

much for the congregation to grasp, and not melody or rhythm sufficient to catch the popular ear.

It is, I grant you, a difficult position for the organist to fill, in order to please every one.

If you or I were asked the question, which we should prefer, we should certainly choose a tune, artistically treated with such extremes as science has educated us to, and particularly, as we are capable of singing, the harmonies whichever may suit our voice.

It is to this fact that many musicians are, I must say, selfish, and believe what is delightful to themselves, must be appreciated by the majority. But if we consult the feelings of our congregation, and consider for one moment the various grades of musical culture possessed by them, the greater number of whom join in singing the melody, and are not capable of performing the other parts, will, doubtless, be attracted by the air and rhythm, who will be in ecstasy with the sacred song, and praise their God with a gushing flow of sound, of feeling, and of thankfulness.

To be successful as an educator of the popular mind, we must bring ourselves from our lofty pinnacle of thought, and pander to their pleasure at first, awaiting the proper time, when the instructions of the many able musicians we have amongst us, have accomplished the very difficult task they are so earnestly striving to do at present.

It is astonishing how quick our Canadian people are: eager to advance themselves, if treated in a patient manner. Lead them by reasoning; administer your music in homœopathic doses, and do not nauseate the subjects incapable of digesting the strong essence, which hereafter will be a source of strength and nutriment to their well formed minds.

It is not many years ago, if the oldest among us were to look back, and carry his thoughts to the Mother country (providing he had come from there), when in the choir of some village or country town church, were to be found an orchestra in a small gallery, presenting a peculiar grouping of heads, prominent among which, might be noticed the village tailor or grocer, leading on the clarinet, in so vigorous a manner as sufficient to blow his face to a point, ably assisted on the left by a short, stout set man, laboring over the bass viol, so intent on the manipulation of the strings, that in nine cases out of ten, nothing could be seen, saving a round, bald head, like the egg of an ostrich. The lady vocalists, composed of many pretty faces of a bright, rosy tint, so frequently seen in the rural districts of Old England. But the gentleman choristers—chosen like old Cremona's fiddles—more for tone than looks, and when brought together on a festival occasion, such as Christmas or Easter, I think you may sum up their earnest efforts as being truly Scriptural, where "the singers go before, the minstrels follow after."

So great a transition has been effected, that were we to visit the same churches, we should find an efficient organist, a well trained choir, and a devotional service of song.

Rapid, indeed, has been the progress; and though we are yet but a young country, I can assure you in proportion, we have made greater advancement, considering our age, and the wilderness we were but a few years back.

I still look to the future results, as being the means of placing this Canada of ours in a position (as regards musical culture) to be respected, and found to contain all the essentials of the cultivated art, as to place her inferior to no other country.

Thanking you Ladies and Gentlemen for your kind attention, I trust that each and every one of us may work with renewed vigor, to obtain that success as will benefit the land of our adoption by giving to her, Musicians, who will be an honor and a credit to the Profession they serve.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Easter.—The weather was beautiful, the air summerlike, notwithstanding the great quantity of snow remaining on the streets, and the whole population seems to have turned out to honour the Queen of Festivals. The remarkable features of this Easter were, (1.) the large number of communicants in all the churches, possibly due to the fine weather, but more likely the natural result of the good and earnest labour of the clergy during Lent. At the Cathedral, St. George's, and St. John's, this was par-

ticularly noted, and in these the greater number came to the early services. Again, it is very apparent that the prejudice against floral decorations is dying away, even the Dissenters seem to vie with the Church in this direction. Another matter for congratulation is the apparent temporal prosperity of the church in the city. The reports of a surplus, or payments of debt, or additions to the clerical salary were general; so, notwithstanding the late "unpleasantness," the diocese is prospering spiritually and temporally. Another sign of contentment and prosperity is the quietness of the annual vestry meetings on Easter Monday, and the re-election of the old officers, wardens, and delegates.

St. Stephen's.—This beautiful church, situated in the poorest part of the city, was filled to overflowing on Easter Sunday night, on the occasion of the Bishop's annual visit for Confirmation. A jubilant service and an earnest address from the Bishop added to the solemnity of the ceremonial, when the unprecedented number of 86 candidates received the apostolic rite.

St. George's.—The annual commemoration service of England's patron saint will be held in this church on Sunday, the 24th inst. The Rev. Osborne Troope, one of the chaplains, has been invited to preach on this occasion.

EASTERN ELECTIONS.—Christ Church Cathedral.—Mr. F. Syman, Mr. J. Holden, Wardens; Mr. George A. Drummond, Mr. Robert Evans, Delegates to Synod.

St. James the Apostle.—Mr. T. Montgomery, Mr. J. J. Browne, Wardens. Mr. J. W. Marling, Mr. J. Binmore, Delegates.

Trinity Church.—Mr. Andrew Bailie, Mr. Charles Garth, Wardens.

St. Martin's Church.—Mr. Strachan Bethune, Mr. J. Tatley, Wardens; Mr. S. Bethune, Mr. J. Gowlley, Delegates.

St. Stephen's Church.—Mr. T. Brophy, Mr. E. C. Cooke, Wardens; Mr. J. Tough, Mr. F. McCulloch, Delegates.

St. Thomas' Church.—Mr. C. Bickett, Mr. A. Cooper, Wardens; Mr. W. Drake, Mr. R. Slack, Delegates.

St. Luke's.—Mr. Snasdell, Mr. Wm. Prance, Wardens; Mr. W. Salter, Mr. Thos. Lamb, Delegates.

St. Lambert.—Mr. George Hunt, Mr. J. C. Sudbury, Wardens; Mr. Robert Church, Mr. James Bourne, Delegates.

ONTARIO.

CRYSLEE, FINCH.—The special Church services here during Lent, were generally well, sometimes largely attended. Every Wednesday evening before the Holy Week there was a service of a Lenten character, the subject of the address being the Collect. On Good Friday there was service morning and evening (the Incumbent going also to Chesterville in the afternoon), the addresses being—in the morning, upon the sufferings of Christ on the Cross; and in the evening upon each of the Seven Sayings from the Cross; with suitable hymns between each address. On the other days of Holy Week, every evening had its service, with an address on the sufferings of Christ in His Passion.

The Easter services were greatly interfered with by the breaking up of the winter roads, but there was a fair congregation. The Incumbent was, however, unable to go to Chesterville, so that, unfortunately, no Easter service was held there.

The Socials held before Lent, in connection with the Chrysler congregation, realised about \$50.00.

BELLEVILLE.—Christ Church.—Rev. E. W. Sibbald, graduate of Wycliffe College, rector, occupied the chair at Christ Church vestry meeting. The accounts of the church wardens were presented, after being audited. Mr. W. A. Hungerford was re-elected people's warden, and the rector chose Mr. Wallbridge as his warden. Dr. James was elected vestry clerk, and Messrs. Irvine Diamond and F. S. Wallbridge auditors. It was decided to have a vestry meeting on the first Monday in each month, to consider financial matters in connection with the church. Also to make preparations to adopt the envelope system. A letter was read from Rev. Mr. Sibbald stating that he would accept a reduction of \$500 in his salary until the finances of the church are in a more satisfactory state. His salary will now be \$1,000. Mr. J. E. Halliwell was elected a lay delegate to the Synod.

It was rumoured on the streets yesterday afternoon that Rev. Mr. Sibbald would tender his resignation at the vestry meeting last night, but failing to do so he will remain rector of the church for another year. There has been some disagreement between the rector and several members of the congregation, who have quit the church, but Mr. Sibbald thinks that they will return this year. Of the number who are dissatisfied with the rector, sixty-two have paid for their pews and withdrawn from the church.—Daily Ontario.

One of the pleas for Mr. Sibbald's Alma Mater, a plea urged with endless vehemence, was that its graduates would never be in conflict with the people. What the patent was which would neutralize all the failings of human nature in shepherd and flock we were not told, but it was evidently after the Keely motor class, its power was indescribable, save as a party weapon!

TORONTO.

DOVERCOURT.—At the close of the service on Good Friday evening at the Church of England mission, a very handsome Communion Service of plate, was presented to the congregation by Mr. A. M. Kirkpatrick, the eldest son of Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick, which was gratefully accepted and acknowledged in conjunction with many other kindnesses received from Mr. Kirkpatrick during his connection with the mission. Holy Communion was administered by Rev. Mr. Tocque on Sunday [to about twenty-five Communicants.

Church Woman's Mission Aid.—The 8th annual meeting of the above Society will take place in the Synod Rooms, Wellington Street West, on Wednesday, April 27th, at 8 p.m. The Bishop of Toronto will preside, and it is expected that the Bishop of Algoma, and the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, will be present and deliver addresses on Mission work.

All members of the Society, the clergy, and all others interested in Mission work are cordially invited to attend.

TORONTO.—Vestry Meetings.—The city vestries were unusually satisfactory this year. Quite a number received reports showing a surplus over increased expenditures. The wardens and Synod Delegates were as follows:—

St. George's.—Wardens, S. B. Harman, R. B. Street; Delegates, H. W. M. Murray, E. M. Chadwick, G. F. Harman.

St. Johns.—Wardens, R. L. Barwick, D. M. Harman; Delegates, A. R. Boswell, Dr. Spragge, Wilson.

St. Stephen's.—Wardens, F. W. Ball, W. A. Browne; Delegates, N. W. Hoyle, G. M. Adair, W. A. Browne.

St. Luke's.—Wardens, G. Chillas, C. J. Whitney; Delegates, Clarkson Jones, H. J. Brown, Dr. Burritt.

St. Matthews.—Wardens, I. Vick, E. Hiron; Delegates, Jno. Dean, A. Marling, C. Ayer.

Holy Trinity.—Wardens, W. Kersteman Jr., W. O'Grady; Delegates, W. Ince, J. C. Campbell, R. Bethune.

St. Bartholomew's.—Wardens, C. Martin, W. T. Hawthorne; Delegates, M. Crombie, V. E. Hart, I. Blacklock.

St. Anne's.—Wardens, S. Denison, A. Wright.

All Saints.—Wardens, G. Goulding, A. H. Kertland; Delegates, A. McLean Howard, C. H. Green, D. R. Wilkie.

St. Phillips.—Wardens, G. M. Evans, H. Mortimer; Delegates, Col. Denison, G. M. Evans, J. T. Jones.

St. Matthias.—Wardens, G. W. Verral, A. H. Lightbourne.

Church of Ascension.—Wardens, J. E. B. Smith, R. H. Temple; Delegates, K. Tully, Hon. J. Patton, T. D. Delamere.

Church of Redeemer.—Wardens, A. Wilson, F. Hodgins; Delegates, E. Burch, T. Shortiss, A. H. Campbell.

Trinity Church.—Wardens, J. Gillespie, T. R. Whitesides.

St. Peter's.—Wardens, T. Hodgins, J. R. McCaffrey.

St. Paul's.—Wardens, W. B. Evans, J. R. Roaf; Delegates, Major Evans, R. Jenkins, J. R. Roaf.

St. Barnabas.—Wardens, Dr. Lowe, W. R. Strickland; Delegates, J. A. Donaldson, G. B. Boyle, J. A. Fowler.

St. James' Cathedral.—This Vestry will be held in a few days.

PARKDALE.—St. Marks.—Wardens, C. J. Brown, B. Goodman; Delegates, L. McLean, J. M. Dennis, Howard Bovell.

COLBORNE.—We are much gratified to hear highly favourable reports of the success which is crowning the labours of the Rev. Mr. Davidson, who has been in charge of this mission for a short period. The flock is being gathered after scattering, and the Church people are full of hope and heart for the future. Mr. Davidson at Port Hope School and Trinity College, was famous for his industry and determination to succeed. He has evidently carried this spirit into his work at Colborne, and will reap, we trust, a reward in the love and confidence and support of his parishioners.

The Church of England Temperance Society of the Diocese of Toronto have arranged a conference to be