

of laying on of hands. His Lordship addressed the young people in loving earnest words which will not soon be forgotten, and the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, rector of St. Martin's, Montreal, preached a touching sermon. The Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas by loving hands, and looked better than usual. The temporary wood screen was particularly effective surmounted with the text, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings" in white gothic letters on crimson background. The crimson banner-ets were suspended from the walls of nave and chancel bearing different sacred monograms executed in gold by an ecclesiastical artist. The walls and windows were wreathed gracefully in hemlock as also the font, pillars, and chancel screen. The pulpit, lectern, prayer-desk, and holy-table, were vested in the festal white, and the latter had on the re-table four vases of choice cut flowers from the greenhouse of E. Wilgress, Esq. A handsome new white dossal hung behind the Holy table having blue orphreys and filled in with crimson *fleur de lys*, and the sacred monograms "I.H.S., Alpha and Omega" in the centre panel. There were upwards of sixty communicants on Christmas Day, many of whom came to the early celebration.

The services were choral, and the sacred building was crowded. At the evening service especially when the choir was augmented by a number of the Sunday-school children singing carols; the Church was packed with people, it being the largest congregation on record here. The carols were as follows: "When Christ was born of Mary free," "Carol, carol Christmas," "Carol, sweetly Carol," "A Virgin most pure." The offertories amounting to fifty dollars were presented by the Churchwardens to the Rector, Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, who has every reason to feel encouraged by the way his people rally around him and strengthen his hands in Church work. The Rectory has through the kindness of the Vestry and the two energetic Churchwardens, been put into perfect repair, and is most comfortable.

The two strong Guilds (senior and junior) meet there every Thursday and Saturday to work in order to raise funds for building a Sunday-school hall, which is greatly needed for the Parish. Mrs. Winterbourne is the President of both of these organizations and receives enthusiastic support. An entertainment instrumental and vocal, interspersed with five scenes of tableaux, was given at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 28th of December, at which \$25 was cleared towards the Sunday-school building fund. The performers did their parts excellently, and great credit is due to all. The quaint old carol, "Good King Wenceslas" was a pleasing and appropriate introduction to the scene of the children surrounding the illuminated Christmas tree in company with "Santa Claus." It would, however, take up too much space to enter into any detail of the excellently prepared programme, which was so thoroughly appreciated by the large audience on that occasion.

On the Festival of the Epiphany (twelfth night) the Sunday-school children had their annual Christmas festival, and were entertained with a magic lantern, each receiving a present from the Christmas tree.

FRELIGHTSBURG.—The usual Christmas services were held with good attendance and hearty worship in the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church (which had been pleasingly and significantly decorated) on the morning and evening of Sunday. On Monday evening the time-honored observance of universal Christendom, was carried out in the form of a Christmas tree of symmetrical proportions, gaily festooned, and brilliantly illuminated and burdened with those more valued accessories for which Santa Claus is proverbial in his most genial moods. The members of the Sunday-school and Rector's bible class had provided

for them an ample repast through the unflinching readiness of the ladies of the parish at 5 o'clock; and occupied their time actively until the admission of the general public at 7 o'clock when the spacious and convenient Memorial Hall was filled by a multitude whose glowing countenances reflected the enjoyment of Christmas cheer, and the apprehension of Christmas joys. The exercises of the evening were interspersed with prayer, selections of prophecy, and fulfilment from the Sacred page, joyous carols contributed through volunteers led by Miss Landsberg, Miss G. Davidson, and the choir. These with some dilations as to Christmas origin, Christmas customs, carols, Church decorations and divergent national practices, filled up the programme which secured the unflinching attention of all, and the commendation, at least, of most. It was a joyous gathering. The Rector is to be congratulated on the hearty co-operation of those, whose self-denying work and faithfulness are fruitful and unceasing and specially on the labours, which in this instance, conferred so much happiness upon all.

ARUNDEL.—Had some person from some of the older missions and congregations in our Diocese been present at the service on Christmas morning, in Grace Church, I think they would have come to the conclusion that, though in the "backwoods" and forming part of a new mission, the people here know how to honour the birthday of their Lord and King. The Church was decorated very tastefully; generally acknowledged to have been the best decoration the Church has had. The congregation was very large; the responses and singing were good throughout, the service was a worthy one. The services in the out-station were equally well attended.

The day after Christmas day (Monday) our festivities were continued, in the shape of a social, entertainment, and Christmas tree. The social was good, the entertainment better, but the "Tree" outshone them both; every part of the programme passed off very unanimously. The efforts of each Committee were crowned with the greatest success. A great many people took advantage of the splendid repast provided, the proceeds of which after expenses are paid, will be devoted to the Sunday-school library fund.

The chief part of the entertainment was rendered by Sunday-school scholars, and right well did they go through the several pieces allotted to them. Misses Smyth and Higginson had spared no pains in making this part of the fest. enjoyable. The Rev. W. Saunders, of Lachute, was with us, and gave us an excellent address.

The presents on the Tree this year were far above the average. We are greatly indebted to the Women's Auxiliary Diocesan Association, Montreal, who assisted us in this part of our Festival by sending a splendid collection of presents. To Mr. Fisk, also of Lachute, who sent us several things. The Incumbent, Rev. W. Harris, received from the tree many tokens of esteem from his parishioners, one, was a purse containing \$22.

We have Social and "Tree" no. 2, to be held in one of the out-stations on Monday, Jan. 9th. During '87 our mission has shown great signs of life, let us hope they will increase in '88.

BOLTON.—A well spent Advent season with Special services, surprisingly well attended, had prepared the people of this Mission for a truly happy Christmas. During the week before Christmas, clever fingers were busy in preparing the three Churches for the festival. Pure white hangings with neat and appropriate designs, in evergreen, lent brightness to the somewhat severe designs of the buildings, and as all the Church people were anxious to have a part in the work the decorations were more

perfect than would be expected in so small, and out of the way a mission.

On Christmas Eve the Sunday-school scholars had their treat in the shape of a Christmas tree in the Town Hall. The little people sang some carols and Church songs in an acceptable manner, recitations and addresses were delivered, and the orthodox children's Saint appeared to present the gifts. No one was forgotten, the People's Warden, Mr. L. Fuller, receiving special gifts from the congregation in acknowledgement of the conscientious manner in which he performs the many duties.

The Christmas Day service began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. At 10.30 the services were Matins, and choral celebration. Mr. J. P. Hall, who kindly lent his powerful chamber organ for the day, conducted the united choirs of the Mission, singing the responses in a hearty reverential manner. It was the first time for the Liturgy to be sung in Bolton, and the large mixed congregation present seemed to enjoy it exceedingly. The "Adeste fidelis" was sung during the reception, the "Nunc Dimittis" at the close of the service. The number of communicants was large, within about half a dozen of the total reported to the last Synod. In the afternoon and evening, services were held in the Churches at South and East Bolton. The offertory collections were unusually good for this Mission, and for this large sum of money over \$40, as well as for the many presents sent to the Parsonage, as found upon the trees, the Incumbent is very thankful.

On Holy Innocent's day Lieut. (now Captain) E. J. Chambers, of the 6th Fusiliers, Montreal, who was chief of the *Star's* staff of correspondents during the late Northwest troubles, delivered a most interesting lecture on the Riel Rebellion, in the Town Hall. The violent storm prevented many of the ticket-holders from attending, but all present were delighted with the lecturer's handling of the subject. Some \$30 was secured for the formation of an organ fund.

COTE ST. PAUL.—Church of the Redeemer.—A Special service was held here on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11.30, and continuing till after midnight. On Sunday (Circumcision day) the usual morning and evening services were held, with fair attendance. On the evening of Epiphany the annual S. S. Festival and Christmas Tree entertainment took place; there was a large attendance of scholars and friends. A short preliminary service was held, after which the children had tea and enjoyed themselves in the Hall until the time arrived for dismantling the tree, from which every scholar received some token of affliction. Not only so, but the teachers also were remembered, each receiving a gift. The branches of this attractive tree also contained gifts for one who is well and deservedly beloved, and who has rendered long and faithful services as Organist,—Miss Gilmore—who received from the Ladies' Aid a beautiful toilet case, and from another member a handsome Prayer-book. The "Beehive" marked their appreciation of the kindly and ready assistance of their friend and Patroness Mrs. Carver, by presenting her with a beautiful basket. After all the presents had been distributed by Dr. Davidson, with the aid of Mr. Lewis Williams, (who though now residing four miles more from the Cote, yet evidenced his kindly remembrance and interest in the mission work by giving up much of the afternoon to preparing the tree and hall.) Mr. T. W. Bur sell in a short and laudatory address on behalf of the congregation, presented Dr. Davidson with an envelope which was found on subsequent examination to contain a sum of \$90 contributed by the Ladies' Aid, and other members of the congregation; and an illuminated card, on which was written: "To L. H. Davidson, M.A., D.C.L., Q.C., presented by the Congregation of the Mission Church of the Redeemer, Cote St. Paul, as a mark of their grate-