

were bright, hearty and reverent. In the morning the Curate, the Rev. C. G. Snapp, known, the ever ready and never failing help; and therefore the necessity of going like the shepherds to Him at once." The offertories were the most generous given in the town for took as his subject, the Angels Song, and the Rector, the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe at night preached from Psalm ix. 5-10: "Jesus when years, and at the country stations they were four times as large as on any previous occasion. And when we consider the handsome fur coats given to the clergy one week before Christmas, we know the Ministers of Christ are not forgotten in this parish at least.

The Sunday-school entertainment on the evening of Dec. 30th., in the Town Hall, was a great success; the school is steadily increasing in numbers and religious zeal. The teachers are manifesting more real consecration for the work whereunto they have been called. Absentees have been looked after, and each teacher has had his or her class to tea, and the pleasant evenings have not passed by without a few words of instruction and friendly advice from one of the clergy.

Next year it is hoped the Church of the Good Shepherd, Riverstown, will be built to take the place of the old church which has stood for 30 years, and is most unfit for worship from decay.

During the Advent Season the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe in company with the Rev. Alfred Belt, of Arthur, held a most successful Mission in St. John's Church, Cayuga.

On New Years Eve a special "watch-night service" was held in St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, consisting of addresses from the clergy, and Holy Communion. The service was marked for its deep earnestness. The Celebrant was a brother of the Rector, the Rev. Elwin Radcliffe, of Ontario diocese, the Rev. G. B. Cooke, of Palmerston, reading the Gospel. The clergy of the parish giving the addresses. The fine bell of the church tolled the old year out and the new year in with grand tones, while priests and people knelt in prayerful silence. Those present will not soon forget the service.

DIocese OF HURON.

CLINTON.—The services at St. Paul's Church, which was beautifully decorated with evergreens, banners and illuminated texts on Christmas and on St. John's Day, were very numerous attended. At the latter Rev. Mr. Craig expressed his thanks to the congregation for the handsome donation made him on Christmas morning. The rendering of the anthems at both services was all that could be desired and fully maintained the character which the choir of the church have established. The meeting of St. Paul's Church Guild, in the new school house, are largely attended with the increased accommodation which the new building affords. The recent regulation by which parties not members of the guild or congregation are admissible on a five cent admission fee, seeming to be appreciated by outsiders.

BAYFIELD.—The Christmas tree gathering in connection with Trinity Church Sunday-school proved a grand success. The manner in which the children rendered their parts were excellent. The presents were numerous and very appropriate. Great praise is due the parties having charge of the programme for the very satisfactory manner in which every thing passed off.

WALLACEBURG.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron has appointed the Rev. J. Barefoot to the charge of this Mission.

The Ruri-decanal meeting of Middlesex was held in Christ Church school-room on the 12th. The attendance was fairly good, several laymen being present and taking an active interest in the Church's work. The Rev. Rural

Dean Smith presided. Rev. Evans Davis was appointed secretary. Arrangements were made for having Missionary sermons preached in each of the churches in the Deanery, and where required Missionary meetings will also be held, following the Missionary sermon. Other matters were discussed of interest to the Church and connected with the Deanery. The next meeting will be held in the same place on the third Thursday in May.

MITCHELL.—Bishop Baldwin has appointed Mr. Abraham Dent, solicitor, a lay reader in connection with Trinity Church. Mr. Dent was publicly inducted into the position by the rector, Rev. Mr. Ridley, at morning service on Sunday, the 3rd instant.

LONDON.—Bishop Baldwin's Bible Readings at St. Paul's have been resumed. They are held on Friday afternoons, from 4 to 5 o'clock.

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. Rural Dean Keys, of Chatsworth, to be incumbent of Clarksburg Mission, in room of Rev. H. Wylie, who has gone to England.

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

GRAVENHURST.—The Bishop has made his visitation to Gravenhurst, staying with us from Dec. 31st to January 5th.

The station at Taskerville was visited on New Year's Day; where the Bishop administered Confirmation and preached an impressive sermon. Gravenhurst had the benefit of two sermons from the Bishop on Sunday 3rd inst., and Confirmation in the morning service.

The station at Northwood was visited on Sunday afternoon for Confirmation, and the Bishop preached at that service. On Monday evening the Bishop met the Church officers at the parsonage, and a very pleasant evening was spent in talking over Church matters. The officers of the Church at Gravenhurst, thinking the time had come for some effort towards further self-support, passed a resolution to assess the Church \$100 towards the General Mission Fund from Easter 1886. This resolution was placed upon the minute book to be brought up at the annual meeting, at which time we hope the Church will pass the same, as there is a general opinion that the stronger congregations should do something to assist in the general work of the Diocese. The Bishop's visit has left behind very kind feelings towards him.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND,

INCLUDING THE DIOCESSES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSEHAW, MACKENZIE RIVER, QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

DIocese OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—The Christmas season passed off very satisfactorily. There is evidence of a revival of trade, and a very hopeful feeling among all classes.

The churches were decorated as usual, Christ Church and All Saints' elaborately, the others more simply.

At Christ Church, on Christmas Day, there were two celebrations, and 120 communicants. The service was, as usual, fully choral, the Communion Service being sung to Dykes in F. The choir numbered 42. The Christmas offertory for the Rector was \$62.35.

On New Year's Eve the choir was entertained by the congregation to a supper, when prizes were presented to the choir boys for attendance and good behaviour. The Rector was presented with a portrait by the men of the choir, 13 in number. Rev. H. H. Barber, of All Saints', was present, and gave an address. At 11 p.m. a midnight service was held, with celebration. There were 70 communicants, and the whole of the large congregation

remained throughout the service. Rev. Mr. Pentreath, Rector of the parish, conducted the service.

ALL SAINTS'.—Rev. H. H. Barber is making an excellent record in this parish. On Christmas Day there were two celebrations, and 97 communicants. The services are choral at all times. The Christmas offertory for the Rector was \$70.

Among many other acts of kindness, the parishioners have given Mr. Barber a handsome fur-trimmed overcoat, lined with chamois leather, a Persian lamb cap and gloves; and to Mrs. Barber a fur coat and cap.

A Guild has been formed, and a Parish Magazine started.

HOLY TRINITY.—This church is decorated with festoons and evergreens. There was a large number of communicants at the two celebrations on Christmas Day. Rev. O. Fortin conducted the service.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Canon O'Meara, incumbent of St. George's, is in the Maritime Provinces collecting for the Diocese. It is understood that he is about to resign his professorship in St. John's College.

The Bishop of the Diocese preached in St. George's on Christmas Day.

BRANDON.—This flourishing town, which has the only self-supporting parish outside of Winnipeg, has at last got a Rector. Rev. Ernest P. Flewelling, late Missionary at Dalhousie and Campbellton, N.B., has accepted the position, and arrived in Winnipeg on Sunday, Jan. 3rd. He assisted at Christ Church and All Saints', and left for his new work on Thursday morning. Mr. Flewelling is a native of New Brunswick, a son of the late Hon. W. P. Flewelling, formerly Surveyor-General of New Brunswick, and was for some years engaged in teaching, and was head of the firm of Flewelling, Anderson & Co., of Halifax, before entering the ministry. Before leaving, he received gratifying addresses from his late parishioners, with purses. He has been very successful, and has been a hard and faithful worker. The Mission was so extensive, and the salary so small, that he found himself unable to do the work properly, and he felt obliged to seek a change.

It is a defect in the Church system that the faithful, self-denying Missionaries are seldom appreciated in their own Diocese when parishes of any importance become vacant. Curacies in towns are given to young men in other parts of the Dominion, while parishes search over the world for a rector, and often pass by better men. It is often left for outsiders, and men in distant congregations, who know the worth of such men, to place them where their gifts can be used for the Church under more favorable circumstances.

PERSONAL.—Von. Archdeacon Pinkham has returned from his visit East. He collected between \$600 and \$700 for the Mission Fund.

DIocese OF SASKATCHEWAN.

LETHBRIDGE.—This place is in the District of Alberta, 800 miles west of Winnipeg. Five months ago there was not a house in the place. Now there is a population of 1,200. It is the headquarters of the Galt Mining Company, and outside of the company's buildings there are 200 of all kinds.

Preparations are being made to build a church in the spring. A site and several hundred dollars have been secured, and Sir A. T. Galt has given \$50 a year for five years towards the support of a clergyman.

CALGARY.—Judge Travis and Rev. Parke Smith have given the east window for the church. A bell has been placed in position in