

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHREBROOKS.—*St. Peter's.*—A beautiful brass altar cross was presented by the Rev. Dr. Reid to St. Peter's Church on the first Sunday in the year. The presentation was made at the offertory in the following words: "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one Holy and undivided Trinity, I desire to make an offering of this Altar Cross to the service of Almighty God in this Church and as a memorial symbol of the one full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ made on the cross for the sins of the whole world." To which the Rector, receiving the cross and placing it in position, replied: "In the name of this congregation I gratefully accept this cross and present it to Almighty God, in the hope that as our eyes rest upon it we may remember the cross that is to be in our lives and follow Him who suffered on the cross faithfully to our lives end."

IRELAND.—Church work is progressing in this mission. The required sum has been raised to meet Mr. Robert Hamilton's generous offer of \$150 to augment the Endowment Fund. Polished brass altar-rail standards have been procured for Christ's Church, Lower Ireland, and iron ones for Trinity Church, Maple Grove. Both Churches have been nicely carpeted in the chancel and choir, and a good strip of coconut matting has been laid in the aisle of former to prevent noise. A new fence has been built about the cemetery of Trinity Church and one side of the roof of the Church building has been reshingled. A set of duplex burner lamps has been placed in St. Luke's Church, Adderley.

Services have been resumed at Keough's Range school house and are well attended. Steps have been taken to reopen the services at Black Lake Station, and the prospects look encouraging. A very successful Christmas Tree entertainment was given in the Church Hall, Lower Ireland. The tree was profusely laden with beautiful gifts and the clergyman was not forgotten. There was a very amusing programme of readings, recitations, music, &c. Judging from the rounds of applause that greeted the performers from time to time, the programme was appreciated. One very pleasing feature of the evening was an original recitation by Mr. Alexander Ward, in which he pointed out the silent workings of a Divine Law manifested in the instinct of insects, birds and animals, thereby tracing the "Footprints of a Creator," and of a supreme Law Giver in the animate world. Proceedings were closed with the National Anthem.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—On the 22nd Dec., to the great grief of her fond parents and numerous friends, Lottie, the second beloved daughter of James Porter, Esq., and his wife Eliza, "fell asleep in Jesus." Her departure was so unexpected. Ever so bright and active, one thought that she had every appearance of a long life. A faithful member of the Sunday-school, an officer of the "Ministering Children's League," a regular church goer, frequent at the Holy Altar, one who delighted in regulating her devotions by the "narrow way," was duly honored in the last rites of her holy Mother the Church. The "Ministering Children's League," with the officers, wearing their badges walked in the funeral procession. The Rector, Mr. Emery, attended by the Revs. Messrs. W. A. Read and S. Daw, received the remains at the principal entrance of the Church. The grand Memorial Church was densely packed by the congregation, a large number having to remain outside. The Rev. S. Daw took the first part of the service; the choir sang appropriate hymns, the Rector preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The coffin was covered with exquisite crosses and wreaths of lovely roses, and

lilies, furnished by Sorin of Ottawa, the altar with its handsome festive frontal of white large cross and vases of cut flowers, bespoke a bridal company, harmonizing with the belief of those around that she departed from our mortal sight, had now become "the bride of Jesus." After the committal, at the request of the Rector, the "League" and some other friends returned to the Church, when a Litany was sung and prayers of intercession were offered in behalf of the bereaved by the Rev. W. A. Read.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas day services were unusually bright and well attended. There were some 180 communicants present.

On the Feast of St. Stephen the Sunday-school marched from St. James Hall to Church at 3 p.m., where they had their special Festival service of song, as arranged by Mr. Hutchins, of Boston. There were a large number of persons present. On entering the Church for an early celebration on the Feast of the Circumcision, the Rector was surprised to find a very handsome chair, the back with canopy reaching six or seven feet high. The donor had succeeded in placing it in the Church unknown to any one. The Rector made fitting reference to the offering, and on Sunday evening it was duly presented to the service of the Church and accepted, at the time of making the offertory. After the Churchwarden had presented the offertory to the Rector at the usual place, the chancel stops. They placed the chair in position and presented the following address, read by the clergyman's warden, Robert Leslie, Esq.

"*Reverend Sir:* The Churchwardens have much pleasure in presenting, in behalf of some generous donor, this beautiful Bishop's chair to you as Rector of the Memorial Church to be placed in the "ancient position," there to remain for all time, for the requirements of our beloved Church."

The Rector on accepting the chair, said that it afforded him pleasure in doing so for two reasons in particular, first because the great costliness of the chair convinced him that the donor—unknown to him, had not grudged to lay his gold at the feet of Christ, and secondly the intention of the donor to honor the Bishop showed his loyalty to those "over him in the Lord." He promised to have the chair properly placed, and pointed out how that even when empty, it would be a silent witness to the faith of Churchman and their allegiance to the Apostolic order.

At the Feast of St. Stephen the Sunday-school children made a special offering for the Indian homes under the Rev. E. F. Wilson.

On New Year's day the ladies of St. James' gave their annual Tea festival, assisted by the musical talent of the parish. It passed off most successfully.

KINGSTON.—The regular meeting of St. George's Cathedral Young Men's Literary Society was held on the 5th instant the attendance was good. Two anonymous papers, one on the necessity of Trade Schools, and the other, A visit to Westminster Abbey, were read, both of which evoked discussion by those present. Mr. Waterbury, of the Merchants Bank, read a paper on the massacre of the Hurons, which he illustrated by maps, this paper was exceedingly interesting.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Society was held in St. James' school house, on the 4th inst., and was fairly attended. After the meeting had been opened with prayer and a hymn was sung. Miss Wade read the minutes of the last meeting. Communications were read by Mrs. J. K. McMorine in the absence of the corresponding secretary. The minutes of St. George's auxiliary showed that, besides a large box at Christmas, that Society had sent \$65.95 to Algoma. St. Paul's Auxiliary sent a box and \$16 to the same mission. The different churches during the last quarter, contributed the following sums: St. George's, \$62.25; St. James' \$60.26; St. Paul's

\$50.90. Rev. Mr. Scantlebury, in a short address, returned thanks to the ladies of St. George's and St. Paul's for the boxes of presents forwarded by them. He alluded to the increase of the missions in North Frontenac during the past four years, and then stated that he intended to ask the ladies to help him to build a church in that district. While at Ottawa a short time ago he collected 160 dollars towards building a Church at Burke's school-house. The Society in England granted him £20, and if he could raise \$100 more he would be able to start to build. Out of the four Missions in North Frontenac he held service in three of them every Sunday. Last year North Frontenac and Arden sent \$160.91 to the Mission Board, a little girl alone collecting \$20 of the sum. It was announced that Rev. Mr. Carey was absent from the meeting through ill-health. Rev. Mr. McMorine thanked Rev. Mr. Scantlebury for his address, and then the meeting dispersed.

LOMBARDY.—Two interesting and largely attended services were held in Trinity Church, which was beautifully decorated with evergreens, on Christmas day. The first service was held at 10.30 a.m. and consisted of appropriate music and the Holy Communion, of which a large number partook. The second service was held at 7 p.m. and consisted of a choral service with an eloquent sermon by the Rev. A. J. Fidler from the text "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given." The music was beautifully rendered by the choir. At the close of the service, the congregation presented their "Priest" with a purse and handsome robe, as a slight token of their appreciation of his labors among them. Mr. Fidler thanked the congregation warmly for their gift as well as for their hearty co-operation in the work of rebuilding and beautifying the Church. The congregation of Trinity Church consider themselves fortunate in the possession of so earnest and energetic a clergyman as Mr. Fidler, and it is their heartfelt wish that he may be permitted to remain with them through many happy Christmas tides.—*Com.*

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CENTRETON.—An oyster supper followed by an entertainment was given in this village on the evening of January 1st, and was well patronized. The Rev. J. T. Hodgkins, M.D., of Colborne, delivered an address, and the local talent was supplemented by several members of the Grafton choir. About forty dollars will be realized, which will be in aid of the building fund of St. John's Church.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—Previous to Christmas Day a goodly number of the young people of the congregation turned out to decorate their Church for the great Festival so near and dear to the hearts of all. The effect of the decorations was very good, the chancel screen, banners and numerous wreaths blending together, so as to show off the sacred edifice to the best advantage. The services on Saturday began by an early celebration at 8 a.m. of the Holy Communion, the Curate, the Rev. C. G. Snapp, celebrated, assisted by the Rector; at 11 a.m. another celebration took place, the Rector being celebrant, assisted by the Curate, who also preached. The services were bright and hearty, and the offerings for the Clergy the largest ever given in Mount Forest. The Christmas offerings are an increase from last year. Taken upon a whole, the Clergy of St. Paul's feels devoutly thankful at the energy and goodwill and loving sympathy amongst the members of their several congregations, and thanks their many and good friends heartily, for the very distinct expression of this at this happy season.

RIVESTOWN.—Church of the Good Shepherd.