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PAKENHAM AND ANTRIM.—The Christmas Services in this parish were well attended and very hearty. Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Mark's at 8 a.m., when 53 partook of the blessed feast, and again at St. John's, Antrim, at 10 30 a.m., when 49 partook, making in all 102. The handsome new altar at St. Mark's, lately presented by Major O'Neil, looked still more beautiful in its joyous Christmas dress, making every one feel indeed that they were encouraged and assisted in their worship by its grandeur. The offertories were, St. Mark's, \$25; St. John's, \$17; total, \$42; this amount was given as usual to the clergyman, as the "free will offering" of the people, to supplement his income, and this year was very acceptable.

TORONTO.

Holy Trinity.—There was a large attendance at this schoolhouse on the Holy Innocent's Day, at the annual meeting of the Ministering Children's League, about 250 of the little members and the Associates being present. The report was read, and it shows that the Toronto section now numbers 12 branches, with a membership of 438. And that during the past year, "many hearts and homes have been gladdened, through the kind deeds and the self-denying efforts of the ministering children." The M. C. L. Cot in the Sick Children's Hospital, has been liberally supported, and its occupant given many little gifts by the children. The Lord Bishop presided and gave a short address, pointing out the advantage of being leagued together, for that many things weak and almost useless alone became a great power when working together with one object. The Rev. J. C. Roper then spoke to the children, and said he warmly approved of the subject of the League, that its members should be "kind and useful to others," and he hoped all would daily use the simple but beautiful prayer given them on their cards of admission, and strive to remember that each kind deed must be done "for Jesus sake," and then in that spirit it would surely be a blessing to both those for whom it was done and those who did it for that loving Saviour's sake—he illustrated his meaning by two anecdotes, which interested the children. Canon Damoulin said a few words of appreciation of the working of the League, and expressed his earnest hope that before another annual meeting he would have a large branch in St. James' parish. The Benediction from his Lordship closed a most successful meeting.

Church of the Redeemer.—One Christmas eve, Mrs. Septimus Jones, the wife of the Rector of the Church, in this city, was the recipient of a very valuable seal-skin mantle and muff from the ladies of the congregation, together with an appropriate address, in which she was "assured that the gift was the spontaneous expression of their very kindest regards to her, as well as of their appreciation of her many acts of kindness and self-sacrifice which she had so frequently shown to all, regardless of age or position." Mrs. Jones expressed her "heartfelt sense of the great kindness shown by their beautiful address, and the magnificent gift with which it was accompanied—a gift so intrinsically valuable in itself, as well as a token of their regard, so wholly undeserved and unexpected, so handsome and so useful.

LLOYDTOWN.—The Rev. E. W. Sibbald, has received the cordial sanction of the Bishop, to proceed to erect two new brick Churches in this parish, one at Nobleton, and another at Kettleby. On Friday evening, 27th ult., the Rev. J. P. Lewis, of Grace Church, Toronto, assisted at a meeting to open the subscription list for the Building Fund, at Nobleton. More than one half of the sum required was then subscribed. The following evening a numerous representation of the people of the parish, visited the Rectory and presented to Mr. Sibbald a magnificent fur overcoat, and to Mrs. Sibbald a well filled purse.

CHEDDAR.—I herewith beg to forward you a report of our Christmas festivities, which will show the Church extension in the missions of "Cardiff and Monmouth."

ESSONVILLE.—My wife and I left Cheddar on Christmas morning, and drove to Essonville, a distance of eighteen miles, to attend the prize distribution of our Sunday Scholars. I had intended leaving the day before, in order that we might hear service in the morning, but as I was taken suddenly unwell on the Sunday previous, at Cheddar, I had to remain in the house all Monday to be able to do the eighteen miles journey on the Christmas day. I must tell you that

in these parts every mile may be counted as two, owing, not only to the roads being so rugged, but to the hilly nature of the country. The night before we started it had been raining heavily, but by the morning, a severe frost set in, which made the roads in many places like a sheet of ice. At the same time, the ice was not deep enough to cover projecting rocks and stones on the road, so that it was impossible to travel by cutter, while it was dangerous to travel by "buck-board or buggy." However, as we expected a good gathering at Essonville, with our hearts almost in our mouth, for our horse's shoes were very blunt, we left home. I am thankful to say we had only one accident on the journey. While going up a rather steep hill the horse slipped when two thirds of the way up, fell, and slid with great rapidity down, I thought at first nearly to the bottom, and was prepared for a crash and a turn over, as the hill was of great length, and we kept going faster every moment. However, I pulled the right rein, and the sagacious animal making a strong effort to obey the call, succeeded in turning the buck-board off the road, up against an embankment. We were stopped, and came off all right except a heavy shake and the fright. Our horse groaned so as it lay on the ground that we thought it, however, had sustained some injury. But my good wife holding its head, I soon had him unhitched, and a word brought him to his feet. After half an hour's patient manœuvring, we succeeded in reaching the top of the hill, and in three hours more our destination. After dinner at one of the settlers' houses, we repaired to the School house. The little building was crammed to suffocation by old and young, who, it appeared, had been anxiously waiting to see if we were really coming in the face of the unpropitious weather. The time having arrived for the opening of our entertainment, we commenced with prayer, and an address on the work of the Church in our midst, the hearty response from the people of Toronto to our appeal for funds to build two churches in our mission, and the kindness of the ladies who had provided our children with toys and candies. Then followed a competition for the first prize, to be won by the scholar who repeated the four Advent collects, the texts of Scripture and the Catechism of "the Institute Leaflet." The lessons were said so well by all, especially by the three first scholars, that I was at a loss to select from the trio the successful one. The same difficulty was felt by the audience, who prepared to ballot rather than express any opinion. So the children drew from a hat one of three pieces of paper, and the successful one obtaining the prize, put an end to a trying position. Afterwards, every child had a present of a toy, and a bag of candies. By this time it was nine o'clock, and as all felt very hungry, we adjourned the meeting for supper. Supper over, we recommenced the entertainment with a very amusing exhibition of mesmerism, and closed at 12 o'clock after an interesting show of magic lantern slides. I now come to what I must confess was to me the most interesting part of the entertainment. Just before supper, two of the senior scholars asked if I had any objection to receive a present and an address. Surprised, but none the less pleased, I readily affirmed that it would give me great pleasure, and I here give the address:—

To the Rev. A. E. Whatham.

DEAR PASTOR,—We, the Sabbath school pupils under your charge in this place, beg leave to present you with these few tokens of our respect and esteem. And in doing so, wish to assure you that we appreciate your Christian efforts in imparting to us the Gospel truths of the Bible. We earnestly hope your labours may be blessed with the desired results in this corner of the Lord's vineyard in which Providence has placed you as our pastor, guide, and spiritual teacher. On behalf of Sabbath-School scholars of Essonville, Dec. 25th, 1888.

The presents consisted of two caps, one for Mrs. Whatham and myself, and two glass vases. This report which, by God's grace, I am enabled to forward, is from a new station only open six months, and it is the first time the Church has ever ministered in this place. We have thirty-two adult members, and fifty-eight scholars, and have baptized twelve children; and I estimate that when His Lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, comes to visit us in the spring, we shall have not less than twenty-seven candidates for confirmation.

CHEDDAR AND DEER-LAKE.—The Christmas treat for the children of these two places was held at the former place on New Year's eve. Here the same programme was followed as at Essonville, with the exception of the mesmerism, its place being taken up by the recitation of droll Irish, and other anecdotes. The first prize was well won for repetition of the Advent Collects and Catechism &c., by one of the scholars, though all of them said them remarkably well. I now take this opportunity of publicly thanking the kind ladies who sent our toys and clothes for our children:—The Ministering Children's League, (All Saints); the Ladies of the Church of the Redeemer; the Ladies of St. Luke's Church; the

Ladies of St. George's Church; the Ladies of St. John's Church, Lakefield; the Ladies of St. John's Church, Port Hope; Mrs. Biggar and children; Miss Joseph's class, (St. James'); Miss Barker; Mr. Adam's class, St. Philip's; Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson.

At half past eleven we broke up our meeting, and nearly all the company adjourned to the small church we have here, where we held a most solemn but glorious watch night service, closing with the ministration of the Sacrament at half past one on the first morning of the New Year. In closing the report of our Christmas festivities, I feel I must say a word touching the marvellous manner in which God has extended His Church here, since our arrival, and I do so by way of encouraging the good friends who so liberally responded to my appeal a few weeks since from some of the Toronto pulpits, viz., All Saints', St. Stephen's, St. Luke's, St. Paul's, St. James', St. George's, and the Church of the Redeemer, besides several Sunday Schools. I appealed for \$600 to build two little churches greatly needed in our mission, and I received more than that sum. When I reflect that, when we arrived here from England only in March last, we found but twelve Church families in the whole mission, and not one Church Sunday School, and that now we have three growing Sunday Schools, and two Churches in process of being erected, our difficulties, physical and moral, which are by no means few in the backwoods of Canada, sink into insignificance beside the blessings which our heavenly Father has been pleased to vouchsafe us. One word more. The Church of England has given grants to this mission for years before we came here, why was it then that we found Methodism flourishing and the Church almost dead? I affirm it was entirely owing to the mistaken notion of being over friendly to the sects, and setting up, if not actively, yet passively, the foolish standard of "Unionism," which, to quote from one of His Lordship's letters to me, "is fatal to any progress of the Church of England." Since we arrived here we have had to endure hard sayings and feelings on account of our stand for our beloved Church; but God has not left us without an evidence of His approval and the increase and extension of His Church, which is ours to glory in, as instruments in His hands, would be realized by all others as well as ourselves if they could but realize what they so often say, "I believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church." Arthur E. Whatham.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—The Very Rev. Dean of Niagara, has taken up his residence in Hamilton, all letters and communications in the future are to be addressed to him at 46 St. Catharine St.

NORVAL.—By the death of Anne Sommerville, relict of the late James Pettigrew, Esq., J.P., which occurred suddenly at her home in Norval, on Friday, Dec. 21st, the Church in this locality has lost one of its most respected Churchwomen. She passed away peacefully, at the ripe age of 70, in certain hope of a joyful resurrection. The family have the sympathy of all. This season tho' darkened by their loss of one so dearly loved, will be all the brighter to them, because of the hopes which the Incarnation of our Blessed Lord and Saviour has brought to us, and which are always brightened for us, and rendered very real by the departure of anyone so near and dear to us as a mother. The funeral—a large one, took place on Monday, December 24th, a beautiful floral cross was placed on the casket by the family.

MOUNT FOREST.—The Ladies Aid, and Girls Friendly, 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."

ALDERSHOT.—The annual Christmas tree in connection with St. Matthew's Sunday School, was held on Thursday, 27th, at the residence of Mr. David Louger, about 80 or 90 of the children and their friends being present. In distributing the gifts from the tree, Mr. Horne acted the part of Santa Claus. Recitations were given by the children, interspersed with songs, readings and dialogues by several of the older young people. The gathering broke up about midnight, everybody being well pleased with the evening's entertainment. The Library of the Sunday School has lately been replenished with over sixty books, all