

congregation, (d) members elected at the time by the Board itself. The Board is deliberative and consultative, and to a certain extent, executive—it has taken the initiative in many of the efforts locally for church extension. This year it gave an impulse including a practical aid of \$102 towards the work of the Repository and proposed colportage in the district: it also gave a much needed impulse to the organic work locally of the Church of England Temperance Society. Temperance work in the temperate and wise lines of the Church of England Society was promoted. A Sunday School Conference was arranged for in June 1892 at Ayer's Flat. The most salient and suggestive features are the reports read and perhaps even more distinctly the papers read. The attendance at the Board this year was larger than usual: 23 clerical, 23 lay members—besides two clerical visitors and one lay visitor, (Dr. Davidson.) The Bishop was present and watched the proceedings, joining in with sympathetic and thoughtful counsel.

There was an encouraging report of the work on the sparsely populated incipient missions at Scotstown and Lake Megantic, and other local work by the Archdeacon.

Then there was a thoughtful and practical paper by the Rev. A. H. Robertson on corporate aspects of the Church's work—wherein periodical gatherings of the Clergy of a sub-deanery were advocated for mutual counsel, prayer, communion and for holding a public gathering to be addressed by the Clergy on prepared subjects: (a) on missions, (b) on periods of Church History: occasional exchange of preaching was also advocated. Then there came two papers.

(1) On Catechising, by Rev. Canon Foster—vigorous, suggestive and practical.

(2) On Sunday School work and also on Catechising—a very suggestive and deeply spiritual paper—by Canon Thorneloe.

After this a most thoughtful, eloquent and valuable paper on "young men—what is being done, and what may be done for them;" by the Rev. N. P. Yates, B. A., Lecturer in Bishop's College. He spoke of the difficulties of the subjects he instanced what had been done in St. George's parish, Montreal and spoke with interest and approval of the work of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. He said the keystones of our action should be humility and love.

The day with its two sittings 10 to 1, and 2.30 to 5.30, was felt to be all too short for the thoughts bestowed and inspired, and one enthusiast wanted to increase the session by a day—this was, however, not carried.

In the evening we had at 8 p. m. a crowded missionary meeting in the Church Hall. This has been the most successful anniversary for some years. The Bishop presided, after prayer, and a hymn, Canon Thorneloe read his summary which had only one fault: it did not give the district clear enough praise for the sum of \$4,500 raised in it during 1891 for the Church University's special needs. Reckoning this would have produced a handsome increase in the extra-parochial offerings for 1891, of something like \$4,000, instead of the apparent decrease of \$250. Besides this, the parochial offerings have increased by about \$6,000. The note of the day was steady extension, deepening and expansion of work.

The choir sung a missionary anthem; and there were also four hymns sung congregationally. The three speeches were all valuable and excellent.

(1) On Japan by the Rev. T. Blaylock, M. A., of Danville—thoughtful, masculine and suggestive.

(2) On Madagascar (with map) by Rev. L.

W. Williams, M. A.,—giving an account of the very hazardous mission recently undertaken to the west of Madagascar, by the Rev. Messrs. Macmahon and Herbert Smith: for this mission special prayers are asked by the S. P. G. in this month's *Mission Field*.

(3) A general suggestive discourse by L. H. Davidson, Esq., Q. C., D. C. L., who was warmly welcomed amongst us on all sides. He urged upon us very pointedly and with many excellent home thrusts our duty as a Church, as men and women to mission work: he told us what had been done recently in respect of Uganda: he referred to the work of Archdeacon (now Bishop) Reeve amongst our own Eskimo on the northern arctic fringe of our Dominion. He wound up a most interesting set of gatherings by a speech of much interest, humour, pathos and power. We trust all future anniversaries will be as happy as this one has been.

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—The beautiful Xmas Day Services in the Cathedral began with celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and again at 9.30; there was a third celebration of the Holy Communion after the 11 o'clock service. The total number of communicants was very large. The Cathedral had been simply and tastefully decorated by the young ladies of the congregation. Pots of palms and lilies were placed at the entrance of the Chancel and on the Altar steps. Beautiful white flowers were placed in vases on the re-table. The handsome brass standards at the east end of the Chancel, the gift of a member of the congregation a few years ago, were lighted at all the services yesterday and greatly improved the appearance of the Chancel. The music at the 11 o'clock service was exceptionally fine, and showed that much care had been spent by the choir in preparing it. The choir has been largely augmented of late and possesses some fine voices. At 11 o'clock, the full Cathedral Service was beautifully sung and the music throughout was refined and reverent in tone. The anthem, "Sing O Heavens," by B. Tours is a very fine one and particularly suited to the season. The soprano solo was good, and both the quartette and chorus were admirably given. The chorus was specially fine in the latter part of the anthem, where the bases take the lead in the words "To God on high be glory," which is responded to by the full choir, the climax being the hymn "O come all ye faithful. The Te Deum was Dykes and the Christmas hymns were joined in heartily by all present. The Rev. Dr Norton preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, to a large congregation. At the close of his sermon he said: "Last night at 8 o'clock the greatly beloved and respected people's churchwarden of this cathedral, Mr. Norris Godard, passed, in perfect and triumphant peace, within the veil, to spend an infinitely more joyous Christmas day than can be vouchsafed to us on earth. You know how regularly and how reverently he attended the Sunday services and daily services and communions in this church. Always living near to God, it was his constant delight to worship Him in His sanctuary. Mr. Godard's admirable work as churchwarden was to him a labor of love done for Christ's sake; and many and generous were his thankofferings to God's service in this place. Great is the loss to us as a congregation—great the gain to him. Our deepest

and most affectionate sympathies and prayers are with the devoted partner of his life, to whom this joyous Christmas day is the first day of widowhood. May God's light and comfort be with her in her great sorrow."

The officiating clergy were Rev. J. G. Norton, D.D., Rev. Canon Henderson, D.D., Rev. Canon Anderson and Rev. Canon Empson.

Guilmant's "Christmas Offertoire" was rendered by Mr. Birch in a finished and admirable manner.

TRINITY CHURCH.—The Christmas Festival was celebrated at Trinity Church, by appropriate and impressive services, and the number of communicants at 9 and 11 o'clock was very large. The service was read by the Rector, and the sermon, an able and eloquent one was preached by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, from the text, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will towards men," St. Luke II, 14. The music in this church, always of a very high and attractive character, was especially grand and devotional. There was an accuracy of expression, and a delicate shading of tone, (for which the difficult compositions that were rendered gave ample scope), which one would scarcely have expected from less than professional singers. Several of the voices in the choir would certainly be no discredit to professional standing. This excellence was specially noticeable in the rendering of Dudley Buck's Festival Te Deum, and of the Anthem "There were Shepherds abiding in the field." The church was simply, but beautifully and appropriately decorated for the Festival.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.—There was morning service followed by Holy Communion in this church on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock. The attendance was unusually large and the musical part of the service was well rendered. Opening anthem—"Let us go now even unto Bethlehem," Hopkins: Venite, Cooke; Gloria Patrie, Hayes; Te Deum Laudamus, Stephens; Jubilate Deo, Davies; Anthem, "In the Beginning was the Word," Allan; Hymns 23 and 22. The sermon was based on the words of the prophet Zechariah "Rejoice Greatly." After the conclusion of morning prayer many members of the congregation remained to partake of Holy Communion.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE.—Unlike the sunshine and glistening snow which usually characterizes a Canadian Christmas-day, it has assumed this year a sombre hue. To-day it is dull and dreary. But as we wended our way to the church of St. James the Apostle, the joyous chiming at its tower bells greeted our ears, and entering its doors, we were welcomed by light and brightness.

The beautiful church had been made more so, by its festive decorations, which evinced both taste and labor, and were evidently the result of careful forethought.

There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion, at 8, 9.40, and after the 11 a.m. service. A large number of participants at each.

The singing of the choir was extremely good, and the gladsome Christmas hymns were heartily joined in by the full congregation assembled at the morning service.

The Rector, Canon Ellegood preached an excellent sermon, setting forth in terms of love and tenderness, what the wonderful mystery of "The Word made Flesh," has effected, and is still effecting for the good of mankind. He exhorted his hearers to mark this season especially by deeds of unselfishness towards our poorer brethren.

The collections were good and in aid of the city missionary and the poor.