

and covered with evergreen with even more than usual care. The lectern and pulpit are ornamented in simple style. On a white ground, covering the whole front panel of the latter there is an exquisitely designed and painted cross, around which a scroll is twined, bearing these words: "Behold I bring you glad tidings." The East window, as well as the other windows, is bordered with evergreen; and gracefully scrolled around it in green letters, with illuminated capitals (gold on red shields) is the text: "When the fullness of time was come God sent forth His Son born of a woman." But the chief feature in the whole church is the reredos in three divisions of gothic framework of dark butternut color, extending several feet upwards on the window. The frame work rests upon a ledge about six inches wide, on a level with the altar, (which has in consequence been moved out that much from the wall) and is of the width of the window. The terminations are sharply pointed, and ornamented on the outer edges, while between each arch is an upright pillar reaching to the height of the outside arches, and of proportionate width, with the same ornamental top. The centre arch is higher than the others and is differently designed with regard to the shaping of the arches below the outside one. This arch is surmounted by a well proportioned gilded cross. Beneath it, enclosed by the sides of the arch, is the quatrefoil circle; and in the corresponding places in the other arches are the trefoil circles. The space between the bottom of the window and the ledge, is of a deep blue color. In the right compartment is a large white pointed shield, with a red border and a blue circle, within which is the crown of thorns, in appropriate colors. In the left compartment is a shield of the same color and design, with a finely colored chalice in the centre. The middle division contains a large flower cross, with the arms gilded, and a triangle (the emblem of the Holy Trinity) in the centre of silver, on a red ground, enclosing the sacred monogram in gold. On each side of the reredos is an illuminated text in corresponding style to those between the windows in the body of the church. On one side are the words "I am the Bread of Life," and on the other "I am the True Vine." The appearance of the whole is very pleasing, and satisfactory.

We may add that the services on Christmas Day were of the most hearty description. The singing and chanting were full, smooth, and spirited; and of the large congregation present, very many remained to partake of the Holy Sacrament.

Trinity, St. James's, and St. Mark's churches are decorated in much the same style as usual, and call for no particular description.

At the nine o'clock Military service at St. James's, on Christmas Day, the singing by the combined choirs of the Royal Artillery and the 15th Regiment is said to have been remarkably good. The chanting especially, we hear, was very able and spirited; and had the clergyman's part been intoned, nothing would have been wanting to render the whole one of the best musical services that has ever been celebrated in the diocese.

We have hitherto omitted to notice the formation of a Church Sewing Society among the ladies of the congregation of St. Paul's (Valley) Church. May it prosper to the fullest extent!

We understand that the Rev. Canon Gray after a good deal of trouble has at last succeeded in organizing a very efficient choir in Trinity Church.

The funeral of the late Canon Coster was one of the most solemn and impressive that has ever occurred in the diocese. The church was draped in mourning. The choir who were dressed in mourning appeared very much affected, and could hardly manage to sing the opening hymn. The services were performed by the curate, the Rev. W. Walker, Jr., who with his father headed the funeral procession, vested in their surplices, to the Burial ground. The procession was a very large one; and the prayers at the grave were most solemnly and impressively read by the venerable rector of Hampton, who was, we believe, an intimate friend of the deceased.

The Rev. Mr. Pearsen, Sub-Dean of the Cathedral, Fredericton, was presented the other day, by the congregation, with a purse of \$37.20