

the canticles, etc., that the average worshipper is as badly off as under the rule of the old quartette. It is a great grief to many who believe that the vested choir is the best for our Church music to see these departures from simplicity. The chants and hymns must not be sung to music that is too hard for the average singer in the congregation. The opportunity for more elaborate music is the anthems, and in the offertory sentences. The body of the service should be rigidly simple. If it is kept so the many promises made that the vested choir should be helpful as well as attractive will be redeemed. Otherwise prejudices will be fostered and the people will have just cause of complaint.

BISHOP HANNINGTON.—A memorial to the late Bishop Hannington, of East Equatorial Africa, has been erected in the parish church of the Holy Trinity in his native place, Hurstpierpoint, and was unveiled at an afternoon service on St. Andrew's day. It consists of a brass figure in episcopal garb, set in Galway marble, with the following inscription:—"James Hannington, D.D., born at St. George's, Hurstpierpoint, 3rd September, 1847; consecrated first Bishop of Equatorial Africa, 24th June, 1884, and killed on the north-east shore of the Victoria Nyanza, 29th October, 1885: Evangelist and Martyr." Underneath this memorial is a brass plate, inscribed as follows:—"The Rev. Cecil Sherrard Pollard, M.A., of the Universities' Missions to Central Africa; died August 16th, 1886, aged twenty-seven years, at Mozambique, from the effects of the climate, after faithful labors in his Master's service." "Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psalm cxvi: 15.)

AN EXAMPLE TO BE FOLLOWED.—A very useful work is being done in Sheffield in the way of diffusing information about the Church's history and claims among the people who have hitherto received no such instruction. Under the auspices of a local Church Lecture Society, a series of popular addresses is being given by eminent men, and the Bishop of Lincoln has given a lecture on "John Wesley," as a contribution to the series.

A "LIVE" BISHOP.—The *Indiana Christian Advocate* (Methodist) says:—"No observing man can fail to have noticed the social and ecclesiastical power of the present Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Indiana. He has fifty-three pastoral charges, which he visits twice every year, and his visits are occasions of great interest and profit to the churches and the communities visited, and he goes not only where there are churches, but where he wants to plant churches. It is no exaggeration to say that to-day Bishop Knickerbocker is exerting an official influence in Indiana that no Methodist Bishop ever did."

NEW CHAPEL FOR MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.

A very handsome Chapel, built at a cost of £30,000, for Marlborough College, was consecrated on Michaelmas Day. We gather from the account of our correspondent that the College has been built up at a cost of upwards of £100,000, and this, if we understand rightly, has been raised amongst the Marlburians, without the Council having to appeal to outsiders. It is a creditable monument to educational zeal in the present century.

CANON MORSE.—A correspondent also was present at the funeral of Canon Morse, of Nottingham, speaks of it as an extraordinary testimony of the popularity of an English Clergyman; at least 40,000 people followed in the procession.

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NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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AMHERST.—Another Advent season has passed away, drawing us nearer to the second "Advent" of our "Lord," for which the Church has been, and is still, earnestly and faithfully calling upon Her children to prepare "that we may be found an acceptable people in His sight."

Christmas Day was ushered in with a pouring rain, and most disagreeable, but those who braved the weather and were once inside "Christ Church" soon forgot the outside discomforts, for all was "peace" and "calm." There were two celebrations of "Holy Communion." The service was warm and hearty. The decorations bright and beautiful. A rood screen of spruce surmounted by a gilt cross on the central arch, is placed in its proper position. The large cluster of pillars are entwined with wreaths of spruce; four members of each pillar show spruce twigs on a scarlet and white background. Illuminated texts are placed in the transept, also over all the main arches. Banners are within the Sanctuary, and between the windows monograms and devices.

St. John the Evangelist Day was duly observed by Evensong at 3 o'clock, at which service the members of "Acacia Lodge" A.F. & A.M., in full regalia attended, when a sermon appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Rev. G. R. S. Parkinson. On the evening of Holy Innocents Day, Evensong was said, and an address by Rev. G. R. S. Parkinson to the members of the Sunday School. After service, all adjourned to the schoolroom, to feast their eyes upon a "Christmas Tree," well loaded with books, dolls, toys, &c., &c., and brilliantly lighted, and to participate in its bounties. Every pupil received a gift, together with candies, cake, &c. When the "Tree" was divested of its heavy load, Barry D. Bent, Churchwarden, presented the Vicar and Mrs. Harris with a beautiful lamp, in the name, and with the compliments and best wishes of the Bible Class. The singing of the "National Anthem," and *three times three* for Mr. and Mrs. Harris and the teachers of the Sunday School, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

DARTMOUTH.—The Christmas decorations of the interior of Christ Church, this year, were neat, artistic and complete. It is much easier, in a few words of description, to convey an impression of how much care and pains have been bestowed on work of this kind, than to give a definite picture of its effect upon the eye; and the amount of the former, in this case, can be readily suggested by the fact that the *Te Deum* containing between fourteen and fifteen hundred letters, has been artistically placed *in extenso*, around the Church. This work was prepared in about a month by the organist of the Church, Mr. F. W. Drake, and is much admired and appreciated by the congregation. The scroll bearing the grand hymn, is in colour a very light brown, with darker borders edged with light blue. It extends from the pillar on the right of the entrance to the chancel from the nave around the main building above the windows, to the corresponding pillar on the left. There are two rows of lettering, half of each verse of the hymn being on the upper row and the remainder on the row beneath. The verses are separated by small Maltese crosses. The capital letters are white, and the others red. At some distance away, where they lose their distinctness of outline, the general effect of the colouring is, perhaps, that of brick and marble, and is very tasteful looking. Behind the communion table there is a rerodos of evergreen, occupying the width of the chancel, with panels of white, red and yellow, containing appropriate emblems; and above is the motto "The Prince of Peace." A low rood screen of a like pattern bearing a text, separates the chancel from the nave. The pulpit and reading desk being

alike are similarly treated. They are bordered with spruce and have in front red panels, on one of which is represented in gilt, "the rose of Sharon," and on the other, "the lilly of the valley." These support white scrolls, bearing the words, "Wonderful" and "Counsellor," in blue letters. The font is attractively decorated with a ground of white wool edged with spruce, and bears the text, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," in red letters around the bowl. It is surmounted by a pointed cover of the same material, ornamented with emblems, which terminates in a white cross, wreathed with ivy. The rest of the Church, including pillars, windows and lamps, is generously trimmed with evergreen wreaths.

JEDDORE.—On New Year's eve the new Rectory at Oyster-Ponds was the scene of a joyous assembly. The Rector invited his people to a social gathering to celebrate the opening of the new building. Tea was provided and about 150 persons partook. Readings, recitations and singing with games of various kinds, made the evening a very pleasant one. Forty-six dollars were raised for the building fund—which is considerably in debt. We are determined however, to work, work, work, until it is paid off. We thank those who kindly responded to the Rector's appeal for dollars, and fondly hope that the 200—who were asked—and intended to respond—but who forgot to do so, will, if they should see this, kindly make a note of it, and help us who are trying so hard to help ourselves. At 11 o'clock the party adjourned to St. John's Chapel—where was held a mid-night service. The building was packed and very solemnly. The building was ushered in the New Year. The Rector found upon the vestry table an envelope containing \$10 dollars, with good wishes for himself and Mrs. Partridge "as a token of gratitude."

SHIP HARBOUR.—The Christmas season was a most happy one in this parish. In spite of the heavy rain the Parish Church was filled with joyous worshippers of the Infant Jesus. During the Advent season, the special preparation services were well attended, and, as a consequence, as happy and united a congregation came together on Christmas Day as ever assembled to worship God. Particular pains have been taken in all the churches in this parish in the way of Christmas decorations, and all four of the houses of God were made beautiful for the Saviour's reception.

On Christmas Eve a Christmas Tree was held in the Rectory, and upwards of \$70. taken in, to be devoted to the purpose of procuring a bell for the Parish Church. A very happy gathering it was, peace and good will being characteristic features of the entertainment. At the Holy Communion on Christmas Day, were used for the first time a handsome set of Holy Vessels, presented by three lady members of the congregation of St. Stephens. A handsome Stone Font was also presented by the ladies of the Sewing Circle, (which to our great disappointment failed to reach us in time) together with cocoa-nut matting for the aisles. When the Rector returned from his Christmas services, he found an address awaiting him at the Rectory, accompanied by a tea service, and expressing the appreciation of his parishioners of his self-sacrificing work, and their best wishes for the New Year, and for the future prosperity of his work.

LOCKEPORT.—The special services of the Church in this mission began with carol service on Christmas eve at 8 p.m. in Holy Cross Church, which was appropriately decorated for the festive season of the Incarnation.

A *Service of Song* was held in the Baptist meeting house at the same hour. The Church is *leavening* the sects certainly.

The carol "Sing we Merry Christmas" was followed by the missionary reading, St. Luke ii to 21st verse.

Carol, carol strains, with reading, from Bishop How on the Angels' Song was succeed-