clock they walked in procession, headed by the choir boys, into the church by the west door, and occupied seats in the nave. The service began with the singing of the hymn, "All Glory, land and honor To Thee Redeemer King." Rev. Canon Richardson read the Litany, and the Bishop gave an encouraging and instructive address to the large congregation present. He based his remarks to the juniors on the hosannahs sung on Christ's entry into Jerusalem, and to the senior societies on the fruit of the vine, branches taken from one of the Passion week lessons. The entire service was very impressive, and many were present from other denominations. The large number of Parish societies exhibited the Christian activity which seems to distinguish the Memorial Church.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Diocesan Women's Auxiliary.*—The monthly meeting of the Diocesan Women's Auxiliary was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., in the Synod hall, Mrs. Holden presiding. The treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$50.55 unappropriated funds. A message from the Huron Auxiliary was read, thanking Montreal branch for their kindly greetings to them, then assembled in session. Letters of thank

were read from the Diocese of Algoma, Rev. S. Treves, Fort McLeod, Alberta, and Rev. H. J. Brown, Piegan Indian reserve, for donations and sales of goods which had been highly appreciated. It was decided to send a bale to Mackenzie River in May. It was announced that Rev. E. T. Wilson, of the Shingwauk Home, will be in Montreal for a few days with two of his boys. Mrs. Chisholm desired that all the members would remember the Christmas trees to be given by the auxiliary and work for them during the summer. A paper was read by Miss McCord on mission work in the Diocese of Montreal. Taking the rural deanery of Clarendon, which embraces the missions on the Ottawa and Gatineau rivers as a centre, interesting details were given as to the work being done in the River Desert mission and among the lumbering camps in the backwoods, by the Rev. H. Plaisted and other faithful workers. After singing the Doxology the meeting adjourned.

#### EASTER IN MONTREAL.

*Christ Church Cathedral.*—Five services were held in Christ Church Cathedral on Easter day. Holy Communion at 8 and 9:30 a.m.; full Cathedral service with Choral Communion at 11 a.m.; Choral Litany at 4:15 p.m., and Choral Evensong at 7:05 p.m. The congregations throughout the day were very large, and the festal services were finely rendered. The anthems at the morning and evening services were well selected and beautifully sung. The festal character of the day was also marked by beautiful floral decorations in the chancel. On the super-altar there were bouquets of flowers and a floral cross, and in the chancel several pots of Easter lilies. The Rector of Montreal preached in the forenoon from St. John xi, 25: 'I am the resurrection'; and the Rev. O. A. Smith, Assistant, in the evening.

*St. George's Church* was very prettily decorated for the occasion with hot house plants. The attendance at the two Communion services numbered five hundred and thirty-four. The church was crowded at the morning service. A full choir, under the direction of Mr. Fairclough, performed the musical part of the service heartily and well. It consisted of a prelude 'Oh, death where is thy sting?' 'But thanks be to God,' by Handel, followed by the hymn, 'Jesus Christ is Risen to day,' and the Easter anthem, 'Christ Our Passover,' Garrett's 'Te Deum Laudamus,' Woodard's 'Benedictus,' Hopkins' anthem, 'Why seek ye the living among the dead?' hymns 97 and 94. Mr. Fairclough played for the offertory voluntary the second movement of a sonata in F sharp, by Rheinberger. The preacher at the morning service was the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, who took for his text Mark xvi, 9. The Rev. Mr. Tucker preached at the evening service.

*The Church of St James the Apostle* was attended by the largest congregations on Easter Sunday for many years, at the 11 o'clock service the church being crowded seats were placed in the aisles. Rev. Canon Ellegood, Rector, preached an impressive sermon. The choir of twenty men and eighteen boys showed the thoroughness of the training they had received from the talented organist and choirmaster, Mr. Harries, Handel's famous choruses being given in a magnificent manner. At 4:15 the Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation service, at which a large number of candidates were presented. The Bishop made a most impressive and earnest address to the candidates and the congregation, and being seated in his chair at the entrance to the choir, the candidates were severally presented by the Rector, and the Rev. J. Walker, Assistant, and received the 'laying on of hands.' At the evening service the Rev. John Walker preached. The floral decorations were chaste and beautiful, and the musical part of

the services throughout the day well rendered by the well trained choir of men and boys.

*St. Martin's.*—Here, too, larger congregations, perhaps, than at any previous Easter were assembled. The Rector, Rev. G. O. Troop, preached at morning service from the text, Rom. v. 10. The music was appropriate and festive in character, and special Easter hymns and chants were sung. The Offertory taken to diminish the church debt amounted to about \$800. At the 7 a.m. and 11 o'clock services the total number of communicants was 334, of which 29 were candidates who were confirmed on the previous Thursday evening. The decorations of the church displayed much taste on the part of those who thus manifested their joy in the Resurrection.

*Trinity.*—The choir of this church comprises some of the finest voices in the city, and the musical portions of the service were exquisitely rendered. The number of communicants was exceptionally large, both at 9 a.m. and after the 11 o'clock service. The Rector preached both morning and evening to congregations which completely filled the church. The text of the morning sermon was 'I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore.'

*St. Stephen's.*—Chaste and beautiful were the floral decorations, all the flowers being white and blending in harmony with the white and gold Easter banners which hung from the lectern and pulpit and over the Holy table, behind which was a reed of Easter lilies. The music was hearty and congregational, the hymns joyous and well selected, while the anthem was rendered in a manner which did credit to all concerned. Archdeacon Evans preached from 1 Thess. iv. 16: "The dead in Christ shall rise first." In the evening the Church was packed, chairs being placed in the aisles and many standing. The Rector presented forty-nine candidates for Confirmation, of whom 24 were men. The Bishop's address was faithful and affectionate, and his weighty but loving words will long be remembered. The musical portion of the service was admirable. The number of communicants for the day was two hundred and sixty, and the offertory two hundred dollars.

*St. Jude's.*—A very large congregation attended St. Jude's Church on Easter morning. The musical portion of the service was very impressive, reflecting great credit on the choir. The rector, Rev. J. H. Dixon, was the preacher, taking for his text 1 Corinthians xv. 3, 4.

*St. Luke's.*—The services were conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. Rogers), and were of a very hearty character. Special Easter hymns and anthems were sung.

*St. Thomas.*—In this quaint Church old soldiers "much do congregate," and the stranger was ushered to a pew by either a veteran of one of the popular line regiments formerly stationed in Montreal, or by a stalwart ex-guardsmen. The Church was decorated in exceedingly good taste, and the congregation large. The regular Easter service was preceded by selections from the Hallelujah chorus; Jackson's Te Deum and the old Easter hymns were also well sung. The anthem "Why seek ye the risen among the dead" was very well rendered.

*COTE ST. ANTOINE.—St. Matthias.*—Three services were held in this Church on Easter day, Holy Communion being administered in connection with that at 11 a.m.; at which there were 115 communicants. The services were hearty and excellent throughout and were well attended. Floral decorations were used in the Church and on the Holy Table.

In the afternoon a special children's service