

told about the good effect the "uniform" had upon both the choir and congregation.

PAKENHAM AND ANTRIM.—The Christmas services in this parish were of a very joyous character, and well attended.

The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. at St. Mark's when 53 communiated, and again at St. John's, when 49 partook, making in all 102. The offertory for the day was \$52, which was duly handed over to the clergyman. The handsome new altar lately presented by Capt. O'Neil looked beautiful in its Christmas dress, and both churches were very neatly and tastefully decorated. Rev. Mr. Partridge, our beloved pastor, gave us most eloquent and soul-stirring addresses on the Christmas festival, and all went away feeling satisfied and thoughtful.

SHARBOT LAKE.—On the 20th instant the Bishop visited the Mission of Sharbot Lake, Oso and Maberly.

He was entertained at the first named place by Mrs. J. Thompson, until Friday morning, when in company with the Rev. Rural Dean Carey, and the incumbent, Rev. Geo. Scantlebury, he drove to Christ Church, Oso, for service, at 10 30 a.m. The churchyard here was to have been consecrated, but the inclement weather made the service impossible. The Church, however, was consecrated, and immediately after a class of 15 males and 18 females were confirmed. Over 100 persons were present, filling the little building completely, and about 60 of these received the Blessed Sacrament. Mrs. F. Moore presided at the organ. Lunch was taken at the house of Mr. S. C. Boark, after which the Rural Dean was obliged to leave for Kingston, the Bishop and the incumbent driving on to Maberly, where they were entertained by Mr. J. Hughes. On Saturday morning the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, built during the incumbency of Rev. Mr. Radcliffe, was consecrated, and another confirmation service held, at which 16 males and 30 females received the Apostolic rite. Here again the Church was crowded and over 70 received Holy Communion. The Rev. Mr. Coleman, Baldwin's Corners, was present at this service, and Mrs. J. Soyle took charge of the organ. It is hoped that the Bishop's presence and addresses will give a great impetus to Church work here.

TRENTON.—Rev. Dr. Bleasdel has somewhat recovered from his recent indisposition, but it is doubtful if he will ever again be strong enough to take part in the active work of the parish. The Rev. F. W. Armstrong, for over three years curate of the parish, has assumed the whole duties.

On New Year's Eve a slight change was made in the time of the services. Instead of holding matins on New Year's morning, a service of evensong was held at 11 on Monday evening. The service consisted of the usual evensong, with an address in which the preacher, Rev. F. W. Armstrong, brought forcibly before his audience the danger of neglecting opportunities, of wasting chances and leaving duties undone. The sermon, solemn and impressive from beginning to end, was listened to with marked attention. After its close a few moments was devoted to silent prayer, during which the choir sang the parting knoll to the old year in that solemn hymn, "Lowly and solemn be," and then the bell rang out in clear tones, telling the old year had gone beyond recall and the new one had just begun. The choir, rising from their knees, burst forth into that grand old hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell." Then followed as an appropriate way of commencing the new reach in the Christian life, a celebration of the Blessed Eucharist, of which 60 partook. The Church, lighted up by two electric lamps and decorated handsomely and appropriately by kind and

willing hands, presented a very beautiful appearance. The congregation was very large and attentive, and comprised members of all denominations, who cannot fail to have been impressed with the beauty of our solemn Liturgy.

BROCKVILLE.—*Trinity.*—The Christmas season was observed at this Church with increased devotion on the part of the congregation. At the 8 o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion, there were 26 communicants, and at the mid day 89, making a total of 175. During the octave there were also 4 private and 2 public celebrations with 74 communicants, making upwards of 200 who celebrated the Festival of the Incarnation. An orchestra of 5 pieces assisted the organ at the mid-day service. At 7 30 p.m., a children's festival service was held, the service being sung by Rev. M. M. Harding, assistant minister, the choir being formed entirely of Sunday-school children. Immediately after the service a Christmas tree entertainment was held in the school-room, when presents were distributed to upwards of 200 children, and some 25 teachers and helpers. Rev. Mr. Harding was the recipient of a handsome Seal-skin cap and a \$30.00 overcoat. The Rector's Christmas offering was \$115.00.

On the last Sunday of the year, the Rector gave a few encouraging statistics of the progress of the parish. The number of Communion made since Easter was 1807, an increase of 400 on the previous year, the number of communicants on the parish list being for this year 326. The average attendance at the Sunday-school is now 170. The total number of Baptisms for the year was 47; marriages 14, and burials 24. The regular offerings for parochial purposes since Easter have amounted to \$1,172.70; the special offerings to \$352.49. The Sunday-school offerings have amounted to \$65.28, and the amount raised by socials, &c., \$522.45. In addition to this the Woman's Auxiliary have collected in cash \$70.95, and have sent away to Algoma boxes valued at about \$242, whilst the Children's Auxiliary have sent also boxes to the value of \$100.26, making a grand total of \$1,726.13.

A branch of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood has been formed in this parish, and a Young Men's Bible Class is held in connection therewith. On Christmas morning a very handsome kneeling pad, worked by some of the ladies of the parish, was presented and used for the first time. Daily services have been held in this Church for about two years and have been fairly attended.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

ORDINATION.—Mr. Marsden, of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, was ordained at St. Matthew's, Hamilton, on 4th Sunday in Advent. He was presented by the Archdeacon of Guelph, who preached the ordination sermon.

The Rev. Lenox Smith also passed an excellent examination Priest's orders, but desired to postpone his ordination for three months, and he is now assisting Professor Roper in Toronto.

GUELPH.—*St. George's.*—This beautiful structure never appeared to better advantage than it did on Christmas day. The Rev. G. A. Harvey and several ladies and gentlemen had devoted much time to its adornment and it presented a very tasteful appearance. The pillars were wreathed with evergreens and two graceful arches spanned the choir, while some beautiful trellis work had a pleasing effect in the chancel. The pulpit and font were also beautifully decorated. The service commenced with the good old hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." All the musical parts were admirably rendered, especially the anthem. At an early hour the Holy Communion was administered to a large number of communicants, and also at the second service. The Archdeacon preached an appro-

priate sermon from the text "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

THE St. George's Y. P. A. have secured the Archduke Joseph's Hungarian Gipsy Band for a concert in the City Hall, on Tuesday, January 15th 1889, the proceeds to be devoted to the Chimes fund.

On Friday evening 3rd inst., the school room of St. George's Church Guelph, was crowded with the scholars and their parents. Several beautiful carols were sung, Miss F. Dixon, the S. S. organist, played the accompaniments, and prizes were given for regular attendance. Some of the most beautiful magic lantern views ever seen in this city were shown.

At the close Mrs. Hogge's bible class presented her with some beautiful tokens of their regard, accompanied by a very well expressed address.

WATERLOO AVENUE MISSION.—A successful Christmas festival for the Mission Sunday School of which Mrs. T. W. Saunders is Superintendent was held on the 2nd ult., at the South Ward school house.

The young people turned out well and with their parents were supplied with refreshments. The Rev. Mr. Harvey and Miss N. Saunders presented the prizes. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Saunders was passed with much applause.

MOUNT FOREST.—The Ladies' Aid and Girl's Friendly Society, two societies in connection with the congregation of St. Paul's Church, held a bazaar which was very well patronized and proved financially a success, viz: \$140. Mrs. W. L. Smith has filled the President's chair most ably, and has been well supported by a band of most cheerful and willing workers.

The Sunday-school Treat and Christmas tree passed off very well indeed, and the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A Watch night service ushered in the New Year; there was a good congregation and a large number of communicants. May the Christmas anthem resound in all hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good-will towards men."

LOWVILLE.—*St. George's.*—The Sunday-school here held its Christmas Festival gift and prize distribution on Christmas Eve. Taking into account the unfavorable weather and bad roads the hall was well filled. The reputation of St. George's people for giving entertainments of high quality is long established. They work with that kind of conservative enthusiasm called pluck, and which leaves the impression of force unspent and available for continued effort and additional successes.

The Superintendent reports an increase of attendance of 15 per cent, and of offerings of 30 per cent, for the term just ended. Another advance has been made by our excellent clergyman, Rev. J. Morton, by appointing the use of the "Manual of Christian Devotion" series of Catechisms; he best series of Church teaching, or that can be called a complete course adapted to the use of Sunday-schools.

St. John's Church, Nassagawez, under the same pastorate, is enjoying much renewed prosperity. It has been somewhat in storm and darkness, "toiling and taking nothing." But the tackle has been put in good order—the helpers encouraged, Sunday-school revived and choir efficiently organized. The concert held on New Year's Eve was a brilliant success; nett proceeds \$35. The local choir was assisted by the popular amateurs, Mr. Baker and Miss Winstanley, Waterdown; W. O. Morae, Lowville; Mr. Taylor and Miss Carroll, Springfield.

We want 10,000 subscribers; who will help in securing them?