

the interest he shews in this work. Many ladies worked hard to make it a success, among whom we may mention Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Fenerty.

Girton House.—This establishment is succeeding admirably under the management of Mr. Sumichrast. We hear that it is Mr. Sumichrast's intention of moving down nearer town for the better accomodation of day scholars. We wish this first class institution full success.

ANTIGONISHE.—The Xmas Festival held here on Dec. 23rd., proved a decided success; the sum realized being \$200. We were indebted to kind friends from abroad for contributions which were thankfully received by us. We desire to proffer our sincere thanks to the generous donor (a gentleman in Connecticut, U. S.) for the liberal donation of \$25—received through Mrs. Jarvis, of whom her many friends will regret to hear that she has met with a serious accident. While returning home from the hall on the evening of the festival, she fell, dislocating her wrist, but we are thankful to add she is progressing favourably. Amid the rush of love and labour, time was found for church decorations and of them we can say, the effectiveness and good taste displayed has surpassed other years, reflecting much credit on the few ladies and gentlemen who gave their attention to the work. The Xmas service was bright and heartily joined in by those present. Mr. Rodgers, a gentleman from Montreal, presided at the organ; as he is gifted with rare musical abilities, his rendition of the Xmas selection was fine and well accepted (as was also his very generous donation to Mrs. M. Grey for the fancy table.) The annual Xmas S. S. Tree and Supper was held by request at the residence of Edwin Milledge, Esq., C. E. The little ones did ample justice to a bountiful tea; Sung carols in a praise worthy manner and enjoyed the distributions from the handsomely illuminated branches, sufficiently repaying their pastor (Rev. R. F. Beine) teachers and friends. Mrs. Beine was the unexpected recipient of a very handsome parlour carpet in tapestry. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell McDougall (Halifax Banking Co.) also a corresponding one for hall from Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Beine, which with some other gifts were most gratefully accepted and thoroughly appreciated. Such tokens of good will and esteem are estimated both for their intrinsic value and the warm hearts which prompt such acts.

CARD OF THANKS.—Miss Fannie W. Beine, desires to cordially thank the kind members of St. Paul's congregation, Antigonishe, who contributed to the envelope presented from the Xmas S. S. Tree in token of the appreciation of her services as honorary organist in Church and S. S. for the past two years.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH (VALLEY).—The branch of the Girls' Friendly Society in connection with St. Paul's parish have engaged and furnished for their purpose a neat and commodious room in Stanley Street, Portland. The first meeting held last Friday evening, was well attended and was a great success. Miss Harriet Peters, secretary of the organization, gave a short opening address, after which came refreshments and games. A very pleasant evening was closed with some suitable and excellent remarks by the Rector of the parish, Rev. Canon DeVeber. It is earnestly hoped that other branches of this useful and necessary institution may be shortly established in the various city parishes. All information respecting the Girls' Friendly Society will be cheerfully given by the secretary, Miss H. Peters, Wright Street, Portland.

DIocese OF QUEBEC

TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION.—At Levis, on the 6th inst., and in connection with the Church of the Holy Trinity was held a children's festival in a fine large room belonging to Mr. Dumontier and kindly lent by him and the Ship-Labourers' So-

ciety through their president Mr. Louis Sampson. To all of these hearty thanks are due. A feast was spread for the children at 5 o'clock at which about seventy sat down. A little after 7 o'clock parents and friends came in, and were offered more than an hour's entertainment in the singing of hymns and carols by the children and teachers led by Miss Annie and Miss Amelia Hamel, and by other pieces. Miss Mary Addie sang a song and also recited a "New Year's greeting." Miss Hunter gave a reading, and Master Francis O'Connell a recitation, and Miss Nuttie Piton sang a French song. Mr. King in a short opening address had welcomed all and explained the appropriateness of Twelfth Day festivities, and the programme was closed by a Hymn for the Epiphany. Then were distributed from a heavily burdened Christmas-tree its accustomed fruits of various kinds, sizes, shapes and colours. Every child attending the Sunday School received something off its branches and from the teachers—any distinction of presents being made mainly on the basis of most frequent attendance. For a few others also some valuable fruits had grown. Amongst these a rich and beautifully worked sofa cushion appeared and was presented to the Rev. Ernest King, by the Willing workers of his congregation. This is but one of many thoughtful and generous gifts bestowed upon the Rector during the recent festive season. Mr. King made a little speech in acknowledgement of this unexpected kindness, saying how much he appreciated the existence of those bonds of sympathy and good heartedness which such tokens evidenced, and how happy a thing it had always been to him for now over five years to feel that in all good works for the welfare of the children, and for the benefit of the parish generally, he had ever been able to count upon the kindly, active and zealous co-operation of the "Willing Workers." After the singing of the National Anthem the well-filled hall became an animated scene in the scramble for caps and wraps and in the preparation of young and old for their return home. The teachers and others had been unsparing of time and trouble and most liberal in their provision of refreshments and gifts. To all concerned, indeed, much credit is due for the great success which by common consent attended the amusement and the singing of the children and all the arrangements made for the festival.

VACANT MISSION FILLED.—The Rev. Alfred Taylor just arrived from England and late of New Zealand, has been appointed to the extensive mission of St. Sylvester and parts adjacent. At the request of the Bishop the Rev. Ernest King accompanied Mr. Taylor to introduce him to his field of work.

The Synod of the Diocese of Quebec assembled on the 13th inst. The Synod was opened by Divine Service in the English Cathedral. The Service was choral. The prayers were said by Rev. A. Taylor, Rev. H. C. Stuart and Rev. E. A. King, respectively. The Epistle was taken by Rev. Chas. Hamilton, and the Rev. G. V. Housman read the Offertory sentences.

The Lord Bishop was assisted in administering the Holy Communion by Principal Loble and Rev. H. J. Petry.

On conclusion of the Services the Synod proceeded to the National School Hall to organise.

The Synod was called to order at 3 p.m., when Rev. A. A. Von Iffland was elected Clerical Secretary; James Patton, Jr., Lay Secretary; E. Jones, Esq., Treasurer; and Messrs. R. H. Smith and James Patton, Jr., Auditors, respectively.

COMPLIMENTARY.—On the motion of Rev. Mr. Ridley, seconded by Rev. Dr. Roe, the Rev. John Ker, of the Diocese of Montreal, was invited to take a seat upon the floor of the Synod.

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE.—The Lord Bishop then delivered the following address, which was listened to throughout with the deepest attention.

His Lordship said:—

Rev. Brethren and Brethren of the Laity,—This is now the second occasion upon which the Synod has met for the dispatch of business in the

winter season. A winter session was tried two years ago as an experiment, and I am not quite sure whether in the judgment of the members the experiment is considered a successful one or not. For the missions in the Gulf the winter is, of course, an inconvenient time, but then, the difficulty of travelling to so great a distance makes it almost as impossible, it would seem, for those living in the seaside missions to attend when the Synod sits in the summer. For the rest, Quebec, though the crossing of the river may not be always unattended with inconvenience, is accessible even in winter; and most people, both in town and country, are then at leisure. I am told though, by many of the Clergy, that they find it inconvenient at that season to leave their homes for any length of time. We are now, I should suppose, in a condition to say definitely whether this is the best season for our meetings or not. And before we part I should like to have an expression of your opinion upon the point. Whatever time you may determine to be the best, I will make suitable to myself, and summon the Synod, accordingly. I have thought it well to say this at once, before going into the business we have to transact, because I want to have a clear understanding upon the matter.

Since last we met in Synod two of our brethren have left the Diocese. The Revd. Isaac Brock has taken a parish in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and the Rev. S. Nicolls has moved to the Diocese of Rhode Island.

The Revd. C. Rawson has taken a charge in England, and the Revd. M. M. Fothergill has taken a charge in the Diocese of Rhode Island. It is the intention of each of these gentlemen to return to the Diocese. The latter indeed has not relinquished his cure. The Revd. L. Dinzey, late Principal of Compton Ladies' College, has taken a charge in the Diocese of Vermont, which for the present at least, and in view of his possible return to the Diocese, he regards as temporary.

And one who promised to be one of the best of our Missioners, has died. The Rev. P. Trowbridge, who was ordained in 1883, never sat in the Synod, and is probably unknown to many of you. By those to whom he was known his unassuming piety, and his devotion to his Master's work were valued as they deserved to be.

The Rev. W. King, after a service of 44 years, in which he laboured with a zeal and assiduity seldom equalled, has retired from active duty.

From other dioceses have come to us the Rev. B. B. Smith, late of the Cathedral Church, Ottawa, now Rector of Sherbrooke,—not indeed a stranger to us, since he was educated at our own University of Bishop's College; and the Rev. J. W. Fyles, late of the Diocese of Montreal, now S. P. C. K. missionary to the immigrants at Levis; the Rev. J. Ridley, late of the Diocese of Huron, now assistant at the Cathedral of Quebec, and the Rev. J. W. Taylor, recently from England, but formerly missionary in New Zealand, to take the mission of St. Sylvester.

Other changes you will learn from the report of the Diocesan Board.

Those ordained are—Deacons, Rev. H. P. Trowbridge, Rev. W. J. Forsythe, Rev. R. Newton, Rev. W. C. Bernard, Rev. F. G. Scott, Rev. D. F. Mackenzie.

Priests—Rev. A. Judge, Rev. W. J. Forsythe.

The missions now vacant are: Labrador, which is in temporary charge of Mr. Willis, lay reader and school master, and St. John's, Melbourne, which has been served in the interim by the Rev. A. Balfour, Rector of Melbourne and Richmond.

I have confirmed since the Synod last met 1,155 persons.

I have consecrated the churches of Danville, Tingwick, Lorne, Cape Cove, Gaspe Basin, Peninsula, Grosse Isle (Magdalen Islands), Dixville.

At the request of the Synod I some time ago invited the clergy of the diocese to form temperance societies in their respective missions.

In many places it was found that the doing of this would produce an undesirable antagonism to already existing temperance associations; in others, branches of the Church of England Temperance Societies were established. Of these we have (so far as I