

decided to hold from 1.30 until 5.30 in each Wednesday afternoon. Great enthusiasm prevails, and no doubt success will crown all worthy endeavours of the faithful, and "old S. Paul's" further restored and improved will show the results. Meanwhile, what will the *men* do?

The Lenten Fast has gone by again, not, we hope, without blessings to Parson and people. The daily services were held without interruption and the attendance was better than usual, especially during Holy Week. Good Friday was solemnly observed by large congregations, and thus the better observance of Lent prepared us for the better celebration of "The Queen of Feasts." Easter was indeed a "high day." During the afternoon of Easter Eve, S. Mary's Chapel was handsomely decorated with cut flowers, from Mr. Bebbington's Conservatory at Fredericton, and with pots of choice blooming plants from members of the congregation, and when the hour of the first evensong Easter, arrived, 8 p. m., the Chapel presented a bright anticipation of the Festival. On Easter Day there were five Services, viz.: 1st, Holy Eucharist, (Choral) with Processional Hymn, "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus," etc., at 7.30 a. m., there being forty-four Communicants; 2nd, Morning Prayer with Sermon at 10 a. m.; 3rd, Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon at S. Paul's at 11.30 a. m., there being twenty-four Communicants; 4th, a children's Service at S. Mary's at 3.30 p. m., and 5th, evening Prayer and Sermon at 6.30 at S. Mary's. The services were all very hearty, the music being justly praised and full of the spirit of the Great Day. Three new choristers entered upon their duties, and among the Easter gifts were a handsome set of book markers from Mrs. W. B. Howard, and alms-bags from Mrs. Medley. The offerings for the poor were above the average and everything connected with the celebration of the Great Festival was calculated to make it much and happily to be remembered. *Laus Deo!*

The Easter Monday Meeting passed off satisfactorily, Mr. Treasurer DesBrisay's statement showing an increase of about \$200 in the offertory during the year.

Well deserved praise was awarded to Mr. Church Warden F. E. Winslow for his painstaking attention to the duties of his office, and now that our worthy and veteran Church Warden Burchill has such an efficient helper, we may hope that there will be a further increase of income and that *every* member of the congregations may share proportionately in the maintenance of the Services. All who would inherit a

blessing should be systematic and liberal in devotions to the worship of God.

BATHURST.—A very successful guild for girls has been begun, under the name of the Guild of S. Mary the Virgin. They held their anniversary on the Feast of the Annunciation. It was a pretty sight to see seventeen members with their badges of blue and white, in the upper seats of the nave. The members are preparing a literary entertainment and concert to come off in a few weeks.

We had the Church open all through Lent this year again, and warmed by free loads of wood. Our organist, or rather one of our organists, Miss desBrisay, is away in Baltimore this winter, and so for Morning Services one of our boys has been practising, and now plays. He has made good progress, and on Easter accompanied the Choral Celebration very creditably. The usual routine of Services was gone through during Lent and Holy Week, and on Good Friday the Three Hours' Service preached to a large congregation, who with a few exceptions remained for the entire Service. On Tuesday and Friday nights Communicants' classes were held and largely attended. On Easter Day the Services were very well rendered, being Choral. At the High Celebration, a new service in F was sung, the *Benedictus qui venit* being given without accompaniment. At the early Celebration forty persons received, the largest number who have ever yet presented themselves at an early service. The bad roads prevented many from being present, and the difficulty was augmented by the falling of the Big River Bridge, just before Evensong. By this accident a large number of our faithful were "cut off" and in strange reversal stood in place of the Egyptians. However, they manfully crossed on scattered timbers and ice, to be at the Easter Meeting. So they could not think there was anything personal in the first lesson at Matins on Monday, though it did strike even the Parson as having a comical connection. Easter Monday revealed a most satisfactory state of finances, the priest's stipend paid up to date, a new and delightful feature in affairs. But the meeting also revealed, as usual, all the fell villainy of the Parson. A good old fellow from the distant country put his hand on his Rector's back, after the meeting, and remarked, "Parson, I didn't know you were such a hard ticket," and then went off into a cheerful guffaw!

A handsome set of altar books was presented at the Festival.