

with after an impressive Address to those who were about to receive the Apostolic rite, in which His Lordship warned them of the pitfalls and obstacles they would find in their path.

The church, being in style Gothic, presented a fine appearance, both on the exterior and in the interior. The different points, and the lessons they contained, were explained fully in the Bishop's Address, in which he showed by comparison how sermons may be hidden in stones.

His Lordship's visit having taken place in the harvest season, the Church was decorated, so far as time permitted, for a harvest festival. The Altar, vested in white, was an evidence of the skill and artistic taste in decoration of the Rev. W. H. Greaser, and presenting a neat appearance, considering the time and material available.

The Bishop's visit was one of pleasure and profit to all, and there was but one feeling predominant, that of thankfulness for an opportunity of hearing words of counsel and advice from their Chief Pastor, and of receiving at his hands the Body and Blood of Christ, mingled with a wish that the opportunity might present itself more frequently than once in three years.

AMHERST.—The Christmas decorations in Christ Church this year are very pretty and tasteful, though not on so elaborate a scale as in some previous years.

PARSBORO.—On Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, the congregation of St. George's Church held a Christmas festival in the splendid Rink Hall. The primary object of the entertainment was to afford some seasonable enjoyment to the Sunday Scholars; but in consideration of the debt incurred during the past summer, in enlarging and

painting the Church, it was thought expedient to throw it open also to the public, on payment of a small entrance fee. Tea was provided for all; and on three large Christmas trees, the centre one of which was devoted to the Sunday School, were displayed over four hundred Christmas presents, to be distributed according to their numbers to every ticket holder.

The enjoyment of the evening was not a little enhanced by the beautiful rendering of social songs and glees, by a quartette of ladies and gentlemen, who had kindly prepared them for the occasion. A Christmas carol, sung by the Sunday School children, was received by the audience with well merited applause.

The Christmas decorations in St. George's Church are elaborate and tasteful, mottoes have for this year been dispensed with, at the request of the Rector, as there was no means at hand of affixing them without injury to the newly coloured walls.

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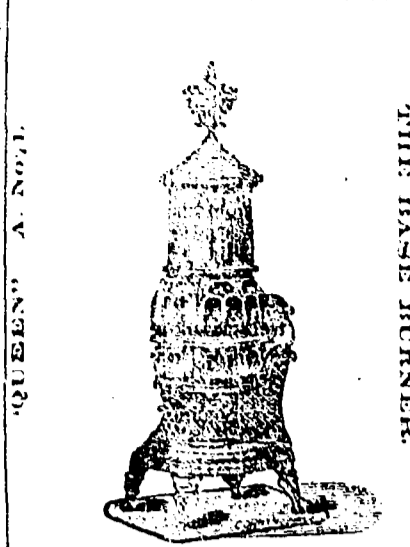
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