

was as follows:—Children to secure first prize must have attended 50 Sundays and received 320 marks. To secure a second prize they must have attended 47 Sundays and received 280 marks. To secure a third prize they must have attended 43 Sundays and received 260 marks; the prizes consisted of valuable books. Seven obtained first prize, 24 second prize, and 12 third prize, and over 175 children received gifts from the trees, the distribution being made by Mr. R. B. Rogers, Mr. B. Everett and the teachers. At the close Miss McNabb was presented with a handsome easy chair by the infant class and children's singing class. The Chairman also stated that he was commissioned to present her with a beautiful plush dressing and jewel case, the gift of the Choir, stating at the same time his regret at the Church's loss of her services as organist. Mr. Rogers made a suitable reply in behalf of Miss McNabb.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—The glorious Feast of Christmas has come and gone, but not without great cause for thanks. The Advent season was better observed than ever this year in this parish, there were two services a week, with a Bible reading at one of them upon special Advent thoughts, by the Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, which seemed to be taken great interest in by all who were present; we trust the goodly numbers who attended profited by what they heard.

The decorations in St. Paul's Church were in excellent taste and most effective, and looked beautiful on Christmas day. The congregations were large and devotional. Over seventy made their Christmas Communion in the town and fifty outside at North Arthur. The Clergyman's offerings amounted to over \$60, besides many kind and useful presents. From and after the New Year regular services each Sunday will be held at Farwell and Riverstown. The Rector earnestly desires the men of St. Paul's congregation to secure an arrangement for the future and present payment of the Church debt upon a basis more permanent and efficient than the one in force when the present clergyman came to the parish. Whilst offertories have increased, and Church attendance, and above all the real spiritual state of the congregation, yet the old debt has not yet been placed in a satisfactory condition. It is hoped the new church at Riverstown, built since the present rector's incumbency and opened last year will be consecrated this coming summer. It is also hoped that a church will be built at Farwell in this year of 1888.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

PERCHE.—The annual Sunday-school Christmas Festival in connection with St. John's Church, Perche, came off under most auspicious circumstances, on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 20th, in Victoria Hall, a building placed at the disposal of the Church for social and literary purposes, through the kindness and liberality of John Henry Jones, Esq., and family. The weather was favorable, the audience large, and the programme of a most entertaining character. Out of a hundred and seventy persons present, sixty-five were children and young people; one half of whom are members of the Sunday-school. The Christmas tree, laden with valuable presents, was brilliantly illuminated towards the close of the entertainment; and Santa Claus, dressed in character, then distributed the presents to the great delight of parents and children. After which a valuable book contributed out of the funds of the Sunday school was handed by Rev. Mr. Steele, incumbent of the Mission to each of the Scholars present. The children then very thoughtfully presented an address, accompanied by a handsome morocco portfolio, to Miss H. M. Jones, organist and teacher. They also made presents to J. H. Jones, Esq., and to Mrs. Jones, as tokens of

gratitude for their interest in the welfare of the Sunday-school. The proceeds taken at the door realized nearly \$25.

The services at St. John's Church, Perche, on Christmas Day, were of an interesting character. All the members of the Sunday-school having joined in rendering the children's *Te Deum* at the opening of the services; little Mamie Joynt taking the solo very sweetly. Although the day was stormy the attendance was unusually large; and the offertory on this occasion amounted to the liberal sum of \$13.50, said to be the largest collection ever taken in this Church of St. John in the Wilderness.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. H. Banwell has been appointed to Grace Church, Bismarck, and has removed from Port Stanley. He has entered upon his duties as incumbent of Bismarck, and may be addressed accordingly.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

The Bishop places the responsibility of punctual attendance at each service on the clergyman in charge, and particularly requests that nothing be allowed to interfere and prevent the Bishop from being present and ready for service, as named in printed lists. For January the appointments are:

County of Waterloo.—Sunday, Jan. 15th, Trinity, Galt, Rev. J. Ridley; Monday, Jan. 16th, St. John's, Berlin, Rev. S. L. Smith; Tuesday, Jan. 17th, Christ Church, Haysville, &c., Rev. J. Edmonds.

Counties of Brant and Oxford.—Sunday, Jan. 22nd, St. James', Ingersoll, Rev. E. C. Saunders; Monday, Jan. 23rd, a.m., St. John's, Thamesford, and Christ Church, Lakeside, p.m., Rev. W. M. R. Seaborn; Tuesday, Jan. 24th, a.m., Trinity, Zorra, and Christ Church, Hungerford, p.m., Rev. R. W. Johnstone; Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 11 a.m., St. John's, Eastwood, Rev. T. Watson; Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 7 p.m., St. Paul's, Woodstock, Rev. J. J. Hill, M.A.; Thursday, Jan. 26th, 11 a.m., St. James', Paris, Rev. A. Brown, B.A.; Thursday, Jan. 26th, p.m., All Saints' Mount Pleasant, Rev. J. P. Curran; Friday, Jan. 27th, 11 a.m., Trinity, Onondaga, Rev. G. M. Cox; Friday, Jan. 27th, p.m., St. Paul's, Kanyengah, Rev. D. J. Caswell.

LONDON.—The usual annual contributions of the children of the Chapter House Sunday-school were presented on Advent Sunday, and a pleasing ceremony it is to see the little ones bringing up their donations to help the children in the poorer missions. The presents on this occasion were numerous and varied, and many a one of some cherished toy or book but freely given with the knowledge that they would gladden the hearts of little ones, not as highly favored as themselves. At a moderate valuation the contributions were placed at \$30, which were sent through the W. M. A. S. of the Diocese to Mrs. Cowley, widow of the late Archdeacon, in the Northwest Territory. On Christmas day a hearty afternoon's children's service was held, at which appropriate hymns and carols were sung by the children. Bishop Baldwin addressed the school, thanking the children for their liberal contributions, and cheered them by showing the pleasure that their presents would give to those children in the Northwest, who rarely ever had the pleasure of receiving Christmas presents.

A large number of members of the congregation were present, who were greatly pleased at the children's singing and hearty responses.

The Sunday collections of the school have averaged for the past year 1½ cents per child per Sunday, and go to defray the expenses of an Indian boy at the Shingwauk Home at Sault Ste. Marie.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

PORT CARLING.—Sir: I beg to acknowledge through your columns, a box of things from the C. W. M. A. Society at Toronto, through their energetic President, Mrs. O'Reilly, for our Sunday-school. The articles were most valuable to us for the Christmas tree; also a box from the Women's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Brockville, in which was a contribution from the Children's Auxiliary. These things are most valuable to us at this season of the year, and I return my thanks and those of my people for the valuable contributions.—S. E. KNIGHT, Incumbent of Port Carling.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The services on Christmas day were well attended, and all, but one, of the city churches, were beautifully decorated in honor of the Saviour's birth. It seems remarkably strange, that when even the sects have in many cases beautified their houses of worship, then any priest or churchman would or could object to due and seemly decorations, and to a more elaborate musical service on this and various other great festivals of the Church year. It is to be regretted that some will still hold out, and refuse to allow their parishioners to beautify the House of God, and thus to welcome the Advent of the King of Kings in "the beauty of Holiness," as nothing can be made too beautiful or done too well to welcome Him.

The Cathedral.—Holy Communion was celebrated at eight a.m., and after Morning prayer at 11 a.m., there was a large number of communicants. A number of Christmas carols were sung after the service of Evensong. His Lordship the Bishop was the preacher at the morning service.

St. Matthews.—The Festival services were commenced with choral Evensong at eight p.m. on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day celebrations of the Holy Eucharist were held at 6:30 a.m. (plain); 7:30 a full choral celebration, and a third celebration after Matins at 10:30 a.m. There was an exceptionally large number of communicants, and at the latter service a very able sermon was delivered by the Rector, Rev. L. W. Williams. The decorations in this church were very handsome and appropriate, the chief features being the chancel screen and the font. The altar was adorned with numerous vases of flowers. At the afternoon service at 4 o'clock a selection of carols were ably rendered by the choir, the words and music being taken from "Carols old and new" published by the Rev. Mr. Bramley, of Oxford, and arranged by Dr. Stainer. At 7 p.m. there was a choral Evensong, followed by an eloquent discourse by the Rev. R. H. Cole, curate. Large congregations were the feature of the day. On St. Stephens' Day a celebration was held at eight a.m., Matins at 10:30 a.m., and Evening prayer with instruction at 5 p.m. On St. John the Evangelist's Day similar services were held.

Our Holy Innocents' Day there was a celebration at 10:30 a.m., preceded by Matins.

During the season of Advent a special course of sermons were preached on Sunday evenings on the "Incarnation of our Lord," by the Rev. R. H. Cole, curate, and the following city clergy preached on the Friday evenings, viz.; Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector of St. Peter's; H. J. Potry, curate in charge of the Cathedral; Thos. Richardson, rector of St. Paul's; and R. J. Fothergill, curate of St. Peter's.