

Western Church News.

Diocese of Rupert's Land.

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WINNIPEG NOTES.—It must have been a source of great satisfaction to the city clergy to note the steady increase in the number of church folks, who are gradually becoming alive to the importance of keeping the Lenten season, as a time of quietness and freedom from worldly care and attractions. During the Lent which has just passed away, the congregations at week-day and special services were much larger than in former years; while the interest in Church work was greatly intensified. We have sometimes heard it said that business men could not be expected to attend week-day services, on account of the many pressing claims upon their time; this Lent, a capital answer was given to that in the fact that not a few of the busiest and most responsible employees of the most important business firms in Winnipeg were among the regular attenders at the Wednesday evening services and meetings in Lent. And we venture to say that their business did not suffer in any way from it.

As to the keeping of Holy Week, we have only to record a similar improvement on the part of the majority of our Church people; but, we cannot help noting the great pain that was caused (we hope unwittingly) to Roman Catholics as well as to ourselves by the opening of the new theatre on Maundy Thursday evening and Good Friday. Perhaps the promoters of that place of amusement did not consider that they were guilty of any impropriety; all the same, hundreds of good Christian citizens were shocked at the very idea of a theatrical performance taking place during a part of the time given up by almost the whole Christian world, to keep in remembrance the terrible sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross—sufferings that were endured for every individual soul—even for those who so forget Him. We earnestly trust that, when this holy season comes round again, attention will be given to the many strong protests made by individuals against a course of action which has been keenly felt by every consistent Christian.

The services in the various churches on Easter day were well attended, in spite of the excessive cold, which caused not a few aged and delicate people to remain at home. One remarkable feature of the day was the large number of communicants who came out to the early celebrations of Holy Communion. The fine weather which preceded Easter enabled people to get a better supply than usual of evergreens and flowers, and, as the result of this, the churches were beautifully decorated.

On Easter Monday and Tuesday, most of the churches in the city held their annual congregational meetings. The financial statements this year are very satisfactory, and the prospects for the coming year are bright. Special collections made during the year were considerably larger than

usual; and, during the year, nearly all the churches have had substantial repairs and improvements made in them.

HOLY TRINITY.

The meeting of the parish, which was held in the Holy Trinity school room, was well attended, nearly all the leading members of the congregation being present. The financial statement was a most satisfactory one. The sum of \$2,386.95 was paid on the church mortgage, \$600 being on the principal and \$1,786.95 on arrears of interest. The total amount of the Church's indebtedness on account of the mortgage is now \$32,058.10. The total expenditure for the past year amounted to \$16,469.29. The receipts, owing to the payment of a part of the mortgage debt, were \$1,591.11 short of this amount. The premium on three years' insurance amounts to \$355.80, thus making last year's total deficit \$1,931.91, which will be lessened by an uncollected revenue from various sources, amounting to \$691.60.

There were, during the past year, in Holy Trinity parish, 72 births, 19 marriages, and 28 burials. Forty-six persons were admitted to the full privileges of the Church by confirmation. The Sunday school is rapidly growing in numbers, and soon the accommodation would have to be increased. A blessed work was being done in the school, and thanks were due to the teachers for their unselfish efforts. St. Luke's mission, Fort Rouge, had, during the past year, been made into a separate parish, and His Grace the Archbishop had fixed its limits. Two new missions had been instituted to take its place: one at 118 Notre Dame street east, known as St. Barnabas' mission, with Mr. E. H. Taylor as superintendent; the other on Sherbrooke avenue, named St. Matthew's. It is the intention to erect a \$500 frame building at the latter place, to meet the growing demands of the mission.

The Rector again named Mr. J. M. O'Loughlin as his warden, and the people re-elected Mr. E. D. Martin.

Several names were presented as select vestrymen, from which the following were elected:—R. H. Agur, T. Robinson, Dr. Jones, A. O. Cheney, T. Gilroy, H. Bell, L. Lang, J. H. Brock, H. Webb, — Beaupre, L. A. Hamilton, W. H. Rooke.

At the close of the parishioners' meeting a session of communicants was convened, and three lay delegates to the synod chosen, the retiring representatives, Messrs. T. Robinson, F. H. Mathewson and L. A. Hamilton, being unanimously re-elected.

ALL SAINTS'.

The annual parishioners' meeting of All Saints' Church was held in the school house.

Mr. W. J. Tupper was nominated Rector's Warden, and Mr. Lyman Dwight People's Warden.

The following gentlemen were then elected to the vestry: Messrs. G. W. Baker, George A. Simpson, W. P. Sweatman, W. S. Beecher, S. Frank Peters, W. F. Ireland, H. Godfree, M. Aldous, T. Lee Peters, W. Chesterton, W. T. Kirby and Fred. Bott.

Messrs. Henderson and Beeston were appointed auditors. The following were chosen as delegates to the Diocesan