

for the choirmaster, took three members of the choir very much by surprise by presenting each of them with a beautiful and valuable gift, the three recipients being Miss Lillie Scott, Miss Maggie Hamilton and Mr. G. S. Poole, they having been the most regular attendants during the year. Mr. Poole replied for the recipients, and Mr. W. A. Scott, as the oldest member of the choir, expressed the pleasure it gave all the choir to see three of their members so honored, as it proved their leader's interest in them all. A presentation of a beautiful fur lined coat to Archdeacon Evans followed. The presentation was made by the churchwardens, Messrs. C. E. Cooke and G. Carson, on behalf of the congregation and was accompanied by an address. Although taken by surprise the Archdeacon replied happily to this unexpected mark of his congregations affection.

The rector preached at the three services held on Christmas Day and Holy Communion to a large number of recipients. The offertories were for the poor. The Church was beautifully decorated with plants, flowers and palm; and the music was excellent. The children's service at 3 p.m. was well attended and the singing was led by a juvenile choir trained on the occasion by Miss Butcher.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.**—At Choral Communion at 11 a.m., where there was a very large congregation present. The Church was effectively decorated with wreaths of evergreen, and young spruce trees flanked either end of the altar, which was beautifully adorned with flowers and illuminated by numerous tapers. The rood screen has been much improved by the addition of the chancel gates, which are of ornamental iron work, painted and gilded in accordance with the general design.

The choir, 50 in number, entered the Church singing "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn," and, on entering the chancel, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was used as an introit. The rector, Rev. E. Wood, then took his place as celebrant, assisted by the Rev. H. Kittson, and the service proceeded, Mr. W. Reed's beautiful music being used throughout. The Gloria which is quite equal in merit to the other numbers, was sung for the first time in this Church. The choir was augmented by an orchestra of nine pieces, besides piano and organ, and it is worthy of note that three of the violins were in the hands of choir boys. It was evident that there had been careful preliminary practice, for there was a pleasing unanimity between the instruments and voices as to time, and the many beautiful passages in the service were interpreted in a pleasing and devotional manner. The rector preached a short sermon from Psalm xxx., 5, "Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." There was a very large number of communicants at this and the earlier services.

In the evening Tallis' festal service was used, with the usual special psalms. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were by Roberts, and the sermon was preached by Rev. H. Kittson. Mr. Ernest Sumner presided at the organ with great ability, and he was most ably and effectively assisted by Mrs. Chadwick at the piano.

**COTE ST. PAUL.**—The Church of the Redeemer here was prettily decorated, thanks to the Misses Meyer, Trotter, Masters McJames, Fraas, and others, and hearty services were held morning and evening; at the former, Holy Communion was celebrated, there being 47 communicants. The Rev. E. A. W. King preached at both services; and in the evening referred to his year's work in the mission, and said his parting words to the congregation. The Mount Royal Milling Co. sent in through the offertory in the morning its annual Christmas gift of \$10 towards the work of the mission, and a lady friend in the city sent in to Dr. Davidson, a sum of \$5.00 towards the purchase the Church House and lot.

**ST. LUKE'S.**—The services in the Church were bright and joyous in keeping with the festival

of Christmas. The morning service was well attended, the music was appropriate, the anthem well rendered and Holy Communion partaken of by many. A special service in connection with the Sunday school took place at 7 p.m. The Sunday school scholars having met in the lecture room proceeded up to the Church in classes and were seated in the front pews. The attendance of parents and other Church members was most gratifying. The hearty manner in which the Sunday school scholars joined in the singing and responses might serve as an example to many older people.

## Diocese of Nova Scotia.

SYDNEY, C. B.

**COXHEATH.**—Last winter the churchpeople of Coxheath, in this parish, decided to build a new Church, and provided timber for the frame and stone for the foundation. About the end of August service was held for the last time in the old Church, which was then taken down, and the work of building begun. On the afternoon of Sunday the 18th inst., the new Church was opened, prayers being said by Archdeacon Smith, rector, the lessons read by Commander Worgan, R. N., and Mr. W. E. Earle of North Sydney, lay readers, and a very able and eloquent sermon preached by the Rev. R. D. Bamluck, M.A., rector of Sydney Mines and North Sydney, and Rural Dean. The Church, including vestry and porch, was filled to overflowing. The collection in aid of the building fund amounted to \$60.75, to which an addition of \$10.00 was made the following day by Messrs. Vooght, Bros., of North Sydney. The Church, erected at a cost of about \$2000, is a thoroughly well built as well as beautiful edifice, all the work except the stonecutting and part of the plastering having been done by the parishioners themselves, who have willingly given of their time and skill to make the building as perfect as possible. The windows are from Spence & Sons of Montreal. The seats, of native ash and birch, will accommodate 170 persons.

## Diocese of Quebec.

MARBLETON.

The ladies of St. Paul's guild held a very successful bazaar and entertainment in the Town hall, on Thursday evening last. A good programme was provided and the public were so well pleased that they contributed liberally to the good cause, the result being \$75 25, proceeds of the evening, a very good showing for this place, and the ladies are deserving of great praise for their timely efforts on behalf of the parsonage fund.—*Sherbrooke Gazette.*

WATERVILLE.

The Rev. E. A. Willoughby King, M. A., has accepted the appointment to the incumbency of this Parish and will be inducted on Sunday, the 1st January, 1893. For some years past he has been engaged on work in the Diocese of Montreal, but had previously given 15 years of faithful and laborious services to this diocese in various parts thereof and receives a hearty welcome back to it, by Bishop and Clergy.

## Diocese of Toronto.

PETERBORO.

**ST. JOHN'S.**—Rev. J. C. Davidson on Sunday week gratefully acknowledged the receipt of \$100 from the trustees of the Nicholls Estate in trust for the poor of the congregation.

He also gratefully accepted on behalf of the congregation the handsome window that has

been placed in the church in memory of the late E. Chamberlen by his family.

A large number of parcels were received at the school-room, St. John's Church, Tuesday morning, 20th Dec., for the Christmas distribution among the poor and were distributed.

A social under the auspices of the Girls' Guild of St. John's Church was held on the evening of Thursday last, in the school-room, at which there was a large attendance. All enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

**ORDINATION.**—At the Advent Ordination held in St. Albans' Cathedral, Toronto, the Bishop of the diocese advanced to the Priesthood five deacons, viz: the Rev. J. T. Bryan, Incumbent of Breton and Tottenham; the Rev. F. H. Hartley, of Apsley; the Rev. H. H. Cunningham, of Ivy; the Rev. J. H. Jones, of Munden; and the Rev. F. Wilkinson, of St. Philip's Church, Toronto. The following were ordained Deacons:—Messrs. E. W. Pickford, ordained for Havelock and the Rev. E. H. Wood, assistant at St. Simon's, Toronto. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Provost Body, D.C.L., of Trinity College, Toronto.

**ORILLIA.**—The December meeting of the C. E. T. S. was most interesting. Songs, hymns, a reading by Miss Stewart, a reading by Mrs. Hill on "Does total abstinence pay"; a discussion on the question "Is alcohol beneficial" and an address by Mr. Hill formed a good programme. There was a good attendance.

## THE FAMILY THE UNIT.

"As a matter of historical fact as well as of scientific determination, the family is the unit, and the well-being of the individual can be rightly sought only in and through the well-being of the family." It is just precisely the neglect of this principle set forth in such clear-cut definition in the bishop's pastoral, that is one of the poisons of the social organism, and seriously hurts the growth and efficiency of practical religion. The fact is that it is the environments of a man in most cases that need reforming more than the man himself, at least it is difficult to keep a man clean while he is still walking in the mud and filth. It is the closest environments of a person that have the most to do with making his character; and these are the family life. God first deposited a knowledge of Himself in the family, and for centuries of the world's history, religion, morals, and politics were preserved in the patriarchal institution. The family was the Church, the family was the State, the family determined the social life. The father, the patriarch was the head of the family, the priest of the Church, the chief of State, and the director of society. The individual separate from the family had no standing, and was entirely outside the warm currents that connect the common brotherhood with the common Father. Certain it is that one of the mistakes of modern life is going upon the principle that the individual is the unit of society. There are thousands of men who have lost the sweet constraint and the gracious influence of the home life; which touches that which is best and truest in a man, and are stranded along the wastes without religion, without any noble ideals in life, and do not count anything in the make-up of what goes for the most in human welfare. Practically, it makes all the difference in the world whether or not a child receives his impressions of what life really is in a healthy loving, Christian home. It is one of the important missions of the Church to cultivate the family life, and to show to parents their duties and responsibilities.—*St. Louis Church News.*

SURELY CHRISTMAS as the birthday of human greatness, should kindle in us the sense of our true Christian dignity, and nerve us to claim and to protect it by all that guards and invigorates true Christian life.—*Liddon.*