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portraits of the teachers would be the first to appear in the album.

St. Mark's is drawing near completion and will be opened next Sunday. It is quite a handsome building, but smaller than it should be. Monday evening the rector, choir and congregation united in the service at the Cathedral, which was a full choral one.

Acton, St. Alban's.—An entertainment was given in the Temperance Hall, under the auspices of St. Alban's. The tables were furnished with an abundance of good things, and reflected great praise on the ladies who had charge of that department. A number of scenes were shown on a canvas which afforded unbounded amusement to the little folks. The tree fairly groaned under the weight of toys, etc., which Santa Claus had hung on, and it seemed as though he had been very liberal with his presents this year. After all the presents were distributed from the tree, the Incumbent of the church Rev. C. R. Lee, was made the recipient of a beautiful eight day clock from the members of the congregation. Mr. Lee thanked them for their present, after which the meeting broke up. The door receipts amounted to about \$23.00.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

KINCARDINE PARISH, the Rev. J. C. Mackenzie, Rector.—The Rector of this northern parish has the great pleasure of presenting to His Lordship the Bishop of Huron a class of candidates for the Apostolic Rite of the Laying-on-of-hands from each of his two churches on the last Sunday of Advent. His Lordship delivered a lecture on "the Jews" on the 22nd of December in the Town Hall of Kincardine. On the 23rd he held confirmation service in the Church of Messiah, Kincardine, admitting by the Laying-on-of-hands to the full communion of the Church twenty-six candidates. The Bishop preached on the occasion a very impressive sermon, exhorting the newly confirmed, and encouraging them as young soldiers of the cross to fight manfully in the army of the captain of their salvation having renounced the Devil, the world and the lusts of the flesh.

Afternoon of the same day His Lordship the Bishop held confirmation service in St. Luke's Church, Parish of Kincardine, when thirty-five candidates presented by the Rector were confirmed, being sixty-one confirmed on that day in that parish by the Bishop.

CHATHAM.—The Rev. J. P. W. Smith, Rector of Christ's Church, London, preached in Christ's Church, Chatham, on the last Sunday of Advent, the Rev. Canon Innes, of St. Paul's, occupying his pulpit at morning service, and the Rev. Dr. Darnell at evening service, Canon Innes officiating at St. George's, Petersville.

On Christmas Day, in all our churches there were large congregations at morning service. At St. Paul's the congregation was very large; there were many present from the denominations, occupying the places of many of the members who were absent. The Rev. Canon Innes preached from John 1, 14—an excellent Christmas sermon. He impressed on his hearers the duties incumbent on them, more especially at this season of Christian rejoicing, referring to the meeting of families, that had been separated perhaps for a time, to hospitality, to the kindness to the poor, to the cause of our rejoicing, and inviting to the great Christian feast the Lord's Supper.

The number of communicants was very large. The Church was beautifully and chastely decorated with wreaths of evergreens twining around the pillars, incircling windows and doors and gallery. The reading desk, pulpit, lectern and font were very tastefully decorated. All the decorations were the work of a few ladies—all credit to whom credit is due. For long days till after the midnight hour they laboured cheerfully at their work of love. Not only in St. Paul's, but in other churches as well, the work is left to a few.

The Chapter House was beautifully decorated. As in St. Paul's, there, too, wreaths of evergreens and mottoes, all spoke of the joys of the Christian heart at this the time of the great festival. Time forbids us for the present telling of Christmas re-

joicings at the Memorial Church, St. George's, and our other Forest City Churches.

Appointment.—The Rev. George W. Racey, lately Incumbent of the Markdale Mission, County of Grey, has been appointed by His Lordship the Bishop, Incumbent of Wroxeter, and Gorrie. His address is Rev. Geo. W. Racey, Gorrie.

ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma acknowledges with thanks the following sums received for mission work in his diocese during the month of December: For "Algoma Missions," \$3; St. Ann's Sunday-school, Richmond, P. Que., \$6; Mrs. Hardy, per Rev. J. M. Thompson \$1; Mrs. Trew's Sunday-school, \$25.31; friends of Algoma, per Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, Kincardine \$5.

MARY LAKE MISSION, MUSKOKA.—A very pleasant and successful social was held in the Church Hall, Huntsville, one of the stations of the Mary Lake Mission, on the evening of the 20th of December. A capital supper was prepared by the ladies of the congregation, to which between two and three hundred sat down. After supper an excellent programme of music and singing by the local amateurs, with Christmas carols by the Sunday-school children, made the evening most enjoyable. Nearly forty dollars was netted, which goes toward removing the debt on the church building, which has just been completed and furnished.

PORT SYDNEY.—Another station in the same mission, there was a Christmas tree on the 26th for the Sunday-school children. The tree was very tastefully decorated, and gifts to the value of nearly \$25 dollars distributed to the children of the Sunday-school by old Santa Claus, who, to the great delight of the children appeared in full costumes. Besides the Sunday-school, which numbers forty or more, there was something for every child present. A large number of people were present to witness the distribution of gifts. The yoke of the new bell, which has lately been purchased for Christ Church, Port Sydney, was unfortunately broken in transshipment, so that it could not be hung in time to ring out the "merry, merry bells at Christmas" much to the disappointment of us all.

BRUNEL.—The new church in this place, the third station in the mission, has just been completed, and though small, presents a very neat and comfortable appearance inside.

Correspondence.

NO DISCIPLINE.

DEAR SIR.—Can it be credited that the reproach of a "Plain Man" is needed? That church people even believe that our "laity are not amenable to discipline." Is not repulsion from the Lord's Supper discipline! and does not the Book of Common Prayer provide that in the case of "an open and notorious liver, or have done any wrong to his neighbours by word or deed so that the congregation be thereby offended, the Curate having knowledge thereof, shall call him and advertise him, that in anywise he presume not to come to the Lord's table until he hath openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former naughty life," &c? and is not further provided that, "the same order shall the Curate use with those behoveth whom he perceiveth malice and hatred to reign, not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord's table until he know them to be reconciled, and the Curate is "obliged to give an account of the same to the Ordinary, (who is generally the Bishop), within 14 days after at the farthest, and the Ordinary shall proceed against the offending person according to the Canon." And what says the Canon? (No 65) "All Ordinaries shall in their several jurisdictions carefully see and give order that * * * those who "stand lawfully excommunicate * * * be every six months ensuing as well in the parish church as in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese in which they remain as well by the minister openly in the time of Divine service upon some Sunday, denounced and declared excommunicate," and further the Archbishop must also be certified. Let any one read also Canons

2 to 12, 66, 95 to 100, 109 to 122, and say that in the Mother Church there is no "discipline!" In the American Church there is discipline—I know one Diocese in which a frequenter of the Theatres could be excommunicated.

Our Provincial Synod will in all probability endorse canon 99, of A. D. 1603 at its next session. And the diocese in which I write has a canon "of the Discipline of the Laity," endorsing the directions of the rubric on repulsion from the Holy Communion, giving a court of appeal etc. See journal of 13 session of the *Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia* page 55. As regards the clergy there is in the same book a canon of 22 clauses! Surely here is discipline enough to satisfy even

A PEDAGOGUE.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly allow me room in your next issue to thank all those friends who have forwarded articles for our Christmas Tree. The response to our appeal has been a most liberal one, and we are sure our friends at the front will be pleased to hear their gifts were highly appreciated.

Our Christmas Tree "came off" on Wednesday evening with every success. The prizes were most artistically arranged under the superintendence of Mrs. Bromly, who has been indefatigable in her labors to assist the S. S. managers in their catering for the pleasure of the young of our Church. When the curtain was drawn and the tree exposed in all its brilliancy, the crowded room of people were struck dumb, they could not applaud for some time, but when they could give vent to their feelings the applause was strong and hearty. Every child carried away a prize and it was not the least attractive part of the programme to see the smiling eyes and burning cheeks of joy of our young folks as each got his or her gift from the tree. After the distribution the Rev. Mr. Crompton spoke a few affectionate words to the children and those assembled, and the remainder of the time was occupied in the voluntary efforts of our friends and neighbors in the way of singing and recitation.

Such a sight was never before seen so far in the bush, and many of the elders, once more became children, and with tears confessed they had had a happy time.

We could say more would space allow, but we must content ourselves by again saying "thank you" to those who have helped us, and leaving the rest to Him who knows how to reward those who have given the cup of cold water in His name better than we can. We beg thankfully to remain, Yours &c.,

WILLIAM CROMPTON, curate in charge.

Beatrice, 27th Dec., 1877, Richard Lane, George O'Hara, churchwardens.

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DEAR SIR:—I wish to acknowledge with thanks the following contributions to the fund which has been established for the building of churches in the poor and scattered mission of West Mono, a mission which is destitute of church accommodation. The money has been forwarded to me by Mrs. Lefroy of Aghaderg Gleble, Loughheck land, Ireland, through the Lord Bishop of Toronto:—Dean of Dromore, £10, 5s.; Lady H. Trench, £10; Mrs. Lefroy, £5; Thomas Lefroy, Esq., Q. C., £3; Lord Rathdonnell, £2; Mrs. West, £2; Sir Henry Lefroy, £1, 1s.; Revd. Henry Stewart, £1; Rev. F. A. Lefroy, £1; Mr. James Geoghegan, £1; Mr. Samuel Hill, £1; Mr. John Geoghegan, £1; Mr. Samuel Waddell, 10s.; Miss H. M. Lefroy, 10s.; Miss M. F. Lefroy, 10s.; Mr. Robt. Thompson, 10s.; Dr. Sanderson, 5s.; Mrs. S. A. Curtis, 5s.; Mrs. Porter, 5s.; Mr. John Hudson, 5s.; Mr. Thomas Senior, 5s.; Mr. J. Morrison, 5s.; Mr. George Dixon, 5s.; Mr. James Macaulay, 4s.; Mr. Teggart, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Thomas Mathers, 2s. 6d.; Mr. John Teggart, 2s. 6d.; Mr. John Teggart, Junr., 2s. 6d.; Mr. James Hudson, 5s.; Mrs. Isaac Sands, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Peter McAleery, 2s. 6d.; Mr. David Kinney, 2s. 6d.; Mr. George McNaughton, 2s.; Mr. William Tuft, 2s.; Jas. Mapaffy, 2s.; Mr. Pat Hughes, 1s.; Mr. Ed. Cunningham, 1s.; Mr. Joseph Tremble, 6d. Collection in L. B. Land Sunday School, 1£, 4s.; Capt. Caldwell, £1.

It is refreshing to see the Church of Ireland