

contributions to the D. C. S. by \$20.00, they have not done badly. In reply to the address Mr. Willis made a neat and appropriate speech, thanking the people for their generosity, and for their evident appreciation of him and his labours.

Mr. Tayler, who was ordained to the Diaconate on the 4th Sunday in Advent, has entered upon his duties as curate. His apartments are at the Mansard House.

STUDHOLM:—The Church of the Ascension was very prettily decorated for the Christmas Festival by the members of the Guild, and looked its best on Christmas Morning, when Divine Service was held at 9 a.m. The rough state of the roads prevented many from attending, and others, who started in good time, were so delayed that the Service was nearly ended when they arrived at the Church, after having driven seven miles over the iron ruts. On Friday, January 8th, we had a practice of the Choral Union music by the united Choirs of Springfield, Johnston, Sussex, and Apohaqui, but then again the bad state of the roads caused a small attendance. Notwithstanding, the practice was a good one, and showed that great pains had been taken to learn the music.

The congregation presented Miss Evans, the organist, with a donation of \$16, as a slight token of their gratitude for her services since Easter.

SUSSEX:—Trinity Church never looked so well as on Christmas Morning. A temporary screen had been placed at the entrance to the Choir, which was decked with spruce wreathing, ferns, and leaves. On the face of the screen was the text in red letters on a white ground, "Send out Thy Light and Thy Truth." White and red Banners, with texts and devices, decorated the Chancel and Nave. The Linoleum and Chandeliers, presented by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, added much to the general appearance of the building, and when lighted, the latter gave great comfort to the worshippers. At the Service on Christmas Day, which was very hearty and enjoyable, we had the assistance of two excellent cornet players, Masters Harry White and Leonard Beer, who very materially aided the efforts of the Choir. The number of Communicants, 57, was not so large as usual, but we have had a good deal of sickness, which no doubt prevented many from attending.

The ladies of the Sewing Circle do not intend to stop with what they have done in the past; but have in contemplation some more extensive Church work, of which we shall be able to speak more fully next month. Owing to great stress of work our Guilds

have not yet been formed, but they will not be given up, and when formed will do much good and systematic work.

The members of the Choir of Trinity Church presented a flattering address to the Rector on Christmas morning, which was accompanied by a very handsome set of harness, for both of which he returned his hearty thanks. The Rector's horse was as proud of the gift as his master.

UPHAM:—On Christmas eve the Missionary, Rev. S. J. Hanford, was taken by surprise by some of his friends, who had determined to present him with an address, and a substantial and very comfortable token of their love and appreciation of his labours in the shape of a well stuffed armchair. It is not so much the actual value of the gift that is to be considered in these cases as the kindly feeling thereby manifested, which is very pleasing and doubtless beneficial to both Pastor and people.

We are glad to report that we have been able to do something by way of colouring and decorating the walls of the Parish Church, and also the Chapel of Ease at Barnesville. The appearance of the buildings inside has been much improved, and we trust they have been made somewhat more becoming their sacred purposes.

We are thankful to add, moreover, that of late we have heard *loud whispers* of the desirableness of having the seats in the Parish Church made free. This is the only one of our 3 Churches in which there are pews.

GAGERTOWN:—Christmas has passed away and with it the many associations of early days. Some sad, some bright, and some encouraging.

The Church received its usual care by being neatly trimmed, and the Services were bright and hearty; the Anthem especially was praiseworthy and reflected much credit on the choir.

On New Year's eve the Sunday School was the most attractive place for the children. Long before the time appointed the little ones with their elder brothers and sisters were seen hastening along with eager steps to be in time for the tea, which was provided for them by the Rector's family, the teachers, and some kind friends. Punctual to the time the good things were passed around, and plate after plate was emptied and replenished until all were satisfied inwardly, and some outwardly as regards the pockets. No colour line was drawn, but as a Sunday School all were welcome and treated alike. And now that all were treated, expectant eyes were turned to curtains, over which the top of an Xmas tree could be seen crowned with the "Union