

first time. The frontal is of corded silk beautifully worked in colors and gold, heavy green velvet hangings for the lectern and prayer desk, each having an appropriate text beautifully worked in gold, were sent out with the altar cloth. We have now, thanks to the labours of many friends, a little church perfect in its appointments, chaste and beautiful in design, neat and fit for the reverent worship of God. May the Holy Trinity bless and prosper the work being done in this mission.

QUEENSBORO MISSION.—A very successful concert was held in this place on Monday, December 27th, under the auspices of the choir of St. Peter's Church. The concert was opened with the chorus "All among the barley." This was followed by an excellent and much appreciated programme, consisting of solos, duets, trios, choruses, etc., and the farce "Old Gooseberry." The following were very deservedly applauded:—Misses J. Thompson, Elliott, and Diamond, and Mr. J. Wiggins, and Master J. Martin. The proceeds amounted to \$51, and were applied to the parsonage fund. The concert was closed by the Rev. W. W. Burton, priest in charge, thanking the audience for their attendance, and announcing a second concert to be held at Eldorado, on the following Thursday.

KITLEY MISSION.—EASTON'S CORNERS.—A very enjoyable and most successful Christmas tree and Sunday school entertainment was held on the 23rd ult., by the ladies and gentlemen of St. Anne's Church, in Warren's Hall, kindly lent for the occasion. Herman McCrae, Esq., presided with his usual tact, and a good programme was gone through, apparently without the least difficulty on the part of those who supplied the amusement, as great attention had been given at the rehearsal to what had to be done by the amateurs. The distribution of a large number of various gifts of books, etc., by Santa Claus, including a liberal purse to Miss Putnam for diligent services as organist, and "God Save the Queen," brought our first Christmas tree to a close. Here the Christmas Day service at 3 p.m., was marked by an increased congregation. The special hymns and chants were well rendered.

FRANKVILLE.—The attendance at St. Thomas' Church on Christmas morning was very good, being larger than for some years past, owing to the numerous turn out from the Dack's and Redan sections. Morning prayer was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper, of which a fair number availed themselves. The offertory, slightly in advance of late years, was supplemented by an envelope containing \$14.50, from the Redan, and marked for Mrs. Osborne, wife of the incumbent. The Sunday school had its Christmas tree entertainment on New Year's Eve. But owing to the very stormy evening the audience was not as large as usual. Books and various other gifts were bestowed on the teachers and scholars. Mrs. Osborne received from the Frankville section, a liberal donation of money at the hands of Colonel McCrae, chairman. A suitable reply of thanks and good wishes for the New Year from the incumbent, and the National Anthem, dispersed a very happy gathering.

NAPANEE.—We understand that the congregation of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene have decided to accept a very liberal offer from the Archdeacon, to provide this parish with a curate. The salary has already been guaranteed by a very liberal subscription from the congregation, supplementing that from the Archdeacon, and the committee is in communication with a talented gentleman in the east with a view to securing him for the position. This step is necessary to relieve Archdeacon Bedford-Jones from the great pressure of work that he has in connection with parish and diocese.

#### TORONTO.

MONO MILLS.—At the annual entertainment and Christmas tree, in connection with St. John's Church, Mono Mills, on the evening of the 30th December, 1886, after the distribution of the children's prizes had taken place, the congregation presented the missionary in charge, Rev. A. C. Watt, with a beautiful and costly Astrakan overcoat, and Mrs. Watt with a very handsome silver teapot.

GORE'S LANDING.—A Surprised Clergyman.—On Christmas Eve, the postmaster handed the Rev. Geo. Ledingham a letter, which, on being opened, contained the following:

Fir Cliff, Dec. 24th, 1886.

DEAR MR. LEDINGHAM.—With many expressions of regard and good will, your friends around Gore's Landing beg your acceptance of the enclosed small Christmas offering of \$20. With our united good wishes, Believe me, yours faithfully,

AMY EDWARDS.

If any one had seen the rev. gentleman after reading the above, I am sure they would have seen the model for a picture of a surprised clergyman. On the morning of Christmas Day the offertory at Gore's Landing amounted to \$9 22.

The congregation at Harwood, presented their clergyman with some valuable presents, which, together with the offertory, amounted in value to about \$15.

ALLISTON.—St. Andrew's Church.—Morning service was held on Christmas Day at 10:30, Rev. A. B. Chafee officiating. The weather being very cold and stormy, the congregation was not so large as usual. The decorations were very neat and pretty.

On Wednesday, December 29th, the Sunday school scholars were given their annual Christmas tree and festival in the Orange hall, an event which our children always look forward to with great delight. A very enjoyable evening was spent by children, teachers, and a number of their parents. A short musical entertainment was given by the scholars and others, after which over seventy young churchmen and churchwomen received gifts and a well filled bag of candies from the tree, and all went home happy for another Christmas.

The members of this church have also purchased a fine new organ, of excellent tone, which was first used on Sunday, January 2nd, 1887. It was manufactured by the Dominion Organ Co., Bowmanville.

CARLTON AND WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.—In this growing community the church is to some extent sharing in the general advance. During December there has been considerable activity, and St. Mark's guild, less than nine months old, is making its influence beneficially felt. At its last public entertainment, given on December 2nd, some of the children trained by Mrs. Thompson sang very nicely. The Misses Dodds and Bull most kindly favoured us with songs, to our great delight. Mrs. and Miss Thomson played a pianoforte duet, and the Rev. Mr. Thomson gave a short lecture on some features of a recent voyage to Britain. The Ladies Sewing Society is doing a good work. The church needs considerable repairs, and the sewing society is trying to raise the necessary funds. With this view they held a tea meeting and sale of work on the 22nd, which realized for their worthy object a nice little amount. Too much praise cannot be given to those faithful daughters of the Church, who, at considerable cost of time and work, do so much for the prosperity of their parish, and do it in such a quiet and orderly manner. Lastly, on the 30th ult., the Sunday school had a Christmas tree. Although there was a small charge for admission, and although it was at a busy time in municipal and political affairs, still the attendance was good. The little ones, to the number of sixty or seventy, seemed heartily to enjoy their tea and cakes, and were enthusiastic in their applause when the curtain was rolled up showing the large tree brilliantly lighted, and loaded with presents for the children, which were presented by the rector, with the aid of the teachers. To add to the enjoyment of the evening, the Sunday school children, conducted by Mrs. Thomson, sang several carols and songs very nicely. Altogether the Christmas tree went off very well. The Sunday school at St. Mark's is in a very prosperous condition, having a good average attendance, a staff of efficient teachers, and a fairly good library, which will soon have an addition of about eighty volumes, partly through the kind liberality of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

The Dovercourt Sunday school also had its entertainment on the 22nd ult. The Mission hall was filled with a pleased and enthusiastic assemblage. The Rev. Mr. Squire, the missionary in charge, handed to the children a number of pretty presents, from the tree, given chiefly, we understand, by the Women's Mission Aid Society, of Toronto. The Rev. Mr. Thomson, the incumbent of the parish, was present, and gave a short address. It should not be omitted that abundant and good refreshments were passed around during the evening, provided, we presume, by the energetic and zealous lady workers of the mission.

THE REV. J. C. DAVIDSON.—We have pleasure in inserting the following, from the *Teddington Parish Magazine*, in reference to the departure of the Rev. J. C. Davidson.

The vicar of Teddington, writes:—MY DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS,—I am sorry to inform you that the Rev. J. C. Davidson, having come to the end of the leave of absence granted by his bishop, has decided to return to the diocese of Toronto, and resume his work there. It would not be becoming for me or any one else to thank him for his services which have been rendered to our Divine Master, but I cannot let him depart without acknowledging how much he has helped me in the work and responsibilities of the position which I hold, and commending him to your

prayers, as he goes forth to serve amidst all the difficulties which beset the Canadian Church. I am sure you will unite with me in wishing him God speed.

I am, your faithful friend and pastor,

FRANCIS LEITH BOYD.

The Editor then remarks:—Mr. Davidson will leave behind him in Teddington more than one monument of a successful and devoted ministry. It was owing to his suggestion that the parish room was opened for service last Advent Sunday evenings, and with the help of a large and efficient body of lay workers, he has made that service one of our regular and most popular church ministrations. It cannot but be most gratifying to him to reflect that this work which he inaugurated a year ago, has been so visibly blessed; not only has the little company he first assembled there grown into a large congregation which fills the room, but to many these services have been the first step to a new life, and a clergyman cannot desire a greater happiness than to know that he had been instrumental in this.

The Band of Hope owes its origin also in great part to Mr. Davidson's efforts, and he has been identified with a great deal of the success attending our temperance work. These things will be visible mementos of Mr. Davidson's work among us. The prayers and good wishes of the parishioners will follow Mr. Davidson across the sea to his work in Canada, and we are sure that he will always have a place in the memories and intercessions of the church at Teddington.

#### NIAGARA.

DUNNVILLE.—A ten days mission is to be conducted in St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. A. Brown, B.A., rector of Paris, Ontario. It will be commenced on February 7th, 1887.

HARRISTON.—St. George's Church, Harriston, has undergone considerable repairs, and has been greatly improved in the interior during the past fall. The handsome east window, which, being low, did not give the full benefit of its light, has been put up higher, and the sanctuary raised to correspond. Two beautiful altar cloths, one crimson cloth, and the other white satin, have been worked by Mrs. E. Preston, another lady member of the congregation has undertaken to provide, pulpit and reading desk hangings at her own cost. The walls and ceiling of the chancel have been papered, the ceiling a rich blue with gold stars, the walls an old gold ground with gilt and red fleur de lis and crosslets alternating, surrounded by a handsome dado. An organ chamber has been built on the south side of the chancel, the choir having been moved from the back of the church into the chancel, the platform extended and permanent choir stalls placed there. Then, in addition, the ceiling and walls of the body of the church have been painted, the former a light blue, and the latter a stone grey. To crown it all the young men of the congregation have made the church a Christmas present of a splendid pulpit, which was used in St. George's Church for the first time at the midnight service on New Year's Eve. The church was re-opened on Advent Sunday, matins was said and the holy communion celebrated at 11 o'clock, the usual hour for service. The Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, of Mount Forest, kindly came over and preached at both services, the congregations were large, in the evening many were unable to find sitting room, and were obliged to go home. The Rev. A. J. Belt, M.A., incumbent, was celebrant, H. Vicborn, lay reader, took part in the service, reading the lessons, etc.

On Monday evening, November 29th, an organ recital was held in the church. The church was filled to the doors with an assembly of people who all listened with great reverence and attention to the sacred music. The offertories on these two occasions amounted to over \$45.

A good deal of paint being left over from the church, some of the congregation ladies of the invaded the parsonage, and driving out the occupants, took full possession of the premises for a few days. Then amateur painters and paperhangers were busy renovating and improving. When the incumbent and his wife returned the house looked like another building. The cost of the improvements in Harriston has been about \$150.

CLIFFORD.—The lord Bishop of the diocese visited this village on St. Thomas's Day for the purpose of consecrating the little church and also administering the rite of confirmation. The church in this village was built during the incumbency of the Rev. William Massey, M.A., now of St. Luke's, Hamilton, it was left free of debt and ready for consecration by the Rev. Wm. Bevan, since his departure the building has been nicely painted. On Tuesday, December 21st, after matins in St. George's, Harriston, the bishop was driven up to Clifford by the Rev. A. J. Belt, the