

The third annual Festival of the Association of Church Choirs of the Diocese of S. Francis was held in S. Peter's Church, on Thursday evening, May 17th. The Service was throughout bright and hearty; the Rev. E. Weary intoned the prayers, while the lessons were read by Principal Adams and the Rev. E. A. W. King. The special preacher was the Rev. Prof. Watkins, of Lennoxville.

At the subsequent meeting, Canon Thorneloe was elected President, Mr. A. Dorey Musical Director, Mr. Wells Sec.-Treas. Bishop's College was selected as the place for the next Annual Service.

NEW CARLISLE AND PASPEBIAC.

The Rev. E. B. Husband reports:

The Lenten and Holy Week Services have been well attended. On Easter Day, Holy Communion was celebrated at New Carlisle, 64 communicating, an increase on the previous year. At Paspebiac, at 11 a.m., 27 communicated; many being unable to be present through sickness. The Easter offering in New Carlisle was \$8.95; Paspebiac, \$15.55. Holy Communion was administered in S. James' Hopetown, the following Sunday, 9 communicating. At the Vestry Meetings, the Church Wardens' reports showed increases during the past year.

The old Church in New Carlisle is no more; the congregation determined to pull it down and get into the new. Many promised work and money. They are working with a will, and there seems every hope now that our new Church will be ready to worship in soon.

DANVILLE.

The Rev. T. Blaylock reports as follows:—

"Our Holy Week and Easter Services were very successful. At the two Celebrations in Danville, there were fifty-seven Communicants, in the whole parish ninety-one. Kingsley Falls I could not reach, but the services there are well kept up, sixty-five being present last Sunday evening. My Easter offering was forty-five dollars. The Vestry Meeting at Danville showed the accounts to be in a prosperous state. The ordinary Offeratories for the first time more than met the expenses, and the assessments had covered the increased amount asked by the Board for the past year. On the whole the Parish seems prosperous, and I have much cause to thank God and take courage."

The Vestry Meeting of S. Augustine's Church Danville, was held on Easter Monday Week. Notwithstanding the increased assessment the accounts were found to be in a satisfactory condition. The Church-Wardens reported a considerable increase in the amount of the offertories. Votes of thanks were carried to the Church-Wardens, the members of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Blaylock, Mrs. G. F. Cleveland, and Miss Wadleigh for the gift of the Altar and the Altar cloth. Too much praise cannot be given to the Church-Wardens, Messrs. G. F. Cleveland and C. R. Thurber, for their attention and careful husbanding of the finances.

RIVIÈRE DU LOUP.

The Easter Services in this Mission were hearty and cheerful; and the Congregations almost as large as is possible in winter, very few of the resident members failing to be present.

In the old Church, commonly known as "the Parish Church," the Altar and Sanctuary, and the space in front of them, were bright with beautiful plants, many loaded with blossom, others of great beauty of foliage, and all, it is hoped, picturing forth and helping the worshippers to realize the glorious truth of the Resurrection which they so sweetly preach, and thus truly having their share in setting forth the glory and goodness of God; for surely for this purpose chiefly, and not alone to please the eye of man, do we make use of them to brighten our Church yearly, when the Queen of all our Festivals comes round. If they fail in doing this, it were better not to have them there.

The Upper Church, too, taught the same lesson in the same way.

The organist and choir did their full share in rendering the Services joyous, and in leading the Congregation, and lifting up their hearts, we trust, in thankful praise to God. The smallness of their numbers made this no easy task; so that they may be grateful for the success of their efforts in this direction.

Our thanks are hereby tendered to those ladies who so kindly lent the flowers; and we must by no means omit to record that by far the greater part of the plants which brightened the "Station" Church were lent by ladies who are not members of our own Congregation.

To them our special thanks are due, and are most heartily and sincerely given.

A friendly gathering of the members of the Congregation took place at the Parsonage, on Tuesday, April 17th, when a pleasant evening was passed in music and singing, and various cheerful amusements. Refreshments were kindly furnished by the ladies of the Congregation.

BARFORD.

The following Services were held in this Mission on Easter Day:

1. Church of the Advent, Perryboro', 7.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion: twenty-five Communicants.
2. St. Cuthbert's, Dixville—11 a.m., same as at Perryboro', and same number of Communicants.