

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

MATTAWA.—A beautiful carved Oak Reredos has just been placed in St. Alban's Church, Mattawa, to the memory of the father of the present incumbent, the Rev. I. Bliss. The panels, which are illuminated in gold and colors, contain the *Agnus Dei* in centre, with symbols of the Evangelists, passion, flowers, &c. The Reredos is from the establishment of Messrs. Spence & Sons, Montreal.

KINGSTON.—The festival of Christmas was duly celebrated in the various city churches. Two only, St. George's and St. Paul's, were decorated. The offertories were in all cases large, showing the esteem in which the clergy are held. Some very handsome presentations were made on Christmas eve. The Rev. Rev. Rural Dean Casey, of St. Paul's, was the recipient of a Persian lamb coat and cap. The Rev. J. K. McMorine, of St. James, was presented by the ladies of his congregation with a handsome dressing gown and slippers, and by the gentlemen with an overcoat trimmed with fur.

St. George's Cathedral.—The Sunday-school enjoyed their annual treat on the festival of Holy Innocents. After a short service in the Church all adjourned to St. George's Hall, to witness an exhibition of the magic lantern under the management of Mr. William Neish, many very beautiful views were shown, especially a series illustrating the life of Christ. Candy and apples were distributed to the children.

The St. George's Cathedral branch of the Women's Auxiliary Society held their usual monthly meeting on the 29th; there were fully sixty members in attendance. Flourishing accounts of the work were received; the plan adopted of collecting money has proved highly successful. This society bids fair to become a powerful aid to the Church in her Mission work.

ODESSA.—A very nice service was held in this village on Christmas day, the first for several years. Rev. Mr. Burns, deacon, in charge of the station preached an excellent sermon. On the festival of St. John the Evangelist, Rev. Mr. Spencer, Clerical Secretary, accompanied Mr. Burns and administered the Holy Communion to fourteen persons. The Church of England services are becoming much appreciated by the people of this vicinity.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PORT HOPE.—Trinity College School.—At the recent Christmas Examination, the following boys were awarded prizes for general proficiency:—

6th form, H. H. Bedford Jones; 5th form, A. P. Kirkpatrick; 4th form, J. Mattocks; 3rd form, W. C. Dumble; upper second form, J. H. Inco; lower second form, M. S. McCarthy; upper first form, A. M. Bethune; lower first form, F. H. Bethune.

The following boys are also entitled to honourable mention for general proficiency, having obtained over sixty per cent. of the total number of marks:—

6th form, J. G. Smith; 5th form, E. W. Congdon; 4th form, T. S. Farncomb; 3rd form, A. F. R. Martin, R. H. C. Pringle, E. A. Mulligan, G. M. Bedford Jones, J. Irwin.

Upper second form, F. B. Wilson, H. D. Symmes, W. B. Irwin.

Modern form, R. C. Young, W. J. Douglas, C. B. Waters, C. H. M. Cameron, W. G. Rogers.

Lower second form, W. C. R. Graham, D. S. McCarthy, A. M. Cloghorn, F. M. Scadding, B. H. Ardagh, J. O. Fletcher, E. C. Cattanaich.

Upper first form, E. J. F. Jones, R. McLennan, H. McM. Killaly, H. V. Hamilton, T. S. Burwell, A. E. Burwell.

Lower first form, L. M. Lyon, G. E. P. Stevenson, R. A. Seton, A. W. Harding, J. H. Bullen, H. H. Middleton, G. A. Pyke, J. B. Proctor, H. V. A. Fraser, J. A. M. Fraser.

NOTES ON MICHAELMAS TERM.—The school closed for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, the 23rd, some of the boys leaving by the evening train the day before. The number attending the term has been 128, which is very satisfactory indeed. Towards the end of October, the Bishop of Tennessee and his son, Mr. Quintard of New York, paid a brief visit to their friends, the Head master and Mrs. Bethune. On Sunday, the 25th, the Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion in the School Chapel at the 7.30 a.m. service, and in the afternoon preached to the boys a very impressive and highly instructive sermon. On Monday, November the 9th, the Rev. W. E. Cooper, M.A., who has been for thirteen years an assistant master in the school, received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, at a special convocation at the University of Trinity College, Toronto. Mr. Cooper was examined for his degree in the Old Testament group of subjects, which includes the Hebrew Scriptures and the Greek Septuagint Version, and passed his examination most creditably. On the 15th of November, the school had the gratification of a visit from Major-General Sir F. Middleton, who came to see his son, one of the pupils. The boys received the hero of the North-West with the utmost enthusiasm, and cheered the General again and again most heartily. At his request the head master gave the school a half holiday on the following Monday afternoon. The health of the school during the long term has been excellent and all the boys have been vaccinated. —*Dominion Churchman.*

PERSONAL.—The Toronto *Mail* of Monday said:—"The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, rector of St. Luke's, Ashburnham, has declined the offer made to him of the position of assistant minister at St. George's Church, Montreal. The reverend gentleman announced his decision to his congregation on Christmas Day, who were very much pleased at the announcement. The position at St. George's was more lucrative, and presented a wider sphere of usefulness, but Mr. Bradshaw prefers to labor in his present field, where he has many known, tried and valued friends."

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.—We are glad to learn that the Christmas services throughout the Diocese were very largely attended; the number of communicants was also very gratifying, and the offerings for the various clergymen were also satisfactory. Most of the city churches were tastefully decorated, and the village and rural congregations did not forget to beautify the place of the sanctuary. It seems a pity, though, that Christmas is chosen for almost excessive decoration in some places, while the other great festivals—Easter, Ascension and Whitsunday—are completely ignored.

TORONTO.—St. James'.—A large congregation attended here. The musical portion of the services was well rendered by an efficient choir under Dr. Davies. The programme was as follows:—*Venite, Russell; Te Deum, Smart in F; Benedictus, Davies; Anthem, "In the beginning was the word," G. B. Allen; Kyrie Eleison, Hayden; Gloria Tibi and Gratias, Davies.* Canon Dumoulin preached from II. Cor. ix. 15.

St. George's.—This church had an enormous congregation. The chancel had been tastefully decorated, and looked to advantage on Christmas Day. The communicants numbered 281, and the offertory for the clergyman amounted to \$210, the largest in the experience of any rector.

All Saints.—A devout congregation filled this handsome church, which was very appro-

priately decorated for the festive occasion. The musical portion of the service was extremely good. An orchestra of string, brass and wood instruments was introduced, and rendered effective service. The sermon, a short, practical one, was preached by the Rev. A. H. Baldwin.

St. Bartholomew's.—This church was neatly decorated with holly, evergreens and flowers. Mr. W. J. Dowling conducted the musical service, which was appropriate, and gave evidence of careful training. The text of the rector's sermon was St. Luke i. 78, 79.

Holy Trinity had complete and artistic decorations. The chief display was made with flags, evergreen triangles and shields. The lectern and pulpit were wreathed with holly, and the font was surmounted by a cross of evergreen and berries. Rev. John Pearson conducted the services, and was assisted by the curate, Mr. Nattress. The attendance was good, and the number of communicants very large.

RICHMOND HILL.—A late issue of the *Mail* says:—"Since the erection of the spire of St. Mary's (English) Church, Richmond Hill, there has been a debt on it of more than \$200. The note, receipted, was found on the offertory plate after service on Christmas morning, as a present to the church from a parishioner, Mr. Sydney Marsh, formerly of Sheffield, England."

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

WATERDOWN.—A Social was held on Friday, the 18th, at the residence of Dr. Waugh, which was attended by a large number, and a happy time was spent in mutual intercourse and social enjoyment. The most pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of an address and purse to the Rev. J. L. Munson. The presentation was an expression of the esteem and affection inspired by the reverend gentleman's unwearied and disinterested efforts to fulfil the duties of his position, and the address referred to these and to the many difficulties with which Mr. Munson had had to contend, and which he always endeavored to overcome in a thoroughly Christian like spirit.

LOWVILLE MISSION.—Confirmation and welcome to the Bishop on Dec. 19th, 1885:—Confirmation Services were held on the 18th Dec., by Bishop Hamilton, assisted by Rev. W. Belt, Rural Dean. The Church (St. George's) was early filled. Our clergyman, the Rev. Thomas Motherwell, with his other clerical excellencies is remarkable for doing all things in order, the preliminaries were, therefore, complete. A lady of the congregation, Mrs. E. Twiss did not forget that the Great Teacher had said "consider the lilies." That the incomparable floral beauty and "glory" in which the Father "arrayed" his works might appropriately be associated with his service and so some vases of charming Immortelles decorated the altar.

Five candidates received the rite of confirmation. His Lordship's discourse, setting forth the duties and responsibilities and defining the place of the rite in the Church's system, was remarkable for its logical clearness and earnestness. It was listened to with rapt attention. The reason was convinced while the heart was warmed. The solemn fitness of manner with which the rite was administered added to the impressiveness. Then followed the Communion most sublime, most awful, most tender in what it commemorates, and most impressive of all. Every candidate and an unusually large number of others communed. In the afternoon the Bishop proceeded to St. John's Church, Nassawaga, and there confirmed seven others. In the evening returned to Lowville, where a "welcome" and supper prepared by the Committee in the Temperance Hall awaited him. The place was decorated with evergreens, while