

receive from you, Mr. Gault, this portrait of our friend and spiritual father, the Lord Bishop of Montreal. After some timely words from Principal Henderson, in which he referred to the picture as likely to exercise a great educational influence over the students; and after having urged the needs of the College in the way of free-will offerings: His Lordship followed with one of his usual happy speeches in reply, he said:—On an occasion like this, no doubt, it will be expected that I speak concerning the college. Some years ago, I suppose about 15, I attended a meeting of the friends of the college, and when called upon, said:—"I regard this work, under God, as the chief hope of the diocese." I then turned to Dr. Lobley, the principal, and reminded him that we looked to his faithful teaching, for men who would be the strength of the church. I was called to account for this, as laying too much stress on the work of the college; I replied, "the college is the fountain head and from it will issue life or death." I have never swerved from this opinion. When I was called to my present position, there were two things that weighed heavily on my mind, more heavily than I liked to admit, they were, college buildings, and means for sustaining the work. I felt that the college must come to nought unless these were met. Now, I do not think any of us fully realize the value to the college of Mr. Gault's act in providing the buildings. It gave us a home. It gave us stability. It met effectually the taunt that the college was a mere thing of the day, when we possessed a home, we became in the eyes of men a reality. Then, as to the support of the work, Mr. Gault gave us his time as well as his money and relieved us of great embarrassment. And here I must bear personal testimony to the value of the college to the church. Fifty years in the ministry, from travelling missionary to Bishop, eleven years of which have been spent in visiting every year, with one or two exceptions, every parish and mission in the Diocese, enables me to form a judgment of the work of the men. I sojourn with the clergy; I object to become the guest of the laity. I prefer, no matter how frugal the fare, the parsonage. I know, therefore, whereof I speak, when I say the college has been of incalculable value to the church. I draw no contrast, but I repeat we bless God for this college. It has been said, and it has come to my ears, that I lose power by being on so familiar a footing with the students. This I deny; but even so, I glory in the fact that they regard me as a friend, that they treat me with all confidence, and that therefore I have been helpful to them. It is true, that once or twice this has been presumed upon, but with no evil result and I shall not change. The Principal has my fullest confidence; what need I say more? The clergy are full of sympathy and identify themselves vigorously with the work. The laity, when called upon, liberally respond. And now let us advert to the immediate occasion of this meeting—the presentation to the college of this portrait, one word first to the artist. Mr. Harris: "You have done your work well; I do not pretend to criticise, but I am conscious that you have done justice to the subject, and I hope that you will have many similar opportunities of showing your undoubted talent." Mr. Gault will pardon me further adverting to him at this time. We have been friends now for well nigh forty years; we have passed through together many a joy and many a sorrow, and he has ever been a true, faithful sympathizing friend, I can therefore understand this action and warmly thank him. As to the portrait, I have heard several criticisms, I will mention two. Some have thought that it was too "florid." I do not think so; country exercise and the care of the clergy bring back the flush of health. Others have said, "It looks too young." Well, please God, I intend to die young. Thank God I feel as well able now as twelve years ago for the work of the diocese. The loyalty of the clergy as well as of the laity encourages me to go on until it pleases God to lay me aside. Looking again at the portrait I am content. It will remind our friends from time to time of one who has watched with jealous love the well-being of the college. I only wish that more of our friends would help us with free will offerings.

The formal proceedings over, Mrs. Henderson entertained her guests till nearly 7 o'clock. During the evening an excellent cup of tea was enjoyed with a degree of pleasure that could not but gratify the kind hostess.

ONTARIO.

MATTAWA MISSION.—The services of the Christmas season in this mission were bright and hearty. The three churches were suitably and tastefully decked. The church of St. Alban the Martyr, Mattawa, looked especially beautiful, much time and labour having been expended upon it. The Rev. R. W. Samwell, Incumbent, having recently returned from receiving priests orders, the people were enabled to fully participate in the blessed privileges of the Holy Church. The services at the parish church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Commu-

nion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 10.30 a.m.; Choral celebration, 11 a.m.; Children's Service, 3 p.m. The rest of the week was taken up in administering the Blessed Sacrament to the people in the outlying parts of the mission. Mr. James, the lay reader, leaves the mission this week, and, for lack of funds, Mr. Samwell is compelled for a time to minister to his vast mission alone. There is a splendid outlet here for the generosity of well-to-do Churchmen, and Mr. Samwell would be grateful for the smallest donation. His address is "The Mission House, Mattawa." The Feast of the Circumcision was observed at St. Alban's by a celebration at 8 a.m., and Mattins and sermon at 11 a.m.

KINGSTON.—*All Saints.*—The Ven. Archdeacon Daykin, Rector of Pembroke, has been sent by the Lord Bishop to take charge of this parish. He arrived on the 11th inst. and has taken up the work with great vigor. The congregation may be said to be inconsolable at the loss of their late beloved rector, Mr. Prime. As a mark of their great respect and love they requested to be allowed to meet the funeral expenses. For these, over \$200 more than was required was offered. This sum has, therefore, been handed to his bereaved widow. The extensive improvements to the church fabric are nearing completion. A magnificent relic of the 14th century in the shape of an ancient stained glass quatrefoil window representing the Descent from the Cross, has been presented by Mayor Thompson, as a memorial to Rev. F. Prime, late rector. It is being placed in the centre of the rose window at the west end. This unique glass came from France and has a history. The spacious new Guild room was used for the first time on Twelfth Night, the Sunday School children having a Christmas-tree, songs, sketches, &c. The old vestry will, in future, be used only as a sacristy. It is decided to have the church re-seated with chairs of a convenient pattern. The Guild of the Blessed Sacrament and the Ladies' Guild are active and thriving organizations. And it is now proposed to establish a Guild of Church Workers such as has been found so successful elsewhere. The lady members will have special care of the requirements of the altar and sanctuary and the men, each in his turn, week about, to attend to the heating, lighting, snow-shovelling, etc., connected with the frequent services. The way in which the vested choir of boys continues to render the musical portions of the services—and they are nearly all musical one might say—excites the admiration of visitors. The choir possesses a beautiful processional cross of polished brass and arrangements are on foot to provide them with suitable silken banners.

WELLINGTON.—The Rev. W. H. Smythe, the highly esteemed Incumbent of St. Andrew's church, was given a sumptuous supper in the town hall, by his many parishioners and friends. After supper a couple of hours were very pleasantly spent in conversation and speech-making, all alluding to the approaching departure of our beloved rector. Mr. W. P. Niles then read the following address:—
To the Rev. W. H. Smythe:

DEAR SIR AND PASTOR.—We the undersigned members and friends of St. Andrew's church, Wellington, desire upon the eve of your departure from among us, to express to you our heartfelt regrets that you have decided to sever your connection with our church, over which you have so ably presided during the past three years. The many pleasant hours spent with you, both socially and in receiving instruction, will not soon be forgotten, and the substantial work which has been accomplished will be a lasting reminder of your stay among us. We trust that you may speedily recover your former health, and that we may often have the pleasure of seeing you. With best wishes for your future happiness and welfare. Believing us your sincere friends, S. P. NILES, WM. CLINTON, Churchwardens; H. McCULLOUGH, CORNELIUS CLAPP, D. CLINTON, P. C. VANHORN, J. E. NOXON, H. A. McFAUL, W. P. NILES, JAS. McDONALD, E. CLARRY, J. S. CAMERON, W. McCULLOUGH, A. M. OSBORNE, and many others. To the above address the Rev. gentleman made a suitable and touching reply. Mr. Smythe preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation, and on Christmas Day was made the recipient of a liberal offering. The Rev. gentleman has taken up his abode with his son Dr. Smythe, Q.C., at 80 Wellington St., Kingston.

ODESSA AND THORPE.—The service on Christmas was the first of its kind in the mission. The church was beautifully decorated, the altar, lectern, and prayer desk, were draped in white and crimson, texts suitable to the season adorning the walls. Through the kindness of a few friends at Thorpe, some of the boys belonging to the choir of the mission room there were driven in and took a leading part in the morning service. Considering that it was the first time that the boys took part in the morning service and Holy Eucharist, great credit is due to them and also to those who assisted in the decoration of the church. At three o'clock evening service was held in the mis-

sion room, Thorpe, which also was very nicely decorated, and reflects much credit on those who took part in it. On Sunday a special children's carol service was held at 2.45, with an address by the superintendent. This out-station of Thorpe has only been in existence a little over twelve months, starting with one good church family, and now it can boast of a flourishing Sunday School. A surplice choir and a class will shortly be ready for confirmation. Service is held in the mission room, a stone house placed at the disposal of the members of the church by Mr. Chester Peters, at 3 o'clock every Sunday afternoon.

TORONTO.

St. Thomas.—A new organ from Messrs. E. Lye & Sons has just been put in, and is of great assistance in support of the singing. The chancel has just been enlarged to give additional seating room in the choir. The first number of the *Parish Magazine* has just been issued, and will be of value in the parish. The boys of the Guild of St. Wilfrid gave a very good entertainment on the 6th instant, in the Forster's Hall. A large audience applauded the several efforts of the boys. The services of Christmas-tide and Epiphany were marked by large congregations, bright and hearty services and appropriate decorations.

AURORA.—*Trinity Church.*—On Christmas Day there was used for the first time in Trinity church, the solid silver Communion service presented by Mrs. John Sheppard as a memorial of her late husband. The workmanship is the best that Cox, Sons & Buckley of London can produce, and it is, altogether, a service of beauty and excellence. The inscription on the paten and chalice runs, "To the glory of God, and in memory of John Sheppard, Trinity church, Aurora."

St. Alban's Cathedral.—The outside of the building, comprising, as our readers know, the chancel and choir of the future cathedral, has now been completed as far as outside work is concerned. There is, however, a great deal of work to be done in the interior, which will require some months to execute. The crypt, now in use, contains a large chapel, vestry, and a room for meetings, etc. The upper part will contain, besides the chancel and choir, vestries, and a room 15x40 feet, which will be fitted up as a library.

The Rev. James Gammach, LL.D., late of Aberdeen in Scotland, has been licensed by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, to be Incumbent in charge of that portion of the parish of Berkeley and Chester, which has been set off as the mission of East Toronto.

BRIGHTON.—*St. Paul's.*—This little Gothic church, situated on a hill overlooking the village of Brighton and Poresqu Isle bay, was the scene of an unusually interesting event on January 6th—the feast of the Epiphany. One year ago the dilapidated appearance of the church and the smallness of the attendance were exceedingly disheartening both to the newly appointed incumbent and the congregation. There was nothing attractive about the church, but the view of the town and bay and lighthouses and lake which was afforded all who turned their backs upon the church. But to return to the church and its appointments. The board walk leading to it was a sort of "Pilgrim's Progress" affair, a rather steep incline, dangerous to walk upon at certain seasons of the year, the steps and landing weatherbeaten and innocent of paint, the porch the only woodshed, its floor bearing the marks of the axe, the nave a very dingy drab, and ceiling a smoky white. The chancel was, if possible, worse, with a begrimed ceiling and a worse begrimed floor. The exterior of the building, although possessing more than usual architectural beauty for a village church of so old a date, was also weatherbeaten and innocent of paint. The renovations began in the chancel, a pretty, attractive and suitable reredos being made and put in place. The ladies of the congregation gladly set to work to decorate the altar cloth, and provide suitable antependia for a new reading desk, and the lectern which has been made over. The latter, which turned on a pivot, was the only piece of church furniture, from which to read prayers, lessons and sermon, so that the clergyman had the appearance of being cornered, which seemed to be the case in more senses than one. The choir has now its proper place in the chancel. The ceiling of the chancel has been nicely kalsomined in suitable designs and colors, and the walls papered with ecclesiastical patterns. The ceiling of the nave has been nicely colored in blue and pale terra cotta, and the walls of the church papered with plain terra cotta, with a deep buff over the chancel arch and over the west end window, the latter divided by a line of pale blue. The outside of the church has been well painted, and the foundations which were crumbling away, repaired. Services of thanksgiving for the blessing vouchsafed