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DEANERY.—The Ruri-Decanal Chapter will meet D. V. at Chester, on Thursday, February 18th. The Rev. C. P. Moller, is to be inducted as Rector of Petite Riviere on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. The Rev. T. W. Clift is to be inducted as Rector of Chester on Thursday, Feb'y 18th. The Rev. W. Lawlor is at present stationed at New Dublin.

LUNENBURG.—The following is from the *Argus*.—At St. John's church, the day was fittingly observed. The following were the services.

Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion at 10.30. The Children's service at 2.30 p. m.

Despite the disagreeable weather the services were largely attended. The sermon at the 10.30 service was by the Rev. Geo. Haslam, Rector, from the words: "Glory to God in the Highest" and was an eloquent presentation of the special facts connected with the Birth of Christ, and of the reasons for making the day one of rejoicing.

Both the vocal and instrumental music was a pleasing feature of the service. The Anthem, "Behold I bring you glad tidings," was very finely rendered, as also the hymns and other portions of the service. Mr. A. E. Cogswell, organist, presided with his usual proficiency, and was ably seconded by Mr. Arenburg, Cornet soloist.

The Children's Service in the afternoon, was unusually interesting. The numerous carols were very well sung, and the sweet words and sweet voices of the children made it indeed a service of Glad Tidings. As usual, the Rector catechised the children upon the special events connected with Christmas, and the replies were evidence of the care with which the children had been trained during the year in the Sunday School. The Superintendent C. E. Kaulback, Esq. also addressed the children in his usual felicitous manner, wishing them very many happy returns of the day.

The decorations at St. John's church on this occasion exceeded that of former years. Great pains had been taken to add to the appearance of this already handsome edifice, and all were impressed with the beauty and magnificence of the adorning, and much credit is due to those, who, with willing hands and warm hearts, labored so earnestly and devotedly for the beautifying of God's Temple, in honor of the birth of His Well Beloved Son.

The chancel and nave were wreathed with evergreen. The wreaths starting from the bases of the columns were twined round columns, arches, and hammer—beams, whilst heavy wreaths were looped from beam to beam. The pulpit was similarly decorated, with the addition of various sacred emblems in gold on a white back ground. Across the front of the gallery, which was also tastefully decorated in keeping with the rest of the building were the words, "Unto you is born this day, a Saviour, Christ the Lord," in large letters formed of spruce on a white back ground, all combining to make a scene of beauty rarely seen in our churches.

Work proceeds satisfactorily in the Parish. The New Year seems to have opened auspiciously. The first special appeal met with an encouraging response, the amount contributed exceeding that of any previous year; a result in great measure due to the generous gift of one, whose act, though done in secret was marked with approval by the All Father.

Steps are already being taken by our energetic librarian for the purchase of a large number of New Books for the Sunday school Library.

There has been very little sickness of a dangerous character during the past few weeks. LaGrippe has visited the town, and some of our members have been sufferers from not very serious attacks, amongst others our Church Warden, Mr. Watson S. Oxner. He, and all others, progress favorably.

Energetic steps ought, without delay, to be taken, to start our Guild of Church Workers.

CHESTER.—On Christmas morning after early service, Mr. C. E. Williams handed the