

*St. Martin's Church.*—The annual Harvest Festival services were held at St. Martin's on Sunday last, Oct. 15th. The church was appropriately decorated, and the music, although not quite so elaborate as on former occasions, was selected with great care and well rendered. The congregation in the morning was smaller than usual, and chairs placed in the aisle to accommodate strangers were found to be quite unnecessary. For this fact the threatening weather was no doubt responsible. The rector was the preacher, and took for his text the marginal reading of the 3rd verse of the 22d Psalm (Revised version): But Thou art holy, and Thou art enthroned upon the praises of Israel." Mr. Traop drew attention to the prominent place assigned by the Church of England in her services to the expression of gratitude to God. The opening exhortation used at Morning and Evening Prayer pointed out that thanksgiving and praise were the primary objects of the assemblies of the faithful, then came the reading of the Word of God, and finally the making known of our wants both temporal and spiritual. In the services of the day, however, thanksgiving was in an especial sense the keynote. After alluding to the beauty of the Collect and the peculiar appropriateness of the Gospel and Epistle, Mr. Traop went on to say that in the verse which he had chosen as a text the throne of the Almighty was declared to be constructed of the praises of His people and it followed that all undivided worship that day would form a part of that throne. The Psalm opened with a prophetic description of the passion of our Lord, and later on told of His triumph. As an inevitable result of the conditions of life here, all praise was mingled with sorrow, and there were hearts in the congregation who had tasted something of the bitterness of the grief given expression to in the opening