

morning. His many friends here deeply regret that in the ordering of Divine Providence he has been called away to another field of labour.

## PARRSBORO

During Advent a special course of sermons was preached by the Rector on Sunday Evenings. The subjects were: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell.

Many will remember that it was while preaching such a course that the late Rector was called to Rest.

On Sunday Dec. 5th the Rector delivered an address before the Y. M. C. A. The subject was "Manliness" and the hall was crowded.

The following notice from the pen of the resident Baptist minister appeared in the local press: "Last Sabbath we had the privilege of attending a very interesting service at the Y. M. C. A. of this town, held in Harrison's Hall. Mr. Johnston Rector of the Episcopal Church delivered a discourse before the Association worthy of the occasion. I regret that a larger number of young men and older ones, two were not present to hear Mr. Johnston's message. The Episcopal Church of this town is to be congratulated on their success in securing a young man of such high intellectual and moral attainments." E. H. Howe.

The Church was prettily decorated for the Xmas Festival. Thanks are due to Capt. Nordly, Mr. R. Aikman, Mr. G. DeMille, Mr. John Roberts for time and labor spent in fixing the decorations. The ladies spent nearly two weeks in preparing the decorations. Many worked quite late at night.

A skeleton reredos was made by Mr. DeMille and white panels were

put on by Miss Aikman. An arch way was also made by Mr. DeMille. The pulpit was beautifully decorated by Miss Alice Aikman; and Miss Grillo decorated the Font in a very artistic manner. Mr. R. Aikman and Miss Rivers took great pains in decorating the windows.

The great feature of the Christmas decorations was the new white altar cloth, which was beautifully worked and presented to the Church by Miss Isabel Aikman.

On Xmas Day there were two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Good congregations were present at St. George's and at Moose River.

On St. John the Evangelist's day the Masonic Fraternity attended Divine Service in St. George's church at 7 p. m. the Rector preached from the text "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness we lie."

He dwelt on the Mission of Freemasonry in the world, and commented on the teaching of St. John on Light and Darkness.

The collections on Xmas were appropriated for the Rector.

## KENTVILLE.

### THE BISHOP'S VISIT.

Sunday Dec. 12th, 1897, will be a day to be remembered in the annals of the Parish of Kentville. On that day the Bishop of the Diocese celebrated the Holy Communion in St. James' church, at 8 p. m. The morning was dark and damp; Nevertheless there were no less than 52 communicants.

At 11 a. m. morning prayer was said by the Rector assisted by the Rev. K. C. Hind. After that the candidates 32 in number, including one from Wolfville, were presented to the Bishop by the Rector, when the Bishop proceeded with

the administration of the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation in his usual solemn and impressive manner. The service over, the last of the three hymns sung, the Bishop gave an Address to those confirmed, replete with words of fatherly counsel and advice, which was listened to with marked and devout attention not only by those just confirmed, but also by the whole congregation which more than filled St. James' church.

At a quarter past six on Sunday evening the Bishop most kindly held in St. James' church another Confirmation, to meet the very earnest desire of two persons who had been unavoidably absent from the morning service. About 52 were present who had come early, two all the way from Canada, for the approaching evening service.

At seven p. m. evening prayer was said by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. R. Avery. The night was very wet and dark, nevertheless the church was quite full. The Bishop preached a sermon appropriate to the third Sunday in Advent from the opening message of St. John's Gospel, "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand; in which he showed in a most earnest and practical way that Repentance was the root necessity of the human race. The sermon was lucid, powerful and eloquent. It lasted fully 15 minutes, but the attention of the large congregation never flagged for a moment. Several said that they could have listened all night.

The advantage to a Parish accruing from such a visit from its Chief Pastor, as Kentville has just enjoyed extends far beyond the day itself, and the visible results; those visible results however are worthy to be noted. Namely, an addition in the Parish of Kentville