

CAPE BRETON.

COW BAY.—St. Paul's Parish.—The four churches in this parish were beautifully and appropriately decorated in commemoration of the Saviour's birth. The services during the holy season were bright and devotional, and the attendance and number of partakers of the Holy Communion unusually large. The carols, texts around the Churches and subjects of sermons, were all intended to remind the worshippers of the great importance and true position of the doctrine of the Incarnation, so much overlooked by the religious bodies around us.

The Rector, Rev. W. J. Lockyer, was presented with a sleigh robe and driving gloves, accompanied by an address, on New Year's Day, from his parishioners at Reserve Mines.

The children of St. Paul's Sunday-school had a well supplied Christmas tree in the Workman's Hall during the Christmas week.

SYDNEY.—The Parish Church has been much improved by the replacing of the old pews with very neat and convenient seats of ash and walnut, and by the refitting of the Church and the removal of the font to its proper place. A new pulpit of oak and a chancel carpet are being provided by the members of the choir, who are giving a series of musical entertainments. The Christmas decorations were simple and chaste, the font trimmed with evergreens and everlastings and surmounted by a Latin cross and the sanctuary, with callas and other flowers in pots, and a cross over the altar, having received the most attention.

The Christmas services began with a midnight celebration and short sermon. This was followed by Matins and a second celebration at 11 o'clock.

A violent storm of wind and rain prevented the attendance of many parishioners. The musical parts of the services, particularly the old Christmas hymns and the anthem "O Zion, that bringest good tidings," by Dr. Stainer, were well rendered.

The Sunday-school festival was held on Holy Innocents Day. It began with service in the Parish Church at 11 o'clock, and a very appropriate address by the Rev. T. Fraser Draper, of Louisburg. In the afternoon tea was provided for the scholars in St. George's School House. In the evening, after the singing of a few carols and a reading from Hans Andersen, the Christmas tree was uncovered, and its gifts distributed to the great pleasure and satisfaction of the various recipients.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

ST. ELEANOR AND SUMMERSIDE.—During the latter part of last November a number of the ladies of the parish met and decided to have a high tea on New Year's Day for the purpose of paying a few bills against the Church and making some needed improvements. The time allowed was short, but in spite of this and of the bad weather on the appointed day, a good number of people were present and spent a very pleasant evening. A continuation of the tea was held on Monday, January 3rd. The sum which was realised, after all expenses had been paid, amounted to upwards of \$200, which will be divided equally between the two churches—St. John's and St. Mary's—and the Rectory, which needs some repairs.

The work of the parish is once more going on regularly and the church appears to have held her own pretty well during the interval, when we had no clergyman. Rev. C. F. Lowe, who is now in charge of the parish, intends opening a Confirmation class shortly in view of the Bishop's regular visit next summer. It is three years since His Lordship was here before and there should be a large number of candidates.

The Christmas decorations in both the churches were in good taste and had a very pleasing effect.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN'S.—At St. Paul's the first of a series of dime entertainments was held in Sunday-school. The attendance was large and much pleasure was derived from the programme, which included a reading by Rev. A. J. Reid, songs by Miss Jones, Misses Underhill, Miss E. Symonds, J. N. Rogers and T. P. Bourne, two choruses by the choir and two tableaux.

At the annual meeting of the Juvenile Missionary Society in connection with St. John's (Stone) Church. The Rev. G. M. Armstrong delivered a short address on missionary work, Rev. O. G. Dobbs read a well-written paper prepared by Miss J. Barlow, on the Holy Land, and delivered an address on Home and Foreign missionary work. A number of missionary hymns were sung during the evening and a collection in aid of missions was taken up.

FREDERICTON.—The parlor concert and tea given by the Ladies' Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, on the evening of the 10th instant, was successful beyond all expectations. There were fully three hundred present. The hall was tastefully decorated and made very like a parlor. The following ladies and gentlemen took part in the varied programme:—Mr. John Black, Mrs. C. H. B. Fisher and Misses Richards and Vavaseur.

Mrs. Fisher was recalled and responded with a verse of her first solo. During the intermission Dr. Bailey entertained many with his microscope, which he took to the hall for that purpose, and refreshments were handed around by the young ladies of the association.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—St. Peter's.—The Christmas services this year have been a great success. The Church decorations were elaborate and the congregations large. The musical portions of the service on Christmas day were particularly fine. At the 11 o'clock morning service the organ accompaniment was supplemented in places by an effective cornet obligato. The "Te Deum" was the Festival setting in E, by Dudley Buck, the anthem being "There were Shepherds abiding," by Max Vogrich; a kyrie (in M's) by Mr. W. Reed, was also sung. At the presentation of the alms, Handel's "Hallelujah" was splendidly rendered. At Evensong on St. Stephen's day Agutter's Evening service was sung, and as the anthem, Gounod's "Nazareth," (arranged by Dudley Buck). At the conclusion of the service an organ recital was given by Prof. W. Reed, the organist and choir-master.

C.E.T.S., SHERBROOKE.—The Society holds public meetings on the first Monday in each month. They are always interesting, and have always attracted good audiences. The last one was held on Jan. 3rd, the speaker being Rev. Archdeacon Lindsay, of Waterloo, who spoke very earnestly and forcibly on the subject of Temperance. The musical programme which is always a feature of these meetings, consisted on this occasion of a piano solo by Miss Elkins, solos by Miss Robins and Mr. Jas. Keough, and a pianoforte duo by Mr. and Mrs. W. Reed. All of which numbers were artistically rendered. The Society has a large membership.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH.—The auxiliary Societies now forming through the dioceses to aid towards a more enlarged mission work, are becoming deservedly popular and growing in extent and usefulness, and the time is not far distant when this new growth in Church work, will become standard, and no members will hang back, because it will have become an essential towards membership as Church going itself.

The Branch Society here has since may last, sent \$50 through the Children's Branch to Mr.

Wilson for his new Home for Indian boys; \$25 to rebuild the Church at Fort McLeod; five barrels of clothing have been sent to Sault St. Marie, and a proposal of \$25 for one or more years to help toward a mission fund for Parry Sound.

There is now a membership of 44 women. There is also a monthly house to house collection. A tin bank is laid on the table during Missionary sittings, and members can if they please drop in a trifle. The box was emptied at last meeting and \$5 was taken from it.

The entrance fee is from 10 cents to a dollar. Meetings are held the last Tuesday in every month, in the Church Hall, at 3 p.m., the meetings lasting only one hour. A hymn is sung, and a few short prayers said, when the business comes up, and a little reading and conversation follows and other matter, and closes with another hymn and the Lord's prayer.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

BARRIEFIELD.—Tuesday evening, on the 4th instant, Mrs. K. L. Jones, was surprised on receiving a visit from her Sunday-school class. This is the first class of girls in St. Mark's Sunday-school, Barriefield. They are exceedingly nice and intelligent girls, and grateful for the care Mrs. Jones has taken in their instruction, during the past two years, they took advantage of the New Year to present her with an address, and a token of their regard. The address was read by Miss Kate Baxter.

Mrs. Jones made a suitable reply, assuring her class that her work was a labor of love, but yet, at the same time, she could not fail to derive much pleasure and encouragement from this evidence of their affection. The dressing case is a handsome one, covered with dark blue plush, and lined with light blue satin.

UPPER OTTAWA.—The new Church of St. Margaret at Lake Tallon, twenty miles west of Mattawa, was opened for divine worship on the Festival of the Epiphany. Although a weekday a large congregation assembled and many were the expressions of satisfaction and of thankfulness at the fulfilment of long cherished hopes. It was from this congregation that a contingent went to Mattawa to meet their Bishop and to receive the Apostolic gift in Confirmation just twelve months ago. They were then hoping to for a church. That hope is now realized. May it bring a blessing to many souls. The new church is built of logs, plastered between; Gothic in design and has a very nice appearance, being well situated on a prominence in the centre of a two acre lot. It is 20x40, with porch, a vestry and room for missionary is being built at the east end, 12x16. The service consisted of special prayers for God's blessing on His House and those who worshipped in it, and for our benefactors. The Holy Communion followed, Mr. Bliss being celebrant, and Mr. Quartermaine, deacon. This is the first time the Blessed Sacrament has been celebrated in this part of the mission, and it is but little more than a year since the first church service was held in the school house. It is a source of great satisfaction to the clergy in this large mission houses being gradually superseded by neat little churches. Our work for this year is to build at Eau Claire, fourteen miles from Mattawa, and to continue payments on and finish church and house at Mattawa. This is becoming a necessity more and more each year.

The congregation of St. Augustine, Deux Rivieres, were as much surprised as they were greatly pleased to be informed by Mr. Bliss at their Christmas service that some one had kindly remembered them and had presented a large bell to the church. The donor is unknown. The letter announcing the gift was addressed to Miss Fleming, and by her forwarded to Mr. Bliss. It simply announces that having seen in a number of Our Missionary that a bell