

the Scriptures," says a great writer, "as they have God for their author, salvation for their end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for their matter."

The Misses Beavis deserve much credit and thanks for their persevering efforts in raising funds to meet the expenses of this entertainment and generous Christmas tree. I have to publicly thank Miss Annie Beavis for her constancy in the discharge of her duties as Sunday School superintendent and teacher. Without her I have often thought it would be very difficult, or perhaps questionable whether a Sunday School could be at all maintained.

Mr. Murray also rendered good service in the arrangements, and hospitably entertained several of the guests, who came from a distance, at his own house.

Mission of Ilfracombe.

REV. J. PARDOE, INCUMBENT.

The annual entertainment and Christmas tree in connection with St. John the Baptist's Church, Ravenscliffe, was held in the hall there on December 23rd. The proceedings commenced in the afternoon with a sale of work by the members of the Women's Church Aid Society, after which full justice was done to the liberal supply of good things which had been provided by the parents and friends of the young people, who, for weeks past, had been eagerly looking forward to this their annual gathering. After tea a most enjoyable time was spent in listening to a programme consisting of dialogues, recitations, songs, etc., which had been carefully prepared.

The incumbent, Rev. J. Pardoe, being unable to stay to the evening meeting, owing to a prior engagement, secured the services of Mr. John Tipper, of Huntsville, an old and valued friend of the church, to preside, which he did in an able manner.

During the evening nicely bound books, which had been procured through the generosity of friends interested in the work of the Church of England Sunday School in their own neighbourhood, were distributed to the children and young people who had been punctual and regular in their attendance both at church and school. The Christmas tree, which was well laden with useful and fancy articles for sale, most of which were disposed of, presented a very pretty appearance. The superintendent, teachers, and their co-

workers are to be congratulated on an other gathering brought to a successful issue. The numerous garments . . . displayed for sale showed that vigorous efforts have been put forth by the members of this branch of the W.C.A.S., many of whom live far apart, and consequently find it difficult to meet as often as they could wish.

A vote of thanks to the kind friends in Toronto who had kindly provided toys, etc., for the children, and the singing of the National Anthem, brought a very happy and successful evening to a close. The total receipts, which will be devoted to some of the many pressing needs of the church, amounted to \$15.90.

On Sunday, December 20th, a pulpit desk, which has been provided by the members of the church, was used for the first time in the above place of worship. The officials of the church and a large congregation joined devoutly with the incumbent, Rev. J. Pardoe, in the dedication prayers, and the whole service was bright, hearty, and reverent throughout.

A long-felt want has been supplied at Christ Church, Ilfracombe. Mr. Charles Crump, a member of the church, has kindly given a plain but neat and substantial font with bowl and top complete. A large congregation took part in the dedication service on Advent Sunday. Special hymns were sung, and Mrs. Crump presided at the organ. The incumbent, Rev. J. Pardoe, would be glad to hear of some friend interested in missionary work who would kindly provide a much-needed font for St. Mary's Church, Novar, the cost of which would be about seven dollars, or to receive contributions towards that sum for this purpose.

About twenty of the members of the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Novar, met at the house of the incumbent on Tuesday, February 16th. During the evening Mr. James Large, senior member of the church, who had been chosen on behalf of the Women's Church Aid Society and other members of the church, presented Miss Pardoe with a purse of money as a slight token of their appreciation of her constant and efficient services as organist. The secret had been so well kept and the gift was so unexpected that not only the recipient but also the other members of the family were entirely taken by surprise. In presenting the gift Mr. Large spoke of the spontaneous way in which the money had been given, and the pleasure afforded to the contributors by this opportunity to

show their thorough appreciation of Miss Pardoe's efforts to make the musical portion of the service bright and hearty. On rising to thank those present for the gift itself, and for the kind thoughtfulness which had prompted the action, Rev. Mr. Pardoe said he had noticed in the past that such instances show the union and good-will which exist between the members of a congregation and those who are responsible for the ministrations of the church. The gathering was a thoroughly representative one. Light refreshments were served, musical selections ably rendered, and then the singing of a well-known missionary hymn brought a very happy evening to a close.

Rev. J. Pardoe acknowledges, with many thanks, the gift of the sum of six dollars from Rev. Lawrence Sinclair, rector of Christ Church, Gilbertsville, New York, towards a fund now being raised to build a driving shed for Christ Church, Ilfracombe. Donations for this purpose are urgently needed, and should be sent either to D. Kemp, Esq., Synod Office, Toronto; or direct to the Rev. J. Pardoe, Novar, Ont. J.P.

Shingwauk Notes.

Good health, fine weather, and an excellent skating rink. No wonder our boys look bright and happy.

On the 4th inst., Bishop Thorneloe, accompanied by His Honor Judge Johnston and Rev. Rural Dean Renison, paid his first official visit to the Shingwauk Home. The various buildings and departments were carefully inspected and important matters connected with the work discussed. The Bishop, who appeared greatly pleased with his visit, addressed the boys in the senior school, speaking kindly and encouragingly to them, and urged them to work hard and make the best and most of their opportunities while in the Shingwauk, and promised to come often and see them.

On Sunday, the 14th inst., collections in aid of the Indian "Famine Relief Fund" were taken up at both morning and evening service in the Shingwauk chapel. The proceeds, amounting to \$7.67 have been forwarded to Rev. Rural Dean Renison, in accordance with the Bishop's instructions. Many of our boys gave the whole of their preceding week's pocket money, a proof of generous sympathy for their afflicted fellow-beings. Mr. McCaig, the Public School Inspector, visited the Shingwauk on the 21st and 22nd ultimo.