

for, as has been well said—"This Church is the dwelling-place of the Spirit of God." Through it all runs the divine power of that Spirit. The man in the Kingdom has the gifts of grace. He is in a realm of spiritual life and strength. He is surrounded and sustained on all hands, and from all the sources of worship, prayer, praise, and sacrament, by the living ties of spiritual power which flow from the Lord and Life-giver.

"For this Kingdom is not only a kingdom. It is not a mere polity. It is more than a mere society. This wondrous Kingdom is a living organism—a body—a living, growing, thinking, feeling, working body."

"The man inside is a member of that body. He partakes its force, its blood, its life. He is bound fast in his place and position to the whole, and the whole to him. He cannot suffer, but a thrill of pain runs through the vast whole. He is sustained by all the power of the great kingdom. He shares its life. He is victorious in the Omnipotent Spirit that makes him also the temple of God."

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

St. Matthew's.—The holy season of Lent was, as usual in this parish, appropriately observed. Daily Matins and Evensong were said; on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. the Litany was sung. On the Friday evenings at 8 p.m. the Lord Bishop of the diocese preached a course of sermons on "a contemplation of certain events in Our Saviour's Life." On Sunday mornings the curate, Rev. T. A. Williams, preached a course on Church Principles, and on the Sunday evenings the rector preached a course on "The Responsibility of Man." During Holy Week there were Matins at 7.30 and 10.30 a.m., except on Thursday, when there was a celebration at 7.30 a.m. At Evensong at 5 p.m. the story of the Cross was sung, and a course of sermons at 8 p.m. by Canon Richardson, on "The Events of Holy Week." On Good Friday, in addition to the other services, "The Three Hours, with Meditations on the Seven Words from the Cross." All the collections on Good Friday were devoted to Bishop Blyth's mission to the Jews.

The Easter festival was begun by choral Evensong at 8 p.m., Easter eve, with a short reading by the rector. The altar and font were handsomely decorated with rich flowers. On Easter day there were three celebrations at 5, 7.30 and 10.30 a.m. There were about 400 communicants, of whom the majority communicated at the early celebrations. The 7.30 celebration was fully choral, and immediately after the consecration the *Agnus Dei* was sung. At 4 p.m. the "Story of the Resurrection" was sung, and at 7 p.m. there was a choral Evensong, but owing to the great sorrow of the congregation on account of the serious illness of the Lord Bishop (for whose recovery prayers were offered), the usual *Te Deum* at the close of the service was omitted.

QUEBEC.—The Easter services in the other churches in the city were bright and joyous; most of the churches were handsomely decorated, and there was a large number of communicants.

Easter Vestry Meetings.—*The Cathedral.*—Messrs. Edwin James and E. J. Hale were respectively selected Rector's and People's churchwardens. Select Vestry, Messrs. R. H. Smith, Hon. E. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, R. Turner, W. M. McPherson, E. E. Webb, T. H. Norris, C. P. Champion, J. C. More, R. R. Dobell, J. Dunbar, Q.C., Dr. H. Russell and H. M. Price.

St. Matthew's.—There was a very largely attended meeting. On motion of Hon. Geo. Klinnie, Q.C., seconded by C. Judge, Esq., the following resolution was adopted, "That in the absence from this meeting of the rector, on account of the illness of the Lord Bishop of the diocese, this meeting be adjourned till Monday, May 2nd, and that this meeting desire to express their sincere sympathy with the Lord Bishop and his family."

St. Peter's.—E. T. D. Chambers, Esq., and A. Borland, Esq., were re-elected wardens.

St. Paul's.—The retiring wardens were re-elected.

Trinity.—Messrs. H. Griffiths and T. H. Mahony were re-elected wardens. The announcement was made that Mrs. H. F. Wallace had donated \$500 towards the church debt, and a communion set was presented by the heirs of the late Rev. E. W. Sewell, M.A., proprietor of the church.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL—Easter Vestries—Christ Church Cathedral. Wardens—W. S. Kerry, T. Hiam. Delegates—Mr. Justice Tait and Mr. R. Evans.

St. George's. Wardens—G. Smith, George Lightbound. Delegates—A. F. Gault, Richard White.

St. Martin's. Wardens—Mr. S. Bethune, Q. C., R. Wilson. Delegates—S. Bethune, J. P. Cleghorn.

Grace Church. Wardens—Henry Holt, Henry Powers. Delegates—Wm. McWood and George Outram.

St. Thomas. Wardens—Mr. Spicer, J. T. Gaffney. Delegates—Messrs. Drake and Slack.

St. James the Apostle. Wardens—W. D. Mackintosh, Edgar Judge. Delegates—E. P. Hannaford, J. W. Marling.

St. John the Evangelist. Wardens—Armitage Rhodes, A. G. Claxton. Delegates—D. R. McCord, W. S. Taylor.

Trinity Church. Wardens—Charles Garth, E. Bone. Delegates—A. Baile, Chas. Garth.

St. Luke's. Wardens—Thos. F. Lamb, James Elliot. Delegates—Dr. E. Blackader, Thomas Lamb.

St. Stephen's. Wardens—C. E. Cooke, G. Carson. Delegates—John O'Hara, James Oliver.

St. Jude's. Wardens—J. H. Redfern, John Forgrave. Delegates—James H. Redfern, Henry J. Mudge.

All Saints. Wardens—W. J. Brown, Horace R. Ridout. Delegates—Messrs. Swift and Seymour.

HOCHELAGA—St. Mary's. Wardens—James Jackson, Edwin Chippendale. Delegates—James Mitchell, C. E. Gault, J. Morgan.

ONTARIO.

OTTAWA—Easter Services.—Christ Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and foliage, whilst the services were extremely appropriate. Both Archdeacon Lauder and Rev. Mr. Muckleston officiated at each service. The music was beautiful and appropriate, the entire congregation being surprised at the excellence of the boys' surpliced choir, numbering thirty, who took up the soprano and alto parts of the difficult anthem "Christ is Risen." The font was literally hidden among beautiful white lilies, whilst other emblems of this season were noticed all over the sacred edifice, which was crowded at each service. At the three morning services there was a large number of communicants.

St. John's, on Mackenzie ave., was thronged with worshippers at all the services. Within the altar rail the decorations were very beautiful, the flowers blending in harmony with the other appropriate decorations which had been placed in position for the occasion.

Grace Church.—The services were largely attended and were of a very exceptional character. The floral decorations were unusually fine and the musical portion was also of a very unusual nature. The new communion vessels presented by the ladies of the church were used for the first time. The choir under Mr. Rowe gave excellent satisfaction and proved themselves well worthy of the great praise rendered them by the congregation.

St. Alban's.—The beautiful little church of the Martyr was handsomely decorated with foliage, plants and Easter lilies, the altar and font being lavishly adorned. The early morning celebrations were largely attended, the number of communicants being unusually great. At matins at 11 a.m. the celebration was full choral.

St. George's.—Every available seat was occupied at all the services. The interior of the edifice never looked so handsome. It was beautifully decorated with lilies and flowers of all kinds, the altar rail being profusely covered. The musical service was of a very high order, every selection being rendered to perfection by the choir.

JANEVILLE.—St. Margaret's church was grand in lilies and other flowers for the Easter festival. The early celebration was largely attended. The choir under the lead of Miss Crouch, rendered the usual Easter hymns, and Miss E. Kate Crouch sang "Consider the Lilies." A special service for children followed. In the evening the hymns were repeated and Mr. Brown officiated.

PEMBROKE.—Lenten services, well attended, should lead to a bright, joyful Easter. As far as outward signs can tell, this has been the case in this parish. The church presented a beautiful appearance, being appropriately decorated. Large congregations attended the services, and 130 communicants received,

of whom 70 were at early celebration. The vestry meeting was most amicable, and appointed a strong committee to consider the question of the erection of a parish hall on the new lots. Income during the year \$2,260.

KINGSTON—St. George's Cathedral. Wardens—Dr. E. H. Smythe, Dr. Saunders.

St. James.—Wardens—R. V. Rogers, E. J. B. Pense. Delegate—Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick.

All Saints.—Wardens—Captain Wurtele, Leon Ton.

St. Paul's.—Owing to the absence of the wardens' financial statement, the vestry adjourned till Thursday evening. A meeting of the congregation then took place, at which W. H. Harmer was elected the lay delegate to synod.

PORTSMOUTH—St. John's.—Wardens—Col. Straubenzie, Thomas Evans. Delegates—J. B. Walkem, Samuel Watts, A. McLean.

CATARAQUI—Christ Church.—Wardens—J. Northmore, W. Waddington. Delegate—H. Dalton.

BARRIEFIELD—St. Mark's.—Wardens—Robert Gillespie, John A. Wilmot. Delegates—James Shannon, J. J. Wilmot, John Ruttan.

ODESSA.—Good Friday was properly observed here by the faithful. At the evening service there were over 60 people present, and Rev. Mr. Dibb preached on the words of the Creed, "He descended into Hell." The sermon, though rather longer than usual, was listened to with close attention throughout. On Easter Day the Sanctuary was tastefully, but somewhat sparingly, adorned with flowers. Happily we have white frontals for the Altar, Lectern, and Reading-Desk, and they make a great difference in the appearance of the church. The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday evening, but was poorly attended. There was a big "How-d'ye-do" going on in an adjoining parish, and the priest of that parish had sent out personal invitations to a lot of our young people, and thus led them to neglect their duty to their own parish. It must surely injure the Church in the eyes of the Dissenters to see her priests and people in such unseemly haste to throw off the wholesome restraints of Lent—not to mention the fact that holding these socials and things directly after Easter must necessitate a good deal of preparation and "anxious thought" during Holy Week itself, and Easter Monday itself is a Holy-day of the Church, and a red-letter one at that. All this by way of parenthesis. The vestry meeting was opened with prayer. Present—Mr. Wm. Milsap, Mr. George Milsap, Mr. Harvey Shaw, Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Robert Chance and Mr. Graham, and two or three ladies (God bless them!). No lay-delegates were appointed to the Synod, as (alas!) there was no one in the parish who had communicated three times during the past year. The sad part of it is that nobody seemed to think it a very sad thing. The mission has been vacant since last Easter, and the present clergyman (not Incumbent, let us hope!), who has only been in charge two months, is in Deacon's Orders only, so of course cannot celebrate. But one would think that a few of the people at least would have driven over to some adjoining parish occasionally to get the Bread of Life. We read with pious horror of the interdicts and excommunications in history, but how many people there are in this fair Dominion (aye, and Church people too), who are living excommunicate from the Church of God. The following officers were appointed: Mr. Albert Booth, people's warden; Mr. Harvey Shaw, clergyman's warden; Mr. Morley and Mr. Geo. Milsap, sidesmen. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. E. J. B. Pense, of Kingston, chairman of the Synod Committee on the Odessa church, for the kindly interest and practical help which he has given to this mission. It is sincerely hoped that after so much has been done by friends in Kingston and elsewhere towards this church, that the congregation will now set to work energetically to put the building in a proper and suitable state of repair.

Mr. Dibb has made a short report of the work done within the past two months, from which the following figures may be given, as of interest to our friends: Total Sunday services, 20; total Sunday attendance, 655; total Sunday offertories, \$19.93; average Sunday attendance, morning 26, evening 39-32; average Sunday offertory, a fraction under \$2, morning \$1.20, evening 77c.; week day services, not counting opening service or missionary meeting, 12; total week day attendance, 271; total week day offertory, \$5.49; average week day attendance, 22; average week day offertory, nine collections only, 61c.

In addition to the above figures the offertory at the missionary meeting amounted to \$3.58, and the parochial cards realised \$13.60 more for the same purpose.

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