

ary; Mrs. Laing, and Miss Blackburn, the organist of this parish church, prepared an excellent musical programme. Mrs. S. Bower, of Brandon, and the Misses Lake and Sheffield, of Lyndhurst, and Mr. Groat of Trinity College, Toronto, kindly assisted. The vocal and instrumental renderings were unusually good. Amongst soloists Mrs. O. Bascom's voice was greatly admired. The next day the children had a grand "At Home" in this hall from 2 to 5 p.m., when they had fun to their hearts' content; and tea and coffee, with all manner of cakes, and pies, and sandwiches enough to suggest results involving the longest of doctor's bills. There were about 130 present. The debt on the memorial church has just been reduced to \$900. The "Ministering Children's League" gave an excellent entertainment in the parish hall under the direction of their president, Mrs. Endo Saunders, who, with the assistance of Mrs. H. Laing and Miss Mary Blackburn, succeeded marvellously in training the juveniles in their respective parts. The proceeds amounted to \$18. The League sent a Christmas present to the "Children's Convalescent Home" in Ottawa on Christmas Eve, valued at \$27. The Women's Auxiliary sent a bale of goods to the North-West a short time before Christmas, valued at \$103.

MATTAWA MISSION.—The Christmas services at St. Alban's, Mattawa, were very bright and hearty. The church was beautifully decorated. On Christmas morning, there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; at 11 a.m. a large congregation gathered for matins and choral Eucharist. The Rev. R. W. Samwell (Mission Priest) officiated, and preached an appropriate sermon. The service was very hearty and the communicants numbered 25. Quite a number of Methodists and Presbyterians were present—one of the many evidences of the growing kindlier feeling towards the church in this village. All the people remained until the end of the celebration, as is usual, we are glad to say, in this mission. The out-station churches were also brightly decked with evergreens. At St. Margaret's, Rutherglen, services were held on Christmas Day, the Lay Reader officiating. The Christmas Eucharist was offered on St. Stephen's Day, when there were 15 communicants.

The Christmas services at St. Augustine's, Deux Rivieres, were held on Holy Innocents' Day. The communicants numbered 6.

A watch-night service was held at St. Alban's on New Year's Eve. This was the first service of the kind ever held in Mattawa, we believe, and it was most encouraging to see such a good number come to God's House to spend the last few minutes of the old year, and to begin the new year in intercession and communion with Him. The service began at 11.30 with the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past." Many came forward to begin the new year in communion with their Blessed Saviour. It was a service which, rightly and devoutly entered into, could not fail to have a blessed and a holy influence upon the lives of those whose privilege it was to be present.

OTTAWA.—Rev. J. J. Bogert is progressing favorably towards convalescence. He will probably leave for a short rest in warmer climes before returning to duty.

NEPEAN.—Rev. E. H. Buller, who has been for the last six months curate to the Archdeacon of Kingston, has been appointed to the mission of Nepean, near Ottawa. It happens that just now several missions are vacant, and the bishop has to withdraw his young men from curacies.

TORONTO.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.—Members of the Brotherhood in Canada and fellow Churchmen:—It is with great pleasure, and with every hope of success, that the council announces that a brotherhood convention for Canada will be held in Toronto, on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 7th, 8th and 9th of February, 1891. This convention should in no small degree influence the future of our brotherhood; therefore, all existing or intending chapters are urged to send up as many of their members as delegates as possible, whilst delegates or individual Churchmen from other parishes will be heartily welcomed. We have the glorious success of the American convention so lately held at Philadelphia to stimulate us, and the remembrance of these 500 delegates gathered together from every State of that large Union, should fire the zeal of the Canadian brethren to be likewise up and doing. The comparison of methods and results cannot but be most helpful to all, whilst the presence of several well-known brotherhood men from the United States should act as a magnet to draw our brethren together, so as to gather from

them at least some sparks of their fraternal enthusiasm. The convention will open at 8 p.m. on Saturday, the 7th February, and the council looks to every member of the brotherhood in Toronto for his presence at all meetings and services, and for his best assistance with regard to the whole convention. The committee will provide hospitality for all delegates from outside Toronto, and in order to assist them as much as possible, it is requested that the number of proposed delegates, and if possible their names, should be communicated at the earliest possible moment to the convention secretary, Mr. Jas. W. Baillie, 26 King street East, Toronto. The programme of the convention will be issued shortly. S. Woodroffe, 2nd Vice-President.

St. James'.—The annual festival of the afternoon Sunday school of this church was given on Tuesday of last week. There was a large attendance of children and their parents and friends, who thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment. The Christmas trees with their contents were provided by a number of ladies of the congregation, who worked energetically and were instrumental in ensuring the success of the event.

Trinity Musical Degrees.—It is understood that the corporation of Trinity University has decided to receive no more candidates for musical degrees in England after the current year ending February 1st. This course is taken, it is urged, not because of doubts as to the right of the university to grant these degrees, but on account of misunderstanding that arose among other universities in England with which Trinity had previously had friendly relations. The University of Durham, moreover, has announced its intention to give musical degrees on a basis similar to that of Trinity, and the work of the latter university in this respect is therefore unnecessary.

St. Alban's Cathedral.—This Sunday-school held its Christmas festival on two separate days this year. The large school, numbering about 160 teachers and scholars, held theirs on the evening of the Tuesday before the New Year, and passed a most enjoyable time. The infant school, about 140 in number, assembled on the Wednesday evening. After tea, a magic lantern show greatly amused the children, and before going home each child received a book and a bag of candies.

Trinity University.—This University, following the liberal custom and evincing the same educative spirit as it has done in former years, will this winter hold a course of public lectures. The series will consist of four, to be held on Saturday afternoons, the first to commence on January 17th. The lectures promise to be of an especially interesting nature, as they could not fail to be with such gentlemen as Rev. Principal Grant, Rev. Prof. Lloyd, Prof. Hutton and Rev. A. Pitman. The first lecture will be by Principal Grant on "Progress and Poverty," a criticism of Henry George's theories.

The Observance of Sunday.—Rev. J. P. Lewis, the rector of Grace Church, spoke on the above subject on Sunday evening, 4th inst. He chose as his text Mark ii. 27, "The Sabbath was made for man." Upon scriptural and scientific grounds he held that man should have a day of rest; God has given it and no one has the right to take it away. The men who work on the Toronto street cars labour six days. It would be an iniquity to rob them of the day God has given. The speaker opposed the submission of this question to a popular vote. He pointed to American cities in proof of the evil effect of running street cars on Sundays. He hoped to see the Sabbath as it had been observed in Toronto in the past continued. Rev. A. H. Baldwin, of All Saints, on the same day referred to this subject. He spoke of the responsibility that every citizen rested under in signing a petition in favour of Sunday street cars. They should remember that it was their day, or God's day. They should take care not to rob God of His day by any action on their part. The Ruridecanal Chapter discussed the same matter at their meeting in Holy Trinity school house on Monday, 5th inst.

St. James' Cathedral.—This noble edifice was filled with two large and attentive congregations on the second Sunday after Christmas. At the morning service Rev. Canon Dumoulin discussed, in his peculiarly lucid, forcible and eloquent style, upon the subject of rules for good living in the new year, the text being that of 1 St. Peter iii. 10-11, "He that will love life, and would see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil," &c. The sermon by the Rev. Prof. Clark at the evening service was the third of a series specially addressed to young men. There was a large and appreciative congregation, who listened with evident relish and attention to a discourse

which was evidently the result of careful labour and forethought. The rev. gentleman took for his text 1 Corinthians xv. 47, "The first man of the earth, earthly; the second man is the Lord from Heaven."

St. Bartholomew's.—On Tuesday afternoon last the infant classes of this church assembled in the school room to receive their prizes. Several of the little ones charmed the audience with songs and recitations. In the evening the older scholars held their entertainment and presented a very interesting programme. Miss Keefer, one of our former teachers, was present with us and contributed much to the amusement of the evening. After songs, recitations, &c., the results of the Sunday school Christmas examination were read out by our faithful and trustworthy superintendent, Mr. W. H. Canniff. Miss Henrietta Jirreat headed the list for the year, also showing an attendance for nine years without missing one Sunday. The Rev. J. H. Ross, after having addressed a few words of encouragement to the teachers and advice to the scholars, presented the prizes to the girls. The Rev. G. Taylor, the rector, then distributed the prizes to the boys, when he gave an interesting description of Puritan times. The pleasant evening then closed with the Benediction pronounced by the rector.

The Ministering Children's League.—The Holy Innocents' Day falling this year on Sunday, the fifth annual meeting of the Ministering Children's League of the diocese of Toronto was held on Monday, December 29th. The Lord Bishop of the diocese presided. With the kind consent of the Ven. Archdeacon Body, St. Peter's school-house was chosen as the place for meeting this year, and it was crowded by the members and associates of the League so that not a vacant seat could be found. The secretary reported steady progress and increase in numbers; in the diocese there are now 13 branches with a membership of 588. The two M.C.L. cots in the Lake Side Children's Hospital have been supported during the past year and provided with bed linen. The M. C. L. bed in St. John's Hospital has also been liberally contributed to by the four branches who have undertaken its support. The Port Hope branch has established and undertaken to equip and support a M. C. L. cot in the Lakeside Home. Over 100 books have been given by members of the League for the Sunday-school library at Dunchurch, and will be sent there in January. A box of warm clothing will be ready in April for one of our poor missions. In addition to these general contributions, the members of the different branches have done many kind deeds, such as preparing Christmas trees for poor children, giving Christmas dinners and warm clothing to the needy with whom they are personally acquainted. After the report had been read, Prof. Lloyd and the Rev. Street Macklem each gave short bright addresses which greatly interested the children. The "Song of the Ministering Children" was sung, his Lordship gave the benediction, and the children dispersed, with, we trust, a fresh resolve to remember their motto, "No day without a deed to crown it." In the Dominion of Canada there are forty branches of the M. C. L. with a roll of over 1,800 members.

BRIGHTON.—**St. Paul's.**—On Christmas Day, service was held in this church, which was nicely decorated for the occasion, chiefly by the choir. The result of the offertory exceeded those of former years, which was highly satisfactory to the congregation and pleasing to the Incumbent, Rev. C. E. Sills, who has been here nearly three years and has not only become popular with the members of his congregation, but has many warm friends throughout the village. The discourse, which was an able effort, left its impress upon those present.

DOVERCOURT.—**St. Mary's.**—The Christmas Festival of the Sunday school was held on Dec. 29th. The audience was very large, the programme good and well carried out, and everybody well pleased. The prizes given to the two scholars in each class who had obtained the highest and requisite number of marks during the year were valuable books. The report read showed that the school was doing increasingly good work, and was improving numerically and financially. The organist of the church, Mrs. E. R. Sands, is about to remove to Cleveland, Ohio, after four or five years of faithful service in the mission and parish. A number of her friends subscribed for and purchased a china tea service to be presented to her as a token of their appreciation of her service. The rector made the presentation; during the evening E. Dawes, Esq., the senior churchwarden, on behalf of himself and his colleague, also presented Mrs. Sands with a richly framed photo. of the church buildings. The scholars and their friends went home delighted with the effort made to please them, for which credit is due to the committee of management, especially to Mrs. Hart and