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with useful as well as ornamental gifts, and not only the children, of whom there are over fifty in the Sunday school, but every one present received a prize. Mrs. Hutton was indefatigable as an accompanist on the organ for the various songs, choruses, and a violin solo by Mr. Avery's nimble fingers. "Three blind mice," sung by "the farmer's wife" (Miss Myrabell Thomson) and others in costume, attended by three white mice of cat-like proportions, greatly amused the little ones, while Mrs. Avery's and Miss Maggie Gracie's solos, with two Scotch songs and choruses, were very well rendered and met with deserved applause. Two gentlemen with very good voices sang each a song showing careful artistic preparation, Mr. Harry Roberts, and Mr. Kay Eagan, the latter afterwards enacting Santa Claus in his usual entertaining way. On Christmas Day, Mr. Hutton accompanied by his popular help-meet, conducted four services, viz.: Early celebration, St. Alban's, Maberly; 11 a.m. celebration, St. Paul's, Zealard; evensong, 3 p.m., Christ Church, Oso; evensong 7 p.m., Sharbot Lake. At the end of the last service the children sang some carols in which a solo was sweetly sung by Miss M. Thomson. I omitted, in the proper place, to mention the recitations by some very small performers, which did them great credit, and a dialogue pointing a good moral, by four young ladies whose memories enabled them to go well through their parts. The Maberly congregation presented Mrs. Hutton with a purse of \$20, which was a substantial expression of the general affection with which she is regarded in the mission, of which all the inhabitants unite in wishing her and Mr. Hutton a long and happy life. On the Sunday preceding the Xmas tree, Mr. Hutton catechised the children after evening service, with a very satisfactory result. I trust that you will not consider your valuable space unwarrantably intruded on by "A CHIEF AMANG US TAKIN' NOTES."

OSNABRUCK AND MOULINETTE.—Special services were held in all the churches of this parish during the season of Advent, and were well attended, the congregations at St. David's, Wales, being particularly large. The subjects of the addresses were the same at each church, namely, "The Four Last Things." At St. David's special preachers were obtained for three of the services; the Revs. G. S. Anderson (Morrisburg), W. J. Bate (Crysler), and L. B. Stephenson (Cornwall) kindly performing this duty with much interest to the congregation. All the churches were brightly and neatly trimmed for the Christmas festival. A hearty service was held on Christmas Eve at St. David's. Notwithstanding the bitter cold there was an excellent congregation. A number of carols were well sung by the choir. According to a good old custom in this parish, the collection was presented to the clergyman's wife.

The services on Christmas Day throughout the parish were as follows: Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m., at St. David's, Wales; evensong, 3 p.m., at Christ Church; and evensong and baptisms, 7 p.m., at St. Peter's, Osnabrock Centre. The congregations were very large, and the services cheerful and hearty. There were 28 communicants at 8 a.m., and 63 at 10.30. Liberal offerings were made for the rector.

ROSLIN.—The Festival of the Incarnation of our Blessed Lord was well observed in the parish of Roslin, and we were glad to notice the large number who made their Christmas communion. The churches were nicely decorated, especially St. Paul's, Roslin, where the decorations eclipsed those of former years, and the chancel has been enriched by the addition of a new dossal. The Christmas carols (introduced for the first time this year by the Rev. J. Fisher) were well rendered by the choirs, and seemed to be greatly appreciated by the congregation. We are thankful to all those who helped to make our festival services so bright and hearty.

Presentation.—The Rev. R. S. Forneri's parishioners of Fredericksburgh and Adolphustown not only gave him a handsome offering in the church collections on Christmas Day, but also presented him with a valuable horse to take the place of his old steed. Mrs. Forneri also was the recipient of a purse containing about \$24. Individually the parishioners have been kind and liberal in their gifts. When it is remembered that last summer Mr. Forneri received the present of a covered buggy, and that only recently nearly \$400 had been subscribed in the parish for the Gosport church, it cannot be gainsaid that the Church people of this parish from Gosport to Adolphustown and Sandhurst are second to none in the diocese for kindness and generosity.

KINGSTON.—Rev. W. J. Muckleston, of Christ Church, Ottawa; the Rev. George R. Beamish of St. James' Church, and Rev. William H. Barns, deacon of Tweed, are mentioned as possible successors to Rev. M. M. Harding in the curacy of St. George's Cathedral.

TORONTO.

SHANTY BAY.—A very successful "Paper box social and Christmas tree entertainment" was held at Crown Hill in connection with St. James' Church. A varied programme, lasting for nearly four hours, was provided, and was listened to with evident interest and delight by the densely packed crowd gathered in the Temperance House, where the entertainment was held. During the evening the churchwardens, on behalf of the congregation, presented the Rev. J. F. White, incumbent of Shanty Bay, with an address and a purse of \$50. This offering was intended as a recognition of the fortnightly services held at Crown Hill by Mr. White for the last few months. The following evening the people of St. Mark's Church, East Oro, made their annual Christmas pilgrimage to the parsonage. Their offering this year consisted of a very costly and handsome sleigh, also a string of bells and a whip. The young people of Shanty Bay had been invited to meet the East Oro delegates, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the party breaking up about 3 o'clock in the morning. The sleigh was a gift to Mrs. White, who is the organist at East Oro. Mr. and Mrs. White were very much moved by the expression of good will entertained towards them by the people of these two congregations, and it was with evident reluctance that they made the totally unexpected announcement that on account of Mrs. White's health they were about to leave the parish for an appointment in the West Indies, which had just been offered to Mr. White by the Bishop of Barbadoes.

All Saints.—The school-room was crowded to the doors last Thursday evening, the occasion being the annual entertainment and distribution of prizes to the scholars. The rector, Rev. A. H. Baldwin, presided. This is now the largest Sunday-school in the city, numbering about 1,050. The entertainment consisted of songs, recitations and glees by the scholars. Prizes to the number of about 200 books were presented by the chairman and others for attendance, good conduct and lessons. Mr. Oldfield, who won such fame in the recent "Fayre," repeated his Punch and Judy show. Rev. Arthur Baldwin's medals, presented for catechism examination, were won by Amy Newton, Eliz. Bowling and Ida Pearson, and Mr. Henry A. Stone's special prizes for same examination by B. Dewey, M. Smith. The meeting closed with the national anthem.

NEWCASTLE.—Very bright and attractive were the Christmas services at St. George's, Newcastle, and they were attended by large congregations. The decorations were especially good, and called forth much admiration. Holy Communion was administered at 8 a.m., and again at 11 o'clock, when the Rev. Canon Brent preached. The number of communicants was very large. In the services, which were partly choral, the choir under Miss Farncomb's leadership acquitted themselves very creditably. There was a generous offertory.

St. James' Cathedral.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. Courtney, Bishop of Nova Scotia, will preach in St. James' Cathedral on Sunday, January 29th, 1893, at both morning and evening services. The evening sermon will be one of the course to young men in connection with the St. James' Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

St. George's.—On Wednesday last, Holy Innocents' Day, the "Ministering Children's League," of Toronto Diocese, held its seventh annual meeting in St. George's school-house. There was a large attendance of members and associate-members, the school-room being well filled. The Lord Bishop took the chair; he congratulated the children on their successful work during the past year, and reminded them that carrying out the rule of the League—to do a kind deed every day—would in a year amount to 365 kind actions by each member of the society. The report stated that the M. C. L. coats in the Sick Children's Hospital, the Lakeside Home and St. John's Hospital, had been supported by the children's contributions for the year, and considerable sums of money had been given to mission work. The Rev. C. C. Roper and the Rev. Eric Swayne Wigfield made some bright and instructive remarks to the children, after which a beautiful tea was served in the adjoining room, and whilst parties of fifty were enjoying this, Miss Francis entertained the others with delightful recitations and songs.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—St. Matthew's Church.—The parish hall and school for boys attached to this church was opened on Wednesday before Christmas. The boys of St. Matthew's Church school gave their usual annual breaking-up exhibition and received their prizes for the term. Before distribution of the

prizes, a programme of music, songs, etc., was rendered. Conspicuous was the rendering of two acts in Julius Cæsar, in character, in continuation of former part of same play put in by the boys the year before. The Bishop of the Diocese was unavoidably absent, having been called away for ordinations in Diocese of Ontario. Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, rector of the school, distributed the prizes as follows: Form 1 (seniors)—Jenner Booth, Alex. Sheriff, Frank Nairn. Form 1 (juniors)—Reginald Hore and Adam Scott. Form 2—James Buckingham and O. Mundy. Form 3—Harry Cuttriss and E. Fernihough. Form 4—Freddie Hore and W. Henderson. The building is a handsome brick edifice, about 60 feet by 50 feet; two stories. The upper story has a ceiling 18 feet high and is fitted up for hall purposes with ante-rooms and conveniences. The ground floor is the school, divided into one main room and class rooms. The school is a venture on Rev. Mr. Whitcombe's part to test the practicability of establishing a parochial day school, where the fees shall be such as are within the reach of the masses, and where the secular education as is given in the public schools may be secured, with the addition of that which the public schools cannot afford, viz., instruction in manners, morals and religion. The school will, on 9th January, open on its third year, having been heretofore held in the Clergy House. It is fully expected that the roll will be doubled on the day of opening.

CAYUGA.—Notwithstanding a nett loss of nearly forty members of the congregation, by removal elsewhere, during the past three years, the recent Christmas morning collection amounted to \$37.56, the largest amount as yet contributed on any such occasion. In addition to this a number of useful presents in kind were brought to the parsonage, and Mrs. Francis was made the recipient of a valuable fur-lined Russian cloak, the gift of some of the ladies of the congregation. There was also used by the Incumbent at the Christmas services, which were largely attended, a handsomely embroidered stole of corded silk, the material being the gift to the church of Mr. A. W. H. Francis, of St. Alban's School, Knoxville, Ill., and the work connected with it that of Miss Bull, of the Rectory, Niagara Falls South.

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PRESTON.—The services on Christmas day were very encouraging. Both at Preston and Hespeler the work is progressing. The assessment at each place is to be raised \$50. In addition to this large Christmas offertories were given to the incumbent—\$62.15 at Preston and \$16.81 at Hespeler—in all \$78.46. Yet when the Rev. J. Ridley, rector of Galt, opened services at Preston, little more than three years since, there was nothing! Now we have a handsome church, and another is to be built next spring at Hespeler.

GALT.—A very handsome silver chalice was presented at Christmas by Mrs. Dykes for special use at the early celebrations. It is similar in design and workmanship to the paten presented by the same lady a few years ago. The chalice was used for the first time on Christmas morning. The services were very bright and hearty, and large congregations filled the beautiful edifice. In addition to plants and flowers, a very handsome screen graced the chancel. There were no other decorations.

MITCHELL.—The Sunday-school Christmas entertainment of Trinity Church was held in the Town Hall on the evening of the 20th of December. The hall was filled with the children and members of the congregation. The amusement for the infant and junior classes was a tree with presents, candies, etc., for each child. Some Christmas carols were beautifully sung by the children of the school. For the elder scholars, Mr. Imlach, of London, by request of the rector, D. W. Dewdney, gave a lecture on the early British Church, illustrated by magic lantern views of early churches, cathedrals and leading events, which, owing to the use of a powerful lime light lantern by Mr. Kershaw of London, gave most beautiful representations of these scenes, especially the interiors of some of our grand old cathedrals.

The lecturer, as each was shown upon the screen, devoted a short time to an historical account of each, particularly as to dates, bringing out clearly the continuity and antiquity of the English Church, reminding his hearers of these historical facts, that this Church was united as a Church in Britain before England herself had a united constitution, that some of her bishops attended the first general council at Arles A.D. 314, when the Roman Church was in her infancy, and this additional fact he was desirous of impressing on the minds of the youth of the Church, as there were those in the present day that would persuade them that the birth of their Church was at the Reformation, when it is said