with great pleasure, as a token of your good-will. While I live among you I shall be only too pleased to do anything that will promote your well-being, but if we should be separated, I pray that we may all meet in that Bright Future for which we are now preparing. Again I beg to thank you very much, and to wish you on behalf of myself and Mrs. Parker, many happy returns of the present festive season.

I am,
Yours, &c.,
LEWIS PARKER,
Supt. C. C. S. S.

Dartmouth, Dec. 28th, 1879.

MAITLAND—THE CHURCH GUARDIAN has of late been replete with notices of the visits of the Secretary of the B. H. M. The Clergy seem anxious to communicate, through its columns, to the Church of the Diocese, what he has been doing and saying in their various parishes. Allow us a few lines, only a few, to make known what he has been doing and saying here. We have had a visit from him in his official capacity, and during that visit he has been doing what he loves to do, hard work; he has been speaking what he is well able to speak, plain, logical, earnest, living, powerful words, words which go right home to the hearts of rich and poor, learned and ignorant with equal force, and which cannot fail to produce reflection, awaken interest, kindle zeal, and stimulate to a sense of the duty of giving to GOD. He came to us on Tuesday the 16th inst., and left us on the 22nd. During that time, although suffering from the effects of a severe cold contracted through exposure when visiting a neighboring parish, he travelled over thirty miles through the parish gave four addresses, not twenty minute addresses, most of them nearer two hours, preached three sermons, not fifteen minute sermons either; and celebrated the Holy Communion once. On every occasion his words were spoken in the presence of large audiences and fell upon attentive ears, nor can we doubt, while stimulating hearts already alive to their duty, they have aroused many hitherto coldly too cold and indifferent. Earnestly do we pray that his work here will, with GOD's blessing, bring forth fruit, and that this work will be seen in the amount of the contributions for the B. H. M. sent this year from this Parish.

ALBION MINES—*Christ Church.*—The Sunday School had a Christmas Tree and Magic Lantern treat on the evening of the 27th, (Holy Innocent's Day, falling on Sunday, not being available). How the tree bore all the fruit was a marvel, it certainly could never have given growth to it all, for nearly 60 received three presents apiece. When these were all distributed, the Magic Lantern, with natural history slides, and a few comicalities, caused great enjoyment to the little people, for which they are indebted to Mr. John Pringle, of Pictou, (not a Churchman), who kindly lent the lantern. A distribution of cakes and apples, and a verse of "God save the Queen" concluded a most enjoyable evening.

The old year was closed, and the new year opened, with Divine Service in the Church.

NEW GLASGOW.—On New Year's Day there was service with sermon in St. George's Chapel, which was well attended.

HALIFAX.—We have now between four and five hundred subscribers to our paper in the city and suburbs. Mr. Shaw has started on his New Brunswick tour, and we ask from the clergy a warmhearted welcome for him.

The Church of England Institute.—The announcement that Rev. A. J. Townsend was to lecture before the Church of England Institute, drew a crowded audience. His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia presided. The lecture dealt with the English church and its differences, and through it all ran the wholesome advice to pastor and people, "Mind your own business." It advised the washing of dirty linen at home, and all to look upon their church as their spiritual home; to scorn the carrying of tales or speaking abroad of the shortcomings of either the pastor or brethren, as one would scorn to repeat the peccadilloes of one's own secular household, If worshippers were really worshippers, they would not have time or opportunity to notice the manner in which the service was read, the cut of the pastor's gown, or the way in which their brethren acted. The lecture was couched in beautiful language, and many witty points were made.—*Herald.*

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CRAPAUD.—Responding to the summons of the fine sounding bell of St. John's church, a large congregation assembled in the beautifully decorated church to do honor to the birthday of the world's Redeemer. The walls were tastefully ornamented with graceful festoons of the fir and hemlock, together with appropriate Christmas texts and Christian emblems. Amongst the former may be mentioned "Emmanuel," and "God with us," in crimson letters on white ground, bordered with green—the initial letters illuminated in blue and gold. On each side of the entrance to the chancel were seen two large shields in blue and silver, and scarlet and gold, with the texts "Prince of Peace," and "King of Kings," in white letters, on, respectively, scarlet and blue ground. On the east window, among the festooning, a large star and cross in spruce, with "Bethlehem," and "Calvary," beneath them, with a beautifully illuminated monogram and emblem between, were conspicuous.

The becoming appearance of the church, the joyous singing of Christmas hymns and carols, the chanting of appropriate psalms, with the soul stirring Liturgy of the Church, made the service a most impressive one.

After the morning prayer, and after the offertory was presented by the Church Wardens, two young men came forward and presented the Rev. Mr, Johnston with a comfortable driving Coat and a very fine Sleigh Robe, and an Address from the parishoners. On the evening when Mr. Johnston replied to the Address, the church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Paul's.*—The service on Christmas morning was bright and cheerful. The offertory (for the poor) $66.

The examination of the Sunday School took place on Sunday the 28th Dec. The school-room was prettily decorated; the children answered well; and the singing by the little ones was very good. The examination was as follows: The Acts of the Apostles: Examiner, Mr. Hales; Advent and Christmas: Rector; The Prayer Book: Mr. Charles Palmer; The Catechism: Assistant. The Hon Edward Palmer, Chief Justice, put a few questions to the children, and expressed himself well pleased. Miss E. Palmer and Mr. Ernest Welch presided at the organ. The extent and accuracy of the knowledge displayed, showed careful teaching during the past year.

The Sunday scholars presented Miss E. Palmer with a silver locket chain and a pair of gold sleeve pins, in token of affection, and in gratitude for her kindness in training the children to sing. Very great improvement in the singing of the Sunday School is apparent to all.

St. Peter's.—During Advent the special services were:

Sundays.—Sermons on the four last things. Singing of the Hymn; Day of Wrath; O, Day of Mourning: After Evensong—kneeling.

Wednesday—Choral Evensong; Sermon and Litany of Four last things.

Thursday morning—Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.

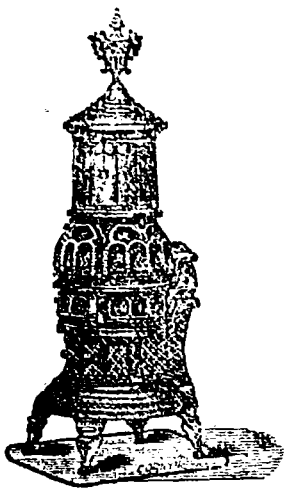
Friday—Evensong, partly choral, with meditation on some Advent subject.

The ordinary services are daily Mattins and Evensong. Celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m., and a second celebration on alternate Sundays at 11 a.m.

A special service for the Sunday School children in the Church every alternate Sunday, when they are publicly catechized by the Priest Incumbent.

The boy's school in connection with the Church has this year been filled. It is gaining for itself a name under the mastership of Rev. R. D. Bambrick, B.A. The Priest Incumbent spends a great part of his time in teaching in the School. There are at the present time five of the old boys going through the B. A. course at King's. After the distribution of prizes at School, on Friday the 19th, the school was adjourned till first Monday in January, 1880. The prize students were: 1st Division, Lemuel Sponagle; 2nd Division, George Brown and Arthur McNab; 3rd Division, Thos. Kickham.

Both at St. Peter's and at St. Paul's, loving hands have worked hard at the Xmas decorations, in honor of the Prince of Peace.



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