

completion of the new church. It is a lamentable fact that while there is here a suitable church on the verge of completion, it is not yet ready for occupancy. There is a prospect, however, of the remainder of the work being let by contract. Our correspondent is glad to report that a most successful box social, in aid of the building fund, was lately held at which the net proceeds amounted to \$34. The Incumbent is also pleased to announce that he has the promise of an altar cloth from England. The Home Mission Fund collectors have been working hard lately, and, as the result of their labors, the Incumbent has had the pleasure of placing \$60, the full amount asked for, in the hands of the Secretary of the Synod.

KILLARNEY.—The Rev. Rural Dean Matheson, of Souris, lately made the appeal for Home Missions here. He spoke of the need for the opening of several new missions, and the dividing of some of the larger ones. The portion asked for from the people of Holy Trinity Church, Killarney, is \$70; and, it is hoped, that when the collectors go round the parish, our people will respond heartily. "Freely we have received; let us freely give."

The Sunday school children have given a great deal of time and trouble to the preparations for the Christmas Tree entertainment. A sacred cantata, entitled "The Messiah," was rendered in a very pleasing and enjoyable way by the young folks, among whom there is no lack of decided talent. Our school is still in a flourishing condition. It would be well if more of our older members would take advantage of the Bible class, which is now under the able management of Mrs. Binns.

Our services on Christmas day were very well attended, and all felt that they had met together to render praise and thanks to Almighty God for sending His Dear Son into the world, as at this time, to become our Saviour and our example. We regard Christmas as a time of rejoicing and giving of gifts; but, we are liable sometimes to forget the real cause for joy, and upon Whose birthday it is that we present gifts to one another. May we all render "Glory to God in the Highest," and endeavor to have "peace and goodwill" among ourselves!

HARTNEY.—For the last five years Thanksgiving Day has been looked upon as the day for the special display of the zeal of St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid. From 2 to 5 p. m. on that day the ladies presided at the tables, on which were laid out in tempting array the beautiful things, the making of which has occupied their time for many months. At 5 p. m. they turned their attention to providing for the physical wants of the large crowd that had gathered, and for more than two hours were kept busy ministering to the needs of the about 250 people, who did ample justice to the bountiful repast. The tables were then cleared away, and the hall arranged for the concert. The following programme was then rendered: Instrumental duets (violin and auto-harp) by Dr. Woodhull and Mr. F. Simpson; songs, by Mrs. Williams, Mr. F. W. Hopkins, Mr. J. W. Hunter, Mr.

Winters, Mr. J. O. Brown; piano duets by Mrs. and Miss Hallen, and a trio by Messrs. Hopkins, Brown, and Hunter. Mr. F. H. Winberley, lay reader in charge of the parish, was in the chair, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the Queen." The ladies are to be congratulated on the result, as the total receipts amounted to \$170. A part of this sum will go towards re-seating the church. It may be mentioned that already this year the ladies have spent a large sum on painting the church, inside and out, kalsomining, etc., and in providing handsome new dossal curtains.

RAT PORTAGE.—The annual sale of work by the members of the Ladies' Aid and Guild of St. Agnes was held in the new opera house on the evening of November 23rd. The large building was comfortably filled during the greater part of the evening, over 300 people partaking of the excellent supper provided.

Some time ago the ladies of the congregation inaugurated a movement looking towards the erection of a suitable rectory on the church property. As a result of their efforts a fine brick building has been recently completed, into which the Rev. Mr. Page and family moved this month.

The Christmas season was opened on Tuesday, the 21st by the holding of the Sunday school festival. About 250 very noisy, but very happy, children gathered in the basement of the church and individually interviewed Santa Claus for just so long a time as it took that aged gentleman to hand down the expected present and make a few original remarks.

During the autumn a mission school was opened in the southwest portion of the town, where about thirty children are being taught by the Misses Chadwick and Fernier. On Thursday they also had a Christmas tree, which they appeared to enjoy very much.

Two services were held on Christmas day, one at 8.30 and one at 11 a. m. At the latter a choir of twenty-five voices produced quite the best music we have ever heard. The anthems, "Praise Ye the Father" (Gounod), and Caleb Simper's "We Have Seen His Star in the East,"

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