

and the interior of the old Cathedral was tastefully and effectively decorated. At each pillar around the gallery, a bounteous sheaf of grain was fastened by a wreath of evergreen, while the font, reading desk and pulpit, were appropriately decorated with grain and other fruits of the soil. The pulpit especially deserves remark, it being most exquisitely ornamented with white silk banners wreathed with the rarest ferns and flowers interspersed with fruit and grain. The altar railings were also beautifully decorated, while a temporary reredos occupied the space at the back of the altar. The Bishop of the Diocese and all the clergy of the city occupied seats in the chancel, the musical arrangements having been undertaken by Mr. E. A. Bishop, organist. After the opening voluntary the congregation joined the choir in singing the 100th Psalm. Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector of St. Peter's, said the first part of the morning service, the Venite being taken to the Grand Chant, and the proper Psalms,—144th, 145th and 146th, to single chants by Purcell and Woodward. The chanting of these psalms was executed in a creditable manner. The first lesson was read by Rev. C. Hamilton, Rector of St. Matthew's, and the second by the Rev. R. Mitchell. The *Benedicite*, taken instead of the *Te Deum*, was sung to Wickes, a very suitable and beautiful chant, and the *Jubilate* to Elvey. The remaining portion of the Morning Prayer, after the lessons, was read by Rev. George Hamilton. The Anthem selected for the occasion was Beethoven's "Hallelujah," which was rendered with marked effect.

The hymn, "Come, ye thankful people, come," was sung at the end of the morning prayer to the tune "St. George." The Bishop read the ante-communion service, and also the Gospel for the day, the Epistle being taken by Rev. T. Richardson, of St. Paul's. The *Kyrie* performed by the choir was Mendelssohn in "G," and the last hymn, "We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land."

The Lord Bishop preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon from Isaiah IX, 3:—"They joy before thee according to the joy in harvest." His Lordship stated that the spirit to render thanksgiving to Almighty God for the in-gathering of the harvest, had been in all ages the spontaneous outburst of the human mind. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, but especially at this time and at this particular period, offer up our thanks to Him whose order of Nature is the preservation of man. A little less of his rain or of his sunshine, and a partial failure of the crops of the land ensues, bringing with it distress and famine; misery which none but those who witness it can realize. We may read of the ravages of famine, and believe that we imagine somewhat of how fearful it must be, but it is impossible to adequately take in, without personal experience, the destitution of a whole country. Those who have always regularly seen seed-time and harvest have no idea of their failure, but there were many amongst those to whom he spoke, who could call to mind the terrible failure some years ago of the Irish crops, when famine and hunger stalked abroad through that beautiful isle of lakes and valleys. There were harrowing scenes in that fair land in those days, but how could those who never saw them form an adequate idea of them. Even in this land the great calamity cast its shadow, and our cities and hospitals witnessed the melancholy end of hundreds of victims who were overtaken by the fever plague in flying from the famine. Another instance of our liability to famine and distress is to be seen in a distant part of this realm, where strong men, women and children, of all ages and degrees, are at present perishing from hunger by reason of a failure in the crops for want of rain. Happily, there were now hopes for another year's harvest, but even that hope is powerless to arrest the misery and suffering now being endured in British India. In face then of what we see and what we remember we have good reason to rejoice when we see our harvest safely gathered in, and good reason to come to His house with thanksgiving, "Who maketh the clouds drop fatness." "In all thy ways acknowledge Him." This is the very essence of religion, and groundwork of holiness. To be thankful in heart is to begin the heavenly life on earth. But we must gather up our

feelings and crystallize them into actions, or they will evaporate in sentiment. The Right Reverend preacher concluded an admirable sermon, by reminding his immense congregation that their offerings were to be devoted to the maintenance of sick and infirm clergymen, and that the Almighty Giver of all goodness has ordained that none shall appear before him empty, but that each shall give, according to the measure whereby God has blessed him.

The offertory sentences and prayer for the church Militant were taken by the Rev. A. A. Von Iffland rector of St. Michael's. The Rev. A. W. Mountain and Rev. G. V. Housman, rector of Quebec, assisted in the celebration of the Holy Communion. The offertory amounting to \$442.00 was devoted to the Pension Fund of the Church Society.

St. Peter's Church.—The service was held at half-seven o'clock, and conducted by the Rector, Rev. M. M. Fothergill. The regular form of evening prayer was said, with the addition of the collects and other special portions of the thanksgiving service, and the hymns were carefully selected to harmonize with the subject of the day. The sermon was preached by the Rector from Psalm cxlvii. 1:—"O praise the Lord for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful." He commenced by alluding to the numerous instances of ingratitude recorded in Holy Scripture, especially in the history of the people of Israel whose continued lack of gratitude had at last resulted in their nation being a by-word amongst other people. He thought it well that we should all look into our own lives and see whether we were not more or less guilty of the same base crime. If we would accuse ourselves of a lack of gratitude towards our fellow men, how had we failed in our duty towards the Almighty, on Whom we have to depend not only for the daily bread for our bodies, but also for the sacramental food of our souls. Surely we should bless God, for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life. We have so much to be thankful for that other lands have not. If our fields are mantled with snow earlier than those of some climes, our barns are full with all manner of stores, while our fellow subjects of India are enduring all the evils of famine and the fertile plains of southern Europe are being devastated by the horrors of war, and covered with the carcasses of the slain.

St. Matthew's Church.—The service in St. Matthew's was also in the evening, and the interior of the sacred edifice had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The gas stands are all wreathed around with grain in the stock and the font, reading desk, pulpit, &c., were loaded with a tasteful display of choice fruits and vegetables.

On the retable were vases of most beautiful flowers. The service was by Revd. George Hamilton, and the musical portions of it were exceedingly well rendered by the choir, Mrs. Hatherly presiding at the organ. The chorister boys in particular deserve credit for the ability with which they performed the chorus, "O Lord how manifold." Mr. Burwood took a solo in "Thou visitest the earth." The sermon was preached by Revd. Charles Hamilton, Rector of St. Matthew's, from Isaiah ix. 3, (the same text as that selected by the Bishop in the morning)—"They joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest." The Rev. gentleman reminded his hearers that the time was in the memory of many of them, when religion was regarded as intended only for seasons of distress, and as ill-suited, if not unfit for seasons of enjoyment. It was in fact shut out as unwelcome, and as inconsistent with times of prosperity and wealth and joy. A two-fold blunder took possession of the generality of society, men and women, a blunder as to real enjoyment, and also as to real religion. Two things which God had joined together, they had put asunder; though thanks to His mercy and the influences of His Spirit, truer and sounder views are being established with reference to prosperity and its enjoyments, and religion and its blessings. When the Church, Christ's body, has leavened society with her own true life and spirit, all social life amongst us will be truly Christian, and Christ and His Church will preside over our enjoyments, inspiring them with their

truest happiness. As an unmistakable proof of what has been gained already, there is now the annual day of Thanksgiving, and the fact that year after year, people everywhere are associating their joy in harvest directly with God, and celebrating it in His Church. Regarding the vital principle of Christian life that its joys are to be in the Lord, the Rev. gentleman stated that even in the days of Isaiah, men brought their joy before God and found it increasing a thousand fold. Christians may rejoice in the Lord's union and sympathy with them, and in His human heart beating pulse to pulse to theirs in their happiness. This, if fully realized, brings down into the joys of earth, the very happiness of Heaven itself. This day's service of praise has tended to remind us that the bounteous harvest is God's own gift, and that it was within His power to withhold it; and so we have been brought to realize in an increased degree, God's personal care and loving regard for our welfare.

The collection amounted to \$71.50.

MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MISSIONARY MEETING.—A meeting was held in connection with the Ottawa mission in the basement of St. Thomas Church, Rev. R. Lindsay, Rector, presiding. The present condition of the mission was entered upon, addresses being delivered by Revds. G. Robinson, Mills, Craig and Archdeacon Lonsdale on the general success of missions. Much general interest was manifested.

TRINITY CHURCH.—The future prospects of this church are quite encouraging. The ladies are doing their utmost to make the bazaar, to be held shortly in the Mechanics' Hall, a grand success, and it is to be hoped that all friends will strengthen their hands in the good work. The new Rector, Rev. Mr. Craig, has become a general favorite, and his pulpit ministrations are greatly appreciated. Many new members have taken pews, and with the union that now exists in the congregation, there is an early prospect of the church being soon relieved from its difficulties.

DUNHAM.—At a meeting of the vestry of All Saints' Church, Dunham, held on the 5th November, it was unanimously resolved: "That, in accepting the resignation of the Rev. Wm. Henderson as Rector of this parish, the vestry desires to record its appreciation of his services during the last five years, and, although regretting that the connection between pastor and people is about to be severed, would at the same time congratulate him on the honor which has been conferred upon him by his appointment as Principal of the Montreal Theological College, and hope that he may be long spared to fill this important position."

LECTURE BY REV. CANON ELLGOOD.—The school-room of the Church of St. James the Apostle was filled to overflowing last evening by a highly appreciative audience, assembled to hear a lecture, or, rather, continuation of lectures, on "Reminiscences of the East and Personal Adventure," by the Rev. Canon Ellgood. The lecture was an account of the speaker's observations during an extended tour in the East some three years since, Assyria, "the land of Sennacherib," the Isle of Cyprus with its hieroglyphics, tablets and monumental antiquities; Arab and Turkish life, together with a multiplicity of kindred subjects, as actually seen and experienced by the rev. lecturer in person, were each ably and lucidly dilated upon. An eloquent passage in the lecture had reference to Lady Hester Stanhope and her adventures in various countries, till finally reaching Palestine she was crowned "Queen of the East." The Rev. Mr. Norman presided at the piano. The singing by Miss Ryland and violin playing of Mr. Russell Stephenson contributed much to the evening's entertainment.

ST. STEPHEN'S.—The Rev. Canon Evans recently addressed his congregation, taking a retrospect of the work of the Church of England in Montreal. Text, Revelation ii. 10: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Up to the year 1834 the only ministrations of the Church of England in Montreal seem to have