

go even to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass." In the evening there was a very nice entertainment for the children belonging to the Sunday School. The various recitals by the children were well rendered, especially a piece by a little girl, Lucy Gurney, aged twelve years, which was evidently intended as a eulogy on the Rev. Mr. Mackay.

MATTAWA.—The annual Sunday School Festival and distribution of prizes in connection with the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, Mattawa, was held recently at the parsonage. Seventy-three children were present on the occasion. The Festival was preceded by a service in the church at 5.30 p. m., at which the Missionary, the Rev. Charles Bliss, officiated. After refreshments the prizes were distributed, every child receiving a present. The special prizes for the year, ending with Advent Sunday, were awarded to Amelia Landers, Minnie Landers, Minnie Stinson, and Mary Langley in the senior grade, and Gertrude Landers in the junior grade. It was a very pleasant and enjoyable festival, with which both parents and children expressed themselves well pleased.

TRENTON.—On the evening of the 28th ult. the Sunday Schools of St. George's and St. John's Churches, Trenton, had a Christmas tree entertainment. There were about four hundred and fifty people present. The Rev. Mr. Parker, in his opening address, after welcoming the audience in the name of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bleasdel, alluded to the progress the schools were making. A programme of carols, recitations and songs, under the leadership of Mr. Watson and Miss Thompson, was rendered, after which the distribution of gifts from the tree took place. It was a very large and beautifully shaped balsam, reaching from the floor of the platform to the ceiling, and on either side were two much smaller ones. The large one was loaded with appropriate gifts for the children which were distributed by Mr. Parker, Mr. Watson, Miss Francis, and Miss Bleasdel. The smaller trees were filled with bags of candies. The Rev. Mr. Parker received an acceptable gift in the shape of a well-filled purse. After singing "Farewell our Christmas Tree," "God save the Queen" and the Doxology, the audience dispersed much pleased with the entertainment. The Rev. Canon Bleasdel received his Christmas offering on Christmas morning at St. George's Church.

The usual anniversary of the Sunday School of St. Paul's Church, Kingston, was held on Tuesday evening the 8th of January. Notwithstanding a severe snow storm, the teachers and scholars turned out in full force. The Rev. A. Spencer, clerical secretary, opened the proceedings with prayer, after which he made a brief address, in which he regretted the absence of the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Carey, M. A., who was seriously ill. The children under the leadership of Mr. Rawnsley, sang "Hark the Herald Angels sing," "As with Gladness Men of Old" and several other hymns. A magic lantern exhibition was given by Ald. Hobart, which was greatly appreciated by those present. Oranges and other refreshments were then distributed and a most pleasant evening closed with the National Anthem. The children had considerable difficulty in getting to their respective homes, fully two feet of snow having fallen. It is but seldom that so much snow is on the ground in the month of January, as at present.

The annual missionary meeting was held at St. Mark's Church, Pakenham, on Tuesday evening the 8th January, when the Rev. A. W. Cooke, and the Rev. A. F. Echlin, addressed the meeting. Owing to a snow storm the meeting was not so large as usual. Pakenham was visited by the heaviest snow storm experienced in that section for years, over two feet on the level having fallen. A great many farmers were completely snowed in

and several railway trains were in a similar position.

The Sunday School of St. James' Church, Carleton Place, now numbers two hundred and twenty-two—by far the largest in the town—it is in a most flourishing state and has an enthusiastic staff of officers and teachers. The infant class numbers thirty-two.

On Sunday the 13th January, at St. James' Church, Kingston, in response to the appeal made by the Committee of Synod, on behalf of Foreign Missions, the collection amounted to \$22.29. Although the weather was very unfavorable. After Evening Prayer, the Rev. Rural Dean Kirkpatrick, concluded an interesting series of lectures upon the "Seven Churches of Asia," by a consideration of the Church at Laodicea.

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ST. JAMES' HOME.—In connection with every Church and Parish in the land, the aged poor are always to be found. One of the most difficult things that the charitable have to accomplish is the manner of providing for them suitably, especially to secure proper lodging places and attention for them in their declining years. In the city there is as yet no Church Home for the aged poor, though one would suppose that as there are over 30,000 members of the Church in Toronto, such an institution could readily be supported. The authorities of St. James' Cathedral have rented a number of rooms on Sherbourne street, which has been fitted up by the members of the congregation as a Home for the aged poor. Most of the tenants are in receipt of pensions, averaging three dollars monthly, and they are thus enabled to pay something towards rent themselves. The Cathedral heats the house, and help is also obtained from the House of Industry. We see no reason why a proper Church Home for all the poor should not be established, and we are sure such an institution would prove successful, and would receive much encouragement.

LINDSAY.—The plans of the new St. Paul's Church which is to be erected here are now in the hands of Adam Hudspeth, Esq., Q. C., chairman of the building committee. It will prove an ornament to the town, and will cost some \$18,000. The building is very much needed, and the Lindsayites are to be congratulated on making a start at last to improve their Church property.

APSLEY.—At St. Stephen's Church in this Mission, the annual Sunday School entertainment was held on St. Stephen's Day. Tea was provided for the children, and an abundance of good things testified to the interest taken by the people in the welfare of the little ones. About a hundred partook of the repast. Prizes were given to the scholars, many of which were contributed by the Church Woman's Mission Aid Society. The Rev. P. Harding was the recipient of many kind gifts at New Year's from members of the various congregations under his charge.

CRAIGHURST AND VESPERA.—On Christmas Eve, the children of St. John's Church S. School, Craighurst, had their annual tea, when presents were distributed from a Christmas tree. The Rev. Edwin Daniel, Missionary, was agreeably surprised by the gift of a handsome watch as a token of good will from the congregations of Craighurst, Crown Hill and Midhurst.

SUNDERLAND.—In this Mission the various Sunday Schools are in an excellent condition. At one station, Udora, about 100 children received prizes, though the school was only recently established. At Sunderland, an entertainment was held which realized over \$50. Here a presentation to Mrs. Bryan, wife of the Missionary, took place. A set of seal furs was presented to Mrs.

Bryan by Miss E. McDonald, on the part of the congregation.

TEMPERANCE WORK.—A branch of the C. E. T. S. has been established at St. Peter's, Toronto. About 80 persons took the pledge at the initial meeting, and an excellent address was delivered by Mr. S. Caldecott.

At the second meeting of the Rosemont branch, addresses were delivered by Messrs. Wilson, Cann, and Anderson. Forty-two additional members joined. The following were appointed officers—Vice-President, Mr. McIntyre; Secretary, Mr. McBride; Treasurer, Mr. R. Murphy.

A meeting was held in connection with All Saints', Toronto, branch on the 16th. Readings were given by a few members and it was decided to hold a musical entertainment in two weeks.

A branch has been established in connection with St. George's Church, Haliburton, which is doing excellent work. They held an entertainment recently presided over by the Incumbent Rev. G. Ledingham. Tea was served to all comers, after which a programme of songs, etc., was duly carried out.

The Band of Hope recently formed at the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, numbers over 150 children. Mr. Hobson takes the little ones in charge and holds meetings for them fortnightly.

UXBRIDGE.—The services in St. Paul's Church, on Christmas Day were hearty and well attended. The choir of twenty voices (an exceptionally good one for a village church,) added much to the fullness that is becoming at such a season. The "making melody" is not left to the choir alone, it but leads the praises of the congregation. The Sunday School in connection with this Church has never been in such a vigorous condition as now. There are 149 names upon the roll, and an average attendance of over eighty, also an efficient staff of twelve earnest teachers. The Bible class for young women conducted by the pastor's wife has over twenty members.

The Annual Christmas entertainment was held on New Year's Eve, and proved even more successful than formerly, especially in a financial way. One of the important features of the evening was the prize giving. Seventy-five (75) carefully selected books were presented to children who had attended over twenty-five Sundays during the previous year. Santa Claus appeared in the course of the evening with an attractive addition to his noble self in the shape of Mrs. Santa Claus. She proved of great assistance to her ancient spouse in distributing pretty presents to the children. A lovely Christmas tree laden with gifts, and radiant with the light of tapers was next displayed to the admiring audience and its fruits easily disposed of. The evening was enlivened with music, recitations and dialogues, not omitting the merry shouts of delight from the enraptured children.

The St. Paul's C. E. T. S. gave an entertainment the following week, which was largely attended and enjoyed by all. The proceeds, amounting to over \$20, were devoted to the sufferers by the Humber disaster. This Branch is well organized here, and hopes are entertained of its ultimate success.

The annual missionary meeting was held on the 14th, but a disappointment was sustained through the non-appearance of the Agent, Mr. Campbell. A telegram stated that he had missed the train. The meeting, however, was turned to good account, as the Incumbent ascertained that the majority of the congregation were in favor of renewing the Bishop's Mission Scheme, provided the magazines could be regularly supplied.

The Epiphany collection amounted to \$17. A branch of the Girls' Friendly Society has lately been formed, which bids fair to succeed. The congregation of St. Paul's have much to be thankful for during the past year, and if all will be "up and doing," a great and good work will be accomplished in the year already begun.

MILLBROOK.—The Rev. W. C. Allen and Mrs.