

replete with practical lessons of benevolence), interspersed with carols and the formal report of class work and scholars' marks, completed the programme, and left on the minds of most another leaf well-filled of "Blessed Christmas memories."

## Diocese of Ontario.

### KINGSTON.

*The Cathedral.*—An ordination was held in St. George's Cathedral Thursday at 10.30 o'clock by the Archbishop of Ontario, the following being admitted to holy orders: Deacons—Mr. J. H. H. Coleman, M.A., graduate of Trinity University, Toronto; and Mr. J. B. Pyke, of Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Q. Priests—Rev. A. L. McTear, curate of the parish of Augusta; and Rev. T. Leach, B.A., missionary at Dungannon and Montague—both of Trinity College. The impressive service, which included a celebration of the Holy Communion, left an indelible impression upon the minds of all who witnessed it. The candidates for deacons' orders first submitted to the Apostolic "laying on of hands" and were invested with their stoles. In the ordination of priests, which followed, these clergy assisted: The Venerable Archdeacon Jones, of Brockville; Very Rev. Donn Smith; Rev. Canon Spence; Rev. Rural Dean Carey; Rev. C. F. Lowe; Rev. A. W. Cooke; Rev. R. W. Rayson; and Rev. A. H. Coleman, of Arnprior, whose son was made a deacon. The surpliced choir led the singing. Rev. J. H. Coleman is to be curate of St. James' Church, in which he has served as Lay Reader. Rev. J. B. Pyke has been appointed to Parham.

### PERTH.

The Parish of Perth contributed over \$2,100 to the Endowment Fund of the new Bishopric of Ottawa.

The S. P. C. K., of England, has renewed its offer for two years more of \$5,000 to this fund, on condition that the people raise \$40,000. The Colonial Episcopate Endowment Fund will, it is thought, contribute another \$5,000.

### TWEED.

The Rev. Charles Lewis, of Calabogie, has been appointed to St. James' Church as successor to the Rev. W. H. Barne, the former popular Priest of that Parish. Mr. Barnes' new charge is St. Paul's Chapel, College Point, Long Island Diocese, New York. It contains 180 families and connected with the Sunday-school there are 325 members.

### CODDEN.

In the Xmas offertory of the Church here there was found to the surprise and pleasure of the Pastor, Rev. J. A. Shaw, a \$20 gold piece.

The Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Lennox and Addington have issued a Pastoral to the Laity of the Deanery on the Anti-Prohibition Plediscite vote to be taken in Ontario, stating the reasons why they are unanimously opposed to the measure.

## Diocese of Toronto.

### ORILLIA.

The service in St. James' church on Christmas Day was well attended. Canon Greene preached a sermon adapted to the day from the words, "Thou shalt call his name Emmanuel; which being interpreted is, God with us." One hundred and twenty-two partook of communion. The congregation's gift to the pastor amounted to between \$50 and \$60.

## Diocese of Niagara.

### GUELPH.

*St. George's.*—There will be a deputation of clergymen here on Sunday, 28th Jan. Rural Dean Bevan and Dr. Johnstone, to advocate Diocesan missions.

The leading subjects for the next S. S. Institute examination are the first 12 chapters, Acts of Apostles, Church Catechism and Baptism of Infants.

The Band of Hope and Ministering Children continues in a very prosperous condition under the able management of Mr. Howard. Friday evening 8th December, they held one of their popular entertainments, the large school-room being well filled with children and their parents. Dr. Lott kindly presided and spoke earnestly of his sympathy with the good work, and its success under the zealous management of Mr. Howard. The children's programme of songs, recitations and dialogues was then carried out, with much applause. Then came the distribution of the general prizes by the Archdeacon with five special ones given by him. The happy evening closed with the benediction.

St. George's Infant Class, judging from the crowd of the little ones present in the large school room on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 28th, is in a very efficient condition. A great number of the parents of the children were also present. A Christmas tree covered with a dazzling fruitage of toys, dolls, etc., adorned the centre of the room. Guelph could easily outdo the Toronto Mail in its show of happy, bright, rosy little ones, all elate with expectations of the coming Santa Claus. After a carol or two, and a short address from the Archdeacon, the jingling of bells was heard, and Santa Claus made his appearance in a most sensational manner, coming down through the ceiling with his usual fur coat, cap and bells, causing great and joyous excitement among the little folk, who welcomed him with enthusiasm. He then, having given them all kindly Christmas greetings, commenced stripping the tree of its Christmas fruit, assisted by Mrs. Taylor and Miss Chisholm, who have charge of the class. This continued about an hour, when Santa Claus bade them farewell, promising to be on hand next year with a larger supply of choice gifts.

*The New Bell at St. George's.*—It arrived at the Church early on the morning of the 16th Dec., where it was visited by crowds of admirers who were pleased and astonished at its great size and beauty of finish. It is a master piece of the celebrated Meneely's skill.

On it is inscribed,

"The memory of the just is blessed."

Erected by a bequest of the late George Elliott, who entered into rest May 9th, 1893.

"For a memorial in the Temple of the Lord." Zech. vi: 14.

It is indeed one of the finest bells in the Province, and with one exception is, we believe, the largest. With the wheel it is considerably over 5,000 lbs. It is 4ft. 8 in. in diameter, which gives a circumference of 14 feet. The diameter of wheel is 8 feet. Its tone is designated as "Medium D." It was a very exciting day for all interested in St. George's Church and many other citizens, who rejoiced in the city's possession of so great a bell.

*Ordination at St. George's.*—Almost simultaneously with the arrival of the bell, the Bishops of Niagara and Athabasca came to our city, and both were deeply interested in the great bell. Bishop Hamilton came to hold an ordination on Sunday, 17th, and the Bishop of Athabasca to speak on the works and needs of his remote Diocese in the far north.

There was as is usual in the case of ordinations, an early service at 8.30 a.m. At 11 a.m.

the Bishops of Athabasca and Niagara, with the Ven. Archdeacon and Rev. Mr. Ross, curate, and the Rev. H. C. Aylwin entered the Church from vestry, Mr. Ross bearing the pastoral staff. The Bishop of Athabasca then preached from Acts xiii: 2. The sermon was on the Christian ministry, and his personal address to the candidate was of a touching character. The Bishop also dwelt on the work in his own vast diocese, which reaches to the Great Slave Lake. The Candidate was then presented by the Archdeacon as examining chaplain, and the ordination services were proceeded with. The hymns were appropriate to the solemn service, and the large congregation appeared deeply interested. At the close there was a celebration of the Holy Communion. Mr. Aylwin, who was ordained, is missionary at Tapley town and adjacent parts.

In the afternoon the Bishop of Niagara addressed the young folk in St. George's Sunday school, catechising them on the order of the Church services and the books of the Bible.

In the evening there was a large attendance, and Bishop Hamilton preached a most impressive sermon on St. Luke vii: 4-5. "And I say unto you, my friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forwarn you whom ye shall fear; fear Him which, after He hath killed, hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear Him." Dwelling on this striking text, the Bishop showed the falsity of modern theories, which sought to take the meaning and force out of God's word, and declared the doctrine of the Church from the beginning on this solemn subject. The musical portion of the services, including an anthem, were admirably rendered.

## Diocese of Huron.

### LONDON.

*St. John the Evangelist.*—Our Christmas decorations this year were more beautiful and appropriate than on any former occasion, thanks to the able and artistic arrangements of the various designs and illuminated texts got up by Mr. Arthur Smith, of the G.T.R., who was ably supported in all details of the work by Mr. Thos. Allardice. To these two energetic gentlemen we are indebted for the gratifying results which are worthy of some slight notice in detail.

The chancel, with its rood screen composed of six arches covered with evergreens, the large centre one surmounted by a cross of green with red berries, with suitable texts in gold lettering on each side. Within the rail the effect was most pleasing, the walls being covered with evergreens in diamond form on a red background, over the table on each side in gilt lettering, "His Name shall be called Jesus;" "Emmanuel—God with us."

The large East window was also covered on sides and arch with wreathing. On each side of the chancel entrance were two beautiful silk banners with red crosses. The pulpit was artistically decorated with holly and red berries. All the windows in the body of the church were wreathed, and the top of the walls between the main supports of the roof were in all twelve large suitable texts in gold and red letter in frames covered with greens; on the base of each support were shields of various colors with appropriate devices, the Font, as usual, being most pleasingly prepared by the Manigault family, being their Memorial with the following text beautifully worked on silk surrounding the basin, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not." The total effect of these decorations could hardly be surpassed in any church.

The services of the day under our highly esteemed rector, Rev. W. F. Hill, were most hearty