

cent Home in Ottawa on Christmas Eve, valued at \$27.

The "Women's Auxiliary" sent a bale of goods to the North West a short time before Christmas valued at \$103.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—Missionary meetings in Lansdowne will take place as follows: Monday, Jan. 12th, Lansdowne; Tuesday Jan. 13th, Escott; Wednesday, Jan. 14th; Ballycaoo; Thursday, Jan. 15th, Warburton, at 7 p.m., each evening.

Deputation: Rev. Stearne Tighe, A. B.; Rev. M. F. M. Harding.

GANANCOON.—Christ Church Sunday school festival was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms on Monday evening, 5th Jan., and was perhaps the most successful ever held under the same auspices, the attendance of both children and adults being very large. After tea an interesting programme was carried out; Miss Jeffries, Lady Principal of the Bishop Bethune College, Oshawa, presiding at the request of the Rector.

HUNTLEY.—The marriage of the Rev. George Scantlebury, incumbent of this place, to Miss Hattie Avery, of Escott, took place in St. Paul's Church, Kingston, on Thursday morning. The Rev. Rural Dean Carey officiated.

BEACHBURG.—The work of the Church is not lagging behind in this parish. On Christmas day there were two celebrations of the Holy Communion; one at 8 a.m., with twenty-one communicants; and one at 11 a.m., ten communicants. At the latter service, the Rev. C. P. Anderson preached a sermon on the Incarnation and Nativity. The offertory was about \$30. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and Scripture texts.

The Woman's Guild of this parish has considerable money on hand towards enriching the chancel of the church; and the Children's Guild is working hard to get money to buy a font.

The Forester's Fall congregation presented Mr. Anderson with a new surplice, besides other things, and the Beachburgh congregation began the New Year by sending in a good supply of hay, oats, beef, towl, &c. Perfect harmony and good will exist between pastor and people, and everything is going on well. *Laus Deo.*

The par-sonage debt has just been reduced by nearly \$100.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

ORILLIA.—The Young People's Association of St. James Church held their regular meeting on Monday night, the President, Canon Greene, in the chair. Solos were given by Miss C. Stewart and Mr. Metcalfe. The officers for current year: Patron, the Rev. Rural Dean Stewart; President, the Rev. Canon Greene; Vice President, the Messrs. S. S. Robinson, H. J. Elliott, and Hymers; Secretaries, Mr. C. E. Smitheringale and Miss Brubskill; Treasurer, Mr. W. Metcalfe; Committee of Management, Mrs. Farrer, Misses Jennings, Stewart, Smith, Breckon, Wigmore, Hewitt, McMullen, and Messrs. Deeks, Bogart, Vack, and Smitheringale. For cottage meetings—Messrs. Farrer, Hymers, Smitheringale, Metcalfe, Greenland, Dreyer, Elliott, and Baker, with power to add to their number. Three cottage meetings are now held in different parts of the town. The Association will give their several organ recitals on the 19th inst.

On Tuesday evening, the 6th inst, the children of the St. James' Sunday school had a sleigh ride to Madonte, where they were entertained. The procession of 25 or 26 sleighs full of happy children and their friends and carrying banners and flags was quite imposing. It is needless to say that the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

PRETORIO.—The children of St. John's Church S. S. enjoyed a pleasant time at their

anniversary entertainment held in the school room on the evening of 6th January. The room had been handsomely decorated by the scholars with evergreens, mottoes and flags and presented a gay and bright appearance. A large number of the parents were present and the evening was an unqualified and happy success. The programme was an entertaining one. It opened with a chorus, "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem," by the school, followed by an excellent piano solo by Miss D. Bell. The infant class, composed of Maud Rush, B. Rush, A. McKee, M. Appleby, H. McNeil, Olive English, Daisy Mills, B. Badden, V. Fjote, A. Brundrette and M. and A. Long gave a pleasing kindergarten song under the direction of Misses L. Davidson and M. McFarlane. The rector, Rev. J. O. Davidson, next presented a report of the Sunday school work which was interesting and encouraging. Recitations were then given in good style by N. Pratt, Pearl Pratt, and Miss A. Armstrong, and the McNeil children sang a pretty song. The Misses Pettit, of Montreal, gave an exhibition of drill under Miss Lynn, which delighted those present and was exceedingly well performed. Mr. R. M. Roy, entertained the audience with a number of stereopticon views, which were greatly admired. The prizes to the successful pupils of the year were then awarded.

DIocese OF HURON.

THE LATE REV. J. GEMLEY.—The Rev. John Gemley, Rector of Trinity Church, Simcoe died at the Rectory in that town on January 6th, after an illness of several weeks, at the age of 73 years. The reverend gentleman's early ministerial life was spent in the Methodist Body; but in July, 1874, he was received into the Church of England by Bishop Hellmuth and was appointed Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church in this city, which position he held until Easter, 1880. After a few years' rest in connection with the Western University, he was appointed Rector of Trinity Church, Simcoe, and subsequently Rural Dean of the county of Norfolk, which he held with much acceptance until death relieved him. Mr. Gemley was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place at Simcoe on Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst.

LONDON.—The Sunday school children of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, accompanied by their parents and friends, assembled in the school house Friday night, the 2nd inst, the occasion being the visit of Santa Claus. After a short address, explanatory of the business by Rev. W. T. Hill, Christmas carols were sung by a choir trained for the occasion, Mrs. (Dr.) Jones accompanying on the piano. Prizes—over 50 in number—were then distributed by Superintendent Imlach, to those who, by regular attendance, proficiency, etc., had become worthy of their bestowal. After the gifts had been distributed the choir presented some musical selections, ending with *God Save the Queen.*

The Sunday School of All Saints' Chapel had a very successful treat. The affair was held in the Hamilton Road School, and was largely attended by the children and teachers and friends. Miss Fenney, of the Memorial Church, with her band of little workers and several of the Mission School children, provided the programme, which consisted of choruses, songs, dialogues and recitations. It was a long one, but well arranged, and proved very interesting. Rev. Canon Richardson presided, and at the close of the proceedings gave a short address, showing the encouraging growth and condition of the school. Mr. W. Wright, superintendent, and the teachers afterwards distributed to each scholar a supply of eatables from a well-filled Christmas tree.

MITCHELL.—Trinity Church was, as usual,

prettily decorated for the Christmas services. An arch of evergreens spanned the chancel, and loops of the same hung gracefully from several parts of the building. The Rector preached one of his very best sermons, and drew beautiful lessons appropriate to the season. Special music was furnished by the choir, the anthem in particular being exceedingly fine.

The children of Trinity Church Sunday School were treated to the contents of a well laden Christmas tree in the Opera hall, and an interesting and amusing programme was produced, to which the little ones were excellent contributors. A large number of the parents and friends of the pupils were interested admirers, liberally showing their appreciation of the aptitude displayed by the youthful participants. When Santa Claus began to distribute the prizes, the children were all excitement, and as they received their presents their delight was unbounded. The entertainment was by long odds the best of the kind ever held in connection with Trinity Church Sunday School, and much credit for its success is due the Rev. Mr. Dewdney and the lady teachers of the School.

CORUNNA.—On the evening of New Year's Day Christ Church held a Sunday School entertainment. The Church Hall was filled to overflowing, although the weather was unfavorable. At the close of the meeting Rev. Dr. Armstrong was made the recipient of a magnificent drawing-room hanging lamp. An address was read by Mrs. F. Chambers, and the presentation was made by Miss Gowling and Mrs. Chambers. Mrs. Armstrong was also presented with a costly ivory whiskholder.

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

BEACHBRIDGE.—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a barrel of beautiful toys, fancy work and books for the Xmas tree at Falkenburg and Bardville in my mission from the St. James' branch of the Women's Auxiliary, Toronto, in connection with which, I would state, that this tree and its burden gave unbounded satisfaction and delight to the children and their parents. About sixty presents were distributed in order of merit. The children went home with pleasure and surprise depicted on their faces.

I also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a large trunk of excellent clothing from the St. Thomas branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, Toronto. These gifts were most acceptable and have found their way to the homes of the worthy poor in our mission.

I also acknowledge on behalf of Baysville (one of my stations), through Mr. Slement, the following donations: one box from Miss Louisa Patterson, Sec. Treas. W. A., Toronto; one bale from Miss Emma Sohenes, Sec. Ladies Mission Aid, D. S. Toronto; one box from Miss Kate Ridout, Sec. St. Mark's Branch Women's Auxiliary, Parkdale, Toronto.

With heartfelt thanks for numerous gifts to my Parish to all contributors, I have to state that all our needs are now supplied.

JAMES B. YDELL,
Incumbent.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—The second meeting of the Committee of the Shingwauk Home was held on Tuesday, Dec 10th ult. at Bishopscourt. After prayer the minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The Rev. E. A. Vesey was elected secretary. It was decided that the Secretary, under the direction of the Bishop, should write to each missionary Bishop reporting that this committee had adopted the "Suggested Scheme" (at infra) pressing upon them the importance of taking action of some kind in the same direction.

Mr. G. F. Wilson read an abstract of the general accounts, which are kept under three