

assembled to take part in the manifestation of Christian joy at the House of God. Both churches presented a very handsome appearance, the decorations being much more beautiful and elaborate than on previous occasions. We much regret that we have not space for a full account of them, as they are generally admitted to be very superior. The offerings at the services were for the sick and needy, and amounted to \$20.

While the work of preparing the Christmas decorations was going on in St. Mary's Church School House on Christmas eve, the children of the Sunday School took occasion to show their esteem for the Rector, Rev. Mr. Forsyth, by presenting him with a handsome silver fish slice and fork. The episode was a very pleasant one.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC. — The annual meeting of the Quebec Church Missionary Union was held in the Board Room of the National School, on Tuesday afternoon, January 7th, at three o'clock, the Lord Bishop in the chair. After the opening office prayer the Secretary read his report, which was adopted. The Treasurer also read his report, showing receipts for the year 1878 of \$200.67, an increase over last year of \$34.49, and over the previous year a gain of \$148.12.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers: the following were elected:—Patron, the Lord Bishop; President, the Rev. G. V. Housman, M.A., Rector, Quebec; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Robert Hamilton, H. S. Scott, J. B. Forsyth, Dr. Marsden, R. R. Dobell, George Hall, James Patton, junr., Oliver Kennedy, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The following is from the report:

In accordance with the objects of the Union, namely, intercessory prayers for missions, and the obtaining and circulating information with regard to missions, meetings have been held on the first Monday in January, February, March, April, May, October, November, and December, when information has been given on mission work in Patagonia, and on the life of Bishop Selwyn, on the Missionary aspects of the Church, and of work in Borneo, Labrador, amongst the Jews, and in New Zealand, and South Africa; by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Mr. Chambers, the Revds. Isaac Thompson, Thomas Richardson, James Hepburn, E. A. W. King, and J. H. Jenkins. On which occasions, the members have been able to appreciate and sympathise with the devoted labors of such noble pioneers of Missionary work as Samuel Marsden, and Bishop Selwyn, in New Zealand. On another occasion, Bishop McDougall and Bishop Chambers, and their small band of devoted fellow-helpers in Borneo, claimed their attention. Again, on another occasion, Mr. Hepburn related to us his labors, and also his pleasures, which he experienced in Labrador, during the five years he was employed as Missionary on that far-off coast. Mr. King brought before our notice God's ancient people, the Jews, and shewed the successful efforts that have been made for their conversion to the Christian faith, in Jerusalem, Abyssinia, Egypt and other places. And last month, Mr. Jenkins described in forcible language the progress our Church had made in South Africa, since the year 1847, when Bishop Grey first entered upon his field of labor until the present time.

The Union has also great pleasure in recording two special meetings. One, on the twenty-first day of January, when they had the privilege of listening to a most eloquent and heart-stirring address from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Saskatchewan, on the work of the Church in his immense diocese in the far off West, when the sum of seventy dollars was handed to his Lordship. Another special meeting was held on the thirteenth day of September, when the Union had the great satisfaction of giving a hearty welcome to a clergyman from the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, the Revd. Edward Kenny, who described with much eloquence, and in the most graphic manner, the woefully neglected state of the population of the Island of Cuba.

The Church Missionary Union has to record with deep regret, the loss for the present of the very valuable services of their energetic Secretary,

the Reverend George Hamilton, who, through very severe illness, has been obliged to leave Canada for a warmer and more genial climate in the South of Europe, and they would take this opportunity of expressing their very sincere sympathy with him in his affliction.

We cannot separate without expressing our very sincere appreciation of the kindness of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, in taking the chair, whenever he is in town, at our monthly meetings, for the great encouragement he has given the Union from its very commencement, and the very happy way he has summed up and condensed the subject of each lecture.

MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

COTE ST. PAUL.—If one thing more than another should illustrate successful results arising from a well-directed and sustained zeal in missionary enterprise, it would certainly be such a large and enthusiastic congregation as on the evening of the Epiphany met together in the Church of the Redeemer at Cote St. Paul to celebrate the first opening anniversary. Thirteen months ago a handful of people, among many discomforts worshipped in an office kindly lent by a manufacturing firm for their weekly public service—now, with a Sunday school of over 30 children, this congregation meets in a more beautiful little church than can be found for miles around, entirely free, above all free from debt; its furnishings have been donated by kind friends, and for Christmas Day a fine bell, the gift of J. S. Hall, Jr., Esq., was placed in position to sound forth its sounds of invitation.

Those who have had anything to do with missions well know that success can only be attained after constant exertion and the exercise of an unflagging interest in the cause in hand; former attempts had before been made to plant the Church in this municipality, but for causes now not very clear they were unsuccessful, when therefore in 1866 this district became incorporated into the Parish of St. James the Apostle, St. James assumed a responsibility which could not honestly be shirked. Gratifying it must be to the Church Aid Society, and the co-workers at Cote St. Paul now to see the fruit of their labours; but to a clergy diligent in their parochial administrations and under the lay direction of Mr. Leo. H. Davidson, who has spared neither labour or valuable time in the cause, but has from the first determined that all obstacles had to be overcome, is to a great extent to be ascribed the happy results.

The service above alluded to was characterized by a fervour and heartiness that was quite impressive, monotonous throughout, the superiority of the clear decided responses over what has been correctly termed the "Polytone" use was very marked. Proceedings opened with the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," the hymns following were "as with gladness men of old" "Lead kindly light" the "Adeste Fideles" and "Abide with me," the Doxology was sung during the presentation of the offertory, which was a liberal one, and will be applied to exterior improvements; the music was rendered by the choir of the mother church, St. James' under the direction of Mr. Robinson.

A word or two as to the Christmas decorations; they were beautiful in the highest sense of the word, four heavy festoons of spruce meeting at a central point connected with the four lower corners, from this centre was also suspended two circles of fine bearing shields containing Christian emblems. The doorway was also arched with evergreens over this were two texts in colored cloth. The Holy Bible was vested in white, a floral cross, the gift of the choir of St. James, stood upon the re-table on the front of which were the words "The Prince of Peace," over this and running across the entire breadth of the chancel underneath the window was "The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord" in blue and red letters upon a gold background, on either side of the windows were shields with the words "Unto Us a Child is Born," "Unto Us a Son is Given," in white frosted letters on colored scrolls. The chancel screen and arch bore the text "Glory to God in the Highest," which for the Epiphany was

changed to "We have seen His Star in the East, and are Come to Worship Him," wrought in white wool upon a background of blue and gold. From the arch was suspended a blue and gold star. The font was trimmed with pine, and the large quantity of wreathings put up evinced the considerable labor and industry bestowed upon the work.

This celebration was attended by some 70 visitors from the city.

ONTARIO.

OXFORD MILLS.—The Church of St. John the Evangelist, in the parish of Kemptville, now under the charge of the Rev. W. A. Read, never presented a more festal appearance than it did on Christmas day. In addition to the customary wreaths, three beautiful texts adorned the walls. A temporary Reredos graced the east end. It consisted of three panels ornamented with various devices, the centre one being a Greek cross and circle; the whole harmonizing well with the stained glass above. Immediately over the Holy Table, which was of course vested in white, were the words, "holy, holy, holy." The day was further marked by the use, for the first time, of gifts from English friends. Upon the Lectern hung a handsomely embroidered banner, the gift of Mrs. Horsley, of Dover. A most beautiful set of Communion linen, edged with real lace, and presented by Miss Turner of London, was placed upon the Altar for the first time. Upon the Credence Table stood a complete set of Communion plate given by the parish of Sanbrook, in the diocese of Lichfield, under the sanction of the late Bishop Selwyn. We were much pleased with the reverence of the service and the heartiness of the singing, particularly the Doxology at the presentation of the offertory. It only remains to add that the church was quite full, the offertory double what it ever was before, and the celebrant and preacher was the energetic Rector, the Rev. John Stannage, who, we are happy to learn, has quite recovered from his late serious indisposition.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending January 11th, 1879.

MISSION FUND.—*Thanksgiving Collection*.—Darlington, Bowmanville, \$8.05; Enniskillen, \$2.00; Vespra, Christ Church, \$1.50; Craighurst, \$1.33; St. James', \$1.24; Midhurst, \$1.08; Perrytown, \$5.93. *Special Appeal*.—William Ince and John W. Young, balance of subscription \$100.00; Miss Anne B. Gamble, balance of subscription, \$5.00. *Parochial Collections*.—Perrytown, \$42.60; Elizabethville, \$8.45; Shanty Bay, additional, \$6.00. *January Collection*.—Seymour and Percy, \$7.40. *Donations*.—"C. H. R." Orillia, \$3.00; John Darby, Vespra, \$2.00.

ALGOMA FUND.—*Day of Intercession Collection*.—Perrytown, \$1.90; Elizabethville, 42 cents; St. Stephen's, Toronto, additional, \$3.00; Craighurst, \$1.00; Midhurst, 50 cents; Christ Church, 40 cents; Newmarket, \$6.50. *Donation*.—"C. H. R." Orillia, \$2.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Annual Subscription*.—Rev. F. J. S. Groves, \$5.00; Mrs. Leech, \$5.00.

St. Luke's.—Mr. Avant, who was ordained Deacon on the fourth Sunday of Advent, and has been appointed to the Mission of Bobcaygen, had acted as organist of St. Luke's Church for the last four years. On New Year's Eve, being the eve of his departure to his mission, he was presented with Wordsworth's Commentary on the Old and New Testament, and Delitzsch's Commentary on the Pentateuch and the Epistle to the Hebrews, in all 13 volumes. Mr. Avant, who was taken by surprise, expressed, with evident satisfaction, his gratitude for the kind consideration with which he had been treated. We heartily wish him God speed in his new field of labor.

To the Reverend Henry Charles Avant,

We, the undersigned members of St. Luke's choir and congregation, cannot allow you to depart from amongst us, to take charge of your distant mission, without expressing to you our high appreciation of the way in which you have