

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—The Children's Carol Concert referred to in our last issue, came off on the evening of the 24th inst. in St. Peter's Hall, and was a complete success. The children who participated did credit alike to themselves and their instructors. Prof. Read had charge of the boys, and Miss Hollowell of the girls.

ST. FRANCIS DEANERY.—The Chapter of this Deanery consists of twenty-two clergy, with the Rev. Dr. Reid as Rural Dean. A meeting was recently held in the hall of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, at which the Lord Bishop was present and kindly took part. The Dean expressed his wish to resign, stating, though he had firmly decided, it was on account of his age, having spent more than fifty years in pastoral work. The feeling of all present was one of regret at even allowing Dr. Reid to give up the position which he so long and so ably filled. Three able papers were read upon the necessity of dividing the larger parishes into smaller districts, with more clergy to work among the scattered members of the Church, and build up congregations at several important centres. There not being time to discuss this important matter, it was decided to adjourn till January 25th, when the election of Rural Dean would be also proceeded with. The Rev. Dr. Adams, the new Principal of Bishop's College, kindly invited the Chapter to meet in the College Hall and join him at dinner on that day, which was received with great pleasure by all present. Of visiting clergy invited to take a seat among the members of the Chapter were the Rev. Mr. Fisher, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and the Rev. D. Lindsay, of Montreal.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHRISTMAS IN MONTREAL.

Christ Church Cathedral.—There was a large congregation present at the morning service in Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas Day, when Rev. Mr. Norton delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon from the text 1 Tim. i. 15. The psalms and hymns were all simple, and were joined in most heartily by the congregation. The service throughout was choral, Gounod's Communion Service being used, and after the Benediction the *Agnus Dei* was sung by the large choir, most of whom (with their conductor) had remained to take their part in this Communion office. It would, however, be a great improvement if the *baton* of the conductor could be so thoroughly used before service, at the various meetings for practice, as to render it unnecessary during any part of Divine service. The presence of the conductor, as such, during the administration of Holy Communion seems particularly objectionable.

St. George's Church.—Early Communion was celebrated at 9.30 a.m., a very large number attending. At 11 o'clock the usual service was held, at which there was a crowded congregation. The Very Rev. the Dean was the preacher. At each service a collection was taken up for the poor, and a handsome sum was realized. Mr. Stevenson, organist of the church, conducted the musical service, which was exceedingly good. The boys' choir rendered the Christmas hymns in excellent style, which reflected much credit on the training they receive from Mr. Stevenson. The church was tastefully decorated, the communion table with flowers and holly leaves, and in the centre were the letters "I.H.S." At the mid-day celebration there was also a very large number of communicants.

Church of St. James the Apostle.—As usual at Christmas, the Church of St. James the Apostle was decorated. There were three services, the first two being celebrations of the

Holy Communion. The third service commenced at 11 o'clock, and consisted of full morning prayer, with Holy Communion. There was a large congregation. The musical portion of the service was excellently rendered by a surpliced choir, under the direction of the organist, Mr. C. A. E. Harriss. The rector, Rev. Canon Ellegood, preached, taking for his text St. Luke ii. 2. The collection was on behalf of the poor.

St. Stephen's Church.—At St. Stephen's the services were hearty and congregational in character. The Christmas anthem, "O Zion that bringest good tidings," was beautifully rendered by a full choir. Ven. Archdeacon Evans and Rev. Canon Empson officiated, and the preacher was the Rev. William Haslam, of London, Eng. A liberal offertory was made for the poor, to aid which Archdeacon Evans explained that the usual Christmas decorations had been given up. The number of communicants was large.

St. Martin's Church.—Great care and excellent taste are displayed in decorating this beautiful church at the various festivals of the Christian year, and at Christmas it always looks most attractive. The banners on the pulpit and lectern were most tastefully adorned with fresh flowers; huge holly-boughs set off the chancel-railing; and font, pillars and windows were beautified with wreaths of evergreen. There were two services, both largely attended; one at 9 o'clock, a plain celebration of Holy Communion, and the other at 11, full morning prayer, sermon, and a choral celebration. The music was well rendered by a large and well-trained choir. The rector, the Rev. J. S. Stone, B.D., preached from Hebrews i. 1, 2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." The sermon was listened to attentively by a large congregation. The offertory was for the benevolent institutions of the city.

St. John the Evangelist.—Midnight service was held in this Church on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day three celebrations were held, besides the usual morning prayer. *Gounod's Messe Solenne* was most efficiently and beautifully rendered by a large well trained choir, the tenor portion being sung by Mr. C. Geddes. The Rev. Arthur French, B.A., was the preacher at the Morning service.

Trinity.—Services were held in Trinity at 9 and 11 a.m. The attendance was large. His Lordship the Bishop was the preacher, and delivered an eloquent and appropriate sermon from the 16th verse of the 1st chapter of the Gospel according to St. John: "And of His fulness have all we received." The prayers were read by the rector. The musical portion of the service was well rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. E. A. Simon, the organist. A noticeable feature in connection with the services in this Church was the large number of communicants. The Church was not decorated.

St. Jude's.—This Church was tastefully decorated with wreaths and designs in evergreens. The text, "Peace on earth; good will towards men," in gilt letters on a grey ground and "Glory to God in the highest," in large white letters suspended over the chancel, added very much to the general effect which was very pleasing. The service was very hearty throughout and the responses good. The choir shows a steady improvement both in the number of its members and in careful training under Miss Kirkman. The rector, Rev. J. H. Dixon, chose for his text the 21st verse of the 1st Chapter of Matthew, "And thou shalt call his name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins."

St. Thomas.—At this Church the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Lindsay, preached from the text, "Great is the mystery of Godliness; God was manifest in the flesh," 1st Tim., iii., 14.

St. Matthias, Cote St. Antoine.—There were two services held in the above Church on Christmas: Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., and morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock, when Holy Communion was also administered to a large number of communicants and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Norman from the text, "And the Word was made flesh." The Rev. Mr. Read, of Lennoxville, read the prayers. The Church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and holly berries, the peculiar emblem of an English Christmas.

Church of the Redeemer, (Cote St. Paul.)—Morning service was held in this Church, Dr. Davidson officiating. A large number of the children of the Sunday-school were present and sang two beautiful Christmas Carols. The Church was tastefully decorated.

Christmas Day at the Small-pox Hospital.—During the past week, the devoted Sisters of St. Margaret's, with their assistant nurses and a goodly band of convalescent patients, have been busily at work preparing Christmas decorations for the Protestant Small-pox Hospital. The work went on happily, and on Christmas Day the Hospital was beautifully and abundantly decorated with bright wreaths and flowers and the many well-known emblems of this holy season. A great Christmas tree, richly furnished, stood in the centre, admired by all. Convalescents gathered round it, sick patients sat up in their beds to see it, and children in various stages of small-pox seemed as merry as if they were in perfect health. At 3 p.m. there was a most hearty evening service. The singing was excellent, "O come, all ye faithful," and "Hark, the Herald Angels sing," were sung very sweetly; and the honorary chaplain now in charge, the Rev. J. G. Norton, gave a simple and earnest evangelistic address, like those which he has been giving almost daily, and occasionally twice a day, at the hospital for some time past. The service concluded with "Sun of my soul," sung at the special request of one of the patients in a bed close by. At the close of the service, several persons who had refused to receive the Holy Communion last week, requested permission to join the band of communicants at the 11 a.m. celebration on the next day (Saturday). The rev. gentleman distributed pretty Christmas cards and letters to all the inmates of the hospital. In the evening the glories of the Christmas tree were exhibited by electric light. Altogether, Christmas was a joyous and thankful day in the Protestant Small-pox Hospital.

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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. T. W. Paterson will deliver one of his interesting lectures in the village of Hastings next month. It will be in aid of St. George's there.

The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Ashburnham, has declined the offer of Assistant Minister at St. George's Church, Montreal, which was tendered by the Rector and Vestry a few weeks ago.

MILLBROOK.—**St. Thomas.**—This pretty little Church was opened for divine service on the 16th inst. It will accommodate a congregation of 450 persons, and is a neat substantial and well designed edifice, reflecting much credit on the architect, J. E. Belcher, Esq., C.E., Peterborough. Services were held at 10:30 a.m., when the Bishop of Toronto, delivered an appropriate discourse. At 3 p.m. the rite of Confirmation was administered to a large class of candidates, and at 7 p.m. service was again held, when an eloquent discourse was given by