

ed the different congregations on behalf of the "Diocesan Board," and in a plain and straightforward way, impressed upon them the necessity of increasing their assessment so as to make up the deficiency caused by the surrender of the S. P. G. grants. It is to be regretted that there was no opportunity of announcing the Archdeacon's visit beforehand, as in that case the congregations would no doubt have been considerably larger. On December 14, the Lord Bishop visited the church of St. Luke's, Broughton, an isolated mission in the midst of a French settlement; two candidates were presented for Confirmation, and the Holy Communion was afterwards administered. Immediately after this service, the Bishop and Rev. J. Rothera started for Leeds, a drive of 20 miles over bad roads, and reached St. John's Church about 8 P.M. Here a well attended Missionary Meeting was held, when his Lordship gave an interesting account of his work at South Acton, which was listened to with the greatest interest and attention. On Friday, December 15, the Bishop visited Beattie's Settlement, and consecrated a small Church, which has been recently erected there. His Lordship was assisted in the Service by the Rev. J. Rothera and the Rev. J. Kemp. Holy Baptism was administered to one adult, and seven candidates were presented for Confirmation. The Holy Communion was subsequently administered, when 30 communicated. This is an event in the history of this Mission which will not be readily forgotten, and we trust that the impressive manner in which the Bishop conducted the four Services, and the earnest words which he addressed to the congregations, will bring forth much fruit to the honour and praise of Almighty God.

STANSTEAD AND BEEBE PLAIN.

The festival of Christmas falling this year upon Monday, the Services of Sunday bore somewhat the stamp of festal joy.

On Sunday morning there was a Celebration of Holy Communion in Christ Church at 8 o'clock. Mattins were said at 11 o'clock with a sermon by the Rector. At All Saints' Church, Beebe Plain, Morning Service was conducted by Mr. Bishop. In the afternoon Mr. Bishop conducted service in Libby's Mills School-House. The distinctive Christmas services commenced however with Evensong in All Saints' Church, which had been appropriately decorated for the festival. The service was conducted by Mr. Bishop and the sermon preached by

the Rector. At 11.30 Evensong was held in Christ Church. The Psalms were chanted and the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* sung to Bunnett's setting in A. After the third collect, the anthem "We have seen His star in the East," was beautifully rendered by the Choir. A few minutes after midnight, the Communion Office was commenced, which was fully Choral, the service used being that composed by Mr. A. Dorey. All the congregation remained throughout the service. A short address was delivered by the Rector. The Church looked beautiful in its festal dress. Across the entrance to the sanctuary was a temporary rood screen, at the back of the Altar was a temporary Reredos decorated with green foliage and everlasting flowers.

At 8.30 A.M. Holy Communion was celebrated in All Saints' Church.

At 11 o'clock Mattins were sung and another Celebration of Holy Communion held in Christ Church. The *Te Deum* was rendered to a setting by Blackburn, and the *Venite* and *Benedictus* to simple Anglican chants. A short address was delivered by the Rector.

The total number of communicants at Christ Church at the Christmas Celebrations was 41; at All Saints' Church 8.

The unpropitious weather, which hindered most of the Church people from the country districts from attending, was the only drawback to the success of the Christmas Services.

The thanks of all of the parishioners are due to Mr. Dorey for his kindness in conducting a practice of the choir, which helped much to make the musical parts of the Services a success.

On December 15, \$11 were added to the funds of the mission, the proceeds of a social entertainment at Griffin Corner, and on the 26th, the congregation at Libby's Mills presented Mr. Forsythe with a handsome fur robe for his sleigh—welcome signs that the services held at these stations are appreciated. On December 23, Mr. Elder kindly entertained the children of the Beebe Plain Sunday School, which has lately shewn wonderful improvement, owing chiefly to the energy of the Lay Reader, Mr. E. E. Bishop.

Postscript.

Our Readers and especially the Clergy are earnestly requested to remember us and to send an account of any matters of general interest to the Rev. R. A. Parrock, Bishops-thorpe, Quebec, not later than the 27th instant.