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Sir John Goss, "Behold! I bring you glad tidings;" were sang with a very large amount of musical talent, evincing the thorough and excellent training by the organist and choir master, Mr. C. H. Edmonds. The sermon was, of course, appropriate to the occasion although, from a not very obvious Christmas text, "Art thou he that should come?" A liberal offering was presented to the clergyman and since, but *sadly too few*, remained, after the prayer for the church militant, to render obedience to the dying command of Him who, as on that day, "come into the world to save sinners."

In the evening, through the darkness, might be seen lanterns, in all directions, moving towards the commodious Orange Hall, where was the annual Christmas tree. Children, teachers, parents, and others filled up the building. The Rev. Dr. Hodgkin commenced by expressing his great happiness in meeting them at that time, and at the unprecedented prosperity of the Sunday-school; and after a few remarks, left the meeting in the hands of Mr. N. Clarke Wallace, the indefatigable superintendent. Every thing went on with delightful harmony, and, while two children were engaged, the one in accompanying on a fife, and his sister in singing a song about "Santa Claus," in the chorus of which the infant class joined with hearty voices, the old Christmas-box-man himself, made his appearance, admirably got up for the occasion, and proceeded to distribute the gifts which laded down the "Tree." All were in high glee, and, when the meeting closed, there was but the one feeling, that it was the most enjoyable Christmas Day ever spent in Woodbridge. It was gratifying to learn, from Mr. Wallace's statement, that the average attendance during the year was between 95 and 96, and that 26 of the scholars had been present every Sunday.

PETERBORO.—On Friday evening the 4th inst., the annual Sunday School festival was held in St. John's Church. The Rector, Rev. J. W. Beck said Evening Prayer, the school-children singing some hearty Christmas carols. An adjournment then took place to the school house which was crowded to its utmost extent, and which presented an appearance most attractive to the scholars, three large Christmas-trees, well laden with fruit of more than usual excellence, having been erected therein.

The Rev. Vincent Clementi addressed the assemblage on the importance of Sunday Schools as nurseries of the church, and the trees were then divested of their fruit, each child receiving one, and, in many instances, too, appropriate presents: offerings were also made to Mr. Beck and to several teachers. The Rector brought the proceedings to a conclusion with a few remarks on the passing season, and so ended a very agreeable, and, it is hoped, not unprofitable evening.

There were about 150 children present with their numerous teachers, including the efficient lay-manager, and other members of the congregation.

TORONTO.—*Holy Trinity Christmas Festival.*—On Thursday evening, January 3rd, the annual Christmas Festival and distribution of prizes to the scholars of the Sunday School of the church of the Holy Trinity took place in the Agricultural Hall, which was filled with the children, their parents, and friends. The Christmas tree, which was kindly sent by Dr. L. W. Smith, from Summerhill, was abundantly laden with books, toys, and candies, which were distributed to the children of the infant classes. The prizes, which were of a more than ordinarily handsome character, consisting of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books, and Story Books, were presented by the Rev. John Pearson, Rector—Assistant. The proceedings were diversified by songs, carols, readings, and recitations, which were very favourably received by the audience, especially the youngsters. An interesting feature of the entertainment was the exhibition of a large model of the Shingwauk Home for Indian children at Sault Ste. Marie, one of the inmates of which is maintained by the scholars of Holy Trinity School. This model is very cleverly executed, and is the work of the Indian boys, under the direction of Rev. E. F. Wilson, the Principal of the Shingwauk Home. The model, we understand, can be obtained for

exhibition at any other school on application to the clergy of Holy Trinity church. The pleasure of the occasion was greatly damped by the sudden decease, on the previous evening, of Miss Frances Ludlow Harison, who had formerly been a teacher in the School. Had it been possible, a postponement of the Festival would have been arranged, but this was found impracticable. The programme was therefore carried out, although to many it was sadly out of keeping with the feelings uppermost in their minds, of regret for the deceased lady and sympathy with her mother and other relatives.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SYNOD OFFICE.—Receipts during the month of December, 1877. MISSION FUND—*Offertory Collections*: Port Colborne, \$1; Marshville, 75c; Milton, \$6.13. *Thanksgiving Collections*: St. Catharines, Christ Church, \$16; Burlington, 5.30; Hamilton, All Saints, 10.50; Waterdown, 3.00; Thorold, 18.77; Port Robinson, 2.23; Palmerston, 3.00; Caledonia, 8.18; York, 6.52; Cayuga, 15.45; Harriston, 4.75; Clifford, 2.57; Drew, 2.13; Welland, 1.21; Fonthill, 70c; Louth and Port Dalhousie, 3.06; Port Colborne, 2.40; Marshville, 67c; Clifton, 3.50; West Flamboro, 1.50; Oakville, 22.06; Stamford, 3.60; Drummondville, 5.07; Omagh, 4.35; Palermo, 1.30; Milton, 4.83; Niagara, 19.77; Acton, Rockwood, and Eramosa, 2.06. *Parochial Collections*: Hamilton, St. Mark's, 20.00; Omagh, 10.50; Palermo, 18.50. *On Guarantee Account*: Palermo, \$25.00; Marshville, 50; Nassagaweya, 90 00; Lowville, 80.00; Georgetown, 150.00; Grantham, 62.50. Caledonia, 108.34. ALGOMA MISSIONS—*Intercessory Collections*: Burlington, \$4.20; Hamilton, All Saints, 16.50; Barton, 4.70; Glanford, 1.30; Barton East, 1.20; Thorold, 3.82; Port Robinson, 4.33; Stoney Creek, 2.07; Woodburn, 1.50; Saltfleet, 1.13; Dundas, 4.00; Palmerston, 5.50; Erin, 2.03; Hillsburg, 1.89; Reading, 79c; Orangeville, 1.00; Cayuga, 6.50; Hamilton, Christ Church, 30.00; Welland, 3.48; Fergus, 3.18; Harriston, 4.12; Clifford, 1.52; Louth and Port Dalhousie, 2.03; Port Colborne, 1.30; Marshville, 68c; West Flamboro, 1.00; Oakville, 2.00; Drummondville, 4.34; Jarvis, 3.26; Dunnville and Port Maitland, 2.70; Niagara, 9.68; Acton, Rockwood, and Eramosa, 3.00. WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND—*Offertory Collections*: Port Dalhousie, \$7.98; Jordan, 2.03; Port Colborne, 3.60; Marshville, 1.60; Oakville, 11.07; Milton, 7.42; Woodburn, 3.85; Saltfleet, 1.40; Stoney Creek, 5.00. EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—Saltfleet, \$17.00.

DUNNVILLE.—A private correspondent writes, Jan. 1, to a Church friend: "We had a very bright, and at the same time, solemn midnight service. The church was crammed to suffocation, gallery full and people standing in the aisles. We had the shortened form of evening service, to end of Third Collect. Then hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying;" then addresses, by the Rev. W. P. Smith, on "Psalm xc 12." Then the Litany was most impressively sung. The silent prayer, all kneeling, was deeply solemn and impressive, and when we arose from this act it was New Year. After this the earnest pastor greeted his congregation with "A Happy New Year." Then another hymn, prayer and benediction." The writer adds: "All were delighted with this brief but effective service. Many said one to another that the hour was good and pleasant, and profitable to their souls. They had heard powerful words, and they had prayed God to enable them to think of the past with sorrow for their sins, and that grace may be given them in the new year to enable them to lead a more godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of His Name. We all felt that God was in our midst, and that His Spirit was being outpoured upon thirsty souls. I, indeed, shall not soon forget the earnest sympathizing attention of all, as the earnest pastor tried to enforce some of the lessons of the season. I believe that nearly all prayed in the few dying moments of the old year, devoted to a short space for silent intercession." LAUS DEO. The amount at Christmas offertory was \$37.91. Gifts in kind were numerous during the week before and after.

BARTON AND GLANFORD.—The parsonage of this mission was crowded with friends from the four churches on New Year's Eve. They remained until half-past twelve, having sung "Days and moments quickly flying;" and after an address from the incumbent, the benediction was pronounced. Gifts, as usual, were numerous and most generous.

ELORA.—The Rev. H. L. Yewens, of Mount Forest, having been appointed to this parish, left vacant by Mr. Thomson's removal to Hamilton, Rural Dean Osler inducted him on Epiphany Sunday. Probably Mr. Yewens will be appointed also to fill the position of Rural Dean. He is a gentleman of excellent ability and very zealous in the cause of Christ's Church.

HAMILTON.—The opening of two churches in this district on the same day is an event worth noticing. The first was Holy Trinity, a new edifice recently erected a short distance from the city, in the township of Barton, in the mountain, and in Rural Dean Bull's Parish. The church is a credit to the liberality of the Churchmen of the neighborhood, and shows what can be done by united effort. The consecration took place on the 6th, and the attendance was large.

St. Mark's Church was also opened—not consecrated—on the same day, the Rev. Mr. Harrison, of Toronto, officiating as preacher morning and evening, and the Rev. H. F. Darnell, of London, in the afternoon. The church has been erected by subscription, chiefly from the members who left All Saints'. Services are to be held every evening but Saturday, this week, the preachers being the Rev. H. Holland, St. Catharines; Rev. W. Curran, St. Thomas' Church; Rev. C. E. Thomson, All Saints, Hamilton; and Rev. G. Bull, Barton. The service at St. Mark's are full choral, the members of the choir appear in surplices worn over cassocks. Choral service is occasionally given at the Cathedral. A surpliced choir was adopted some time ago, and on New Year's Eve there was full choral service.

The continued illness of Canon Hebden necessitates the appointment of an assistant, but nothing of a permanent nature has been done yet.

JARVIS.—On New Year's eve a very handsome set of mink furs was presented to Mrs. Francis by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, in this village, as a slight token of their esteem. The offertory on Christmas Day was one of the largest ever taken up on such an occasion, and the presents in kind were quite numerous, including fifteen head of poultry, two hundred weight of flour, butter, fruit, &c.

MILTON.—On the 23rd ult., a few of Rev. W. J. Mackenzie's Milton and Hornby parishioners waited upon him at his residence, and presented him with a horse and the following address: Milton, Dec. 23rd 1877. *Rev. and Dear Sir.*—Your parishioners of St. Stephen's Church, Hornby, and Grace Church, Milton, wishing to evince their appreciation of your services amongst them as pastor for the past two years; have deputed us to present you with a horse, which they trust you may long be spared to make use of in your ministrations. Wishing you and your family a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." We remain sincerely yours, (Signed) Theodore Brain, F. J. Jones, Wm. Pantton, Church Wardens. Mr. Mackenzie replied in suitable terms, thanking the gentlemen who presented the gift, and every one of the parishioners who had contributed to its purchase. He said it was the biggest Christmas gift he ever remembered to have received.

GUELPH.—*Midnight Service.*—Miss Geddes played the "Dead March," in her usual exquisite manner, at the commencement of the service. This was followed by Hymn 328—"A few more years shall roll." Then an impressive address on the teachings of last year, and an appropriate prayer. This was followed by the special hymn for New Year's eve, 88—"Days and moments quickly flying." Then there was a call to silent prayer, the Canon urging all present to lay, like Hezekiah of old—his trouble before the Lord, his besetting sin, his secret sorrow, the cross he was called to bear,