

The following is from the *Magog Enterprise* :

"St. Luke's Church was filled on Tuesday evening (April 14th) to hear the singing of the Cantata "Easter Evangel."

The work represents the leading scenes of the Passion week, beginning with the entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and the introductory number "Hosanna," was cheerfully taken up by the chorus of 20 voices.

The solo "'Tis Midnight," and ladies' Trio were impressively and carefully sung; the music in these passages is full of pathos and interest, depicting our Lord's Agony in the garden. The music throughout the Cantata is full of minor strains which make a beautiful effect in the rendition of the whole series of songs. The heavy choruses throughout the Cantata were perhaps the most acceptably rendered, the tone of the choir being full and round. In the ladies' chorus "Christ, the Lord is Risen,"—the message given to the women at the sepulchre—the attacking and pianissimo passages were most effectively given.

The concluding choruses, "Lift up your Heads," and "Now is Christ Risen," were full of triumphant, martial vigor, appropriate to the scene they represent, for the strife is over now and the victory won—Christ has risen triumphant over death and the grave.

The aim of the chorus was at quality rather than quantity, and in this regard it was successful. There were weak parts, but there were strong ones, and when it is considered how hastily the Cantata was gotten up and the limited scope given by the very sacred and impressive music, we cannot refrain from complimenting the singers and organist for their successful and plucky efforts in this the first venture of the kind. The attempt has made it apparent that there is some talent in town, and we trust that this will not be allowed to lie dormant, but that we may go on to a more ambitious desire to render the better class of music, educating ourselves and the people for a love of this best of all gifts—Music."

For the beautiful service of song above referred to, we were indebted to the painstaking instruction and excellent leadership of Mr. J. R. Wilcox, who since his advent amongst us about a year ago, has been indefatigable in his efforts to develop vocal talent and to promote the love of good music.

On the 22nd of April, the Ladies' Guild commenced successfully their sale of Lenten work and in the evening, under their auspices, a company of our talented young ladies and gentlemen gave a charming entertainment, entitled "Our Boys," for which they have received showers of well merited compliments.

No little credit for the success was due too

to Miss Fanny Hall, for her tasteful and directing skill.

Miss Hall lately graduated as a trained nurse at the General Hospital, Montreal, and with such distinction that she received an immediate appointment as chief assistant to the head nurse of that great institution. Miss Hall has always been one of our best Parish Helpers in almost every department of Church work and a favourite with all. We are proud of her success.

Offerories:—General Fund Church Society, \$5.40; Compton Ladies' College, \$4.38; Parochial Missions to the Jews, \$4.00; Easter Day, \$9.06. Collected by Miss Mabel Johnson for Mission Fund of Church Society, but too late for Annual Report, \$11.00. Lenten Offerings of the Sunday School children towards the support of an Indian child in the Mission School of the Peigan Reserve, \$10.00. And \$50.00 also for Indian Missions, from a gentleman of the congregation, in fulfilment of a promise to the Venerable Archdeacon Tims on his recent visit.

COOKSHIRE.

The Rev. A. H. Robertson writes:

"On Friday, May 22nd, a wind storm swept over this Village. The centre of the storm struck our beautiful Church steeple, and wrecked it in an instant. Great heavy timbers, bolted together with strong iron bolts, were snapped and twisted like twigs, and the whole of the steeple and the upper part of the tower was strowed all over the Rectory grounds and about the Church. In a few minutes the storm passed, and the sun shone brightly, but our Church is a sad wreck. I was outside at the time, and a great beam fell within two feet of me. No other damage was done in the Village. It will cost from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to set matters right."

POSTSCRIPT.

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