

praying to Him that of his infinite mercy He may remove it, or else give us grace to bear it patiently. All knelt down for a few moments and there was a dead silence that was most impressive. The new year having now opened, the grand Hymn of Thanksgiving 285, "O Lord of Heaven, and earth and sea," was sung. Then an address on the future and our duties. Speaking of the aspect of affairs in the old country, he referred to the dark and gloomy shadows from the old year projected forward into the new. The Canon then dwelt on the teachings of the church service for the day, that we should continually mortify all evil and corrupt affections. Then "O Paradise" was sung and prayer and the benediction concluded this interesting service.

**FORT ERIE.**—The Bazaar lately held in aid of the fund for building a new St. Paul's Church, was very successful, having realized more than seven hundred dollars, after paying all expenses. The much respected Rector, Rev. R. Arnold has taken great interest in the cause. The President of the Bazaar was Mrs. E. Thomas, Vice-President Mrs. W. Warren; Treasurers, Miss Arnold; Mr. W. Anderson also rendering valuable assistance; and all concerned in it acquitted themselves admirably. The ladies who got it up and carried it on are entitled to all credit for their zeal in the matter.

It will be fifty years next December, since the Rev. John Anderson came from the city of Quebec to take charge of this parish, where he remained Rector till he died. Twenty years ago he was ordained by Bishop Mountain, then the only bishop in Canada. St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie, was the first church in Upper Canada that had an organ.

**PALMERSTON.**—The Christmas service in St. Paul's Church was largely attended and heartily engaged in. The decorations consisted of the following texts and words, besides the ordinary accompaniment of wreathing: over the chancel window, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus" in white on a rich blue ground; on the arch, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given," formed of letters of evergreen; over the windows in separate titles "Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace," "King of Glory," "Emmanuel," worked in moss; and over the entrance to the Church, "Offer unto God thanksgiving" the sacred monogram, "I. H. S.," and other devices served to give an appearance of completeness. The number of communicants was much greater than usual. On the following Thursday the children of the Sunday School were treated to their annual festival. A prominent feature of the entertainment was an exhibition of about seventy views, sacred and secular, with a powerful sciopticon by the missionary in charge, Rev. P. L. Spencer. Instead of a Christmas tree, a "Jacob's Ladder" was provided, well laden with useful and beautiful gifts. Prizes having been given to the two best scholars in each class according to the number of marks obtained during the year, the rest of the children received each a suitable present from the ladder. Singing of Carols, and short addresses added to the profit and enjoyment of the evening. The average attendance of the school for the past four months has been about seventy. The annual missionary meeting will be held, D. V., on Friday 18th, inst., when the Bishop of Algoma will be present and will deliver the principal address. It is pleasing to be able to state that the parish is in a prosperous condition.

**DUNDAS.**—The Sunday School children of St. James held a most successful Bazar etc., in their School House on the 3rd of January. The bazar opened at 2:30 p. m., and during the day the tables were most liberally patronised. In the evening the school house was crammed and the different amusements caused quite an excitement and a good deal of fun, a very handsome cake with a gold ring in it etc., was sold for 10c. a slice, the winner of the gold ring was A. S. S., girl of St. James; also a fine doll and sundry other things; presents being kindly given to the bazaar by members of the church. At the close a magic lantern was produced and Mr. Alex. Bertram described the different scenes which passed before the white sheet very kindly. All

spent a jolly day and the Rector, Rural Dean Osler must be congratulated on the nice amount procured for the Sunday School Library, viz., \$61.00.

#### HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

**WESTMINSTER.**—"Why should we not commemorate the Nativity of our Lord with the visible manifestations of our rejoicing! Come see how we have decorated the house of our Lord at this season of the Church's rejoicing?" We gladly accepted the invitation—a happy party, the teachers of St. George's Sunday-school.

We have seen many churches at Christmas tide, and none have we admired more than St. George's. On the ceiling were two crowns of evergreens emblazoned with bright red berries set in their dark brown cups. On the walls, in chaste old English characters, was a scroll bearing the words: "His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Over this text an arch of evergreen wreaths was gracefully put over the windows, and draped between them in handsome festoons. On the arch entering the chancel was the text: "They shall call His Name Emmanuel." This text was in very handsome tinted letters, formed by a fair member of the church. The pulpit was clothed in wreaths of evergreens, with sprigs of holly, and berries in their brown cups. A scroll bearing the words, "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on earth and Good will towards man," formed an arch over the chancel window, and under the window a scroll bearing the words, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The communion table has a rich crimson cover with the monogram in gold, I. H. S.

Rev. Dr. Darnell, officiated in St. George's on Christmas Day, and administered the Holy Communion. There were twenty-seven communicants. The congregation is at all services, large, and it is said, that judging from the increasing number of members the church must soon be enlarged.

**MEMORIAL CHURCH.**—The S. S. Christmas Festival was held in the S. schoolroom on Thursday evening the 27th ult., teachers, scholars and friends were present in full number. The house was literally crowded. The Rector, Rev. J. B. Richardson addressed the meeting, and in his address paid a just tribute to the kindness of the teachers in so bountifully providing the Christmas tree, laden with presents for all the scholars. Then was sung the Christmas Carol. Hark! a burst of heavenly music. There were recitations, songs, and addresses, the address by Rev. J. P. W. Smith, Mr. Jewell, and the Rector. The tree was stripped of its fruit (the presents for the scholars, by the Rector assisted by Messrs. V. Cronyn, C. Lilly and Major Milligan. The proceedings were closed with the singing of the Doxology, and the Benediction. The Sunday-school is in a very prosperous condition. There is an attendance of three hundred scholars. The members of the congregation take an interest in its well-doing.

**SUNDAY-SCHOOL IN DALE'S SCHOOLHOUSE WESTMINSTER.**—This Sunday-school has had its Christmas tree, and, the most precious of its fruits was a Christmas present to Rev. C. Davis, who has visited the school and held divine services in the schoolhouse monthly since the commencement of the Sunday-school some few months since. The school is three miles from London, and there was ere now no school in the neighborhood. To Mr. Biddulph and his family we are indebted in a great measure for its existence. The present from the Christmas tree to Mr. Davis was forty dollars.

St. James' Sunday-school, Westminster, has had its Christmas tree and enjoyed a very happy evening. The school is prospering; the attendance is over 140.

Christmas offertory. In St. Paul's on Christmas Day the offertory was \$114.46. This offertory is presented to the assistant minister. He was the recipient also of a handsome communion service and a purse of \$30 from the adult Bible-class.

The Christmas offertory in St. George's Church was \$24—a large one for a congregation struggling into existence.

**MISSION OF WILMOT.**—On the evening of the 31st Ult., a children's tree in connection with the Sunday Schools of Christ Church, Haysville, and of St. James, Wilmot was held in the Town Hall Haysville. It was entirely successful and satisfactory. The attendance was large, a generous provision was made for each child of suitable gifts. After their distribution the Hymns "Joy Bells" and "I am so glad," were sung and refreshments served. A musical programme was presented of a pleasing and satisfactory character. Mrs. C. Brown rendered efficient service as organist. Mr. C. Brown who with this esteemed lady has long and faithfully served the interests of the Sunday school, made a most gratifying address.

The Pastor had the pleasure of the company of an old parishioner, but a young and valued friend who materially assisted in the musical department. Mrs. Softley was kindly remembered, on the occasion, and the ladies represented in connection with her name were honoured with three cheers. The most gratifying feature, to the Pastor of this most enjoyable evening, was the fact, that touching expression of grateful affection towards him, was given by some dear young people, who have lately given themselves to the love and service of the Lord Jesus under his ministry. Truly, "this is the reward of my labour," he may gratefully say. The evening, and it might almost be said the old year, was brought to a close, by singing the Sweet "Bye and Bye," and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

**KENYUNGHE.**—*Interesting Wedding on the Grand River Reservation.*—A wedding of more than ordinary interest took place in St. Paul's Church, Kenyunghe, on New Year's Day, at the appointed morning service. The bride was Miss Henrietta M. Crombie, youngest daughter of the late Marcus Crombie, Esq., Toronto, and the bridegroom was Mr. William Martin, a prominent member of the Six Nation Indians on the Grand River Reservation. He has a brother in the medical profession who is now practising very successfully in London. Miss Crombie had for many years been occupied in missionary work among the Indians in the capacity of a teacher, and as such she was most zealous and ever manifested the deepest interest in the welfare of the Indians and their children, to whom she was strongly attached. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Chance, assisted by his curate the Rev. A. Anthony. Her brother, Mr. W. Crombie, gave her away.

#### British News.

##### ENGLAND.

Sir Stafford Northcote, has received an ovation from the noblemen and gentlemen of both political parties of his native county, Devon. In his speech the great incident of the evening, he denied that the House of Commons is in its decadence.

The new Bishop of Sodor and Man, the Rt. Rev. Rowley Hill, has been introduced to the Queen and done homage.

The *Times* gives an account of the opening of a new Congregational Chapel at Islington under the designation of a "Congregational Cathedral," at which the services were chiefly choral. Mr. Gladstone with his consistent inconsistency was present, uninvited.

At the Stoke-on-Trent School Board, a Baptist member strongly opposed the appointment of a Roman Catholic girl as a pupil teacher, which proceeding was strongly favored by the chairman. The meeting broke up without settling the question.

The Rev. Mr. Bramston has been prevailed upon to accept the vicarage of Minster, Sheppey, a parish containing 16,000 souls. The tithes, worth £1,800, are owned by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, out of which the vicar receives the liberal stipend of £100 per annum.

Bishop Kelley, late of Newfoundland, has received a parting gift from the clergy of that Dio-