

the diocesan evangelist, Rev. B. Pierre De Lom, officiates, at the Bishop's request, at Christ Church and St. John's, Wyoming.

RIDGETOWN.—Rev. Mark Turnbull, of Listowell, has declined the invitation to accept the incumbency of St. George's Church.

THE CHIPPAWA INDIANS.—A very pleasing instance of the effects of mission labour among the aborigines, was a donation by the Chippewa Nation of \$200 to the sufferers by the sad fire in Southampton.

WARDSVILLE.—The usual fortnightly meeting of the C. E. T. S., was held in the basement of the English Church, on Tuesday evening, there being a good attendance. After the usual opening hymn and prayer, the president, Rev. W. J. Taylor, gave a brief address upon the proposed work of the winter months, referring to the duty of self abnegation, and strongly commended it to all. A most interesting programme was then gone through, consisting of songs, readings, &c. The instrumental music upon violin and organ by Miss Howard and Mr. Hammond, was much enjoyed. Miss Amy Taylor sang very sweetly "The Flower Girl," and the Rev. W. J. Taylor gave a reading "How Five Batchelors kept House," which was received with shouts of laughter. The meeting closed with singing and the benediction.

SIMCOE.—Bishop Baldwin preached and held a confirmation on Sunday evening last in Trinity Church. At the appointed hour, the Bishop entered the church from the vestry, preceded by the Rev. John Gemley, the rector of the church, and the Rev. Wm. Davis, rector of Woodhouse. The sermon preached by his lordship was based upon the 1st verse of the xii. chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice unto God," &c. The discourse was directed chiefly, but not exclusively, to the candidates for confirmation. It was a beautiful and impressive sermon; and was characteristically forcible, faithful, edifying, penetrating, and instructive. The candidates were 28 in number; the majority of them young persons, but some heads of families. The services have made a deep impression for good, and all will be glad to learn that Bishop Baldwin has consented to make Simcoe another visit before long, in connection with the missionary society of the diocese.

WOODHOUSE.—On Sunday, the 5th inst., the lord Bishop of Huron administered the rite of confirmation by the laying on of hands to 23 persons, in St. John's Church, at 11 o'clock a.m. The church was filled to the utmost capacity. The Bishop chose for his text 2nd Timothy 3rd chap. 14th, 17th verses. His sermon was a most powerful and earnest address both to the candidates and parents, on the necessity of bringing up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and training them in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, which alone can make them wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. The candidates were presented by the rector, Rev. W. Davis—the number was large considering the number of church families in the parish. The Bishop seemed much pleased as well as the congregation, at the marked improvement that has taken place in St. John's parish, both financially and religiously, as was kindly mentioned to him by one of the wardens. From St. John's the Bishop went to Vittoria, and confirmed 9 persons, and preached a most eloquent and earnest sermon from Rom. 12th chap. 1-2 verses, to a congregation of over 300 persons. The Bishop's sermons both at St. John's and Vittoria, must of necessity make a lasting impression on those who heard him. Vittoria has been under the charge of the rector of St. John's up to the present time.

ALGOMA.

The Rev. W. Crompton would gratefully acknowledge a small box containing presents for himself and family, and prizes for his Sunday schools, from Miss Murray and friends, Chippewa.

PORT CARLING.—His Lordship, the Bishop of the diocese, paid his annual visit here on Sunday, the 20th November. His lordship preached in St. James' Church, at 11 o'clock, a.m. He administered the rite of confirmation, at which one candidate was confirmed; there was a celebration of the Holy Communion. His lordship went to the Point, and held a service there at 3 o'clock, p.m., returned to Port Carling for service in the evening at 7 o'clock. On Monday we left in Mr. Lewis swift and comfortable steamer "Lady of the Lakes," for Port Sandfield, where service was held at 11 o'clock. We enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Cox, and then pro-

ceeded to Bracken Bridge, we had to land in the edge of the forest and tramp through the woods deep with snow; we got into an ox sleigh which was sent to meet us, and went on to the school room, where there was a good congregation awaiting us. The Rev. Mr. Chown, of Rosseau, the Rev. Mr. McDonald, Methodist missionary of Port Carling, and Mr. Butler, lay reader, accompanied us. The ox sleigh brought us back the greater part of the way to where the steamer awaited us. His lordship held a vestry meeting in the evening, and left Tuesday morning for Lake Nipissing.

The Rev. S. E. Knight acknowledges with thanks a box of Christmas presents for our Sunday school from the C. W. M. A. Society, of Toronto. We feel grateful to the ladies for their kind remembrance of us. The gift is most valuable.

We are requested to say that the Bishop will be glad to hear of a clergyman, in deacon's orders, who would take missionary work in the Diocese of Algoma, as assistant to an incumbent, who finds his district far too large for his time and energies. The field is a capital one for a young man of good physique and genuine missionary zeal.

ALLENSVILLE.—The churchwardens desire to acknowledge the receipt of two dozen hymn books for St. Michaels, also dolls for the Christmas tree, from the Rev. W. Crompton.

William Jenkin begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of a box from C. W. A. S., Toronto, per Mrs. O'Reilly, hon. sec., containing prizes for Xmas trees for Emsdale and Bethune, also many articles of clothing for distribution, which will be highly appreciated.

FOREIGN.

In the numerous diocesan conferences held lately, the subjects of debate were almost identical—Church reform; the present system of patronage; the redistribution of tithes; lay agency—all of which have been considered again and again.

The Bishop of London has collated the Rev. Canon Liddon to the Chancellorship of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Canon Scott Holland to the Precentorship.

It is announced from Kaffraria that Bishop Callaway has finally resigned the Bishopric of St. John's, the succession of which passes by right to his coadjutor, Bishop Key, who was collated to the see on October 8rd.

Amongst many noble donations, the Bishop of Ripon acknowledges the promise of £5,500 towards the Wakefield Bishopric. And a lady in Liverpool has just given £20,000 towards a pension fund for aged incumbents in the diocese.

The Bishop of Ripon, writes that Sister Katharine, of Leeds, whose good works in that busy town are so well known, has offered £500 for the Wakefield Bishopric, provided six other donors in the Deanery of Leeds will do the same.

The Deaconesses Mother house at Kaiserwerth has celebrated its jubilee. In 1836, Pastor Fliedner commenced the enterprise; there are now fifty-six mother-houses, with hundreds of "stations," and over 6,000 deaconesses.

At the meeting of the York Diocesan Conference, the Rev. Canon Paget stated that a gentleman, who did not wish his name made public, had promised a donation of £8,000 as a thank-offering for merces received, the money to be used in the erection and endowment of a church near North Cove, Yorkshire.

Holy Trinity Church, Harlem, N. Y., during the past eleven years, has contributed about \$225,000, of which \$55,000 were for the church debt. During the last twelve months the offerings and pew rentals have amounted to \$30,500.

A fine pile of buildings is to be erected adjoining All Souls' Church, Leeds, at a cost of about £10,000, in memory of Dr. Hook, who did so much for Leeds, and whose portrait will be placed in a panel over one of the fireplaces in the new vicarage.

Mr. John Allan Rolls, formerly member of parliament for Monmouthshire, just has contributed £10,000 to the Bishop of Rochester's fund for building churches

in the diocese presided over by his lordship. This contribution is in addition to one of £1,000 previously given. Mr. Rolls has rebuilt his own parish church, given £1,000 to the Bishop of Llandaff's fund, and also contributed largely to the restoration of St. Mary's, Monmouth.

On Saturday, November 6th, the annual dedication festival of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, was held. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins and second celebration of the Holy Communion, choral at 11 a.m., and evensong was at 4 p.m. In addition to the cathedral choir there were contingents from the choirs of other Edinburgh churches. The Rev. R. Mitchell Innes, incumbent of old St. Paul's, Edinburgh, formerly precentor of the cathedral, preached from Ps. xcvi. 8-9. The benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

An exchange notes the last ecclesiastical migration of the Rev. ———. He was formerly a Baptist, he then became a Churchman, then a Reformed Episcopalian, then a Presbyterian. As Artemus Ward said to Brigham Young; "How do you like it as far as you've got?"

THE HOUSE-FURNISHING STORE OF HARRY A. COLLINS.

Among the many House-furnishing Stores at present in Toronto, must be mentioned that of Harry A. Collins, where will be found almost anything necessary for the furnishing of a house in the Hardware line. His stock consists of Stoves, Ranges, Cutlery, Electro-plated ware, Willow ware, Wooden ware, &c. In addition to the above he keeps a large assortment of fancy goods consisting of Brass Fire Irons, Brass Fenders, Brass Placques, Fancy Lamps, Chandeliers, &c.

He also imports largely the Vienna Coffee Pot, Brass Egg Boilers, Brass Hot Water Kettles, suitable for Xmas and New Years' presents. A visit to his establishment where every one is treated with the utmost courtesy will well repay intending purchasers.

Family Reading.

A SCHEMING OLD SANTA CLAUS.

BY JOHN R. CORYELL.

(Continued.)

III.

Yes, Ned Joyce had countermanded the turkey. He had very bravely gone into the butcher shop, and said:

"George, I can't take that turkey—that sixteen pounder, you—"

There he broke down, and, with a pathetic wave of his hand, rushed out into the street. He turned out of the bright avenue, with a groan, and plunged despairingly up the first dark street. He was afraid he would see the presents he had so long before selected.

When he reached the little brown house, he did not hurry boisterously in, as was his custom. He stopped and looked as if he would like to run away. Three times he put his hand on the gate before he could summon the courage to open it.

Oh, but it was dreadful when he got inside, and was seized by the expectant Roby and Essie for the usual frolic! Of course he could not spoil their fun, so he tumbled them and rolled them, and laughed laughs that passed current with the babies, but squandered almost hideous to him. And when a hollow dismal sigh would slip out in spite of him, he would pass it off for a joke, and try to do it again in a sportive way.

These sighs, being an entirely new feature of their fun, pleased Roby and Essie mightily, and they took to sighing with great gusto.

All this was hard enough to bear, but it was as nothing compared to what followed when they were all seated at the table, and the conversation turned upon Santa Claus, and what he was going to give them. This very topic was the one in which poor Ned had always before had a great deal of joy. That night every mention of Santa Claus fell like a lump of lead on his heart.

It was a marvel how he lived through the days that came before Christmas without betraying himself to the babies. Betty would have had him