

QUEBEC.—ST. PAUL'S.—This quaint little building under the frowning rock of Cape Diamond has been made to wear a new aspect. The old pews have disappeared and given place to well shaped open benches; the large unsightly pulpit and reading desk have given way to a handsome lectern. The altar has been raised and credence table introduced. The opening services were well attended. The sermon on Sunday was taken by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and on Friday the Rev. G. V. Housman was the selected preacher. The Revs. J. Rice, Chas. Hamilton, M. M. Fothergill, and J. Walters, took part in the service. It is to be hoped that now that St. Paul's has been restored, the old gallery removed and seats made free to all, the sailors visiting our port in summer will attend in larger numbers than heretofore. Great credit is due to the Rev. J. Rice for his untiring efforts on behalf of the welfare of St. Paul's.

QUEBEC.—ST. PETER'S.—The Christmas Tea in connection with the Sunday-school of this Church was most successful. The room was very tastefully decorated. The children to the number of 150, appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. During the evening Mr. Hatherly, Master of the National School, with his usual kindness, exhibited his magic lantern, which gave great delight to the young folks.

QUEBEC.—THE FESTIVAL OF THE CIRCUMCISION.—The usual services were held in all the churches during the morning, while the afternoon was devoted to the time-honoured custom of making New Year's calls.

QUEBEC.—The new and popular Lieutenant-Governor held a levee in the Council Chamber of the Parliament Buildings, which was very largely attended by all classes of citizens. The weather being all that could be desired, a very large amount of visiting was done, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the New Year begun so auspiciously, may be continued in peace and harmony.

#### MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CLARENCEVILLE.—The ladies of St. Thomas' Church a few days ago presented the Rev. Mr. Hepburn with a splendid pair of sleigh robes.

WATERLOO.—St. Luke's Church Association is making arrangements for a series of semi-monthly lectures during the winter.

DUNHAM.—A meeting of the corporation of the Dunham Ladies' College was held on the 19th ult. in the college to consider the most expedient way the building could be completed.

MANSONVILLE.—ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—The congregation of this church gave their pastor, Rev. H. Kittson, as a Christmas present, a splendid set of silver-mounted harness.

GLEN SUTTON.—About \$1,000 has been subscribed towards the proposed new church. On the 15th ult. the Bishop confirmed twenty candidates, the first fruits to the Lord of the labors of the earnest and faithful missionary Rev. J. Ker.

ST. JOHN'S.—St. James' Church was very tastefully decorated for Christmas, under the supervision of Mrs. L. Jones. Some members of the congregation were not satisfied, however, with Mrs. Jones' work. A white dove which she had put up was removed before Christmas dawned.

STANBRIDGE.—St. James' Church Guild gave a very successful concert on the 28th ult. The programme opened with an organ solo by Miss Minnie Constantine. Then followed a duett by Miss Julia Baker and Mr. F. Z. Corey; another by Mr. and Mrs. Welch, &c., &c. Rev. J. Constantine closed with an address of thanks.

BOLTON CENTRE.—St. Patrick's Church was neatly trimmed and the Christmas services were devoutly attended to. Holy communion was celebrated at 7:30 on Christmas morning. The tea for the Sunday School, on Christmas eve, was a great success. Besides the entertainment of distributing the numerous gifts, the Rev. F. H. Clayton, incumbent, gave some humorous read-

ings that were well appreciated. A midnight service was also held in St. Patrick's Church on New Year's eve. The old year was tolled out, and immediately after 12 o'clock the Holy Communion was celebrated with great solemnity. The people in this mission are very thoughtful about the wants of their energetic pastor. They spare no pains in making himself and family comfortable and happy among them. Their good example is worthy of notice, and should be followed by others.

MONTREAL CITY CHURCHES.—In St. Jude's Church, on the 24th ult., His Lordship the Bishop held an ordination, when Mr. E. L. Rexford, B.A., of Magill University, and Mr. Josiah Ball, were admitted to the Diaconate.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.—On the 27th ult., St. John's day, the services were special for the celebration of the festival. Evensong was full choral. The sermon was preached by Rev. D. F. Bogart, of Napanee, Ontario. After the service the Lay Association enjoyed a pleasant time in the way of a conversation, with music, &c.

GRACE CHURCH.—Last evening, the 29th ult., the Sunday school scholars of the above church held their annual Christmas festival in the school room. Mrs. C. J. Bridges had generously donated an immense Christmas tree neatly arranged for the presents. The presents were handsome and numerous, (some 300), consisting of books, dolls, toys of all kinds, and a packet of sweets for each one of the 300. The cheers and happy faces of the little ones showed their interest in this old custom of the land of their fathers; may it long continue. The Rev. Mr. Belcher and his wife are to be congratulated on the success attending their efforts to make happy those who are placed in their charge for religious instruction.

THE CATHEDRAL BAND OF HOPE concert, on the 29th ult., was a grand success. The Synod was crowded, numbers being unable to obtain seats. The decorations were got up with great artistic effect, and in addition to rare hot house plants and cut flowers, were mottoes and various devices formed of evergreens and mountain ashberries placed here and there. The programme was well selected. The hymns and choruses by the children reflected the greatest credit on the training of a lady on the committee who will not allow her name to appear. Rev. Canon Baldwin, President of the Society, addressed the young people of the Band of Hope with much deep earnest eloquence on the reality and all-importance of the work they had undertaken; he also spoke very forcibly on the power of habit, and illustrated his remarks with several striking anecdotes. Rev. James Carmichael addressed the audience with earnestness on the temperance cause, and also spoke to them on the subject of the collection about to be taken up, and with such successful pleading on behalf of the claims of the society, that when the plates were passed round the audience contributed most liberally. A lady amateur of great talent executed two pianoforte solos in a manner that elicited well merited applause. Mr. Houghton also rendered "Lieder," by Schumann, and a selection from Mendelssohn's "Songs without Words" with taste and brilliancy of execution. A lady gave a song from "Lurline" with sweetness and expression. Messrs. Maltby and Elliot each sang twice, and were heartily applauded. Before the close of the evening a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. George Prowse for designing and presenting the wire work of the mottoes and devices, and to the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the programme. The ladies of the committee also deserve great credit for the admirable way in which the entertainment was carried out. After the benediction several names were added to the pledge book.

#### ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PRINCE EDWARD.—The Rev. C. P. Mulvany has removed from Millford and been appointed missionary of Carryingplace. The Rev. Mr. Harrington, late of Nova Scotia, will probably occupy Millford.

BELLEVILLE.—Last month (December) a very successful concert was held in connection with St.

George's Church, in charge of Rev. J. R. Jones. The ladies of Christ Church provided for the children of the Sunday School of this church an entertainment and Christmas tree. A concert in aid of St. John's church will be held upon the 16th inst.

MERRICKVILLE.—A Christmas Tree Festival for the Sunday-school scholars was held in Merrickville on the 2nd inst., and in Burritt's Rapids on the 3rd. The members of Christ's Church in the latter place presented the Rev. G. J. Low, the Incumbent, with a valuable racoon-fur coat; while the previous evening Mrs. Low received a handsome mink muff from the ladies of Trinity Church, Merrickville. On Christmas Day the offerings were, Merrickville \$89.85, Burritt's Rapids \$24.48; total \$63.78.

THE LATE MR. JOHN FENNINGS TAYLOR.—An error occurred in transferring from the Ottawa Citizen a notice of the death of the late Mr. John Fennings Taylor, which we gladly correct. In the second column, 43rd line, after "colonies," the three following paragraphs should read as follows:—

"Discontent in England soon took the shape of tumult, for in 1779 the revolt known as the 'Lord George Gordon riots' took place. The regular forces at that time stationed in London were unequal to the task of putting down the rioters, consequently the incorporated militia were ordered from distant counties to the capital. Among the regiments so ordered to London was a battalion of the West York Militia, one of the officers of which was a Capt. John Denison, a cadet of the great Yorkshire family of that name."

STIRLING.—The congregation of St. John's Church gave an entertainment in Craige's Hall, Dec. 28th, for paying off the debt of the church. Messrs. Bull and Boldrick took a prominent part in securing an attendance, with Mr. Finch, choir master, and Miss Craske, the talented organist. The abundant provision was contributed by about twenty liberal householders. The Revs. Messrs. Burke and Forneri entertained the audience with readings and speeches. Mrs. Read, Mrs. Forneri, and Mrs. Lockwood, of Belleville; and Mrs. Clute, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. T. Chord, and Mr. Mundell, of Stirling, gave vocal and instrumental performances. Miss Mary Murrell, a little girl from the United States, afforded much pleasure by her singing. The entertainment realized \$140.

PLANTAGENET.—A very successful sixpenny entertainment, the first of a fortnightly series in aid of the funds of the Church of the Good Shepherd here, took place on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Our congregation is very small, and is just emerging from a heavy debt, which, with other circumstances, has been exercising a depressing influence. Courage is now beginning to revive, and there is a determination to push forward in the good cause with new vigour. The entertainment of last Tuesday evening was, I believe, the first of the kind ever held in the village. Among those who have kindly promised their assistance in making winter lively to the church's benefit, are members of all the different denominations. If anyone should feel inclined to send us a few dollars to help in wiping out the balance of our debt—some fifty dollars—his gift would be heartily appreciated. The old debt out of the way, we would order an organ for the church at once on the strength of our winter entertainments, and if any one of your readers has ever happened to visit us on a Sunday, he will admit that an instrument is not a luxury but a necessity in our case.

SHANNONVILLE.—A most agreeable and successful soiree was held in Roberts' hall upon the evening of Jan. 5th. A most abundant supply of edibles had been provided for the occasion by the ladies of the congregation, one or two of whom baked for as many as fifty guests. About 300 were present. After ample justice had been done to the provisions the musical and literary part of the entertainment commenced. Professor Whish and his talented pupil, Mr. McMurray, from Belleville, furnished the "lion's share" of the vocal music to the great delight of the audience. M. Elliot sang "The Maid of Athens" with sweetness