

interest, demanding his whole time, he declined the proffered candidacy at the subsequent election. Mr. King was a Director of the Union Bank of Canada, Vice-President of the Quebec Mining Association, an extensive and thoughtful reader, a man of sound judgment, unostentatious, kind hearted and conscientious. Mr. King was unmarried, he leaves two brothers and two sisters. At the time of his death his sisters and one brother were travelling in Europe. We extend to these all, and to his younger relatives our very sincere sympathy.

A. J. B.

A Question Answered.

The question is sometimes asked : "What difference does it make whether I pay so much by agreement for a seat and own it for a year, or contribute the same amount through the offertory and take a seat where I can find one?" The answer is obvious. What one gives is not all for a seat for himself, nor alone for the support of the public services, but for the support of every part of Christ's work through the organization of the Church, and for the benefit of all ; it is given utterly to God ; and one has a right to a seat in the Church building at all Services, not because he has paid, much, or little, or nothing, but because it is God's House, made His by consecration ; the place for all His children to render their duty and services of worship ; and if the poorest be hindered from that duty and service by any way of man's contriving, God's purpose is thwarted ; and they are so hindered when the space and conveniences are allotted to any particular persons.

DISTRICT NEWS.

MELBOURNE.

St. John's.—Through the loving kindness of one of the Church's loyal daughters, a handsome White Frontal

has been provided for this Church. The embroidered emblems were worked in gold by Miss Kate Simpson, whilst the ground work was furnished by the Ladies' Guild. This labor of love was recently dedicated to the honor and glory of God by the Rev. C. T. Lewis, during Divine Service.

The members of the Choir of St. John's are to be congratulated upon the very creditable manner in which they now chant the Psalms for Evening Prayer, and sing Bunnett's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

The old organ has been discarded. The new one was used on Trinity Sunday and is a magnificent instrument. Its tone and power are excellent. The instrument is a costly one, but a liberal discount was generously given by Messrs. Willis & Co., of Montreal, who supplied it. The Incumbent met with great success when making a personal canvass amongst his parishioners, who responded most readily and liberally to his appeal ; whilst Miss Gwendoline Mathias rendered material assistance by raising money amongst her own relations and friends. There is but a small balance due, which we trust will soon be raised.

St. Saviour's, Melbourne Ridge.—The plain Red Frontal has been beautified with gold embroidery and lace through the kindness and labor of Miss Effie Macleod and Miss Holland.

ST. GEORGE, BEAUCÉ.

The Rev. F. R. Bigg reports :—

St. George has fallen on rather evil times this spring and is but now recovering. The floods in the Chaudière Valley have been very bad and great damage to property was done by the ice in this vicinity. The bridge was partially swept away by the ice, and people had to cross on a temporary construction suspended on wire rope, which luckily was safer than it looked. One's feelings in crossing were rather what one would imagine a lame mouse to possess when urged by its owner to cross a room on a suspension bridge of string. Happily, however, no accidents occurred. It was nicely repaired at last and promptly