

of communicants in most of the Churches far more numerous than ever known.

CAUTION TO CHURCHMEN.—An attempt in most execrable taste has been made to delude members of the Church in the country, by false statements in regard to the civic election in Toronto. Let us state the truth. There were two heavy class votes cast which combined gave the successful candidate a large majority. One solid vote was that of the trades union men, who voted for one candidate solely to revenge themselves on the other! The other was a vote of every man and woman voter who has a grievance against or antipathy to the Church of England. All these persons, several thousands, gave support to the candidate whom they knew to be an injurious disturber of the order and peace of the Church. So that both these votes were wholly non-personal, so far as any issue is concerned of a municipal character. To ascribe a victory won by the thousand of votes given as a trades union act of vengeance against an unpopular employer, as being in any sense a vote having a Churchly aspect, is simply to state what is known to be entirely without foundation in fact. Beware of deceivers, who for party ends pervert the truth. It is quite enough to point out that both candidates belong to the Evangelical party in Toronto, so that it is a mere family squabble after all!

A FOREIGN MISSIONS ARGUMENT.—The Rev. Henry Johnson, M. A., of pure Negro race, has been appointed Archdeacon of the Upper Niger. He was born in 1840 at Sierra Leone, the son of native African parents liberated from slavery, who were Christians; he was educated at the Freetown Grammar School there, and at the Church Missionary College at Islington. He is a good English, classical, Hebrew and Arabic scholar, is acquainted with French and German, and has translated the New Testament into several of the languages of West Africa. The degree of M. A. has been conferred on the Venerable Archdeacon Johnson by the University of Cambridge.

It is no credit to us as a Church in Canada to have so few members amongst the coloured population. They seem almost wholly to be either Methodists or Baptists. Doubtless their emotional natures find more happiness in such services as these bodies provide, than in our quieter liturgical forms. But there is no reason why the Church should not have an order of divine worship such as would attract persons of this race. We have spoken with coloured ministers again and again, and their testimony is quite clear that if the English Church would seek to win these people she would succeed. Surely this is a work we ought not to neglect. We trust the attention of our Synod will be drawn to it and practical steps taken to bring our dusky brethren into the visible fold.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—An interesting ceremony occurred in Christ Church cathedral on Dec. 20th, the occasion being the unveiling of the Fuller memorial window. Rev. Dr. Mookridge preached a most impressive sermon bearing upon the subjects depicted in the window. The ascension of our Lord and "the adoration of the wise men." The effect of the window, occupying as it does, the east or chancel end of the church, is very fine, and adds greatly to the beauty of the handsome edifice. We understand that this work is the production of Messrs. Elliott & Son, of this city, and was entirely executed in their establishment.

COLBECK—LUTHER.—The congregation of St. Clement's Church, Colbeck, desires to acknowledge with thanks receipt of set of communion vessels, per Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, from Rev. Mr. Boulton. The vessels are a thank-offering for safe deliverance from Luther bush in the year 1856.

GUELPH—St. George's S. S. Festival.—This Christmas festival took place on the 30th ult. The spacious school room was crowded at 7 p.m., the full force of the children being present, with a large number of their parents and other adults. The proceedings commenced with the hymn "Once in Royal David's City," Miss F. Dixon, organist to the school, presiding at the organ. Then followed a short form of prayer, with the Epiphany Gospel, and after a carol was well and heartily sung by the children, the Archdeacon addressed the audience, showing why Christmas was observed, giving a description of the wonderful events of the first Christmas, 1,885 years ago. Several carols were sung at intervals during the address. Rev. Mr. Irving then addressed the assembly, urging parents to take a deeper interest in the Sunday school. The prizes were distributed. Bags of candy and oranges were given to all the children, and the pleasant gathering was closed with the doxology.

DUNNVILLE.—On Christmas Day, the attendance at the morning service in St. Paul's Church was remarkably good. The congregation at evensong was equally encouraging. The Christmas offertories amounted to over \$41. The usual midnight service was held on the last day of the year. The church was crowded. The heartiness of the responses and singing, the reverent demeanour of the congregations, and the rapt attention with which the rector's address was listened to, showed that all felt it good to be there.

The annual S. S. entertainment was given on the night of the 2nd of this month, at the Opera House, which was more than comfortably filled. It was a great success, financially and otherwise. After the entertainment was over, Miss Brownson, the organist of St. Paul's Church, was presented with a purse containing \$40, a slight token of the grateful appreciation in which her cheerful and unselfish services are regarded by the congregation. The wife of the rector was then presented with a handsome, hanging, drawing-room lamp, and a valuable set of glass dessert dishes, by the lady members of the church. This was followed by the distribution of prizes to the S. S. scholars, and after singing the national anthem, the well pleased assembly dispersed.

HAMILTON.—All Saints.—On the evening of Monday 28th ult., a full choral Sunday school service was held at this church. The church was crowded, every seat being occupied. It was beautifully decorated throughout, which added greatly to its appearance. The Rev. G. A. Harvey (as rector in charge), conducted the service, through whose instrumentality and efforts it was got up. The service was opened by the singing of the processional hymn, "Onward Christian soldiers" which was heartily rendered by the very large Sunday school present, and by the quartette choir organized for the occasion. The introductory prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Mookridge rector in charge of Christ Church cathedral. Following this was a Christmas anthem "For unto us a child is born" which was rendered with good expression by the quartette. Appropriate passages of Scripture were then read by the clergy present, after each of which a beautiful hymn or carol was sung by the Sunday School children and choir. The Lord Bishop then addressed the Sunday school, setting forth to them very clearly and effectively their obligations with regard to the general observance of religious duties, on all such important church festivals. His Lordship also catechised them on their knowledge of the Saint's days of the Church, illustrating very clearly the object of each, and the thoughts which should accompany them. The children were very well behaved, and answered many questions addressed them by the Bishop. A liberal offertory was then taken up, which was applied to the benefit of the Sunday school, at the presentation of which to the rector, the doxology was heartily joined in by all present. The service closed with the singing of the carol "carol sweetly carol," in which the Sunday school and choir took part. The benediction was then pronounced by the Bishop. Thus ended one of the heartiest and best attended services ever held in All Saints' Church.

DUNDAS.—On Sunday evening last Rev. Mr. Forneret preached his last sermon as minister of St. James' Church. His practical advice to the congregation was excellent, and his expressions of regret at severing the ties which bound him to the church here, were sincere, brief and aptly put. During the time Mr. Forneret has been here he has done a good work for his church, in practical matters he has vastly improved the condition of affairs, and in spiritual matters has been an aid and help to many. In the last connection he has exerted more influence than will perhaps ever be publicly known, by his earnest thoughtful addresses in the pulpit. He leaves Dundas sincerely regretted by his congregation and many others.

HAMILTON.—All Saints' Church.—Rev. George C. Forneret, the newly chosen rector of All Saints' church, was inducted at morning service of January 3rd. The ceremony was of the most impressive nature, and seemed to fill with deep feeling the very large congregation which was assembled. After the opening hymn, his lordship Bishop of Niagara, introduced the new rector to the congregation, who, after declaring his belief in the doctrines of the Church, and his willingness to submit in all respects to the dictates of the synod of the Church, was presented with the keys of the church by the wardens, Messrs. S. F. Ross and Jos. Wilson, and entered upon the duties of rector. The inductational sermon was preached by Rev. O. J. Booth, who took as his text Psalms lxxvii. 5: "I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times."

ST. CATHARINES.—St. George's Church.—A special service is appointed at this church for Sunday, 17th inst. The occasion is on the completion of great

improvements and decorative painting within the fine edifice. The Bishop of the diocese and several clergy will be present. The Rev. E. M. Bland is rector in charge.

HURON.

PORT DOVER.—Services were held in St. Paul's Church on Christmas morning. There was a very large congregation present. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens, banners, etc., and presented a handsome appearance. The text was from John i. 9, and the sermon was an unusually good one. As is usual on this festival the collection was handed to the incumbent, who was by no means displeased with the amount received. The number of communicants was forty—a number seldom if ever equalled in this Church.

EASTWOOD.—The Rev. Breadin Hamilton, B.A., B.D., the late rector of this parish, began duty at St. George's Church, Detroit, on Christmas Day. Mr. Hamilton's deposition from Canada will cause much regret, as he was considered one of the most promising young men in the diocese of Huron, one of the most successful parish workers and organizers. He is a graduate of Trinity University, Toronto, of Cambridge University, England, and B. D., of Western University, and as a preacher he has few equals.

ATTWOOD.—This mission consists of the congregations of St. Thomas's Church, Markton, St. David's, Henfryn, and that worshipping in the school house, Attwood. For sometime Henfryn was supplied by Rev. Mr. Hull, and Mr. Lowe, lay-reader, of Listowel, while Rev. P. B. De Lom, and Mr. Johnson, lay-reader, of Mitchell, supplied Markton, Attwood in the meantime being almost entirely neglected. In June, 1884, Rev. S. F. Robinson, of Exeter, while a student at Huron College, re-organized the mission, and faithfully and efficiently worked it, till the appointment of the present incumbent, Rev. Arthur K. Griffin. Though not strong, the congregations are earnest, and determined to advance. The building of a church at Attwood, initiated by Mr. Robinson, has been commenced, and the foundation laid. All the services of the Christian year, have been faithfully observed, and those of Christmas Day were especially interesting. The little church at Henfryn was tastefully decorated, while good congregations assembled at each place. The pastor was kindly remembered. At Henfryn and Attwood a special offering was placed upon the plate in an envelope, accompanied by kind words and well wishes, while at Markton, after the offertory, the warden read an address full of sympathy and encouragement. The total offertory was nearly \$60. The incumbent by this evidence of good will, has been encouraged in his work, and from the material confidence expressed, both pastor and people look hopefully forward to the New Year.

SARNIA.—On Dec. 1st, the Ladies Aid Society, of St. George's church, held an Apron Fair in the Town Hall, which was a great success. They cleared \$190. On the 15th Dec., a Literary Society was formed in connection with the church, with the usual number of officers and a membership of something over fifty. On Christmas Day there was a large congregation, a bright and cheerful service, and an appropriate sermon. The church was not decorated. The offertory which was for the rector, was the largest ever before given. On St. John the Evangelist's Day, Victoria Lodge of the A. F. & A. M., accompanied by visiting brethren, attended service in St. George's Church. There was a very large congregation, and a sermon, suitable to the occasion, based on St. John xiii. 34, was preached by the rector. There was service in the church on New Year's morning, the offertory being devoted to the poor. The Young Ladies Guild are at work preparing for an Art Loan Exhibition, which will be held about the middle of January.

WATERDOWN.—On Friday evening, the 18th inst, a parlor social in connection with Grace Church, was held at the residence of Dr. Baugh. After an excellent programme of music, recitations, &c., had been enjoyed and refreshments had been served, the ladies of the congregation presented Rev. Mr. Munson with a purse and \$50, accompanied by the following address:

REVEREND SIR,—The members and congregation of Grace Church, feel the present occasion is a fitting one to manifest their appreciation of the prudence and propriety which have governed all your actions since you became ministerially identified with the church in this place. We are not unmindful of the many difficulties with which you have had to contend, and which we are pleased to know you always endeavoured to overcome in a thoroughly Christian-like spirit. We also feel that while you have worked un-