

January 4, 1912.

CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

Annapolis.—St. Luke's.—The Christmas Eve service at St. Luke's was attended by a good congregation. The tasteful decorations, consisting of ample wreathing and banners in the sanctuary and nave, were made more effective by the beautiful electric star, the gift and work of Mr. C. Perkins. The music consisted of carols, Christmas hymns and the Psalms. The Rev. H. S. Wainwright preached his last of a course of Advent sermons. There were 30 communicants at the 8 o'clock Christmas Day celebration and 50 at the midday celebration. The choir sang the special and festival music with credit. Jackson's Te Deum, Simper's "Tell It Out"—the historic Adeste Fideles and other similar numbers gave expression to the joy of the faithful in the Nativity of our Lord. Mrs. How and the choir are receiving many compliments. J. F. Elliott was the soloist and was in good voice. Messrs. G. E. Burton and Charles Whitman kindly assisted. Mrs. H. D. deBlois furnished an abundant supply of fragrant white flowers for the retable. The offertory contained, besides envelopes for current purposes, a welcome gift for Mrs. How and \$33.73 for the rector. This and other similar gifts are very tangible proofs of goodwill towards men, which are heartily appreciated by the favored recipients. The Christmas tree on Holy Innocents' Night was a grand success. The Sunday school house was full. The tree was gloriously decorated and fully laden with all manner of candy bags and fruits, to which the children did ample justice. Mrs. How had previously furnished a short carol service, preceded by Collect for the day and said by the rector. The teachers gave prizes to the winners in Sunday departments. The congregation cheerfully assisted in furnishing the tree. Cyrus Perkins gracefully performed the role of Santa Claus.

Charlottetown.—St. Peter's Cathedral.—A very interesting presentation and address was made on Christmas Eve to the Rev. Canon Simpson to commemorate his Silver Jubilee as priest-vicar of St. Peter's Cathedral. The Rev. H. Scott Smith, assistant priest, presided, and stated that the presentation was enhanced by the fact that it was made in the names of all connected with the congregation—choir and Sunday school every one without an exception most gladly contributing. The chairman then asked the senior churchwarden (Mr. Foster) to read the address and present the canon with a handsome silver salver, suitably inscribed. The address was as follows:—"To the Rev. Canon Simpson, M.A. Reverend and Dear Sir:—We, the members of the congregation, choir and Sunday school of St. Peter's, desire to offer to you our most hearty congratulations on the celebration of your 'Silver Jubilee' as priest incumbent. We look back over the twenty-five years and feel satisfied to Almighty God for that love and confidence which has always existed between priest and people worshipping in St. Peter's. We feel very deeply your unflinching devotion to those God has committed to your care, and we pray that God in His goodness may spare you for many years to come to continue your good work amongst us and that His loving favour may ever be extended to you and your family." Canon Simpson in reply, thanked the subscribers very heartily for their appreciation of his services and said that the presentation was unexpected, as that on the occasion of his celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his priesthood the congregation had marked the occasion by presenting him with a purse. The canon spoke of those who left the Island to make their homes elsewhere, and said how many more attractions there were in Prince Edward Island than was generally thought. Mr. Cotton (who has been a member of St. Peter's congregation since the church was built), in a few words congratulated the canon on his twenty-five years' service, and expressed the hope that he would for a long time be spared to continue his good work at St. Peter's.

FREDERICTON.

John Andrew Richardson, D.D., Bishop,
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Chatham.—The great Festival of Christmas was duly celebrated in St. Mary's and St. Paul's Churches with appropriate and interesting services. The first evensong of the Festival was on Christmas Eve in St. Paul's at 3 p.m. and in St. Mary's at 7 p.m. The music at both services was well sung by the choirs, and included the Anthem "Sing O Heavens," etc., by Simper, in addition to the usual Christmas hymns, carols, etc. The second service was a choral celebration

of the Holy Eucharist in St. Paul's at 8 a.m. on Christmas Day. There were 49 communicants and the service was in every way appropriate. The third service was a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's at 11 a.m., morning prayer having been said at 10 o'clock. At the conclusion of Morning Prayer the teachers and children of St. Mary's Sunday school presented the rector with a handsome copy of the Hymn Book of the Canadian Church and other tokens of goodwill and esteem, for which the Ven. Archdeacon Forsyth expressed his thanks and stated that the gifts would be gratefully appreciated. For the Choral Eucharist a new Service by Simper was well sung by the choir and was much appreciated for its devotional helpfulness. There were the usual Christmas hymns and a sermon on the Incarnation by the rector. There were 50 communicants. Both churches were appropriately decorated for the Festival and all the services were in keeping with religious joy of the sacred Season. Before his sermon in St. Mary's on Christmas Eve Archdeacon Forsyth stated that the contributions to the King's College Endowment Extension Fund had amounted to \$850 and it was hoped that there might be \$1,000 by the end of the year.

Moncton.—The Advent session of the Deanery of Shediac was held in this place with a good attendance of members. Evening prayer was said in St. George's Church, the rural dean being preacher. The corporate communion was celebrated next morning, when all the brethren present at the meeting received. At the following business session the missionary apportionments were fully discussed, previous to the meeting of the representatives of the parishes which was called for the same morning. On adjournment being had for the purpose of attending the latter, the brethren assembled with the delegates in the schoolroom of the church. A good deal of discussion as to the apparently uneven distribution of the sum required, took place, and resolutions were passed asking for information from the Diocesan Board as to the rule or method followed in apportioning the deaneries; and affirming that in the opinion of the meeting the apportionments upon the various parishes should not exceed 10 per cent. of the average ordinary expenditures. The incumbents of the parishes were requested to send to the deanery representatives the number of Church families, the total Church population, and the average annual expenditures in their respective cures, so that an equitable basis of apportionment might be arrived at. The sum apportioned to the deanery, viz., \$1,375, was then divided upon much the same lines as formerly, between the eight parishes of which the deanery consists, it being understood that a more even and equitable basis should be determined upon for the next division. On re-assembling at the rectory, the Choral Union Committee reported the following selections had been made for the Festival Service approaching: Hymns, 380, 603, 656, 406; psalm, 104; canticles, F. C. Maker in D. anthem, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," by H. Elliot Button in F. flat. It was decided to hold the next festival in Dorchester, with the rector's concurrence. Mr. A. Woodhouse, organist of St. George's Church, Moncton, to be conductor. On invitation of the rector of Peticodiac, the brethren decided to assemble there for the spring session. On motion, Mr. R. W. Hewson was elected representative of the deanery on the Board of Missions, the Rev. W. B. Sisam being the clerical representative. At the suggestion of the Rev. R. Coleman, a scheme of united prayers for the parishes in the deanery, whereby each parish should be remembered by all at the throne of Grace one day in every week, was adopted. The customary Greek, Latin and English lessons were on motion postponed, owing to lack of time. The brethren separated, after being very heartily entertained by the rector and Mrs. Sisam, feeling that a most profitable and important meeting had been held.

QUEBEC.

Andrew H. Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec, P.Q.

Quebec.—Both in all the churches in this city as also in all the churches throughout the diocese generally, the Christmas Festival was loyally and heartily observed. On Christmas Eve carols were sung and on Christmas Day the special musical portions of the various services were very well rendered by the several choirs. The churches were well filled by throngs of worshippers at all the Christmas services and large numbers made their Christmas Communion on Christmas Day.

Lake Edward.—Though far from the sound of Christmas bells, yet the Festival of Christmas was ushered in, with all seasonable honours, at the Sanitarium during Christmas week. Thanks to the large hearted generosity of many friends in Quebec, the indefatigable energy of Miss Ida Dodd, the lady superintendent, the wise counsels of Dr. E. A. Craig, M.D., the house physician, and last, but far from least, the ubiquitous assistance of Mr. Wm. Melville, the sine qua non of the establishment, arrangements were made for a real old-time Christmas. The hall and corridors festooned with evergreens and berries, the "bit of Christmas" behind the pictures, the best substitute for bells procurable swung from the mantelpiece, under which the Yuletide log brightly burned, the large, well-stocked tree in the centre presented a gala appearance, announcing to the visitor that a dispensation had been granted for the nonce, and that the staff, friends and patients of the Sanitarium were en fete with the rest of Christendom on this glad Christmas Day. A sumptuous repast had been prepared of roast turkey and plum pudding, with other seasonable viands, which was done full justice to. An adjournment was then made to the hall, where Dr. Craig in fitting words, proposed a vote of thanks to the many kind friends who had made the present occasion possible. His words were received with acclamation. A distribution of the presents then took place. Music and games followed, with social intercourse until, what for those "taking the cure," is a late hour. Thus ended a very happy evening for those, though away from home, yet here may find "a home from home." On Wednesday in Christmas week, the Hon. Chaplain, the Rev. E. Templeman, visited the institution, holding service, when the old Christmas hymns were sung and an appropriate address given on the text, "God with us." The following morning Holy Communion was administered.

MONTREAL.

John Cragg Farthing, D.D., Bishop, Montreal.

Montreal.—St. James the Apostle.—At an adjourned vestry meeting of the congregation of this church, which was held on Thursday evening, December 28th, for the purpose of choosing a successor to the late Rev. Canon Ellegood, the Rev. A. P. Shatford, the present curate-in-charge, received a substantial majority of the votes of those present. The Rev. Canon Shreeve, rector of Sherbrooke, was named as an alternative. The two names have been submitted to the Bishop of Montreal and his choice will be announced at a special vestry meeting which is to be held this evening.

Grenville.—St. Matthew's.—On St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, the Lord Bishop of Montreal, the Right Reverend J. C. Farthing, D.D., ordained to the priesthood at this church, the Revs. Frederick William Schaffter and Horace George Leonard Baugh. During the earlier part of the week the Bishop had conducted quiet days for the ordinands; these exercises concluded on Wednesday evening with a well attended public service at which the Bishop preached an excellent sermon on the unbroken and world-wide continuity of the priesthood of the Holy Catholic Church. The service was read by the rector, the Rev. W. J. P. Baugh, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Garner of Lakefield. The ordination service commenced at 10 o'clock on Thursday, having been preceded by matins. The Bishop, wearing his Convocation vestments, attended by the clergy and preceded by his chaplain bearing the pastoral staff, made a very imposing procession through the church. The sermon, addressed to the ordinands and the laity, was preached by the Rev. Canon Paterson Smyth, D.C.L., Litt.D., rector of St. George's, Montreal, and examining chaplain to the Bishop of Montreal. The text was taken from 2 Tim. 4:1, and the discourse at once caught and maintained until the end the most earnest attention of every listener, both clerical and lay. The preacher, with his beautiful voice and diction, drew rich treasures from his own long and varied clerical experience, bringing light upon an occasional point with telling humour or pathos. After dwelling upon the solemn, awful responsibilities of the clergy, their duties and their needs, he proceeded to describe, step by step, the call to the ministry, its definiteness, its supernatural directness, then to preparation, setting apart, and the solemn sacred charge of those sent forth to minister. After touching upon the sacerdotal duties of the ministry the preacher emphasized the office of preaching. "Preach