

church, and presented her with the sum of \$11, together with an address expressive of the obligations they were under for the kind and efficient services, as organist, rendered by her to the congregation of Holy Trinity Church during the year then closing; and likewise for the active interest and untiring energy she so kindly manifested in getting up and participating in those musical entertainments by means of which the church had been furnished with the valuable instrument now possessed; and, on behalf of the congregation, asking acceptance of the gift, with best wishes for a right Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DOUGLAS AND BRIGHT.—The rector, the Rev. W. LeB. McKeil, was presented with a handsome fur coat on Christmas morning by the members of the Sewing Circle and a few other friends in Douglas and Fredericton. The gift was accompanied by a highly complimentary affectionate address, in which reference was made to the hard work devolving upon the rector, who, in his reply, after thanking the givers for this token of their good will, appreciation of his services and kindly solicitude for his comfort added: you refer to my work "trusting that it may not always be as hard as at present." True it is not desirable for one clergyman to have the care of four parishes, nor for one man to try to do the work of two men, therefore, we hope that the Mission Board will soon see its way clear to relieve me of the care of Queensbury and Southampton. Not that my work may be less hard, for that I do not desire, but that it may be more concentrated and effectual in the parishes of which I am rector.

PARISH OF BURTON.—A most successful Christmas sale and tea was held at the Rectory, Oromocto, on the evening of the 17th Dec., for the purpose of paying off a debt of twenty dollars seventy cents, due for the late repairs and improvements in the rectory. Thanks to the active interest displayed by several of the parishioners the sum of thirty dollars was realized, which not only completes the required sum, but also enables the Rector to supply the Sunday-school with books, which are greatly needed.

Contributions for the following objects will be thankfully received and acknowledged in the CHURCH GUARDIAN, by the rector, the Rev. W. Greor: Organ for St. John's Church, Oromocto; Chancel carpet for St. John's Church; Font for St. Paul's Church, Burton; for repairing East window in St. Paul's Church, Burton; for Parish endowment fund. Thanks are due to John Sears, Esq., of St. John, N.B., for the sum of ten dollars, received for the endowment fund, and also to Frederick Wiggins, Esq., of London, Eng., for twenty dollars toward the same fund.

MISSION OF RESTIGOUCHE.—The Rev. E. P. Flewelling, who has been in charge of this large mission for some four years past, left for his new field of labor in Brandon, Diocese of Rupert's Land, on 29th inst. He had during the time he laboured in the mission been unsparing in his work for the good of the Church, and had hosts of friends amongst the members of other Christian bodies. The feeling of regret at his departure was widespread, before leaving Dalhousie he was the recipient of an address signed by people of all denominations. Quite a number gathered at the station to bid him farewell. At Campbellton, he was met by a deputation and presented with an address and purse. The rev. gentleman was deeply affected by the general exhibition of deep seated respect and affection, and is followed to his new home by the prayers of many warm friends.

THE METROPOLITAN.—The 81st anniversary of the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Can-

ada, was celebrated at Bishopscote, Wednesday evening, 23rd ult., when his Lordship appeared us vigorous as at any time during the past quarter of a century. Age does not at all seem to have impaired his intellect, nor has it lessened his ardor in the good work to which he has so long devoted himself.—*Fredericton News.*

MONCTON.—The decorations at St. George's Church on Christmas were extensive, and the effect fine. The reredos, extending the width of the chancel, is divided into three panels; the centre red with white cross; the outside panels both white ground, that on the right being filled with the letters I. H. S., and that on the left with the Greek monogram Chi-Rho; over the chancel window is a scroll, red ground, green lettering and edging, the words being, "Christ is born in Bethlehem. At the entrance of the chancel is a temporary rood screen, consisting of six small arches and a larger central arch surmounted by a cross; on the lower portion of the screen is the text, "Emmanuel, God with us"; the chancel arch bears the text, on white letters on red, "Who for our salvation came down from heaven." The altar was vested in white, and on the retable above the altar were two vases containing handsome bouquets of cut flowers. The font looked well with a temporary cover of spruce, partly frosted over, and red berries, the whole surmounted by a cross. On either side and under the west window was the scroll, "For unto you is born this day a Saviour." The decorations were the design of Mr. Rankin, and reflected credit on the taste and skill of that gentleman and those who assisted him in execution.

The services of the day were Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and a regular service at 10 a.m. A larger number partook of the Holy Communion than on any previous Christmas, a fact which must have been highly gratifying to the earnest and painstaking Rector of St. George's. Rev. Mr. Hoadley preached an appropriate sermon from the text, Isaiah 9 : 6.

PAINSEC.—The Rev. A. J. Reid held an evening service at the school-room near Pains Junction. The school-room was very prettily decorated—spruce with red berries. The room was full to overflowing, and the service was very hearty, the singing of the Christmas hymns being markedly so. Mr. Reid preached an appropriate sermon on the Angel's message to the Shepherds: St. Luke ii. : 2. This mission, which was opened last June, is, through the earnest, persevering work of the Rev. Mr. Reid, in a flourishing condition and promises well to become an important mission station in the Parish of Moncton. The people, we are glad to hear, expect before another Christmas to have a consecrated church, in which to keep the festival of our Lord's Nativity.—*Times.*

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

BEDFORD.—The Festival of the Nativity was duly observed in this parish by bright and hearty services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The annual treat for the Sunday-school children was held in the Town Hall, on the afternoon of the 24th, and was, as usual, highly appreciated by the recipients of the many pretty and useful gifts which adorned the richly laden Christmas Tree. A novelty in the programme was the presentation of a purse of \$30 to the Rector's daughter, (Miss Minnie Nye), in acknowledgement of her services as organist of St. James' Church.

The Freemasons of Bedford and vicinity celebrated the Feast of St. John the Evangelist by attending divine service at St. James' Church, and listening to a sermon by the Rev. Rural Dean Nye, Grand Junior Warden and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

RIVER DESERT.—*Christmas Day.*—Though thirty miles from a Church, (Pickanock in Aylwin Mission, being nearest), the Church's Holy

Day of our Saviour's nativity was yet remembered, and the little boy school made to serve as a church for the time being. Nor was it wholly nunchurch-like in appearance, being decked with texts and evergreens, and having a temporary altar, and a helpful organ kindly lent by Mrs. Moar, a parishioner. The Morning service was Matins and Holy Communion; one of the recipients being a former member of a Montreal Church, who for ten years had been without receiving. At 7 p.m. Evening service and sermon followed by a kind of Service of song, simple but enjoyable: St. Luke's account of the Annunciation, Nativity and the Shepherd's, with the Christmas hymns: "While Shepherds," "Hark, the Herald Angels," "O come all ye faithful," &c., &c., interspersed at the right places and sung variously as solos, quartette and chorus. The Sunday-school prizes were then distributed by the Missionary, Rev. H. Plaisted, and Christmas carols followed with one or two Church songs, the evening ending with a little Christmas Tree. This is the second Christmas of this new and northerly Mission, first opened in Aug. 1885.

Will any kind friends give us a small organ or harmonium? We should be grateful for even a second or third hand one—provided only it be sound itself and productive of sound for others.

AYLWIN.—The Christmas services were, as usual, attended by crowded congregations, the offertory collections being larger than ever before. The new St. James' Church, at Pickanock, which was first opened for divine service on Christmas Day, 1884, was made more bright and churchlike, by the addition of a beautiful chancel carpet, aisle matting and handsome chancel chair. These good things were all provided by Mrs. Ellard, one of the most indefatigable workers in the Mission, who has also secured the gift of a carved marble font, and money for the purchase of altar railing. The annual Children's service was held in St. John's Church, Aylwin, on Holy Innocent's Day. Four of the Sunday-schools were well represented, some of the scholars driving many miles in order to be present. The service, choral throughout, was the one compiled by H. D. Newnham and published with the approval of the Archbishops, the Gregorian chants being used. The lesson was read by the Parish Lay Reader, Mr. G. A. Smith; the incumbent catechised the children, and Rev. H. Plaisted addressed them on the Church's festivals, and especially on the lessons of Holy Innocent's Day. Prizes and presents were given to every child present.

The special form of service put forth by the Bishop for chanted work seems to exactly fill its purpose, and so far has been heartily joined in wherever used. Even dissenters seem to like to have a distinctive part in the service. The Presbyterians celebrated Christmas Day with a secular concert in the meeting house, concluding with a Christmas Tree. Does this show a "levelling up" tendency?

CLARENCEVILLE.—The Christmas Eve services in St. George's Church here, were largely attended and the music unusually fine. On the evening of the 27th, a grand concert was given in the hall of the academy, in aid of St. George and St. Thomas Churches, through the kindness of members of the Glee Club, formed amongst the employees of Hodgson Sumner & Co., of Montreal, assisted by Mr. J. N. A. Beaudry, the popular tenor soloist. The hall was crowded. The entertainment consisted of piano solos, bass and tenor solos, songs and choruses, quartettes, numerous readings, &c., arranged to please all present, and very creditably rendered. At the conclusion a cordial vote of thanks was given to the gentlemen for their kindness on motion of the Rev. A. A. Allen, rector, supported by Lieut. Col. Rowe and Major Pattison.

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