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PORTSMOUTH.—*St. John's*.—The Rev. Mr. Dobbs officiated. The church was artistically decorated. The musical part of the service was Jackson's, full, and there was an elaborate anthem. The advance in this church is very marked.

EGANVILLE.—The Church of St. John the Evangelist is very prettily decorated. Each window has a wreath of evergreens around it. There are illuminated texts on the sides of the building; and facing the congregation (when there) are the appropriate words beautifully illuminated and trimmed with an edging of evergreen, which is decorated with white roses: "Glory to God in the Highest," "And on earth, peace, good-will towards men." These words form a sort of oval, in the middle of which are three letters signifying "Jesus Hominum Salvator." Behind the altar, in silver letters upon crimson cloth are the words, "Holy, Holy, Holy." The communion rails are decorated with evergreen festoons and white roses. Above the vestry and above the choir are two wreaths of evergreens, with white roses, having in the center of each of them a star in silver with an edging of blue. All the young people belonging to the English Church were determined to make their church look well, and they have done so.

PORTAGE DU FORT.—An entertainment consisting of apron sale, concert &c., took place in aid of the organ fund of St. George's Church, in the Town Hall, Portage du Fort, on the 19th, inst., which proved a decided success in every way. Last September an Estey Organ was purchased for the Church, and through the exertions of Mrs. Motherwell, Mrs. Agret, Mrs. Rimer, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Thompson, more than half the money required was collected and paid before the organ was used. The balance due on it has now been paid from the proceeds of the entertainment and there are over \$40, left which are to be used in repairing the church. Much praise is due to those who took part in the music, tableaux &c., from the manner in which each did their respective parts.

OSNABRUCK.—The Christmas offertory form this parish amounted this year to the sum of \$40.00. A short time since, our section of the congregation presented their clergyman with a handsome set of furs valued at \$52.00. The congregation at Aultsville have also shown their goodwill by presenting a beautifully bound Dore Bible. For all these outward and visible signs of the kindly feeling entertained for him by his people, the Incumbent desires to return his sincere thanks.

KINGSTON.—*St. Paul's Depot School*.—The children of St. Paul's Church, branch Sunday School at the G. T. R. Depot were treated to an entertainment and distribution in Frontenac School House. The School classes are now in a flourishing condition, under the superintendence of Mr. Geo. C. Kemp, ably seconded by all of the teachers. The walls were decorated with evergreen, and "A Happy New Year" greeted every one. Mr. Kemp presided, and opened an en-

tertaining programme in a neat speech. Miss Ella Elliot, a petite speaker, made an address of real merit, very appropriate to the occasion. Then followed songs by the Misses Robinson, Miss Hutton, Miss Mary Woolard, Miss A. E. Elliott, Miss M. A. Funnell, and Miss Donaldson, Choruses from the Sunday School children, a recitation from Miss Etta Elliott and a reading by Mr. J. Trenamin added appreciably to the programme. A very pleasant surprise following was the unveiling of a large, well lighted and laden Christmas Tree, the very generous contribution of Mr. R. T. Burns, Mrs. Burns and their family, and the work of many months. Santa Claus came scrambling in at an interesting stage, and told of his journey thither, and how difficult it was to travel without his reindeer and sleds. He distributed his bounty and departed with a much greater brilliancy and astonishment than that in which he arrived. The young ladies of Mrs. Burns' class presented her through Misses E. Clarke, R. White and S. Little, with an elegant silver service piece, accompanied by an address, thanking her for assisting in the good work of leading the young in the right way, and expressive of their esteem and regard as well as that of the parents, teachers and friends of the children. Mrs. Burns, who was completely surprised, accepted the gift as from dear friends. An excellent address was made by the Rev. Mr. Carey, and short addresses by Mr. A. Chown and Mr. Pense. Votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Burns and family, to Mrs. Funnell for the use of the organ, to Mrs. Campbell for her assistance, and to Mr. Trenamin for kindness.

ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The annual distribution of prizes to the scholars of the above school took place in St. George's Hall. The proceedings were opened by prayer by the Rev. H. Wilson, and an orchestral piece, "The Blue Ribbon Brigade March," by Oldham's Orchestral Band, followed by a Christmas carol, "Christmas Awake," sung by the Sunday-school choir of girls and boys, accompanied by the orchestra and organ, numbering altogether forty voices and instruments. Mr. Richard T. Walkem made a brief address and distributed the Bible class prizes. The prizes for the Sunday-school here and at Cataragui were distributed by the Very Rev. the Dean, with a few encouraging remarks to each recipient. During the course of the proceedings the Curate (the Rev. H. Wilson) Mr. Spriggs and Capt. McGill were commended for their earnest and untiring efforts in the interests of the Sunday-school, Mr. Wilson being presented with a purse from the members of the Bible class, and four large volumes of books by the scholars of the Cataragui Sunday-school. The proceedings were closed by the singing of another Christmas carol, "Once in Royal David's City," and the benediction pronounced by the Very Rev. the Dean.

Leeds and Landsdowne rear. The A. H. Coleman, Incumbent of this parish, was presented at Christmas with a nice coonskin coat, by the congregation of Trinity Church, Landsdowne.

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PORT HOPE.—*Trinity College School*.—The annual Christmas examinations were concluded on Thursday, the 20th ult. In each form a prize is awarded for general proficiency in all the subjects of examination, provided that at least sixty per cent. of the total marks be obtained. The following were the successful competitors: 1st form, Lampman; 2nd form, Hague, major; upper second, Fidler, major; lower second, Hugel; upper first, Robin; lower first, Griffin.

The following boys obtained honourable mention in their respective forms, the same standard being required as for the prizes: Fourth form, Davidson, max.; Freer. Third form, Clarke, maj.; Hinds; Cayley, max.; Saunders. Modern form, Campbell, max.; Simpson. Upper second form, Gibb, maj.; Hague, max.; Cameron, Topp, Austin, McInnes max., Cooper, Stranbenzee. Lower second form, Fauquier, Kirkpatrick, Hodge, Mowry, Thompson max., Jarvis maj., Douglas, Irving. Upper first form, Macdonell, max.; Cole, max.; Holland; Macdonald, maj.; Gibb, max.;

Allan, maj. Lower first form, Ogilby, Cayley maj., Sowden, Worsley, Gamon, Thompson quartus, Rowan.

Ivy.—At Christ's Church the Christmas decorations this year were very effective. They consisted chiefly of wreaths and festoons of evergreens and texts of various colours. Over the prayer desk were the words, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye;" over the pulpit, "The glorious Gospel;" above the chancel arch, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty;" beneath this, "I am the Bread of Life;" and under this were the words, "Will ye also go away?" Just above the Holy Table was the text, "The Word was made flesh." The colours used were gold, green, white, silver, and crimson. At this church, and also at St. Jude's, the Christmas offerings, as usual in this mission, were devoted to the stipend fund.

COBOURG.—*St. Peter's Church*.—The Christmas services in this church were conducted in the usual hearty manner. At eight o'clock a.m., the Holy Communion was administered to a large number. At the eleven o'clock service the church was filled to its utmost capacity, a very large number remaining to partake of the Lord's supper. Prayers were said by the Rev. Canon Stennett, and a very beautiful and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. C. J. Bethune, Trinity College School.

The musical portion of the service was most beautifully rendered by the choir and organist, Mr. E. B. Doward. The following was the programme:—Vol. "Pastoral Symphony Handel;" Opening hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," Tune, Mendelssohn; Venite, Turner in D; Psalms, Battishill in D; Te Deum, Jubilate, Sullivan in D. Anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem," by Hopkins, organist of the Temple, London. Hymn, "High let us swell our tuneful songs;" Hymn, "While Shepherd's watch their flocks." Kyrie, Mendelssohn. Voluntary at the offertory; the St. Cecilia offertory by Baptiste and Schumanns Traumeri. At the Communion Service, Tallis, Sanctus and Gloria in Exelsis was sung. A handsome sum was taken at the collection as a Christmas offering to the Rector. The decorations were most tastefully arranged, composed of flowers, green wreaths and shields, banners, and appropriate mottoes and designs; indeed, the universal remark is that the church never was so beautifully decorated before or the music so appropriate and good. The choir has made wonderful improvement and is now second to none in the Province, owing to the excellent training under their accomplished choirmaster and organist Mr. Doward.

TORONTO.—*St. Paul's Church, Bloor St.*—Great taste has, this season, been shown in the Christmas decorations of this beautiful little church. The double festoons corresponding in curve with the heavy stone arches display throughout a unity and simplicity of design one does not often see, and their somewhat sombre hue is happily diversified by the many-coloured light that falls on them through the stained glass windows. On the whole those who are too fond of elaborateness and complexity of ornamentation might well take a lesson from the simple beauty of St. Paul's this year.

The School House, which is close by, and is also very tastefully decorated, was the scene on Thursday evening last of a very joyous Christmas festival for the children of the Sunday school.

Wintry looking old Santa Claus, with his well loaded Christmas tree, shewed that notwithstanding his venerable age he still has a warm heart and a liberal hand for his numerous claimants.

The Bishop of Algoma addressed the children on the wants of his Diocese, in which this school takes a special interest, happily contrasting the privileges enjoyed by those before him with the forlorn condition of the Indian children in his own Diocese, and drawing thence for his young hearers the obvious lessons of thankfulness and missionary charity. The singing was particularly good, and not least so, that of the numerous infant school, to the indefatigable teachers of which it is evident too much praise cannot be given.