

Augustine College, Canterbury, and in February, 1861, was appointed to the curacy of St. Stephen, where for nine months he assisted Rev. Dr. Thomson in the old Parish Church, St. James Church, and Milltown. All of these Churches have been since destroyed by fire. In November of the same year he was removed to the Mission of Douglas, now divided into the Parishes of Douglas and Bright, where he remained for ten years. In 1871 Mr. Dowling was unanimously elected Rector of St. George's Church, Carleton, where he has since faithfully worked, and where his labours have been abundantly blessed. Last July, he was appointed Rural Dean of St. John. He is an enthusiastic advocate of free seats in Churches, and St. George's became free under him. He made a free use of the press in his ministrations, having constantly issued parish almanacs, and publishing monthly a small magazine. Since 1874, Mr. Dowling has also had charge of the temporary Church of the Good Shepherd, at Fairville, and it will be a gratification for him to know that through the exertion of members of the congregation and others, there is every prospect of the new Church being occupied some time in 1884. Mr. Dowling enters upon his duties in St. Stephen in February.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

GLEN SUTTON.—The Rector, the Rev. C. Lummis, was surprised on Christmas Eve with the gift of a purse of money, showing the hearty good will entertained to both Mrs. Lummis and himself by the people. On the same evening the children of the Sunday School enjoyed an entertainment and supper at the Rectory, and subsequently the distribution of prizes took place at the Church. There is a debt still remaining on the Parish which it is hoped will soon be removed.

MANSONVILLE.—A very attractive entertainment was given by the choir and children of the Sunday School in the Town Hall on Christmas Eve. A large audience was present, and the programme was well rendered. Afterwards the distribution of gifts took place which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The organist, Miss Clara Perkins, being about to remove to Montreal was presented with a very handsome testimonial, accompanied by a flattering address.

The following will be read with interest by many in the Eastern Townships. Mr. Benham received his early instruction under the Rev. T. W. Fyles, and afterwards assisted that gentleman in the management of the Missisquoi High School. He is one of a number of young persons who have been sent out from that useful institution to do good service for the Church in various ways:—At the Church of the Holy Communion, on Friday last, St. Andrew's day, the Rev. Caleb Benham, A. B., B. D., deacon, and rector of the parish, was ordained priest by the Rt. Rev. H. B. Whipple, D. D., Bishop of Minnesota. The Rev. S. K. Miller, of Le Sueur, and the Rev. G. C. Tanner, of Owatonna, were also present. Morning prayer was first said, beginning by singing as a processional hymn the 175th in "The Hymnal"—"From all thy saints in warfare, for all thy saints at rest." After morning prayer was ended, the Bishop gave an address, the subject of which was "The divine appointment of a Christian ministry." He dwelt at some length upon the dignity and responsibility of the pastoral office, and with what esteem it ought to be regarded, since ministers are Christ's ambassadors; also upon its low esteem, occasioned by men assuming to themselves the sacred office without being lawfully commissioned and sent. His simple, earnest words could not fail to impress every one present that he believed what he said—that Jesus Christ is indeed the Friend whom "sin-sick mortals need, to comfort them in life and in death; and that His ministers should preach Christ, and Christ only. In his address to Mr. B. he said, "I have watched over you all these years with a father's care and solitude, and

seen you develop into mature manhood. His address was full of wise counsel and regard. The Rev. Mr. Miller and the Rev. Mr. Tanner then presented the candidate. After the laying on of hands, followed the celebration of the Holy Communion, the Rev. Mr. Benham assisting the Bishop in the distribution of the sacred elements. The service ended, the Bishop asked the members of the congregation to come forward and extend their rector their hearty congratulations. Miss Ella Donahower presided at the organ in the most efficient manner, and the choir, Mr. Dodd, Misses Daniels, Pierce and Cox, sang in a very gratifying manner. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, and the service of such a character as will long be remembered by all present.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

REV. R. MITCHELL, formerly Rector of St. Paul's Church, Quebec City, has been appointed vicar of Wield, England—patron, the Bishop of Winchester for his turn by lapse.

The late Hon. David E. Price, Senator, has left a legacy of \$500 to the Quebec Ladies' Protestant Home.

On Christmas Day, Services were held in all the Churches in the city. The congregations were large, and the decorations tasteful and appropriate; the music was also of a very high order.

A band of juveniles, belonging to the St. Matthew's blue ribbon army, started out on Monday evening, and visited the Bishop and the Rectors of St. Matthew's and St. Peter's Churches, and greeted them with some old-time Christmas carols.

On St. John's Day, the Masonic fraternity attended Divine Service in the Cathedral, at 8 p.m. There was a very large attendance.

LEVIS—Holy Trinity.—The Christmas Services were well attended. They were held at 7.30, 10.30, and 4 o'clock. The Communicants numbered about 50. The Rev. T. W. Fyles rendered kind and much valued help in the ministrations of the day. The musical parts of the services showed very careful preparation on the part of the organist, Miss Annie Hamel, and the choir. The chancel was beautifully decorated. The prayer desk and the font were beautifully decked in green, adorned and interspersed with red berries. The combined effect of the time and pains bestowed upon the numerous decorations reflect great credit upon the willing workers of the congregation. The Rector, the Rev. Ernest King, was most kindly remembered by his parishioners in many generous ways, and particularly by a large Christmas-box, filled with a china breakfast and tea set, of very neat pattern, including also glassware. Very thoughtful and liberal donations, moreover, were made for his larder.

DIocese OF HURON.

WARDSVILLE PARISH.—St. James' Sunday School entertainment was somewhat varied from that of previous years. The main attraction was magic lantern views of the Arctic Regions, the Zulu War, statuary and comic pictures. Opening and closing pieces by the school, as well as a very entertaining dialogue served to vary the proceedings which were greatly enjoyed by all present. No prizes were given as the money contributed each Sunday had been used recently to paint and embellish the basement of the Church, which is used for the Sunday School, and is now tastefully adorned with pictures. Though the village is at a standstill, and has recently again been visited by fire, both Church and Sunday School are in a flourishing condition. The beautiful church is entirely out of debt, while, by the sale of the Church farm, a parsonage has just been purchased with part of the proceeds, and an endowment (very small it is true) has been arranged. There is still a balance to be raised for the parsonage, this however, is three parts met already by subscriptions. When we mention that the collections of the Sunday School for the year

were \$59.40, it will be seen that for a village of 500 inhabitants and with three other religious bodies here, the Church is not inactive.

BEFORE the Wardsville Literary Society, the Rev. W. J. Taylor, recently gave a lecture "Reminiscences of my Visit to England and the Channel Islands." There was a large attendance, much laughter and applause being evoked by the way in which the lecturer treated his subject.

GLENCOE, which is a thriving village, and forms part of the Wardsville Parish, has, also a flourishing Sunday School with an able staff of teachers. Though numerically the Church of England is by no means the strongest body here, for the county around is peopled with Scotch Presbyterians, yet it has room, and its services are valued. The Sunday School is perhaps the strongest here. Its Christmas entertainment was a decided success, consisting of a tea, dialogues, recitations, music and a distribution of prizes.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON—All Saints.—A beautiful pulpit, of oak, and Gothic in design, has been presented to this Church by one of the parishioners. The Bishop preached the first sermon in it on the Sunday before Christmas, and took for his text 1 Cor. ii., 2. His Lordship expressed the great pleasure it gave him to open a Christian pulpit, and especially one given in such a Christian way; and he earnestly hoped that it would always resound with the faithful preaching of those great, saving truths of the everlasting Gospel of which Christ, the Incarnate God, was the centre.

On Christmas, this Church was quietly and prettily decorated. From the desk of the pulpit there hung a beautiful silk banner, with polished brass fixtures, and illuminated with the appropriate symbol of a star. This was the handiwork and the gift of two ladies of the congregation. The chancel, font, lectern, and reading desks, were tastefully ornamented with banners and evergreens. The chancel had very recently been furnished with a beautiful deep crimson carpet, of ecclesiastical design, and the metal supports of the communion rail had been ornamented with deep blue and gold, so that altogether, with both temporary and permanent ornamentation, the interior of the Church presented a very beautiful appearance. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m., and also at the 11 o'clock Service. The anthem was taken from the words "Sing and rejoice, O, daughter of Zion," and the sermon was preached by the Rector from the text, "On earth peace."

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

ALMONTE.—On Christmas morning, Mrs. Stephenson, wife of the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Almonte, was presented by Mrs. J. Rosamond, Jr., on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, with a handsome silver cake basket, butter dish, butter knife and sugar basin.

The offertories on Christmas Day amounted to \$65.

A short time ago, Bennett Rosamond, Esq., President of the Rosamond Woollen Co., presented a splendid Mason & Hamlin Organ to St. Paul's Church.

The debt on the Rectory, which in 1877 amounted to \$3,000, with interest at 8 per cent, has been reduced to \$900.

A new coal burning furnace, from the establishment of Messrs. Gurney & Co., Hamilton, Ont., has been placed in the basement of St. Paul's Church, at a cost of \$275, and is working admirably.

OTTAWA—Christmas Day at the Capital.—The festival of Christmas was duly observed at the Capital. The Churches were all decked in the garb of joy, and few Churchmen remember