

News from the Home-Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

HANTSPORT.

ST. ANDREWS.—The weather on Xmas Day being very stormy the attendance at St. Andrews was not large. The few that met together found it no doubt a blessed privilege. The Rev. F. W. Vroom, B.D., Professor of Divinity at Kings College, kindly came to Hantsport and took the services for that day. Morning prayer was said and the Holy Communion administered to a few communicants. A sermon appropriate for the day was preached by the learned Professor, while the choir rendered the musical part of the service in praiseworthy manner.

The church was on this Xmas very neatly decorated. The pulpit, and reading desk were trimmed with evergreen, with panels in white.

Within the chancel suitable texts on a white ground with a light trimming of evergreen were placed on each side of the wall. On one side "Glory to the new-born King," on the other "Hark the herald angels sing." The altar was not passed by. Over it was placed that very suggestive word "Emmanuel" while the table had vases filled with cut flowers.

Decorations in the nave consisted of a festooning of evergreen on its sides, with this text over the east window:

"Unto us a child is born: unto us a son is given."

And here it may also be well for the writer to refer to an event very pleasant to the Sunday School children. Xmas eve the children assembled and were given booklets and candies by their teachers. All went home much pleased that they had been so kindly remembered at this festive season by those interested in their spiritual welfare.

The rector has lately received a very liberal donation from Miss Bessie Brown of Halifax. This generous church lady painted a China teaset and devoted the proceeds of the sale towards paying the debt that remains on St. Andrew's church. The Rector hopes that others may follow her example and aid a struggling congregation.

Church School for Girls.

The Michaelmas term of this institution closed on the 20th ult. Its progress has been continuous and very satisfactory. It began its existence on the 8th January of the present year with 45 pupils, it closes the first year of its claim to support with 81 names on the register. Of these 61 are boarders, 17 day scholars and 3 young ladies taking special subjects, such as drawing and painting.

It is understood that at a recent meeting of the trustees and directors, the lady principal reported that the condition of the school was encouragingly successful, and the progress of some of the pupils has been excellent. Four additions have been made to the teaching staff since June, and further additions will be made at the beginning of the Lent term.

The new building is in readiness for occupation. Those who have not seen this imposing structure may gather an idea of its capacity and fitness from photographs. Two of these, showing different views, are before us, and they

show that the architect, Mr. Dumaresq, well understands the attractions of a striking exterior and suitable surroundings. The building with its beautiful grounds is a credit to the province. All the rooms, halls and corridors are heated with hot water according to the plans and specifications of Mr. Dow. The furnishing of this large and handsome building is now in progress and when completed it will probably supply some novelties in school arrangements which will be a surprise to many.

Eighty-four boarders, ten teachers and ten domestics are to be accommodated under one roof. Each pupil boarder will have her own bed, bureau, waterstand and wardrobe. The dining room can seat comfortably 120 persons. It is really a beautiful room, well lighted, lofty and with a handsome panelled ceiling and a pitch pine floor. All the floors throughout the building are double; and deadened with asphalt. The whole building is lighted by electricity, an ample supply of cut offs being provided where the wire enter the building. Hot and cold water baths are provided on each flat. The corridors are about 90 feet long and 9 feet broad, there being an open fire-place in each for ventilation and comfort. Nothing that the forethought of an accomplished and experience architect can divine has been omitted to secure the health and comfort of the inmates. Rumor has it that the finances of the church school are in a very favorable condition, and if nothing happens out of the usual course of things, it is to be taken for granted that with continued prudence and watchfulness this young claimant for public patronage among our growing educational institutions will pursue its career of usefulness and become a credit to the country in which it has already found such warm-hearted support.

Diocese of Quebec.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

A special meeting of the Corporation has been called for the 14th Jan. at 10.30 a. m., by instruction of the President, the Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Amongst other business to be submitted is the report of the Chapel re-building Committee. (2) The report of the School Building Committee, and to take such action thereon as may be required for the completion of the work and providing the necessary outlay therefor.

Diocese of Montreal.

Montreal.

ST. MARTIN'S.—Once in every year the Rector of St. Martin's issues a booklet containing a brief account of the work done by the various charitable organizations connected with the parish. If it were not for this fact, a large proportion of the male members of the congregation would have very little idea of the amount of Christian labor performed by the societies known as the "Ladies' Aid," "St. Monica's Guild" and "The Ministering Children's League," so quietly and unostentatiously do these bands of workers carry out their benevolent plans. The little members of the last mentioned society are not induced to painstaking effort by the hope of any reward other than that promised all those who "bear one another's burdens." When, therefore, on Monday afternoon they found themselves the recipient of a Christmas tree decorated on the orthodox German fashion, the gift of Mr. Zoerflichter of 253 Bleury

street, their surprise was as genuine as their pleasure. The bright faces of the children conveyed to Mr. Zoerflichter, who has not for long been a resident of Montreal and whose generosity was therefore the better appreciated, their thanks and good wishes.

ST. MARGARET'S HOME.—The Lord Bishop of Montreal visited the St. Margarets home 104 St. Alexander street, on Wednesday, Jany. 6th, the festival of the Ehiphany, and administered the rite of Confirmation to three of the inmates.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.—A most enjoyable entertainment was given in the school room attached to this church last Thursday night, for the benefit of the church choir fund. It consisted of a series of *tableaux vivants*, very nicely arranged by Messrs. Harrington and Harry Spence. There was a large and appreciative audience.

ARCHDEACONRY OF BEDFORD.

The 2nd Annual Convention of the Sunday School Institute is to be held in Waterloo, P. Q., on Thursday, the 14th January inst. The proceedings commence with administration of Holy Communion in St. Luke's Church at 9.30 a. m. At the morning service a Paper on Catechetical Instruction by Rev. W. C. Bernard, M. A., will be read, and discussion thereon follow. At the afternoon session the Rev. W. B. Loughurst, Rural Dean, will read a paper on "Bible Teaching in the Sunday Schools" and the Rev. E. Bushell, M. A., one on "Order in the Sunday School" At the evening session, in the Town Hall, addresses will be delivered by Rev. Canon Mills, His Honour Judge Lynch and R. H. Buchanan, Esq.

BOLTON MISSION.

The joyous season of Xmas has again come and gone finding us all one year older, and we hope one degree better than it found us last year.

St. Patrick's Sunday school held its annual Xmas tree on Xmas eve, in the town hall; considering the wet weather there was a very fair attendance of children and parents. There was a short programme consisting of carols by the children and a solo; by our friend Mr. Hall, who sang "The Star of Bethlehem" in a most feeling manner. Santa Claus then made his appearance and distributed the presents to the children in a most amusing manner, keeping the audience in continued roars of laughter. This part of the programme being over—Mr. Hall, the father of the church, here stepped forward, and on the behalf of the congregation presented Mr. Rollit—presently in charge of the Mission,—with a purse containing \$34.00, for which Mr. Rollit expressed his thanks in appropriate terms, remarking that he had begun to realize that such kind actions were characteristic of the Bolton people and not occasions of surprise to him any longer. After this the children adjourned to the supper room and thence to their respected homes, we trust well pleased with the evening they had spent and fully conscious of the glad event they were celebrating.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the way in which Miss Hall superintends the Sunday school at the Centre, and of the kind and efficient services of the Misses Blaisdell, Bice and Phelps as teachers. Owing to the irregular arrangement of the services during the winter months it is impossible for the person in charge to have much to do with this Sunday School, but the children do not suffer on that account as the above mentioned young ladies are untiring in their efforts on their behalf and consequently merit the unfeigned thanks of the parents and all for their self-denying efforts in promoting so important a branch of the Master's work.

A union Xmas tree was held at Dillonton, ("The Mines") on the evening of the 29th, the first that has ever been held in that neighbor-