

LYN.—A Sunday-school entertainment and Christmas tree, held here on the 22nd, was highly successful, and realized \$21.58. The Rev. Mr. Crawford, of Brockville, delivered an eloquent address, and also sang a couple of his choice songs, which were duly appreciated. The children, trained by Mrs. Grout for some weeks past, sang some Christmas carols in very good style. A tableau of "Old Father Time," and his twelve daughters, was much admired, and the rendering of other tableaux, dialogues, &c., displayed considerable local talent. At Christmas time Mr. Grout was presented with a handsome family sleigh—the subscriptions to which had been kindly collected by Messrs. Wm. Stafford and Thos. Pettam, Churchwardens.

NEW DUBLIN.—Another Sunday-school entertainment was held here on the 22nd, and, in spite of the sudden disappearance of the sleighing, was fairly attended, and realized \$11. The children, having been carefully trained for the last six weeks by Mrs. Grout, sang some Christmas carols very sweetly. The dialogues, recitations, &c., by the children were particularly well rendered, and elicited great applause. A number of excellent songs, &c., by local amateurs, contributed much to the evening's amusement. On behalf of the congregation, John Barry, Esq., presented Mr. Grout with a very handsome set of harness and whip—the subscriptions for which Mr. Barry collected at considerable personal trouble. From the above handsome and substantial tokens of their appreciation and generosity, Mr. Grout and his family have every reason to feel grateful to, and proud of, the Lyn and New Dublin congregations.

SHANNONVILLE.—On Christmas eve, a very successful Christmas tree festival was held in connection with Trinity Church Sunday-school. The hall was well filled, although the evening was anything but favorable, there being a blinding snow storm all that day. The children certainly acquitted themselves in a way to give credit to Mr. Kemp, the Superintendent, and Miss Ella Appleby, the organist, as the time for preparation had been short. A number of recitations and musical pieces were rendered by the choir and others, but the success of the evening was the appearance of the Superintendent dressed in character as Santa Claus, and distributed the prizes and gifts to those present. It was indeed a joyful time, which all, both young and old, seemed to fully appreciate. During the distribution of gifts from the tree, our esteemed organist, Miss Ella Appleby, received a purse and twenty dollars from the Church members as a slight token of recognition of her services during the past year, after which the entertainment was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*St. Alban's Cathedral.*—After careful consideration, the chapter of St. Alban's cathedral, Toronto, have purchased a site for the new church. The chapter have been fortunate in securing a plot of ground of four and one-half acres in a very desirable locality, one which is at present a field, but which before long will be surrounded by residences of a good class. The plot is made up of twenty-six lots, 200 feet by 643 feet, situated north of Bloor street, between Brunswick avenue and Bathurst street, and between Lowther avenue and Wells street. The price given is \$10,288, but the proprietors have given one-half of that sum as a donation, on condition that the See house, which is to be placed on the grounds, is erected within two years, and be of the value of \$10,000. Since that arrangement was made, the proprietors of the surrounding property, which has been named in honour of the cathedral, St. Alban's park, have offered the chapter a donation of \$2,000 towards the erection of the choir and chancel of the intended cathedral, provided that portion of the building is roofed within two years. The terms of the purchase are that the chapter are to pay down \$4,144, and to mortgage the northerly 393 feet of the block for the remaining \$1,000 payable in five annual instalments at six per cent. interest. There will thus be 250 feet by 300 feet clear of incumbrances. The cathedral will stand on the southerly part of this 250 feet, and front on Lowther square, 166 feet in width, which is to be laid out as a garden, and be under the control of the chapter. The See house will be to the north of the cathedral. The grounds are one mile and one-eighth, from Yonge street, three-quarters of a mile from St. Stephen's church, one mile from St. Thomas' church, and one mile from the Church of the Redeemer. It will thus be seen that when the district is settled there will be territory sufficient to give the cathedral a parish. This is the first practical step towards giving effect to a scheme which the Bishop of Toronto is extremely desirous of having carried out.

The land above described is somewhat remote from the centre of the city at present. We well remember the late Senator Brown, saying to us that a site close by the proposed cathedral would in twenty-five years be not far from the centre of Toronto, such confidence had he in the growth of the city, and in that direction. The old cathedral, St. James, and the new one St. Alban's, will be as far apart as Dan and Beersheba. The omen is a very hopeful one on many grounds, for St. James has been a terrible drag upon the Church in Toronto city and diocese.

St. Philip's Church.—During the Advent season a series of special services have been held on each Wednesday and Friday, at which addresses were delivered by the Revs. Archdeacon Boddy, J. Pearson, A. H. Baldwin, T. Motherwell, W. J. McKenzie E. Owen, and the rector, the Rev. J. F. Sweeny. On each Advent Sunday the rector also delivered a course of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. We were glad to find much interest taken in these interesting and edifying services showing, that the active work of the rector in the parish is bearing fruit. Meetings have also been held in connection with the C. E. T. S., the Young People's and the Ladies Aid Association, and the Mother's meeting and the Industrial School and Band of Hope. The idea of the rector evidently is to set all to work according to their gifts and opportunities, himself setting to all a stimulating example.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.—*St. Philip's.*—At the Xmas festival of this parish, a Xmas ship, Clipper built, three mast, twenty-four feet long, "Santa Claus," was unloaded and the freight distributed to the rejoicing consignees. The ship was richly decorated with flags and lanterns. The handsome sum of \$100 was realized by the festival for the Building Fund.

Church of the Redeemer.—This church was much admired this week for its beautiful, seasonable adornments, consisting of the illuminated shields and banners with scriptural mottoes of a character to draw the mind towards the season and its teaching of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day a large number participated in early Holy Communion before and after morning service. A beautiful chair for the Chancel was received as a Xmas gift from the young people. On the 28th ult., the Bishop of Algoma preached.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL.—*St. George's Church.*—On the 28th ult., a very interesting and delightful service was held in this church for the children at which the music consisted of Carols and Xmas Anthems for the young. The Bishop of Algoma addressed the gathering, and recited the Lord's Prayer in the Indian tongue.

EXAMINATIONS.—*Trinity College.*—The following is the list issued of the places secured by the Divinity Students at the recent examinations: Class I.—C. O. Kemp, B. A.; E. A. Oliver, B. A.; J. M. Snowdon, R. Harris, C. B. Beck and S. D. Hague (sq), J. L. Lewis and J. F. Snowdon (sq). Class II.—F. E. Farncomb, B. A. Class III.—L. Smith. Conditioned in Greek Testament and Hebrew, C. Scadding; conditioned in Greek Testament and Church History, J. G. Hooper. Prize List.—Hebrew and Old Testament, E. A. Oliver, B. A.; Greek Testament, J. M. Snowden; Historical, Dogmatic, and Apologetic Theology, E. A. Oliver, B. A.

CARDIFF AND MONMOUTH MISSION.—Many of the settlers at Cheddar and Deel Lake were pleased with two entertainments given by the missionary in charge, who entertained the people for two hours with songs and recitations on the tenth and thirteenth of December. The entertainment in Deel Lake settlement was announced in one of the shanties with good result. The school house was filled with attentive hearers, and the clergyman was much encouraged that his feeble efforts to obtain money to purchase a Communion Service were appreciated. The receipts amounted to \$27. He thankfully acknowledges \$5 from a friend in Toronto; \$5 from Mrs. E. Moore, Nelson, Manitoba; \$5 from M., Ont., \$1 from a friend in Hamilton; \$1 from W. Cardiff; Mrs. Hervey, 50c.; J. Evans, 50c.; A. Southworth, 25c.; a friend, 25c.

WHITBY.—The Christmas contributions this year from All Saints' parish Church were just about double of those of any previous year. The Ladies of the congregation presented Mrs. Fidler with a purse of \$50 in gold. The offertory for the Rector amounted to \$75, and "Old Santa Claus" kindly sent four tons of coal, with a receipt, \$26, making in all \$151.

UPHILL MISSION.—The Rev. Henry Sottley desires to acknowledge, with many thanks, through the kindness of Mrs. O. Reilly, the gift of a beautiful Christmas tree, for the benefit of the Sunday-school children.

PORT HOPE.—*Trinity College School.*—At the recent Christmas examinations, the following boys obtained prizes for general proficiency in all the subjects taught in their respective Forms during the preceding term:—5th Form, H. H. Bedford Jones; 4th Form, W. H. White; 3rd Form, J. Mattocks; Upper 2nd Form, A. F. R. Martin, H. R. Peter; Lower 2nd Form, J. B. Wilson; Upper 1st Form, J. O. Fletcher; Lower 1st Form, A. M. Bethune. The following boys also were awarded Honorable mention for general proficiency, having obtained over sixty per cent of the total number of marks:—5th Form, J. G. Smith, A. C. M. Bedford Jones, W. M. Loucks, D. R. C. Martin; 4th Form, H. S. Cogdon, A. T. Kirkpatrick; 3rd Form, T. S. Farncomb, H. L. Broughall, J. P. Amy, K. H. Fessenden; Upper 2nd Form, G. M. Bedford Jones, D. P. Cottingham, W. H. Smith, D. L. M'Carthy; Lower 2nd Form, J. H. Ince, E. A. Mulligan, H. Y. Complin, G. Reid, W. B. Irwin; Upper 1st Form, M. B. McCarthy, D. S. McCarthy, J. G. Brown, E. C. Wragge, B. H. Ardagh, W. A. Courtney; W. C. R. Graham, E. C. Cattnach, C. H. M. Cameron; Lower 1st Form, R. McLennan. We are glad to learn that the School continues to be very prosperous, and that during the long term just closed, it was entirely free from any sickness of a contagious or serious character. It will re-open after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, the 13th of January.

NIAGARA.

LUTHER VILLAGE.—On Tuesday, December 30th, St. Alban's Sunday-school held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in McLellan's Hall. At 5.50 p.m., the children assembled at the parsonage, where a bountiful supper was provided for them. After tea, all adjourned to the Church for full choral evensong by the children, which was very excellently and heartily rendered; the church being crowded to the doors. After service, the scholars marched to the Hall, headed by a processional banner. Entertainment opened by the children singing "Brightly gleams our banner," followed by a number of recitations, choruses, &c. After which Mr. B. Appley and Librarian proceeded to strip the large and well loaded tree. When all had received their presents, the children sang the carol "Christmas comes again," which was followed by a short address and benediction by the Rev. R. T. W. Webb, missionary in charge.

HAMILTON.—*Election of Mayor.*—The municipal contests of this season are outside our sphere. But we shall show no party bias whatever in offering, as we do very cordially, our congratulations to Mr. Mason on his re-election as Mayor of Hamilton by acclamation. The citizens of Hamilton seem to be as "level headed" as their Mayor, whose re-election without opposition does equal honor to electors and their choice.

HURON.

WALLACEBURG.—Sunday, Dec. 14., was a red letter day in the annals of the Church of England in this place. The occasion was the visit of Bishop Baldwin for the purpose of administering the Apostolic rite of Confirmation, in Holy Trinity Church. The Bishop was met at Chatham on Saturday and accompanied to our town by the Rev. H. A. Thomas, incumbent of the Church here. Arrived at our station, the Bishop was received by a deputation consisting of Messrs. Harvey, Morris and T. B. West, with whom, accompanied by Mr. Thomas, he was driven to Mr. Morris' residence. After tea an impromptu reception was held, and many citizens of different denominations, including the Rev. Mr. Smith and wife, and the Rev. Mr. Currie, enjoyed a few hours in social chat with the Bishop. On Sunday morning, at eleven o'clock, the usual morning services were conducted by Mr. Thomas, the lessons being read by the Bishop. Then followed the Ante-Communion service by the Bishop. The sermon by the Bishop was from the Book of Revelation iii. 20. "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." At half past two o'clock the Church was again crowded, so that even the chancel steps were filled. After the Litany service, led by the Incumbent, the Bishop addressed the candidates for Confirmation in his own inimitable and forcible manner. After this address the Confirmation service was proceeded with; all was very solemn and impressive, but especially so