

NEW BOYNE AND LOMBARDY.—Christmas came to us this year bringing, as a gift, very bad roads—almost as bad as our worst in spring. We were not, however, prevented from having our Early Eucharist at Trinity Church, Lombardy, followed by matins and celebration at St. Peter's, New Boyne, at 11 a.m. At the latter place the rector was assisted by the Rev. W. J. Hamilton, of Montreal Diocese, 72 partaking of Holy Communion. Evensong was said at Trinity at 7 p.m. At the morning service at Trinity, Miss Fanny Klyne, our esteemed organist, was made the recipient of a ten-dollar gold piece as a slight token of appreciation from the congregation.

NORTH ADDINGTON MISSION.—The Christmas festivities are over, and all are now looking forward to the beginning of the New Year. The Christmas tree and concert given by the Anglican congregation, on Monday, December 23rd, proved an entire success, in spite of the bad weather. The Town Hall was packed with English and French people, who filled the seats and left very little standing room in the aisle. About eight o'clock the Rev. H. J. Spencer took the chair; and an excellent programme of songs, recitations, dialogues and tableaux were rendered. Among the guests present on the platform were the Rev. Chas. T. Lewis, of Tweed, and Mrs. Lewis, and the Rev. Mr. Benoit, of the Sabrevois mission, Montreal. Both these gentlemen proved very entertaining. Mr. Lewis with his comic songs, and Mr. Benoit called forth roars of merry laughter with his reading about the Frenchman who tried to explain his desire to fish by saying, "I want to fly over de vater, to dingle dangle at de end of a long pole." Mr. Benoit also kept the company convulsed by his description of the inhabitants of the "Dark Continent." The choruses rendered by young ladies of the village proved very pleasing. Dr. Crichton kindly gave a reading, for which he received a round of applause. A party of ladies from Tweed proved of very great assistance, and added to the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served in the usual fashion, and the Flinton appetite being very good, rapidly caused the good things to disappear. The Christmas tree looked superb, laden down with its many Christmas gifts, and the lighted candles gave the whole the appearance of a scene in fairy land. Many went away gladdened by the pretty things from the tree, part of which were kindly sent to Flinton by the W.A. of St. James' church, Kingston. The people of Flinton also owe a debt of gratitude to two kind ladies of Kingston, and to the Rev. W. B. Carey, for their kind thoughtfulness; and also to the W.A. of St. Mark's church, Barriefield, which sent a large bale of very useful and ornamental gifts. The handsome sum of \$25 was realized, which goes towards paying for the new organ.

FLINTON.—During the week ending December, the Rev. Mr. Benoit of the Sabrevois Mission, Montreal, visited the mission of North Addington. On the fourth Sunday in Advent he preached in the morning at Cloyne, and in the evening at Flinton. He preached also at both these places on Christmas Day. On Thursday, December 26th, a service was held in the French language—the French Prayer-book being used—and the Rev. Mr. Benoit preached the sermon in French. The hymns, "Nearer my God to Thee" and "Sun of my Soul," were sung in French at this service. In spite of the fact that the weather was very inclement, about 20 French Roman Catholics attended this service. Mr. Benoit in his addresses is very clear and powerful, and is trying to teach these Romanists, who are unsettled in their faith, that there is a true branch of the Catholic Church, called the Church of England, which has come down from the days of Christ and the Apostles, pure and free from errors. And he shows very truly and clearly that, because a Roman Catholic begins to doubt the truth of some of those things taught by the Roman Church, he need not necessarily become an infidel (as a great many French Canadians are doing), but he can, without leaving the fold of the Catholic Church, simply renounce the errors of Rome, and connect himself with the Church of England, which is after all the true Catholic Church of this country—being a British Province.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

TORONTO JUNCTION.—*All Saints.*—This church was filled on Christmas day with very attentive congregations, who apparently appreciated the very full services provided for them. At the early celebration of the Holy Communion, there were about 150 communicants, and at the eleven o'clock service nearly 200. At this latter service a very excellent orchestra was added to the accompaniment of the organ, which had a most telling effect on the music of the anthems. A solo was taken very nicely by one of the boy choristers. The sermon was preached

by the rector, the Rev. Arthur Baldwin, who referred to the present state of affairs between the United States Government and Great Britain. His text was taken from Isaiah, 9th chap. and 6th verse. The choir gave several carols with good effect. In fact the whole of the eleven o'clock service was very bright and attractive and yet devotional. Mr. Fairclough conducted during the anthems and carols, and Mr. Stiver presided at the organ. The rector was assisted at the two services by the Rev. Mr. Bell, Mus. Bac., of Toronto Junction.

SCARBORO.—*St. Margaret's, West Hill.*—We understand this church has been closed. Services hitherto have been held here once each Sunday, with an average congregation of fifty. It is very much to be regretted that this course has been taken by the Incumbent. We hope steps will be immediately taken to have the church opened and regular services held.

The Canon Missioner, Rev. A. W. Macnab, has preached on the subject of "The Cathedral," and advocated the claim of St. Alban's to diocesan support in the following churches: St. John's; St. Matthew's; St. Bartholomew's; St. Stephen's; St. Matthias; St. Mary Magdalene; St. Mark's, Parkdale; St. Mark's, Toronto Junction; Christ Church, Deer Park; Grace Church, Markham; Christ Church, Stouffville; Holy Trinity, St. Luke's.

St. Paul's.—Rev. Hugh Stowell Phillips and Miss A. M. Hankin, missionaries from Tukhem province, China, delivered addresses in St. Paul's school-house, Bloor street east. Both are passing through the city on their way to England. Mr. Phillips was an eye witness of the murder of the missionaries Stewarts at Kucheng, in August last. He escaped a like fate only after passing through great danger.

Holy Trinity.—The school-house of Holy Trinity Church was the scene of a very pleasant occurrence last Thursday evening, when the many members of the congregation gathered to bid farewell to their curate, Rev. Frank DuMoulin, who leaves for Chicago, where he will fill the position of assistant rector of Trinity Church, and also to receive his successor, Rev. B. C. H. Andrews, formerly of Peterboro'. The function was under the direction of the Women's Auxiliary of the church, who supplied refreshments for the two or three hundred present. A choice programme of part songs and vocal solos was rendered by the members of the choir, and Mr. Frank Blatchford and Mr. Paul Hahn played very sweetly on the violin. Mr. Wm. Ince, one of the oldest members of the church, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. DuMoulin with a solid silver private communion set and a handsome marble baptismal font. Rev. John Pearson, rector, introduced Mr. Andrews, after which a pleasant and social evening was spent. Some time ago the Young People's Guild of the church presented Mr. DuMoulin with an inkstand and a gold pen, and Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, the members of the choir met in the choir vestry and presented him with a number of books suitable for a clergyman's library.

NIAGARA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, HAMILTON.

GUELPH.—*St. George's.*—The Bishop of Niagara held an ordination in St. George's Church, Guelph, Sunday morning, December 22nd, when Mr. Robinson, who has been acting as student in charge of Fergus, was ordained to the diaconate. Provost Welch, of Trinity College, preached the ordination sermon, setting forth the functions of deacons and their separation from the laity. He emphasized the great difference between the office of a deacon and that of a priest, and how much higher and greater was the step from the diaconate to the priesthood, than that from a layman to a deacon. The Provost spoke of the occasional disrespect sometimes shown toward the priestly office, and told the people of the obligations resting upon them to assist the clergy, as it was the office and duty of the priesthood to serve and be spent for them. If criticism and fault-finding would give place to kindly help and charity, the priests of the Church might come much nearer the ideal of their high calling. At the evening service the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon presented thirty-one candidates to His Lordship for the Apostolic rite of confirmation. The bishop addressed the candidates and congregation at some length, dealing at first with some of the erroneous ideas regarding the "Laying on of Hands," then with the great spiritual blessing through obedience to the ordinance, and the necessity and duty of all to receive it—that they may have their full orders and membership as laymen in God's Kingdom. It is always with great pleasure that the people listen to their bishop and receive his words of fatherly counsel.

NORVAL.—On the Festival of St. John the Evan-

gelist, service was held in St. Paul's Church, at 8 p.m., at which the Rev. Gerald Card, B.A., curate of Grace Church, Toronto, who very kindly spared time from his own duties to come out for the purpose, baptized the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayter, and preached. Before the service Mr. Card baptized another child privately. The service on Christmas morning, though not so well attended as last year, owing to the bad state of the roads, was bright and hearty. The Annual Tea and Christmas Tree Entertainment of the Sunday-school in the evening was very successful. The part taken by the children reflected great credit both upon themselves and those who had them in charge. On Monday evening, December 30th, a few of the members of the congregation met at the house of Thomas Maxted, Esq., and presented Miss Hattie Maxted with a very handsome morocco-bound Oxford Bible in recognition of her painstaking and persevering work in getting up the Christmas entertainment, specially in training the children.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

BERLIN.—The Rev. F. J. Steen wishes us to state that he has neither received nor accepted an appointment to the staff of Wyoliffe College, as stated in our last issue.

PORT DOVER.—St. Paul's Church service on Christmas Day was unusually interesting and impressive; considering the unusually disagreeable weather, the attendance was large, including many of the members of other churches. The decorations were very handsome and appropriate and, reflect much credit on all who designed and executed them. The choral service was unusually fine and carefully prepared under the leadership of Mr. A. Lawrie, Miss Batterby presiding admirably at the organ. There was a full choir and all did themselves justice. Rev. A. W. Wright, missionary from the North-West, read the service in a very impressive manner. The incumbent, Rev. Mr. Newell, preached an excellent sermon from Luke ii. 1-15. It consisted largely of contrasts between Caesar Augustus and the Messiah, and the respective power and influence of each as then known and felt. Now the empire and last vestige of Caesar are gone, while the kingdom that came not with observation is all-powerful and on the increase. The offertory was quite large and went as usual to the incumbent. Several new members have been added to the church recently.

VICTORIA.—The services held in Christ Church here were well attended, considering the weather. The church is more prettily decorated this year than usual. The pastor drew a touching picture of the era, and the event which he and those present were gathered together to commemorate.

ALGOMA.

EDWARD SULLIVAN, D.D., BISHOP, SAULT STE. MARIE.

PORT CARLING MISSION.—The Rev. W. A. J. Burt begs to acknowledge with thanks a bale of presents for the children of the above mission, also a box of clothing, etc., for distribution. This latter was found accidentally, lying at Falkenburg station by Mr. Burt. As the donors are unknown, as well as the parish from which they were sent, Mr. Burt would be very thankful if those who sent it would kindly communicate the fact to him.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE.

SWAN LAKE.—*St. Stephen's.*—On Saturday, the 21st December, most interesting and impressive services took place in the above church. His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land had been petitioned by the incumbent, the Rev. A. Tansey, and the parishioners, to consecrate the chancel which has been erected this year. The service commenced with the consecration of the chancel, the petition being read by the incumbent, when His Grace proceeded to the consecration, the deed of which was read by the incumbent, in absence of the registrar. Evening prayer was then taken by the incumbent up to the 3rd Collect, when they proceeded to the confirmation service, when 7 candidates were presented by the Rev. A. Tansey—5 males and 2 females—the archbishop giving two most impressive and instructive addresses; after which His Grace preached a most stirring and graphic sermon on "Sacredness of the Burial Ground," giving a history of it from the 23rd chapter of Gen., verse 4, after which the graveyard was consecrated, the incumbent reading the petition and deed as in the consecration of the chancel. This brought to a close one of the most impressive and instructive series of services ever held in the little church. On Sunday, the 22nd, His Grace held confirmation service in the new church at Somerset.