

was listened to with much attention by the congregation. The concluding portion of the service was said by the Rev. J. Simpson, who gave the Benediction. The offering at this service was \$55.62, of which sum \$27.50 are to be devoted to the education and support of an Indian child in Yale, British Columbia.

We have received the annual report of this Church and it is a model of what such a report ought to be. A good feature noted is the great number of men attending the services often outnumbering the other sex. This the Incumbent attributes to the result of definite Catholic teaching. Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd is now assistant priest and Mr. Henry Hunt who is soon to be ordained deacon is lay reader and assistant in the schools. The missions of Georgetown, Cherry Valley, and Mount Stewart, are now regularly supplied with ministrations from the staff at St. Peter's. The report is rich in the various active agencies of Church work from numerous guilds to a boys brass band; gifts given to the Church during the year are valued at \$1,500.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

FAIRVILLE—Church of the Good Shepherd.—

During the Lenten services 277 communions were made and 3,502 attendances. Holy week services were remarkably well attended though the weather was very unfavourable. Good Friday the Church was well filled at all the services especially from 12 to 4. As a result of these mission services a number have been led to cast in their lot with the Church.

On Easter day a large congregation assembled for the first Festival service of Easter. After this service the congregation remained for a short time and Dr. Macfarlane on behalf of the congregation presented the pastor, Rev. J. C. Titcombe, with an illuminated address in an elegant frame, also a beautiful gold-headed cane, as a token of love, esteem, and loyalty, felt by his people towards him, and as a kind of antidote to the prosecution to which he has been subjected by others outside the Church who prompted by feelings of disappointment and jealousy have sought to overthrow the Church and its work. The Church looked very pretty in her festive garb, the chancel screen decked in its covering of spruce and white flowers adding much to the effect. The altar was decked with beautiful callas the gift of a lady friend of the Church.

Easter day was indeed a glorious one for the Church in this parish 99 coming forward to receive the blessed Sacrament for the strengthening and refreshing of their souls, and to show their thankfulness to Almighty God for his unspeakable gifts—and more than this—a greater number came at the early service than has ever been seen here at the 8 o'clock service. This shows a more healthful spiritual life may it more and more continue to increase. Another very pleasant thing to recognize is the fact that as each festival comes round more people realize that those seasons are times when we must show our devotion to our Lord not only in prayers but also in almsgivings, nearly all made an effort to enlarge their offering. There never has been a time when our offering was so large as on Easter day, the total sum including the Children's offering of \$8.64, being over \$62.

Last, but not least, the sermon at the choral evensong, was a glorious effort of our Pastor, who though very tired from his heavy Lenten work, seemed to concentrate all his forces, and with his natural ease and eloquence held us spell bound till the close.

RICHIBUCTO.—A meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Chatham, took place in this parish, on April 9th, and three following days. The clergy present besides Dean Forsythe, were the Rectors of Bay du Vin, Weldford, and Bathurst, who were hospitably entertained at the Rectory by Rev. D. and Mrs. Gwilym. It is very cheering to notice the many signs of ac-

tive Church life, evidences of the earnest ministry of the present Rector. The first of the Deanery services was held on Monday evening in the parish Church, and was characterized by singular heartiness. A large mixed choir sang the canticles, psalms, an anthem, and the hymns, in a way truly enjoyable. Those who sang seemed to feel as much pleasure as the strangers who listened, which is a very good sign, since to render our part in God's service "with joy," is the happiest and first part of a true worshipper.

The altar was vested in a handsome frontal, and the re-table filled with pots of the most luxuriant flowers. We have never seen such flowers for the time of year as these and others in Richibucto.

There is a legend that in the far past, a band of vandals, some say spirits of darkness, broke in the Church just before one of the great festivals and tore to scraps the beautiful plants and blossoms that loving hands had carried thither to garnish the sanctuary of God. The fragments were strewn far and wide, even to the street. The story goes that each tiny piece of plant that was picked up grew in an extraordinarily ready way, and that all the flowers of the place became more lovely and healthy thenceforth from the martyrdom of their fellows. If the appearance of the plants be a proof of the tradition's truth it may be considered to be established.

Missionary addresses were delivered by the clergy present, and a remarkably generous offertory given. On Tuesday evening the Clergy drove to Kingston and held a Missionary meeting there, in a crowded Church.

On Wednesday there was a celebration of the blessed Sacrament at 8 a.m., at which Rev. G. J. D. Peters was celebrant, assisted by Revs. D. Forsythe, and W. Wilkinson. Evensong was sung at 7.30, at which Rev. W. Hooper, of Weldford, preached a stirring and eloquent sermon on the text "Oh be favourable and gracious unto Zion, build Thou the walls of Jerusalem." Besides the usual routine work of the Chapter, papers were read on several subjects, and discussions took place upon Missions, Retreats, and extemporaneous Preaching. The next meeting of the Choral Union was fixed to be held in Bathurst, and the Rector of that place has arranged to visit the different parishes for practice during the summer. After such singing it will be a shame if Richibucto does not furnish a good contingent for the same.

BATHURST—Lent has been kept more faithfully here this year, by the Church's children, in obedience to the call of their spiritual Mother, and consequently our Easter joy and strength were more markedly apparent than ever heretofore. The Rector desired that the fire should never go out in the furnace during the Holy season, so that all services might be held in the Church, and, as another consequence, more services should take place. So the men set to work and hauled and cut up all the wood required, and, as was natural, came to enjoy the warmth, let us hope of spirit as well as of body. The Wednesday and Friday evening services were particularly well attended.

The solemnities of the Great week began on Palm Sunday with the Benediction and procession of psalms, according to the old English Rite. In lieu of genuine palm boughs, long compact branches of cedar were used. There was a celebration of the blessed Sacrament on each day except Good Friday, and evensong also. On Good Friday matins was read and the ante-Communion service at 10, and the "Three Hours" held from 12 to 3 p.m. In the evening a communicant's class numbering over fifty assembled for preparation for the Easter

Communion. On Easter day there were three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 o'clock; matins at 10, and evensong at 7.

The largest number of communicants that have ever received at one time participated at the Easter Eucharist, thirty-five being the number at 8 o'clock. A quantity of choice flowers were upon the altar and font. The high celebration was at 11, with festival processions of cross and banner, and special hymn. The music was from various sources, the *Benedictus*, *Qui Venit* and *Agnes Dei*, being sung as solos. The latter was sung by Master Willie Glendenning without accompaniment, with great effect his sweet and sympathetic voice well expressing the solemn and tender pleading of the prayer to the sacred Presence.

The Easter meeting showed the finances to be in an excellent condition, and since that time a large amount of stone has been voluntarily hauled for the repairing of the under walls of the Church. All the work and offices about this Church, are now entirely voluntary. In the Country three frames for three new Churches have been got out, and as soon as the snow is off, we shall set the three congregations racing to see which will first be finished.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

STANSTEAD.—The sacred fast of Lent was duly observed in the two churches of this parish.

At Christ Church, Stanstead Plain, there was daily matins at 8.45, and on Wednesday and Friday evenings Evensong and Litany with special address. On Sundays the usual matins and Evensong, with a celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday after Matins. The attendance at the week evening and Sunday services were good, considering the condition of the roads and weather the latter part of the season. The Rev. Dr. Roe, of Lennoxville, kindly preached at the services on the third Sunday in Lent, and his earnest addresses were highly appreciated. Holy week was ushered in by the usual services of Palm Sunday with celebration of Holy Eucharist, when there was a good number of communicants. During the week there was daily Matins and Evensong with addresses on various incidents of the last week of the Saviour's life, Good Friday being specially observed.

On Easter Day the Church assumed a festive appearance, the sanctuary and font being decorated with flowers. The altar was the object of special attention, being vested in white frontal and a handsome embroidered brown super-frontal, the gift of friends in England, (used for first time on this occasion). On the re-table the beautiful brass cross was encircled with a neat and pretty wreath of delicate flowers, and on either side were two vases of flowers. The altar indeed stood out as the most prominent feature in the Church. There was a fair congregation, good indeed considering many cases of illness amongst our church people; the state of the roads which hindered people from the country districts being present. The number of communicants was not quite so large as last year, but yet very good, considering the causes mentioned above, and the fact that several made their Easter Communion the previous Sunday. The number was 33. The Eucharistic office was made impressive by the singing of hymns kneeling, after prayer of consecration and Benediction.

At Evensong there was also a fair congregation. The Easter offertory which amounted to \$21.87 was given to the Rector. The Rector, Rev. W. T. Forsythe, was the officiant and preacher at all the Lenten, (with exception of one Sunday), and Easter services.

BEEBE PLAIN.—The Lenten season was duly observed in this little church, now built about six years. The usual Sunday afternoon services were held, and on Thursday evenings special service and address. The Thursday services were largely attended, especially at the early