

MONTHLY NOTES.

gal, "Matona, Lovely Maiden," meeting with the greatest favour. The string orchestra of seven pieces gave but one number, and an encore, to the evident regret of the audience. Among the soloists, Miss Alice Louise Klingner's two numbers, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and "Bid me discourse," were given with her accustomed attraction, and with commendable appreciation of the music. The pianoforte selection of Miss Gunther was admirably interpreted. Miss Martin, who has a bright, clear soprano voice of good range, was well received. The elocutionist of the evening was Miss Lea, who was twice recalled. Mr. Thomson, baritone, sang "The Deathless Army," while Mr. Dick contributed "Six o'clock on the bay." This notice would not be complete without mention of Mr. Andersen's violin solo and its encore, which were very artistically rendered."

The performance of the junior members of the choir on this occasion, although very creditable, did not fully come up to Mr. Kemp's expectation, but this was amply atoned for on Monday evening, December 14th, when the choir gave a concert of a similar character at St. George's schoolhouse, at which their performance—chiefly part songs, without accompaniment—drew from the Rev. Precentor the highest praise. We were

much pleased that the choir accepted the invitation to sing at St. George's, for not only have the congregation of that parish been generous friends of the Cathedral, but also it was but a fitting compliment to the Rev. Canon Cayley as Precentor of the Cathedral and, as such, the official head of our choir, and we are doubly pleased in that the performance was so excellent. It was to be regretted that the string orchestra, who were also invited to play at St. George's, were unable to make arrangements for doing so. At the concert in the Crypt the choir mustered 63 members (exclusive of those who are in the orchestra only), and at St. George's, 60.

A successful photograph of the choir, by Messrs. Farmer Bros., was taken on Christmas Day in the interior of the Cathedral, the east end of which is shewn in the picture. Copies of this may be obtained from members of the choir at 50 cents.

The Christmas Festival of the Sunday School took place in the Crypt on Twelfth night evening, 6th inst., with the usual accompaniment of tea and cake, tree and presents, and much enjoyment on the part of the young people.