

LOCKEPORT—*Nova Scotia*.—Christmas-tide the New Year with their hallowed associations and solemn realities were duly celebrated by religious services, hearty, well attended and deeply impressive. On Christmas eve, at St. Peter's Church, Green Harbor, a Midnight Carol service was sung, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion during the early morning hour. The church was filled; many of the worshippers coming long distances. The decorations were most beautiful and appropriate. Graceful festoons of evergreens ornamented the sides and west end of the nave, while the chancel was a marvel of brightness and beauty. The white vested altar, with its vases of beautiful flowers, the numerous lighted wax candles above the altar and surrounding the altar cross, the colored lights interspersed amongst the green on the chancel's sides; the solemn awe of the communion; the kneeling congregations and the worshippers at the Lord's table, made a scene in this little country church long to be remembered. The whole congregation remained to the close. The singing of the carols and hymns was most creditable to the organist and choir.

At Trinity, Jordan Falls, 10:30 a. m., Matins were said and the Holy Communion celebrated, followed by a private communion in the room of a sick member who was unable to be present in church.

At 2 p. m. the children of the Sunday school assembled in the church, and having sung a number of carols and hymns, were catechised and addressed by the Rector, on the teachings of the way, after which each scholar was presented with a Christmas card, apples and caddy.

At 7 p. m. Holy Cross Church, Lockeport, was filled with a large congregation when a beautiful carol service was splendidly rendered, the Rector preaching. This church was also tastefully decorated with evergreens. The walls of the nave, and the east and west ends being hung with new and beautiful banners, with the titles of our Lord from Isaiah ix, 6, artistically painted on them; mottoes and scriptural sentences, ornamenting the walls and other parts of the building. The offertory at all the above services was for the W. & O. Fund.

On New Year's eve, a solemn midnight service was held in Holy Cross Church. The New Year was ushered in with a celebration, when a goodly number commemorated the sacrifice of their Lord, and re-dedicated themselves to His service in that Holy Sacrament.

At 12 o'clock, the hymn "Lord in this my mercy's day," was sung, all kneeling, then followed silent prayer for a space, when the Communion office was begun. The congregation at this stage being largely augmented by a number from the Methodist midnight service, and the Rector in his address, having spoken of the deep interest they all had in the atonement made by the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, and having shown that they should also have a deep interest in that commemorative Sacrament which He, Himself appointed, and which was about to be administered, had requested them all to remain, and in spirit, if they were not qualified otherwise, to hold communion with their God. The kyrie and other parts of the service were impressively sung, and the awe inspiring stillness of the moments of silent prayer, the solemn invocation in the sacramental service, with its deep pleadings for mercy and grace, and the singing, at the close of the whole service, by choir and congregation of the stirring hymn, "Onward Christian Soldier," made an impression not soon effaced.

The Rector, Rev. T. W. Johnston, and Mrs. Johnston were the recipients of many kind gifts from several of the parishioners and others.

A few weeks before Christmas, the ladies of Trinity Church, Jordan, had a tea, which realized a sum, which with the amount subscribed by members of the congregation, was sufficient to pay off some standing liabilities, and on

Xmas eve the Band of Willing workers had a sale, which realized \$16 for the S. S. Library.

#### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The St. John Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society in connection with the Church of England Institute, held their annual Conventions in the Institute on the evening of Jan. 22nd. The tables were well supplied with games, pictures and illustrated books and papers. After a little music, Canon Brigstocke gave the members a good practical address. The President read her report shewing the Branch to be in a flourishing condition, numbering twenty associates, and between 70 and 80 members who enjoy their weekly meetings and prize their connection with the Society. After the report there were songs by the girls and several solos given by kind friends. The prevailing influenza prevented the attendance of some, but there were seventy present, including Rev. Canon Brigstocke, President of the Institute; Rev. J. M. Davenport, the priest in charge of the Mission Church, and Rev. A. J. Reid, Curate of St. Paul's. After coffee and cake had been handed round, the evening closed with the G. F. S. Prayer and the Benediction.

The annual meeting of the Church of England Zenana Missionary society was held Friday afternoon 24th, inst. The secretary, Mrs. J. C. Allison, read the annual report. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. W. Daniel; secretary, Mrs. J. C. Allison, and treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Morrissey. Misses Wetmore and Sadleir, Mrs. Thomas Walker and Mrs. W. O. Raymond were elected a board of management.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BROMPTON AND WINDSOR.—The Rev. T. L. Ball, who has been for nearly 25 years a Missionary of the S. P. G. in this Diocese, has accepted a pension, and intends devoting some time to the recovery of his health. The first and second Sundays after the Epiphany he took service in both parts of the Mission, as the offertories were for that Venerable Society which has so long fostered the Church in the Diocese, and notwithstanding urgent calls in other lands still sends an ample grant. Speaking of the work during the five years and a half of his ministry here, he recalled in the way of Church building the enlargement and improvement of the church at Windsor Mills; the new church at Hardwood Hill, and painting of Brompton Church; Endowment Fund increased from 81,400 to 83,600, and now available for the Mission; 450 Church members, who have resided and received the ministrations of the Church for a longer or shorter period in the Mission; 30 burials; 57 confirmed and seventy baptisms. No debt except a small amount to Diocesan Board at one point, where extra efforts have been made for the purchase of a fine bell now in position in this church.

As no clergyman has yet been found to take charge. The Archdeacon purposes sending one of the students from the College at Lennoxville to take the duty during the vacancy in the Mission.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ABBOTSFORD.—The Annual Missionary Meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Abbotsford, on Wednesday, commencing at 7.30 p. m. Owing to illness in his family, the Rev. Rural Dean Nye, was unable to attend. The other members of the deputation, however, Rev. Geo. Johnson, Rector of Danham, was present, and was assisted in the service by Mr. C. Rollit, of the Diocesan Theological College, who has been conducting the services for some time, in the absence of a clergyman.

Mr. Johnson, who till lately has labored in the Mission Field of the Diocese, up the

Galatians, made an eloquent appeal in the cause of "Domestic Missions," in the course of which, he described his own experience, as well as that of other Missionaries still laboring in that district, thus bringing most forcibly to the minds of all present, the urgent need of their support and the worthiness of the object for which it was solicited.

This very interesting and instructive meeting was brought to a close by Mr. Johnson pronouncing the Benediction.

BOLTON.—The Rev. Arthur H. Manning has just been appointed by the Bishop of Montreal to the important Mission of Bolton. Mr. Manning came out to this country last September, and was ordained Deacon in September.

Bolton is a very extensive parish, and has three good churches, at all of which the new incumbent hopes to hold services every Sunday.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLDWATER.—The S. S. here had a Christmas tree on New Year's Eve, under the direction of the Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Superintendent of the School. Visitors were present from Fesserton and Waubushene, and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

ORILLIA.—A most pleasing entertainment took place in St. James' school house, on Tuesday evening, January 21st, it being the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the senior division of the Sunday School. There were about one hundred and sixty scholars and teachers present. The first part of the entertainment took the form of a winter picnic, the scholars all sitting in their own classes and being waited upon by their own teachers. This plan proved pre-eminently successful. Next followed a literary and musical programme of a superior character considering that only the juveniles took part in it. The recitations, songs, readings, &c, were really good. Great praise is due to the young ladies who so kindly prepared the juveniles in their several parts. Lastly, though no doubt not "leastly" in the minds of the successful ones, came the distribution of the prizes. These were awarded for general proficiency and attendance. As the prizes were carefully selected, tied in separate parcels, numbered according to the Sunday-school classes, this part also passed off very quickly. And so, after a most enjoyable evening had been spent, the National Anthem was heartily sung, and when the benediction had been pronounced, all went home very happy. There was but one drawback to the whole affair, namely, in consequence of the smallness of the schoolhouse, it was impossible to ask the parents and friends. It is earnestly hoped that ere long a more commodious schoolhouse will be built, when all the parents and friends will be most heartily welcomed to such entertainments.

The Rev. R. W. Greene is forming a Confirmation class.

The Church of England Temperance Society here is active and doing good work, Mr. J. C. Morgan, lately delivered an address before it on "Temperance Teaching" which has received wide attention.

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

FAREWELL.—A grand concert was held at the Orange Hall, Farewell, on Wednesday last, when a splendid programme was well rendered. The weather was rather windy so that the turnout, though good, was not as large as could have been expected. All the pieces on the programme were well rendered. Those of special note were two good solos by Miss Reddick and Miss Carrie Lewis. The choruses of the Farewell choir and the Fairy scene "Old Mother Hubbard," which was exceedingly pretty and elicited loud and hearty applause.