

ing, consisting of a short form of prayer, with an address followed by an after meeting and an instruction. The addresses were of a practical and awakening character. The instructions were teachings on definite Church doctrine, the subjects touched upon being: Prayer, Baptism, Confirmation, Worship, the Church, the Intermediate State, and Holy Communion.

The Mission Preacher preached at the Morning Service, on Sunday, the 21st, at which the Holy Communion was celebrated. The attendance was fairly good throughout, but not so large as could be desired, owing to several unforeseen local causes.

The concluding evening service was on Friday, the 27th, when the final address was delivered, the subject being: "What shall I do for Jesus?" The work of the Mission was concluded on Saturday morning, with a Celebration of the Holy Communion, and a few parting words from the Missioner, exhorting to faithfulness in the duties of the Christian life.

The Missioner also preached at the regular service at Christ Church, Brompton, on Sunday afternoon, and delivered addresses at a special Service held in the same Church, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

It is too soon to speak of any definite results, but from the earnest attention given, and devotion manifested, it may well be hoped that much good fruit, in the way of attendance at Services, an increased number of communicants, and a deepening of the spiritual life of the whole congregation, will be the practical outcome of this mission. *Laud Deo.*

MARBLETON.

The Rev. E. Weary reports as follows:—

In December we had the extreme pleasure of a visit from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

He arrived on Friday, the 15th, and preached the same evening in St. Paul's Church, Marbleton.

The following evening a Reception was tendered to his Lordship at Dudswell by the members of the Church of the Good Shepherd in the Academy. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather there was a goodly gathering. The Choir and other friends contributed some good singing. Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Guild. The Bishop gave a very humorous address and all went home well pleased.

On Sunday, the 17th, Services commenced in St. Paul's Church, Marbleton, at 9 a.m., with Matins and Holy Communion, the

Bishop was celebrant assisted by the Incumbent. At 10.30 a.m. there was a Confirmation Service and the Incumbent presented twenty-three candidates. The addresses delivered by the Bishop were most instructive and impressive and will not soon be forgotten. In the afternoon another Confirmation Service was held in the Church of the Good Shepherd. At this Service three candidates were confirmed. The Church was well filled and the singing was very hearty. In the evening there was full Choral Evensong at St. Paul's Church, Marbleton. The Bishop preached a most eloquent and earnest sermon on the Holy Communion; the Church was filled to its utmost capacity, and all remained for the after Service, to hear his Lordship address those who intended to partake of the Holy Sacrament on Christmas Day. On Christmas evening, after full Choral Service at St. Paul's, the Choir gave some Christmas Carols. The Church was beautifully decorated, the congregation was large and the service most hearty on Christmas Day. Holy Communion was celebrated in the Church of the Good Shepherd at 9 a.m. and at 11.15 we had Matins and Holy Communion at St. Paul's. Many had not forgotten the Bishop's words, for forty-two were present at the Celebration, the largest number of Communicants at our Service for many years. In the evening we had our Annual Christmas Tree in the Town Hall. Though the weather was stormy, the Hall was crowded with parents and children. The large Christmas Tree looked very handsome, laden with valuable presents, too numerous to mention. After a good programme of vocal and instrumental music, &c., given by the Choir, the presents were duly distributed, and though the Incumbent has been only a short time in charge, the Congregation did not forget him, but gave him a very handsome fur cap, while Mrs. Weary and children also received numerous gifts. Thus ended what all felt to be a very happy Christmas Day.

Since Christmas we have had a series of Missionary Meetings in Marbleton Church Hall, Dudswell Academy, and in school-houses at East and South Dudswell. At these meetings the Incumbent was assisted by the Rev. T. S. Chapman, M.A., Rev. H. Wright, B.A., of Angus, and Messrs. J. Andrews, of Marbleton, and N. Bishop, of Dudswell. Special Hymns were sung by the Choir, and a large number of people turned out each evening, especially on Thursday, at East Dudswell, where the school-house was more than crowded. The people must have been interested, for many attended every evening. The weath-