

event in connection with his subject "God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness—hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." He recalled the Thane's illustration of the evanescence of human life by the sparrow flying into the bright hall out of the dark night, and thence again into the darkness outside, which led King Edwin of Scotland to listen to the Gospel's message and to embrace that light which no earthly changes nor mortal sermons can extinguish. The lamented Prince had exemplified life's vanity, but the "Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God" had through the wisdom, and choice of proud England's noble Sovereigns, ever shone in the Courts of Royalty, and proved the priceless possessions of Queen, Prince and Royal Family. Death can pluck from Sovereigns or Heir, the sceptre of earthly sway, but the Prince with the lowliest subject may hold amid every vicissitude "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." As a Christian nation, as God's Church and as a Christian congregation, as sympathizing subjects and fellow-mortals, we are moved to thanksgiving that the stillness of death and the cloud of broken and lacerated affections which now rests mysteriously over Royal habitations, is lined with the light of Christ's effulgence, and the hope which grows brighter and brighter even unto the perfect day. Our prayers have ascended that our aged and world honoured Queen, deeply stricken and sorrowing parents and mourning relatives may be directed, comforted and sustained by the revelation of that glory which shall never fade away.

The Founder's Festival, being the 83rd anniversary of the erection of the first church in the Eastern Townships, occurs on Friday, January 29th. Interesting exercises are expected on the evening of that day, followed by the dramatic lecture on "Ben Hur," with unsurpassable lime light illustrations on Saturday evening in Memorial Hall, by Mr. L. O. Armstrong, whose celebrity has become continental. The programme closes by the special services on Sunday January 31st.

Mr. William Barton, and the Rev. N. P. Yates, B.A., lecturer at the university, have returned to Lennoxville, leaving remembrances of cheerful contributions to the welfare and happiness of others. Mr. Cecil Barton has returned from Montreal with grippe-enlarged views. Activity reigns supreme among wood-cutters and haulers since the advent of snow.

Diocese of Toronto.

MEDONTE.

A missionary meeting was held in St. George's Church here on the 12th inst., when addresses were given by Rev. Canon Greene and Rev. T. O'Mara.

COLDWATER.

A Missionary meeting was held in St. Matthias Church on Friday evening, January 15th, at which stirring addresses were given by Rev. J. M. Jones and Canon Greene, the former on Home Missions and the latter on Missions generally.

ORILLIA.

The St. James' S. S. Christmas Entertainment was held on the evening of the 18th inst., when there were at least 400 children present, notwithstanding the cold and stormy weather. The evening opened with a Cantata "Judge Santa Claus" well sung by about 20 of the children, and reflecting credit on the Misses Wigmore, who trained them. After the Cantata Mr. W.

R. Scadding exhibited his magic lantern views, to the enjoyment of all present. This was followed by a series of shadow pantomimes by the Nicolini Bros., of Palermo, Italy, and the evening was brought to a close with the singing of "God save the Queen."

St. THOMAS.—The usual choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist was held on Monday 17th. The service was a most impressive one and the church was well filled. The choir is a very good one, their rendering of the "Agnus Dei" being really beautiful. Rev. Mr. Smith gave a short sermon upon the first miracle of our Lord.

St. JAMES.—Canon Dumoulin on Sunday morning, 17th, preached from the text: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." After speaking unfavorably of socialism he alluded to the Duke of Clarence's death and the peculiarly affecting circumstances attending it. He also referred to the warm sympathy shown by the Irish, and lamented the fact that the Royal family had never resided in Ireland. No essential change was made in the service.

St. CLEMENT.—Notwithstanding the low temperature the members of the Young People's Association of St. Clement's Church, Queen street east, enjoyed a ten miles' sleighing excursion around the the eastern suburbs on Tuesday night 19th January.

GENERAL.—Bishop Sweatman has left for Europe. He hopes to make arrangements by which the Archbishop of Canterbury will visit Toronto next fall after attending the Provincial Synod.

In most of the city churches reference was made to the bereavement of the Royal Family on Sunday 17th January.

Stirring appeals on behalf of Missions, and especially those to the North West Territories, were made in many of the city churches on Sunday 17th January.

The various city chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew are making active preparations for the coming Convention. All delegates are assured of a hearty welcome, as the Hospitality Committee will leave nothing undone which will tend towards making their stay in Toronto a pleasant and profitable one.

Diocese of Niagara.

GUELPH.

St. JAMES.—At the evening service on December 20th, Messrs. J. E. Perry, W. M. Stanley and W. R. C. Forster received their licenses as Lay Readers in this parish. The service for admission of Lay Readers approved of by the Bishop was used immediately after the Psalms, and before the Lessons.

Surely December 20th, 1891, will long be remembered by the congregation of St. James' as a day of joy and gladness, for then, for the first time, we held services within the walls of the temple we are erecting to the glory of God. Although we have only reached the basement, we are now content to wait patiently for the completion of the church building, when, we trust, we may ever meet together for worship in love and charity with all men.

The morning broke clear and beautiful. At 10:30 a.m. the sweet tones of our bell rang out

the welcome summons to worship in the Chapel School Room. Large congregations attended both services, and the seating accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity. The Rev. Alexander Henderson, of Orangeville, preached both morning and evening most acceptable sermons. Particular mention must be made of that of the evening, which was addressed to young men. Our School Room—that it need not be described, but all unite in thinking we have one of the nicest and brightest of Sunday School Rooms in the city.

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with St. James' Church Sunday School was held in the School Room on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th. This was the first gathering of the kind in the new Church, and was largely attended and much enjoyed by all.

Instead of the usual Christmas tree, a Jacob's Ladder was erected in one corner of the platform, on which was hung the numerous presents to be distributed. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music, dialogues, recitations, &c., was well rendered. Prominent among the numbers was a recitation by 20 little boys dressed as frogs, which created much merriment. Miss Kathleen Campbell gave two recitations in which she displayed considerable elocutionary ability. Misses Ella Avon and Aggie Payne sang three songs in a charming manner, and are deserving of special mention.

Prizes, consisting of books, were awarded to the two scholars in each class who had obtained the highest number of marks.

Diocese of Huron.

BRANTFORD.

St. JUDE'S.—The annual meeting of the W. A. M. A., was held in the School Room on Monday, 28th Dec., and was largely attended. Reports were read by Miss Wier of the Association work for the past year, by Mrs. Martin for the junior branch, and by Miss Jennie Walker for the Mission Band. These were all very interesting. On balloting for the election of officers, the same officers as last year were chosen, Mrs. Nugent and Mrs. Caswell were appointed upon the Executive Board.

The Annual meeting of the Junior Branch was held in the Guild Room on January 4th, and after consideration of the reports regarding work done the past year, the same officers were re-elected for the present year. Mrs. Martin, the President, read a letter from Mr. Swainson of the Blood River Reserve, N. W. T., conveying his thanks on hearing that the bales of goods sent had reached Lethbridge and would be available for Xmas distribution. Another letter will be received soon.

DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

The Synod of the Diocese met on Jan. 14th. The Bishop in his address stated that nearly three years had passed since the last session, during which four of the eleven clergy then in the Diocese had left for other spheres, and the highest number working at any one time had been 14, the present number being 10. He acknowledged gratefully the services of the Rev. Mr. Ingles, of Parkdale, Toronto, for three months during the Summer at Red Deer and Lone Pine. He also spoke of the valuable ser-