

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Peter's.—The services during Holy Week were Holy Communion every morning (except Good Friday) at 7:45, and on Maundy Thursday (fully choral) at 8 o'clock; plain Evensong followed by the "Story of the Cross," and a meditation every evening except Easter Eve at 7:30. The subjects were "Our Lord's fulfillment of the types of the sacrifices"; on Monday, "The Burnt Offering"; Tuesday, "Sin Offering"; Wednesday, "Trespass Offering"; Thursday, "Peace Offering"; Friday, "The Water of Separation." On Good Friday Matins at 10 o'clock was followed by the Litany, "Reproaches" and ante-Communion service. At noon commenced the three hours devotion of the Agony of the Cross, consisting of meditations upon the seven words from the Cross, with hymns psalms and prayers. The service was very impressive, the chancel was draped in black and a large congregation attended. The choir was changed midway through the service; a small organ in the nave was used for these services. On Easter Day the Church was made very bright in its full festival vesting of white, a quantity of cut flowers beautified the altar, and potted flowers were placed in a bank on either side of it and in other places in and about the chancel. The first service was plain celebration at 8 o'clock, when over ninety persons communicated—the largest number ever receiving at one celebration in the Church. After matins at 10:30, the second celebration commenced at 11 with a long procession. There was no sermon preached at the service. In the evening the congregation was larger even than at the morning service; every seat and many extra ones being occupied and many people not able to gain admission. The service was fully-choral Evensong, followed by sermon and procession, which returned to the Sanctuary, where the choir sang a Gregorian *Te Deum* (arr. by Stainer) in Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His continued blessings to this congregation with special reference to the appointment of the present Priest Incumbent. Other Easter communions were made on Monday and Tuesday in Easter week. Several Easter offerings were made to the Church. A noticeable feature of the past Lenten services has been the greatly increased attendance at all the services, and especially of men at the evening and Sunday services; at some of the morning celebrations the attendance has been three times as large as it had been previously. The incumbent, Rev. James Simpson, has been delivering fortnightly lectures upon the doctrines of the Church as taught by the Bible and Prayer Book; Apostolic succession being the next on the list. At the Easter-meeting held on Easter Monday the accounts presented show an increase over last year of \$1,565.60, or, deducting a legacy and a contribution from last year, the increase represents about 33 per cent.

An amusing production affording a key note to a short editorial appeared in the "Rock" of March 25th, relative to Church matters in P.E. I. generally, and to St. Peter's Church in particular. It contained almost as many falsehoods and ridiculous mistakes as did the articles in the *Evangelical Churchman* already noticed and reported in our correspondence columns.

St. Paul's.—For the current year: Messrs. John Ings and H. J. Cundell were elected wardens; R. R. Fitzgerald, F. L. Hazzard delegates to Synod, with A. B. Warburton and F. T. Newbery as substitutes.

The Rector thanked the members of the congregation for the very large attendance and the interest which they had taken in the meeting, it being one of the largest and liveliest ever held. The meeting adjourned until 9th May, 1887.

Cow Bay.—St. Paul's.—Our Easter meeting was well attended and conducted in perfect har-

mony. The report which was drawn up and read by A. Bellow, Esq., was received with much pleasure, shewing as it did a very creditable effort on the part of the people to liquidate the parish debts, and raise the sums required for general purposes.

The Rector's report whilst also containing much to encourage, reminded the people of duties neglected and work to be done. He regretted the lack of loyalty to Church principles and teaching, as exhibited on certain occasions; in many cases arising from ignorance of those principles, resulting from the great neglect of Church literature and refusing to subscribe to a Church papers.

The members of the vestry were reelected, and Mr. Jas. D. Bollen elected to take the place of Mr. G. L. Rees, who has left the parish.

Mr. William Clarke was reelected the people's warden, and A. Belloni, Esq., the Rector's warden.

SUMMERSIDE.—The Rev. Mr. Howe was unanimously elected Rector of the parish, and was warmly complimented at both meetings upon the success of his ministrations during the short time he has been in charge.

PERSONAL.—On Easter Eve the congregation of St. Peter's Church presented Mr. L. W. Watson with a purse containing \$100, in recognition of services rendered the Church. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. J. Hodgson. Mr. Watson, who was taken completely by surprise, made a suitable acknowledgement.

Mr. Lowe one of the latest arrivals in the Diocese and most recently ordained of the clergy, has been elected Rector of the important town of Summerside. This speaks well for Mr. Lowe's ability and work.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHATHAM.—Easter day was observed with hearty and well attended services in this parish. There were forty-two communicants at the celebration in St. Mary's Chapel at 8 a.m., and at St. Paul's twenty-two at 11:30 a.m. There was also large congregations at St. Mary's at 10 a.m., and at 6:30 p.m. Easter sermons were preached by the Rector, and the offertories were for the sick and needy. In St. Mary's chapel the altar was very handsomely adorned with Easter flowers, including 10 calla lillies. Over the altar was the text "Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!" and on the wall spaces at either end of the altar were shields in white, bearing monograms composed of "Alpha and Omega," and a cross in gold and colors. Over the centre of the altar was a cross and sacred monogram. The lectern and prayer desk were also trimmed with Easter flowers. The music at all the services was hearty and appropriate. The anthem, "Christ being raised, &c., by Elvey, was sung at the evening service at St. Mary's chapel.

NEWCASTLE.—Easter was celebrated in this parish with the customary interesting charity services. The little Church was appropriately decorated with flowers.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—Unusually large congregations assembled in St. Peter's Church on Easter Sunday at the regular morning and evening services, and a large number of communicants attended each of the three celebrations of Holy Communion.

The church was beautifully trimmed with a great variety and profusion of beautiful flowers and plants, the ladies of the congregation exhibiting more than usual taste and skill in their arrangement. The music, which was hearty and excellent in the extreme, reflected great credit upon the choir and choir-master, Mr. Wm. Reed, who is also organist. It is safe to say that it would not be easy to find a better

mixed choir in the province than that of St. Peter's, Sherbrooke.

In the morning the Rev. Dr. Roe, Prof. of Divinity in Bishop's College, Lennoxville, preached a most interesting and thoughtful sermon from the text, "Then were the disciples glad when they saw their Lord."

The Rector preached in the evening. At the annual meeting of the Vestry of St. Peter's Church, on Easter Monday, the report of the Wardens and their financial statement was submitted and was considered very satisfactory. The cash receipts for church purposes during the year amounted to \$4,952.29, which includes \$850 received on account of the proposed East Sherbrooke Mission Church; in addition to the foregoing the following sums were realised in the parish for church purposes which did not enter into the Warden's accounts, viz.:

	\$4,952 29
Ladies' Church Guild.....	232 00
Children's " "	50 00
Ladies' Auxiliary Society.....	104 27
St. Francis District Church extension fund.....	238 33

Making a total of..... \$5,576 89

The Rector, as chairman of East Sherbrooke Church building committee, submitted plans as well as a model prepared by Rev. Thomas Chapman, of Marbleton, Que., those prepared by Mr. Scott, architect, having been found too expensive. The plans submitted by the Rector were approved and the old committee instructed to obtain tenders, and if within the amount raised for the purpose to proceed with the erection thereof without delay. It was also decided to purchase a site for the proposed church from the "Children's Home" authorities, just opposite the new School House, that being considered a more central location than the lots now owned by the church. The thanks of the Vestry were voted to Rev. Dr. Reid for the assistance he gratuitously rendered the Rector during the past year in the administration of the services of the church, and for the present of a beautiful brass cross, and to some members of the congregation who had anonymously presented four polished brass standards for the Communion rail. Also to the wardens, the organist and ladies and gentlemen of the choir, and the ushers.

Thanks were also voted to Mr. Gordon Lloyd, of Detroit, for church plans prepared gratuitously by him, and to Rev. Thomas Chapman for his model, assistance and advice respecting the new church building.

Messrs. H. A. Elkins and Wm. Farwell, were re-elected Wardens. B. W. Heneker, Esq., re-elected delegate to the Synod.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

BOWMANVILLE.—St. John's.—A handsome oak altar and reredos richly carved; the liberal gift of Mr. John Griffith, and his late wife, (designed by Mr. Mashaw, and executed at the Furniture factory,) have recently been placed in this church. The chancel is marked off by a low screen, and the altar is raised three steps above the rest of the building.

On Easter Day the services in this church were well attended, and the offertories large; the number of communicants being specially gratifying; the celebrant was the Rector, Rev. A. Macnab, D.D., assisted by his curate Rev. W. G. Aston.

The decorations were much admired, the panels of the reredos being lined with white, and the four altar vases on the retable filled with choice exotics—banners bearing appropriate texts of Holy Scripture was hung on either side of the chancel; the font and the rest of the building being adorned with flowers, for which this little town is so renowned. At the Annual Vestry meeting on Easter Monday, the following were elected as officers for the current year:—Wardens, S. S. Edsall and J.