

magnitude of the position, and its awful responsibilities—the heavenly purity, the burning love towards God and man, the sound wisdom and judgment, and moderation of temper, required in those who were dedicated to it—that his heart failed him! He felt himself utterly incompetent and unworthy for so arduous a task. Having proved that his evasion of the Episcopal office could have arisen from no spirit of pride, but from a consciousness of his inferiority and incapacity, Chrysostom proceeded to point out the manifold and peculiar dangers which encompassed it. "Vain glory was a rock more fatal than the Sirens. Many a priest was shipwrecked there and torn to pieces by the fierce monsters which dwell upon it—wrath, despondency, envy, strife, slander, falsehood, hypocrisy, love of praise, and a multitude more. Often he became the slave and flatterer of great people—even of women, who had most improperly mixed themselves up with the ecclesiastical affairs, and especially exercised great influence in the elections."

Such is the way in which good men of old looked upon the honours of a bishopric! That their conception was not due to any want of religious enthusiasm peculiar to the time or generally diffused, the history of those days abundantly proves. So that if these adequate views rose up in a social atmosphere not unlike our own, it was because the men who formed them looked devoutly to the heart and core of things, and would not let their spiritual vision be obscured by any earthly mists. They preserved and nurtured their love for the really desirable.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

SYDNEY, C. B.—The 61st meeting of "Sydney Rural Deanery" was held in the parish of St. George, Sydney, on December 18th. Members present:—Rev. Rural Dean Bambrick, Ven. Archdeacon Smith, and Rev. Messrs. Draper and Lockyer. A celebration of Holy Communion was held in St. George's Church, at 11 o'clock, at which the Rural Dean was the celebrant—assisted by Rev. W. G. Lockyer, and Rev. T. F. Draper the preacher. The members met for business at the rectory during the afternoon. The usual portion of Greek Testament was read and discussed, after which the Rural Dean officially informed the members of the Deanery that his resignation of the parish of St. John's, North Sydney, having been accepted by the Bishop, his work as Rural Dean would come to an end with the present meeting. The members present individually expressed their sorrow and regret, fully realizing the loss which they will sustain by Mr. Bambrick's removal; and a resolution embodying the sentiments of the deanery was unanimously carried and entered in the deanery records. We are anxious to know who will succeed him, but we are painfully conscious of the fact that he will be a different person in many respects—as such men as Rural Dean Bambrick represents never get a parish by answering an advertisement. We pray, however, that God will overrule it for good, and we shall be ready to extend a very hearty welcome to the loyal and earnest priest who may be elected. At evening-song the prayers were sung by the Rural Dean, the lessons read by Rev. Messrs. Draper and Lockyer, and a usual learned and helpful sermon on "Cross bearing in daily life," was delivered by the Rural Dean. The music at this service was very good indeed. The service was devotionally and heartily rendered by choir and congregation, and no thoughtful person could fail to be impressed with the many beauties of the Church's evensong. The next meeting—which will be called by the Archdeacon, for the purpose of electing a Rural Dean—will be held in the parish of St. Paul's, Port Morien, at an early date.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's Cathedral.—On Christmas day and again on Sunday, the cathedral was well filled with congregations who heartily entered into the festival services. The congregational singing was especially noticeable. The church had received floral adornment from the hands of ladies of the parish. The altar and sanctuary at the evening services were resplendent with light, clothed in white, with the brilliant star above, varied with choice flowers. The excellent singing of the choir in the anthems, carols, choral celebration, Te Deum, psalms and hymns, coupled with Mr. Gatward's untiring energy and fine playing at the organ, gave a sense of completeness to the entire festival.

More copies of the Bible are sold in Italy than of any other book.

QUEBEC.

WATERVILLE.—Through the church warden, Mr. C. N. Martin, the ever-kind congregation at Eustis presented their organist, Miss Burbridge, with a very pretty ring, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. King with a case of sterling silver spoons, accompanied by their best Christmas wishes. With the consent of the Bishop and the concurrence of the college authorities, Mr. Bishop, B.A., a divinity student in his final year, has kindly agreed to give Mr. King some temporary relief and help in the work of this mission.

St. John's Church was very appropriately decorated with evergreens, through the devoted efforts of a few willing workers.

MONTREAL.

Deanery of Clarendon, 1st Jan., 1895.—Archdeacon Naylor writes:—"To-day ought to be a squaring up day in many respects. I will make it one in this (letter), especially as I have a slight attack of La Grippe, and go not yet out." Passing—in Hebrew fashion—on to the end of this letter, and reading back, the Archdeacon continues:—"We are now in our nineteenth year in this place." It is a huge parish; from to day it becomes entirely self-supporting.

QUYON.—There is a bran new son at the Quyon Parsonage, and great rejoicings thereat, as is right and natural.

PORTAGE DU FORT.—The Plaisteds are well now, though one of the children had diphtheria a while ago.

BRISTOL.—The Incumbent, Mr. Dilworth, has had an attack of scarlet fever, and some of the family are still poorly with it.

SHAWVILLE (1st Jan.)—The New Year gathering is to be held in this parish to-night. Some of the singers are now here practising their pieces. Our choir has improved of late. They have some beautiful anthems for to night. They also went out to North Clarendon, last Thursday, for a concert for Mr. Flanagan. The past year has been busy. There have been 216 scholars in our Sunday-schools, 25 persons confirmed, and 240 communicants during the year. The Hodgins and Lyons are well. Old Mr. Elliott has been poorly. Two S. S. Teachers' Institutes, one at Hull and the other here, were very successful. Our flock at home is getting small, only three boys left. They were very happy over their Xmas presents. They have penetrated the mysteries of Santa Claus, but they are as happy as ever with plans for surprising one another, as well as father and mother. The three boys away managed to get together for Xmas. Harry, as you know, is just getting over typhoid. He is very anxious to go on with his (college) work, and we hope he will be careful, etc. Your correspondent quotes some personal allusions, for sufficient cause. It is cheering to hear a good account of influential families; and in Clarendon, the welfare of the Hodgins covers large ground; Mr. Elliott is the sire of two of our active clergy, and Dr. Lyon's name is a household word throughout the deanery.

The Rev. Canon Fulton, St. Vincent de Paul, who has been very ill for some time past, is now almost recovered, and will probably resume his duties next week. He attended service yesterday morning, but had the assistance of a young clergyman from a neighbouring parish. Last year the Canon suffered from a very severe attack of the grippe, and his present illness is the after effects.

ONTARIO.

NEWBORO.—St. Mary's Church has undergone a thorough overhauling during the past few months, which gives the interior of the old historical edifice a much more ecclesiastical appearance. The ancient pulpit, with its nine or ten steps, occupying such a prominent position and calculated to fill the most courageous preacher with awe and dread, has been relegated to the shades of the wood-shed. A temporary platform has been erected in its place to give the choir more room and better scope for their voices. A new Bell organ has recently been introduced, a very handsome instrument with an exceedingly sweet tone, while solid oaken seats complete the arrangements for the choir. The church was also thoroughly cleaned and calsoimined in preparation for the Christmas festival. On Christmas morning the new stained glass window was visible for the first time, and it is deserving of more than a passing notice. It is the gift of Miss Chaffy, of Winnipeg, in loving memory of her father and mother, at one time members of this parish. The central panel at once arrests the eye as a work of art which would be hard indeed to improve upon. It represents the Angel at the Tomb, with hands uplifted, while beneath are the words, "He is not

here; He is risen." Coming, as it does, from one of the best workshops of the world—Mayer, of Munich—it is an ornament to the church, the equal of which few parishes can boast of. Even the most critical eye fails to perceive any of those glaring inconsistencies in colour which stamp the work of the average artist. The colours are soft and blend harmoniously, while the face of the angel is a study and lesson in itself. The windows bear this inscription: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of John Chaffey (1820-78), and Mary Anne, his wife (1834-63)." The worshippers in St. Mary's Church are indeed fortunate in having such a beautiful addition to the decoration of their place of worship, and are loud in their praise of the workmanship, and in their thanks to the generous donor. The Christmas services in the parish were largely attended, the number of communicants being most encouraging. At Portland, in the afternoon, the rector was given an agreeable surprise, the members of Emmanuel Church presenting him with an address and a well-filled purse for the purpose of purchasing a cutter. On reaching Elgin for evening services still another surprise was in store for him in the shape of a valuable fur coat, which was presented, with an accompanying address, by the churchwarden on behalf of St. John's parishioners. May these tangible expressions of good-will prove but the prelude to a still deeper bond of union between rector and parishioners alike.

ROSLIN.—The hallowed festival of Christmas was again well observed in the parish of Roslin. The churches were tastefully decorated by willing hands with various kinds of evergreen. For the first time the Holy Communion was celebrated in the new Church of St. John the Evangelist on Christmas morning, and will be memorable in the history of this parish for the fact that not only did nearly every communicant receive that holy and life-giving Food, but several did so for the first time since their Confirmation of some years ago. The congregation which assembled in Christ Church, Thomasburgh, in the afternoon, was not so large as it might have been, but the musical portion of the service did credit to the faithful organist, Miss Graham. It was hoped that the fine large bell which Mrs. Suttle has decided to place in the tower of this church for God's service and in memory of her departed children, would have been in position in time for the festival, but such, however, was not the case, owing to unforeseen delay. In St. Paul's, Roslin, a large congregation assembled for Evensong. The offertories for the incumbent were, as last year, very substantial in the two latter churches.

BELLEVILLE.—The Bible Class presented the Rev. A. L. Green with a fine fancy brass table with onyx top, and an address, at his house, Moody Cottage. The reverend gentleman was very much surprised, and replied, thanking them most sincerely for their unexpected kindness.

KEMPTVILLE.—The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were bright and cheerful in the parish church, and also in the mission church of St. Paul, Marlboro. In the latter a hearty address to the rector, accompanied with a purse, was read by Mr. Plunkett, immediately after the offertory was made, in behalf of the congregation. A suitable reply was made by the rector. The Sunday after Christmas the Sunday-school went in procession at 3 p.m. to St. James' for their annual Christmas service. The Litany of the Incarnation being sung, the Our Father and the Creed said, the beautiful carols were well rendered by the children. Miss Chevers, who had trained the children, presided at the organ. The rector, Mr. Emery, made a few practical remarks between each carol. The annual tea festival was celebrated in the Parish Hall on the 1st of January. The hall was crowded by an audience which duly appreciated the twofold treat—sustaining bodily wants and the claims of the soul of music at the same time. The Ministering Children's League sent Christmas presents to their Convalescent Home hospital in Ottawa, and to the Shingwauk Home.

TORONTO.

St. Luke's.—The Christmas services of this church were bright and hearty, and the number of communicants at both 8 and 11.30 a.m. showed a considerable increase over last year. The decorations consist of the usual wreathing, with chancel screen bearing the scroll in silver letters on scarlet cloth, "Glory to God in the Highest." The pulpit bears the mottoes, "Unto us a Child is Born" and "Unto us a Son is Given," and the font, "One Lord, one Father, one Baptism." In the chancel window is a banner with the word "Emmanuel," and on either side the wall is panelled with a framework of Gothic pattern covered with hemlock wreaths. The choir was large and the "Te Deum," by Dyke, and an