

## MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WATERLOO.—Rev. D. Lindsay, rector, has returned from England in good health.

SOUTH STUKELY.—*St. Matthew's Church*.—A clergyman who formerly was incumbent of this Mission, and to whom it was his first charge after ordination, has presented *St. Matthew's Church* with a Flagon to complete the communion set, which consisted up to the present, of only Paten and Cup. The Flagon which is of very beautiful design, exquisite taste and workmanship, is an *Easter Offering*, and at the request of the donor, is to be used for the first time on Easter Sunday. The base, neck and head, are of English sterling silver. The bowl is crystal, with the I. H. S. of ground glass on the side. The head is mounted with a cross in a circle. The purchase was made at J. & R. Lamb's Church Furnishing Store, New York.

MONTREAL.—*Church of St. James the Apostle*.—On the 20th the Rev. Canon Ellegood, rector, gave his second lecture, on Egypt, in the School-room of the Church, to a large audience. The Rev. Canon's descriptions of his travels were given in a very interesting manner. The city of Cairo, Mosques and public buildings, and the curious way the Mohammedan priests instruct the children, were well portrayed. He also spoke of the college in the Mosque of El-Azher, which is the centre of the study of Arabian literature, and to which students flock from all parts of Mohammedan rule. The great Pyramid and the difficulties to be encountered in exploring it, were next referred to, and the lecture was brought to a close with an account of the famous Casnola collection of antiquities discovered in the tombs in the Island of Cyprus, and now in the Metropolitan Museum of New York. Excellent music was given during the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Labatt, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, and others.

## ONTARIO.

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NEW EDINBURGH.—The Easter services were eminently successful. The altar was vested in white and gold and beautifully decorated with flowers from the conservatory at Government House, kindly sent by Her Excellency the Countess of Dufferin. The font was filled with exquisite white azaleas for the baptism of Susan Helen the daughter of Col. the Hon. E. G. S. Littleton, which was administered at the Litany service at 4 p.m., the Countess of Dufferin acting as one of the sponsors. The Church at Matfus was filled—Communicants, 60; Offertory, \$46. The celebration at 8 a.m. was attended by 23 Communicants. The Churchwardens are A. G. Pedar, Esq., Dr. Wilson. The delegates, John Lowe, Esq., Dr. Wilson, Edgar Burritt, Esq.

## TORONTO.

THE BISHOP OF TORONTO will, D.V., hold Confirmations in the City of Toronto on the days mentioned below:—

Church of the Redeemer, Sunday, April 8, 11 a.m.	
St. Matthew's, Leslieville, " " 15, "	
St. Stephen's, " " 22, 7 p.m.	
Grace Church, " " 29, "	
St. Paul's, Bloor-street, " May 6, 11 a.m.	
St. James' Cathedral, " " 6, 8½ p.m.	
All Saints, " " 20, 11 a.m.	
St. Bartholomew's, " " 20, 7 p.m.	
Holy Trinity, " June 10, 8½ p.m.	
St. George's, " " 10, 7 p.m.	
St. Luke's, " " 17, 11 a.m.	
St. John's, " " 17, 7 p.m.	
St. Philip's, " " 24, 7 p.m.	

DURHAM AND VICTORIA.—A meeting of the deanery of Durham and Victoria will be held at Lindsay on Tuesday, 10th April. First day, evensong at 7.30, with addresses by W. C. Cooper, H. F. Burgess, and R. H. Harris. Second day—Holy Communion at 8 a.m., meeting of deanery at 9.30. Reading of ordination office—Scriptural subject—Resurrection of the Body. 1 Cor. xv.

35 to —. Essayist—Dr. O'Meara. Subject—Pastoral Visiting. Evensong at 7.30, with addresses by Revs. Dr. O'Meara, C. W. Paterson, and Rural D. Allen.—H. F. BURGESS, Secy. D. of D. and V.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending March 31st, 1877.

MISSION FUND.—*Special Appeal*—On account of collections by Rural Dean Allen and S. G. Wood, \$27.00; subscription from the late Mrs. Donald Bethune, \$25.00.

*January Collection*.—Oakridges, \$3.09.

*Parochial Collections*.—Seymour & Percy, on account, \$25.00; Oakridges, \$52.62; St. Luke's, Toronto, \$67.00; Dysart, on account, \$18.50; Collingwood, \$59.28.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*October Collection*—Seymour & Percy, balance of assessment, \$5; Oakridges, additional, \$5.34; Cobourg, balance of assessment, \$15.99.

*On Account of Mrs. Hill*.—Oakridges, \$1.48.

TORONTO.—ALL SAINTS.—The Easter Sunday Services at this free-seated church were most inspiring and were rendered with all the heartiness which the sacred festival calls forth from the devout worshipper. A manifest improvement has taken place in the choir, and the boys sang apparently "with the will and the understanding also." The church was very beautifully and appropriately decorated for this the Great High Festival of our Church, the charge from the solemn appearance of the Chancel on Good Friday to the bright and joyous emblems of the Preservation was indeed in full accordance with the service appointed for the day. The Holy Table was draped in Festival White with the Sacred Monogram in crimson and gold, at the rear on raised ground there was a perfect map of white flowers—Lilies and Roses. Above the altar were beautifully designed texts in blue and crimson letters on white ground and on and above the reading Desks and Pulpit. Wreaths of Hemlock intermixed with everlasting flowers and grasses were twined on the rails and choir stalls. The Font standing near the North door was indeed a treat to gaze on. From a carpet of flowers rose up a crop completely covered with white flowers. Altogether the effect was very good and would to very many prove instructive, speaking of that purity of heart which should be the result of a true belief in our Blessed Saviour's Death and Resurrection.

That the labors of the Revd. A. H. Baldwin in this Parish are bearing good fruit is evidenced by the over flowing congregations that weekly fill the Church and listen in wrapt attention to his earnest exhortations. The Good Friday Service was very largely attended and there has been a good attendance at the daily services during Lent.

ALLISTON.—On the evening of Monday, 19th inst., the people of Alliston and West Essa, to the number of about seventy, waited upon the incumbent, Rev. W. M. C. Clarke, at his residence, in the shape of a donation party. Having spent a few hours in "harmless chat," singing sacred melodies, and so on, and all having enjoyed an excellent supper, (with the materials for which the visitors came well supplied,) Mr. Cockburn, on behalf of St. Andrew's and St. Peter's churches, presented Mr. Clarke with a purse containing about sixty dollars, and read the following address:—

*Reverend and Dear Sir*,—Permit me on behalf of the members of St. Peter's Church, West Essa, and St. Andrew's Church, Alliston, to ask your acceptance of this purse and the sum enclosed. Although, sir, the sum is small, yet it shows that there exists between us that feeling which should be between a pastor and his flock. You have made many warm friends here, owing, no doubt, to the kindness and consideration which you and Mrs. Clarke have ever evinced since you came amongst us. Our united prayer is that you may long be spared to continue your labours of love in this mission, and when we are called upon to pass away from earth that we may meet in that upper and better world where there will be no more parting.

Mr. Clarke having made a suitable reply, selection from hymn A and M having been sung, and prayers having been said, a very pleasant evening

was brought to a close by the whole company singing the national anthem.

TORONTO.—*St. Matthias*.—The Lent services at this Church have been attended with quite remarkable success in regard to numbers as well as hearty interest. The morning services (daily) included celebrations of the Holy Communion at 5 (for the convenience of men going to their work at 6) and 9.30, besides Matins at 9 with Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays; Evensong at 5 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. At the latter services sermons were preached every week by the clergy of neighboring parishes, among whom were several not usually credited with a capacity for taking a fraternal interest in such work that goes on in this parish.

The observance of Monday, Thursday and Good Friday was of a character somewhat peculiar, and most appropriate and impressive. Evensong was said at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Rev. Prof. Maddock preaching, after which, until midnight, Rev. R. Harrison gave a series of Meditations on the Paschal Supper Ceremonies, and those special features which our Lord introduced on the occasion commemorated, as well as the conversations and occurrences which preceded the 'Institution' of the Lord's Supper. Precisely at midnight began the Good Friday Communion Service in commemoration of the Institution, Mr. Harrison explaining the customs of the Ancient Church in this particular, and dwelling upon the great mistake of those who fancy that the Institution took place in the evening, instead of at midnight after a prolonged fast broken only by the solemn rites of the Paschal Supper. There was a large attendance, and it may be safely said that no other service could possibly be so solemn and edifying as this 'Commemoration of the Institution.' About 1 a.m. began series of Meditations (interspersed with hymns, readings from the Scriptures, and periods of silent prayer) bearing upon the events of the corresponding hours of Good Friday morning; the Farewell Counsels and the Commendatory Prayer of Christ, the scenes and sayings in the Garden of Gethsemane, the arraignment before the Chief Priests, Peter's Denial, Judas' Repentance, Pilate and Herod, the Sorrowful Way, the Weeping Followers, Simon the Cyrenian, &c. So daylight broke upon the little company of loving disciples as they followed, step by step, the footsteps of the Saviour. Then 9 a.m. of Good Friday brought a large congregation to Commemorate the 'Six Hours on the Cross.' Matins, Litany and Ante-Communion Service were said at intervals, and the subjects of the Meditations were the 'Seven Last Words of Christ! This series of seven continuous services, as they might be called, consisted in each case of 1. Appropriate Collects. 2. The recitation of the Word. 3. The same chanted by the choir (from setting in the St. Alban's Appendix). 4. The instruction given on the Word. 5. An appropriate hymn. 6. Silent meditation and prayer. During the intervals a few came and went, but the majority of the congregation seemed wrapt in the studies of the solemn occasion with extraordinary devotion. Evensong was said at 8 p.m., when Gerard Moultrie's new 'Hymn for Good Friday'—"Shades of night are slowly falling" was sung most impressively, after instruction had been given on the 'Burial of Christ.' After the usual services on Holy Saturday (the choir being re-organized and formally admitted to their seats in the chancel just before Evensong of Easter Even) the dark hangings, with their pure white monograms were removed, and the work of decorating for Easter began. By midnight the beautiful little Sanctuary had undergone a thorough transformation. Nothing could exceed the beauty of the floral crosses about the altar, and elsewhere. The Font bore a magnificent calla lily, while roses and pots of exquisite flowers tastefully arranged in patterns or groups were placed on the Re-table, the Altar pace, and the pedestal of the Font. Singularly beautiful texts ornamented the chancel arch, the super frontal and east wall of the chancel. On Easter day the church was full at all the services (five in number) and never was the 'joy of Eastertide' more thoroughly realized. The services were preceded by processions ("Alleluia, sing to Jesus") of the choir habited in cassocks and surplices, the officiating clergyman wearing a white silk stole suitably embroidered, and the whole