

especially at St. Mark's, Nelson, where the little church was fairly full every Thursday evening. Here Mrs. Sargeant, of Chatham Head, kindly played the organ for us at all the special services.

On Easter Day there were five services in all. In St. Andrew's, Newcastle, there were Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Matins and sermon at 11 a.m.; second celebration at noon, and Evensong and sermon at 6.30 p.m. To St. Mark's, there was the usual service at 3.30 p.m. The Holy Eucharist will D.V. be administered in this church on Low Sunday. There were large congregations at all these services. The organ at St. Andrew's was presided over by George Burchill, Esq., and the special music was ably and well rendered. The church was prettily and tastefully decorated. The Rector, the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, conducted all the services, preaching in the morning from St. Luke xxiv. 34, and in the evening from St. Luke xxiv. 5-6. The special offerings amounted to about \$23; while the collection on Good Friday for Bishop Blyth's work among the Jews in Jerusalem and the East came to \$7.19.

The annual Vestry meeting was held in the S. S. hall at 10.30 a.m. on Monday. The Parochial accounts were found to be in a satisfactory state, with a small balance on the right side. Mr. E. Lee Street and Mr. J. V. Davidson were re-elected churchwardens, with the following as vestrymen: J. G. Kethro, R. L. Maltby, Allan Ritchie, Thomas Maltby, John Linden, Jas. Lyder, Jas. Coppu, Geo. Burchill, jun. Mr. E. Lee Street was appointed vestry clerk and treasurer. E. L. Street and J. G. Kethro were appointed lay-representatives to the Synod and delegates to the D.C.S., with J. V. Davidson and R. L. Maltby as substitutes.

On Easter Thursday, some of the children of the Sunday school of St. Andrew's held 5 o'clock tea and apron fair in the school hall. In preparation for this they had given up their Saturday afternoons during Lent, spending that time at the rectory, presided over by Mrs. Sweet. They were rewarded by a very successful entertainment, clearing over \$18 toward the Rectory repair fund.

Lately a branch, the pioneer branch in Canada, of the 'Men's Help Society' has been started in this parish, with the Rector as president, who has also been appointed, with the consent of the Bishop, as Diocesan secretary for the Society in the Diocese of Fredericton. Several meetings have been held, and there is every reason to believe that the organization will be of great help in the spiritual work of the parish among the men.

SAINT GEORGE.—The attendance at Saint Mark's church on Good Friday and Easter Sunday was large. The floral decoration was very fine, but what set it off to advantage was a beautiful brass Cross on the holy table, the gift of Mrs. Neville Parker, in memory of her father, the first rector of Saint Mark's church. The church is at present in a flourishing condition and the Sunday school never was so largely attended. Too much cannot be said in favor of the rector, Rev. R. E. Smith, and the young men who take such an interest in the good work. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring wardens.

Diocese of Quebec.

WINDSOR MILLS.—Notwithstanding the rain and bad roads the Easter services in St. George's church here were bright and hearty. The church had been beautifully decorated with flowers by the ladies of the congregation. Nearly the whole roll of communicants (a large one) were present at the celebration.

On Easter Monday, the annual vestry meeting took place under the presidency of Arch-

deacon Roe, Rector, when the accounts were presented, and Messrs. William J. Addison and Harold McLean were appointed Churchwardens.

SHERBROOKE.—The annual Vestry meeting of St. Peter's church here was held on Easter Monday, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Thornloe. The Wardens' report showed a surplus. Messrs. C. W. Walcott and H. R. Fraser were appointed Churchwardens. The plans of the new church were submitted and considered.

The Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Advent held a sugar social and entertainment in the Church Hall, East Sherbrooke, on the evening of Tuesday, the 23rd. inst.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.—The Easter Vestry meeting at the Church of St. James the Apostle showed the financial condition of the church to be satisfactory, and it was determined to enlarge the building by the addition of a transept on the west side, and also to improve the Sunday school so as to have additional space. It is understood that the work of the enlargement will be commenced without delay.

Church of the Advent.—The Easter services here were beautiful and well rendered, and the church beautifully decorated with flowers. At the early Communion forty persons were present, and a considerable number at midday. The offerings were also very liberal. Anonymous gifts were received of a beautiful altar desk of polished brass, and a large alms' basin of the same material. The choir boys also appeared in cassocks and short surplices, a very decided improvement. It is hoped that before another Easter the choir men may be also so attired. At the vestry meeting on Monday evening Messrs. George Durnford and W. A. Matley were appointed wardens, and a large select vestry were elected. The delegates to the Synod are Messrs. F. Fowler and J. W. Marling. It was considered expedient, as soon as the separation of this Mission from the parish of St. James, of which it forms part is effected, to enlarge the church, in order to accommodate the increasing congregation, and a building committee was appointed for this purpose. The faithful services of Mr. Macduff and Miss Kirby in connection with the choir, as well as the zeal and liberality of the Ladies' Guild were suitably acknowledged.

St. Martin's.—The Easter services at this church were most successful, and the decorations beautiful. The Easter vestry meeting passed off most harmoniously, and the report of the churchwardens showed a satisfactory financial position. The sum of \$1,000 had been paid off the mortgage debt during the year, which now stands at \$14,500, \$9,500 of which are on the church, and \$5,000 on the rectory. During the past six years \$9,600 have been paid off the original debt. The total voluntary contributions by envelope during the year amounted \$5,243.35, and the regular offertory and contribution for missions and other outside objects to \$6,693.39; the former showing an increase over last year, and the latter a very slight decrease.

The financial committee recommended that the Rector should be authorized to secure the services of the Rev. E. I. Rexford as his assistant on Sundays, at such terms as the Rector and churchwardens deemed advisable, and that the present system of voluntary offering be continued another year. S. Bethune, Q.C., D. C.L., and R. Wilson Smith, Esq., were re-appointed churchwardens.

MAISONNEUVE.—A spirited meeting was held at the Mission room lately, to consider a letter from the Bishop with regard to the future of the Mission, the present quarters being quite inadequate for the work. In addition to the people of Maisonneuve there were present Dr. L. H. Davidson, Mr. A. B. Haycock and Mr. A. P. Tippet. It was decided after full discussion to take steps at once to secure the amount needed with which to procure land and erect a building suitable for Sunday school and Sunday services, at an estimated cost of \$2,000 to \$2,500, and a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the purpose.

This Mission has now been carried on for some six years, and the want of greater accommodation has become imperative, with a suitable building there is room for a flourishing congregation and good work. The committee appointed were: Mrs. Johnston, Miss M. F. Johnston, Miss F. Bennett, Mr. George Marcus, Mr. A. B. Haycock, Mr. Arthur P. Tippet.

FRELIGHTSBURG.—Easter morning had a dismal dawning, and external nature maintained its aspect throughout the day. The interior of the parish church (Bishop Stewart Memorial) presented an attractive contrast. The sanctuary was decked with beautiful plants, and these were further beautified by enchanting blossoms. The cut flowers and Easter lilies which adorned the altar spread their fragrance all around.

"The Lord has risen," lilies said,
In gush of sweet perfume."

The musical programme comported fully with the blessed fact of the Resurrection, and through Canticle and 'Hallelujah' anthem, and carols expressively and heartily reverberated the glorious theme of Paradise regained. The Rector had the welcome assistance of Mr. William Barton, B.A., and another from the Prophets' school, Lennoxville. The offertory reached almost to \$25. The annual Vestry meeting of the Parish Church occurred on Easter Monday. Messrs. Asa Westover, jun., and Robert Kirkpatrick were re-appointed churchwardens.

The following were named sidesmen: Messrs. Tittimore, Ernest Gardner, Peter Young, Joel H. Baker, Myron Westover, Cecil A. Barton, Malcolm Owens, Charles Wesley and Charles Salisbury.

The delegates to the Synod nominated were: Major David Westover and Mr. Geo. H. Reynolds. Eulogistic resolutions were unanimously passed commending the churchwardens labors of the past year, the untiring services of the organist, Major Westover, and more particularly to the ladies of the congregation, acknowledging heartily and thankfully their willing energies in providing largely for the current expenses and comfort of the congregation.

IRON HILL.—The Parsonage, April 20, 1895. —SIR,—Would you kindly insert the following explanation in connection with the item contained in your paper of April 17th inst., under the heading of 'West Brome,' viz.: 'That the entertainment to which you refer, was given by a society in connection with the Methodist church in their own hall, and that consequently no responsibility can be attached to either my people or myself. I very much regret that, even by them, such an entertainment should have been given on Good Friday, and also that in any way the discredit of it should have been laid at our door. Further comment I feel is unnecessary. FRANK CHARTERS, Incumbent.

[We most gladly insert the above, freeing the Church from blame in the matter.—Ed.]

STANBRIDGE EAST.—The annual vestry meeting of St. James' church here, was held on Easter Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Parochial hall, the Rector, Rev. C. G. Rollit, in the chair.