

show a very satisfactory condition of affairs everywhere. More especially do the early services at St. Mary's show encouraging signs. In a scattered country place like this it says a great deal when two and sometimes three 8 a.m. celebrations a month (winter and summer alike) on Sundays, and Saint Day celebrations (in summer) are kept up as they are here.

Two services were held on Xmas Day, and were exceedingly hearty. The Church was very prettily decorated, thanks to the efforts of several members of the congregation for some time before Carols were sung at the second service, as is the usual custom. The number of communicants was very cheering, in spite of the difficulty in getting to church, owing to the extraordinary weather for the season, there being scarcely any snow, and sleighing very bad indeed. The Offertory, both here and at Lancelot, was a Xmas gift to the Incumbent.

The annual S. School Xmas Tree was held on New Year's Eve, and a very large number of friends, besides the children, was present. After tea the children received and thoroughly appreciated their gifts, which this year were in great part given by members of the congregation, to whom our hearty thanks are due. Mrs. Lator, who has been most faithful in the Sunday school for years, received quite an ovation from the children, who know what a faithful friend she has always been to them. Games followed the distribution of the gifts, in which the elders heartily joined.

LANCELOT.

The Christmas day service at St. George's was signalized by the use of the new and handsome altar placed in the church on Xmas Eve. The making of the altar has been a real labor of love to one of the church wardens, Mr. John Marting, who labored indefatigably to have his work done by Xmas. Our hearty thanks are due to him for his work. It was appropriately clothed in a very handsome and costly frontal sent by a lady in England some time ago. The church looked very beautiful and expressions of admiration were frequent. The service was well attended and hearty, the carol singing being very good.

The Incumbent desires most gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of \$30 towards the cost of his horse, from the congregation of St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, being their Harvest Offering, and also \$5 for the same purpose from Mr. and Mrs. John Roper, Caledonia, Ont.

Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

The Bishop has administered the Holy Rite of Confirmation at the following places: At *Fort Qu'Appelle*, on Sunday, Nov. 15th, when four candidates (all males) were presented: at *Wapella*, on Sunday, November 22nd, when there were fourteen candidates (8 males and 6 females): at *Whitewood* on Tuesday, November 24th, when ten persons were Confirmed (5 males and 5 females). During the year 1891 there have been 97 persons Confirmed, as against 78 in 1890, the largest number in any one year except in 1889 when there were 178, but in the previous year, 1888, there had been only 25, owing chiefly to the absence of the Bishop in England. The number of Confirmations held was 14. On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, the Bishop Consecrated a new church at Wapella. This church is built of stone, and does very great credit to this little town.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Qu'Appelle Station on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. There were present: the Bishop in the chair, Revs. J. P. Sargent, L. Dawson, W. Nichols, H. S. Akehurst, and W. Lyon, Esq., of Messrs. Boyce & Joyner.

It appeared from the Treasurer's account's, that the expenses and receipts for the year seemed to be very nearly equal, and that there would be a balance on hand at the end of the year of about \$1200.

The Bishop estimated that the probable cost for Clerical maintenance for the coming year would be about \$7,500, supposing all posts filled up, whilst the income that could be relied upon was only \$6,400, viz., S. P. G. grant \$3,380: Private fund England, \$1,940: Eastern Canada say \$600, leaving a deficit of about \$1,000. In view of this fact he had issued an earnest appeal to the Clergy and Church wardens throughout the diocese for additional help and increased local contributions.

MOOSE JAW.

The beautiful little church here has been almost entirely destroyed by fire. Being built of concrete the walls remain standing but the interior was destroyed on the night of Dec. 17th. The loss amounts to about \$800.00. On the following Sunday the services were held in the parsonage and a donation of \$100.00 towards the re-building of the Church was placed in the offertory by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. A lady has promised \$50.00 and a gentleman \$25.00, and another lady a new organ.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.—The Christmas festival at the breaking up of the term, was held on the 16th December. A large company, including the Lord Bishop, several of the clergy of the diocese, and friends of the school, were entertained at supper by the Principal of the College and the Head master. The boys afterwards performed a short play entitled "The Compliments of the Season," in which they acquitted themselves admirably and gave great pleasure to the audience.

The next term begins on Thursday the 14th January.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

The month of December was a busy one for the Bishop of the Diocese and for the Committees of the Synod. Several of these met in the first week of December, over which the Bishop presided. Amongst others the Advisory Board of Education, the Executive Committee of Synod, the University Council, the Finance Committee of the Church Missionary Society and the Council of St. John's College.

On Saturday the 5th Dec., the Bishop went to Portage la Prairie only reaching it however early Sunday morning through delay of the trains. He preached both morning and evening at St. Mary's Church and celebrated Holy Communion at the former Service. There were good congregations.

On Saturday, Dec. 12th, the Bishop left for Oak Lake only reaching there about 9.30 Sunday morning. He preached at St. Alban's Church and administered Communion in the morning and then drove to Griswold with the Rev. Mr. Quinney, where he preached again in St. Margaret's Church. In the evening returning to Oak Lake he administered Confirmation in St. Alban's Church to 4 candidates.

On Dec. 10th, the Bishop visited Minnedosa and held a Confirmation in the afternoon at St. Mark's Church, when 14 were confirmed, and preached at evening service.

On Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, the Bishop presided as Warden at the reading of the results of the Christmas Examinations in College and School. These were found very satisfactory. On Sunday Dec. 27th, his Lordship held an Ordination in Christ Church Winnipeg, when Mr. Frank A. S. Mercer was ordained to the Diaconate, and the bishop himself was the preacher.

MORRIS.

ALL SAINTS.—On the 14th Dec. last the Ladies' Aid held a Bazaar in the School house, the gross receipts from which amounted to \$130.00. Mrs. Collum and Mrs. Hamilton were largely instrumental in bringing about this result. They are also canvassing for subscriptions, to pay off the mortgage on the Church amounting to \$188.50.

WINNIPEG.

A Conference of the missionaries and friends of the Church Missionary Society commenced on the 10th Jan., continuing into the present week.

The Cathedral Ladies' Aid Society held its annual sale of work on Friday the 18th ult., the gross receipts amounting to about \$20.00, which will be applied on the debt on the school house.

During Advent service was held every Wednesday evening in the Cathedral, and similar services will be so held in Lent.

SOLSGIRTH.

On the 15th ult., His Lordship the Metropolitan consecrated St. James' Church and Churchyard, here.

BIRTLE.

The Rev. Canon Edrup of Bremhill, Calne, Wiltshire, England, has presented St. George's, Birtle, with a beautiful silver Communion Service comprising, silver flagon, chalice, two patens, apostle spoon, and brass alms dish as an "In Memoriam" present.

A FACT TO BE REMEMBERED.

It always has seemed to us that one of the best refutations of the Romish calumny, that the Church of England began with King Henry VIII, lies in the fact that overtures were made in the reign of Elizabeth, after the reformation was complete, to reconcile the Church of England with Rome. "If England would but come back to the Roman obedience all would be well." In the overtures which the Pope Pius V made, there was no hint that the ministry of the English Church was not regular and apostolic, nor that her sacraments were not valid. And all this was the act of an infallible Pope! Whatever the Church of England was in her ministry and sacraments in the sixteenth century she is to-day.

"Life is full of partings; partings from old friends and old places; and away to begin a new life. As we say farewell, we know that if we never meet again, we leave our marks behind and what we pass from, leaves its marks on us. So we feel as we gaze at the dying year, God give us grace to know what it has done for us: and we for it."