

and lasting. An appreciative resolution was passed concerning the Rev. O. S. Newnham, who was present as a member of the Deanery for the last time, and who was heartily wished God-speed in his new field of work—Hampton.

ST. ANDREW—All Saint's Church—The Services for Christmas-tide began with the Evening Prayer on Christmas Eve, in which the children of the Sunday School, occupying the choir stalls, sang several of the most beautiful of the Christmas Carols. The children ranging in age from eight to fifteen years of age joined in the Carols in a very hearty manner, and too much praise cannot be given to those under whose tuition they learned to do their parts so creditably. The decorations in the Church were such as to call forth universal admiration, consisting of happy intermingling of the evergreen, with bright texts and banners. The white silk altar cloth which has recently been secured for the Church was, of course, in its place, and over the altar were vases of flowers. On Christmas Day, Holy Communion was celebrated at eight o'clock, at which there were some thirty communicants; the eleven o'clock, which is always the popular Service of Christmas Day, was especially noticeable for the singing; the usual Christmas hymns, including, of course, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and the "Adeste Fideles," were given; the Christmas anthem, "Rejoice, oh, ye Shepherds," peculiarly beautiful as it is, was remarkably well rendered; at the later celebration, the responses to the Commandments were chanted, and the "Ter Sanctus," "Gloria in Excelsis," and the hymn "Jesu, Gentlest Saviour," composed the music,—at this Service some forty persons communicated. Altogether, the Services were of a most hearty character, and but one opinion of satisfaction with them and with the decoration of the Church has been expressed. On Christmas Eve, the organist and one of the leading and most indispensable members of the choir, were each made the recipient of a handsome present by the congregation, showing in no small degree how highly their services are appreciated. On the three festivals following Christmas, prayers were said in the Church at 11 a.m., the congregations being comparatively good. The offertory on Christmas Day, it must not be forgotten, which is devoted to the poor of the Church amounted to over forty dollars. The sermon, preached by the Rector, who was assisted in the Services, was from Isaiah, lii. 7.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

LACHINE.—A great improvement has taken place in St. Stephen's Church in this parish. For years the Church has been a nearly four square building one end of which was taken up by the Communion Table, the pulpit, prayer-desk, lectern, and pews for the choir while part of the other end was partitioned to serve as a vestry. This left a comparatively small portion available for the congregation which was increasing and consequently a necessity arose for extension. It was therefore resolved to erect a chancel and vestry. The ladies of the parish, always ready for any good work, obtained by a Bazaar and subscriptions funds sufficient to cover the cost, and the work thus begun has been successfully completed, and we now have a spacious chancel thrown out, nicely fitted with pews on either side for the choir, also a pretty and comfortable vestry; the nave of the church is now devoted exclusively to pews for those who have been waiting some time to obtain them. On Sunday, Dec. 9th, the Church was reopened for public worship when we had hearty and earnest services, large congregations, beautiful and impressive singing by the choir and an earnest and practical sermon in the morning by the Rev. Canon Ellegood, Rector of St. James' the Apostle, Montreal, and in the evening by Rev. James Fulton, Rector of the Parish. These improvements we are glad to be able to add, are all paid for, and the future of this parish looks encouraging, so much so that at no distant

period we hope a new church may be necessary to accommodate the increasing numbers of its attendants.

MONTREAL.—The decorations in many of the churches are very fine this year, and large congregations were present on Christmas day to celebrate the glorious festival. Some churches make it a point to do but little in the way of decorations at any time, while with others, on the high festivals especially, much care in preparation, and much artistic taste is shown. A growing feeling in favor of these great days is showing itself more and more among Methodists, Presbyterians, and others, and if the Church had done nothing else here, this in itself might well be considered a great work accomplished. But with the celebration of the seasons I believe the great truths and doctrines which they commemorate are beginning to be accepted, and the future looks promising for a fuller recognition of the faith as it was delivered. May God raise up earnest and strong men, to hold fast the truth, and to preach it with power.

Bishop Baldwin is still here and will remain until some time in the early New Year. His successor I understand is to be selected by Bishop Sullivan in England, and it is hoped that a very able man will be brought out to carry on the late Dean's work. It is ardently to be hoped that he will be a man of better Church views than his predecessors have been, although truth compels one to say that they have been noble Christian men, and have done a splendid work. We want, however, the Church presented to the wrangling sects around us in her beauty and fulness, and as the Cathedral of the Diocese the services should partake more of a Cathedral character. As it has been, it is simply a very bare and cold service, lacking brightness and heartiness compared with Cathedrals elsewhere, and this has been commented on by American visitors in some of the American Church papers. It ought not to continue.

FRELIGHTSBURG.—A grand Christmas Festival by the Sunday School was held on Christmas Eve on behalf of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, which attracted a very large and appreciative audience. The entertainment was first-class in every respect, and showed much careful preparation. The proceeds (collection) went towards paying for the Sunday school windows to be placed in the nave of the splendid new church.

ABBOTSFORD.—The glorious festival of Christmas was duly celebrated here by a very hearty service on Christmas Eve, when the beautifully decorated church and the excellent singing made everybody glad they were present. On Christmas morning service was held, with celebration, when a large number enjoyed the blessed privileges vouchsafed by God to His people, viz., worshipping Him in His Sanctuary, and partaking of His Blessed Sacrament. The decorations, always good in this church, were this year better than usual, which reflects the highest credit upon all interested.

FARNHAM.—On Dec. 18, the ladies association of St. James' Church, held a sale of fancy and useful articles and also a refreshment table and tea, all of which were well patronized as they deserved to be. The display of useful and fancy articles was really admirable, and the good things provided for the hungry ones found many well disposed persons anxious to benefit the cause. Taken altogether, the ladies may well congratulate themselves on the success of their labours, and on the high encomiums which their splendid display evoked from visitors.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

ORDINATION.—The usual Advent Ordination was held in the Church of St. James', Toronto,

on the fourth Sunday in Advent. We will give particulars in our next.

DEBATE.—Trinity College Literary Society held its regular meeting recently. The debate was on the question "Is ignorance the mother of devotion?" and the affirmative was contended for by Messrs. Rogers and Stanley, the negative being warmly supported by Messrs. Ross and Pangburn. The negative carried the day as would be expected in a Church university. The next meeting will be held January 8th.

LAKEFIELD.—*St. John's Church*.—At the bazaar noticed in a recent issue, and held here in December for the benefit of the parsonage fund, over \$100 was realized. The Incumbent sternly opposed all raffles or elections, and the sale was conducted on strictly business principles. In spite of the unfavourable weather the attendance was good and considering the Church population, the net gain was also satisfactory.

PERSONAL.—Rev. R. T. Nichol preached at St. Matthias' Church, on Dec. the 23rd. On Christmas Day, Rev. James Simpson was the preacher. Both these gentlemen are masters at Trinity College School, Port Hope. The Bishop of Toronto is announced to preach at St. Matthias on December the 30th, on the occasion of the opening of a new organ. Rev. W. C. Allen, formerly of this Diocese, is expected to arrive this week with his English bride. Mr. Allen has been taking duty at Shenley, near London for a year past. He is likely to accept a curacy under his father, at least for the present winter. We give him a right hearty welcome, and trust he may long be spared to labour for the Church of God. The newly elected Bishop of Huron has consented to act as one of the visitors of Wycliffe College.

PARKDALE.—*St. Ann's Church*.—A mission was conducted here recently extending over ten days. A number of special preachers took part in it and the services were earnest, hearty and well-attended. The subjects brought before the congregations were sin, repentance, faith, joyousness, assurance, joy, and it is said that much good has resulted from the faithful preaching of the word.

THE Cathedral Young People's Association held a meeting last week, which was well attended. A good programme was presented, in which Miss Dallas and Messrs. Geddes, Burton, W. H. Blake, Cameron and S. H. Blake took part. The chair was occupied by the Rector.

G. F. S.—The Girls' Friendly Society in connection with St. Matthias' Church held an entertainment and sale of work on Queen Street recently. They decorated the hall where it was held in the most tasteful manner with flowers and evergreens. Their handiwork had a ready sale. The evening was spent in giving a concert of vocal and instrumental music. It was well attended.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.—The 8th annual festival of St. Luke's Sunday School, Ashburnham, took place on the 20th ult. The attendance of scholars was large. A tea meeting was held in the Town Hall. There was also a magic lantern exhibition, feats of legerdemain, and a concert. The distribution of prizes to the pupils was an interesting feature of the evening's proceedings, and was witnessed by a crowded assemblage. Forty children received presents of books, ranging in value from \$1.50 to 35 cents each, no prize being below the latter figure. The award was based on school attendance, good conduct, and progress in lessons. 17 children received first prizes, nine second, and fourteen third.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

LENNOXVILLE.—*Bishop's College*.—The follow-