

gift of the scholars and teachers. Mr. Thornloe said he was completely taken by surprise, but thanked the donors most heartily, and said he hoped the lamp would be a help to him in learning further knowledge about that true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

MAGOG—The Sunday school scholars of St. Luke's Church held their annual distribution of prizes, gained during the past year, on the evening of the 3rd inst. In handing the prizes to the fortunate recipients, the Rector, spoke kind words of encouragement to those who had not made themselves so proficient as to entitle them to the same rewards. However, to make up for any deficiency in that respect each one was presented with a small sack of candies, besides apples and other toothsome dainties from the capacious bags brought in by Santa Claus and attendant societies.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

KNOWLTON—A watch night service was held in St. Paul's Church, on New Year's eve, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion just after midnight. The congregation was large for the hour appointed. Mr. J. H. Robinson, of Montreal, presided at the organ. At the close of the service Mr. Percy St. L. Gordon, on behalf of the parishioners, presented the Rector with a purse containing \$50, supplemental to the special Christmas offertory of over \$48.

BONDVILLE—The congregation of Christ the Good Shepherd, Bondville, held their Christmas tree entertainment on New Year's eve. The whole neighborhood attended and enjoyed the long programme of amusement provided. Mr. J. H. Robinson, of Montreal, was present to the delight of all there, and was remembered in the unloading of the tree, as was also the Rector and Mrs. Chambers.

Christ Church was very lovely in the Xmas decorations which were cleverly executed by the young people of the congregation. The ladies of this church are holding a series of socials at their own homes during the winter months. They have held three thus far and the ladies have already \$18 in the treasury for church purposes.

BROME CORNER—The Guild entertainment, held in the academy, was a decided success. There was an extensive programme, consisting of readings, songs and dialogues, all of which were well rendered, and the common verdict was it was a most delightful evening.

S. S. CONVENTION—The First Annual Convention of the Sunday school Institute of the Archdeaconry of Bedford, will be held in the village of Cowansville, on Wednesday, January 21st, 1891.

The officers of the Institute are:—President The Lord Bishop of Montreal; Vice President, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, M. A.; Secretary, Rev. R. D. Mills, M. A.; Committee: Rev. Canon Davidson, M. A., Chas. Bancroft, M. A., P. W. Chambers, B. A., W. C. Bernard, M. A., Wm. Robinson, and Messrs E. L. Watson, Jas. Mackinnon, Jas. Pettes, J. A. Nesbitt, George Robinson.

The programme for the day is as follows:—9:30 a. m. Holy Communion at Trinity Church, Cowanville; 10:30 a. m. Meeting in Young People's Association Hall. Paper by Rev. Canon Davidson, M. A., on 'Distinctive Church Teaching in Sunday Schools.' Discussion.

Afternoon Session: 2 p. m. Paper by Rev. W. P. Chambers, B. A., on 'Sunday school Services, regular and special.' Discussion. 3:30 p. m. Paper by the Rev. Rural Dean Nye, M. A., on 'Manuals and Leaflets.' Discussion.

Evening Session: 7:30 p. m. at Town Hall, presided over by the Vice-President; Devotional exercises; Hymns, Nos. 315, 391, 24, Hymns

A. & M.; The Apostles' Creed, Collects and the Lord's Prayer. Addresses on subjects connected with Sunday school work by the following:—Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M. A., Rev. Canon Thornloe M. A., the Hon. Justice Lynch, Prof. L. H. Davidson, D. C. L., and Mr. R. H. Buchanan.

AYLWIN AND WRIGHT—This thrice happy season has been observed more than usual in the Mission of Aylwin. There was Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at St. James', Wright, at 10:30 on Xmas day, and Evening Prayer with sermon at St. John's in the Wilderness, Aylwin, at 3 p. m., where the service was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and attentive congregation; both churches being neatly and prettily decorated.

Aylwin has to mourn the loss of one of its oldest members and past churchwardens, in the decease of Mr. Wm. Gainford, former mayor of the township: deservedly beloved, respected and lamented by all who knew him, for his earnest Christian piety and self-sacrificing devotion, not only to the Church, but also to his afflicted family.

New Year's day and the following evening the Sunday school children, parents and friends had a very enjoyable treat at the parsonage, in the form of a 'Fairy Xmas Ship' entertainment—the delight and surprise of the whole neighborhood—the novelty being the first of its kind ever seen up the Gatineau.

Mrs. Fraser, kindly assisted by Miss Jackson and choir, amused all present with a selection of songs, dialogues, readings, carols, recitations, choruses, and not the least amusing was 'The three blind Mice' in character. The sum of \$15 was collected on the occasion in aid of the much needed parsonage restoration fund.

LACHINE—On the 25th of Nov., 1890, a meeting of the congregation of St. Stephen's Church, Lachine, was held in the Church hall, for the purpose of organizing a Parish Guild. Upwards of sixty persons were present, and a guild was formed, called 'The Guild of St. Stephen's Church, Lachine.' This organization is intended to comprise all branches of parish work, and all classes of workers in the various departments of the Guild, which are called chapters. In the constitution provision is made for adding to the branches of work as the necessities of the parish require. At present the following chapters are in active operation and are working very satisfactorily:

1. The Sunday School Chapter. 2. The Choir Chapter. 3. The Sanctuary Chapter. 4. The Sewing Chapter, junior and senior. 5. The Musical, literary and concert Chapter. 6. The Collectors Chapter.

Other chapters will be organized shortly, viz.: 7. The visitors' chapter. 8. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew chapter. 9. The Missionary chapter. 10. The C. E. T. S. chapter. 11. The Dorcas chapter. 12. The King's Daughters chapter.

The officers of the Guild are a Master, who is the Rector of the parish, a warden, registrar and bursar, who with an elected representative called a head, from each chapter in actual operation, form an advisory board for the Rector, transact all the business of the Guild, and are called the Guild council.

The people of Lachine have taken hold of some branches of the work with enthusiasm, and although a few chapters may fall through, yet it is now an established fact, we believe, that the organization of the scheme will be productive of great good in parish activities.

The Sanctuary chapter took charge of the church decorations for the festal season of Christmas, and the outcome was a display of good taste and simple, chaste design, in doing honor to the commemoration of the Infant, Prophet, Priest and King. The services were largely attended by cheerful and devout congregations. The number of communicants at

both the early and midday services was encouraging.

The Sunday school Chapter have reason to thank the Father of mercies for the prosperity of this department of the Church's work. A few months ago the number of scholars was 35. Now there are 72 regular attendants, and 100 on the roll. On Epiphany afternoon and evening the Sunday school children were given their winter treat and Christmas tree. Beautiful prizes were awarded for regular attendance, good conduct and carefully prepared lessons. The cheerful generosity of the congregation enabled the officers of the Chapter to place a nice gift on the tree for each regular attendant of the Sunday school. The children gave readings and recitations and rendered that beautiful service of song, 'The Child Jesus.' A large number of the parents and friends of the Sunday school children were present in the commodious church hall, to witness the young people enjoy themselves and receive their prizes and gifts.

The Choir chapter has made a decided advance. We are happy to report that the services of a very efficient organist from Montreal has been secured to train the choir of St. Stephen's Church. In this connection we may state that a choir of men and boys has been formed, and it is hoped that after a course of training the services of the Church will be made still more devout and worthy the House of God.

Not the least pleasing item of news from this parish is the presentation of a good William's piano, to the congregation for use in the Church hall, from Mr. Willis, of Montreal. A special vestry meeting was held to pass a vote of thanks to Mr. Willis for his kind and generous gift, and the feelings which prompted the praiseworthy action.

The Sewing chapter is in a flourishing condition, and all the members are working hard for a sale of fancy and useful articles, to be held shortly after Easter.

It is to be hoped that the work of the Church here, which is now taken up in such an enthusiastic manner, may be carried on steadily with fervent zeal and united action to the honor and glory of God.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE—The four services held in the Parish Church of Kemptville, and Marlboro Mission Church on Christmas day were bright, impressive and well attended. The Rector's son, Mr. F. Bouchier Emery, read the Lessons, whilst his little daughter played the organ in Marlboro Church.

The special children's Service of Song on Sunday after Christmas was well rendered. Miss Chevers presided at the organ.

The annual Parochial Tea Festival was held in St. James' Hall on the first of January, Mrs. Laing and Miss Blackburn, the organist of the Parish Church, prepared an excellent musical programme, Mrs. S. Bower from Brandon, and the Misses Lake and Shepherd of Lyndhurst, and Mr. Grant of Trinity College, Toronto, kindly assisted. Both the vocal and instrumental music was very good. Amongst the soloists Mrs. O. Bascom's voice was greatly admired. The next day the children had a grand "At Home" from two to five which they enjoyed immensely. There were about 130 present.

The debt on the Memorial Church has been reduced to \$900.

The Ministering Children's League gave an excellent entertainment in the Parish Hall under the direction of their president, Mrs. Eudo 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 about \$18. The League sent a Christmas present to the Children's Convales-