

Georgetown. From 12 to 3 addresses were given on the Seven Last words by the Rev. J. Simpson, incumbent. The church was about filled by a very attentive and devout congregation, indicative of a growing appreciation for that beautiful and soul inspiring service. Evensong, plain, was said at 5 p.m., and at 7:30 a special Penitential service, at which the Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd preached a sermon upon Salvation through Christ alone.

Easter day dawned bright and glorious. The services began with a Low celebration of the Holy Communion, which was taken by the Rev. James Simpson, assisted by Rev. T. H. Hunt, Deacon, at 8 a.m. There were 128 communicants at this service, the largest number in the history of the Church. Missa Cantata was sung at 11 a.m., by Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd. Cambridge's Communion service was splendidly sung by the excellent choir possessed by this parish. The celebrants wore full Eucharistic vestments, which were alike beautiful and costly, and are gifts to the church. There were eighteen communicants at the service and the Rev. James Simpson preached an excellent and appropriate sermon. Evensong was sung at 7 p.m. by the Rev. T. H. Hunt; Lessons read by the Rev. James Simpson, and a sermon delivered upon the subject of the Resurrection by the Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd. After Evensong a solemn *Te Deum* was sung before the altar, preceded by a procession, which wended its way down the south aisle and up the middle aisle of the church. The Priest Incumbent wore for the first time a magnificent cope, which is also a recent gift to the church. The collections amounted to \$196. Truly there is cause for much thankfulness. *Laus Deo.*

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—St. George's day was celebrated by the Society of St. George in this city in a manner befitting the day.

At 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon the members of the society, to the number of about 100, met at their hall on Germain street, and shortly afterwards formed in procession and, headed by the Artillery band, marched to the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist, Paradise row. Each member wore on his breast the insignia of the order, a red cross on a white shield, and a beautiful bouquet of roses.

The hour announced for the opening of the church was 4.30 o'clock, but long before that hour the door was surrounded by a large crowd of ladies all anxious to witness the special service. Five minutes after the doors were opened every available seat in the little church was occupied, and many desirous of witnessing the services were unable to do so owing to the lack of room. The seats in the centre part of the church were reserved for the members, and when they arrived about 5 o'clock they were immediately escorted to their seats, the band occupying seats in the front part of the edifice.

Shortly after the surpliced choristers, followed by Revs. Messrs. Hatheway, Titcombe and Davenport took their places in the sanctuary. The special services were commenced in the usual way by the choir, led by the Rev. Fr. Davenport chanting Psalm cxii, Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, etc., and this was followed by Psalm cxxxiii, Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity. Rev. Mr. Titcombe read a special lesson from Deut. chap., xxviii to v. 15, after which the Magnificat, with music by Prof. Morley, was sung. Romans Chap. xiii. was read by Rev. Mr. Titcombe, after which the Nunc dimittis with music by Prof. Morley was sung also. The Creed and the Suffrage were thus recited and the collect for the day read by Rev. Davenport who also read prayers for the Queen's Majesty, for God's protection of the Queen against all her enemies, for the Royal family, and for the St. George's society. The second and third collects for evensong

were read and Psalm cxlv. v. 9. 13. was the anthem. Rev. Mr. Titcombe offered up prayers for the clergy and people, for all conditions of men, for unity, a general thanksgiving, the prayer of S. Chrysostom and the grace. The choir sang, hymn 380 the first verse of which is as follows, and Mr. Davenport took his place in the pulpit:—

O praise our God to-day,
His constant mercy bless,
Whose love hath helped us on our way
And granted us success.

Rev. Mr. Davenport took his text from the General Epistle of James, i., and 27:—

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

The rev. gentleman began his discourse by stating that although he had been in Holy Orders for 18 years it had never fallen to his lot before to act as chaplain to any society, therefore while thanking them for the honor conferred upon him he would ask their indulgence for anything he might transgress or be defective in. As chaplain one of his most important functions was to arrange for the public services. In drawing up the form for these special services he had kept in view the patriotic aspect and benevolence of the institution. The text contained no special injunction to make it suitable, but it is applicable to all Christians as is all parts of the holy word. Every member of our Canadian home is virtually pledged to loyalty to the Queen and those in authority under her, and those not loyal to her or those in authority under her are traitors. In making a passing reference to loyalty, he said that we could not shut our eyes to the fact that here as elsewhere in the British dominions there were persons who, while enjoying all the privileges accorded to those living under the flag of English liberty, without damage to themselves spread seditious doctrines. In thwarting the designs of such people, he said, the society had much to do. It behoved the society at the present time more than ever to propagate the truth and become a propaganda of loyalty.

After the sermon a grand march by Scotson Clarke was executed by Mr. Morley in good style while the collection, which is to be devoted to the charity fund of St. George's society, was being taken, and after the choir chanted a *Te Deum* in F by Prof. Morley. The benediction was given by Mr. Davenport, and the choir, with the clergymen, again formed in procession and marched out of the sanctuary down the aisle to the west end of the church singing the processional hymn—

Jesus Christ is risen to-day—Alleluia!

On reaching the west end of the church the procession turned, and God Save the Queen was sung by both choir and congregation, accompanied by the band and organ, while the former returned to the sanctuary. The members of the society then filed out of the church and, forming a procession on reaching the street marched back to their hall headed by the band.

ST. JOHN'S.—The annual conversazione of the Young Men's Association of St. John's (Stone) Church, which was held on the evening, of the 23rd ult, was a most sociable and enjoyable affair. The refreshments, which were of a choice order, were prepared by a committee of ladies, and were partaken of by some hundreds. The room was crowded with guests, and each and all of them voted the affair an entire success.

The music of the evening arranged by Miss MacLaughlan, consisted of Duett, Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. Robinson; solo, Mr. Lindsay; solo, Mr. Daniel; solo, Mrs. Jardine; quartette, Mrs. Jardine, Miss Turnbull, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Burnham; instrumental duett, Miss Turnbull and Miss Jarvis; instrumental duett, Mrs. Shatford and Miss MacLaughlan.

Mrs. Jardine and Mr. Daniel were deservedly recalled.

At the close of the evening the rector, Rev. John deSoyres, made a brief and witty address.

ST. JAMES.—It is not often that so choice a programme as that of St. George's evening is given and the frequent plaudits received by the performers scarce did them justice. The programme included music, both classic and popular. Among the numbers were the following: Vocal solos, by Miss Halliday, Mr. Coster, Miss Alice Hea, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Perley, Miss Clara Quinton, Mr. Daniel; a piano duett by Miss De Voe and Mrs. Harding; a quartette by Messrs. Horn, Lindsay, and Messrs. Stewart and Daniel, and a quartette by Miss Quinton and Miss Halliday and Messrs. Lindsay and Smith.

The attendance was large. The proceeds, were in aid of the church organ fund.

THE MOST REVEREND THE METROPOLITAN.—

We learn with extreme regret that the Venerable Metropolitan of this Province is still suffering severely from the effects of the fall referred to some weeks ago. Though little inconvenience was felt by him at first, the right hand and arm have since become very painful, and it appears that the nerves of the arm and the nervous system in general have suffered a severe shock. It will be learned with sorrow by many that his Lordship's physician advises him to discontinue preaching entirely. We sincerely hope that this may only be temporarily necessary, and that His Lordship may soon be able to resume fully his Episcopal duties, and be completely restored to health.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—St. Peter's.—Not only were the services held in this Church on Easter day unusually largely attended, as reported in your last issue, but the number of communicants at the three celebrations of the Holy Communion, held at 7 and 8:30 a.m., and after the morning service, was greatly in excess of previous years. These happy results are almost entirely owing to the untiring efforts of the Rector, the Rev. George Thornloe, who, during the Lenten season has done much to inspire the people with a true sense of their duties as Christians and Churchmen.

The church was handsomely decorated with flowers. Amongst them were some beautiful Bermuda lilies, kindly sent by Mrs. E. T. Brooks, and particularly noticeable was a floral reredos behind the altar, the work of Mrs. W. J. Hunt and other ladies. The font and lectern were also very prettily decorated. Cala lilies, daffodils, carnations, &c., cast a sweet perfume throughout the edifice.

The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rector, taking for his text Psalms xl, 8: "I delight to do Thy will O God."

The evening sermon was preached by the curate, the Rev. R. Fothergill. The musical portion of the services under the direction of Mr. J. D. Lloyd, organist, comprised: *Te Deum* in F, S. Reay; anthems "Awake! Awake! put on thy strength O Zion," Stainer; "Christ is Risen," E. H. Thorne; "Awake! thou that sleepest," Stainer. Evening service in D, ("Agutter,") with the usual hymns and chants. Mr. Clines accompanying on the cornet added greatly to the beauty of the services.

The congregation and parish of St. Peter's during the past two years under God's guidance have made steady progress, having increased in numbers, and in the extent of the work. The opening of the Church of the Advent in East Sherbrooke marks a new era in the spiritual life of the parish.

A Clerical subscriber in Montreal renewing, says:—"Am glad to note so many decided improvements in the paper (CHURCH GUARDIAN); and wish it every success."