

thanks and a cordial invitation to pay another visit to St. Lambert at an early date, and assist in the inauguration of a horticultural society.

**POINT ST. CHARLES.**—The Christmas festival of Grace Church Sunday-school was held in the lecture room on Wednesday evening, and in point of numbers and enthusiasm was probably the most successful meeting of the kind ever held. The report of Mr. H. Powles, the superintendent, shows that there are between six and seven hundred children on the roll of the afternoon school, and over thirty teachers. Mr. Wm. Darling gave some splendid magic lantern views which greatly pleased the children. Santa Claus was present, and in fine form; he distributed the books and prizes, and did it in his very happiest and most pleasing manner. Fruit and sweetmeats were given to all the children present, whether they belonged to Grace Church or not. At 10 o'clock promptly the meeting ended with the Doxology, Mr. Ker pronouncing the Benediction. The fourth annual conversation of the Grace Church Y. M. C. A. was held on Tuesday evening in the lecture hall of the new church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Notwithstanding the very inclement weather a good number were present and a most enjoyable evening spent. The rector, the Rev. John Ker, prefaced the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks. The programme, in addition to orchestral selections, included solos by Messrs. Jackson and Crawford, vocal duet by the Messrs. Howell, and recitations by Mr. Pickard, all rendered in excellent style and heartily encored, while the refreshments were of the usual high standard.

#### ONTARIO.

**BATH.**—The Rev. Rural Dean Bliss, of Petawawa, and the Rev. R. S. Forneri, under a commission from the Bishop of Ontario, canvassed the congregation of St. John's Church last week with a view to augment the rector's stipend, and were, considering all things, quite successful. Forty-three names were appended to the subscription list, raising the Rural Dean's income about 48 per cent. The deputation everywhere met with a cheerful reception, and the response to their appeal was all but unanimous. Rural Dean Bliss took part in the services on Sunday, 27th ult., preaching in the morning most eloquently and forcibly upon the object of his visit, and at night with equal force upon what had been accomplished through the instrumentality of the mission board in the upper Ottawa country, and the need existing for enlarging the Church's operations in that and other outlying missionary districts. The congregations at both services were exceedingly good, and the Advent Mission Fund offertory was much larger than in past years.

**CAMDEN.**—We don't often trouble your paper with news, and I think perhaps a short account of our work during the great festival just past may not be considered egotistical, but may help to stimulate and encourage others. We have in this parish six stations, in three of which there are churches and regular Sunday services, and in the other three weekly services on week days. Our Christmas day services commenced with a celebration in St. John's, Newburgh, at 6 a.m., and in spite of the extreme cold and early hour there were 22 present, 18 communicants. I may state that 10 communicants were kept away, by one cause or another, who would certainly have been there if able, and all of whom except two have since communicated. The faithfulness of those who came, and who were not communicants (not being confirmed), may be indeed commended. It was a grand sight to see those faithful souls singing the appropriate hymn, "Christians, awake," even before the sun had risen. Our organist and many of the choir being present, we were enabled to have a semi-choral service, which made it very bright and beautiful. At 8.30 a.m., the incumbent having driven seven miles, met another goodly congregation in Holy Trinity, Zarken, when we had 14 faithful communicants and a congregation of 22. Here, again, about 6 others would have been present and communicated if able. At 11 a.m., the incumbent having driven four miles more, met a large congregation of 150 (though the day was very stormy) for full morning prayer and celebration. The choir, accompanied by a flageolet, violin and bass violin, together with the organ, led the congregation through the long service, with such heartiness, reverence, and good time, as your correspondent has seldom heard. The whole of the large congregation remained until the priest had left the church. Forty-eight communicants again; no less than about twenty were unable to be present, most of whom have since communicated. At the close of the "nunc dimittis," to see that large congregation, one and all, go down upon their knees and silently offer up their thanksgivings for the great privilege they had just had, was a sight long to be remembered. At 3 p.m. a good congregation again met in

St. John's, Newburgh, for choral evensong and sermon, and again at 7 a large congregation met in Holy Trinity, Yarker, and closed a day long to be remembered, and which will I feel sure stir up our people to renewed energy, and zeal, and earnestness. The churches were all beautifully decorated, and the offerings during the day were \$37.60, to which must be added a beautiful astrachan coat presented to the incumbent at the Sunday-school entertainment on the following Wednesday evening, and cannot, we feel sure, but be appreciated by him. On New Year's eve a large congregation of forty-six met in St. John's, Newburgh, at 11.20 p.m., and after singing the hymn, "A Few More Years Shall Roll," reading the second lesson, and an address, knelt down and joined in a self-examination of the old year, then silent meditation and forming of a good resolution for the New Year; they sang the "Veni Creator"; 12 o'clock having arrived, the Holy Communion was immediately commenced, there being 14 communicants. A congregation commencing the New Year in such a way may indeed expect a blessing on their work during the year. Many present gave expression to their feelings, "We have never seen the like." May the Lord of His great mercy bless and encourage this good beginning, that it may be only the beginning of a bright, prosperous and happy New Year to the congregation and parish. During the year this parish has paid nearly \$100 off the indebtedness on the parsonage (just \$100 remaining still to be paid). Through the instrumentality of our energetic rural dean (the Rev. E. H. M. Baker, of Bath), it has increased the stipend of the incumbent fifty per cent., and asked the mission board to reduce its grant by \$50; raised \$150 towards a shed for St. Luke's Church; cleaned and painted St. John's Church, Newburgh, inside and out; given the incumbent a beautiful astrachan coat and \$37.60 Christmas offertory, and above all the number of communicants have increased fifty per cent. during the year, and seventy-five per cent. since Christmas, 1891. May we not indeed take courage, and say: "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable goodness."

**NEW BOYNE AND LOMBARDY.**—Christmas was duly observed in this mission. We had at Trinity Church an early celebration at 8 a.m., with sixteen communicants. On the organ was placed an envelope containing \$9.75, as a small present for Miss Fanny Klyne, our esteemed organist. The incumbent arrived at St. Peter's, New Boyne, at 11.30, where a very large congregation were assembled, and where another celebration took place, very many receiving. Evensong was said in Trinity Church, Lombardy, at 7 p.m., and a sermon suitable to the occasion was preached. On January 11th, we had our Trinity Sunday-school festival and Christmas tree. A large number of the pupils ably assisted in carrying out the programme. We had three trees laden with gifts. The Sunday school presented Mrs. French, wife of the incumbent, with a gold chain. We are pleased to say our Sunday school at Lombardy is in a very flourishing condition.

#### TORONTO.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for Rev. J. G. Brick, Peace River, Athabasca, per Mrs. Lungs, London, Ont.: Kingsville branch W.A., \$5.00; New St. Paul's, Woodstock, \$10.00; Glanworth, \$4.87; St. Paul's Cathedral, \$1.00.

**St. Matthew's.**—This is one of the most flourishing churches in the city, of which Rev. J. Scott Howard is rector and Rev. J. W. Blackler assistant. Last Thursday night the large schoolhouse of the parish was packed on the occasion of the presentation of Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks, the young people of the church having gained a reputation for this kind of entertainment on previous occasions. The show was excellent and pleased the East Enders. All the time-honored pieces of that dame's wonderful collection were repeated, along with other new ones. The Varsity Glee Club sang several selections. So successful was the entertainment that it will be repeated.

**St. Bartholomew's.**—The annual Christmas festival for the infant school was held on Thursday afternoon, 29th December, when the scholars received their gifts off the Xmas tree. The Xmas entertainment for the senior school was held on Tuesday evening, 3rd inst., when the parents, friends and scholars were treated to lime-light dissolving views by Mr. Thos. F. Wagner. Rev. G. I. Taylor, M.A., rector, presented the annual prizes. The following scholars are worthy of mention as receiving prizes for full attendance: Henrietta Jerreat, Addie Lowry, Evie Carrette and Lizzie Waring. A special prize was presented to Miss Henrietta Jerreat for ten years good attendance at the school; she never missed a Sunday or a mark in that time. The scholars during the evening sang several carols and

hymns, and Miss Louise Dennett also sang a solo suitable to Christmas tide. The entertainment was highly enjoyed by all present and was closed with the benediction by the rector.

**Trinity University Theological and Missionary Association.**—Mr. DuMoulin, B.A., took duty on Sunday last at Thorold; T. Chilcott, B.A., Monro; Mr. J. A. Ballard at Ashburnham; Messrs. A. V. De Pensier and Spencer at Beaverton; Mr. H. M. Little at Cannington; Mr. Lawrence at Milton; Mr. Seager at Clairville, and Mr. Fenning at the Convalescent Home.

A public missionary meeting is to be held on January 30, at 8 p.m., in the Convocation Hall of the College. His Lordship, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, is to address the meeting, and efforts are being made to secure other speakers. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Toronto will preside. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The Executive Committee of the society have arranged for the following meetings: Monday evening, February 13, to be devoted to the subject of "Foreign Mission Work," and Monday, March 6, to the discussion of the "duty of the Church regarding the existing relations between labour and capital."

**GREENWOOD.**—Mr. J. Allen Ballard, on the evening of Dec. 26, had a most successful entertainment at Greenwood. A very pleasant evening was spent, and those present felt that considerable profit was to be derived from being thus brought together. The proceeds amounted to a trifle over \$20; this mission is now under the charge of the Rev. J. Hughes Jones, formerly of Minden.

**ESSONVILLE.**—A most successful gathering took place at this settlement on Wednesday, 28th ult., in the school-house of Christ Church. It was altogether an impromptu affair, but was acknowledged by all to be a most complete success, and by far the largest gathering of the sort ever held in this part of the country. The programme consisted of—1st. Tea, buns, tarts, pies and cakes in abundance; 2nd. A lecture of half an hour's length by the incumbent, the Rev. H. T. Bourne, on his ten years' mission work amongst the Wild Plain Indians, the Bloods and Piegiens. The lecture, which was varied by amusing anecdotes and Indian characteristics, was listened to with rapt attention throughout. After the lecture a hymn in the Blackfoot language was sung by Master Charlie Bourne, dressed in Indian costume. A Christmas Tree was then lighted up, and we may truly say was gazed on in wonder by many little ones who had never seen such a sight before. The tree was literally loaded with candies and toys of every description. Some valuable presents of clothing, which were much appreciated, were then made. The proceeds, which amounted to \$16.70, will be divided between the debt of \$9.60 on the new driving shed, the Diocesan Mission Fund and the Superannuation Fund. The utmost good feeling and good behaviour was manifested throughout, and all went home more than satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

**ALLANDALE.**—Sunday, Jan. 8th, was a red-letter day with the congregation of St. George's Church, when the beautiful new church was opened for public worship. Everything was duly prepared for the opening the week before—a beautiful chancel carpet and matting for the aisle, also a very handsome dossal, were purchased by the congregation, and a beautiful bishop's chair, the gift of the incumbent, Rev. J. K. Godden, M.A. The church is of solid brick, with coloured cathedral glass in all the windows, lighted by electric light, and for the present seated with only temporary seats, capable of seating 300 people. At both the morning and evening services the choir of Trinity Church, Barrie, rendered their valuable services under the able leadership of J. C. Morgan, Esq., M.A., and sang the service to most beautiful and elaborate music. The Rev. Rural Dean Kingston read the service, the incumbent the communion office. The Rev. Dr. Langtry preached most eloquent and practical sermons at both services, on the texts "Follow holiness," and "Son, go, work today in my vineyard," respectively. At the close of the evening sermon the Dr. suggested a very simple method by which to clear off the debt of \$2,000 now resting on the building, since \$1,200 is wiped out, viz., to secure 200 persons who will give \$5.00 each for 2 years. At the close of the service the sum of \$200 was subscribed in this way. In the afternoon a children's service was held at which Rev. Rural Dean Kingston, B.A., addressed the children in very appropriate, simple language. The Revs. Murphy and Scott also took part in the services. The offertory during the day amounted to \$97, the church at both a.m. and p.m. services being crowded to the doors. The fact of getting this new church built and the success of its opening, is most gratifying to both priest and people, for many a hard struggle had ensued in the past; but now that the victory is accomplished, we trust and have reason to believe that all will work together with a will hand in hand, to

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