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being left with the clergyman. During the afternoon a return was made to Lombardy, when Evening song was said and a sermon preached to a large congregation. On Wednesday evening, 30th December, a most enjoyable entertainment was given in Lombardy Town Hall, for the purpose of raising funds for a Sunday school library. Under the direction of Mrs. French twenty-five children took part during the evening, and at the close of the programme three trees, beautifully illuminated and laden with divers presents, were displayed to view by the setting aside of a second curtain on the stage. Just as the incumbent finished making a presentation, on behalf of the congregation, of a beautifully bound volume of poems, by Miss Frances Ridley Havergal, also one of Milton's beautifully bound, together with a silver napkin-ring (and bouquet holder), and individual salt-cellar and a paper knife, to the esteemed organist, Miss Fanny Klyne, Dr. R. J. Gardiner stepped forward, and, on behalf of Trinity congregation, presented Mrs. French with an address and a full set of handsome furs, in token of appreciation for many efforts on behalf of the Sunday school. Have we not all much to be thankful for? Many hearts have been happy this glorious season. Well may we rejoice at the name of Jesus. We would gladly acknowledge donations towards the Christmas trees from the following: Dr. Preston, M.P.P., Newboro; Messrs. Gilroy & Co., Mr. Johnstone, druggist, and Mr. Steacy, jeweller, Smith's Falls; "A Friend," Brockville; Chas. F. Smith, Esq., Barrister, Kingston; John Williams, Esq., Barrister, Belleville; A. J. Sinclair, Esq., Barrister, Toronto, and Mrs. Baker, Port Hope.

TORONTO.

Correction.—In list of successful candidates in S.S. examination, Miss Mary Sheppard is marked as "Teacher of St. Thomas' S.S."; she belongs to St. Philips.

St. Philips.—Owing to the dangerous illness of his little son (diphtheria), the rector has not been able to take duty for the past three Sundays. Their Lordships the Bishops of Toronto and Algoma, and several of the city clergy, have kindly filled his place. The child is not yet out of danger.

We are sorry to have to announce that the event so much feared by the many sympathizing friends of Canon Sweeny has taken place—his son has, notwithstanding all efforts to save his life, at last succumbed to that dread disease, diphtheria. Thus, for the second time in a few years, this justly popular clergyman and his wife have suffered a most serious bereavement, calling forth the sympathy of all who know them. The Toronto Rectors, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution of condolence with their brother Rector under the severe trial.

FAIRBANK.—On Christmas Day, service was held for the first time in the new Mission House, which has been rented until such time as the church can be erected. Hitherto the services have been held in the York and Vaughan Hotel, thanks to the kindness of the proprietor, Mr. F. McFarlane, who generously placed his large hall at the disposal of the congregation for about 18 months, thereby sustaining no small loss. The services on Sundays will in future be at eleven and seven. It is hoped that a celebration may be provided on the last Sunday in each month; this has hitherto been impracticable, as it was impossible to place a permanent altar in the former mission room. The Rev. Prof. Rigby kindly celebrated on Sunday, December 27th. On New Year's Day a very successful Christmas Tree was held in the Mission House; the room was well filled, and those present were apparently well satisfied with the programme of carols, songs, recitations and club swinging. Mr. A. J. Gammack, B.A., ably enacted Santa Claus, and brought with him some of the members of the choir of St. Saviour's, East Toronto, who added materially to the attractiveness of the programme. The student-in-charge desires to thank all those who contributed to the success of the entertainment and also to gratefully acknowledge the following contributions towards the expenses: Mrs. Brierley, 50 cents; Mr. James Scott, \$2.00; Rev. T. W. Paterson, M.A., \$1.00; Mrs. Harrison, 50 cents; also some presents for the tree from Mrs. Gammack.

NORWAY.—*St. John's.*—A most successful entertainment followed by a "Christmas Tree" was given in Boston's Hall, East Toronto, by the teachers and children of St. John's S.S., Norway, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th, 1891, Rev. C. Ruttan, Rector, in the chair. Songs, dialogues, recitations, by the children were rendered in a very creditable manner—indeed, we cannot speak too highly of the "Illustrated Ballad" and tableaux, "Auld Robin Gray." Miss E. Mills, of Chester, very kindly came over to add to the programme, and gave several recitations in a

very pleasing and masterly style. Mr. Canavan, of Toronto, also gave his valuable assistance, and with his merry recitations, kind and appropriate words to the children, won the hearts of the large audience. One pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Spencer Over, who has filled the position of Librarian for the past five years in a most efficient manner. Before closing we must not fail to remark on the very good behaviour of the S. S. children.

ALGOMA.

Sudbury.—The sale and concert held on December 16th last, in aid of debt existing on Church of Epiphany, was a successful affair and realized about \$80, after paying expenses. This enabled the churchwardens to pay \$100 off a debt of \$150. Friends who helped by the sending of articles for the sale, will be pleased to learn that their work was so well appreciated. Sudbury Church folk hope to make the bazaar an annual effort to improve the church and build a much needed parsonage. It is conducted upon the best principles, no high prices, no guessing, no raffling, or anything of such nature. The articles remaining were reduced somewhat in price and taken out to Coppercliffe, where on the afternoon of December 22, a sale was held in the schoolhouse. The weather was unfavorable, yet over \$20 was returned. This sum is being devoted to the procuring of two or three articles of vestry furniture, and the paying off of some small accounts. The incumbent, Rev. Charles Piercy, begs to acknowledge with many thanks the following sums towards the purchase of a font: Miss Davis, Hamilton, \$15; Rev. Mr. S. Shortess, Toronto, \$35. On account of the illness of the incumbent, the services at Sudbury on Sunday, Dec. 20, were taken by Mr. E. H. Earl. Though unable to preach, the Rev. C. Piercy celebrated Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 8.30 and after morning prayer. The work of Mr. Earl at Coppercliffe, and Murray Mines, is proving the absolute necessity of the Church ministering to her sons in all such places. From other points come requests for the services of the Church, requests, sometimes, which have to be refused. The incumbent could find plenty of work for another helper. When the Blezzard Mine reopens the Church should be ready to lead in the work of ministering to the hard working miners, and others there, who are in many respects isolated. Then other properties may be developed, and more men be gathered together. Where the men are the Church should be. The Christmas tree in connection with the S.S. will be held about 11th Jan.

RUPERT'S LAND.

HOLLAND.—On Christmas Day, a Carol Service was held at Holland. Three Christmas Hymns were sung, also the Carols, "See amid the winter's snow"; "The first Nowel"; "In the field"; and "Ring the Bells, the Christmas Bells." Mr. Dransfield preached a short, forcible sermon. Through the kindness of W. Williams, Esq., Toronto, we have been able to use the "Evening Prayer Leaflet" published by Tims & Co., Toronto. It is highly appreciated by "the stranger in church."

WINNIPEG.—Mr. F. C. Mercer, B.A., of St. John's College, was ordained in Christ Church, on Sunday, December 27th, 1891, by the most Reverend the Metropolitan. Mr. Mercer will be stationed at Melitia. The Revs. A. Stunden, B.A., and I. W. B. Page, B.A., are returning from England about Easter, and have asked for work in the diocese. The Rev. A. C. Garrish, late of Fort Vermillion, Peace River, has also asked for work in the diocese. The Rev. A. J. Young, of the diocese of Algoma, is expected to come to the diocese shortly. The Bishop will place him in charge of Rapid City.

British and Foreign.

The Bishop of Lichfield died on Thursday last, 7th January.

The statement that the Bishop of Ontario had received an intimation of the intention of the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Canada is contradicted.

The Bishop of Derry (Dr. Alexander) is going to America in March, and will lecture at Columbia and Harvard Universities on "Christian Evidences."

The Rev. James S. Addison, vicar of Holy Trinity, Bradford, has been offered the rectory of St. Andrews, Brechin, vacant by the death of the Very Rev. James Crabb, dean of Brechin.

Arrangements are being made by Sir John Puleston, M. P., and the Rev. E. Killin Roberts, assistant-

curate of All Saints', Margaret street, for holding another Welsh National Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral on the eve of St. David's Day, February 29, 1892, when it is expected the Lord Mayor will attend in state.

Earl Beauchamp, who is the hon. secretary at Oxford of the Christ Church (Oxford) Mission at Poplar, is about to take up his residence in the East end for a short time in order to acquaint himself with the work of the mission.

Forty-eight applications have been received in answer to the call for a Missionary Brotherhood for Korea. Of these five have been accepted, raising the number under training to eight, for all whom there is accommodation at present.

We are sorry to hear that the Bishop of Cashel, who is suffering from insomnia, has been obliged to seek rest and change, and for this purpose has left Ireland for Algiers. He has appointed the Archdeacon of Cashel as his commissary during his absence.

The Bishop of Liverpool has consented to be president of the Liverpool Diocesan Branch of the Church Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays.

Two new dioceses are in course of formation. Lebombo is to be the name of a see which is to include Delagoa Bay, and British Honduras, which hitherto has been under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Jamaica, is to be constituted an independent bishopric.

In response to the special appeal of the Archbishop of Canterbury to all Church people, an anonymous donor has sent the Society for Promoting the Religious Education of the Poor a donation of £5,000. The Archbishop of York will shortly issue a similar appeal to Church people in the Northern Province. Twenty thousand pounds are still wanted.

Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Winmarleigh, Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., Sir W. H. Houldsworth, M.P., and Archdeacon Anson, Hornby, and Rawstorne, have become vice-presidents of the Manchester Diocesan Branch of the Church Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays. The Duke of Grafton has also become a vice-president of this society.

The New York *Herald* mentions a curiosity of literature produced by the Rev. John Wentworth Sanborn, Methodist preacher, at present stationed at Naples, New York. For sixteen years Mr. Sanborn has been compiling, translating, and with his own hands "setting up" and printing a volume of Christian hymns for what is left of the Seneca nation of Indians.

It has been suggested that a suitable thanksoffering for the safe return of the Bishop of Exeter would be the presentation to his Lordship of mitre and cope. It is pointed out, presumably as an indication that these adornments would not be unacceptable to the bishop, that he has adopted the Eastward Position in accordance with the terms of the Lincoln judgment.

The Dean of St. Davids has recently found within the cathedral precincts a sepulchral slab, bearing a beautiful cross, ornamented with interlaced work, and an inscription in minuscules, which may be translated thus:—"The two sons of Bishop Abraham, Hed and Isac, lie here peacefully." Bishop Abraham was killed by the Danes in their last descent upon St. Davids, and he was succeeded by Sulgen.

The Reformation in Italy is advancing. The total number of Protestant pastors, evangelists and teachers now engaged in spreading Divine truth in Italy is 553; the Protestant churches and preaching stations number 479. The Waldensian body has over 18,000 adherents, the Free Church 2,350, the Wesleyan Methodists 1,356, the Baptists 835. In addition, a number of smaller denominations are hard at work.

The centenary of the freedom of Protestantism in Hungary has just been celebrated. Bishop Szasz, in the inaugural address, reminded his hearers that the festival they were celebrating was void of all aggressive tendency, and drew its impulse from a desire on the part of the faithful to bring yet closer together all classes of the Protestant community in the kingdom. In this respect the celebration has certainly been successful.