

panels having spruce designs. The font was filled with callas and other flowers, and pots of flowers were placed round the reading desk and pulpit.

*The Garrison Chapel.*—Here the altar was adorned with a quantity of choice flowers and waving pampas grass, which looks particularly well against the rich back ground of velvet. Above the altar is a text that arrests the attention of all "Glory to God in the Highest, in frosted letters on a background of scarlet, surrounded by a large snow white cross. The pulpit is unique, the panels being entirely covered with white upon which are laid frosted devices picked out with holy berries. The devices were most beautifully worked in frosted snow and white on a background of scarlet, with green wreathing. The lectern was adorned with a quantity of beautiful holly and berries.

The Christmas music at the Churches was of specially festival character.

*HALIFAX.—St. George's.*—Johnston Hunt, Esq., a parishioner of St. George's Church, Halifax, has been for some time past conducting a Bible class in the body of the Church on Sunday afternoon. The class is well attended by members of the congregation, who seem to appreciate the labors of their teacher. Mr. Hunt was requested to meet his class on the Saturday evening before Christmas at the Church, and then in the presence of the Rector and others, Mr. Foster Hill, on behalf of the class, presented Mr. Hunt with a valuable book, "The Testimony of the Ages," beautifully bound, and with an address (read by Mr. Kine), expressing the great benefit received from the able instruction and wise counsels given to the members of the Bible class by Mr. Hunt, and wishing for himself and lady many blessings. Mr. Hunt made a suitable reply to the address, and remarks were also made by the Rector.

*PERSONAL.*—The respected Rector of St. Luke's has been lately confined to the house with indisposition, but is now able to resume his duties.

*SPRINGHILL.*—The little Church here was beautifully decorated this year. An effective chancel arch, surmounted by a cross, and beneath the cross a large Bethlehem star, and the arch contains the line "Hark the Herald, &c." Eleven banners in red and white are filled with neat ecclesiastical designs and brighten up the effect of the green trimmings which hung profusely and neatly around the building and the windows. In large evergreen letters around the Church is the text, 'One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,' and at the east end is 'Bethlehem,' and 'Nazareth.' Many another Christmas text cheers the eye and we hope helps devotion here. Carols were heartily sung during the Christmas services. A few days before Christmas orders were given away to the widows and poor of the congregation for Christmas cheer and quite a number of homes were made brighter by this charitable foresight of our respected Church member, Mr. Leckie, the managing director of the mines. The children's tea and Christmas tree took place in Hall's hall last Monday, and over one hundred children received presents of toys, candies and books from the tree. Altogether we had a Happy Christmas, and it was welcome to hear so many miners from the old country say: "The Church seems like home," meaning of course the old country. In a better sense, Is it not home?

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

■ A question having interest not alone for the members of the Church of England in the Island, but also for the whole Church in this Ecclesiastical Province is, "Has there been during the past year any advancement made in extending the work and influence of the Church?" It

will be remembered that on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Diocesan Church Society in February, 1886; the sad confession was made that "in reference to the condition of the Church of England in this Province there remains much to be desired in the way of improvements, whilst a few parishes show more or less advancement, others are scarcely holding their own, some are decidedly retrograding." The causes assigned of this discreditable and undesirable state of affairs were three: (1) Insufficient ministrations; (2) isolation of the various parishes and lack of interest displayed in each other's affairs; (3) want of proper organisation; and, in order to remove these, it was decided to appoint a "Corresponding Committee" who were instructed to open correspondence with the various parishes for the purpose of obtaining information with regard to their general requirements, and make such arrangements as they may deem practicable towards providing for them, and to procure and publish statistics for distribution in the various parishes, and to provide for public meetings in all the parishes for the purpose of furthering this cause.

Funds were also to be placed at the disposal of the committee to cover travelling expenses of Clergy and Lay Readers. Have these suggestions been carried into effect? Have the meetings been held? And what is the result? It should not be forgotten that injury to or decay in any one part affects the whole body, and that duty towards the whole Church requires energetic action on the part of Churchmen and Churchwomen in this part of the field. May the report in February, 1887, show marked improvement.

*CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Peter's.*—The decorations in this Church were most appropriate to the Feast of the Nativity. The font and the rail of the baptistery was wreathed with small bands of spruce and red berries, the design of the wood work being thrown into prominence by backgrounds of red and white. Large wreaths hung between the hammer beams, from the ends of which depended white banners, charged with allegorical devices illustrative of Our Lord's life at Bethlehem, Nazareth, Bethany, Galilee and Capernaum, Jerusalem. The broad window ledges were covered with crimson cloth on which were laid in white letters appropriate mottoes. Natural flowers at the foot of the lectern completed the decorations of the nave. The pillars of the rood screen were wreathed with spruce, as also the rood itself, the interstices of the arches being filled with colored transparencies. On either side of the east window was a band of white bearing in red letters the words 'Peace,' 'Goodwill.' The altar was vested with a new dossal of white and blue, with embroidered wings to match. The new organ was a prominent feature in the Church. It is a handsome instrument. The case is oak and walnut, the displayed pipes richly ornamented in bronzes. There are two manuals—small and great organs—with sixty-one notes in each, and one pedal organ of 27 notes. There are 625 pipes, and provision for 183 more. In addition to the mechanical registers the pedal movements are of great importance, adding greatly to the effect of the music and to the convenience of the organist. The swell tremolo is upon a new principle, and is so rapid in its action that the unpleasant, slow wavering sound so usual in the stop is quite done away with. In every detail the workmanship is elegant, the quality of material used is of the highest order, all care has been taken to insure prompt and noiseless action and durability, to prevent warping and to provide convenience and excellence regardless of expense. The tone is rich, full and mellow, the faintest stops being as decided and clear as the largest pedal pipes. The builder, Mr. Geo. S. Hutchings, of Boston, now occupies a foremost place among organ builders. The Church

authorities speak in highest praise of the instrument, as do all who have heard it.

The music on Christmas Day and yesterday was excellent. Mr. Watson's magnificent was rendered for the first time at last evening service. It is a beautiful composition, nicely adapted to the spirit and words of the song of Mary, and was well sung by the choir. In addition to the organ accompaniment, Mr. Watson has written an accompaniment for the cornet, played by Mr. George J. Foster.

*St. Paul's.*—The decorations were acknowledged by all to surpass in general effect those of any former year; indeed, it is not too much to say that, taking into account the difficulties presented by the architecture of the building, it would be hard to find anywhere a more prettily decorated church. The many new features added this year tended greatly to produce this effect. The music was also of a high order. The selections were all nicely rendered by the choir, especially the anthem, "Drop Down Ye Heavens." The tenor solo was well sung by Mr. Wilson. The organist and leader, Mr. Earle, is to be congratulated upon the success of the choir, as well as for his skillful manipulation of the organ. The Rector's sermon was well delivered, and was much appreciated by the large congregation present.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

*MONTREAL.—St. George's.*—In our notes of decorations at this Church on Christmas Day two very funny mistakes occurred: one in that the Communion service, instead of the Communion Table, was stated to have been garnished with ivy leaves; the second, that on the reredos (or rather on the white pendant over the Holy Table) there was an Irish Crown,—instead of (as the fact was) a beautiful Cross. We also omitted to note that the altar was vested in white, the frontal being divided into panels by two bars trimmed with green, the centre having the sacred monogram I.H.S., with cross, and in either of the smaller panels the Alpha and Omega. The openings on the front and sides of the pulpit were also filled with white cloth, each panel having a small cross neatly worked upon it.

*LACOLLE.*—St. Saviour's Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas with evergreens and scarlet berries, and the work did not depend only on a few for there were numberless helping hands and willing hearts to aid in beautifying their church for the happy day that brought to all on earth, peace and goodwill.

Christmas Eve, the Rev. J. C. Garrett was agreeably surprised by being presented with a pocket Communion Service, and Mrs. Garrett a sum of \$50, the grateful gifts of the congregation.

But the spirit of giving was not to end with them, for the Rector, J. C. Garrett, was actuated by the same kindly spirit to present to the Church a couple of handsome lamps for the Communion Table. They were an agreeable surprise to the congregation.

*CHELSEA.*—A few days before Christmas the incumbent of this mission was presented by his congregation with a fine, warm fur coat. Miss Susan Link and Mrs. H. Younghusband performed the labor of love of collecting for it.

Mr. Alonzo Wright, M.P., and his large hearted wife also sent their pastor a set of beautiful sleigh robes as a Christmas gift.

A Nova Scotia Rector writes, enclosing the names of five new subscribers, and promising five more, adds: "I wish to add that the tone of Churchmanship in the paper (the CHURCH GUARDIAN) is SIMPLY ADMIRABLE. I am doing my utmost to circulate it." Who will follow this good example?