

apparently unconscious that no more solemn prayer could be presented to the Throne of Grace. I can quite sympathize with people who say "To me a musical service is a hindrance, not a help, to spiritual worship." I fully feel that there is danger lest men should mistake the mere emotion aroused by music for true worship; but there is like danger in listening to a popular preacher, or joining in the hymns at a Moody and Sarkey meeting. Spiritual worship is only possible for spiritual people. But no one, I suppose, would ask all those whose hearts are as yet unchanged by the Spirit of God to keep away from public worship.

Another cuckoo cry which I have heard repeated *usque ad nauseam* is this: that in a musical service you have a duet between parson and clerk. It has been my lot to preach in many churches. I have been in Evangelical churches where almost every voice took part in the musical responses. Personally I greatly enjoy a plain service. Where the people really responded, such a service is to me delightful; but I can also enjoy a musical service, and I am bound to say that I find small difference as to heart worship. When my heart is in tune, it matters to me little whether the service is very plain or musical. I do object very strongly to a type of service which shuts the people's mouth; but experience has shown me that what is called a *plain musical service* promotes general responding more than a non-musical service. There are parishes where a service with little music is to be performed, because the people cannot join in any other; but do not let us condemn as sensuous and unspiritual services which to many are certainly no hindrance to spiritual worship, and, above all, do not let us look upon those who have such services as unfaithful to Evangelical principles, so long as they teach Evangelical truth and live holy lives.—*The Church Eclectic.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

STILL MORE STRONGLY.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—I feel constrained to appeal through your columns still more strongly on behalf of my Indian Home, as there has thus far been little or no response to the appeal already made in the Church papers and through the medium of the 'Church Magazine.'

We have now 125 pupils in our Homes here at Sault Ste. Marie and in Manitoba, and are expecting them daily to increase. Our aggregate weekly expenses are now about \$300, every mail I am looking anxiously for help and yet the help does not come. At the beginning of the year we were a thousand dollars in debt, and during the last three months our debt instead of decreasing has been gradually creeping up. My work must I feel be either supported or else suspended. The strain is becoming too great. It seems to me that by too many, this work in which I am engaged is regarded more as the hobby of an individual than as a work meriting the general sympathy and support of the Christian Church. I am fully aware that there are numbers of other good work going on in the country, and that I have no right to expect more than a moderate share of the Church's liberality. But it comes simply to this that unless my work receives more liberal support than it has been doing of late it is impossible for me to keep on. If I close my work it is yielding the field to the other Protestant denominations and to the Roman Catholics,—probably the latter. It is no use to try and economise funds by reducing the number of our pupils, as by doing that we lose the per capita grant from Government. Government grants cannot be used to liquidate debts. I have tried in every way to keep down expenses. Our books will show how often in past years I have paid the cost of freight and of medicines and of

prizes and entertainments, and always my own travelling expenses without calling on the funds of the Institution.

But this cannot always go on. Soon my own private purse will be empty as well as that of our Homes, and I shall have to move with my family to some other sphere where my life work for the Indians will I hope be more appreciated and better sustained.

I am sorry to be compelled to write in this strain, and would not for a moment have it thought that I am ungrateful to those who have been helping us so kindly and so faithfully for many years past, and I cannot but believe that A mighty God, whose work my work has been—dedicated to Him, step by step, is even now preparing for us—in a way unknown to myself, some solution to our present difficulties, and so it will end as it has ended before in praise and thanksgiving. Yours, &c,

E. F. WILSON.

Sbingwauk Home, April 7th, 1890.

THE MISSION FUND ENVELOPE.

SIR,—Without being at all aware as to whom was given the task of drawing up the printed matter on the outside of the Mission Fund Envelopes that are distributed annually from the Synod office in this Diocese (Montreal), let it not be thought hypercritical to call attention to the Scriptural quotation given thereon, as not being as apposite as it might be. With all the offertory texts that are found in the Prayer Book, familiar and pointed, to pass those and many others of equal import, and to cul from the Book of Proverbs such a text as: "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand, but the hand of the diligent maketh rich," a text that has but an indirect bearing on giving, even if it has that; a text that has not in itself any allusion to giving; but solely to industry in ordinary life, is to say the least, peculiar. Wishing to preach the required sermon for the Mission Fund on the day appointed I deemed at first that this text ought to have 'point' in it for the occasion; but when I studied it and its context I could not see that the matter of giving was in any form before the writer's mind and was therefore useless except as an illustration and not a very direct one either. Let us have something better next time.

W. R. B.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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MULGRAVE.—The Lenten services in St Andrew's Church have been well attended. During Holy Week services were held every day, morning with prayers, and the evening with prayers and addresses. The Easter Day service was held in the evening. The church was filled in every part; the service was bright, and the singing beautifully rendered, especially the anthem "Why seek ye the living among the dead." Mrs. Ross kindly presided at the organ for the hymns and canticles, and the Rev. Mr. Lloyd played the anthem. Too many thanks cannot be given to Mrs. Donkin, Mrs. Trite, Mrs. G. Hadley, and to Mrs. and Miss Lloyd, for the labor of love devoted, by each of the above ladies, for decorations.

The altar decorations were very beautiful consisting of cross and vases. Suspended on the cross was a handsome wreath of white flowers, and the vases filled with the same. Behind and along the back of the altar was a very brilliant text (alleluia), of gold letters on a white ground. This church will soon be re-seated throughout as the order is now being executed.

On the same day services were held in each of the other two churches in this parish viz, Oyster Ponds and Middle Melford, both being well filled. Oyster Ponds church is now in the hands of the carpenters, sheathing it

throughout, and preparing it for consecration, and will be completed shortly.

A site for the new church at Middle Melford has been presented to the parish by the "Terminal City Co." and the deed of gift is now being prepared; on the completion of this, the work of building will be at once proceeded with.

The annual vestry meetings have been held, when the following gentleman were re-elected as church wardens for the ensuing year, Mr. G. B. Hadley, and Mr. Fred. Reeves. Chapel wardens elected at Middle Melford, Mr. W. Maguire, and Mr. R. Sawyer. Oyster Ponds, Mr. G. Hadley, and Mr. Godfrey Hadley. Messrs. Henry Carr and J. Wyldo, representatives to Synod.

It is very pleasing to note that all the churches in this parish are well attended, and well repay the labors of the Rev. Mr. Lloyd, who, we are pleased to say, is most indefatigable in his work throughout the whole district.

PROTOR.—The Lenten season and Easter are past, and not, I hope, unblessed with spiritual growth and good to some.

During Lent the afternoon services in St. James' Church were very well attended; there being forty-four of the congregation who at one time or another were present, compared with eighteen last year when the services were held tentatively in the rectory.

I pray that another year the privilege of meditating upon Christ in his fasting and temptation may not be yielded so completely to the women.

The Wednesday evening services were well attended by both men and women, and the Holy Week evening services also. On Good Friday evening a lecture was delivered on Jewish Missions, and the day's offerings for the fund were larger than on either of the two previous years.

On Easter Day, the east window was banked with Easter lilies and other flowers, the offerings of three of the lady members of the choir. The choir had labored diligently to prepare the proper Psalms, an Anthem, and Easter hymns, and the singing was more than excellent. The congregations were large both morning and evening, and the number of communicants greater than on any previous occasion during the present incumbency. Though to one who is anxious to do good work on Church lines, there must needs be discouragements, yet there is also much reason to thank God and take courage; to realize that He is with us of a truth, and is helping honest endeavor in His service and for His honor and glory.

LIVERPOOL.—The Easter services are over and Easter teachings told, and we within this parish have had a share of Easter joy. The sounds of praise and prayer ascended nobly to the King of kings from His, and He is satisfied. The sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood was not a forgotten part within the sanctuary. At 8:30 on Easter Day, the number of communicants was 48, and at the 10:30 service the number was 67; so the rich and poor met together to receive the holy food, and all are equals there. The responses too were hearty, the singing fair, all tending to give encouragement and joy unto the minister.

At the parish meeting held in the Sunday school house the following Monday, F. W. Collins, and J. G. Pyke, were elected wardens; the former rector's and the latter people's warden.

The finances of the parish were in good condition, there being an increase in collections over the past year. After all expenses were paid, a balance was found to be on hand, which was given to the rector. The Rev. A. W. Haley, curate, had his salary increased. Dr. H. J. Farish and John G. Pyke, Esq., were chosen as delegates to attend the centennial an-