

St. John, and represented that city and county in the N. B. Assembly from 1846 until 1861, and again from 1865 until Confederation. During this period he occupied at different times most important positions in the Executive Council, enjoying successively the portfolios of Surveyor General and Provincial Secretary. More than once he was dispatched by his government on weighty diplomatic missions, and was a conspicuous member of the colonial conference for the union of the B. N. A. colonies, at London, 1866-7. At Confederation, he was called by Royal Proclamation to the Senate of Canada, and in 1878 he was appointed a member of the Privy Council without portfolio, and was elected to the Speakership of the Senate. He was signally honoured in his appointment as Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick (at the death of Lieut.-Governor Chandler); and after serving out his term of office, he retired to his country seat at Belmont, where the evening of his long and useful day of life was spent. A life-member of the "Diocesan Church Society" and for many years a Church Warden of this parish, the members of the Church in this diocese, and especially here, will unite with the State, at least in this, to mingle their regrets at his demise; while we who have known him best are gratefully consoled in the thought that so much of a life like his (loyally given to his Church's and to his country's cause) has been lived amongst us. On Sunday, the 15th day of February, the mortal remains of the deceased were interred in the church yard at Oromocto, when a very large number of friends from the neighbouring parishes and from other parts of the Province were assembled. The burial service was read by His Lordship, Bishop Kingdon, assisted by the rector of the parish. *Requiescat in pace.*

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Peter's.*—During the early part of Holy Week there were four services daily. Celebration of Holy Communion, 7.45; Matins, 9 a. m.; Evensong and meditation, 5 p. m., and a special service and address on "Some of the incidents of the Passion," 7.30. On Good Friday there was a children's service 9.15 a. m., at which the chapel was filled to overflowing. Four short addresses were given on the stations of the cross, and between each part the story of the cross was sung. At 10 a. m., matins, the reproaches and ante-communion were said. From 12-3 the priest incumbent preached on the seven last words of our Lord. Evensong was said at 5 p. m. and a special service and sermon by the Rev. H. Hunt at 7.30. Throughout the day the church was hung in black and the altar was stripped; all the services were remarkably well attended. Easter Day was bright and joyous. The church looked beautiful in its white hangings and the sanctuary was decorated with a profusion of flowers. The first celebration was taken by the priest incumbent at 8 a. m.; 113 communicants, a larger number than ever before since the opening of the church. The 11 o'clock celebration was sung by Cambridge's service and was excellently rendered by a strong and well trained choir. The Rev. J. H. Hunt celebrated and Rev. S. Simpson preached. At 7 p. m. the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Evensong was taken by the Rev. J. H. Hunt, the priest incumbent again preaching. After the sermon there was a procession with cross and banners round the church, the officiant being vested in a magnificent white cope, and upon returning to the sanctuary a solemn Te Deum was sung before the altar; and the service closed with the benediction. The offertories during the day amounted to \$274.70.

Easter Services.—The Cathedral.—The Easter services at the cathedral were conducted with the usual impressiveness of ritual. At 8 a. m., there was a celebration of the Holy Communion and also after Matins. His Lordship, the Bishop coadjutor, preached in the morning, and the Metropolitan at Evensong. The congregations were large, and the singing especially good. At the evening service, Barnaby's latest composition, the beautiful anthem, "Wake up, my Glory," was sung very creditably by the choir, under the able leadership of Prof. Bristowe. The floral decorations, especially at the font, were chaste and beautiful.

St. Anne's was very prettily adorned for the festival. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a. m., and at the eleven o'clock service an unusually large number of communicants partook of the blessed sacrament. The singing was most effective and very large congregations attended all three services.

St. Mary's.—Special Easter music was sung in this church. St. Mary's congregation was much pleased to find their rector so far recovered from his recent brief illness as to be able to minister to them on this glad festival day. Two services were held in this church on Easter Day.

MAUGERVILLE AND BURTON.—The first service of the Easter Festival was held in Christ Church at 8 a. m., when the Holy Eucharist was celebrated. The music was as follows: Processional Hymn 134, Kyrie (chant), "Gloria Tibi," Holy Offerings, Hymn 311; 2nd part, (after consecration prayer), "Gloria in Excelsis." The Holy Eucharist was also celebrated at St. John's church, Oromocto, a large number of communicants being present. Stephen's "Te Deum" was well rendered by the choir, as also were the hymns and other special festival music. Even song was said at Christ Church, when the "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" were *Wesley in F.*, the Doxology being sung as a recessional. Both churches were prettily adorned with cut flowers, and all the services were particularly bright and hearty.

During Holy Week, Bishop Kingdon delivered a course of addresses in Trinity church, St. John. His Lordship also held three confirmation services during Holy Week in the St. John churches. The Metropolitan confirmed about fifty candidates in the cathedral on Maunday-Thursday. At the Easter Monday meetings throughout the diocese, a question of more than passing interest was submitted to the different local committees, viz., the proposed scheme for amalgamation of the "Diocesan Church Society" with the Synod. The delegates from each parish are expected to report the decisions of the sub-committees to the General Committee at the Annual meeting in July next.

QUEBEC.

Bishop's College School.—The contract for the rebuilding of the school building destroyed by fire some time ago, has been awarded, and the work will be completed by Sept. 1st, so that it may be occupied on the re-assembling of the school after the summer holidays.

Church Society. The anniversary meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec took place in the Tara Hall on Monday evening, the 6th inst., and was attended by a large audience. The Lord Bishop occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by the very Rev. the Dean, Canons Richardson and Von Iffland, Rev. Dr. Geo. R. Vandewater, Rector of St. Andrew's church, New York, and Secretary of the Parochial Mission Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States; Revs. L. W. Williams, M.A., A. J. Balfour, M.A., H. J. Petry, T. A. Williams, L. V. Lariviere, F. A. Smith, C. B. Washer and Lt.-Col. J. B. Forsyth, Collector of Customs. After the singing of a hymn, prayers were read by Canon Richardson, Secretary of the Society. He then submitted a short account of the work by the Society during the past year. He mentioned the amounts subscribed to the various funds, and the principal grants made from them, &c. He referred especially to the interesting character of the work being done by the Rev. H. C. Stewart, M.A., among the Indians at Lake St. John, where a church was being built upon the Indian Reserve, and quoted from a letter lately received from Mr. Stewart, in which he reported the probability of the entire Mistassim tribe coming to settle at Lake St. John in consequence of the Church privileges that they are expected to enjoy there. The report referred in feeling terms to the decease of Rev. J. H. Jenkins, late rector of Three Rivers; Rev. E. W. Sewell of Quebec; Rev. A. Balfour, the veteran clergyman of the Diocese, if not of Canada, and Messrs. Alex. Pape, Treasurer, and P. A. Shaw, a life member. After the singing of another hymn, His Lordship made a short address, after which he introduced Lt.-Col. Forsyth as the first speaker. Col. Forsyth gave an able address, specially referring to the progress made in the diocese during the past 50 years. Another hymn having been sung, His Lordship introduced the Rev. Dr. Vandewater of New York, though he said an introduction was hardly necessary in his case, after the very eloquent sermons he delivered in the Cathedral and St. Matthew's the day before. Dr. Vandewater was received with great enthusiasm, and delivered a stirring address on behalf of the Society, urging all Churchmen to give it their earnest and hearty support, and pleading specially on behalf of the country clergy with poor stipends. He referred to a visit of his to a Colorado mission, where the clergyman's wife, after teaching in Sunday school before the morning service, aided in arranging the altar, remained after the service to teach another class while her husband went 15 miles to another service, and then returned home to comfort her household of four children, and perform the necessary household duties, for she was unable to afford to keep a servant; she had told him with moistened eyes how thankful she was for the boxes of clothing, &c., sent by the Women's Auxiliary. If only Church people could

see more of such cases, they would certainly be ready to give more to mission work. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speakers on motion of the Dean, seconded by Hon. Geo. Irvine, Q.C., after which the benediction was pronounced.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The meeting of the vestry of St. Martin's on Easter Monday was not without peculiar significance to those interested in the question of free sittings. During the Lenten season of 1890, Mr. Troop, the rector, informed his people that great sorrow as it would cause him to sever his connection with them, he had, after much careful thought, arrived at the conclusion that he could no longer act as their clergyman if the system of renting pews in the church were continued. The plan, he explained, had never met with his approval, had indeed been always abhorrent to him, and he felt compelled at last to take a decided stand in the matter. This step on the part of Mr. Troop required great courage. St. Martin's church is situated in an aristocratic quarter of Montreal, and the congregation is, to a large extent, composed of men of wealth and high social position, to whom no doubt the idea of free seats was inseparably connected with much that was inconvenient, to say the least of it. The parishioners, however, influenced in part perhaps by the desire to retain the services of a man who by his unaffected piety had won their confidence, and in part by the fact that his arguments in favour of opening the doors to all who were anxious to hear the Gospel, commended themselves to their judgments, or perhaps we had better say their consciences, at the following annual parochial meeting held at Easter, 1890, determined to pursue the course suggested by their clergyman. In lieu of pew rents the now well-known envelope system was adopted, with the result that the income of the church was found last Monday to have been increased by the sum of \$815.83. From every point of view, indeed, the new method has been an undeniable success. The building has been better filled, the regular congregation have not been seriously inconvenienced, and Mr. Troop a short time since intimated from the pulpit that he had reason to feel encouraged with the increased knowledge of religious truth manifested by some of the worshippers. Surely this may afford encouragement for others engaged in the work of educating Anglicans to see that pew rents are inconsistent with the spirit of the Catholic Church.

MANSONVILLE.—Easter Sunday beheld a good congregation assemble in St. Paul's church here. The service was a good one, singing hearty, the altar bright with its white festival frontal, and its re-table filled with foliage and blooming plants. The incumbent, Rural Dean Brown, preached an excellent extempore sermon and celebrated the communion, the congregation remaining throughout. A liberal collection (for the place) was taken for the W. and O. Fund. In the afternoon a children's service was held, to which the children marched in graded order from the parsonage, the members of the Nazareth Guild of the "Ministering Children's League" being conspicuous by their blue badges and little crosses. They gave some recitations and joined in some Easter hymns and carols, and then listened to a plain and descriptive sermonette on Christ's burial and resurrection. The Lenten savings, which is response made to the appeal of the Board of Missions, were then collected by one of the youngest of the boys. These offerings were presented on bright Easter envelopes. Being the first service of the kind, it was not by any means what it might have been had there been longer training. Next Easter better things will be looked for. The Easter meeting of this parish is postponed until Saturday, April 11th. A young people's Church Guild has been organized in this parish, and we look for its being utilized towards a development of Church principles and religious tone among its members. A good large class of candidates for confirmation is being formed. His Lordship is to visit this place on May 8th.

AYLMER, P. Q.—The Easter services in Christ Church were largely attended by the members of this congregation. The Holy Table was artistically decorated with beautiful flowers, and the choir sang hymns and chants in a creditable manner for the occasion. The sermons morning and evening were by the Rev. S. Moore, from McGill College, Montreal, who for nearly three months has been acting rector, on the "Resurrection." The preacher showed that this sublime doctrine was very full of comfort to the Christian; the hope of seeing the beloved faces of friends in the Promised Land is capable of filling the mind with rapture and joy. The collections, \$7.73, were given to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the diocese.