

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**CHATHAM.**—The usual Christmas services were held in St. Mary's and St. Paul's Churches on Christmas eve and Christmas day as follows: First Evensong in St. Mary's Chapel at 8 o'clock on Christmas eve. Processional hymn, 'O Come all ye faithful,' &c.; Psalms, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis to Gregorian Tones from 'The Psalter and Canticles, A. & M.' Other Hymns, 'Hark the Herald Angels sing,' &c., and 'Of the Father's love begotten,' &c., the latter as a Recessional. The second service was the first celebration of the Holy Eucharist for Christmas day, beginning at 12 o'clock midnight, Christmas eve. Processional hymn, 'O Come all ye faithful,' &c.; Communion service, choral, W. B. Gilbert; hymn 'Hark the herald angels sing,' &c. After the Benediction a solemn Te Deum was sung in honor of the Holy Redeemer. There were fifteen communicants. The third service was a second celebration at St. Paul's at 8 o'clock a.m. on Christmas day, hymns 59 and 60 A. & M.; there were thirteen communicants. The fourth service was at 11 o'clock, a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel, and was preceded by the singing of Christmas carols by the children of the Sunday school, under the direction of Miss Gillespie, who was organist. The service consisted of Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and sermon by the Rector. The music was as follows: Processional hymn, 59 A. & M.; anthem, 'Sing, O Heavens,' by E. A. Clare; hymn 60 A. & M.; Te Deum, Jackson; Benedictus, Gregorian; Communion service, W. B. Gilbert, with Nunc Dimittis as Recessional; there were seventeen communicants. The fifth service was at St. Paul's at 3 o'clock p.m., and consisted of Evensong with sermon by the Rector. Hymns 59, 60 and 56 A. & M. were sung with the usual canticles; Mrs. Sargeant being organist in the absence of Mr. Geo. Burchill, jr. The offerings for the sick and needy amounted to \$23. St. Mary's Chapel was appropriately decorated with evergreen and Christmas texts.

The members of the Juvenile Temperance Guild are preparing for another of their popular evening entertainments, of which we hope to send a good account to *The Church Guardian* in due time. The choristers of St. Mary's choir were entertained at the Rectory on Thursday evening, Jan. 8th, and the boys appeared to enjoy themselves to their heart's content. The children of St. Mary's Sunday school presented the Rector with a handsome Christmas gift.

**NEWCASTLE AND NELSON.**—A very successful evening entertainment was held under the auspices of the young people of St. Andrew's congregation in the Masonic hall, Newcastle, on Tuesday, Dec. 30th. A very enjoyable programme was carried out with credit to all who took part. About \$40 were realized, which will, we understand, be devoted to repainting St. Andrew's Sunday school house. The clergy of the Rural Deanery will meet D. V., in Newcastle, on Monday, Jan. 26th, and two following days.

The Christmas service in this mission were of the usual hearty and joyous character, and the Church of St. Andrew's was very tastefully decorated. The first service was the celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30. At the second service at 11 o'clock there was a second celebration. At this service the Church was very full. The singing was good throughout, the organ being played by Miss A. Harley. The anthem was "Sing O Heavens." The Rector preached a suitable sermon from 11 Cor. viii.-9. In the afternoon the Rector drove to Nelson and held service in St. Mark's, where there was a large congregation.

The usual tea and Christmas Tree was held in St. Andrew's Sunday school room on Thursday, January 15th, and passed off to the great delight of the little folks. An ample tea was provided, after which the Rector distributed

the prizes from the tree. The special prizes in connection with the Sunday school were also given during the course of the evening. The prize winners were as follows:—

1st Boys' Class.—Edward Linden, Brownlow Maltby.

2nd Boys' Class.—Stamford Luden, Jack Sweet.

3rd Boys' Class.—Thomas Maltby, Earnest Maltby.

1st Girls' Class.—Etta Norman, Helen McCormick.

2nd Girls' Class.—Edith Copp, Annie Craig.

The Rector gave the following satisfactory report of the Sunday school for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1890:

Total on roll Jan. 1st, 1890, 56; added during year, 19; total during year, 75. Removed, 7; total Jan. 1st, 1891, 68.

On Thursday, Jan. 8th, the annual meeting of the Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew was held at the Rectory. The report of the Treasurer and Secretary for the past year were read and received. The Secretary, Mrs. Davidson, gave a very satisfactory report of the year's work, stating: "We have every reason to feel both proud and thankful for what we have been able to accomplish." The Church organ has been put in thorough repair by means supplied by the Guild, the Rectory dining room painted, and a reredos given to the Church of St. Mark in Nelson. The annual sale was held on July 10th and proved a success, enabling the Guild to make a present of \$25 to the Rector for holiday purposes, in connection with which the report closed with these gratifying words: "I am sure I express the feelings of the Guild when I say that we are thankful the rest and change which the Rector was enabled to take last summer restored him to us in health again. And we hope he may long be spared to labour amongst us."

The reports of the Treasurer, Miss A. Harley, showed receipts \$202.08, expenditures \$147.85, leaving a balance in hand of \$54.23.

The Rules and Constitution of the Guild were then read by the Rector, and signed by those present, after which the following officers were elected by ballot for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Sweet, Vice President, Mrs. Harley; Secretary, Miss Sargeant; Treasurer, Mrs. Davidson.

**ST. JOHN.**—*St. Paul's.*—The annual meeting of St. Paul's Needlework and Woman's Aid Society was held January 11th, at the house of the President, Mrs. W. H. DeVeber. The Secretary presented a satisfactory report for the year: That the quiet parlor sale at Christmas, followed by a five o'clock tea, had been as successful as usual; that the proceeds of the year were \$238.03, which added to the cash on hand \$462.70, showed a balance of \$700.73. From this sum a donation of \$100.00 had been made towards buildings a church at Doak town, and \$10 towards a country rectory. The meeting added a further donation of \$50 for Home Missions; \$17 had been expended in linen for new surplices for the choir boys, one member of the Needlework Society having volunteered to make them. A discussion ensued on the desirability of having a chime of tubular bells in St. Paul's. A ballot vote was taken—it was decided in the affirmative, and on motion \$500 were given to this object.

The Junior branch reported a successful Oct. sale. A donation of \$55 had been made towards Home Missions, and a box of personal presents sent to a country rectory. A gift of \$50 was also given towards Mr. Wilson's Indian Homes on the occasion of a visit of Mr. Wilson and two little Indian boys to St. Paul's Sunday school. At the election of officers, Mrs. W. H. DeVeber was chosen President; Mrs. G. S. Smith, Treasurer; Mrs. W. Hazen, Vice president; Miss Murray, Secretary. It is hoped that the chimes, which will cost about \$1,000, will be in position by Easter. It will be the almost fin-

ishing touch to the pretty and well appointed Church of St. Paul's.

**WELDFORD.**—The Christmas services passed off very satisfactorily, and the Rector was presented with a handsome overcoat by his parishioners.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**TORONTO.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Church of England Sunday school Association was held on the evening of the 15th of January in the school room of Holy Trinity Church. Bishop Sweatman presided. The list of successful candidates at the last Inter-diocesan examinations held on the 6th December was read. The Bishop spoke of the objects of these examinations for scholars and teachers. They were, he said, to raise the standard of teachers and form a test of efficiency. The institution of such examinations in England had been successful and he hoped for good results from them in this Diocese. The roll of attendance was called and it was found that of the thirty-two Sunday schools in the city, only eighteen were represented. Of those represented St. Alban's and St. Mark's, (Parkdale) two distant schools, sent ten and seven representatives respectively. The secretary expressed his regret that the privileges of the Association are not availed of by all Sunday school workers in the Church and in the city. He announced that at the next meeting of the Association, which will be held in Little Trinity Church school house, Mr. A. H. Dymond would teach the Sunday school lesson, and Prof. Clark of Trinity College would lecture on "The Mediaeval Church."—*Globe.*

**PARKDALE.**—On the evening of Wednesday the 12th an interesting missionary meeting was held in the Church here under the auspices of the St. Mark's Branch of the W.A.M.A. The Rev. Charles Ingles presided. The interest centered in an address delivered by Mrs. Cummings, the Diocesan Secretary of the W. A. M. A., who had just returned from a visit to the North West undertaken with Miss Patter-son, the Secretary of the Dorcas Diocesan Society, during which they visited the several Indian Missions, viz., those at Sault Ste. Marie, at Garden River, at St. Paul's, Man., and at Bikhorn. Mrs. Cummings described also her trip to Qu'Appelle and to the Reserve of the Blackfeet Indians where she witnessed one of the Indian dances. She spoke highly of the work being carried on among the Indians and made an earnest appeal for aid therefor, to which the meeting made a liberal response.

**PATERBORO.**—An interesting entertainment was held Thursday evening, January 15th, at St. Luke's Church, Ashburnham. A good audience was present and the programme was interesting and entertaining. Mr. Webb, a young gentleman who is at present residing with the rector, Rev. Mr. McCreary, gave an address or talk on India. Mr. Webb has visited in India and the results of his observations and knowledge of the people of that land were given to the audience in a most interesting manner. He illustrated his lecture with clever sketches. In addition to this Mr. Pakenham gave a reading, Miss and the Masters Garans contributed songs, as also did Miss Lillie Jackson.

**St. John's South Ward Mission.**—Complete arrangements have now been made for the opening at the corner of Rubridge and Sherbrooke streets. There will be a dedication service on Thursday evening the 22nd instant at which the Bishop of Toronto will be present. This will be followed by a public meeting at which addresses will be given by his Lordship and other clergymen. On Friday evening the 23rd, at 7 o'clock p.m., there will be a special Baptismal Service. On Sunday, the 25th, the rector will preach, and on Monday, the 26th,