

congregation received. The hall was suitably decorated for the festival, and the offerings were liberal. There were some 22 persons present.

At St. Martin's the little church looked very pretty indeed with its evergreen texts and trimmings. A very pretty brass cross was placed on the Communion Table for the first time, the gift of W. R. Haynes, Esq., of the Victoria Home for Indian children, on the eastern confines of the Parish of St. John's. There were 26 present at this service, 18 of whom remained for their Christmas Communion. The offerings were of a very substantial character, and including a remembrance from one absent from the Parish, reached the liberal sum of \$36.10.

At St. John's, Pincher Creek, on Christmas morning there was a very hearty service, with 22 communicants and Christmas offerings amounting to \$43.65.

On Thursday, Holy Innocent's Day, the Rector drove down to the Victoria Home to give the staff an opportunity to keep their Christmas Communion, taking with him a substantial remembrance of the joyous season from the children and parents and others of the congregation of St. John's, consisting of toys, and sweets, etc., which were much appreciated by the children on the Friday evening, when their annual Christmas Tree was held in the Home.

All through the holiday season a feeling of unrest, mixed with patriotism, has been most evident amongst us, and it culminated on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, in some 30 of the bravest and best of our young men answering to the roll call of volun-

teers for active service in South Africa. The Rector of St. John's presented each of the young men going out from the congregations of St. John's and St. Martin's, with a copy of the Prayer Book with Hymns A. & M., a gift that was most graciously and thankfully accepted with feelings that told of a link that would bind them still to us in that far off land, and us to them. Gods bless these lads, brave as lions; stalwart and true may they prove to themselves, to one another, amidst the scenes of the noise of battle. It is too soon yet to speak of the change and loss the Parishes sustain by the departure of these young men, but we hope and pray that those who are left will stand in the gap and guard the Church's interests and welfare till they come back to us.

Dear people, keep these young hearts fresh and ever green in your memories. Find your way 'often to the House of God, and there pray for their safe-keeping amidst the noise of battle and the class of war. This is the least we can do for them, when they have so nobly and so bravely yielded themselves for the honor and glory of the British Empire, and for the peace of the British Crown. God bless, preserve, and keep them, now and forever. Amen.

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