

strain. And then (2) we have greatly enjoyed, and are still enjoying the varied and beautiful offerings of musical talent, rendered by all our musical friends, who are giving us a thorough musical treat. And lastly I must not forget to mention the very great kindness of Messrs. Willis & Co., of Montreal, who, without putting us to a cent of expense, have had sent to us new and perfect from the Factory, at Guelph, the two instruments, Piano-forte and Organ, which we are using to-night, causing their Agents Messrs. Hudon, Paradis & Co. to place them in our Hall and remove them to-morrow to their store on S. John Street, where of course they may be seen by those who may be interested or curious about them.

I have great reason thereof to thank you and all who have contributed towards the success of our effort to-night, and I am sure you will be pleased to know, that by being present this evening you have for this year placed our most difficult and distant Missions on a sound financial footing, and have enabled me to go on reaching out with the great Message of the Gospel and the Ministrations of the Church to the uttermost corners of the Diocese."

A Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Stevens, of Windsor Mills, celebrated their Golden Wedding on the 23rd December last. Mr. Stevens is a well-known Churchman of Windsor, and father of the Reverend Albert Stevens, M.A., Rector of Hatley. The religious Service consisted of a special thanksgiving for God's inestimable gift of fifty years of happy wedded life, and a Celebration of the Holy Communion with the same intention.

The former Service, which was both composed and conducted by the Archdeacon, is given in full below. It was immediately followed by the Holy Eucharist, the Reverend Albert Stevens

being Celebrant, assisted by the Archdeacon and by the Rev. Ernest King, of Waterville, an old and valued friend. The whole function was most solemn and beautiful, and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The Stevens family made a very appropriate thankoffering for their great blessing in the shape of an Altar Cross of burnished brass for the Sanctuary of their Church. It is hoped that this Cross will be ready for dedication on the approaching visit of the Bishop.

The Gardner Stevens family now consists (besides the aged couple) of four children and eleven grandchildren, — seventeen souls in all. The eldest grandson, the Rector of Hatley's son, Basil, is a Candidate for Holy Orders and is now at Bishop's College School.

At the close of the religious Service, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, who received from their family and friends a number of handsome Golden Wedding gifts, entertained a large party at dinner, and this brought to a close a truly happy day. We give below the special Thanksgiving Service compiled by the Archdeacon: it is most appropriate and helpful, and worthy to be noted for similar rare occasions.

GOLDEN WEDDING SERVICE.

A Thanksgiving for God's blessings bestowed upon the married couple for fifty years of wedded life.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Psalm cxxviii. to be said or sung.

Our Father

Vers. O Lord, save Thy servant and Thy handmaid.

Ans. Who put their trust in Thee.

Vers. O Lord, send them help from Thy Holy Place.

Ans. And evermore defend them.

Vers. Be unto them a tower of strength.

Ans. From the face of their enemy.

Vers. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Ans. And let our cry come unto Thee.