

is to us just precisely what He came to this world to be. It is just this wrongly proportioned emphasis placed upon the Atonement that prevents a wider view of the whole truth of the Incarnation, God manifest in the flesh. The Saviour's miraculous birth, His perfect stainless life, the heavenly purity of what He said, and His Resurrection and Ascension, are facts and truths that must have a right position in our thoughts in order that we may grasp the full meaning and unmeasured blessing of His death. And so our Good Friday thought, quickened and solemnized by the sweet patience of the Sufferer, flies up to the counsels of the Triune God, where man's salvation is the theme, comes back to earth with the angels that announced the Saviour's Advent, followed Him along the lanes and fields of Galilee and the streets of Jerusalem, with His deeds of physical healing and His words of spiritual healing, sit with His Apostles at the first Eucharistic feast, watch in Gethsemane, linger long at the Cross, and behold Him bursting the bands of the grave and ascending up on high, His work done, the victory accomplished.—*Church News.*

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL.**—*St. Martin's.*—Not the least impressive of the services held in St. Martin's Church during Holy Week was that on Thursday evening, when 46 candidates were presented to the Bishop to receive the rite of Confirmation. Previous to the actual ceremony of the 'Laying on of hands' his Lordship addressed a few pointed remarks, first to those about to ratify their baptismal vows and then to the congregation generally which it seems safe to predict that his hearers will not easily forget. The utterances of a chief pastor on such occasions are necessarily of somewhat the same tenor, but those of the Bishop of Montreal never fail to have a solemnizing effect and perhaps in no instance was this more observable than on Thursday. The address, couched in plain home like language, unadorned by a single rhetorical sentence, was delivered in a quiet conversational tone of voice, but the audience convinced or the time at any rate of the tremendous importance of the subject, and of the fact that the preacher 'believed and therefore he spoke' listened with unusual interest. His Lordship's statement that he was just as convinced of the presence of the Saviour in the Church as though he were there in the plenitude of His power and glory, was productive of a stillness more often read about than experienced. The Bishop urged upon those about to make a public profession of their faith the necessity for some definite work having for its object the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, and professed himself sceptical as to the reality of the convictions of those Christians who were not so engaged. The service throughout was a solemn one, and Mr. Troop, the Rector, eagerly seized the opportunity afforded him on Good Friday evening to deliver a lecture primarily intended for those about to make their first Communion on Easter Sunday, but at which all those who had been confirmed since his incumbency were specially invited to be present. Mr. Troop is at all times a preacher who commands attention. Assured of his vocation and terribly in earnest, he combines great fluency of speech with deep spiritual insight, but he is perhaps never heard to greater advantage than when forcibly expounding the elementary truths of the Gospel, and as his object on Friday was to lay a solid foundation he was at his best and held the attention of his audience in a marked manner throughout the sermon, which was a lengthy one. Mr. Troop, before concluding, said that he had good reason to feel encouraged with the winter's work, and as it is not easy to suppose that after the Bishop's warning as to the fearful sin of receiving the rite in an impenitent state

that any one would be so rash as to do so it may reasonably be hoped that nearly fifty true members have been added to the Church.

### EASTER IN MONTREAL.

*Christ Church Cathedral.*—The Easter services commenced here with an administration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock in the morning, at which a large number attended. The Rector of Montreal and the Rev. G. A. Smith officiating. The altar was decorated with cut flowers and a beautiful floral cross, and in the choir pots of the choicest flowers, including some beautiful palms were placed.

A second celebration took place at 9:30, and a third at 11 o'clock, when full Cathedral service was held, the well sung Easter Hymns, being heartily joined in by the congregation. At this service the Rev. Canon Anderson assisted the Parochial clergy; the Rector, Dr. Norton, being the preacher.

*St. George's.*—A special programme of services was issued prior to Easter day, and these commenced with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock; Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. Here too there was a very large attendance of Communicants, as would necessarily be the case in this the largest of the Montreal churches. At the 11 o'clock service the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal preached, and Mr. R. R. Stevenson acted as organist; the newly appointed organist having not yet arrived. Owing to the large number attending Communion the musical part of the service was not as elaborate as in the evening, when a special anthem was sung, viz: that by Stainer, 'They have taken away my Lord,' and Handel's 'Thou wilt not leave my Soul in Hell,' as an offertory. The 'Hallelujah' from Messiah was used as the postlude.

The preacher at the evening service was the Assistant, the Rev. L. N. Tacker, M.A.

*St. James the Apostle* was as usual beautifully decorated with flowers, and the Easter music was of a high character being well rendered by the thoroughly trained choir of boys and men connected with the Church and under the direction of Mr. Harris. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese preached at the 11 o'clock service, and assisted thereafter in the administration of Holy Communion, which was also celebrated at 8 and 9:30 a.m. The congregations were exceedingly large, as also the number of Communicants. The Rector of the parish preached at evening service, and there was also Choral Litany in the afternoon. The choir numbers amongst its members several boys with beautiful voices, whose singing always affords pleasure to those attending the services. As a rule too the conduct and behaviour of the boys and men of St. James' is exemplary; which cannot unfortunately be said to be the case in some other churches; but there is room for improvement even in St. James'.

*St. John the Evangelist.*—From year to year the effort seems to be made at this church to render the Easter services and celebrations more grand and attractive as well as devotional. The Church was decorated with flowers though not as profusely as on some former occasions. The altar was covered with a beautiful embroidered frontal; the choicest hot house flowers adorned the super-altar, and a choice collection of flowers was placed in the choir.

The music at the 11 o'clock service was especially grand. The members of the choir turned out in force and rendered in an admirable manner Monk's Communion service. They were assisted by an orchestra of six violins, violoncello and piano. Three celebrations were held at 6.45, and 7.45 a.m., and after the 10:30 o'clock service; there being nearly four hundred communicants at the three celebrations. The ordinary offertories for the day amounted to over \$400, and there was a special offering of \$1,000. The Rev. Dr. Wright preached in the

morning and the Rector, Rev. E. Wood, M.A., at evening service.

*Trinity.*—In former years little was looked for at this Church, either in the way of musical services or in decorations. Of late years, however, a large and thoroughly trained choir has been gathered together, and few if any of the churches in Montreal now excel Trinity in the excellence of the musical portion of the service. On Sunday last selections were rendered from the compositions of Dudley, Back, Stainer, Mendelssohn and Handel with great skill and good effect. The congregations were very large and at the administration of Communion at 9 and 11 a.m. the attendance was also very large. The Rector, Rev. Canon Mills, preached in the morning and again in the afternoon at a special service for the children, which was largely attended.

*POINT ST. CHARLES.*—*Grace Church.*—The Easter services here surpassed any that had previously taken place. They consisted: 1, of Choral Communion service at 9 o'clock a.m., at which no less than 141 Communicants were present. 2. The 11 o'clock service was also fully choral and admirably rendered, the Church being crowded to the doors, several hundred people being obliged to leave, not being able to gain entrance. A second celebration took place when 115 communicants received. 3. A special children's service was held in the afternoon, when Choral Litany was sung, at which over 550 children were present. 4. The evening service was semi choral and again the Church was unable to accommodate those who wished to attend. The Rev. John Ker, B.D., Rector, preached at all the services. Church work in this section of the city is certainly making rapid progress, and the greatest unanimity prevails throughout the parish, as is evidenced by the large addition to the Rector's stipend in the shape of a bonus given to him on Easter Monday amounting to \$200.

*CORE ST. PAUL.*—Easter was celebrated at the Church of the Redeemer here more heartily perhaps than ever before. The Church was beautifully decorated with cut and pot flowers the Altar being vested in white as is usual, and the super Altar adorned with vases of choicest flowers and with a most beautiful memorial floral cross. Very handsome new texts for each side of the Chancel window and for the Super Altar had been prepared by Messrs. Sponce & Sons, Montreal.

The morning service was fully choral and was admirably and heartily rendered. Two Easter Echoes were sung by the children during the service, and the hymns chosen from the edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern were touchingly appropriate. One feature of the service was the surpliced Choir of men, and it is hoped before long the boys will not be wanted. Dr. Davidson was assisted in the morning service by J. W. Marling, Esq., Montreal, who has been helping in the Mission work most acceptably for several years past. After the morning service Mr. G. W. Woollam, one of the wardens, together with Mrs. McGovern, representing the Ladies Aid Society of the Church, waited upon Dr. Davidson in the Parochial Hall to extend their Easter greetings and to mark the same in tangible form by a presentation to him in behalf of the congregation and the Ladies Aid of two envelopes containing \$150.

Both morning and evening service was largely attended and as usual much interest manifested in the services.

On Tuesday evening, the 31st inst., the C. E. T. S. Senior and Junior branch gave an entertainment in the Hall which was fairly attended and proved very successful. The children of the C. E. Cadet Corps gave several exhibitions of Drill under the direction of Mr. Herbert Drabble who has been training them for some little time past, and that most effectively, as the exercises shewed.