

RIVIÈRE DU LOUP.

The Rev. G. G. Nicolls writes :—

Owing to causes which could not be avoided, our preparations for Christmas, this year, began very late ; but the results, though somewhat limited, were satisfactory, and the Church looked as it should. It is but fair to say that this was largely owing to the faithful perseverance of a very few.

The music was really remarkably good, seeing how small the choir is ; and a word of commendation must be bestowed upon the singers, especially for the chanting of the Psalms, which was admirable, neither dragged nor hurried, and without flaw or hitch from beginning to end. All the music in the Communion Office was also well and reverently sung ; and as a consequence of this the whole Service bore a stamp of brightness and praise which, we feel confident, materially helped all present to realize the true meaning and joyfulness of the Festival.

We have begun the new year well by paying off a mortgage of \$250 on the Mission Church. Let us hope that the end of the year may see our heavy and disheartening burden of debt still further lightened. In this connection it is pleasing to note that another debt of \$27, of some three years' standing, has been discharged within the past few weeks.

On the evening of January 10th, a gathering of the children of the Sunday School, their parents and friends, took place in the Mission Building, where a merry time was spent by the little people, and refreshments were provided for all present before they dispersed to their homes.

We are glad to note that the average number attending the Sunday morning Service is distinctly larger this winter than was the case last year.

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On January 1st, at Holy Trinity Church, Levis, after some introductory remarks by Mr. J. H. Simmons, the following address, accompanied by a purse containing \$67, was presented by Mr. Joshua Thompson to the Rector, the Rev. I. M. Thompson, on behalf of the Congregations of New Liverpool and Levis. \$25 being the gift of New Liverpool Congregation, and \$42 the gift of Holy Trinity, Levis :

Rev. and Dear Sir,

"It is my pleasant duty to present to you, on behalf of the Congregations of New Liverpool and Holy Trinity, Levis, this donation with their united best wishes, as a token of their united affection and esteem, and also as a slight expression of their appreciation of your labour amongst them.

I also desire, on behalf of both Congregations, to wish you, Mrs. Thompson and family a very happy new year."

In reply, the Rev. I. M. Thompson said, that both the address and the donation took him quite by surprise, as he had not expected, or even thought of receiving anything of the kind—but now that they had been presented, he thankfully accepted both. The money would be a great help—and he really appreciated the kind and thoughtful spirit which prompted the gift. But helpful as the money would be, the kindly chosen words of their address were far more helpful and comforting to him, for they spoke of affection, esteem and appreciation, and such words were very gratifying to every pastor whose work lay close to his heart.

Their kind wishes conveyed, on behalf of both Congregations, to Mrs. Thompson and family, were very gratifying, and he knew they were fully reciprocated, and as they spent the money so kindly given them, they would remember with pleasure the kind words accompanying the gift.

The parish of Levis has organized a Society to be called "The Young Church Workers" of Holy Trinity, Levis—to be, for the present year, under the management of Miss Edna Thompson and Miss Nettie Piton. The managers to be appointed at the beginning of each year by the Rector.

The object of the Society is to interest the young people in all matters pertaining to the welfare and prosperity of their Church.

There are four rules to which all members must subscribe :

- I.—"I will speak no unkind word of any one."
- II.—I will repeat no unkind remarks I hear of any one, and discourage others as much as possible from saying unkind things.
- III.—I will act unselfishly, peaceably, forgivingly, obeying my master's command : "Love one another."
- IV.—I will try by God's help to do one kind act every day.

So far the attendance has been very good and the meetings which are held weekly—alternately at Levis and Hadlow,—have been marked by much earnestness on the part of the children.

A very interesting Christmas Tree, in connection with Holy Trinity Church Sunday School, was held at Levis on Wednesday, the 9th of January.

The children assembled at 5 p.m. and partook of a nice tea, provided for and served under the direction and able management of Mrs. Poston and Mrs. Hamilton, assisted by Miss O'Hara, Miss Russell and Miss Nixon. After tea, the Hall was well filled by interested parents and friends, to hear the children's programme, and to see them receive their gifts from the tree, which was neatly arranged, and well provided with kind remembrances for all the children, by Miss N. Piton and Miss E. Thompson.