

Perkins, C. Bowker and E. Turner, after which the gifts were distributed. Every one was pleased and satisfied. Thanks are due to those who dressed the tree and to the contributors. A liberal distribution was made of cake and fruit, which considerably enhanced the sociableness of the gathering. For that feature the ladies of the Station are to be thanked.

MANSONVILLE.—The holy season of Christmas received its usual attention in this very interesting and flourishing mission. On Saturday night the children of St. Paul's Church, with their teachers and friends, gathered round the Christmas tree, which spread its foliage and bore its abundant fruits in the town hall. The audience was very large, the hall being crowded. The Rev. W. Ross Brown addressed the audience on the Sunday-school, its object and utility, touching on the necessity for more thoroughness in the home training, and other points developed from this, and then with a few words to the children, especially the boys, he read the report of the standing of the scholars individually, by which the rewards were graded. The carol "Gather Around the Christmas Tree," having been rendered, Levi Perkins, Esq., distributed the gifts. As he was so engaged the audience were startled by the unexpected and unusual sound of old-fashioned sleigh-bells, commonly called by the habitants "grelot," or as we would spell it, "gurlo." It was found to proceed from Santa Claus, who appeared in his wintry garb, and distributed candies and apples among the children. Among the gifts we must mention a beautiful silver mounted album presented to Miss Clara Perkins for her services as organist, and a donation of \$10 to the incumbent, to be expended by him in something for his study. Finally, was a fine buffalo coat presented to the stage driver, Ira Chesmore, as a return for the many little kindnesses he had shown in transports from the station to the village. The exercises closed with the National Anthem, all dispersing well pleased. At the services on Christmas day the offertory was more than double that of last year.

ONTARIO.

STIRLING.—This parish, through the strenuous efforts of the incumbent, has at last secured a parsonage, which he and his family are now occupying. The church being entirely free from debt, it was thought by the clergyman and people that the time had arrived when a house should be either bought or built. A comfortable house very near to the church was offered at a low figure, which sum has been partially covered by subscriptions, and the papers being drawn out by Mr. Skinner, the church lawyer. As usual at this season, the interior of St. John's Church presents a very pleasing appearance. The wreaths of evergreen is the work of the ladies, but the sentence round the side walls on blue and red cloth, with white frosted letters, is done by the tasty hand of Mr. Mitchell, and is worthy of notice; two very pretty banners made by the incumbent complete the decorations. The singing and responses are much improved, and besides the hymns two pretty carols were sung during the Christmas season.

St. Thomas' Church, on the 8th line of Rawdon, has also very neat decorations, and large congregations assembled in both churches to hear the old, old story of the Saviour's birth. Midnight service on New Year's eve was well attended, and a few minutes after twelve o'clock the fine bell of St. John's Church rang in the new year.

MOHAWK MISSION.—*All Saints' Church.*—A most successful Christmas Tree was held in the Council House on Thursday, 22nd December, in connection with the Sunday-school. Not less than two hundred people were present. Santa Claus in person distributed the presents to as many as one hundred children, and Christmas carols were sung by the little ones in a style which did infinite credit to their teacher. Twelve Indian choir boys appeared for the first time in their choir costume—uniform coats, made by the teacher and members of Mr. Hill's and Francis Clause's families, from material bought with Sunday-school funds. The same good people knitted and made very many other articles given, as hoods, mitts, mufflers, etc. An interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation of valuable gifts to the lady teachers who had done so much for the school during the past year. Miss Maggie Johnston and Miss Lydia Hill received each a beautiful silver cake basket, and to Miss Jane Johnston, as a farewell offering, was given a costly and beautiful silver butter cooler. The missionary, Rev. E. H. M. Baker, in making the presentations, said that no teachers or churchworkers in his experience had ever more thoroughly earned such tokens of good will. The work that they had accomplished was simply astonishing. As an instance of

the success which had attended their labors and those of the young people who had worked with them, noticeably Mr. Dow Clause and Mr. Joseph John, he mentioned that in little better than a year they had raised, by concerts and kindred means, about \$200 for Sunday-school and church purposes—\$100 of which sum they had devoted towards the purchase of a bell for All Saints' Church. In concluding his remarks Mr. Baker took occasion to thank the friends of the school, on behalf of himself, Mrs. and Miss Baker, and Mr. Massey Baker, each of whom had received some token of regard. The proceeding closed with "God save the Queen," sung by the children.

AMHERST ISLAND. On the night of Dec. 23rd, the Rev. W. Roberts, incumbent of this parish, was surprised and gladdened by the present from his parishioners, of an excellent pair of buffalo robes, of which the materials cost \$52. On Christmas Day the offerings of the people amounted to \$50.56; at St. James', \$208.22; and at Christ Church, \$21.34. On the evening of Holy Innocent's Day a Christmas tree entertainment was held in the Town Hall, at which readings and recitations were given and songs and carols sung, to the great satisfaction of the audience, and though the choir and Sunday-schools were admitted free to both hall and tree, and the admission fee for the rest very low, the receipts amounted to over \$30.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—Rev. H. Pollard, St. John's Church, Ottawa, convener, assisted by Rev. A. Phillips, Hawkesbury. Jan. 15th, Birmingham; 16th, Tuesday, St. John's Church, Storrington; 17th, Wednesday, Secley's Bay; 18th, Thursday, St. John's Church, Leeds; 19th, Friday, St. Luke's, Lyndhurst; 21st, Sunday morning, Ballicanoe; afternoon, Escott; evening, Lansdowne; 22nd, Monday, Dalcenaine; 23rd, Tuesday, Trinity Church, Brockville.

SELBY & SALMON RIVER.—There was a very successful bazaar held here on the 19th ult. Friends from Montreal, Toronto and Napanee sent many valuable presents, and the display of goods was very fine indeed. The evening was clear and cold, but notwithstanding the cold a large gathering seemed determined not to let the evening, which had long been looked forward to, pass without getting their full share of the enjoyment. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$112; this added to \$240 which was previously raised in the parish during the year, goes to lessen the debt on the parsonage. The incumbent, the Rev. D. F. Bagert, has been doing very faithful work here for the past eleven years, and not without marked signs of improvement. One, and not the least cheering, was that there were twenty-two communicants on Christmas Day at Selby. Another improvement is the addition of Hinch neighbourhood in lieu of Frizell's Mills, which has been added to Shannonville, so that the parish of Selby and Salmon River is much more compact than in former years. It boasts of one of the finest country parsonages in the diocese, situated about four miles from Napanee; two churches, one at Selby and the other at Salmon River, and an Orange Hall, where services are held in Hinch neighbourhood. Churchly things have developed immensely since the days when the Rector of Napanee, the Rev. J. J. Bogert, used to drive through this section to baptize them all, and marry them all, and bury them all.

OTTAWA.—*St. John's.*—The annual Sunday-school festival was held in the new school-house on Thursday, Jan. 4th. Tea was provided for over 300 children. The infant class, numbering about seventy, had a Christmas tree and magic lantern in their own room, under the able superintendence of Mr. Mackinson. For the other children and a number of their friends, who assembled in the large school-room, the Sunday-school choir, under the guidance of Misses Wheeler, Jarvis and Mills, sang a service of song, called "Epiphany," during which twelve of the choir hung on the golden star the letters forming the words "Jesus our Star," each in turn reciting a text in which was a name of the Saviour begun with the proper letter. After this some thirty prizes were distributed to those who had received the highest number of monthly perfect mark cards during the year. A magic lantern, kindly shown by Dr. Wilson, concluded a very successful and enjoyable gathering.

MERRICKVILLE AND BURRITT'S RAPIDS.—A successful concert was held in the Town Hall, Merrickville on the 28th ult., under the auspices of Trinity Church. The annual Sunday-school entertainment and Jacob's ladder took place on New Year's night. The ladder presented a very fine appearance, ornamented with lighted tapers and prizes for eighty-eight Sunday-school pupils. A goodly sum was realized for the benefit of the school. The Christmas services were well attended, and the incumbent was greatly encouraged by the good will shown towards him

through the offertories, which amounted to the sum of \$70. In addition to the above, the offering in kind amounted to the sum of \$40. The communion on Christmas day numbered 166.

GANANOQUE.—Considerable improvements have just been made in this church, of which the Rev. H. Husten is the rector. A new and beautiful carved wood reredos has been erected. In the central panel is a large altar cross in gold, and on the four smaller panels, angels with instruments of music, on a gold ground. The walls of the sanctuary have been decorated, the prevailing colors being olive green and maroon, a broad border of passion flowers surrounding the diaper, which is composed of the sacred monogram and fleur-de-lis and crosses in gold. The nave of the church has also been tinted, and illuminated texts placed over the chancel window and nave arch. On a broad gold band on each side of the altar is the following inscription: "To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Patrick Anderson, who died Sept., 1881, aged 73 years." The whole of the work was executed by Mr. J. C. Spence, of Montreal. The work was completed for Christmas day. A new and beautiful white altar cloth, embroidered in gold, was also presented to the church, and illuminated wrought iron altar standards.

ARCHVILLE.—*Trinity Church.*—The Annual Epiphany Festival of the Sunday-school was held on the 11th January. About 50 children were present with their teachers, and in several instances they were followed by their parents, who seemed to enjoy the proceedings as much as any. After supper had been done justice to, an hour or more was spent in healthy games, which were carried on with great spirit. Some pretty pieces of poetry were then recited, and one venturesome boy gave a well-known "nigger" song. The recitations were really very good, the sense and meaning of the pieces being brought out with taste and spirit. After a rest, the children sang the hymn, so appropriate on such an occasion, "Come, sing with holy gladness," and the Christmas tree having been unveiled, the curate in charge, Rev. E. W. Beaven, distributed the gifts upon it. The festival closed with a few words of praise for the good behaviour of the children, and cheers for the ladies who had prepared the treat; and the Doxology having been sung, all went home well pleased.

CRYSLER.—The offertories on Christmas day amounted to \$35. Wednesday after Christmas a large number of parishioners visited the parsonage, taking with them oats, potatoes, butter, hams, and other articles, with any amount of excellent cakes, etc., gifts for the Rev. G. Metzler. A pleasant evening was spent, and before leaving, the warden, Mr. Cockburn, on behalf of the parishioners, presented the incumbent with a purse of \$66 towards purchasing a cutter and robe, and on the 4th inst., a number of men with teams gave him a wood hauling.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*St. James' Church.*—A meeting of this congregation was held on the 8th inst. to take farewell of the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, and to present him with a purse and clock. Mr. Rainsford has made many warm friends in Toronto, and when a few more years and the responsibilities of a sole charge have done their proper work, he will, we hope, be a power in the American Church. He will find out one thing which will be of great service, viz., that the Americans are much too wide awake and much too well grounded in Church principles to favour their clergy helping to build up antagonistic institutions out of a regard for spurious Catholicity of sentiment. Mr. Rainsford has ever been most kind, hospitable and brotherly in personal intercourse with the clergy and laity, regardless of "party." We wish him a happy career.

WHITBY.—The services in All Saints Church on Christmas Day were bright and hearty. There were 55 communicants at the early Celebration and 38 at the mid-day. The offertory amounted to a large sum. The ladies, too, have been most kind. A few days prior to Christmas, on Mrs. Fidler's return home one evening, to her utter amazement she found a very excellent new carpet placed on the drawing room floor, and its predecessor moved to another room, a message being left—"A Christmas present for Mrs. Fidler." It