

An additional pathos was added to this service by the fact that the Rector had taken part in the afternoon, in the funeral of Miss Bessie Wilson, who died on the previous day at the age of 22 years. Her bright and gentle young life had left sweet memories with many friends as well as with the circle of her own family, and it seemed natural to speak of the flowers, laid on the garden grave at St. John's that quiet afternoon, as symbols of the joyous Resurrection of which our Lord's Resurrection was the first fruits and promise. Mr. Minchin played the "Dead March" very sympathetically after the service.

Easter Day!—with what brightness and beauty it dawned for all of us. Such a sweet morning; so many beautiful flowers in church, the chancel and baptistery never looked prettier—such large congregations too. At 7 a. m. the first celebration was taken by the Rector, at which there were 80 communicants, at 8 a. m. the Rev. Canon Coombs celebrated 82. communicants; at 11 a. m. Choral celebration, with close upon 60 communicants. The choir sang heartily and well, and the High Celebration with the music of Marbecke and Gounod was dignified and solemn as usual.

The Children's Easter Festival was held on Low Sunday at 3 p. m. There was a happy procession of young people round the church with cross and banner, and an offering of \$21.00 for Indian Missions.

The Easter meeting was held on 18th April. Mr. T. L. Peters and W. G. Nicholls were elected as church wardens. The retiring wardens presented an excellent financial statement showing all current expenses paid, and the mortgage debt reduced by \$500.00 during the past year. It was resolved to undertake the work of building stone foundations under the church, during the coming year.

On Sunday evening, April the 25th, The Rev. F. V. Baker, preaching in All Saints Church, Winnipeg, discussed in an able and impartial manner, the question of the observance of the Lord's Day. He traced the history of the Jewish Sabbath and the Christian Sunday. The object of the reservation of one day in seven was to secure opportunity for worship and rest, both of which he considered vital to the welfare of humanity. The divine, or natural law in this respect, he considered was properly supplemented by civil law. Civil legislation in this regard had its origin in the time of Emperor Constantine. While it was right for the State to provide a day of worship and rest, a compulsory observance of Sunday had no value at all, from a Christian point of view. One might as well seek to insist on everyone taking the Sacrament of the Holy Communion by compulsion as to insist on the compulsory observance of the Lord's Day in a particular fashion. It was only in Puritan times in England, and under the Blue Laws of the Puritan Colonies in America that worship on Sunday was made compulsory by civil law. In regard to the question of rest, he referred to the Sabbath Observance Law now before the Legislature, particularly to the clauses referring to amusements. He did not think that a person could worship all day on Sunday, and he did not think it advisable one should do so even if one could. Rest did not mean idleness; rest might frequently mean recreation.

Under our existing laws there was nothing wrong in amusements on Sunday; and such were not prohibited in the court of conscience. He did not believe in the prohibition of amusements and exercises on Sunday; although, where amusements were of such a character that they interfered with worship and rest of others, it might be desirable that the Legislature should regulate them. The observance of Sunday by the Christian would not be affected by the civil law. The observance of Sunday by the Christian was a matter of faith and conscience. The true Christian could always observe Sunday in accordance with his conception of his duty to God, no matter what the civil law might be.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday, April 21st, a very pretty wedding took place in the chapel of St. Agatha, at Christ Church, Winnipeg. The bride was Miss Christina Whyte, third daughter of Ex-Baillie A. Stuart Whyte, of Leam Bank, Govanhill, Glasgow; the bridegroom—Mr. J. H. Mitchell, accountant of the New York Life Insurance Company, Winnipeg. The Rev. Robert C. Johnstone, an old friend of Miss Whyte's family, gave away the bride; Miss Conway acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Wm. Morgan as groomsmen. Among those who were present were Mrs. Mitton, Mr. J. G. Morgan, Mrs. R. C. Johnstone, Mr. H. L. Deakin, Miss Reid, Mr. R. W. Johnstone, Miss Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Obed Smith, etc. The ceremony was performed by the Rector of the parish, the Rev. W. T. Mitton, M. A. Mrs. Mitton kindly presided at the organ. The chancel was beautifully decorated with choice white flowers. On leaving the church, the newly married couple and wedding guests drove to the residence of Mr. J. G. Morgan, on Carlton Street, where the dejeuner was given. The reception rooms in this beautiful home are always charmingly attractive; on this occasion, artistically arranged flowers, on the tables and in jardinières, added to the charm, and made the gathering one not to be soon forgotten by those who were privileged to present. The dejeuner was in every respect worthy of Mr. Morgan's well known hospitality. A very happy time was spent, and when Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left for their new home, they carried with them the warmest greetings and best wishes of all their friends.

His Grace the Archbishop of Rupertsland has quite recovered from the severe sickness which for some time kept him a prisoner to his room during the early winter months. In a letter received from him about a week ago, he desires it to be known that the address delivered by him, which we inserted in our March issue, was taken down in shorthand by the reporter of an English Church paper, and has in it more than one serious mistake. The only accurate report of the sermon is to be found in a small volume published by the S. P. C. K., entitled "The Anglican Communion."

His Grace expects to leave England about the middle of June.