

and taste. The Rev. Messrs. Burke and Forneri, and the local schoolmaster, Mr. Emerson, gave suitable readings. The juvenile choir, which is being trained by the Rev. W. Roberts, the Incumbent, sang the "Hymn of the Fishermen's Children" and another piece in a manner which did themselves and their instructor credit. The choir was ably occupied by Mr. Lewis Roberts, the owner of the hall, a widely known and respected churchman. A social was announced to be held in the parish at Reynolds' Corners on the 10th inst. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen." The proceeds, about \$75, are to be expended on the parsonage. The Rev. W. Roberts has had charge of the parish only a short time, but long enough to gain the affection and good will of his people.

KINGSTON.—A very pleasant incident took place last evening in St. Paul's school room at the close of the usual weekly Bible Class and meeting of the Sunday-school teachers. A handsome copy of the English edition of "Smith's Dictionary of the Bible" in three volumes, was presented to the Rev. W. B. Carey. The presentation was made by Mr. R. T. Burns, who said, that having spent many pleasant and profitable evenings at a Bible Class with Mr. Carey, and feeling that they were indebted to him for a large amount of time and labour so cheerfully given by him for their benefit, they could not allow the year to close without acknowledging the care and trouble he had taken for them, and they hoped that he would long remain with them to carry on the good work, and to continue to instruct them in the way of salvation. Mr. Cary said in reply that he was taken quite by surprise. The work he had to do in such a large parish as St. Paul's had so entirely occupied his time that he had not always been able to devote as much of it as he thought proper in preparation for the Bible Class, but still he was pleased to know that what he had done had been appreciated. He could not have received anything that he would prize more highly, as to a clergyman the work was very valuable, but he thought more of the very cheerful and happy spirit in which it had been given to him. He fully reciprocated all the good wishes, and trusted that the attendance at the Class would continue to increase, that he would strive to the utmost to retain that good will now so manifest amongst them.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The following are the amounts of the Christmas offertory in the city churches as far as the amounts have been received:—Christ Church, \$62; St. Matthias', \$70; Holy Trinity, \$104; All Saints', \$108; St. Stephen's, \$70; St. George's, \$146; St. Luke's, \$147; St. Matthew's, \$25; St. James' Cathedral, \$146; Church of the Ascension, \$40; Grace Church, \$26; Little Trinity, \$65; St. John's, \$100; St. Philip's, \$58.

TORONTO.—Two or three liberal members of St. Matthew's Church have presented the congregation with a very handsome font, which is said to be one of the most artistically finished in the Dominion. It was executed under the supervision of Messrs. James Vick and James Bather. It has a noble base, shift with Gothic panels, supporting a magnificent bowl of suitable dimensions.

TORONTO.—ORDINATION IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.—Morning Prayers having been said at 9 a.m., the Ordination Service alone was used at 11. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Canon Stennett, M.A., Cobourg. The Litany was read by the Rev. Canon Scadding, D.D., Cantab.; the Ante-Communion by the Rev. A. Baldwin, Vicar; the sermon by the Rev. Canon Stennett; and the Lord Bishop was the Celebrant. The candidates who were ordained were Messrs. Sills, Hart, and French. The Christmas decorations looked very beautiful, especially the sacred name in flowers over the Communion table. In the evening people were unable to find seats, the church being so full, and some had to turn away. The sermon was from Rom. xii. 1., by the Rev. A. Baldwin.

PORT HOPE TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.—The annual Christmas Examinations at this institution com-

menced on Monday, the 11th ult., and terminated on Friday. The customary "breaking up" supper was held in the dining hall on the latter evening, at the close of which the Head Master read the following results of the examination:—

General Proficiency Prize.—Form V, Cruttenden; Form IV, Coldwell; Form III, Lampman; Upper Form III, Hague; Lower Form II, Fidler, major; Form I, Taylor.

The following boys obtained "Honorable Mention" for general proficiency in their respective forms:—

Form IV.—Moore, max, and Campbell, max.
Form III.—Broughall, and Ross, major.
Upper Form II.—Hinds and Murray.

Lower Form II.—Gibb, minor, Hime, Cameron and Topp.

Form I.—Douglas, Langstaff, Marling, Kirkpatrick and Hodge.

No prize or honorable mention is awarded unless at least sixty per cent. of the total number of marks in all the subjects of examination has been obtained.

In making the announcements, the Head Master referred especially to Cruttenden, who, he stated, had passed a splendid examination, having obtained 2,117 marks out of a total of 2,700, being a little over seventy-eight per cent. of the whole; in three subjects he had obtained the maximum. He further remarked that the prizes throughout the school had been creditably won, and that the examinations now completed compared most favorably with those of preceding years, showing that the work of the term had been very satisfactory.

After the awards, which were received by the boys with prolonged applause, had been all announced, two of the senior prefects advanced to the high table and presented to the Rev. W. E. Cooper, on behalf of the boys of the school, a very handsome marble clock, suitably inscribed, and an address expressing their affectionate regard for him, and their appreciation of his continued efforts for their welfare and improvement. Mr. Cooper, in reply, thanked the boys most warmly for their unexpected Christmas present, and in happy terms referred to the good feeling and excellent tone that prevailed throughout the school. "God Save the Queen" was then sung, and the proceedings closed. The school, we are happy to say, continues to attract boys from all parts of the Dominion, and steadily increases its numbers in spite of the "hard times."—*Times*.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.—No one who has been acquainted with the Canadian Church for that length of time, can contrast the appearance presented by most of our Churches at Christmas and Eastertide holidays ten or even five years ago with their appearance at these sacred seasons now, without feeling that a great change has been brought about. Then in many cases there was nothing, in others but very little, to recal through the outward eye, the joy in opening events which we then commemorate. Now, there are but very few churches, and they only of the fossil genus, which are not decked with very abundant outward manifestations of a bright and joyous festival. Every year, if we mistake not, witnesses a very marked improvement in the taste and effectiveness of these decorations, and we confess ourselves of the number of those who are glad to see it and rejoice at it. We are persuaded that it is no mere outcome, as some have imagined, of an æsthetic taste which is expectancy itself in high and beautiful things in all departments of life, but is the expressions of a more definite and practical belief in the great facts of the Incarnation and Resurrection of our Lord. At all events its growth wonderfully changing with the revived faith in these facts in their practical bearing on our own lives, and we are sure that a beautifully decorated Church does far more than some people are at all aware of, to impress upon the minds of the worshippers, the vital significance of the facts we celebrate. For this reason we are glad to see the great pains that have this year been taken in the adornment of most of the city churches we have been able to visit.

St. MATTHEW'S is a model of chaste and effective decoration, especially the chancel and the altar frontal are adorned with beautiful and appropriate scrolls. The panels of the reredos

have been filled in with beautifully painted flowers and evergreens, and festooned wreaths hung from all the rafters. The most effective part of the decorating is a beautiful white marble cross which has been presented as a permanent ornament to the Retafle. The chancel screen would, however, be greatly improved by giving it a more solid appearance.

St. JOHN'S Church is also beautifully decorated much after its usual style with evergreens, scrolls, and banners, which greatly brighten and adorn this otherwise rather sombre church. St. Stephen's though chastely decorated, falls behind its usual attainments both in the quantity and effect of its decorations.

St. GEORGE'S is elaborately, we should say expensively decorated. The wreaths are abundant and beautiful, but the shields both in shape and color strike us as not good. The font is beautifully and highly adorned. We cannot however, understand why all the glory is bestowed upon the nave of the church and the chancel left so bare. A little bit of distinctively christian symbolism would add to the beauty and instructiveness of the ornamentation.

THE HOLY TRINITY is as usual beautifully decorated. It strikes us, however, that it rather falls short of its former glory. The nave seems to have received more attention than usual at the expense of the chancel, which ought surely to receive the abundant honour, not only because it is the centre of observation from all parts of the church, but because it is the scene of the highest mystery of our Faith. The church is, however, chastely and beautifully adorned.

ALL SAINTS' is elaborately and neatly decorated. The chancel, however, would have been improved by bestowing upon it some share of the attention which the nave and transepts have received. The wreaths and festoons are abundant and very effective. The chancel is adorned by a temporary reredos, which is surmounted by an evergreen and floral cross, and the retafle has the word Emmanuel beautifully wrought in preserved immortelles, while festoons and ecclesiastical devices are pendant on the walls. The result of all is very greatly to relieve the usually dull appearance produced in the chancel of this, otherwise beautiful church, by the bare brick walls. The beauty of this part of the church might, however, have been greatly increased by the free use of bright colors and a more abundant display of evergreens.

St. PETER'S has very abundant and chaste decorations this year. They have also much more that marks them as being the expression of Christian, and not mere wordly rejoicing, than on some former occasion. The symbol of our faith is, however, carefully excluded.

St. PAUL'S, the most beautiful church in the city has a large display of evergreens. There is, however, a want of unity and design about it, which very greatly mars the effect. Altogether it falls short of the glory in which we have seen it arranged at this season.

St. LUKE'S is very completely decorated this year, with wreaths, banners, and scrolls. The choir screen with its lofty arch surmounted by a pure white cross is very chaste and effective. The temporary reredos and abundant adornments of the chancel, immensely improve the appearance of this otherwise unpretending little church. Altogether, as far as we have seen, St. Luke's is the gem of the city in its decorations this year, and ought to be seen as a model of chaste design, and effective result.

GRACE CHURCH was tastefully though plainly decorated with evergreens, mottoes and festoons.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, Yorkville.—This quaint old church was prettily adorned with an abundance of festoons, shields, stars, and other devices, together with the usual Christmas scripture texts.

St. BARTHOLOMEW'S, like St. Luke's, is completely transformed by its decorations. The wreaths and shields and banners are arranged with great taste, and have made the whole interior of the church bright and beautiful, and wonderfully expressive of the source of the Christian's Christmas joy.

St. JAMES' CATHEDRAL, the largest and wealthiest church in the city, seems to have been the most sparing of its money. At least there is less to impress the worshipper's mind with the conviction