

and the Rev. Mr. Callinson, pastor. He has formulated a charge for impropriety of conduct against some of them. The disaffected members demanded his removal, or they would secede. He has since resigned.

"KINGSLEAR LECTURES." The second annual course of these lectures was successfully opened on Thursday Evening the 21st inst. The musical programme, which consisted of choruses, duets and solos was under the direction of Prof. Cadwallader, organist of Christ Church Cathedral. The accompaniments on the piano were by Miss Richards, organist of the Parish Church, Fredericton. Mr. Tippet gave two humorous readings, and Mr. Wilson delivered a lecture on "Books, their origin and use."

The course this winter, as last winter, includes five lectures, each accompanied by music and readings.

"TRINITY" OR "HOLY TRINITY"?—The following letter, written for the *St. John Telegraph*, will be interesting to many readers of the *DOMINION CHURCHMAN*:—*St. John Trinity Church*.—*SIR*: The question has been raised as to the name of the church of which the Rev. Canon Brigstocke is rector. In Barnes' Almanack it is called "Holy Trinity." As it should be the desire of all that the edifice to be erected on the spot where the "old church" stood shall bear the name of its honored predecessor, it is of the first importance to know what is the legal title. On that point the following will remove all doubts: At the session of 1789 the following was enacted: "That the parish of the church, commonly called and known by the name of Trinity Church, in the city of St. John, shall comprehend all the lands lying and being in the city of St. John, and shall be known and called by the name of the Parish of St. John; and be it further enacted, that the present Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of the said church, and their successors forever, shall be a body politic and corporate in deed and name, and shall have succession forever by the name of 'The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church in the Parish of St. John,' and by that name shall sue and be sued, implead, and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all courts and places in this Province."

The use of any other name than "Trinity" is, therefore, irregular and contrary to law, as well as to the usage of nearly one hundred years. In the Madras School Charter, 1819, the terms used are "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church." The same designation is applied in the several acts establishing the Parishes of Carleton, St. James' and St. Mark's. The name "Trinity" was likely chosen from the Rev. Geo. Bisset who died here March, 1788, having been Rector of "Trinity Church," Newport, Rhode Island. Bishop Inglis, who laid the corner stone in August of the same year, was the last Rector of "Trinity Church," New York. Numbers of the leading loyalists at St. John, had worshiped in one or other of these Churches, and these circumstances would naturally suggest the name.

My motive in offering this brief contribution to the history of a Church, which, for a number of years, was the only ecclesiastical edifice in St. John, and around which many historic associations cluster, is to preserve the name "Trinity Church," pure and simple, the name given to it by its founders, and by which for generations it has been known, and the name by which its successor, in accordance with the laws of the Province, must be called.

Yours, etc.,

J. W. LAWRENCE.

St. John, Dec. 18, 1877.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BRIDGEWATER.—Holy Trinity Church is trimmed with great care and taste. Much musical practise has been gone through not only for the festival, but for a Sunday School feast.

LUNENBURG.—The lovely interior of St. John's church is, we hear, something "wonderful" in the way of Christmas decorations—ready made material having been imported at considerable

cost, and many willing hands engaged for the last two weeks in advent.

DAERMOUTH.—The Xmas decorations in Christ's Church are of the most handsome and elaborate character, including a quasi "chancel screen," and compare favourably with any on the city side of Halifax Harbour.

NEW GLASGOW.—The idea of opening church services here is taking a practical form—a *Union* Presbyterian meeting having been built, the place of worship in which Mr. Stewart preached is for disposal and there is a bold attempt being made to purchase it for the church—one gentleman (not in New Glasgow) has promised \$200 we believe, and it will be an excellent way of making a Christmas offering, to send to the Rev. Dr. Bowman assistance towards raising the \$1800 which are still needed.

PUGWASH.—The Christmas dressing of the church is a success, the congregation on Christmas morning was in excess of the ordinary Sunday gatherings.

HALIFAX.—*Bishop's Chapel*.—At this church Christmas day services were held as follows: Prayers and Holy Communion, with a sermon by the Bishop, at 11 a. m.; full Choral service, with a short address, by Rev. Mr. Brown, at 4:30 p. m.

Received December 22nd, from Rev. Dr. Nicholls Parish of Liverpool, collection Day of Intercession thirteen dollars for Algoma. Also December 22nd, from Rev. J. T. T. Moody, Trinity Church Yarmouth, Offerory on Day of Intercession seventy dollars, of which forty dollars for Algoma, thirty for Foreign Missions.

Wm. Gossip, Treasurer B. F. M. Diocese N. S. Halifax December 28th. 1877.

QUEBEC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THREE RIVERS.—*St. James' Church*.—The members of this congregation, were very busy during the week before Christmas, preparing to beautify the sanctuary in honour of the Saviour's Birthday, the work was very creditable to all who took part in it.

The nave was adorned with appropriate texts in colours in a which ground, with borders of evergreens, white were also wreathed round the windows and festooned along the walks. The decorations of the church were entrusted by the Rector to the members of the choir, who fully justified the trust reposed in them. At the entrance to the choir, three arches were erected, trimmed with hemlock, and being in gold letters on a scarlet ground the inscriptions, "Sing unto the Lord and praise His name," and "Let heaven and earth praise Him." These on the side arches; and on the central one, "Alleluia!" "King of Kings," and "Lord of Lords"—Alleluia! On the last wall were suspended two handsome banners bearing in gold letters on a scarlet ground the words of the angels' hymn, "Glory be to God on high. On earth, peace, good-will." The lectern, which is also used as prayer desk-pulpit was wreathed with ivy, through which holly-berries showed brightly. The church rails choir stalls, organ were also very tastefully trimmed with evergreen.

These decorations were completed in time for the children's service on Christmas eve. The office used was that in the S. S. Hymnal, by Rev. C. S. Hutchins, Bedford, Mass., with the addition of the Confession, Absolution, and a few appropriate collects. The children (at least, as many of as there was room for) sat in the choir stalls and sang their carols very nicely indeed, and all who were present seemed to enjoy the service thoroughly.

On Christmas Day, there were three services, as is usual in this church. An early celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., mattins with second celebration at 11 a.m., Evensong at 7 p.m. The services were attended by large congregations, and a goodly number of communicants partook of memorials of their Saviour's love to the strengthening and refreshing of their souls, though

it was matter of very great regret that so few men were found among the communicants.

The singing was particularly good, the way in which the Te Deum and the Evening Anthem were sung showed that the choir had profited by the careful training they had received.

MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL.—Christmas week, with all its merry-makings and festivities has come and gone. The due religious observance of the season has not been neglected by the churchmen of Montreal, who supplemented the joyous services of the church by appropriate church decorations, and classic music artistically rendered. Prominent in these respects among our city churches stand St. George's, and St. James the Apostles. In the latter church, the Lord Bishop of Algoma, who preached the Sunday before Christmas, made special allusion to the musical part of the service, acknowledging that he had not for a long time been so deeply affected by the church's service. The choir of St. George's Church, under the leadership of Mr. Harrison, gave an entertainment on Friday evening the 28th inst., consisting of Christmas carols. The following composers' works were represented:—Dykes, Steggall, Barnby, and Onseley. The musical portion of the entertainment was prefaced by a descriptive sketch of the progress of music, and the origin of Christmas carols by the Rev. Jas. Carmichael. On Christmas eve the same choir revived an old-fashioned English custom by serenading His Lordship the Metropolitan, and the clergyman of St. George's Church. The Christmas offerings at all the churches were large. At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, they reached the sum of \$490, a truly large amount for so small a congregation. The Rev. Canon Evans was presented on Christmas eve with a purse of \$125, and the Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, with a handsome gold watch as tokens of esteem from the members of their respective congregations. The presentations were accompanied by appropriate addresses. On Thursday the 27th inst., Mr. Thomas White the popular managing editor, and proprietor of the *Montreal Gazette*, delivered a lecture in the St. George's school-room to a large audience. The lecture which was under the auspices of the St. George's Y. M. A. was entitled, "The Ladder of Life," and as its name would imply, was full of sound advice to young men. The lecturer instanced Sir Richard Arkwright, James Brindley, Allan Cunningham, Hugh Miller, George Stephenson and others as examples of men who had risen from comparative obscurity. Whilst recommending total abstinence to young men and anxious to acquire renown, he disavowed all sympathy with fanatical temperance advocates who denounced *in toto* the use of wine. He closed his lecture with the reading of Lowell's poem, the "Heritage," amidst loud applause.

BUCKINGHAM.—St. Stephen's Church Christmas services this year have been more than usually interesting. To this several causes contributed. The congregation is steadily increasing; deeper interest prevails, and a sounder church spirit is growing up. Advent lectures were well attended, and through them the genius and spirit of the observance of Christmas as a church festival is becoming better appreciated. The day was exceedingly fine; the congregation was much larger than the usual Sunday attendance. The church was most beautifully and tastefully decorated with evergreens, Christian symbols and Scripture texts, surpassing anything of the kind ever seen here, in artistic effect and quiet rich beauty.

Among the decorations was most observable a gorgeous house plant in full bloom on the altar presented by a lady of the congregation. The wardens and friends who so cheerfully assisted them deserve praise, and are to be congratulated on their faultless success. The singing rendered by the choir was excellent and appropriate; an anthem by the Sunday-school children was greatly admired. After an appropriate sermon by the Incumbent, Dr. Clarke, from Ex. 13:10, the Holy Supper was celebrated at which a large number was present. It was felt and remarked by many that it was truly a Christmas festival.