

Daniels, who so kindly lent his services and views. The two Christmas hymns, "Hark the herald angels sing," and "While shepherds watched their flock by night," were thrown upon the scene, and were sung very lustily by the children. The last view was a photograph of the rector, which was received with great enthusiasm, the applause being almost deafening, and showing how popular he has already become. Upon the platform was a chimney built apparently of bricks. Santa Claus appeared down the chimney and distributed the bricks, which were in reality boxes of candy. The singing of God Save the Queen brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

CHRISTMASTIDE.—St. George's.—There were upwards of four hundred communicants at the two celebrations on Christmas Day—the offertory for the poor fund amounting to about two hundred dollars, and the Dean announced that never was there a more liberal response from the congregation in providing Christmas dinners for the needy—no honest claim having been made without a liberal provision being given. Such turkeys, and joints of Christmas beef, speak volumes for the kindly liberality of St. George's congregation. The Lord Bishop read the ante-communion, and the Gospel, and the Dean the Epistle—his sermon being from Hebrews, ii. 16.

In the half dozen churches recently visited by your correspondent in Montreal and vicinity, it may be safely said that the Christmas decorations are fully up to the mark, and the large number of communicants should encourage Churchmen and clergy to believe that the good work continues to bring forth good fruit.

Mid-night, New Year's eve, services were announced for St. George's and St. Jude's; and New Year's Day being the Circumcision, several churches observed the day by celebration of Holy Communion, etc.

St. John the Evangelist.—The Rev. Lennox I. Smith, formerly of St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, and at one time connected with St. Matthew's Church, Hamilton, who has been doing temporary duty for the past three months in this parish, has been appointed curate.

Archdeaconry of St. Andrew's.—The Ven. Archdeacon Mills has been engaged for some two months, beginning Oct. 9th last, in making a visit to the parishes in the Anglican archdeaconry of St. Andrews. Of this visit Archdeacon Mills has recently made a most interesting report to Bishop Bond, in which he details the work being done by the country clergy. He says in his report that he "cannot speak too highly of the devotion of the clergy to their work, or too strongly of the truly missionary and arduous character of some of the work which is being done in the archdeaconry. The isolation of the clergy, the poverty of many of the people, the long distances which have to be traversed not only for pastoral work, but for the holding of services at stations widely separated, and the almost impassable character of the roads at certain seasons of the year, make the work, from a human point of view, very unattractive." He further remarks that in many cases the people being so poor are not able to give that support to the Church that they would otherwise do. Archdeacon Mills then recounts in detail his visit to the different parishes, beginning with Arundel and Laurel. He had nothing but praise for the clergy and their wives, who are such assistance to them in their self-denying work.

ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

WOLFE ISLAND.—The Christmas services were well attended in Trinity and Christ Churches, and the offerings, which were for the clergyman, larger than usual, amounting to almost \$35. The special music, as well as the responses, were excellently and heartily rendered, making it a bright and happy Christmas for all. The churches were tastefully decorated with evergreens. Trinity Church, which has been very fortunate in receiving memorial gifts during the past year, added yet another to its list on Christmas Day, in the shape of a Litany Desk. This is the gift of Mrs. Sherwood, of North Adams, Mass., U.S.A., who spent her girlhood days on the Island. The desk bears the following inscription:

IN MEMORY OF

HENRY AND JULIA SHERMAN,
Who have gone to rest.

Donated by their Daughter, Mrs. M. A. Sherwood
Dec. 25th, 1896.

This makes Trinity Church almost complete in its accessories of worship. A new font and a new altar rail would leave little to be desired. The Ad-

vent offerings for the Diocesan Mission Fund amounted to \$17. Rev. W. T. Lipton has been offered the curacy of a church in the State of New Jersey, with a stipend of \$800 per annum. He has been very successful in his parish, and Church work has progressed there in every way, as the improvements in the church buildings, valuable offerings of church furniture, and well attended services bear witness. It is satisfactory to state that according to the last report Mr. Lipton has decided to stay in his present parish.

Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions.—The Clergy are requested to take notice that Mr. C. A. Elliot, Victoria Chambers, Ottawa, is now the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, to whom all remittances should be made. A. Spencer, Secretary, Kingston, Ont.

NEW BOYNE AND LOMBARDY.—The solemn season of Advent was marked in this parish by a special series of sermons, delivered by the rector on the subject of "The Evil Angels," supplemented on week days by "readings" on the Holy Eucharist, taken from No. 5 of the Cleave Manuals. Christmas, as usual, was marked by an early celebration of Holy Communion at Trinity Church, Lombardy, at 8 a.m., at which seventeen partook of the body and blood of Christ, followed at 11 a.m. by Matins and Holy Communion at St. Peter's, New Boyne, where a very large congregation assembled, and seventy-six communicated. At 7 p.m. Evensong was said, and sermon delivered at Trinity to a very good congregation. The weather was all that could be desired for the great festival.

BROCKVILLE.—St. Peter's.—The Christmas services were bright and the church decorated with much care. On Christmas eve, a service was held at 9 p.m., Venerable Archdeacon Bedford-Jones and Rev. H. H. Bedford-Jones officiating.

KEMPTVILLE.—There was worship at St. Paul's Church, Marlboro, on Christmas day at 2.30 p.m. The church was beautifully decorated and the service was hearty and reverent. At the time of the presentation of the offertory of the church wardens to the Rector, previous to the oblation, Captain Beckett and Mr. John Elliott stood side by side of the church wardens, at the church step, the latter reading an address, while the former presented the special Xmas offering for the rector. The address was signed on behalf of the congregation by John Enigh, John McIntire, and thirty-five other persons. The rector made a suitable reply to the address.

NEW BOYNE AND LOMBARDY.—A great audience listened to a very impressive sermon delivered by Rev. C. F. French, at Christmas matins, at St. Peter's Church, New Boyne. The choir rendered their special effort remarkably well, also, with Miss F. Polk at the organ. The decorations of the church looked fine on Christmas.

AUGUSTA.—A concert for the English Church at Lord's Mills, will be held in the Union Hall, Maitland, Jan. 2.

LYNDHURST.—The concert and Christmas tree given by the St. Luke's Church Sunday School, on Dec. 23rd, was a great success in every way. As soon as the doors were open people began to crowd in, till there was scarcely standing room, and waited in patience for the tinkle of the bell announcing that the curtain would rise and the programme begin. Rev. Wm. Moore, the rector, came forward and said he was glad to see such a crowded house, and that the concert was gotten up to aid in procuring a library for the Sunday-school, and that people ought to know what kind of literature their children are reading,—not dime novels. The first piece to attract any notice was the "Mother Goose" reception and drill by the children. It was greatly admired, especially "Mother Goose" in her comical dress. There were several solos by the Misses Leake and Johnson, and last but not least the hoop drill was fine, and deserves great credit for such young girls. Then came the Christmas Tree. Mr. Moore's telephoning to Santa Claus caused considerable excitement among the children. Santa came in loaded with candy, handing it right and left, and then climbed up the ladder to get the presents off the tree, singing, "I am the candy man; do all the good you can." When everything was off the tree Santa called Miss Margaret Singleton forward, and presented her with a purse of money from the teachers, pupils and friends of St. Luke's Church Sunday-school for faithful services, and as a token of high esteem on her retirement from the superintendency. Miss Singleton was greatly surprised, and stepped forward and thanked her friends for such an unexpected kindness. She said that anything she had ever done for the Sunday-school was only a pleasure. The programme ended with "God Save the Queen." The proceeds amounted to \$20.50.

OTTAWA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, OTTAWA.

WILLIAMSBURG.—In Memoriam.—One of the oldest parishioners in this parish passed away on Thursday morning, Dec. 17, Mr. Samuel Chrysler, in his ninety-first year. He was the son of Col. John Chrysler, who owned the Chrysler Farm at the time of the battle. The old chimney still stands, which crowned the fireplace around which the British officers held a council-of-war, and decided to give immediate battle to the Americans. Mr. Samuel Chrysler remembered incidents connected with the battle, as a child, being placed down cellar by his mother with some other children, to keep them out of danger, and when thus a captive, could hear the roar of the guns, and noticed the difference of the firing between the Americans and the British, the former being at quick and uncertain times, the latter at long regular intervals and altogether. He also remembered after the battle being told when retiring for the night to pass softly by a certain room, which was at the head of the staircase of his father's house, because Lieutenant Claus was lying there wounded from the battle. Mr. Chrysler had all his faculties, with the exception of hearing, to within a few hours of his death, when he became unconscious and passed away like a little child falling asleep. He was present at the unveiling of the monument, in the fall of ninety-five, and sat upon the platform near by Sir McKenzie Bowell, and other distinguished men. Last June, the Bishop of Ottawa, on his way to a confirmation at Aultsville, attended by the rector of the parish, called upon Mr. Chrysler, which visit pleased him very much. The funeral took place at Holy Trinity, the old Parish Church of Williamsburg, on Saturday, the 19th Dec., the remains being interred in God's-acre near by, the Rev. Montague Gower Poole officiating, and preaching a sermon to the living, but in which he referred in kindly terms to the deceased. Though the day was bitterly cold, many influential and venerable people were present to pay respect to one who was a loyal subject of the Queen of England, and a humble servant of the King of kings.

AULTSVILLE.—The clergyman in charge of this part of the parish of Williamsburg, was agreeably surprised, in his rectory, on Thursday afternoon, the 24th of Dec., by the visit of three gentlemen, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Robertson, who presented to him an address, a purse, and a load of good things. The following is the address:

To the Rev. M. G. Poole, Rector of Aultsville, Williamsburg and Gallingsertown.

We, a few of the members and friends of St. Paul's, Aultsville, desire to convey our Christmas greetings to yourself and family, by making some tangible expression of the esteem and affection in which you are held by us—we therefore ask you to accept this purse, etc., as a token of both, and may the Giver of all good gifts bless and prosper you in your labours amongst us. In conclusion, we especially wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Signed on behalf of the Aultsville congregation, by the officers of the church, Joseph Kerr, lay delegate, and the two churchwardens. The clergyman having responded in a suitable manner, the deputation returned to their homes. The day was cold outside, but there was sunshine and happiness in their hearts.

OTTAWA.—His Lordship Bishop Bickersteth, of Tokio, Japan, accompanied by Mrs. Bickersteth, was in the city last week, where they were the guests of the Bishop of Ottawa, and Mrs. Hamilton. Bishop and Mrs. Bickersteth are on their way from Japan to England. They left Ottawa for New York, where they took the steamer for Liverpool.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

St. James' Cathedral.—On Sunday morning last, the children of the Sunday school had a most beautiful service at half past nine. They marched from the school house headed by the infants to the church, there being about 250 present. Carols were sung by the choir boys, in which the children joined heartily. Bishop Sullivan addressed the children and questioned them on the lessons for the day. The collection was devoted to missionary purposes.

Quiet Day.—The clergy of Toronto and neighbourhood are cordially invited to attend the "Quiet Day" to be held at Trinity College, on Friday, 8th Jan., in connection with the reunion of past Divinity students. The Provost will supply particulars on application.

St. Luke's.—The Rev. J. C. H. Mockridge, the able and popular curate of this church, has, we hear, been appointed rector of Church of the