

deed a Happy Festival—large congregations morning and evening—and 88 Communicants, though some were prevented from coming by the roads and weather. The financial standing is wonderfully good and cheering: total raised \$2,640.00 (about \$1,000 being for the reduction of the Church debt).—*Laus Deo.*

[See Article on "The Social Side of Church Life," in another column of this Number.—Ed. Q. D. G.]

RIVIERE-DU-LOUP.

The Rev. G. G. Nicolls writes:—

Everything possible, almost, seemed to go against our efforts to secure specially bright and successful music for our Easter Services. Our esteemed and able organist, Miss Hill, was obliged to be away; and out of our tiny band of singers two of the very best were unavoidably absent. A number of boys, however, were pressed into service for the occasion, and their usefulness was very great; though owing to the shortness of time for preparation neither the volume or quality of their music was what it might have been. The little fellows did their best though, and we are indebted to them.

Mrs. Crockett most kindly took Miss Hill's place at the organ, and discharged her duties with great faithfulness and efficiency; and as we again had the splendid support of Mr. Yeo with his cornet, the music was as good as our circumstances permitted, went with a will, and was very hearty.

Although we had no cut flowers for decorative purposes, and the supply of plants was decidedly limited, the Sanctuary and Altar at least of each of the Churches looked bright and beautiful; and this, notwithstanding that the plants in blossom were far fewer than in other years. The masses of varicoloured foliage however were strikingly beautiful. At the upper Church we had a greater number of plants than at the other, and were able to extend the decoration beyond the Chancel and Altar. An improvement in the lighting was singularly successful; and many remarked that the flowers looked far prettier than last year, although there was then a greater abundance of them, and several times the amount of bloom that we had this year. Every single plant in the upper Church was kindly lent us by our friends belonging to the Methodist congregation.

STANSTEAD.

A Chapter of the S. Andrew's Brotherhood was organized in connection with Christ Church, on January 21st. It is doing good work for the Church and now numbers thirteen members, less several probationers. The members undertake the work of ushers in Church. The Chapter meets fortnightly, when subjects of Practical Church work are discussed.

The Lenten Services commenced with a Celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., on Ash Wednesday, when all the members of the Brotherhood communicated in a body. There was also another Celebration at the 10 o'clock Service. During the whole of Lent, there were special Services with a course of addresses by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. Forsythe, every Wednesday and Friday evening. At these Services, as well as on Sunday evenings, the Truro Mission Hymn Book was used. The weather throughout the whole season was almost one continued storm. Despite this, the attendance with very few exceptions was very good, the number of men present being especially noticeable. In Holy Week, there was Daily Matins and Evensong with addresses by the Rector on the "Comments at the Cross." On Tuesday and Thursday, there were also Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, (when the weather turned suddenly arctic), in addition to Matins and Evensong, there was also a Service of Meditation on the Seven Last Words in the afternoon.

These severe weather prevented the bringing of flowering plants as usual to Church on Easter Day, but still the Church looked pretty in its festal garb. There were two Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, at 7 a.m. and at mid-day. The Morning Service was fully choral with chanted Psalms and Tallis' Festal Responses. *Te Deum* and *Benedictus* were sung to settings by Simper. The Anthem was also his composition. The Communion Office was sung to Mr. Dorey's beautiful setting in E Flat. The number who made their Easter Communion was fifty-four. Easter offerings amounted to \$33.08. The Easter Evensong was semi-choral with *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* and Anthem by Simper. The congregations at both Services were good. Too much credit cannot be given to the Organists