

men are going at once into the woods to prepare the timber for the frame.

Wednesday, January 27th, was a red letter day with the Sunday-school at Smith-town. Thanks to the energy of Mrs. Robinson and other kind friends, a very enjoyable time was spent by the scholars. First came a tea, provided by the liberality of the parents and other friends, and partaken of by about eighty persons. This was followed by addresses from Rev. Mr. Lockward and the Rector. Afterwards, the fruit was plucked from a large Xmas tree, and a present given to each of the scholars. The Doxology was sung before separating.

Correspondence.

To the Editors of *K. D. M.*

DEAR SIR: As a member of the K. D. C. U., I felt a little disappointed that no notice of the Choral Union Festival held at Rothesay on Wednesday, January 20th, appeared in any of the daily newspapers, except a very scanty mention in the *Evening Globe*, the editor of which periodical is always on the look-out for items of interest. Perhaps this may be taken as a proof of the modesty of the Church people of King's County, who are more alive for work than talk. I think, however, some mention ought to be made of the day in our own Magazine, and I therefore want to say a few words about it, with your permission. First of all we may congratulate ourselves that we had a fine day at last for our gathering, and that there was no discomfort and there were no frozen noses or faces. Next we all owe a debt of gratitude to the ladies and gentlemen of Rothesay for their great kindness and most generous hospitality. Nothing seemed to have been left unthought of or omitted which might add to our pleasure. In the language of the country everything was "*just lovely*."

The Secretary stated the number of singers as 140, which is an increase upon former years, showing that the Choral Union is a popular Institution.

At 10 a. m. the Conductor called us to order, and the Rehearsal commenced, the Metropolitan kindly giving us the benefit of his presence. It is well known that we can tell pretty well how things are going by the look of the Conductor's face and the working of his left arm, and this year we got off very easily; in fact, he complimented the members a little on their practice, which is a good deal for him to say. I think perhaps the steady time of the Organist, Mrs. Talbot, and the excellent assistance of Professors Anderson and Williams, from Saint John, and also three good but young cornet players from the Deanery helped us very much. After the Rehearsal a luncheon was provided by the good people of Rothesay in their beautiful School House, which was partaken of with such voracious energy that it appeared doubtful whether the singers would be equal to the Service at 3 p. m. Before leaving the School House the Metropolitan in a few kind words proposed the health of our hosts, which was received by a vociferous and musical response, plainly showing that the vocal cords had not been paralyzed.

At 3 p. m. the Service commenced, which proved to be, as I think, the best we have ever had in our Union. All the music was well sung, but perhaps I may mention with special approval the Psalms which were sung in unison with the exception of the Glorias. I might say they were sung like clock-work. Every word could be distinctly heard, and the smoothness and steadiness was remarked by many in the Congregation. The Anthem and Hymns were also excellently rendered. The Sermon preached by the Metropolitan was, of course, good, and one fellow member of the Union said to me afterwards, "It was just so plain that every child could take it all in." Ah! yes, it was just what we wanted, and we ought to be very thankful to His Lordship for coming all the way from Fredericton to help us in our work. One chief feature of the day seemed to be that everybody was happy, and that there was the most perfect harmony and good fellowship amongst all the Choirs, and there was not even a rush for tickets to get home again. Many said to me before parting, "I wish another Choral Union Festival was coming next week."

Yours sincerely,

Jan. 22nd, 1886.

RUSTICUS.

Notices.

If any members of the church have in their possession any old Parochial documents or minute books which may assist the clergy in writing the history of the several parishes in the Deanery of Kingston, they will confer a favour by forwarding the same to the Rector of their parish, and be doing good work for the Church. Please do not delay to answer this request.

An earnest appeal has been made for contributions to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, which we should like to have inserted in full in the *K. D. M.*, but we have not space to admit of printing it. We can only say that \$2,000 is needed to complete the building, and that we believe the object is not only a laudable one, but worthy of the hearty and generous support of every member of the church. Contributions, however small, will be gratefully received by the missionary in charge,

REV. J. C. TITCOMBE,
Fairville, St. John, N. B.

BAPTISMS.

WATERFORD, January 10. — Helen Eliza Hayter, aged 3 years.
" 13. — Lily Anne Munroe, aged 3 years.
" 31. — Albina Elizabeth Bell, Infant.
February 9. — George Edward Snider, Adult.
" 13. — William Norman Robinson, Infant.
GALLETOWN, January 1. — Anne Gabriela Kortright Neates, Inf.
February 11. — Harry Wilmot McAllister, Infant.
HAMPTON, January 24. — John Boone Robinson, Infant.
February 14. — Florence Muriel Gertrude Newnham Infant.

MARRIAGES.

SUSSEX, January 11. — George Fagan and Lydia Dixon.
" 12. — Robt. Chesley Gray and Derinda Sherwood.

BURIALS.

ST. MARK'S (SUSSEX), Dec. 21. — William Tait, aged 75 years.
WATERFORD, Dec. 22. — Laura Matilda McAfee, aged 9 years.
HAMPTON, January 23. — Jane E. Fowler, aged 84 years.
" 27. — James E. Giegey, aged 69 years.
February 9. — Sarah Mary Keator, aged 84 years.
SUSSEX, February 7. — Catherine K. Arnold, aged 66 years.

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