

Warden; P. J. Harrocks, Secretary; H. Mumford; Treasurer; Jas. Catto, Librarian. The Guild has been in existence some six years, and has accomplished a great deal in the way of church work during that period.

**HASTINGS.**—A Missionary Meeting took place in St. Georges Church recently, and was well attended. The mission is under the care of the Rev. John McCleary, who is an efficient and painstaking parish priest. The parish is a poor one, being aided by an annual grant of \$300 from the Mission Fund, but it is growing, and recently by the exertions of the Incumbent, it has obtained some accessions from dissent. The Missionary Meeting was very successful, the speeches being in every way admirable, and the collections good.

**TORONTO.**—*S. Matthew's Church.* A Choral Service was held here lately, the music being furnished by All Saints' Church Choir. A sum of nearly \$15 was collected by means of the offertory, to fence the church grounds. Mr. J. Scott Howard, Deacon, has charge of the mission.

**S. P. C. ALMANACS.**—These admirable almanacs have had deservedly a very large sale. It is therefore the more to be regretted that any inaccuracies should crop into the publication. The penny and 6d. editions of the *Churchman's Almanac* this year have errors which may lead some of our clergy astray. They at least are misleading with regard to two of the Sunday lessons, viz., the fifth and tenth Sundays after Trinity. In the former the first morning lesson should be I Samue. v. 24, instead of I. Sam. v. 15 to v. 24. In the latter the letter *v.* should be omitted in recording the first morning lesson. It reads in the Almanac I. Kings v. 12, while according to the calendar in the Prayer Book, the entire chapter should be read. As it is essential that so important a guide should be accurate, your correspondent ventures to call attention to the errors mentioned. Probably a closer inspection will reveal other mistakes.

**DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.**

(From our own Correspondent).

**RURAL DEANERY OF WENTWORTH AND HALDIMAND.**—The Chapter of this Deanery met in the Parish of Rev. Rural Dean Bull-Holy Trinity, Barton. After Litany and Celebration of the Holy Communion, the Chapter passed some hours in convention at the Parsonage. The meeting closed with a special missionary service at Holy Trinity Church.

**HAMILTON.**—*St. Thomas' Literary Society.*—The members of this flourishing organization had their annual dinner during the holidays, when a most happy and enjoyable evening was passed.

**LENT SERVICES.**—There is every indication that Lenten Services will be more freely offered, and therefore we feel sure more fully attended by devout worshippers, during the coming season. The Church is not content to invite her children to a Week of Prayer; she asks of them, for their souls' good, forty days of Prayer and Fasting.

**W. FLAMBORO.**—A very successful concert was given in the Town Hall, Bullock's Corners, in aid of the Organ Fund. Mr. Canovan, of Toronto, was good enough to give some of his excellent Readings and Recitations.

**DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

**HILLSDALE.**—Quite a large gathering took place at the residence of Henry Canavan, Esq., on the evening of Jan. 1st, for the purpose of meeting the Rev. Mr. Ancient and presenting him with a purse in token of their good will. The weather being fine, and the roads in excellent condition, the party was larger than it would have been under less favorable circumstances. But notwithstanding the demands thus made upon them, the ladies were more than equal to the occasion. Where, when and how all the good things with which the tables were covered had been prepared was more than the uninitiated could even guess, and after all the creature wants had been supplied there was still abundance. While the eating was being vigorously carried on in one room, the compliments of the season and mutual congratulations were the order of the day in the others. The choir also sang a few hymns. The tables being cleared away, the party was called to order and Mr. Phalen, of South Rawdon, appointed to the chair. After opening the proceedings with a neat and appropriate speech, the chairman called up Mr. Michael Aker, to present the purse. Mr. Aker congratulated those present upon the harmony existing between pastor and people, and assured them that it gave him great pleasure to present the Rev. gentleman with this proof of their esteem. Mr. Ancient in replying said that having had gatherings of a like nature on the two previous years he was scarcely expecting one this year. He was thankful to know that whilst striving to be faithful to his Master, and by no means a preacher of smooth things, he was yet able to do his duty in a way which had won and maintained their approbation. He valued their gift for its intrinsic worth, but far more as a tangible expression of their esteem for him as the ambassador of Christ to them. Other speakers followed, among them Mr. Canavan, who related some amusing anecdotes of his ancestors from the "green isle." The meeting was brought to a close about 10 p. m., by singing the National Anthem. The purse con-

tained \$39.36, to which was added a number of useful articles to the value of \$5.50.

**HALIFAX.**—The Anniversary Service of the Church of England Institute, notice of which was given in our last, came off on Thursday evening (the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul), and was very largely attended. It has been the practice to accept the invitation of each of the city Rectors in turn, and as it was held in St. Paul's the year before last, and in St. Luke's last year, St. George's was chosen for the present service. The services have always been hearty and bright and well attended, and this year was no exception to the rule. The singing of the united choirs, under the leadership of Prof. S. Porter, who also presided at the organ, was excellent, while the sermon by the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, of Trinity Church, St. John, N. B., was, what was to have been expected, greatly appreciated by the congregation who crowded every available space of the large church, including the galleries. Dwelling principally on the character and work of St. Paul, the preacher made his remarks particularly applicable to the occasion, and concluded by eloquently appealing to his hearers to make the life of St. Paul their model, and to be active in promoting every good work, especially the objects which the Institute sought to attain. We hope the next meeting will be held in Dartmouth, and thus make more real the aim of the Institute, viz., to unite more closely the Church people of the several parishes. With the Bishop as Patron, and so well known and highly respected a Churchman as W. C. Silver, Esq., for its President, and Dr. Hill and others as Vice Presidents and officers, the Institute bids fair to make itself more and more felt as a common centre of unity and Church life and work.

The entertainment in aid of the funds of the Institute, given on the previous Monday evening, was a success beyond expectation, Mason Hall being literally packed, and the net proceeds about \$100.

**KENTVILLE.**—In the death of James E. DeWolfe, Esq., this parish has lost one of its most devoted and best known members. Brought into the Church in mature life from deep convictions of its true position and of his duty, Mr. DeWolfe always took an active interest in its welfare and faithfully attended its services. He lived to a very advanced age, and his family and friends have the satisfaction of knowing that he left behind him a good name among his fellow-men, by whom he was honored, and now rests in the peaceful abodes of the blessed in Paradise awaiting the Archangel's trump to enter into the glories of Heaven.

**BAYFIELD.**—Ordinary services, marriages, burials, combined with a missionary visit to the destitute congregation of Guysboro', have made the Rector more than ordinarily busy. The secular papers, frequently ready to speak contemptuously of the Church, the reason of which is unaccountable, are willing to do duty occasionally here in our interests. The *Morning Herald* chronicled interesting particulars of a marriage from the Rectory a few days ago, the sister of the Rector's wife (formerly a Presbyterian) and a prominent member of Pictou parish were the high enacting party. In this marriage a Presbyterian family has given back a fourth daughter to the Church in ten years.

**NEW ROSS.**—The Third Annual Xmas Tree Festival in connection with Choral Evensong took place on Holy Innocents' Day at 6 p.m. The congregation present taxed the capacity of the church to its utmost, proving that the church is by no means too large for the neighborhood for special occasions.

**DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.**

**ST. JOHN.**—The solemn dedication of the new chime of bells in Trinity Church, St. John, has not, I think, been noticed in the *CHURCH GUARDIAN*, though the event is one of considerable interest and importance. The special service was conducted by the Bishop Co-adjutor after Evening Prayer on the 22nd of Dec. last, and was most appropriate and impressive. These beautiful bells, nine in number, are now forever set apart from all profane or secular uses, and offered to God for the service of His Holy Church. God's blessing has been invoked upon them that they may conduce to the spiritual well-being of His servants, may draw them to His worship, and remind them of His presence in life and in death.

**WOODSTOCK.**—His Lordship the Metropolitan has appointed February 2nd (Friday) as the day for the consecration of the new church at Woodstock, which has been built to replace the one destroyed by fire on 11th November, 1881. Although the season is not a very comfortable nor convenient one for moving about, it is hoped that as many friends as possible may be present at the services. A cordial invitation is extended to all brethren both of clergy and laity.

**THE DEANERY OF WOODSTOCK** held its first quarterly meeting for this year at Prince William. There were present the Rural Dean, Rev. T. Neales, of Woodstock, Rev. Leo A. Hoyt, of Andover, Rev. LeB. W. Fowler, of Prince William, and Rev. F. W. Vroom, of Richmond. Evensong was said by Rev. Mr. Vroom in St. Clement's Church on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 7 p.m. Rev. Mr. Hoyt preached an admirable extemporaneous sermon on the lessons to be learned from the journey of "The wise men to Bethlehem." Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rector of the

Parish on Wednesday, 10th, at 8 a.m. The Chapter met at the Rectory at 10 a.m. for business. Towards evening the clergy drove nine miles to the house of the Senior Church Warden, James Henry, Esq., Magundy, where they were hospitably entertained at tea by Mrs. Henry. At 6.30 p.m. shortened Evensong was said by the Rector in St. John's Church, after which the Rev. Mr. Vroom gave an earnest address on "Missionary Work and its Support," and the Rev. the Dean an address on "The Great North-West and Algoma." A collection was taken up for the Missionary Diocese of Algoma, and then Rev. Mr. Hoyt addressed the congregation on "The North-West in our own Diocese." All were listened to with much pleasure. At a late hour in the evening the clergy arrived once more at the Rectory. Splendid sleighing and fine weather contributed not a little to render this meeting of the Deanery a pleasant one, and we hope it has not been without profit, either to the clergy themselves or to the laity of the parish in which it was held.

**CHATHAM.**—The annual Epiphany Festivals of St. Mary's Chapel Sunday School was held in the school room on Tuesday evening last. A bountiful tea was provided for the children who, to the number of about 60, sat down to enjoy the good things of the repast. Grace having been said by the Rector, the busy attentions of the teachers and other ladies and gentlemen were devoted to the happy gathering around the table. When tea was over, the children, for a time, enjoyed themselves in youthful sports attended with many unmistakable manifestations of hearty gladness. Next came most interesting and pleasing exercises in singing and recitations by the children, under the pains-taking leadership of Mrs. W. B. Howard, with Miss Gillespie, as accompanist. Great credit is due to Mrs. Howard, and the children under her training for the manner in which the various pieces were rendered to the great pleasure of all present. It is only to be regretted that so many parents and adults were absent from this interesting annual Festival.

After a short intermission, succeeding the musical exercises, the Rector presented the following scholars with prizes for regular attendance at Sunday School during the year ending with the beginning of Advent 1882:—

Geo. Howard, Fred Green, Robt. Coulson, Fred Howard, Rupert Blair, Fred Blair, Frank Blair, Willie Green, Willie Howard, Minnie Blair, Bertha Pallen, Lala Howard, Jas. Green, Willie Coulson and Harry Green.

The Rector addressed the children in a few words expressive of his pleasure in sharing with them so enjoyable a Festival. He thankfully reminded them of how much they owed to Mrs. Howard for their careful preparation for the singing and recitations, which he was certain all had so much enjoyed, and they must also be grateful to all who had otherwise contributed to make the Festival a happy one. He hoped that with great thankfulness for their advantages they would, in future, earnestly strive to manifest in their own lives and conduct, the life and example of Him of whose manifestation to the Gentiles of old this Epiphany Festival was the commemoration. He urged them to set the pattern of the Redeemer always before them, and to serve Him day by day as an ever present friend and lover of little children, and to strive for the eternal prize of everlasting glory and happiness which it was His pleasure to give them. He trusted they would always try to remember that as children of God they had a great work to do, in watching and resisting the enemies to which, in the world, they would never forget their Holy Covenant, but that they would always fight manfully under the banner of Christ against sin, the world, and the devil unto their lives' end. He expressed his pleasure that so many of the scholars had won rewards for regular attendance, and hoped to find a still larger number next year.

After the presentation of prizes the Doxology was sung and the Benediction having been pronounced by the Rector, the happy gathering dispersed.

**DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

(From our own correspondents.)

**GRANBY.**—It is encouraging to mark the evidences of growing attachment to the work, of services of St. George's Church in this Eastern Township Village. The Xmas tree for the S. S. Scholars on the 23rd, was made the occasion of presenting to the Rector, a fine linen surplice, and to Mrs. Longhurst a handsome chandelier, both of them gifts from the Members of the Churchwoman's Association. The Church Xmas Day, bright with its festival decorations among which two banners stood conspicuous above the rest for their elaborate and ornate finish, was well attended, and above all the number of Communicants was larger than ever before; the singing was hearty and the responses earnest as they invariably are. The offertory which we are told was greatest for years past was enough to enable the rector Rev. W. B. Longhurst (to whom it was presented) to purchase a pair of fine black sleigh robes, which with still other presents to himself and Mrs. Longhurst, shows the cordial and happy relations existing between the Pastor and people in the joint labors to build up our beloved Church in this Parish. St. George Congregation is doing well with the new year, let them do still better.

**SYNOD OF QUEBEC.**—*Address of the Lord Bishop.*—*Rev. Brethren and Brethren of the Laity.*—The Synod has been called together at an unusual season by way of experiment. When we last met, a resolution was passed requesting me on the next occasion to summon you during the winter. I have done so. And after trial you will be able to say whether it is desirable that we should in future hold our Synods in the winter, or whether it would be better to revert to the original practice of assembling in the first week of July, or whether we should select any other time of the year. I have myself no strong feeling in the matter, and I shall be ready always to meet you at any time of the year that may be convenient to you, except between the end of the first week in July and the beginning of