

of the Holy Communion. The offertory, special for the clergyman, amounted to \$131.12, the largest yet received. The hymns, chants, and anthems, were appropriate to the festival. On the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd Dec., an "apron sale" was held in aid of the organ fund, when the sum of \$424.11 was netted. Towards this object Peter McLaren, Esq., contributed, in addition, \$250. As the result, a new organ, costing \$2,000, has been ordered from the firm of S. R. Warren and Son, Toronto, which, it is expected, will be in position in the organ chamber of the church by March 1st.

STAFFORD.—The annual Christmas-tree and tea-meeting in connection with St. Stephen's and St. Patrick's church, Stafford, was held on the festival of the Holy Innocents at 6:30 p.m. Mattins and Evensong were sung in St. Stephen's church at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. The entertainment was as usual for the Sunday-school children, but on this occasion it combined with the desire to encourage the attendance at Sunday-school, a desire also to raise funds for the building of a new parsonage for the resident missionary of Stafford. The school-room was crowded with friends, who seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, and the young people displayed quite an amount of talent during the evening upon the platform. Photographs of the incumbent, the Rev. R. James Harvey, taken by Messrs. Notman and Sandham, of Montreal, were displayed for sale. A handsome cake, presented by Mr. Thomas Brown, realized \$13.00. The Christmas-tree when illuminated presented quite a charming appearance, as did also the faces of the young folk as they eagerly grasped the coveted gift from "Santa Claus." The Rev. J. W. Forsyth, M.A., and the Rev. R. D. Mills, M.A., were invited to take part in the entertainment. The total receipts for the evening amounted to \$60, which will be deposited in augmentation of the building fund opened with the Quebec Bank in Pembroke.

BELLEVILLE.—St. Thomas' Church.—The services at this church on Christmas-day were very interesting and beautiful. The church was very tastefully decorated, and the music, which was of a very high order, was well rendered by the choir, under the able direction of Professor Oldham. A conspicuous ornament was the new and very beautiful lectern, which had arrived from England only two or three days previously. It consists of an eagle with outstretched wings, placed on an elaborate pedestal, the whole of burnished brass. It was sent as a Christmas gift to the church by Miss Hulme (sister of R. C. Hulme, Esq., one of the churchwardens), who had visited Belleville some years ago, and who thus nobly showed her Christian sympathy and liberality. The rector referred to this generous offering on Sunday morning (Christmas-day), and spoke of the kind letter which had accompanied the gift, and intimated his intention of making a suitable reply, in his own name and in behalf of the congregation. The congregations at morning, and still more at evening service, were large, and all seemed pleased, and it is hoped edified. The weather was most lovely, more indeed like Indian summer than Christmas time.

TORONTO.

Messrs. Warren and Son, of this city, have just shipped a large three manual organ, containing thirty-eight stops, and costing \$5,000, to Trinity church, St. John's, New Brunswick. This makes the twentieth organ sent from their factory during the year 1881. During the year they have built three very handsome instruments in this city, which fully sustain their reputation as first-class builders, viz. in Grace Church, Church of the Ascension, and Knox church. Messrs. Warren report trade as brisk, they have all they can do for months ahead, and have been lately increasing their staff, to keep up with their contracts.

ROACHE'S POINT.—Christmas-day turned out a brighter occasion to the little community at Roach's Point than was anticipated. The churchwardens determined to make an effort to mark the day if possible with the sacrifice of praise, and so petitioned the Bishop to allow their late minister to officiate. His Lordship having kindly acceded the work of decorating the little church began in earnest, a temporary screen was erected surmounted by a cross made of fir cones, whilst an evergreen cross replaced the white one behind the altar. Full choral evensong *Te Deum* was sung on Saturday night, and on Sunday morning a goodly number assembled a little before ten, the hour of service, plain matins having been said, the service of the day, the choral celebration of the Communion commenced, and was rendered in the usual solemn manner customary at this church. Mr. Turton preaching without a text, said that many events of

importance had taken place since he addressed them this time last year, some otherwise than they would have wished; but on the whole he thought they had every reason for thankfulness—thankfulness to begin with, for they could now dwell on the kindness and consideration with which their bishop had lately treated them, rather than thinking of a time when as some of them thought, things might have been otherwise, thankfulness that they were permitted to assemble there that morning to offer to the Almighty the Holy Mysteries of the altar. The Benedictus and Agnus Dei were by Monck, the rest of the service Marbecke, with the *Sarsum Corda* and Preface sung to the ancient Chant, the music being under the direction of Mr. Frank Young. On the feast of the Circumcision the service was repeated.

NAGARA.

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ST. CATHARINES.—St. Barnabas Church.—The Christmas festival in this church has been kept with unusual heartiness and spirit. The decorations are extremely beautiful; gold, blue, and white being the principal colours used, with of course the exception of evergreen. The font is a special feature, its base encircled with bands of box and hemlock; the top bears a lofty pyramid of ivy supported by primulas in full bloom, the whole surmounted by a cross in everlastings. The rood screen looks very bright in its Christmas garb; above it are two brilliant texts, "God with us," "Prince of Peace," in straw tissue on blue ground; from the centre rises a Latin cross of green with a circle of red berries, beneath is a white shield pendant with handsome design in straw. The chancel windows are diapered in delicate wreaths of green with bouquets of red berries at the points of intersection, and over each runs, in large white letters, the word, "Alleluia." Of the banners in the chancel, two overhang the screen with admirable effect, and two others of aesthetic design hang from windows in the nave. The altar, always the principal feature in the church, stands out well in its white frontal, and festal array of cross and vases; the gothic arches of the reredos behind are adorned with sacred monograms in satin straw, which are exceedingly beautiful and effective. In the work of decoration almost every family in the parish was represented, in some cases by many members. The whole appearance of the church gives abundant evidence that the workers spared neither time nor labour in preparing the sanctuary for this great festival. Owing to the zeal and energy of several ladies among the congregation, who took the matter in hand, the heating and lighting of the building have undergone much improvement. The congregation on Christmas-day, and on the Feast of the Circumcision were unusually large; the usual music was supplemented by the singing of choice Christmas carols, accompanied by six wind instruments, in excellent taste. Notwithstanding the exodus of so many families from this parish, owing to the recent depression in trade, the number of communicants this Christmas-tide was three times larger than it was two years ago; and this, as the incumbent remarked in his eloquent sermon on Sunday evening, is surely a most encouraging sign, for the communicants list is undoubtedly the gauge of spiritual life in a parish.

DUNNVILLE.—In this parish the Christmas offertories, which were given to the clergyman, amounted to over \$84.

CHIPPAWA.—Trinity church was very tastefully decorated for the Christmas services, which were well attended. The musical part was very good under Miss Heller's efficient management. The number of communicants, forty-three, being the greatest number at any one time for the past four years. The offertory was also larger than at any previous time of the present rector's charge. On Tuesday, the Service of Song called "The Child Jesus," was given by the Sunday-school under Mr. Harvey, lay-reader and superintendent of the Sunday-school. There were, besides the rector, Rev. C. L. Ingles, of Stamford, Canon Houston and Rev. C. Ingles, Parkdale. The latter of whom gave a very good address to the children. The church was filled to the doors with the parents and friends of the Sunday-school. The service was heartily rendered by the little ones, every one expressed great pleasure and surprise at the proficiency attained in the course of a few weeks' training. The solos in the service by Miss Ellen McKenzie, Herbert Breckon, and Robert McKenzie, were sweetly rendered. Too much praise cannot be given Mr. Harvey, who has so enthusiastically entered into this church work. The offertory in aid of the Sunday-school was very good and we hope at Easter we shall be gladdened with another such a service, it needs only to be suggested, we are sure, to be acted upon.

PORT COLBORNE AND MARSHVILLE. The churches in this parish were both very tastefully decorated for the feast of the Nativity of our Lord. In St. James' church a beautiful lily was placed in the font, and a lovely green cross (formed of a luxuriant and carefully trained plant of smilax) upon the altar. The congregations were very large, notwithstanding the exceedingly bad roads. The number of communicants was greater than usual, and the offerings were larger than on any previous occasion, amounting to \$57.24, being an increase of \$22 as compared with last year.

LUTHER.—The opening of the New Year in this mission was marked by a visit from the ex-choir of Holy Trinity, Toronto, under the leadership of Mr. F. G. Plummer. The members, twenty in number, arrived in the village on Saturday night, and shortly afterwards proceeded to the church, where a midnight celebration of the Holy Communion was held. The choir, in surplices and cassocks, entered singing "O come, all ye Faithful," at the conclusion of which Rev. C. Darling commenced the service, which was fully choral. At 10:30 a.m. matins were said, followed by a second choral celebration of the Holy Communion, at which the mission priest, the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, celebrated. In the afternoon one half of the choir, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Radcliffe, went to Colbeck mission, ten miles distant. After a very cold drive the school-house was reached, and found to be full of a most reverent congregation, ten of whom communicated at the choral celebration which was held. The rest of the choir went to Waldemar, another outlying station, where there was also a good congregation. Evensong was held in the church at 7:30, when the building was crowded to the doors. On Monday morning the choir boys went to the farm houses in the vicinity, and sang carols, returning to the church for evensong at 8 p.m. The visitors were astonished and delighted to find such a beautiful little church in this distant village. Its internal arrangements, and that of the mission house connected with it, put to shame many city churches; while the self-denying efforts of the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, who has built up the Church in this place within three years, are deserving of every encouragement at the hands of Churchmen.

HURON.

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LONDON.—St. Paul's. The teachers and scholars of the Sunday-school presented their superintendent, Mr. G. F. Jewell, with a very handsome Italian clock as a token of their appreciation of his services. The Rev. Canon Innes in presenting the clock from the school, delivered an appropriate address.

LONDON SOUTH.—St. James'. The chancel of this church has been greatly improved in appearance. It is said that the frescoing in that chancel is not to be excelled in the city. The designs are unique, and all the details have been carefully carried out. The design of the borders is Gothic, the ceiling is tinted blue with gold stars, while the border is finished in appropriate colours. The walls are tinted with what is known to artists as warm grey. Above the stained glass chancel window and within a circle, is a star with the words inscribed, "Glory to God in the Highest." Connected with the inscription is a scroll running part way down each side of the window, bearing the completion of the text, "and on earth peace, good will toward men." On the west side of the window in a handsome scroll are the words, "I am the Bread of life." Underneath the windows are oak panels. The centre one, immediately over the Communion table contains the text, "Do this in remembrance of Me;" and the two large ones contain the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed. And over the organ front is written, "Praise ye the Lord," and on the opposite side, "The Lord's name be praised." In front of the arch of the chancel and facing the congregation is the inscription, "This is none other than the House of God." The wainscoting has been regained in oak, adding much to the effect produced by other improvements.

The members of St. James' had planted in the hall a Christmas tree laden with presents for the scholars. The Church and its nursery, the Sunday-school, have progressed *pari passu*. Within one brief decade the number of Sunday-school scholars has increased from nine to 280. Knowing the suburb as we do, we heartily congratulate the rector, the Rev. Evans Davis and his faithful aides on the happy growth of the Old Church in London South.

AYLMER.—The Christmas offertory of Trinity Church was larger than it had been in the history of that church. It, of course, was presented to the incumbent, the Rev. W. Daunt. Thirty dollars, the amount of the offertory, was no small offering for