

Eganville.—A few years ago the neglect of the observance of the Christmas Festival in this neighbourhood was something remarkable. A small congregation and a dozen communicants on Christmas Day four years ago, as compared with forty-four communicants and a congregation of one hundred and seventeen this Christmas, may be taken as an indication that truer principles are beginning to prevail. Much, very much, yet remains to be done, and in the effort to do it encouraging signs like the above are very helpful.

## TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

St. Peter's church has been fitted up with electric lights, the gift of a prominent member of the congregation.

Trinity Alumni.—The following is the completed programme for the Reunion of the Divinity Alumni of Trinity University, to be held from Jan. 10th to 13th:

Monday, Jan. 10th—6 p.m., Evening Prayer.

Tuesday, Jan. 11th—7.45 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., quiet hours, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia; 2.30 p.m., general business; 3.30 p.m., "How to Encourage Theological Study." Rev. H. Symonds, Rev. H. M. Little, Rev. C. W. Hedley; 6 p.m., Evening Prayer; 8 p.m., public missionary meeting. Bishop of Nova Scotia and others.

Wednesday, Jan. 12th—7.45 a.m., Holy Communion; 9.30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 10 a.m., "The Relation of the Idea of Evolution to Christianity." Rev. Canon Lowe, Rev. Prof. Cayley. 11.30 a.m., "The Inspiration of Holy Scripture." Rev. Prof. Clark, Rev. J. M. Ballard. 2.30 p.m., "Sunday Schools." Rev. T. W. Powell, Rev. A. C. Watt. 4 p.m., "Confirmation Classes." Rev. C. B. Kenrick, Rev. H. P. Lowe; 6 p.m., Evening Prayer; 8 p.m., "Co-operation with other Religious Bodies." Rev. T. G. Wright, Rev. Dr. Langtry.

The missionary meeting in Convocation Hall on Tuesday evening is open to the public, and all are very cordially invited to attend. All clergymen who have received any part of their training at Trinity, whether in arts or divinity, are invited to attend, even if invitations have failed to reach them.

Port Hope.—The service in St. John's on Christmas Day was attended by a good congregation, the rector conducting the service.

St. Mark's.—On Christmas Day was beautifully decorated. The pulpit desk was covered with a new antependium of very delicate embroidery, the gift of Mrs. Edgar, the work having been done by Mrs. Baker. The congregation was very large, and a greater number received the Sacrament than ever before.

## NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

St. Catharines.—The services at St. George's church on Christmas Day consisted of an early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, at which a large number of communicants were present. Chiming began at 7.30 a.m. and in the clear morning air the effect was excellent. At 11 o'clock the usual Christmas service was held; the pulpit, lectern and holy table being profusely decorated with flowers. A very fine musical programme was presented by the choir, while Miss Riordon's solo elicited the warmest praise from every one present. The rector preached a short sermon from the words in II. Kings, vii. chapter and 9th verse: "Then they said one to another, we do not well; this is a day of good tidings and we hold our peace; if we tarry till the morning light some mischief will come upon us; now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." The discourse was appropriately short and concluded with suitable Christmas greetings to the members of the congregation, after which the offertory was taken up, followed immediately by the communion

office, which was to a large extent choral. Over seventy communicants remained to participate. At the service on Sunday morning the rector said he took that opportunity to thank the members of the congregation for their liberal offertory on Christmas Day, and he begged to assure them how much he valued that annual expression of their goodwill. It was to him a source of the highest gratification to know that entering upon the ninth year of his ministry in St. George's church he retained their confidence and good-will, so that notwithstanding several removals from the city and congregation, the Christmas Day offertory was larger even than that of last year. The rector also expressed his warm thanks to the choir for the excellent musical service that had been provided on Christmas Day, and not only then, but for their faithful service in the worship of the Church at all times. A very liberal present was given to the chimer, accompanied by appropriate good wishes; the rector said he had been asked to express the warm personal thanks of the recipient.

Hamilton.—Christ Church cathedral was tastefully decorated with great wreaths of cedar, brightened with holly berries. Shields with appropriate designs wreathed with evergreen were among the principal features. The singing of Mr. Steele, choirmaster, was very good, and there were good congregations at the 7, 8, and mid-day celebrations; 230 made their communion. The Christmas music was repeated on Sunday morning. Soloists in the evening, Mr. W. A. Spratt and Geo. Insole.

St. Thomas' had a bright service on Christmas Day. Soloist, Miss Bessie Clark. Sunday evening, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Frank Mackelcan, Miss Bessie Clark, and Miss Ethel Champ, were the soloists.

Church of the Ascension had special music. The soloists in the anthem were Miss Dunn and Charles Morley.

St. John's.—Decorations were very good. The decorations centred on the chancel and font. One hundred and fourteen communicants at the three celebrations. At four o'clock the choir sang carols in addition to short evensong.

St. Luke's had a hearty service; the decorations effective, with good singing.

St. Peter's.—H. C. Burton, choirmaster. Service well attended. Holy Communion at 8 and 11. Sunday celebration at 8 and 11; full choral.

St. Matthew's.—At high celebration the communion office was fully sung by priest and people, and set to the plain-song of the Church of England. On Sunday the same music with full ritual, and the evensong solemn.

St. Mark's.—W. E. Brown, choirmaster; had a very bright service and effective decorations. The music was of a very high order.

St. George's.—H. Barret, choirmaster. Anthem, "Behold, I Bring you Good Tidings" (C. Simper).

All Saints'.—The decorations were very effective, and music excellent. The rector received as his Christmas gift the title of Canon.

All the city churches were beautifully decorated, and special music given, and good congregations present. Other religious bodies seem to be falling into line, and the musical services as advertised might well vie with our own. The lesson taught by the Church is surely being learned by them, that Christmas is naught without the Christ-child.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The Rev. Henry Chadwick, curate of St. Thomas' church; the Rev. W. Henry Thomas, curate of Christ Church cathedral; and the Rev. Henry Robert Quinn, curate of St. Peter's church, were ordained on Sunday by the Bishop of Niagara, assisted by Archdeacon Houston, of Niagara; the Rev. Canon Clark, of Ancaster; the Rev. W. Bevan, rector in charge of the cathedral. The Rev. Mr. Quinn is a son of Mr. R. Quinn, of the Grand Trunk. The Rev. W. H. Thomas preached in the cathedral in the evening.

## HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

Kirkton.—During Christmas week the people of St. Patrick's church, Biddulph, of the parish of

Kirkton and Biddulph, gave expression of kindly appreciation, by a donation of two loads of oats to their clergyman, the Rev. Wm. Stout. A large company assembled at the parsonage, Kirkton, on Christmas eve, and gave himself and family a pleasant reception and cordial welcome on their recent arrival to the parish. Bright and impressive services were held in both churches of the parish on Christmas Day.

Mitchell.—Trinity Church.—Since the opening of this church by the Bishop, 12th December, Archdeacon Davis, and the former rectors, Rev. Mr. Edmonds and Rev. W. J. Taylor, have been the appointed preachers.

Rev. Mr. Kerrin, rector of Trinity church, is in luck. The men presented him with a cutter, etc., a while ago, and now the ladies have given him a fur coat as a token of their appreciation of his services.

The Bishop of Huron has appointed Rev. George M. Cox, of Onondaga, to succeed Rev. W. M. Seaborn as rector of St. Matthew's church, East London. Rev. Mr. Cox is a London boy, a brother of A. B. Cox, barrister of that city. He has been for a number of years rector of Onondaga and Middleport, and was very popular with his congregations.

Warton.—Wednesday, the 22nd December, was a red letter day for the parish of Warton, being the occasion of the Bishop's visit to hold confirmation. Trinity church is a fine, substantial looking edifice, built of stone, upon a rising knoll overlooking the beautiful Bay of Colpo. Inside, the church is comfortable, bright, and cheery, and lighted throughout with incandescent lights, which adds very much to the brightness and comfort at night. It being Christmas season, the church was elaborately and beautifully decorated with evergreens. The whole reflected great credit upon the highly-esteemed rector, the Rev. W. Henderson. About 5 p.m. His Lordship Bishop Baldwin arrived on the train from Hepworth, an out-station of Warton, where the Bishop confirmed a nice class of candidates in the afternoon. After partaking of a hurried tea at the residence of Mr. T. S. Campbell, the Bishop, accompanied by Mr. Campbell, walked down to the church, which was crowded to the doors. The prayers were read by the Rev. J. H. McLeod, incumbent of Lion's Head. The Bishop read the lessons and addressed the candidates (eighteen in number), who were presented by the rector. The large congregation listened attentively throughout, and we feel sure that no one who was privileged to hear those soul-thrilling addresses could fail to be moved to live a more consecrated life to the Great Master, whose servants we are.

Ripley.—The congregation of St. Paul's church here have not been idle, even if notoriety has not been sought by the publication of their work. Last June a "Jubilee" concert was given towards purchasing, by the proceeds, a "Queen's Jubilee" bell. The monies then made were supplemented by subscriptions, of which John S. McDonald, M.P.P., gave \$5. Later on another entertainment, "The Crown of Fame," was given, which was a pronounced success, as the net profits were about \$103. Soon after, a bell was purchased, and on its arrival was placed in the tower of the church. On Dec. 12th, it was formally dedicated at a special service, and now the first church bell in the great Township of Huron calls the inhabitants to worship. The bell weighs 700 lbs., and is a "Blymyer," purchased from the Cincinnati Bell Foundry. It can be heard many miles away, and has a churchly tone. Our Christmas services were not quite up to the usual, owing to the severity of the weather. On Christmas morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, and the same evening the Sunday school had its "Christmas Tree" in the Town Hall, which was largely attended. The services on the 26th were quite spirited. At even-song a number of carols from "Glimpses of Bethlehem" (McCalla), were well sung by the full choir. The sermons were appropriate to the season, that in the morning discussing "Some Proofs of the Incarnation."