

St. Peter's—This little church was prettily decorated for the Christmas season. The altar was covered with a handsome white cloth with red bands, and upon the front of the cover were the words "Holy, Holy, Holy." The pulpit was handsomely decorated with ferns, etc., upon a white ground, and the front covered in coloured paper and evergreen, berries, etc., was specially pretty. The preacher was the rector, Rev. M. M. Fothergill, and the offertory, in aid of the poor of the parish, was a liberal one. The musical portion of the service by Miss Andrews, organist, and the choir, was very attractive. The psalms were really well chanted, the *Te Deum* also went off well, and the same may be said of all the hymns and responses; the anthem, "The Grace of God," was, however, the gem of the service, and was most beautifully rendered, the solos being taken by Miss Jessie Martin, alto, and Mr. Mainguy, tenor.

Trinity—There was a hearty service on Christmas morning in this church, but no decorations. The officiating clergyman was the rector, Rev. Mr. Kerr, who preached an eloquent sermon on the Christmas festival. The singing was good and much admired. Miss Hethrington, the organist of the church, presided at the organ. In addition to the usual Christmas hymns, the anthem, "The Grace of God," was sung by the choir in an efficient manner.

St. Michael's—The services at St. Michael's were hearty and bright, as usual the decorations were most chaste and effective. A very attractive feature in the services of this church is the hearty manner in which the congregation join in the responses and singing. The rector, Rev. A. A. Von Eftland delivered an admirable Christmas sermon.

St. Paul's—The old mariners' chapel, St. Paul's, wore a very bright appearance on Christmas morning. The church was prettily decorated and the congregation large. The Rector, Rev. T. Richardson, preached an eloquent sermon on the doctrine of the Incarnation.

LEVIS—The Rev. E. A. W. King had very attractive services on Christmas Day. The church was beautifully decorated. The number of communicants here, as well as in all the Quebec churches, was very large.

The Synod of the Diocese met on the 9th of January, on the evening of that day. The Bishop of Algoma delivered an address on the state of his diocese at a missionary meeting held in the Music Hall.

By the retirement of the Revs. W. King, of Sylvester, and Dr. Ker, of Sandy Beach, through age and infirmity, two more missions are vacant.

G. Petry, Esq., Wentworth, having resigned the joint Treasurership of the Church Society and Diocesan Board, J. B. Forsyth, Esq., has accepted office as Honorary Treasurer of the Society, and John Hamilton, Esq., as Honorary Treasurer of the Diocesan Board.

LENNOXVILLE—*Bishop's College*.—In the terminal examinations just concluded the following students have distinguished themselves:—Third year—H. J. H. Petry, 1st class in ordinary classics, and 1st class in honour classics; A. B. Stevenson, 1st class in classics, and 1st class in divinity; W. Worthington, 1st class in divinity; G. M. Hall, 1st class in law and history; F. E. Meredith, 1st class in classics, and 1st class in law and history. Second year—G. A. Smith, 1st class in mathematics. First year—G. H. Fooks, 1st class in mathematics; J. B. Pyke, 1st class in classics.

ONTARIO.

MISSION OF LEEDS—Services were held on Christmas Day at the three churches, which were suitably decorated for the season. The congregations were good, particularly at St. John's and St. Luke's, which were literally crowded.

LYNDHURST—The congregation of St. Luke's gave its large and excellent choir a sumptuous supper in the Orange Hall, on the evening of the 26th, when a most social time was spent. At the close of the happy gathering, Mr. J. C. Stafford, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mrs. Osborne with a warm-hearted address and a handsome set of furs, as a slight memento of their esteem, accompanied with best wishes for herself and the missionary, and many returns of the season. The Rev. J. Osborne replied in suitable terms, then followed three hearty cheers for the choir, the churchwardens, and Mrs. Osborne. Thus closed one of the happiest church gatherings ever known here.

SEELEY'S BAY—St. Peter's congregation furnished their church for Christmas with carpet for the chancel, matting for the aisle, and a surplice and stole. A font and Communion service are needed yet, and we

doubt not that these ere long will be supplied. This congregation gave expression to its liberality and goodwill for the clergyman and his family by paying a visit to the parsonage, on the evening of the 27th, for the purpose of stocking the larder and cellar and also replenishing the oat bin. This was done thoroughly and well, and a very pleasant evening was spent. May the prosperity and unity which exists all through this improving mission continue to abound.

RURAL DEANERY OF GRENVILLE AND DUNDAS. Missionary Deputation No. 1. Rev. Rural Dean Bogert, convener; Rev. A. F. Echlin, coadjutor. Meetings will be held as follows:—Kemptville, Monday, January 8th; Marlborough, Tuesday, January 9th; Acton, Wednesday, January 10th; Oxford Mills, Thursday, January 11th; Oxford Station, Friday, January 12th, at 7 p.m. Wilson's, Sunday, January 14th, at 3 p.m.

Deputation No. 3.—Rev. W. B. Carey, M.A., convener; Rev. B. B. Smith, M.A., coadjutor. Meetings will be held as follows:—South Mountain, Tuesday, 16th January; Winchester Springs, Wednesday, 17th January; New Ross, Thursday, 18th January; Shanley, Friday, 19th January; Edwardsburg, Sunday, 21st January; Prescott, Sunday, 21st January.

MADOC—The Rev. C. T. Denroche is doing temporary duty here. A few evenings ago he realized \$30 for a local church fund by delivering a lecture on "Jamaica."

CARRYING PLACE—The school-house in this village was the scene, on Dec. 28th, of a gathering assembled to witness the distribution of Christmas presents to the children of St. John's Sunday-school, and to enjoy the musical treat provided by the Consecrated Quintette Club. The house was over crowded, and a considerable number were obliged to content themselves with such outside accommodation as they could extemporize *sub Jove frigido*. At the conclusion of the concert a Christmas tree, lighted with wax tapers and decorated and loaded with a great variety of valuable and substantial as well as useful gifts, suddenly revealed its fairy like attractions for the young people. Santa Claus, the high priest of the occasion, appreciating the crisis and the truth of the sentiment—*bis dat qui cito dat* immediately, darting down the empty ream, stood before the excited throng, clad in full pontifical costume, his benignant countenance wreathed in angelic smiles. An austere ritualism might take exception to certain modern and mundane features of his habiliments; but, happily, the children were not disposed in these circumstances to be over critical, and the general audience received the visitor with becoming respect and joy. The charity awakened in the bosom by the lavish distribution of the Saint's favors effectually covered a multitude of vestigarian solecisms; at all events, Mr. Claus was, admittedly, the most popular and enthusiastically applauded contributor to the evening's entertainment. The receipts at the door were much more than double the anticipated amount, and considerably in excess of the expenditure. The general demeanour of the audience is above all praise, and the whole affair reflects the utmost credit on the organizing genius and industry of the ladies who originated and so ably executed its details.

PEMBROKE—A Festival and Christmas tree in connection with Holy Trinity Church Sunday-school in this town, was held in the rectory on the evening of St. Stephen's day. The entertainment was commenced by the children's choir singing the carol, "Carol, Brothers, Carol," very creditably. The tableau of "The Old Woman in the Shoe" was then enacted, and a reading, "Annie and Willie's prayer," was well rendered by one of the lady teachers, Miss Jessie Caverhill, whose kind efforts, in conjunction with the four remaining teachers of the school and the rector and his wife, have been instrumental in making the evening's entertainment such a success. The tree was laden with handsome gifts; and the children, 85 in number, separated for their several homes at 9 p.m., well pleased with all that had been done for their enjoyment.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE—Collections, etc., received during the fortnight ending January 4th, 1783.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—*Mission Fund*.—St. Thomas', Shanty Bay, \$4; Cavan, St. Thomas', \$7.95; Christ Church, \$1.35; St. Paul's, Perrytown, \$1.50; Gore's Landing and Harwood, \$4.20; St. Luke's, Toronto, \$32.20; Whitfield, \$1; Trinity Church, Midland, \$5.62; St. James', Penetanguishene, \$2.80; Trinity Church, Barrie, \$18.80; St. George's, Etobicoke, \$19.35; Brooklin and Columbus, \$1.50; Port Perry, Church of the Ascension Sunday-school, \$1. *Wawanosh Home*—Brooklin and Columbus, 20c.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND—*October Collection*.—Fenelon Falls, \$2; Craighurst, \$4.50; Crown Hill, \$4.50; Midhurst, \$1.60; Christ Church, \$1. *Second Annual Payment under New Canon*.—Rev. J. M. Hall, \$9; Rev. T. Walker, \$8.72; Rev. George Nesbitt, \$8.50; Rev. A. J. Broughall, \$7.62; Rev. A. J. Broughall, balance due on account of first payment, 42 cents. *Annual Subscription*—Mrs. Leach, \$5; Rev. George Nesbitt, on account of arrears, \$1.50; St. George's, Etobicoke, \$5.

MISSION FUND—*Thanksgiving Collection*—Fenelon Falls, \$2.70; Wyebridge, \$4.03; Waverley, \$1.07; Honeywood, \$2.50; Whitfield, 50 cents; Elba, 25 cents; St. Luke's, Toronto, \$17.29.

NORTH-WEST MISSIONS.—The Bible Class, St. Mark's, Otonabee, \$4.21.

ALGOMA FUND *Special Collection*.—St. Luke's, Toronto, \$38.50.

CONFIRMATIONS, &c., 1883.—Jan. 18, Thursday, Penetanguishene; 21, Sunday, Parkdale; Feb. 1, Thursday, Haliburton; 1, Thursday, Dysart; 2, Friday, Cardiff; 2, Friday, Monmouth; 4, Sunday, Apsley; 4, Sunday, Chandos; 5, Monday, Kinnoult; 5, Monday, Galway; Mar. 15, Thursday, Colborne; 16, Friday, Grafton; 18, Sunday, Port Hope, St. John's; 18, Sunday, Port Hope Trinity College School; 25, Sunday, Toronto, Church of the Redeemer; May 25, Friday, Perrytown; 27, Sunday, Cavan, St. John's; 27, Sunday, Millbrook; 27, Sunday, Bloomfield; 28, Monday, Cartwright; 29, Tuesday, Manvers; 29, Tuesday, Bethany; 30, Wednesday, Omeme; 30, Wednesday, Emily; 31, Thursday, Lindsay; June 1, Friday, Cannington; 3, Sunday, Bobcaygeon; 3, Sunday, Dunford; 4, Monday, Fenelon Falls; 4, Monday, Verulam; 18, Monday, Thornhill; 18, Monday, Richmond Hill; 19, Thursday, Aurora; 19, Thursday, Oakridges; 20, Wednesday, Holland Landing; 20, Wednesday, Bradford; 21, Thursday, Bond Head; 21, Thursday, Tottenham; 25, Monday, Woodbridge; 25, Monday, Vaughan; 26, Thursday, Lloydtown; 27, Wednesday, Mono; 27, Wednesday, Mono Mills; 28, Thursday, W. Mono, Herald Angels; 28, Thursday, W. Mono, St. Matthew's; 28, Thursday, W. Mono, St. George's; 29, Friday, Whitfield; 29, Friday, Honeywood; 29, Friday, Elba; July 11, Wednesday, Craighurst; 11, Wednesday, Vespra; Sept. 2, Sunday, Hastings; 2, Sunday, Alnwick; 3, Monday, Norwood; 3, Monday, Westwood; 4, Thursday, Seymour; 4, Thursday, Percy; 11, Thursday, Provincial Synod; 17, Monday, Provincial Synod; 23, Sunday, Brampton; 24, Monday, Credit; 24, Monday, Dixie; 30, Sunday, Scarborough; Oct. 7, Sunday, Keswick; 8, Monday, Georgina; 8, Monday, Sutton.

LONDON SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONGST THE JEWS.—Amount advertised as received in September, \$264.75. The Rev. Johnston Vicars, Secretary, now acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions:—Of \$20: John A. Ardagh, Barrie; of \$10: Collection at St. George's Church; of \$5: the Lord Bishop of Algoma, Sir. Hugh Hoyle, Halifax, Rev. A. Sanson, Gen. Thacher, P. H. Drayton, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Heward, Mr. Samuel Platt; of \$4: Collection at Trinity East Church, Mrs. Roaf; of \$3: Rev. W. S. Rainsford, Walter S. Lee; of \$2: Ven. Archdeacon Body, Rev. R. E. Greene, John Massey, Mrs. J. Gooderham, Mrs. H. Gooderham, Mrs. Ramsay, Mrs. J. A. Strathy, Barrie; of \$1: Rev. A. J. Broughall, Rev. R. N. Jones, Farmersville, Mr. W. B. Smith, Mrs. McEwen, Mrs. Sidney Thorp, Miss Duff, A Friend, "Constans et Fidelis;" under \$1: Mrs. Cole, 50c., A Friend, 50c., Collecting Box, 25c.; Total, \$102.25. Contributions thankfully received by Rev. Johnstone Vicars, 515 Sherbourne Street, Toronto. Nov. 30th, 1882.

TORONTO—*St. Philip's*.—The Rev. J. P. Sweeny, rector, was very cordially welcomed to his parish on the 4th inst. at a large social gathering, organized by the ladies of the congregation.

LESLIEVILLE—The Rev. C. Ruttan has received permission from the Bishop to erect a church in this village. The site has been secured, and an earnest effort will be at once made to provide this much need accommodation.

GEORGINA—St. George's Church was an object of attraction on Christmas Day, as it was beautifully decorated for the festival. The church was filled with devout worshippers. The musical part of the service was well rendered. The offertory (\$70) was larger than on previous occasions, and no doubt gladdened the heart of the incumbent, the Rev. George Nesbitt.

SUTTON—St. James' Church was decorated for Christmas. A beautiful chandelier, the gift of Mrs. Jas. Anderson, Ainsley Hill, did much to beautify the building.