

text to the work of the Society, emphasizing in particular the spirit of patriotism and benevolence which it fostered. He concluded with an earnest appeal in behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the Society to which the Offering was devoted. The musical portion of the Service was very effectively rendered by Organist and Choir of the Cathedral, supplemented by several extra voices. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were especially brilliant, being sung to Gadsby's setting in C, and the Anthem was George C. Martin's "Magnify His Name." At the conclusion of the Service, Mr. Bishop gave a selection of National Airs upon the Organ.

S. Matthew's Church, Quebec.

Easter Services were very well attended, although the day was wet and stormy. It was noticeable that there was no falling off in the number of Communicants at the first Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5.30 a.m., there being no less than 139 present at that early hour. The total number of Communicants during the day was less than that at Easter Day last year, but considerably above the average of the past few years. At the Choral Celebration at 10.30 a.m., the music rendered was that of Dykes in F. Instead of a sermon, the Rector gave a short address more by way of an Easter greeting. At the Children's Evensong at 4 p.m., the Rev. F. B. Norrie gave a very bright and earnest address to the young people, and at 7 p.m. a large congregation assembled for the Festival Evensong at which the Rector was the preacher.

At the Easter Monday Vestry Meeting, the Wardens presented an interesting report, and although the Financial Statement showed a deficit which must be made up at once, the accounts, on the whole, shew good prospect of a healthy financial condition for the coming year.

The Rector nominated John Hamilton, Esq., B.A., as Churchwarden, and the Vestry elected, as the People's Churchwarden, J. A. Ready, Esq. Harmony and good will were marked features of the meeting.

S. Matthew's Guild.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Young Women's Guild of S. Matthew, was held on Easter Tuesday, April 16th, and was well attended.

At the eight monthly meetings held during the past year Instructions were given upon the following subjects:—

"Intercessory Prayer," "The Call of S. Matthew," "The cure of the Paralytic at Capernaum," "The occasional offices of The Prayer Book," "The Solemnization of Holy Matrimony," "Visitation of the Sick," "The Burial of the Dead," and "Meditation."

Three papers have been read, written by members of the Guild on: "Trials of sickness," "The Church and The New Testament," and "God in Nature."

At the Weekly Working Meetings, the following books were read: "Life of Dean Hook," "Life of Bishop Mountain," and "The Divine Liturgy." During the past year, five new members have been admitted.

The orders filled by the Guild Workers comprised amongst other articles the following: 4 Altar Cloths, 5 Sets of Fair Linen, 11 Coloured and 4 Black Stoles, 7 University Hoods, besides numerous Surplices, Cassocks, Confirmation Veils, Kneelers, &c.

Before the organization of the Church Helpers' Association, the country Missions, as a rule, obtained such Church furnishings as the above directly from the Guild, but owing to the larger funds at the disposal of the Association and the wider field they are thereby enabled to cover, the Guild volunteered to give their work gratuitously through the Church Helpers' Association, whenever the latter were in a position to supply the necessary materials free of cost. Thus the usefulness of both organizations has been increased, but the Guild would be glad that their friends in Country Missions should understand that they are still ready and glad to receive any orders and consider any appeals that may be made to them direct.