

lieving that their recital will prove of general interest to the readers of the GUARDIAN.—*Com.*

PERSONAL.—The Rev. V. E. Harris is expected to return from England the first or second week in February, and will gladly welcomed home by his steadfast flock in Amherst.

THE Rev. C. le V. Brine, who has been *locum tenens* at Amherst for the past four months, has received a pressing offer of a curacy in the town of Toronto. It is anticipated that the Rev. gentleman will accept.

IMPENDING CHANGES.—A number of the leading parishes are threatened with the resignation of their rectors at Easter. In some instances we trust that the rectors will not be permitted to sever their connections. Pictou is now without a rector. We rejoice to hear that the Rev. F. R. Murray has determined to go to Jamaica for a few months, and will return for another year to St. Luke's. The marked progress in the Confirmation and Communion list of his Church shew that everything possible should be done to avoid a break in the work.

It is said that Dartmouth, Kentville, Parsboro, and Shelburne will be vacant at Easter.

C. OF E. INSTITUTE.—The Church of England Institute have arranged for a course of lectures for the winter, including a grand entertainment about Easter. The name of Prof. Roberts, Hon. A. G. Jones and Rev. Dr. Hole are already announced, and others will follow. Mr. Jones opens the course on Tuesday evening, January 31st, at Argyle Hall, and will give a continuation of his recently delivered paper on, "Travels in Italy," taking his audience through Florence and Naples to Mount Vesuvius, and through the ruins of Pompei and Herculaneum.

NEW ROSS.—Attendance at the Christmas-tide services here was larger than usual, very rough roads and unsteady weather appearing to be no obstacles to the discharge of duty. On Christmas Day, Matins and Celebration, fully choral and well rendered. 67 communicants, over 50 per cent of those present, most of the balance being children. But, humanly speaking, it was a sad occasion as we had before us all that was mortal of a dear little infant born last April, son of Mr. Chas. Keddy, which received interment after service was over. Hearty choral Evensong at 7 p.m.

On the 26th, Holy Matrimony was solemnized between two of our young people. On the 28th, the 8th Annual Sunday School Christmas Tree, with large attendance of both scholars and congregation. After short Evensong at 6.30 p.m. and brief address the two trees were lit up, and over 130 gifts distributed to teachers, scholars, and others. The Rector and family received also many kind remembrances from different parishioners. Many more would doubtless have been present to enjoy the occasion, but for the impending heavy storm which broke upon our district after 9 p.m. On the Octave there was, strangely enough, another burial, one of our worthy churchwomen, Mrs. John W. Leopoldt, having departed for, we trust, a happier world on the 30th ult.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

DORCHESTER.—**SIR:** Without naming names, I am of opinion that the subjoined simple told story of how a Church came to be built in Arredenda, may interest your readers. It shows how much can be done by earnestness. The narrator has no idea that I am thus making his light shine, but that won't hurt him, and at the same time it may help to stir up others. I may add that I am able to vouch for the correctness of every particular stated.—**J. ROY CAMPBELL.**

In the latter part of May, 1885, I left here to pay my sister in Florida a visit. She lives out of the shire town of the county, about seven

miles. I remained with her about ten days; during that time I found out that there was no Episcopal services held there or ever had been. I talked to some of the people there (there were not more than a dozen families in a radius of two miles) about the Church services, and found that there were some who loved the Church, but who had drifted into other bodies, who said if I could get a Church built that they would do all they could towards the building, which would not be much, but that they would give their labor and some lumber, &c., and join the Church.

The day that I left for home the train stopped an hour in the shire town, where there was a Rector of the Episcopal Church living, but he lived nearly two miles from the station, and the glass stood 90 in the shade. I made up my mind that I could walk to the Rectory and back in the hour, and I started; when I reached there the Rector was holding prayers in the Church some distance off. So I sat down and wrote him an earnest letter, telling him all I knew, and asked him if he could not arrange to hold services at this place, some seven miles distance, at least once a month.

I read an answer on my return home, dated the 17th June, in which he said: "Am sorry I did not see you while here—found your letter, am pleased to note your earnest desire, that the new settlement should have services and a church building. I officiated on Tuesday night last at Mr. Taylor's house, had as many as could be expected: shall repeat the visit on the last Sunday in the month. We must build a church there, cannot you and I do this? So that it can be occupied this winter." I think it was.

On the 10th of August, I read another letter from the Rector: "Yours was duly read; press of work has prevented an earlier answer, I am gratified at the interest you take in far off Florida, and our church enterprise at Arredenda. Your sister no doubt has written you ere this of the services, the very favorable prospects, appointment of committee, &c. I appointed a committee, which I thought represented all the interests and would be likely to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion in the selection of a location and raising of funds. I will quietly guide the whole matter, but I want the residents to feel that they are doing it themselves. It will make a strong self-reliant organization. I reported your subscription to the committee; it was received with enthusiasm. I predict that in five years there will be a strong self supporting church."

The church has been built, and has a resident minister now. I received a letter from my sister yesterday, which says:—"Our clergyman gave us a morning service on New Year's day and yesterday, and we are to have the Bishop next Sunday afternoon. I believe old Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, David Taylor and his wife, and others whose names I did not get are to be confirmed. I could not help thinking as I sat in our comfortable little building that we wove the means chosen to have the church planted at Arredenda."

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—Will you kindly insert the following explanation with regard to a paragraph published in your paper of Sept. 3rd., 1884, concerning certain charges which were preferred against the Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, by one of his parishioners, and oblige,
Yours faithfully,
Jan. 25th, 1888. **HENRY MONTGOMERY.**

FREDERICTON.—The writer of the article in THE CHURCH GUARDIAN of the 3rd Sept., 1884, desires to say that in using the expression "tumped up a series of false charges" in reference to certain resolutions moved by Mr. George Bliss in the vestry, he did not intend to convey the impression that the statement of Mr. Bliss with regard to the practices of the Rector of

Fredericton, the Rev. G. G. Roberts, viz., that he turned to the East in the Creed, and took the Eastward position in the Communion service, were false charges; but only that Mr. Bliss' conclusions, that such practices were contrary to the law of the Church and to the Spirit of the Prayer Book, were false.

As the writer of the article knew that not only the Rector of Fredericton, but many other clergymen in this Diocese adopted those positions during the performance of Divine service, believing that they were not contrary to the law of the Church or the Spirit of the Prayer Book, it is very improbable that he would attempt publicly to deny their existence, and it would also be very dishonest in him to do so; and he therefore believes that no person can reasonably doubt that he had no intention of imputing to Mr. Bliss a false statement of the facts.

The writer regrets that Mr. Bliss should have put a different construction on his language and that he should have felt aggrieved by it as he assures Mr. Bliss he had not the slightest intention of charging him with any want of untruthfulness in his statement of the manner and form in which the Rev. Mr. Roberts conducted the services of his Church.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, late of St. Luke's, Toronto, has been appointed to the post of organist and choir-master of St. Peter's, Sherbrooke, in succession to Mr. W. Reed, resigned. With the above position is coupled that of instructor in music to Bishop's College School, Lennoxville. There was a large number of applicants for the vacancy.

COOKSHIRE.—The Rev. Prof. Alnatt, of Bishop's College, has been appointed to the temporary charge of the parish of Eaton. The regular morning services in St. Peter's church, Cookshire, are now renewed, as well as the regular afternoon services at Sand Hill. The services at Johnville will be resumed on Sunday, the 5th February, at 3 p.m.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ORMSTOWN.—The Christmas season was well observed in this parish. The young people met several times at the Rectory for the purpose of making wreaths, &c., for the Church, which was prettily decorated. The services on Christmas Day were very well attended, and the singing of the appropriate hymns and chants by the choir being very good. There was a large number present at the Holy Communion.

On the Friday previous there was a Christmas Tree at the Rectory for the children of the Sunday-school, who were also entertained at Tea, and the evening was pleasantly spent by them in singing Christmas carols led by Miss Lockhart, daughter of the Rector, who is organist of the Church, and in playing games and otherwise enjoying themselves. On Wednesday the 28th, a concert was given by the choir in the Temperance Hall, assisted by the Durham Brass Band, and friends from Montreal. The programme consisted of songs, choruses, trios, duets, recitations, and tableaux, the latter being very much admired. The chair was taken by the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, and although the day was stormy, the Hall was well filled, and all seemed well pleased with the evenings entertainment. A considerable sum was realized from the concert, which will go towards the purchase of a new organ for the Church. Much credit is due to the choir and others, for the way in which they interested themselves in getting up the concert, and also many thanks to the young gentlemen and lady from Montreal, who so kindly attended and rendered such valuable assistance.