DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

brations, at which fifty-five received. The services the centre of attraction. After he had paid his kind climate, it is expected he will speedily recover. attentions to more than 100 children, he turned to the parson and read to him the following address:

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To Mr. W. A. Read .- Reverend and dear Sir :- It gives me extreme gratification, on behalf of the people of this parish, to express our heartfelt thanks the spiritual welfare of this parish. Plainly it can be seen that the Church work in this parish has made very rapid progress under your supervision, when we compare the small congregations of a few years ago with the large and reverent congregations that now assemble to worship God in His sanctuary. We can assure you that we highly appreciate your arduous labours in the past, and we hope that anything that mas gift in money and signed "Old Friend. we have done to cause you any disquiet, or to obstruct the progress of the Church in any way will be discontinued in the future. And now, rev. sir, we entreat you to accept this fur coat (which contains within it a purse) as a very small token of our love and gratititude to you, and also as a token of our ap preciation of your successful labours. Hoping that you have had a merry Christmas, and that you will have a happy New Year, I wish to sign myself in behalf of your parishioners,

Yours very sincerely, SANTA CLAUS.

The vicar having briefly responded, the enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen.'

The church was tastefully decorated by the young STIBLING.-Thursday, the 15th inst., a day not soon \$31·81. ladies who formed the committee, and the choir outto be forgotten by a settlement of scattered Church did themselves in the rendering of the selections people, on the 8th Line of Rawdon, in the mission of chosen for the high festival. The effect was most Stirling, saw the climax of the Church's work for the Synod Office -- Collections, etc., received during the chaste and beautiful and in keeping with the neat and year, when was opened for the worship of Almighty week ending Dec. 31st, 1881. pretty building. It told well for the skill, industry, God a handsome and well proportioned little church. WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.-Annual payments and taste of the young ladies engaged. a welcome and an appreciative change from the schoolunder new Canon: Rev. J. M. Ballard, \$9; Rev. T. W house which for many years was the only place of Paterson, \$7.38; Rev. A. W. Spreider \$7.62; Rev. resort for Church people. Just a year ago it was T. P. Hodge, \$9.42; Rev. A. Ha Rev. C. H. HASTINGS.-Rev. John McCleary acknowledges, with proposed to have a church, when one individual offer-Marsh, \$8.05; Rev. F. Burt, \$9.8 on Brent, ing \$100 and an acre of land set the ball rolling. thanks, from Mrs. O'Reilly, the receipt of a box of 11, \$15.53 \$8.50; Rev. B. Bryan, \$8.25: Re toys, etc., for a Christmas tree. There is now a well designed little edifice of frame, Rev. J. S. Baker, \$11.10; Rev. K. veneered with brick, having extended chancel vestry Rev. Wm. Farncomb, arrears to 1st Jan., 1882, \$6.30 attached, tower and spire; Gothic, with three-Rev. Wm. Farncomb, \$7.82. quarter open roof, stained glass, and seats of ash WHITBY.—The Christmas services in All Saints' October Collection: Christ Church, Mimico, adwood. To the credit of comparatively a poor people, church were well attended. The church was very ditional \$1. it will be paid for purely by subscription, minus the prettily decorated, and the two new handsome chandeliers, and pulpit lights supplied by W. R. Howse, common and unprimitive custom of tea-meetings, and Mission Fund.-J. B., Streetsville, harvest thank such like. There has been added by the same pluck added greatly to the brilliancy in the evening. One offering, \$5. and means, what is a great requisite to comfort and hundred and five members partook of the sacrament, Thanksgiving Collection :- St. James' Cathedral success in church attendance in country parts, a and during Monday and Tuesday services nineteen Toronto, additional, \$10. commodious shed, 70 feet long. All being ready for the 15th, Archdeacon Bedford-Jones and Rural-dean members were baptized. The collections on Christmas day amounted to over \$75. From the above it Baker promised to be present, but on the arrival of CHRISTMAS SERVICES this year in Toronto were well will be seen that the church is progressing favourably the train two hours before the time of service, to the both from a spiritual and financial point of view ttended and evinced thorough heartiness and a great disappointment of all concerned, no help arrived, un- increase in devotion, the number of communicants avoidable causes, known afterwards, having inter- being much larger than was ever known before. The vened. Then after the journey of nine miles, the surroundings of the Feast were also of a nebler sort. vened. Then after the journey of nine miles, the surroundings of the Feast were also of a nebler sort. TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.—The Annual Christmas incumbent, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, of Marmora, had The humblest and poorest congregation tried to do its Examinations at Trinity College School were conto fill up the gap, and carry through two full services, best to pay to the new born King that glory which cluded last week with the following results:-Prizes the former preaching in the morning from Gen. was His due. In each church the music was carefully for General Proficiency—V. Form, Cayley, E. C.; IV. xxviii. 17, and both giving short addresses in the selected and as carefully rendered. In some, of course, Form, Tremayne, H. O.; III. Form, Broughall, J. S.; alternoon, there being a full church notwithstanding it was very elaborate. A few, as at St. James' cathe-Upper II. Form, Patton, H. S.; Lower II. Form, the bad roads, each time; when all seemed to enjoy dral for the first time chanted the proper psalms, the heartiness of the services—to many a novelty and others were content with Christmas anthems and White, W. H.; I. Form, McCarthy, D. L. Honorable mention for General Proficiency-V. an agreeable surprise. Being the first Church of carols. In the way of decorations some churches Form, Perry, C. N., Lewin, W. A. H., Rogers, W. S., Hill, F. B., Leggatt, G. J., Abbott, A. E.; IV. England outside of town or village, in the county, showed a decided advance, St. Peter's, for instance, there will be attached a pleasing reminiscence both displaying banners, with inscriptions wrought on Form, Allan, A. C., Cooper, J. H., Martin, A. S., Macto clergyman and people; and already its erection them. At Holy Trinity a present was made to the donell, A. C., Griffin, G., Mackay, A. B.; III. Form, has inspired a neighbouring settlement to go and do church of some splendid hangings of white satin, for likewise. In what now forms the mission of Stirling the reading desks, pulpit, and faldstool. These beau-Loewen, C. J., Machell, W. L., Powell, G. E.; Upperthere are two fine churches; the greatest want now tiful frontals have been embroidered by a young lady, II. Form, Campbell, E. A., Loucks, W. M., McMurray, is a parsonage. The village church being closed a member of the congregation, who has devoted much L. L., Broughall, F. W.; Martin, D'A. R. C.; Lower lately for five weeks for repairs and finishing of the time in learning how to do the work, and more in II. Form, Kirkpatrick, A. T., Kirkpatrick, F. G., interior, which now has the appearance of a new executing it. The workmanship is "exceeding mag- Emery, F. B., Reid, H. A. L., Graham, H. W. interior, which now has the appearance of a new building, thanks to the Bishop for grant from S. P. C. K., was re-opened by a week evening service, the incumbent, Rev. T. Godden, being kindly assisted Church of the Redeemer \$164; St. Luke's \$169; St. Macaulay, W. K. Y., Cameron, K. H., Kennedy, F. W., Boultbee, H. F., Middleton, E. L., Boyd, L., Cooper, W. H., Patterson. G. B.; I. Form, Watchorn, G. E., Amy, J. P., Ambery, J. W., Robin, C. B., Thomson, W. C., Allan, F. G. B., McInnes, T. R. E., Peck, S.C., by the Rev. Messrs. Burke, Gardner, Christie, and Paul's \$100 ; St. Peter's \$120 ; Grace Church \$120 ; Harris, each delivering short and pointed addresses. All Saints' \$196; St. Anne's \$63. Exclusive of work done by means of the grant, a few ladies of the congregation, by great exertion and per-Calvin, S. C., Mattocks, J. severance, have added a fine tuned bell, a handsome The boys of the school were successful in carrying St. Matthew's. - This church was most appropriately off the Scholarships at the Matriculation Examinaehurch carpet, and two chairs, a reredos also surdecorated for Christmas, and the services hearty to a tion at Trinity College, Toronto, in October last; the mounts the chancel, being the gift and work of the degree. The services were taken by the priest in first being won by Davidson, N. F., the second by charge, the Rev. Ed. Ransford, who also celebrated Brent, C. H., and the third by Dumble, J. F., (equal). cause for gratitude to God for blessings on its material the Holy Communion, there was twelve communi-work, and is now in a fair prospect to go on, if inter-cants, a decided increase. The offertory was \$18, mission have to wait for a vacancy before they can two years ago it was considerably under a dollar. get in,

At St. John's the offertory deacon Lauder, who spent some weeks in Port the church not being consecrated and there being no was larger than ever before, while at the conclusion Hope, under the care of Dr. Powers, has arrived school-room, a Christmas-tree was set up in the body of the service at St. Ann's, the lay representative, Mr. in the old country in improved health, and on con- of the nave, and loaded with presents, the gifts of George Sanderson, in behalf of the congregation, pre- sulting Sir Wm. Gull, the eminent London physician, the teachers and friends, for the Sunday-school childsented a purse to the clergyman. On Wednesday he highly approved of the treatment of the patient by ren. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the evening, being the festival of the Holy Innocents, the Dr. Powers-another compliment to the latter's skill Rev. Ed. Ransford, Messrs. John Carter, of Toronto, Sunday-school was treated with a Christmas tree of which he and Port Hope may well feel proud. The Hunt-(Superintendent of Sunday-school), and B. well laden with beautiful gifts and toothsome candy. many friends of Archdeacon Lauder in all parts of Langley (School trustee for the section). Carols and An immense audience assembled to listen to the Ontario will be glad to learn that that gentleman has hymns were well rendered by the children under the children rendering Christmas carols, and to witness been pronounced organically sound and a healthy direction of Mr. R. Stapells, organist, his son Mr. R. the distribution of Santa Claus' treasures. When man, nervous prostration from over-work being his G. Stapells, organist of Grace church, officiating at that venerable old gentleman appeared he was at once only malady, and from this, through the change of the organ.

PORTAGE DU FORT .--- On the evening of Dec. 19th, at the residence of Mrs. W. Thompson and Mrs. Motherwell on behalf of the congregation, presented for your zeal and untiring energy in the work of pro-moting the welfare of the Church, and consequently Miss Thompson with a beautiful silver cake basket as a token of their apprciation of her services so cheerfully and agreeably given as organist of the church. The following inscription is on the basket :--- "Presented to Miss Thompson by the congregasion of St George's Church, Portage-du-Fort. Christmas, 1881. recipients of a note from Bryson, containing a Christ

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Synod Office.-Collections, etc., received during the week ending December 24th, 1881.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND. - Annual • Payments under the new Canon: Rev. G. B. Morley, \$8.72; Rev. Dr. O'Meara, \$7.20; Rev. C. E. Thomson, \$7.20; Rev. J. Cary, \$9.42; Rev. J. S. Stone, \$7.62.

October Collections: Bolton and Sandhill, \$1.61; St. Paul's, Toronto, \$60.

MISSION FUND. — Thanksgiving Collection : -- Bolton and Sandhill, \$3.05.

NORTH-WEST MISSION FUND .- St. Philips, Toronto.

We are very much pleased to learn that Arch. On Holy Innocents' night by permission of the Bishop,

St. Matthias.-The Rev. Charles Darling, B.A. Oxon., has been licensed by his Lordship the Bishop 1881, the members of St. George's Church assembled as the assistant to the incumbent of this parish. He will commence his duties on Sunday next.

TORONTO CHURCH SCHOOL FOR BOYS .- Prizes and Presentation .- On the closing day before the Christmas holidays, prizes were presented (for proficiency in studies during the last half-year) to Thompson Smith, Percy Greene, Hugh Rose, Frederick Foster, and On the 29th ult., Mr. and Mrs. Motherwell were the George Greene. The prizes for the current half, it was stated, would be presented at Easter. Before dispersing the boys, with pleasant little speeches, testified their satisfaction with the school management, by presenting to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, a handsome case of fish carvers. The school re opens on the 12th inst., see advertisement.

> OMEMEE.-On Christmas day, Christ Church was packed morning and evening with devout worshippers and the services were of a most interesting character. The sermon in the morning was on-St. Luke ii. 15, "Let us go now even unto Bethlehem and see this great thing which has come to pass." That in the evening was an exposition of Isaiah ix. 6, "His name shall be called 'Wonderful, Counselor, &c.'" The offerings and attendance at the Communion were as large as ever known in the history of this old parish.

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