

efforts to enhance the interests, both temporal and spiritual, of his charge, have been very constant. At this festive season, when memory recalls so much from the past to gladden and soften, and perhaps sadden the innermost heart, this kindly and generous token must have proved both gratifying and encouraging to him, and will doubtless tend to bind, in still closer union, the existing ties between himself and people.

MONTREAL—St. Luke's Church.—The congregation of St. Luke's Church held a large meeting to consider the advisability of combining with the parish of St. Thomas. Several speeches were delivered, in which it was alleged the church was free from debt, and that, by the first of May, it would be able to show a clear balance sheet. The majority of the meeting were evidently in favor of continuing the work of the parish and would make every effort to remain independent. On motion it was unanimously decided to appoint Messrs. J. G. Snasdell and W. Beardsell, the Church Wardens, W. R. Salter and T. Lamb, the delegates to Synod, and Mr. H. J. Dart a committee, with power to make all necessary arrangements and ask a clergyman to take the parish. It is thought, through the kindness of Principal Henderson, the students of the Diocesan College will conduct the services of the church in the meantime.

The candidates for Ordination on the 21st Jan. are:—For Priests' Orders, Rev. Josiah Ball, Deacon, of Maschouche; Mr. J. Duvernet, son of Canon Duvernet, of Chambly, and a graduate of the Low Church College, of Toronto, and Mr. Isaac Rogers, of the Montreal Theological College.

Archdeacon Evans, officiating for the Bishop, publicly and religiously, inducted Rev. J. D. Borthwick as Rector of the Parish of S. Mary's Hochelaga, on Sunday last, the 24th inst.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

(From our own correspondents.)

MELBOURNE.—St. John's.—The annual Christmas tree festival of St. John's congregation was held on Wednesday evening, the 27th Dec., in Mr. J. P. Galliop's hall, and was one of the most successful we have had for many years. The Rev. J. M. Thompson, the former Rector, of the extensive parish of Richmond and Melbourne, of which parish St. John's formed a part up to the time of the appointment of the successor, assisted the curate in the afternoon in examining the Sunday school scholars, the results of which were very satisfactory. In his address in the evening Mr. Thompson expressed himself as much pleased with the answers given him by a class of young men and women which he examined on the *creed* in Sinclair's catechism. The entertainments consisted of readings, carols, gloses, songs, and an exhibition of a magic lantern, all of which were well received. The presents on the tree were numerous and well selected, all the children receiving something to remind them of the joyous occasion. Miss E. S. Galliop was presented with a purse containing twelve dollars (\$12.00), as a slight token of the appreciation of her services as organist. The curate also was not forgotten, being the recipient of several articles duly prized in this cold climate.

QUEBEC.—Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Quebec, has been offered the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke.

LEVIS.—The Christmas services in the Church of the Holy Trinity, were well attended and were very hearty. The decorations of the church are chaste and suitable and much varied from those of former years. The carol-singing of the choir after service on Christmas eve was much admired. The communicants on Christmas Day numbered fifty-four. Besides many other thoughtful and generous remembrances, the Rector, Mr. King, was the recipient of a fine handsome couch from a few of his kind parishioners.

LENNOXVILLE.—Bishop's College School.—The usual Christmas examination of B. C. School ex-

tended from Monday, Dec. 11th to Tuesday, Dec. 19. They were conducted entirely on paper. The papers were set by the Principal of the College, Rector of the School, the Professor of Classics, the French Master, and Mr. N. Power. Each paper was 100 marks in value. Boys who obtained 30 to 49 marks passed; those who obtained 50 to 79 passed *with credit*, and are placed in the lists in Class II; those who obtained 80 marks and upwards passed *with distinction*, and are placed in Class I. The examinations as a whole show that a large amount of good work has been done in the school during the term. The health of the school has been excellent throughout the whole term.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondent.)

CANNINGTON—All Saints'—Great improvements have recently been made in the grounds surrounding this neat little Church. They now present a very neat and tidy appearance. A fence to enclose the grounds, and a sidewalk from the road to the too steep steps, and from thence to the Church, are now wanted. The Rev. John Vicars, Incumbent, will doubtless see that this is accomplished.

ON DIT.—It is rumoured that Rev. S. Mills, B. A., Incumbent of Penetanquishene, is about to remove to another diocese. A similar report is current concerning Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Incumbent of Rosemont. The latter gentleman has occupied his present position for only a little over a year, and, as he seems to have been very successful, it is a pity he should so soon enter upon another field of labour. This is the more to be regretted, as his method of working his parish is something new in the Rural Deanery of West Simcoe, and the other clergy, were all watching his course with great interest, wondering whether the results (which have, so far, been undesirably satisfactory) would be permanent. Another three or four years would have sufficiently tested their value.

MISSION FUND.—The Mission Fund of this Diocese has never been in so satisfactory a condition as at present. This is chiefly due to a new departure taken in the matter of obtaining the contributions of the faithful. The chief feature of the plan is, that as many members of each family as can be persuaded to do so, promise to give a certain sum each month, which sums are collected by persons appointed for the purpose. To give an example of the good effected in this way—five parishes, two of them in the country, two in the city, and one a country town, whose contributions in 1820-'81, under the old plan, amounted to \$197.57, gave, under the new plan, in 1880-'82, \$1300, an increase of nearly seven hundred per cent.

MONO MILLS.—During the Christmas holidays, a grand musical and literary entertainment was held in connection with St. John's Church. Your correspondent visited this parish a short time ago, and found the people unanimous in their praises of the energy, tact, prudence, and devotion of the Incumbent, Rev. A. C. Watt.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ERIN AND TARAFRAXA.—This Mission is to be filled by the appointment of Mr. Fred. Piper, who has just received ordination. Mr. Piper has for several years been a very efficient Lay Reader.

HAMILTON—Church of the Ascension.—The new Rector, Rev. Hartley Carmichael, arrived in the first week of Advent. A hearty reception was afforded him by the congregation in the school house. There were about three hundred present. Among whom were Rev. Canon Carmichael, brother of the new Rector, and Rev. Rural Dean Bull. The Rector entered upon his duties on the Second Sunday in Advent.

NORTH WELLINGTON DEANERY.—The Rev. C. R. Lee, newly appointed Incumbent of Mount Forest, has received the Bishop's commission as Rural Dean.

OAKVILLE.—A new church is shortly to be erected here upon plans of Mr. Windeyer, architect of Toronto. Rev. Canon Worrell is Rector.

ORDINATIONS.—On the third Tuesday in Advent the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination in St. George's Church, Guelph, when Mr. F. C. Piper was ordained Deacon, and Revs. Irving (Orangeville), Moore (St. Catharine's), and Jones (Fonthill), were advanced to the Priesthood.

STONY CREEK.—A *Memorial Window* has been placed in the Church of the Redeemer, Stony Creek, in memory of the late Isaac Corman, the first Church Warden. The window is just large enough to contain a nearly life size figure of St. Peter. The work is chaste and bold in design, and the execution is very good, by Jos. McCousland & Sons, of Toronto. A surpliced choir, having been for some months in course of training, began their duties in this Church at Christmas.

DIocese OF HURON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

WALKERVILLE.—Rev. E. V. Turquaud, of Walkerville, has resigned that Parish, and accepted the position of Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Detroit. Rev. Charles O'Meara, of Forest, is likely to succeed Mr. Turquaud at Walkerville.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

(From our own correspondents.)

LANSDOWNE REAR.—As successful Christmas Tree was held at Farmersville on the evening of the 23rd inst. for the united Sunday Schools of Lansdowne Rear and Farmersville, on which occasion the parishioners presented their clergyman, the Rev. R. N. Jones, with a valuable fur coat and cap. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to \$26.32. We are endeavoring to build a new church at Farmersville; nave 50x30, chancel 20x18, with tower on the south-west corner. The plans are nearly completed by Mr. Liston, architect, Brockville. The site for our new church has been deeded to the Synod, and about \$1600 subscribed towards the building fund.

BELLEVILLE.—On Sunday, the 10th December, the Rev. E. W. Sibbald entered upon his duties as Assistant Minister at Christ Church, the state of health of the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Clarke) rendering it necessary that he should spend some time in a warmer climate. He will, I understand, leave in a few days for a trip through the West Indies and the Pacific coast, where he will probably spend the remainder of the winter.

KINGSTON.—The residents of Kingston were startled on Saturday, the 16th December, by the announcement that Master John Spencer, aged 16, a son of the Rev. A. Spencer, Clerical Secretary of the Diocesan Synod, and Master Robert Robinson, aged 14, son of Mr. William Robinson—two of the most popular and esteemed lads in Kingston—were drowned while skating near the *Tete Du Pont* barracks. Thus the homes of these two boys have been plunged into the saddest and most sudden kind of mourning. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to them in the time of their grief. The Rev. Mr. Spencer has had the hand of affliction laid heavily upon him. He lost another son by drowning a few years ago at Kemptville. The lad, who was about five years of age, fell into a cistern and was found dead by his parents.

TWEED.—Saint James' Church has undergone extensive repairs and been completely refurnished with communion table, reading desk, pulpit and seats, also a splendid new organ, manufactured by Mr. Lye of Toronto. It has pedal stops, and all the latest improvements, and is notable in its architecture, beauty and sweet tone. The incumbent, the Rev. G. Gardner officiated, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Elliott. Mr. Gardner preached an extempore sermon suitable to the occasion. Mr. Fetherston of Christ Church, Belleville, presided at the organ,