

visited Edmonton. On Jan. 2 his Lordship proceeded to Fort Saskatchewan, where he dedicated St. George's church on Sunday morning, Jan. 3, returning and preaching at the evening service in All Saint's, Edmonton. His Lordship stayed in Edmonton over Jan. 4, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Almon.

On Dec. 30 Rev. Canon Newton united in the bonds of holy matrimony Mr. Hope Alanson, of East Edmonton, and Miss Jane Price, of Belmont. A large number of friends attended the service.

#### LETHBRIDGE.

St. Augustine's Church was festally attired for Christmas. The decorations were simple and chaste; the general effect was bright and cheering. Our attention was first attracted to the altar. The ground work was a wealth of ferns from the Pacific coast, with wreathing of smilax. A beautifully constructed cross of Cape flowers and mosses surmounted the altar, maidenhair ferns being exquisitely arranged around it. A star of choice white flowers, surrounded with smilax, was affixed to the hanging of the pulpit, whilst wreaths of spruce and crimson stars beautified the windows. The font was beautiful: frosted cotton wool, wreaths of smilax and ferns, etc., being sweetly arranged. There was an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m., and choral matins, with second celebration at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day. Dyke's "Te Deum" was sung, and a selection from "Nazareth" was given as an anthem. A large congregation filled the church. An anonymous friend of the church has presented a very suitable Christmas gift, a piece of cocoa-nut matting covering the entire nave aisle from the chancel step to the west door. The organist, Mrs. Cottingham, received a pleasant surprise on going to the organ on Christmas morning in the shape of a richly-lined purse, a small token of the appreciation of her indefatigable services as organist of the church. The offertory, which was for the rector, amounted to \$43.15.

### GENERAL CANADIAN CHURCH NEWS.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL

Bishop—Right Rev. W. B. Boad, D.D., D.C.L.  
Residence—Montreal.

The thirty-eighth annual session of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal will open in the Synod Hall on January 19th, at 2 p.m. In the morning at 10.30 there will be a public celebration of Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral, at which the Bishop will deliver his charge to the Synod; and in the evening there will be service at 8 o'clock, the preacher being Rev. G. Osborne Troop. On the following evening

the annual diocesan missionary meeting will be held at 8 o'clock, and on the evening of the 21st, the annual meeting of the Diocesan Sunday School Association will take place, commencing at 8 o'clock. Among the business to come before the Synod is a motion by Mr. A. G. B. Claxton, of Montreal, in favor of all elections for the executive and other elective committees being by ballot, after nomination has been made in open Synod. The decree of the Bishop sanctioning a partial division of the parish of St. James the Apostle will also come up for consideration.

The amended scheme for a General Board of Missions of the Church of England in Canada, which was adopted at the recent meeting of the General Synod will likewise be brought up for discussion.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

Bishop—Most Rev. J. T. Lewis, D.D., L.L.D.  
Residence—Kingston, Ont.

On the evening of St. John's Day, December 27th, the members of the Ancient St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., together with many members of the fraternity belonging to local lodges, attended service at St. George's Cathedral, the occasion being the feast of St. John. The masons occupied the seats in the middle of the Cathedral and those to the left of the main aisle, and they and their friends completely filled the large building, including the galleries.

The choir had prepared special Christmas music for the evening and was assisted by Dr. Clarke and Prof. Andrieux with violins, and trumpeter Wirtz with cornet. The service was full choral, the choir numbering forty-five voices, twenty-five of which were boys. The responses were from Barnby's evening service and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were by Bennett. After the third collect the anthem, "Glory to God Most High," by A. F. Lord, was sung. The boys' voices were ably supported by the violins and the effect was excellent. During the offertory a duet, "Chanson de Voyageur," by Paderewski, was most artistically played by L. Andrieux and Dr. Clark, accompanied by R. F. Harvey on the organ. Rev. G. R. Beamish, one of the craft, preached the sermon which was not only most instructive but very interesting. The XII. chapter of Ecclesiastes, so well known to every one, beginning, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," etc., was read and explained, and no doubt many of those present, for the first time, heard explained one of the most beautiful chapters in the Bible, and one which is particularly interesting to masons. The speaker described an eastern village before and after a storm as being referred to in the earlier part of the chapter, and from the middle of the chapter compared the silver