

and zeal for His Church by active work. Considering that this part of the parish suffers from the residence of the clergyman and his family in Wardville much has been done, and we believe, will yet be done. The Sunday school is prospering, and on New Years' night held its annual entertainment in the Town Hall, which was filled with an appreciative audience. The ladies of this church have earned an excellent name for the taste with which they always adorn the Hall. This year they excelled every previous attempt. The effect was brightened by a row of coloured tapers over the top of the drop curtain, while in the centre of the tastefully-arranged platform there was a wheel of evergreens laden with gifts, and also covered with coloured lights. Among the pieces given by the young people was one in which six girls dressed in white, and representing Faith, Hope, and Charity, &c., recounted to their Queen the various acts of mercy in which they had been engaged. After two hours had been spent in listening to singing, charades, &c., the curtain was dropped, and Santa Claus summoned. Upon the rising of the curtain a table was seen in front of the platform, upon this the superintendent of the Sunday School placed a box, which one of the children was asked to come and open. Upon raising the lid, up popped the white head and beard, succeeded by the shaggy body of Santa, to the surprise and delight of all. This was effected by the box having no bottom, and the table no top, and by Santa being in hiding under the table cover; simple as was the contrivance it afforded great merriment. After this came the distribution of the prizes, the Doxology concluding our entertainment which deserved unqualified approbation.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—*St. Paul's Church Bazaar.*—Some sensational reports respecting a bazaar held in connection with St. Paul's Church having appeared lately and been unfavourably commented on in several of our contemporaries, we have ascertained the facts of the case from a Kingston correspondent:—"The bazaar was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, and was comparatively free from the objectionable features of bazaars in general, such as lotteries, raffling, and other species of gambling. It is true the inevitable "grab-bag" was on hand. Ladies appear to look upon this simply as an amusement, without realizing that it may arouse the dormant gambling propensity in many a young breast. But apart from this there was nothing in connection with the bazaar which partook of the nature of gambling. To impart, however, some degree of life, and enthusiasm to their enterprise, the ladies decided to hold an "election," and a suitable chair having been provided, a polling-booth was formed of packing cases, poles and curtains, and the voting began. The candidates elected were two prominent Roman Catholic gentlemen, both deservedly popular for their many estimable qualities, one representing the "Tories," the other the "Grits." This was simply returning the compliment of the Roman Catholic ladies in having elected a member of St. Paul's Church and a prominent Presbyterian gentleman for a similar "election" two or three weeks previously. The contest was carried on in the utmost good humour up to the close of the poll, when the crowd eager to learn the result and pressing too closely around the polling-booth overturned the frail structure, and caused one of the ladies in attendance entangled in a curtain to grow faint for want of air. In the confusion which ensued, some difference of opinion arose as to how the vote stood, but nothing occurred even approaching the nature of a "row." The "Tory" party, considering their man elected, quietly carried off the chair unobserved by the other party, who, finding themselves outwitted, determined to have a little more "fun" out of the affair by threatening legal proceedings for the recovery of the chair, some of the ladies of the "Grit" party being great adepts at practical joking. On this slender substratum of fact, the sensational and highly-coloured version of the proceedings was

raised; the enterprising local papers being resolved to furnish "interesting" matter to their readers at all hazards (the Salvation Army about that time had just ceased to be "interesting") and also being glad of the opportunity to pay off some old scores. Thus the mole-hill was magnified into a mountain. At the Roman Catholic bazaar alluded to above, lotteries, raffles, &c., had flourished in abundance, but the "pious" local sheets had for them only words of approval and commendation—for why? The thunders of Bishop Cleary had not long before sounded in their ears, and of those thunders they stood in wholesome dread. But they felt quite safe in attacking a Church bazaar, Church people are so long suffering and meek!"

It is announced that the Bishop of Ontario has been selected to preach the anniversary sermon before the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England, next year.

A CIRCULAR has been despatched to the various congregations throughout the Diocese with reference to the collections on behalf of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board of the Canadian Church. The special offerings are for Foreign Missions.

THE Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to twenty-one candidates at St. Peter's Church, Brockville, on Sunday morning, the 13th January.

THE Missionary Deputation to the Mission of Gloucester will hold the annual services at Trinity Church, Billing's Bridge, on Sunday, the 27th January, and at St. James' Church, Cowan's Settlement, on Monday, the 28th January. The Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, M. A., Rural Dean of Frontenac, Convener.

BILLING'S BRIDGE.—The President and members of the Girls' Church Aid Society of Trinity Church, Billing's Bridge, desire to express their grateful thanks to the following for kindnesses received during their recent bazaar held at Ottawa: To the Ottawa *Citizen* for many kind notices; Mr. H. K. Egan for the use of his shop; Messrs. McLean, Roger & Co. for posters; Messrs. Moreland & Son for use of crockery, cutlery and glass; Mr. Spencer, of the "Queen Restaurant," for assistance in culinary arrangements; Mr. Baird, the care-taker, for attention during the sale; and to those gentlemen and ladies who so liberally contributed in various ways.

THE utterly false and, in some cases, stupid stories which have been circulated by some of the newspapers in relation to the Church of England would make an interesting volume. They seize upon any gossip and give it to the public as a fact. The latest addition to the coterie of journalistic story-tellers is a person on the staff of an evening paper published at Ottawa. His recent effusion published in the Hamilton *Times* of the 10th January, concerning the Christmas decorations at Christ Church, Ottawa, is full of gross misrepresentations, and proved clearly that the writer had no regard for truth, or even for common sense. The decorations in question are very beautiful indeed, as stated in my communication to the CHURCH GUARDIAN of the 9th January. They were put up by the members of the Christ Church Lay Association, assisted by lady and gentlemen volunteers in the congregation, and were carefully supervised by Mr. Macnab, the Rector's Churchwarden, who removed what he considered objectionable. The statement of the correspondent of the Hamilton *Times* about "ill feeling and talk of secession" in the congregation on account of the decorations is imaginary, and is so very absurd that people who read it had to laugh till their ribs ached.

THE annual missionary meetings in aid of the Diocesan Mission Fund are being held in different parts of the diocese. The mission work of the

church has a strong claim upon the liberality of its members, and, therefore, it is to be hoped that the appeals made by the various deputations will meet with largely increased contributions. The heavy snow storms have greatly interfered with the operations of the deputations, owing to blockades in various sections. The snow storms this January are said to be without a precedent. Such a quantity of snow has not fallen in so little time before for twelve years.

KINGSTON.—The Rev. Henry J. Petry entered upon his temporary duties at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on Sunday the 6th of January. There was a large congregation and Mr. Petry made a good impression. It is the intention of Mr. Petry to return home at the end of next month, as he has not made arrangements to continue at Kingston any longer. No appointment has yet been made but it is said the Cathedral is to have two curates.

BROCKVILLE.—At a meeting of the vestry of Trinity Church, Brockville, Mr. De Carle was elected Churchwarden for the balance of the term, which ends at Easter, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Allen. The congregation has donated \$15 to the funds of the Free Medical Dispensary.

BARRIEFIELD.—The Rev. T. Stanton, B. A., Incumbent of Barriefield, who is about to remove to Desoronto, officiated there on Sunday the 13th January. Mr. Robert Burns of Kingston, Lay Reader, took Mr. Stanton's duty at St. Mark's Church. Mr. Burns renders very active and efficient assistance at the Cathedral, and the Kingston suburban churches, which is greatly appreciated.

ARNPRIOR.—A handsome pulpit of oak and walnut has been presented to Emmanuel Church, Arnprior, as an offering to Almighty God, by Miss Middleton. Four beautiful stained glass windows have been placed in the church, out of eight windows which are being given by the different classes of the Sunday School. The Churchwardens Messrs. J. Butler, and D. M. Finnie, have generally signified their intention of presenting coronde chandeliers to the Church.

PAKENHAM.—The congregation of St. Mark's Church, Pakenham, has purchased a very fine new Dominion Organ, which has been placed in the Church. The choir has been reorganized, and with the aid of the new instrument, it is expected the members will gain additional fame.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. C. W. E. Body, Provost of Trinity, and Professor Schneider, have returned to the city, after spending a month's vacation in Virginia.

Professor Clarke preached recently before the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Lincoln and Welland, at St. George's Church, St. Catharines.

Miss Draper, the indefatigable superintendent of All Saints' infant class, was presented with a handsome gold watch, as a mark of esteem, from the teachers and a few friends, on the 7th inst. The presentation was made by Rev. A. H. Baldwin.

The Bishop of the Diocese preached at St. Luke's, on the First Sunday after Epiphany.

APSLEY.—The Rev. P. Harding acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of a valuable box from the C. W. M. A., Toronto, containing a quantity of good things for a Sunday School Xmas tree, and many useful and very acceptable things for himself and family. It was a most happy thought which suggested the formation of this Society, sending, as it does, help and comfort and encouragement to the homes of many Missionaries at their solitary outposts.

COBourg.—The parish branch of the C. E. S. S. here numbers 51 members, and the Band of Hope