

places and crimes of the city. So far we may say thank God for such a work; otherwise we fear its influence is far from the promotion of piety and religion. However it is best to leave such movements alone. If the city clergy will emulate the zeal of the leaders, as they will assuredly avoid the extravagances of the army, they need fear no permanent evil to the cause of Christ from so very evanescent a movement. Until we have practically an "army" of our own for the slums and fields of sin in our city, we must be very guarded in our judgment of this extraordinary movement. Probably this irregular organization has been allowed in the providence of God to stir us up to more active zeal in preaching the Gospel to the poor.

DUNDAS—*St. James' Church*.—At a recent confirmation 27 candidates received the rite of Laying On of Hands. Rev. Mr. Forneret is in charge.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondents.)

EASTER VESTRIES.—The proceedings at the annual Easter Vestries just held have been extremely gratifying. Party disputations have been almost quite unknown, and union and harmony characterized the meetings so far as your correspondent has heard. Progress in temporal and spiritual things is plainly visible in the reports as presented, and debts and deficiencies have passed away with the days of division and disunion, to be known, let us hope, no more forever. I add a few particulars about the city churches:—

St. James' Cathedral.—Churchwardens (the first named being in each case appointed by the Rector)—Messrs. J. K. Kerr and W. B. Brock; Lay Delegates—W. T. Boyd, Dr. Wilson, Clarke Gamble. Deficiency in church accounts, \$4,200. The Rector stated that during the year there had been 94 baptisms, 72 confirmed, 3,365 communicants, 46 marriages, 472 funerals, 207 sermons. A committee was appointed to consider the question of providing an assistant minister.

St. George's Church.—Churchwardens—Messrs. E. M. Chadwick and G. F. Harman; Delegates—H. W. M. Murray, E. M. Chadwick and Elmes Henderson. Revenue, \$4,229.36; expenditure, \$4,157.34.

Holy Trinity.—Churchwardens—Messrs. H. P. Blachford and Wm. Hill; Delegates—Messrs. W. Ince, S. G. Wood and C. J. Campbell. Revenue, \$4,983.12; expenditure, \$4,949.36.

Church of the Ascension.—Churchwardens—Messrs. R. H. Temple and T. E. B. Smith; Delegates—Messrs. C. W. Biggar, T. D. Delamere and C. McGrath. Receipts to 1st March, \$5,651.40, including a donation from Mr. T. B. Smith of \$1,000; expenditure, \$3,624.88.

St. Paul's Church.—Churchwardens—Messrs. W. B. Evans and E. B. Jakes; Delegates—Major Evans, Messrs. W. B. Evans and J. R. Roaf. Deficiency in current accounts, \$207.

St. Luke's.—Churchwardens—Messrs. A. W. Patton and Walter Taylor; Delegates—Messrs. Clarkson Jones, T. E. P. New and Dr. Caesar. Income for all purposes, \$4,693.

St. Peter's.—Churchwardens—Messrs. C. C. Dalton and R. H. Tomlinson; Delegates—Messrs. S. Caldecott, Sheriff Jarvis and Captain Douglas. Receipts, \$4,797.33; expenditure, \$4,773.12.

St. Thomas'.—Churchwardens—Messrs. Jno. J. Pritchard and William Waites; Delegates—Messrs. Lewis Moffat, George Turnival and John Canavan. Liabilities of the church, \$3,355.54. The Rector of the church, it was stated, had not received one cent from the congregation during the past year, and for several years not enough to keep him in shoes!!

St. Philip's.—Churchwardens—Messrs. James Browne and J. H. Telfer; Delegates—Col. R. B. Denison, Messrs. George Evans and J. T. Jones. Receipts, \$3,400; expenditure, \$2,100.

St. Stephen's.—Churchwardens—Mr. J. D. Oliver and Dr. Machell; Delegates—Dr. Machell, Messrs. Fuller and Hoyles. Receipts, \$2,616.76; expenditure, \$2,600.20.

St. Anne's.—Churchwardens—Major Mulligan and Mr. Septimus Denison; Delegates—Col. G. T. Denison, Mr. Gooch and Mr. Kirkpatrick. Receipts, \$1,375.92; disbursements, 1,389.78.

All Saints'.—Churchwardens—Mr. Geo. Goulding and Dr. Kertland; Delegates—Messrs. C. Green, H. Symons and J. McLean Howard. Receipts, \$6,375.82; expenditure, 6,300; debt, 10,000.

St. Bartholomew's.—Churchwardens—Messrs. W. E. Hart and C. K. Unwin; Delegates—Messrs. C. K. Unwin, R. W. Plant and M. Crombie. Receipts, \$655.59; expenditure, 661.78.

Church of the Redeemer.—Churchwardens—Messrs. W. S. Batten and George Mussen; Delegates—Messrs. A. H. Campbell, E. Burch and Thomas Shortess. Receipts, \$5,273.

St. Matthias'.—Churchwardens—Messrs. W. Smith and Thomson McLeary; Delegates—Messrs. W. Wedd, Sr., George Verral, Sr., and Samuel John Wade. Receipts, \$1,979.79; disbursements, 1,819.93.

Trinity (East).—Churchwardens—Messrs. Louis Reford and S. R. Heakes; Delegates—Messrs. S. R. Heakes, James Coulter and John Rodgers. Receipts, \$2,613.21; expenditure, 2,196.26. Church property is valued at 24,800, on which the only indebtedness is 364 00

St. John's.—Churchwardens—Dr. Spragge and Mr. P. Clarke; Delegates—Chief Justice Spragge and Messrs. Bright and Wilson. Receipts, \$2,292.61; expenditure, 2,225.71; total debt, 1,900.00.

Grace Church.—Churchwardens—Dr. Morton and Mr. Thomas Houston; Delegates—Messrs. Holmes, Birmingham and Kennedy. Receipts, \$3,113; disbursements, 3,285.00; debt, 17,223.00.

Christ Church.—Churchwardens—Dr. Smith and Mr. Schreiber; Delegates—Mr. Hoskin, Dr. Smith and Mr. Ince. Receipts, \$1,369.67; expenditure, 1,369.67.

St. Mark's (Parkdale).—Churchwardens—Messrs. H. J. Hill and W. Goodman; Delegates—Messrs. T. McLean, F. Wilson and Samuel Shaw. Receipts, \$4,765.53; expenditure, the same; debt, 5,687.06.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

HUNTINGDON.—The Incumbent of this Parish, Rev. T. Haslam, son of the London Revivalist, England, has succeeded in erecting a neat church. This is greatly to his credit, for Huntingdon badly wanted it. In the matter of religious buildings the Church was outstripped by Methodists and Presbyterians. It was opened on the 13th inst., when Archdeacon Evans assisted the Rector, and preached to large congregations both morning and evening. The collections amounted to \$60. At the public meeting in the afternoon letters were read from the Bishop, who was unable to be present, but sent his congratulations to clergyman and people; also from Revds. Canon Carmichael, S. J. Stone, A. Barcham; and A. Gowdey, Esq. Addresses were given by Rev. A. D. Lockhart and Archdeacon Evans. Subscriptions at this meeting amounted to \$107, which, with the proceeds of dinner and supper, provided by the ladies of the congregation, and the collections at morning and evening service, made a total of \$310, leaving a debt of \$900 on the church. The contract price of building was \$5,386, exclusive of glass, hardware, varnish, and finishing of basement.

GOOD FRIDAY was observed in S. Andrew's Church (Presbyterian) by the new minister, Rev. Edgar Hill: A very large congregation was present. The sermon, from the text "Jesus in the midst," was one in full accord with the solemn services there and elsewhere being carried on. The Methodists observed the day in their city churches, but not in the country, as a rule. In this matter they seem to have one rule for the town, another for the country. We have seen again and again Methodist ministers come to the Episcopal Church on Good Friday if they had no service of their own on that day, but the later generation seem to ignore the day altogether, leading their people to

suppose that they don't countenance "days and seasons," except it be "centennaries." Perhaps it is just as well for them!

The Rev. Mr. Renaud of St. James' Church, St. John's, P. Q., as the result of an earnest appeal made to his congregation to wipe off the debt of over \$500 incurred during the past year, had the pleasure of receiving at the altar as Easter offerings more than enough to cover the debt.

St. John the Evangelist's.—The "Three Hours' Devotional Service" held at this church from noon till three o'clock, being the sixth to the ninth hour of our Lord's agony, commenced with the "Veni Creator," sung kneeling, and was followed by addresses by the Rector, the Rev. Edmund Wood, on the seven sayings of Jesus while on the Cross. Between the addresses hymns were sung, and silence, for meditation or mental prayer, was observed after each hymn. The service was well attended, and was a touchingly solemn one.—A new font, a copy of the beautiful one in St. George's Church, has been presented to St. John the Evangelist's. The giver reserves his name.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP preached on Good Friday in the Cathedral in the morning and made a powerful appeal in behalf of the Society for the Conversion of the Jews, to which the offertories on that day throughout the diocese were recommended to be devoted.

EASTER SUNDAY dawned beautiful and clear but nevertheless with a most unusual wintry aspect in town and country. People accustomed to don spring clothing at Easter could not do so this year. Snow still covered the ground in depth and density equal to Christmas times.

THE services in the city on Easter were all largely attended. New music, recruited choirs, marked most of the services rendered. The churches specially decorated were St. James the Apostle, St. Martin's and St. John the Evangelist's. In the Cathedral after the sermon in the evening the Dean made feeling mention of those who had been taken from them as a congregation by the hand of death.

St. John the Evangelist's.—Very large congregations were present at this Church both at the 11 o'clock Communion Service and at Evensong, at the former not a single seat being unoccupied. In the morning the Rev. Edmund Wood, the Rector, preached from Mark xvi. part of 6 v.—"He is risen; He is not here." The preacher at Evensong was the Rev. Dr. Wright, who chose for his text Luke xxiv. 23. The altar presented a great contrast from its sombre appearance on Good Friday, being draped in white with banners in its rear, and looking very beautiful with its vases of choice flowers. The musical part of the services was extremely well rendered.

Trinity.—In this Church the Rev. W. L. Mills preached appropriate sermons; in the morning from the text, "I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore," Rev. i. 18, and in the evening from John xi. 26, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." The musical portion of the service was admirably rendered, under the direction of Mr. F. W. Mills.

THE Methodists of the Montreal Conference are having a little breeze in their bounds over the "Oka Indian" question. The particulars it is not needful to mention here, only to record our anticipation that Rev. Mr. Borland, who has made for himself a name and place in his Conference by his pleading for the Protestant Indians and his attack on the Seminary of S. Sulpice, is likely to have some of his laurels taken down. He is the same gentleman who tried to make himself notorious by trying to open a controversy with Bishop Bond, or about him, as to his being called "Lord Bishop," &c. His attempt was met with contempt; and his brethren in the Conference, it seems, have been somewhat imposed upon in his representation of this "Oka" business—at least so Rev. Mr. Scott says.