

ful appreciation of his long and highly valued services."

Dr. Davidson feelingly replied, thanking the kind donors for this further token unexpected of their love and regard; and expressing his sense of the imperfection and unworthiness of his own labors; which, however, he had ventured to hope from the testimony as well of the living, as of some now resting in Paradise, had been helpful, though unworthy.

After a pleasant evening all departed well pleased and satisfied. Thanks are due to those who contributed to the tree, and who also worked in preparing this treat for the children of the S.S.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

CARLETON PLACE.—We were very sorry to hear that Mr. W. Britton, licensed lay reader in this Parish for the last two years, was prevented by a serious illness from being a candidate for Holy Orders at the Ordination recently held in Ottawa. He is only now just recovering, but we hope that after a rest from work he will regain his health and be able to serve the Church of God as one of her ministers in due time. We hear he has been doing good work in Carleton place, and congratulate him on the kind manner in which he was remembered by his friends in the Church and in the town, by whom he was presented during Christmas week with a purse of \$50, letter expressing their deep sympathy with him on his illness which had prevented his being one of those who were lately ordained to the ministry of the Church; and their earnest prayers that he might soon be restored to his usual health.

Rev. A. Jarvis hopes to be able to resume his duties here on Easter Sunday next; Rev. J. W. Forsythe is as present *locum tenens*.

STIRLING.—On Christmas Eve, Mrs. Godden, the wife of the Incumbent of this parish, was presented by members of the congregation of St. John's Church with an address and a purse of \$35.50, as recognition of her valuable services as organist for the past nine years, and also of her devoted instruction of the children in the Sunday-school, expressing also their sincere gratitude for labors of love in administering to the sick and disconsolate in their midst, acts of kindness which can only emanate from a kind and loving heart. The hope was expressed that Mrs. Godden might long remain with them to enjoy in the future as in the past the esteem and the confidence so well merited. The presentation was made on behalf of the subscribers by Mrs. Boldrick and Mrs. T. Naylor, and was feelingly and appropriately acknowledged by Mrs. Godden.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The annual Christmas Festival of the School of St. James' was held in the School-room on Thursday evening, Dec. 29th. The room was packed with scholars and their friends. The arrangements were excellent. Six large Christmas trees loaded with beautiful presents and lighted with wax tapers occupied the centre aisle of the building, while festoons of evergreen and banners around the room made the whole a scene which perhaps excelled anything of the kind held in the city for many years. After carols and an address by Rev. Canon Dumoulin, the rector—the prizes numbering about 150—were distributed. Then Santa Claus was led in, bent and stooping with old age, who gave the children a short address and ordered his assistants to begin cutting the presents from the trees. A system of numbered tickets prevented confusion, and the 700 children were soon possessors of dolls, albums, toys and candies, and on their way home as happy as Christmas could make them.

The Bishop of Algoma preached New Year's

morning in St. James', from the 2nd verse of the 3rd Epistle of St. John: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." The Bishop's sermon, full of good advice and salutary admonition, was listened to very attentively by the large congregation assembled.

Rev. Canon Dumoulin preached in the evening, and pointed out in a general manner the opportunity which commencement of the year held out to the shiftless, the indifferent and the wayward for beginning a new life on better lines.

St. George's.—The Christmas offertory this year amounted to over \$300. There were very large and attentive congregations on Christmas and New Year's day at all the services. The Christmas celebrations at 8 and 11 a.m., were especially well attended. After Evensong several carols were charmingly sung by the choir, Gounod's exquisite "Bethlehem" among the number.

A new Church Army officer has just arrived from England to carry on the work in this parish. Capt. Harkin is the fourth officer to visit Toronto since the beginning of the Army work in October, 1886.

St. Stephen's.—A surpliced choir has just been introduced in this parish. The services of the holy season just expired have been well attended and hearty.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron preached in St. Matthews, and St. Paul's, Sunday, January 1st. Sunday the 8th, he visits Comber Mission, and opens a new Church there.

The children's service at the Memorial Church on Sunday evening, New Year's Day, proved a very successful affair, notwithstanding unfavorable weather. Upwards of 300 children, teachers and officers of the Sunday-school assembled in the school-room and walked in procession to the Church singing "Onward; Christian Soldiers." The service was conducted by the Rector, and several bright hymns were sung heartily by the little ones and the congregation. The sermon—an interesting and seasonable one—was preached by the Rev. Canon Ianes on the subject of "Choosing." It was well illustrated by Scripture teaching and impressive incidents. The church was filled with a large congregation.

LONDON SOUTH.—The Annual Christmas Entertainment in connection with St. James' Sunday-school, was held on Tuesday evening. The children were each supplied with a bag of candy, orange, &c.

An interesting programme of singing, readings and recitations, was given by the scholars. A handsome mantle clock and Prayer-book, accompanied by an address, was presented to Mr. John Pope, who has been superintendent of the School since it was opened, over 15 years ago. The parents and friends turned out in large numbers and seemingly all enjoyed themselves.

MITCHELL.—Trinity Church was opened on Christmas Day. The new chancel, organ, lectern, and vestry, are great improvements. The Church looks much better, and there are increased accommodation for the members by the adding of many pews.

L STOWELL.—The Rev. Mark Turnbull and Mrs. Turnbull, were made the recipients of very handsome presents at Christmas by the Church people of the place. Mr. Turnbull's services are much appreciated, and the kindest feeling existing between clergyman and congregation.

WILMOT.—The St. James' Church congregation, Wilmot, presented the Rev. J. Edmonds,

with a handsome and valuable cutter on Friday evening last. The Christmas offertory also from the three congregations in his charge amounted to \$36.

SARNIA.—A Service of praise and song was given in St. George's Church on Christmas evening by the Sunday-school, assisted by the choir. The Rector preached a short and appropriate sermon from the words, "A little child shall lead them." The Church which was beautifully decorated, was crowded with an immense congregation. The service was most interesting and the singing particularly sweet. More such services would have a good effect on our congregations generally.

INGERSOLL.—St. James Church.—The offertory at the Church on Christmas morning amounted to \$210, consisting of a cheque for \$150, which had been specially collected among the congregation, and \$60 in cash. It was presented as usual in this diocese, to the rector, Rev. E. C. Saunders, B.D. It need hardly be said that the liberality thus displayed by the congregation was most gratifying to the rector, not only because of the substantial help so large a sum has given, but because of the kindly feeling it shows to exist in the parish.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

County of Waterloo.—Sunday, Jan. 15th, Trinity, Galt, Rev. J. Ridley; Monday, Jan. 16th, St. John's, Berlin, Rev. S. L. Smith; Tuesday, Jan. 17th, Christ Church, Haysville, &c., Rev. J. Edmonds.

Counties of Brant and Oxford.—Sunday, Jan. 22nd, St. James', Ingersoll, Rev. E. C. Saunders; Monday, Jan. 23rd, a.m., St. John's, Thamesford, and Christ Church, Lakeside, p.m., Rev. W. M. R. Seaborn; Tuesday, Jan. 24th, a.m., Trinity, Zorra, and Christ Church, Hungerford, p.m., Rev. R. W. Johnstone; Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 11 a.m., St. John's, Eastwood, Rev. T. Watson; Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 7 p.m., St. Paul's, Woodstock, Rev. J. J. Hill, M.A.; Thursday, Jan. 26th, 11 a.m., St. James', Paris, Rev. A. Brown, B.A.; Thursday, Jan. 26th, p.m., All Saints' Mount Pleasant, Rev. J. P. Curran; Friday, Jan. 27th, 11 a.m., Trinity, Onondaga, Rev. G. M. Cox; Friday, Jan. 27th, p.m., St. Paul's, Kanyengah, Rev. D. J. Caswell.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

ROSSEAU.—Rev. A. W. H. Chowne, writes:

The following gifts to the Mission are thankfully acknowledged by the incumbent: One box of toys and clothing, from Miss Thurtelle, Guelph; two barrels and one box, from the Rev. Alex MacNab, of St. Barnabas, St. Catharines; one box of toys and clothing, from the C. W. M. A., Toronto, per Mrs. O'Reilly; two bags of clothing, per Mrs. Roberts, of Brampton, all which are for distribution in the Mission.

Through the kindness of George Thurtelle, Esq., of Guelph, who gave us \$50 towards that station, we have been enabled to build a driving shed 50 feet long; which has been full of teams every service. The Church-yard is now fenced in and ready for consecration, beside several other improvements which have been made in