

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PETERBORO.—On Sunday, January 12th, 1890, St. John's Church witnessed, says the *Peterboro Examiner*, a most interesting ceremony—the induction of a new Rector, Rev. J. Cheyne Davidson, M.A., who has been in charge of the parish during the past thirteen months. It is over thirty years since a similar ceremony took place. There was present a very large congregation. The induction took place under very auspicious circumstances to the new Rector. He was surrounded by a large congregation, the presence of very many being due to the energy and earnestness of his past ministration. The beautiful church itself still retained the neat decorations of the Christmas tide; his father, the Rev. Canon Davidson, incumbent of Colborne, was present to assist in the ceremony and his Bishop was present to conduct it.

The Clergy entered the church in procession, the hymn 352, "As my Father sent Me, even so I send you," being sung.

The usual form of Induction was used, followed by Morning Service and Holy Communion. The Bishop preached from the text, Acts, chap. xiii, v. 2: "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." In the course of his sermon the Bishop made reference to the good work already done by the new Rector, as well in Peterboro as elsewhere, saying that, though young in years their pastor was no novice in ministerial work. He had the advantage of two years training and experience in an English parish, under a parish priest of great ability and administrative power, where he had practical opportunities of studying the best systems of parochial organization. His work and worth had been tested in a provincial parish, where a flourishing condition had been wrought from spiritual destitution. The Bishop also referred in terms of praise to the Rev. C. B. Kenrick, the assistant minister.

The Rev. Canon Davidson preached an able sermon at Evening service; after which the Bishop expressed his satisfaction with the music, and complimented the choir on the singing at both services.

TORONTO RURAL DEANERY.—The following Missionary meetings, for 1890, have been arranged, with the deputations, viz:—

January 20th, St. Philip: Rev. W. H. A. French, Sir Daniel Wilson, and Mr. R. Birmingham.

January 21st, Grace Church: Rev. S. Jones, and Rev. W. H. A. French.

January 22nd, St. Alban's: Rev. Canon DuMoulin, and Rev. W. H. A. French.

January 23rd, St. Olave, Wilmersmere: Rev. W. H. A. French, and Rev. R. J. Moore.

January 24th, St. John West Toronto: Rev. W. H. A. French, and Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick.

January 27th, St. Mark: Rev. A. W. Spragge, Mr. James Scott, and Rev. W. H. Clarke.

Jan. 27th, St. Mary Magdalene: Rev. George Webb, and Mr. A. M. Dymond.

January 27th, St. Luke: Rev. George Forrest, and Rev. A. Osborne.

January 27th, St. John, Norway: Rev. E. W. Sibbald.

January 28th, St. Bartholomew: Rev. George Webb, and Rev. A. Osborne.

January 28th, St. Mary, Dovercourt: Rev. E. W. Sibbald.

January 28th St. Stephen, Rev. A. W. Spragge, and Rev. George Furneret.

January 29th, St. Matthias: Rev. Geo. Webb, and Mr. Parmelee.

January 29th, St. Augustine: Rev. A. W. Spragge, and Rev. W. H. Clarke.

January 29th, Ascension: Rev. George Forrest, and Rev. E. W. Sibbald.

January 29th, St. Thomas: Rev. A. Osborne, and Mr. A. M. Dymond.

January 29th, Trinity, East: Rev. T. C.

DesBarres, Rev. F. H. Du Vernet, and Mr. N. W. Hoyles.

Collections in aid of Diocesan Mission Fund.

TORONTO.—The following Circular has been sent to the Ladies' Aid Societies of the principal Churches of all the Christian denominations in Toronto. It speaks for itself:—

To the President of the Ladies' Aid Society,

DEAR MADAM:—During a recent visit to Toronto, Mrs. Travers Lewis (Miss Leigh, whose great work in Paris among the English, American and Canadian young women who go there as governesses, shop girls and in various other capacities, we are all familiar), appointed me her Secretary, and requested me to make the work and its needs known as widely as possible in Toronto.

In pursuance of her request I venture to send your Society a few papers relating to the work, and quote a paragraph from a recent letter of her's to me.

"What we most want is help for our Orphanage—being £1 200 on the wrong side of our exchequer. One of our London directors has written me since my return from Toronto, asking me if I will undertake to collect £1 000 God, who has never failed us yet, will, I am sure, raise up friends to help this much-needed work among our own country-people in a foreign land."

During the seventeen years this work has been in operation more than 6 000 girls have been helped in various ways. Most of them homeless and friendless, strangers in a strange land, we can hardly estimate the boon that such a home would be to them.

Any subscriptions, either for the papers, or of money to carry on the noble work I will gladly receive and forward to Mrs. Lewis.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

HELEN F. HODGINS, *Secretary*
92 Pembroke St., Toronto.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACOLLE.—*St. Saviour's.*—On Epiphany Sunday, Mr. Dennis preached from Matt. xi, 2, v. He described the Magi following the Star of the East to the lowly place of the Lord's birth. He gave a short historical view of the Magi; he told of their perseverance in overcoming many difficulties on their way through the desert, and the courage and patience which only their faith in the Star, and God's promise could give them, and of the precious gift they brought the Messiah, and of what they were the symbol. Then he spoke of the many in need of our best offerings; he quoted a few facts of the number in need: and of the good in many ways the Missionaries are doing, and that we should follow the example of the Magi in not being daunted by difficulties on life's rough road; he urged us to remember and help others that have not the blessing of the Gospel as we have.

He also preached an eloquent sermon in the evening from Mark xvi, 15.

The offertory was for Missions and amounted to \$3.36.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—It is reported that the Bishop of the Diocese has been far from well and unable to take his share of the duty in Holy Trinity parish, consequent on Mr. Irwin's absence.

Holy Trinity.—The new choir stalls were placed in this church during the first week in December, and have given universal satisfaction. The designs were supplied by the Bishop, and the most of them has been defrayed by a donation of an old and liberal supporter of the Diocese in Scotland. They are entirely of cedar wood finished with hard oil.

The Bishop held a Confirmation on Dec. 20th in Holy Trinity after Evensong, at 7 p.m., when twelve candidates were presented.

The services on Christmas Day were well attended and were as bright as they always are. At 8 a.m. there were thirty-two communicants, and at the full Choral celebration at ten o'clock there were also thirty. A large congregation assembled at 11 to Matins, and there were 28 communicants at the late celebration, making a total of ninety.

SAPPEATON.—*St. Mary's.*—The total destruction by fire of the new and private residence of the Venerable Archdeacon of Columbia, in this parish, on the 2nd of Jan. is reported. Archdeacon Woods and family have only occupied this residence some five months and the pecuniary loss of some \$2 500 must be added to the discomforts that must be felt by the family thus deprived of their comfortable home.

All the furniture on the first flat was saved, but nothing from the upper story was taken from the house, it being extremely hazardous owing to the flames and dense smoke to venture upstairs. The house burned to the ground, leaving only the chimneys standing.

Mrs. Woods, whose delicate state of health has not permitted her to be moved from her room for months, was hastily wrapped up in warm clothing and taken to St. Mary's Mount. The Misses Woods also found refuge under the same hospitable roof. We are glad to learn that none of the ladies suffered from exposure.

The Misses Woods lost all their clothing, jewelry, presents and those numerous little valuables that go to make a lady's bondoir complete. Mr. E. M. N. Woods lost clothing, &c., to the value of \$500.

The house was insured for \$2 000, about half its value, and the furniture for \$1 000. The Archdeacon's personal loss is over \$1,200.

The fire originated through a lintel which had been built into the chimney above the drawing room fire place.

VANCOUVER.—On Christmas Day, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 7, 8 and 11 o'clock, the last service being rendered chorally. At the 11 o'clock service there was a large congregation, and the service was one which made us thank God and take courage. The offertories amounted to over \$50.

On New Year's Eve a supper was provided, by the kindness of many friends for the choir and Sunday School teachers of St. James' Church.

YALE AND HOPE.—The annual Christmas party in connection with All Hallows School was held on New Year's Eve, and included besides the Sisters and their pupils, the Rev. Mr. Small, the Sunday School children with their parents, and other church people in Yale, and the Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe, who were able to attend on their way home from Kamloops.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Family Churchman, London says:

Three separate judgments, equally lucid and convincing, in the Court of Appeal have not satisfied the Church Association that the Episcopal veto is a potent preventive of vexatious ecclesiastical prosecutions. It is almost folly to look upon these judgments as settling the legality of the reredos, as many of our secular contemporaries have done; but it is equally absurd on the part of the Church Association to suppose that by attacking the Episcopal veto they are protesting against an idolatrous architectural innovation. The Dean and Chapter are no longer parties to the suit. It is an appeal by the promoters against the Bishop of London, who has assumed responsibility for the reredos. The Master of the Rolls has held that, if the Bishop takes "all the circumstances of the case" into consideration, and states his reasons, he may exercise or not without question the vote which is placed in his hands. In this case the Bishop's discretion is challenged;