

congregation to enter; a state of things that ought not to be allowed to exist much longer.

SHARBOT LAKE.—The Bishop of Ontario has lately confirmed eighty persons, some of them over eighty years of age, in this Mission. He also consecrated the new church near Maberly Station, and also Christ Church, Oso, near Barke. Rev. Mr. Ssantlebury is to be congratulated on the successful work he has done.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—Mrs. Forneri, the Rector's wife, on Christmas Eve received from the congregation of St. Paul's Church a pleasant surprise in the form of two cases of crockery, containing respectively complete sets of dinner and tea things of very chaste design.

The Rector himself received from an absent member of St. Paul's, Fredericksburg, in an envelope a check for \$50 on Christmas day.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

No Report.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

OMAGH, PALMERO AND ZIMMERMAN.—The congregations of this parish were smaller than usual on Christmas Day, owing to the bad roads and unfavourable weather. On this account the Omagh congregation decided by a vote that the offerings for the Sunday after Christmas instead of those of Christmas Day, should be given to the Incumbent. At Palermo the Christmas offerings were giving as usual but in order to make up for any deficiency the congregation decided among themselves to bring presents in kind to the parsonage on the evening of the New Years days. This was done. Upwards of fifty visitors met at the parsonage on that evening bringing with them presents of various kinds. Turkeys, meat, butter, apples, potatoes, preserves, cakes and other provisions were brought, also a large quantity of oats for the horse. Thus by the kindness of the two congregations the offerings this year were much larger than usual instead of smaller as might have been expected from the state of the roads and weather. This is the more remarkable because the congregations had already taxed itself highly during the year by giving the Incumbent a fine young horse. Such liberality is worthy of being followed in other parishes.

A service has been opened with very gratifying results at St. Ann's a small village about two miles from Palermo. The roads could not have been much worse than they have been since its commencement yet the average attendance has been about 75. The Bishop has licensed Messrs. A. G. Heaven and W. J. Heaven to assist the Incumbent as lay readers and their assistance has been found invaluable.

It is proposed to build a small church at Zimmerman another village in this parish. It is the centre of a goodly number who have long been without the ministrations of the Church. They earnestly desire her services and show their desire by undertaking to contribute as liberally as their slender means will permit. This will appear from their subscriptions here after to be published in this paper. No suitable building or room of any kind can be obtained so that no services can be held until a small church is erected. As we hope to build a good substantial neat little Church for about \$1000 00, those who desire to forward the good work may send their subscription to the Incumbent, the Rev. John H. Fletcher, Palermo.

The following have already given their names as subscribers;—

The Right Revs the Bishop of Niagara \$20; The Incumbent \$25; Rev. Canon Belt \$10; Vincent Clementi \$5.

Revs. A. Henderson, G. B. Ball, P. L. Spen-

cer, W. R. Clarke, C. R. Lee, A. J. Belt and R. S. Wood Esq. have also promised subscriptions, amounts not stated.

The following sums have been received:—L. H. Clarke Esq. \$5; Rev. J. E. Cooper \$5; Miss Elliott \$3; Mrs. Dr. Gaviller \$1; Rev. Dr. Mockbridge \$1; Rev. J. Seaman \$1; Rev. A. Friend \$1.

STRABANE.—Church work in this grown Mission is progressing slowly and favourably. When the people become settled in mind, and feel confident that failures to keep things alive here are matters of the past, they will do more than they have already done. A parsonage and church lot has been bought and we expect by the sale of a lot in not so central a place, with \$51 75 the proceeds of a concert on New Year's night, to have our new property paid for. We had two Christmas trees, one at Strabane and the other at the Battery. The first one bore fruit for 30 children, and the second for 19 children. A subscription list towards building a church at Strabane is now on the move. The amount subscribed so far is encouraging. Friends who have not been asked to help us in this undertaking, and who would like to help, may send in their name to the Rev. W. R. Blachford.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

No Report.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

We have been requested to publish the following letter:

HUNTSVILLE, January 5th, 1889.

Dear Miss Romain,—

It may interest the members of the "Ladies' Aid Society of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto," to hear something of Christmas Day at Port Carling, and the distribution of their gifts to the Sunday-school children. As Port Carling had been some time without a clergyman, the Bishop decided to spend Christmas day there, and to give the people the pleasure and benefit of its joyous services. To add to the interest of the occasion, he wrote to Mr. Stubbs (to whom you addressed your box), asking him to kindly make preparations for a Christmas dinner, to which all the Church people were to be invited. On the previous Saturday the Bishop went to Gravenhurst, and on Sunday consecrated the new church, which has been built by the generous gifts of many friends of Algoma in Toronto and elsewhere, on the site of the one destroyed by fire a year ago. On Monday, the 24th, we met at a little station fifteen miles from Port Carling, and found there your box. Fortunately for our comfort, Mr. A. H. Campbell, Jr., had very kindly sent his sleigh and ponies from Bracebridge, else the only mode of conveyance for ourselves and baggage would have been the "stage," a very primitive vehicle consisting of a rough wooden box set on runners. The road, already almost impassable from want of snow, degenerated rapidly under the falling rain, so that our progress was necessarily slow. Once I attempted to put up an umbrella; but this the ponies resented so strongly and suddenly that, had not the Bishop kept them under control, the result would have been a runaway down a steep hill. At last, however, we managed to feel our way, in some cases over very dangerous spots, by the light of a borrowed lantern, and a little after eight o'clock reached Port Carling in safety. We received a warm welcome from some of the people who had been on the look-out for us, and we found comfortable quarters in Mr. Fraser's summer hotel. Christmas morning was ushered in, not as we hoped, with sunshine, but with a dismal rain. This was a sore disappointment, as a large number of the people had many miles to walk. Service began in

St. James' at half-past ten o'clock, the Church being prettily decorated. The Bishop was assisted by two students, one from Wyoliffa. Despite the rain and roads the Church was crowded, and the earnest, interested faces of the worshippers showed how they appreciated the service. Ten children were to have been baptised, but owing to the weather only two were presented. The Bishop's text was from St. Matthew i, 23. A large number partook of the Holy Communion.

At half-past two we assembled, sixty in number, in the dining-hall, which was very tastefully adorned with evergreens and appropriate mottoes. Full justice was done to the dinner, after which the Bishop said a few words suitable to the occasion, and was followed by the wardens and the two students. A short interval occurred here, during which I unpacked your box. Allow me, in the name of the Bishop, the Port Carling Mission, and for myself, to thank the ladies very gratefully for their loving gifts to the Sunday-school children. The pretty dolls so beautifully dressed in toboggan costumes, sailor suits, etc., work bags, knives, tops, marbles, cards, and sweets, excited the greatest admiration. At six o'clock the Bishop had a wedding, and the Church was again crowded. After this we had tea, between seventy and eighty being present, including many children. Then we all went to the Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Hanna, where the Christmas tree, ornamented with your gifts, was the centre of attraction. The Bishop gave a short address, intermingling grave and gay. Some hymns were sung, one or two little speeches made, and the presents were given. Then the National Anthem was sung, and the people scattered to their homes, some poor things having many dreary miles to walk in the dark ere they reached them. All however thoroughly enjoyed the day, and carried back with them the warm comforting feeling, that though comparatively cut off from intercourse with their more favored brethren in our cities, they were still thought of and lovingly remembered by them at this holy, happy season.

Next morning the problem of our return confronted us, for the roads were now worse than ever; but it was solved by the Methodist minister, Mr. McDonald, most kindly lending us his buckboard. Final goodbyes were said, and we reached the station at Faulkenburg in time to catch the train for Huntsville, which we reached in the afternoon, thankful for journeying mercies.

The Bishop joins me in wishing the Ladies' Aid Society of St. James' Cathedral a very happy and successful New Year.

Believe me, dear Miss Romain,

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS M. SULLIVAN.

Miss Romain, Secretary to the Ladies' Aid Society of St. James' Cathedral.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND
BASKATCHEWAN, MOOSEHAWK, MACKENZIE RIVER,
ATHABASKA, QU'APPELLE AND CALGARY.

WINNIPEG.—Midnight services were held in all the city churches on New Year's Eve. In Christ Church, All Saints' and St. George's there were celebrations of Holy Communion. At Christ Church there were eighty-five communicants.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Canon O'Meara is at Port Hope, Ont., where he was called by the sudden death of his father, the Rev. Canon O'Meara, D.D.

Rev. H. A. Tudor has been called suddenly to England by the serious illness of his mother. He will be absent two months. His place has been taken by the Rev. St. John Field, M.A., late of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.