

\$150.00 is added for pew rents, is *not sufficient* to meet the ordinary current expenses of the Church. The Wardens of St. James' Church, Kentville, urge the congregation, especially those who have not joined the envelope system, (or, pledged weekly offertory) to take the matter into their most serious consideration.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The services in St. John's Church, Wolfville, were kindly taken by the Rev. J. Harvey, a retired Clergyman from the Diocese of Newfoundland, now residing in Windsor.

There was service at 11 a. m. with a celebration of the Holy Communion : number of Communicants 24 : and service at 7 p. m.

The services in St. James' Church, Kentville, were taken by the rector, kindly assisted by the Rev. J. B. Uniacke. At 8 a. m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion—17 Communicants : at eleven a. m. Morning Prayer, short address on the Epistle and Gospel for Christmas Day, and second celebration, 51 Communicants ; at 3 p. m. Children's Service with Christmas carols, and Catechetical Instruction on the events connected with the Birth of Christ : at 7 p. m. Evening Prayer, and sermon on "The Holy Child Jesus."

Both Churches were tastefully decorated in honor of the great Christmas festival ; and the playing and singing both reflected credit on the organists and choirs of the respective Churches.

Total number of Communicants in the Parish on Christmas Day : 92. The weather was unusually and severely cold, otherwise the number would have been much larger.

CHRISTMAS TREES.

On Wednesday December 28th, the Festival of the Holy Innocents, an entertainment with a Christmas Tree was given in Margeson's Hall, Kentville, in connection with St. James' S. S.—The entertainment consisted of several Christmas carols, which were nicely sung by a large number of the children of the Sunday School—Instrumental music—Recitations by the children—and a dialogue, or Christmas dream, in which two little ones are supposed to see Santa Claus ; quite a number of the children took part in the different scenes, which were very heartily applauded by the numerous audience. The entertainment was followed by the lighting up of the Christmas Tree which was heavily laden with presents, bags of candy and oranges. Mr. R. Eaton, Superintendent of the S. S. distributed the presents to about 85 children, scholars of St. James' S. S., after which he gave away the prizes which several of the teachers awarded to their best scholars : in this distribution Miss Webster, now in a Deaconesses' Home in New York, had not forgotten her former class.

On New Year's Eve, through the kindness of

Mrs. S. Prat, an entertainment with a Christmas Tree was given at her residence, Acadia Villa, to the children of St. John's S. S., Wolfville. The children first enjoyed themselves at a succession of games got up by the teachers, they were then provided with an enjoyable and plentiful tea, after which one of the spacious parlors of Acadia Villa was thrown open and the Christmas Tree in all its beauty of light and presents was displayed. The teachers present gave away a variety of presents to about 30 children.

NEWPORT.

RECTOR—Rev. K. C. Hind, M. A.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Jan. 22—Walton, 11 a. m., Newport, 7 p. m.

29—Newport, 11 a. m., 7 p. m. : Woodville, 3 p. m.

Feb. 5—Newport, 11 a. m., Upper Burlington, 3 p. m., Walton, 7.30 p. m.

12—Newport, 11 a. m., 7 p. m., Woodville, 3 p. m.

19—Walton, 11 a. m., Newport, 7 p. m.

20—Newport, 11 a. m., 7 p. m., Woodville, 3 p. m.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at every Morning Service.

EVENSING AND LITANY every Friday in Mission Room, at 9.30 p. m.

It is with deepest regret that we have to record the death of that honored and revered son of the Church, James F. Cochran. In the history of the Church in Newport, his life stands out as an example for those of us who are left behind to follow. After our friends are taken from us, we love to think of their good qualities, for few will speak evil of the dead—and especially in the case of our departed brother, there is much for us to remember and full of instruction. The members of St. James' Church can call to mind that familiar figure always present in God's House on Sunday. It was no small matter that could hinder him from being there at his post. As he left the sanctuary *one* Sunday, he looked forward to the next Sunday and its services. Let those of us who allow any little excuse to keep us away from Church, learn this lesson his life teaches. Much of our religion seems to be only a Sunday garment, after all, but it was not so with him. For over fifty years from the family altar went up the morning and evening sacrifice of *Prayer and Thanksgiving*. Learn, too, a lesson here. How few amongst us have family prayers, except on those occasions when their pastor visits them ! It is a life such as this that fans and keeps glowing the flickering flame of spiritual fire, which seems so nearly smothered amongst us. Let us pray that when our term of life is spent we may leave behind a record like he has, who has now entered the Church at Rest.

It is a great source of pleasure to all who really take an interest in Church matters to note the success, so far, of the voluntary system of giving alms, which was adopted at Easter. When each member,