

EASTER IN THE CHURCHES.

Bright Services, Able Sermons and Excellent Music.

The services in the city churches yesterday were bright and cheerful, becoming to the joyous event celebrated, and the congregations were large.

The services in St. Peter's Cathedral began with celebration of Holy Communion at 7.15 and 8 o'clock, at which the Rev. James Simpson officiated, assisted by Rev. T. H. Hunt. Masses were said in the chapel at 10.15. The third celebration was at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Hunt being the celebrant and Rev. Jas. Simpson the preacher. There was a large congregation, and the service was fully choral bright and hearty. The floral decorations were beautiful. At evensong (fully choral) there, was another large attendance. The Incumbent preached a second and exceedingly able sermon upon the resurrection life. There was a large choir and the music was of a high order. After Evensong and the usual procession, the choir returned to the chancel where a solemn Te Deum was sung.

The services at St. Paul's were all well attended. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30, the officiating clergymen being the rector and Rev. H. B. Morris. At the 11 o'clock service Rev. Mr. Williams preached an able sermon, and the choir rendered the programme outlined in Saturday's issue in a manner that was highly creditable. The solos were well taken by Miss Hazard, Rev. Mr. Williams and Mr. Harry Winchester. A collection was taken up which goes towards wiping off the church debt. The amount asked for was \$450 and the collection amounted \$452.81. In the afternoon there was a children's service, at which an address was delivered by Mr. Justice Fitzgerald. Judge Fitzgerald also read the prayers at the morning and evening services. At the evening service the special music of the morning was repeated.

The celebration in St. Dunstan's Cathedral began at 7.30, followed by Masses at 9 and 10.30. At the latter service His Lordship Bishop Macdonald was the celebrant, and Rev. Father Johnston preached an able sermon. The ceremonies, which were of a most impressive character, were directed by Rev. Dr. Morrison. The choir, under Mr. Blanchard's direction, excelled itself, rendering Weber's Kyrie in G, Haydn's Gloria from the 1st Mass, the Credo, Sanctus and Agnus from Van Bree's Mass, and the Offertory from Lambillotte, in splendid form. At the post communion Mrs. Byrne sang the Ave Marie in excellent voice. The music at the evening service was also of a high order, the cathedral choir being assisted in the singing of the psalms by the League of the Cross Choir and the choir of St. Dunstan's College. The altar decorations were exceedingly handsome, and were much admired by the large congregations.

In the First Methodist Church the festival music was well up to the high standard aimed at by the choir. The morning anthems were a carol by Mendelssohn and Dr. Elvey's "Christ being Raised." While not difficult both are bright selections and were sung with vigor. The evening selections were Allen's "Song of Easter," the alto solo being excellently sung by Miss Webster. As to the organist's custom at the Easter and Xmas Festival services one of the standard choruses was given. This season "The Heavens are Telling," from the Creation, was given. The trio was taken by Miss Collings, Messrs Pope Fletcher and Leslie W. Cook. The chorus was spiritedly sung, the attack was prompt and the volume of tone excellent. The Voluntary included "I know that my Redeemer Liveth" and preceding the chorus the "With Verdure Clad."

The services in Grace Church were also brightened by special music, and Rev. C. Jost and J. W. McConnell delivered able sermons.

The services in the Baptist church were all well attended. In the evening the music was especially good. The anthem, "Christ being Raised from the Dead," was rendered with pleasing effect by a full choir. Miss Amy Earle's solo

"Come Unto Me," was exquisitely rendered.

In St. James' church the anthems and music were especially selected, and were well rendered by the choir. The sermons by Rev. J. K. Fraser were thoughtful and appropriate. There was also a children's service in the afternoon, at which a choir of 30 juvenile voices was heard to advantage. There were also appropriate services in Zion church. Able sermons were preached by Rev. D. B. McLeod. The music was excellent.

In the afternoon there was an Easter service in Kensington Hall. The programme was made up of songs and recitations by some of the members of the school. Mr. J. R. Davison also contributed two solos.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Patriot of Saturday says "Not long since THE EXAMINER betterly opposed the Scott Act!" What THE EXAMINER opposed was the non-enforcement of the Scott Act.

It was the no-party legislature of New Brunswick which spun out the late session—trying to hide the government's corruption—and then voted \$100 additional to the pay of each of its members!

Mr. Tarte is now reported to be in Belgium trying to induce some of the Belgians to come over to Canada. Gallicians, Doukhobors, Hungarians, Belgians, anything to offset the British settler true to Canada and the Empire.

It is to be noted that The Guardian has nothing to say now about "non-partisanship" as it exists in New Brunswick and British Columbia. The Guardian's little scheme to give the Liberals a new lease of power in this Province, and the influence of the Provincial Government in Dominion elections, by the aid of Conservative votes, —a la New Brunswick and British Columbia—went work in this Province.

Advices from Ottawa state that the recent offer of commissions in the British army to Canadians left the selection of officers with Lord Minto and the commander-in-chief of the imperial forces. It is said that this condition did not suit the Government, and the order has gone forth to adopt the spoils system. Hence, unless the choice of the officers for the British army is left with the Government Mr. Chamberlain's offer will not be accepted.

Next Tuesday evening the public will have an opportunity of hearing what will probably be one of the most interesting lectures ever heard in this city, when Mr. Percy Pope will lecture before the Natural History and Antiquarian Society upon "Lost Atlantis." That Mr. Pope will treat his subject in an exhaustive and scholarly manner goes without saying, and the story of the great continent in the Atlantic which was the home of the most advanced civilization of past ages and the birthplace of most of the great nations of the earth, cannot fail to fascinate all who accept the invitation of the Society to attend the meeting.

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TEMPERATURE.—The lowest Saturday was 35 above zero, the highest yesterday was 51½. The lowest last night was 31½; the highest up to 1.30 today was 41.

South Africa Generals.—Last week we sold 600 Photo Buttons. We have 400 left. Be patriotic and get one before they are all sold at The Modern Jewelry and Fancy Goods Store, Jury & Co., Sunny-side.

Local and Other Items.

ATTEND the tea in St. James' Hall tomorrow. Sale of fancy goods also.

CAROL SERVICE in First Methodist Church at 8 p. m. All invited.

THE STANLEY left for Picton this morning en route to the Magdalen Islands.

MUSIC LOVERS will not miss the carol service this evening at the First Methodist Church.

THE PROBS—Light to moderate winds; fine and decidedly cold. Tuesday: winds shifting to south and east; fine until night.

THE MINTO. The Minto's outward cargo today was made up as follows: 7 lbs pork, 100 bags oats, 34 bags turnips and 10 pkgs sundries.

THE MAILS.—The foreign mail was despatched by the Northumberland this morning. The Princess takes the Nova Scotia mail to-morrow.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—Mr W H Stevenson is about to remove from Kent street to Great George street, in the store lately occupied by McDougall the tailor.

The grand chorus "The Heavens are Telling," solos, carols and instrumental selections at tonight's carol service. Collection in aid of First Methodist Church choir fund.

EASTER FESTIVAL.—Don't miss the Easter Festival in St. Joseph's Convent on Wednesday evening. A choice programme has been prepared. Proceeds in aid of the Convent school.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—A special memorial service for the late Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw, was held in Zion church yesterday afternoon, at which addresses were made and resolutions of sympathy adopted.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.—Carol service at 8 this evening. Attractive programme of carols, anthems, vocal solo Miss Hettie Collings, and cornet solo, "The Lost Chord," by Mr. W. H. Brown. Silver collection in aid of choir fund.

ODDFELLOWS NATAL DAY.—The Oddfellows of Charlottetown will celebrate their Natal Day by the usual parade in the afternoon and a festival in the Lodge Room in the evening. The parade will leave the Lodge Room for St. James church at 2.30 in the afternoon.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.—The ladies of St. James' Church will give a tea and fancy sale tomorrow afternoon and evening in St. James' Hall. There will be a sale of candy boxes for Easter presents. These teas have always been well patronized. The one this year promises to be of the best.

RED CROSS SOCIETY.—Will the members of the Red Cross Society please remember the sewing closes on Tuesday and Wednesday at the W. C. F. U. rooms at three o'clock? There is quite an amount of work to be done and it is desirable to have it finished as soon as possible.

SERIOUS ASSAULT.—An elderly woman named McDonald, living alone near Pownall village, was on Saturday night assaulted by a man believed to be "Smiler" Walsh, and is to-day reported in a critical condition. Walsh is well known in and about Charlottetown, and has served a term in prison for attacking women.

SAID TO BE SATISFIED.—An Ottawa despatch to the Halifax Chronicle says: The telegraphers on the Intercolonial railway are said to be satisfied with the concessions which they have obtained from the Government, namely, fifteen days holidays, recognition of the Order of Telegraphers and other minor points, which will improve their position.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION.—At the 10.30 service in St. Dunstan's Cathedral yesterday Easter Johnston announced that the service of the Forty Hours Devotion would begin on Thursday and close on Saturday. The Mass of Exposition will be sung at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning and the Mass of Reposition at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning. The Mass on Friday will be sung at nine o'clock.

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