

The children sang three Carols very sweetly, and Miss Shipman and Miss Mamie Sample, gave some very interesting and beautifully rendered recitations, which were enthusiastically received.

The usual votes of thanks were then given :

I.—To the Club, for the Hall, which was gratuitously given for the purpose.

II.—To the teachers of the Sunday School and the kind friends who had provided the tea and presents.

The children then marched round the tree, now beautifully lighted up, singing "Gather around the Xmas Tree."

After this the gifts were distributed by Messrs. J. H. Simmons, Ernest Piton, F. C. Carey and Alex. Anderson.

The meeting, which all appeared to enjoy, was closed by singing the National Anthem, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rector.

PENINSULA AND LITTLE GASPE.

The Rev. N. M. Bayne writes :—

Hearty thanksgiving Services were held in this Mission. The Rev. G. T. Harding, of Sandy Beach, crossed the Bay in a snow-storm to be with us, and addressed practical and helpful words to an attentive but not large Congregation, in St. Matthew's, Peninsula, in the morning, and in St. Peter's, Little Gaspé, nine miles distant, in the evening. At the former Church the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, of which more than thirty persons partook.

Christmas was appropriately observed. The young people of both Churches and many of their seniors take interest in decorating, which was very tastefully done for the Season. The choir of St. Matthew's prepared and sang an Anthem most creditably.

The Parsonage, so much needed to enable the Clergyman to labor efficiently and with more comfort, is advancing. The building is entirely covered in, and so far completed as to be the place in which a concert, in process of preparation, is soon to be held. The proceeds of this entertainment go to the Parsonage Building Fund, as did those of a similar one held a year ago. A Tea and Bazaar, given by the Congregation of Little Gaspé, netted the good sum of fifty-five dollars, which is devoted to the same object.

It is the hope of the Mission, that by such means and the assistance of kind friends, the house will be habitable before the cold of another autumn.

Death has been among us with frequency during the past year. The aged in almost every case have been removed, but they rest in hope, leaving behind the glorious legacy of an example how each one remaining may "Endure hardness as a good Soldier of Jesus Christ."

DANVILLE.

This Mission suffered a severe calamity on the morning of the seventh of January. Before daybreak the Parish Church was entirely destroyed by fire. The loss is only partly covered by insurance, but efforts are already being made to secure a new and better site, and to build another Church. It is hoped that all who take an interest in the Mission will do their best to repair this grievous loss.

FRAMPTON.

The Rev. F. Boyle reports :—

Shortly before the close of last year, the Incumbent was agreeably surprised, when waited on by several young members of his Congregation, who presented him with several valuable presents, accompanied by a kindly worded address, to which the recipient made a suitable reply. The occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Parson's Wedding Day. The following is a copy of the address :

"DEAR SIR,

On this twenty-fifth anniversary of your marriage, we, the junior members of your Congregation, take advantage of the occasion to ask your acceptance of the accompanying slight token of our esteem. We have all (or nearly all) been baptized by you and also prepared for confirmation, and we hope you will be spared to us to perform the marriage ceremony for us whenever occasion requires."

The festivities through which we have just been passing, have been duly observed. Divine Service was held in West Frampton Church on Christmas morning with Holy Communion and in St. Paul's Church, Hemison, on New Year's day. At both Churches there were large Congregations and a good number of communicants.

In addition to the gifts above alluded to, since the New Year came in, I have many other substantial acts of kindness to thank my people for; one I may mention, I have been presented free of cost to me, with oats enough to feed one of my horses for the next six months.

Through the columns of the *Diocesan Gazette* I gratefully acknowledge my thanks to all my benefactors.

Erratum.

We are indebted to the Ven. Archdeacon Roe and Geo. Lampson, Esq., for their kindness in pointing out an error in the last issue of the *Gazette*. We stated on page 3 that "Clergymen and Church-wardens in the Rural Deanery of St. Francis should send all the special Offertories to C. E. Perry, Esq." This is a mistake. "Only money received for the Church Society should be sent to Mr. Perry." The results of the five Offertories, not connected with the Church Society, should be sent to the various treasurers named in our last issue.

Postscript.

All contributions for our next issue should reach us not later than February 20th.