

## Canadian Church News.

## SYLLABUS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH.

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## NOVA SCOTIA.

**LUNENBERG.**—The Sunday-school teachers of this place, with praiseworthy zeal, got up a little bazaar, to raise a fund for a new Sunday-school library. The day proved wet, still they sold all they had; and their treasurer went home early in the evening, rejoicing over \$108 obtained for their laudable design, all expressing themselves ready to go to work at once for another Church object.

The beautiful church is decorated in a style we never witnessed here before. Its artistic effect would compare favorably, I doubt not, with many city churches.

## HURON.

**PALMERSTON.**—On the last Sunday in Advent the church in Palmerston was opened for divine service. They only, whose lot is cast in the bush, or among the clearings, far, far from their early home and the associations of the beloved home country, can have any idea of the joy that fills the heart when once again privileged to group unto the house of God, and hold communion with their brethren, as they were wont in early days in the old parish church in Britain. This was indeed a happy day for the members of the Church in Palmerston. We can well picture to ourselves the earnest desire, that had long been theirs, to have the church opened before the day of the Nativity. There were, on the day of opening, morning, afternoon, and evening services, and at each service the church was crowded. Sermons were preached at 10:30 A. M., by the Rev. Canon Innes of St. Paul's, London; at 2:30 P. M., by the Rev. E. E. Newman of Delaware; and at 6:30 P. M., by the preacher of the morning, the Rev. Canon Innes.

The cost of the building was \$2300; of this the greater part has been met by contributions, leaving a small debt on the church. The collections on the day of offering amounted to \$75.

**CHRISTMAS DAY IN LONDON.**—It was Christmas Day. Many were the worshippers in the churches, in mid-winter bright and cheerful with wreaths of evergreen, and stars, and crosses, and words of rich promise and happy fulfillment from sacred writ. Beneath the old roof-tree, or in the new home of the West, the family are met, as of yore, to be separated again, perhaps, till the next yule log burns brightly on the hearth. Hundreds of hearts and voices join in the anthem,

"Glory to God on high, on earth be peace,  
And love towards men of love—salvation and release."  
So has it been for ages throughout Christendom, and so has it been here, a day of holy joy, as it was in the days of our fathers.

All our churches were arrayed in their Christmas garlands. Old St. Paul's had wreaths of evergreens pendant from the galleries, twining around the pillars, trained curiously over font and pulpit, formed into stars, and the word "Immanuel" in bold characters over the Communion table. In old English letters, on the front of the gallery, was the text "He shall be called wonderful, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." The words were part of the anthem of the morning service; and the choir and organist sang and played as if with hearts and voices tuned with joy and love.

Christ church, the Memorial church, the Chapter House, St. James', and the schoolhouse of Petersville,—all fair daughters of old St. Paul's; and like her, bore the honors of the season from *fair singers*.

The offertory of St. Paul's was \$117. Of the others, large in proportion.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST—MASONIC CELEBRATION AT ST. PAUL'S.**—There was a special afternoon service at St. Paul's, on St. John's Day, this year the first Sunday after Christmas: the "Brethren of the Mystic Tie" kept the day of their Patron Saint, their several lodges, having met in their rooms, attending the service. The congregation was more than usually large, and the church and congregation presented a picturesque appearance,—the old church in its Christmas adornments of evergreens, the masons in their regalia, and the fairer members of the congregation, many of whom were present. There was choral service, quite an unusual thing in St. Paul's, and well suited to the occasion. The Rev. Canon Innes preached from the text "But the greatest of these is charity."

It has been well said: "To make others feel, you must first yourself feel." In this lies the secret of that day's sermon, as he preached of "Charity, the greatest of the Christian graces,—love to God, love to man." Love, he said, is of the very nature of God himself, and comes down "from heaven, therefore we pray in the collect 'Send thine Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts the most excellent gifts of charity.'"

The collection was for the Protestant Orphans' Home, and amounted to \$76.

**PRESENTATION.**—The choristers of St. James', Westminster, presented to Miss Burnton, the leader of the choir, a very handsome work-box. The presentation was in the church, on St. Stephen's Day. The Rev. E. Davis, at the request of Miss Burnton, replied in few and appropriate words to the very kind address accompanying the presentation. The offertory of that little mission church was thirty dollars on Christmas Day.

**SOIREE OF PETERSVILLE MISSION.**—The twelve days of Christmas, observed in the olden time as a season of festivals and presentations, are even now distinguished by the meeting of friends and the presentation of gifts; and the season seems to be set apart for those happy Sunday-school parties so cherished by old and young. One of those very pleasant parties was the soiree of the Petersville Mission, in the school-house, on Dec. 28th. The ladies, to whom all praise is due for their indefatigable exertions, had made every preparation to have the evening a very pleasant one; and they were successful, notwithstanding the darkness of the night and bad condition of the roads—so unlike the bright cheery weather and smooth hard paths at the merry Christmas time. The organist of St. Paul's (Mrs. Raymond) and members of the choir added greatly to the pleasures of the evening; and the music, both playing and singing, were

highly appreciated. There were at intervals readings, addresses, and the usual accompaniments of tea and coffee, with confectionery, sandwich, and fruit.

On the following day the Christmas tree in the school-house was laden with fruit, such as is brought by Santa Claus, and most highly esteemed by the young folks. The evergreen boughs bore a present for every scholar of the Sunday-school, nor was the Superintendent wholly forgotten. But the richest of the fruits was destined for the minister of the Mission. A neat little box, directed to the Rev. Evans Davis, when opened by him, was found to contain a present of fifty dollars, a token of the affection and esteem of the congregation.

Thirty-six young persons were confirmed by the Bishop of Algoma in Christ church, Meaford, on Saturday, the 16th inst.

## ONTARIO.

**ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY-SCHOOLS, LONDON.**—The teachers, with a few of the scholars, of St. Paul's Sunday-schools, spent a very happy evening at St. Paul's Rectory, on the Wednesday preceding the entrance of the new year. An address, accompanied by a handsome plated tea service, was presented to the Superintendent, George F. Jewell, Esq., by the teachers and scholars of the schools. Mr. Jewell made an appropriate reply. The rector, the Rev. Canon Innes, the Rev. J. Gernley, and Mr. J. Dyus, made a few appropriate remarks; and after a very pleasant evening, the party separated.

## TORONTO.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Rural Deanery of Durham was held in Port Hope on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, and Divine service solemnized in St. John's church, at 7 o'clock. The Rev. R. H. Harris of Omemee was the preacher. The following clergy were also present during the session: The Rev. Messrs. the Rural Dean, T. W. Allen, M.A., F. A. O'Meara, LL.D., C. W. Paterson, B.C.L., W. E. Cooper, M.A., and H. Burges, Secretary. The next quarterly meeting was arranged to be held in St. Mark's church, Port Hope, after Easter.

The Sunday-school children of St. John's church, Peterboro, were regaled with their annual festival in the Sunday-school room of the church on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 14th, when, after substantial refreshments at 5 P. M., addresses were delivered and dialogues recited, interspersed with music and singing, to the pleasure of all concerned.

The regular missionary meeting of Christ church, Bloomfield, Cavan, was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 14th, the rector, the Rev. T. W. Allen, in the chair. A large attendance was gathered on the occasion, and interesting and pertinent addresses were delivered by the rector, and the Rev. Messrs. Paterson, Harris, and Burges. The Parish of Cavan, from the amount of its contributions (the largest in the Deanery, and standing among the first in the Diocese,) shows a laudable interest in the mission cause worthy of emulation.

**CHRIST CHURCH, OMEMEE.**—This new and beautiful edifice was first opened for the service of Almighty God, on Sunday, Jan. 5, 1875, by Rural Dean Allen, and the incumbent, the Rev. R. H. Harris, assisted by their brethren, the neighboring clergy. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Rural Dean Allen. The discourse was an able one, and most appropriate to the solemn and interesting occasion. The services were greatly enhanced by the kind offices of St. Paul's (Lindsay) choir.

The building is of the "Early English village order" of Gothic architecture, with tower at the side, and deep chancel, containing the choir &c., and is capable of seating some 250 persons within the nave. The stained glass windows of the chancel end are the gift of the Sunday-school children; and those at the sides, two in number, commemorate the labors of the late incumbent, the Rev. William Henry Jones, and the worshippers of the old "First church." The circular west window at the end of the nave, is very chaste and beautiful in colors and design; and the double lancets which light the building are glazed in lead (of ground glass), with ribbons of various colors. The cost of the building, complete and finished, will be about \$3,000.

After divine service, a tea-meeting (well attended also) was held in the town hall, and a concert given in the evening to a crowded house. The musical talent was aided on this occasion by the Messrs. Walters, Mrs. and Miss Roberts, Miss Cottingham, and the Misses Maclagen of Lindsay.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.**—The annual Sunday-school Christmas festival and distribution of prizes, took place in the Temperance Hall on the 6th inst., being the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany. The hall was filled with the scholars and their parents, and other members of the congregation. The chair was occupied by the Rev. W. S. Darling, assistant rector. After grace was said, an abundance of tea and cakes was handed by the teachers among the children and the visitors. Complimentary tickets having been sent to the clergy and superintendents of the other Church Sunday-schools in the city, letters of apology from the venerable Archdeacon Fuller, the Rev. Septimus Jones, and the Rev. R. Harrison, were read by the Secretary.

During the evening some interesting statistics relating to the school were mentioned by the Superintendent. Amongst others, it was stated that the maintenance and education of an Indian child at the Shingwauk Industrial Home, Sault Ste. Marie, is provided by the scholars of this Sunday-school. Miss Blackburn, the organist of the school, presided at the pianoforte. The singing of the Doxology, "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow," closed the very interesting and successful proceedings of the evening.

## MIDLAND DISTRICT NOTES.

**HALIBURTON.**—A series of successful missionary meetings were held in the Rural Deanery of Haliburton during the early part of December, at the several places in the following order: Kilmount, Iceland and English; St. Paul's, Minden; Church of the Ascension, W. Dysart; St. George's, Haliburton; Buckhorn Mission; St. James; Galway; and Silver Lake; in which the Rev. Dr. Smithett and the Rev. Messrs. Jupp, Burt, and Walker took part.

**BOBOYGEON.**—A concert for the church at Boboygeon was held in the new Town Hall on Wednesday, 30th ult., which was well attended, and the musical performance proved a decided success. The annual Christmas tree was also displayed with gifts for the school children, in the Orange Hall, on Thursday evening; when, after singing by the Sunday-school, a large number of useful and fancy presents were distributed.

**LINDSAY.**—St. Paul's church is very handsomely ornamented this Christmas with evergreen and texts in illuminated and other letters. The effect is very pleasing, and

the ornamentation is very creditable to the talent and skill of the gentlemen and ladies who contributed their services. The annual Sunday-school festival was held subsequently in Bell's Music Hall, His Honor Judge Deane in the chair. Music and carols by the Sunday-school children and the choir. Addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Smithett, S. Casey Wood, M.P.P., and A. D. Hudspeth, Esq., Deputy Judge, after which a large number of gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree.

**CANNINGTON.**—One of the grandest gatherings ever seen in this part of the country, was held in All Saints' church, on Monday evening, Dec. 28th, to witness the children's annual Sunday-school festival, and to partake of the bounty and good cheer of old Santa Claus. About £100 were scattered among the congregation on the occasion, from a forest child some twenty feet in height, and almost filling the chancel space between the desk and pulpit, and radiant with light and brightness. Appropriate dialogues and addresses, interspersed with music suited to the occasion, enlivened the evening's proceedings, and the set address was delivered by the Rev. Rural Dean Smithett, D.D., of Lindsay. The prospects of this parish are most encouraging, if the test of attendance is a good one with reference to the above event. The Rev. Mr. Taylor's ministry here is an unmistakable success.

London, Eng., Dec. 18, 1874.

The announcement that the Bishop of Natal would preach in St. James' chapel, Piccadilly, on Sunday, drew large numbers of people to hear him, notwithstanding the very inclement weather. But the Rev. Stopford Brooke, who usually fills the pulpit in that chapel, was obliged to disappoint the congregation, he having received, the night before, too late to insert any contradiction into the papers, a letter from the Bishop of London, stating that he had seen the advertisement announcing that Dr. Colenso would preach instead of Mr. Brooke, and hoped that the matter would be quietly given up, as otherwise his lordship would be obliged to direct his secretary to prepare an inhibition, to prevent the Bishop of Natal from preaching on the occasion. The Rev. S. Brooke had very properly submitted to authority, but the disappointment of the congregation was great. The Bishop of London is said to have expressed the strongest sympathy with the efforts which Dr. Colenso has made to bring about justice in the colony over which he is Bishop. On Christmas Day the Bishop of Natal will leave England on his homeward journey.

**A TRAVELLER'S NOTE.**—It may not be irrelevant, indeed it may prove beneficial to all of our readers, to have just one word on the matter of route from all towns on the East Atlantic shores and Halifax, through St. John, N. B., and on to New York; and yet westward to Ohio, the Falls of Niagara, or to the base of the Rocky Mountains. Passing by Bangor, Portland, and Boston, and touching at New York, a question is propounded as to how further to proceed? The answer is

## VIA THE "NEW YORK AND ERAE RAILWAY."

For two kinds of scenery,—distant and subdued, proximate and bold,—this route cannot be surpassed on the Continent of America. It is short, expeditious, cheap, and safe. Any other course will take you two sides of a triangle, this only one. A midnight exchange of cars, attended with great discomfort, and at a cost of two extra dollars, can be realized by adopting the New York Central route; while the writer, during *five-and-thirty* journeys over the New York and Erie, within the last few years, never met with a misadventure by detention, accident, or incivility. As for the coaches, there is no misnomer in styling them

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