

manifestation of the glory and Divinity of Christ by His first miracle of turning water into wine. All of these are brought before us in the services for the Feast of the Epiphany: the first in the Gospel, the second in the second morning lesson, and the third in the second evening lesson. The first lessons contain prophecies of the increase of the Church by the abundant access of the Gentiles; and the Epistle declares that the mystery of the Gospel was revealed to them. From Christmas to Epiphany the design of the proper services is to set forth the Humanity of our Saviour; and from Epiphany to Septuagesima to show forth the Divine nature of the Son of Man by relating in the Gospels some of His first miracles.

And so, since we have lately kept the Nativity of Our Blessed Lord with exulting gladness, we are bound now, for His honor, and with hearty devotion, to celebrate also the birthtime of His mighty works.



Diocese of Rupert's Land.

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Residence—Bishop's Court, Winnipeg.

ST. MATTHEW'S, BRANDON.—Clergy—Rev. McAdam Harding, 11th St.; Rev. Edward Archibald, Brandon. Rev. Myles Custance.

Lay Readers—Mr. George Coleman, Mr. T. S. F. Taylor
Churchwardens—Richmond Spencer, Esq., M. D.; John Hanbury, Esq.

Sunday Services—H. C., 8:30 a. m.; H. C. (choral), 2nd Sunday in month, 11 a. m.; H. C. (plain), 4th Sunday in the month, 11 a. m.; on all Sundays, Matins and Sermon, 11 a. m.; School and Bible Class, 3 p. m.; Men's Bible Class, 4:15 p. m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p. m.

Saunt's Days—H. C. at 8 a. m.

Week Days—Wednesdays: Choir boys' practice at 4:15 p. m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7:30 p. m.; General Choir Practice, 7:15 p. m.; Fridays: Evensong at 5; Sunday School Teachers' meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Services are also held regularly at Alexander, Chatler, Poplar Hill and Curry's Landing.

ST. MATTHEW'S, BRANDON.—On Christmas day services were held in St. Matthew's as follows.—Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11 a. m., and Evensong at 5 p. m. There was a large number of communicants, and the services throughout were bright and hearty. During the last month builders and decorators have been hard at work restoring the fabric. A capital stone foundation has been added, and the beauty of the interior has been much enhanced. The lower part of the walls has been panelled in cedar, while the upper part has been tinted pale green. A handsome arch now divides the nave from the chancel.

A special celebration of Holy Communion was held in the hospital on St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27.

A few days before Christmas the choir boys were hospitably entertained by Mrs. F. Nation.

St. Matthew's Church was lately the scene of a very pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Maggie Giles, of Brandon, and Mr. Freeman Howie, of Hamiota. Great interest was manifested in the event, and a large assembly of friends of the bride witnessed the ceremony. At the appointed hour the bride, accompanied by her father, Mr. Thomas Giles, entered the Church, and took up her position at the altar. Rev. M. Harding performed the ceremony. After the signing of the register the large congregation left the Church, and gave expression to their good wishes by showering rice upon the happy couple. The parents of the bride held a reception, and later in the day a recherche spread for the numerous guests. The bride was the recipient of many costly presents, betokening the esteem of her many friends.

At the annual supper and sale of work held recently in connection with the Ladies' Aid of St. Matthew's, the church hall was well filled from early in the afternoon until late in the evening by the members of the congregation and their friends. The ladies and their energetic president are to be congratulated on the success of their undertaking.

In November the foundation was completed, and in December the Ladies' Aid had made payment in full for the same. The internal restoration was undertaken and carried out by the Mite Society. For a few days before Christmas, the Young People, under the direction of Mr. J. S. Brayfield, were engaged in making suitable decorations of evergreens, and by Christmas Eve the Church was ready for the festival. The white hangings presented by the Young People adorned the Sanctuary, while the new stand for the altar cross presented by Mrs. Merrick and the large supply of most lovely flowers offered by Mrs. Kirchoffer, made the altar and sanctuary very beautiful. The music on Christmas Day was of the simplest character, but was very feelingly rendered by the boy choir, who were well supported by Mr. Wm. Aldridge, with the cornet. Altogether we think we may say the parish as a whole enjoyed its Christmas services and festivities throughout, and perhaps this is to be accounted for by the fact that so many were busy previous to the festival in supplying the wants of others.

Therefore, Christian men, be sure

Wealth or rank possessing,

Ye who now will bless the poor

Shall yourselves find blessing.

At first it was suggested by a kind member of the congregation that a Christmas dinner be provided in the Church house for the poor of the parish, but finally it was decided to send Christmas presents to as many as possible, and so provide "good cheer" for the home and family.

On the Sunday before Christmas offerings were asked for towards decreasing the "old debt." In response between three and four hundred dollars have been received. The City Hall has been engaged for the Children's Festival, on the Feast of the Epiphany, and the various committees are now busy at work preparing for the Christmas Tree and Entertainment.