

The celebration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church each Thursday morning at 7.30, which was discontinued during the summer months, has been resumed.

The annual meeting of the Christ Church Altar Guild was held on Thursday morning, January 4th, in the Chapel after Matins, the Venerable the Archdeacon in the chair. Mrs. Remon and Miss Walker were admitted to the Guild which now has a membership of twenty-nine. After most encouraging reports from the Secretary and the Treasurer, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. D. Robertson; Secretary, Miss L. C. Wickstead; Treasurer, Mrs. Remon. The Guild during the year has given to the Church many articles of value and usefulness. Of these might be mentioned the oak alms box which was used for the first time to receive offerings for the Christmas decorations, with very satisfactory results.

The Association for Intercessory Prayer held its first meeting for the ecclesiastical year on the second Monday in December. As usual meetings will be held each month.

The Christ Church Sunday School Festival and Distribution of Prizes took place on Thursday evening, January 4th. It was literally a "howling" success. Tea was served to the children at six o'clock, after which the prizes, over fifty in number, were distributed by the Archdeacon. In addition each child in the infant class received a Christmas book. Shadow pantomimes and recitations delighted the children till nine o'clock, when they went home happy with candies and oranges.

Prof. W. S. King, Astronomer in the Dept. of the Interior, and a member of St. George's, has been licensed as a Lay Reader, by His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario.

Mrs. McConnell entered on her duties as organist at St. George's on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, being the 10th of December.

The decorations on Christmas day were very beautiful and artistically arranged. The choir never appeared to better advantage, they gave lovely music, which brightened the service. The number of communicants was very large.

New Year's Eve Services were held in several churches and were well attended. At St. John's the service issued under the sanction of the Bishop of Winchester was used.

At Trinity Church, Archville, the Sunday service at 7 has been changed to the afternoon at 4.30 p.m. with very satisfactory results. The choir has improved under the influence of Mr. Fletcher,

of the Experimental Farm. The Rev. T. Bailey is assisted in their services by several laymen, who also conduct the Sunday School.

The Anglesea Square Mission Hall, has good congregations at the mission service Sunday afternoons at 4.30. The poor in this district received many donations from the St. George's Society at Christmas; and indeed what with private benevolence and the King's Daughters, and the Y.W.C.A. and various other societies, they are well looked after. The pity is, these societies are not all united and so could work more systematically and therefore more effectually.

The Boy's Brigade of Grace Church had a splendid gathering on Saturday, December 30th. About forty tramped out together and after gathering a good appetite were more ready than usual to pay strict attention to the feast kindly provided by Mrs. Ives.

St. John's Sunday School festival, January 3rd, was a very orderly success and a credit to the children and the orchestra: a great deal of amusement and enjoyment with a minimum of noise. A splendid tea was served to all the scholars, waited on by a cheerful band of active teachers. After all were satisfied a good quantity of excellent cake remained for use at the Anglesea Square festival the following week.

A Christmas tree, before which the infant class sang their carol, made these little ones happy with toys, candies and oranges. Then followed a capital programme arranged by the S. S. orchestra; choruses by S. S. choir, vocal solo by Miss McCallum, recitation by Miss Marshall, piano solo by Miss Benbow and clarinet solo by Mr. Benbow and several pieces excellently performed by the orchestra. These with the distribution of prizes and honor cards by the rector, made the evening very enjoyable to the children and a large number of older people who delighted in seeing the young ones happy. During the evening Mr. Freudenburg of Sussex street, charmed the children with the tunes from his many musical boxes.

Christmas Day was as gloomy a day as regards weather, as the proverbial or oldest inhabitant can remember, yet the Churches seem to have been all well filled with those who had not "La Grippe" and with some who had. Choirs did their best to celebrate the joyous Festival, and though the number of communicants was generally less than usual, it was not because of any lack of interest, but from physical inability.

The Rev. J. P. Smitheman has been sent by the Archbishop of Ontario to the Parish of Manotick which has been vacant for some time.