

which the Judge has been Superintendent for 35 years, and a very happy evening they had. And so we have tried to give some practical effect to the song of the heavenly host, by promoting, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

CHATHAM.

The Christmas services in St. Mary's Chapel were largely attended and were very bright, hearty, and appropriate to the celebration of the great festival of the Nativity of the World's Redeemer. The decorations were very beautiful and effective, numbers of cala lillies, lillies of the valley, yellow chrysanthemums, an English holly, adorned the altar, the lectern, prayer desk and pulpit, and the walls of the nave and chancel were otherwise decorated with evergreen and appropriate texts.

The first service was at 6.30 o'clock on Christmas Eve and began with the processional hymn "O come all ye Faithful, etc." The psalms were sung to the Anglican chants from Monk & Baker's Chants A. & M. The anthem was from Zechariah, "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion, etc." After the prayers, Christmas carols were sung. The Rector preached from text, Exodus 12, 42, and hymn 60 A. & M. was sung as a recessional. The second service was a midnight celebration of the Holy Eucharist, beginning at 12 o'clock. It began with Hymn 316 as a processional. The Kyries, Gloria before the Gospel, Gratias, Tibi, Credo, etc., were brightly sung by the choir, and after the service a solemn Te Deum was sung in honor of the Holy Redeemer. The attendance was much larger than on any previous occasion, and the solemn worship with the bright surroundings was a fitting beginning of the day of Christ's birth. The third service in St. Mary's was at 11 o'clock on Christmas Day. Before the morning prayers the Sunday-school children sang Christmas carols. The regular service began with Hymn 59 A. & M. as a processional. Venite to Chant 249 A. & M., Te Deum, Jackson, Benedictus C. 341 A. & M., Anthem, "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion," Hymn 60 A. & M. After morning prayer the Holy Eucharist was celebrated with music as at midnight.

At St. Paul's Church there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock a.m. and evening prayers with sermon at 3 p.m. The early celebration was well attended, notwithstanding the illness of several members of the congregation, including the worthy organist, Geo. Burchill, Esq., Jr., whose place was taken by Mrs. J. P. Burchill, who, with the aid of a few singers who were able to be present, sang the usual Christmas hymns. The church was neatly decorated.

The offerings at the Christmas services were for the sick and needy. St. Mary's Sunday-school children presented the Rector with a handsome eight-day clock.

Diocese of Quebec.

SHERBROOKE.

Church Extension.—At the last meeting of the Deanery Board of the District of St. Francis, held in Sherbrooke last month, the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D., read a report on Church Extension in the district: the result of which in part was that Bishop's College is to undertake for six months two Missions in its own neighborhood, in addition to the work done by the Brotherhood of Readers at a distance: the stations of Sandhill, Johnville and Milby were to be made into a Mission, under the incumbency of the Professor of Pastoral Theology; and a new Mission was to be created in the Belvidere region, which would be under the oversight of the Principal of the College, Rev. Dr. Adams.

Church music in the Deanery of St. Francis appears to be making encouraging progress under the direction of Mr. Dorey, the able organist of St. Peter's, Sherbrooke. He read a very scholarly and suggestive paper at the last Board meeting upon the subject.

The Bishop has sent to the clergy and churchwardens of the diocese several forms as to Church statistics, which if fully filled in will show with some degree of certainty the Church population and capabilities of the diocese. Though his Lordship has by personal visitation of every point of his field acquired an intimate knowledge of the people and of the needs of each mission, this statistical information will without doubt be of great benefit, not only to himself, but to the diocese and Church at large; since returns are now required by the Synod of this Ecclesiastical Province.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE.—It is proposed to hold the annual dinner of the Graduates and 'Old Boys' of Bishop's College and School at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on the 25th January instant.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

The Synod of the Diocese will meet—in regular Session—on Tuesday, the 16th January inst. The notice paper issued by the Secretary shows little business of importance to be done; but doubtless the report of the Standing Committees will disclose much more. The Bishop's charge will be delivered in the Cathedral at the 10.30 a.m. service, and will be looked forward to with much interest. At the Synod Service on the evening of Tuesday the Rev. W. B. Longhurst, Rector of Granby and Rural Dean, will be the preacher.

MONTREAL BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.—Eight monthly and four Special Meetings have been held. The M. D. A. now numbers over 800 members. Five new branches have been organized. There are 31 Senior and 14 Junior Branches—45 in all. These all do good work in sending out bales of clothing, &c., to missions in this Diocese, as well as to the Indian Homes, and needy Missions in the North-West. The Woman's Auxiliary continues to contribute \$200 towards the Teachers' salary in the Washakeda House—and \$150 towards the support of our Lady Medical Missions in Japan. The name of Mrs. L. N. Tucker and that of Miss Mercer, of Australia, have been added to the list of Life Members. Appeals for help are increasingly numerous, but owing to lack of funds many denials have to be made.

THE REV. I. CONSTANTINE.—The "Devon and Exeter Gazette" of Dec. 19 contains the following notice of the death of the Rev. I. Constantine, well-known in the Eastern Townships: "The Rev. Isaac Constantine, M. A., whose death was yesterday announced, had but very recently returned from an active ministry of forty-two years in the colonies, and in company with his daughter only took possession of his new abode at Heavittree three weeks ago. The rev. gentleman expired, after five days' illness, from failure of the heart's action, consequent upon an attack of bronchitis. Mr. Constantine was born at Bradley hall, Lancashire, in September, 1820. In his youth he was associated with the Bradford bank, and, in connection with banking, subsequently proceeded to North America. In 1847 there was a terrible epidemic of ship fever, and many of the colonial clergy succumbed to the disease while visiting emigrants. To fill one of the vacancies thus created,

Mr. Constantine voluntarily abandoned his more lucrative occupation, accepted deacon's orders, was ordained priest by that well-known Devonshire bishop, Dr. Fulford, of Montreal, on May 7, 1852, and was appointed to the rectory of East Stanbridge, from which he retired on superannuation during the past autumn. Mr. Constantine at an early age evinced poetical talent of no mean order. His first work of lyrical composition, entitled "Flowers of My Spring," appeared anonymously, and was published by Groombridge, London, 1839.

PERSONAL.—Bishop Young, of Arthabasca, is in town this week; and his presence is being availed of to advance the work of Missions through information as to his own self-denying labors in his distant diocese.

The Rev. R. D. Mills, Rector of Cowansville, P. Q., has resigned that cure, and has entered upon that of Berthier, where he will have charge of the Berthier Grammar School. The Rev. J. A. Elliott will take the duty at Cowansville until Easter.

LACHUTE.

The Annual Meeting of the Rural Deanery of St. Andrew's has been called for Monday, January 15th, to meet in St. Simon's Church, Lachute.

The usual order of proceedings will be followed, and at 10.30 a.m. the Holy Communion will be administered, and a Special Sermon preached by the Incumbent of Lachute, the Rev. A. B. Given; after which the members will take up and deal with their Deanery business.

Some members of the Montreal W. A. have very kindly presented to the new Church at Lake Louisa, in the Parish of Lachute (to be named St. Aidan's), a very handsome and convenient Communion Service. The St. George's Branch of the W. A. also have sent to Arundel Mission for the Laurel Church Mission a very useful and suitable Communion Cloth.

These timely gifts coming at this season gladden the hearts of the Incumbents by the sympathy shown for the work and the workers in the Mission Field.

Diocese of Toronto.

TORONTO.

BOARD OF D. & F. MISSIONS.—By the authority of His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario, Metropolitan, a special meeting of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of this Ecclesiastical Province has been called, to be held at the Synod office, Wellington street, Toronto, on the 11th January inst., at 10.30 a.m.

Diocese of Niagara.

GUELPH.

The choir of St. George's Church revived a very ancient and pleasing feature of Christmas in the olden time, and which still prevails in many English parishes. The custom of Christmas waits had its origin in the choirs of the angels that heralded the birth of our Saviour. In imitation of the Heavenly choristers who announced the glad tidings, the shepherds in the early days of Christianity made a rule to usher in the great Christmas festival with carols and music. From time immemorial the shepherds in Southern Italy and Sicily have kept up the practice. The custom was very generally