

ald Angels," as a retrocessional. Hymn 62 A. and M., and Psalms for the day, and the Canticles were also heartily sung. The second service was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at midnight Christmas Eve and during the first hour of Christmas Day. Hymn 69 A. and M., was again sung as a processional, and Gilbert's Communion service including *Ryrie, Gloria B. G., Gratias Tibi, Credo, Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Benedictus qui Venit, Agnus Dei, and Gloria in Excelsis*, was well sung. "Hark the Herald Angels" was again sung, and the rector gave a short address, pointing out the importance of the first Christmas night to mankind and the purpose of meeting to join in the solemnities of the chief act of Christian worship, thus consecrating the first hour of Christmas by sacred and religious Communion with the Redeemer in the service of His own institution. At the close of the solemn service the *Te Deum* was sung as the choristers left the Church. The third service was a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Paul's, at 8 a.m., on Christmas Day. Hymns 59 and 60 A. and M. were heartily sung. The fourth service was at St. Mary's at 11 a.m., and consisted of Morning Prayer, Holy Eucharist, and sermon. Immediately before the service the Sunday school children sang Christmas Carols under the leadership of Miss Gillespie. The regular service began with hymn 59 A. and M. as a processional. The Anthem "Behold I bring you good tidings," by Sir John Goss, was well sung, as were also the other Christmas Hymns, and Gilbert's Communion service was again well rendered. The Rector preached from Heb. i, 1-2, pointing out how the voice of God had spoken of His Son in Holy Scripture, and concluded by urging attention to the practical duties of Christmas time. The service closed with the *Nunc Dimittis* as a retrocessional. The fifth service was held at St. Paul's at 3 p.m., when Evening Prayer was said and a sermon delivered by the rector. The usual Christmas Hymns and Canticles were well sung. The sixth service was at St. Mary's at 6:30 p.m., and consisted of Evening Prayer, with Psalms and Canticles well rendered. Goss' Anthem, "Behold, I bring, &c." was again sung, with hymns 59, 62, and 60 A. and M. The rector preached from St. Luke i, 53, dwelling upon the importance of desiring and earnestly seeking after God.

The offerings were for the sick and needy, as usual on Christmas Day, and amounted to \$26.04. The rector was the recipient of a useful Christmas gift from the Sunday school children.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LEVIS.—An entertainment in connection with the Sunday-school of the Church of the Holy Trinity was held in No. 2 schoolhouse on Thursday evening, the 29th ult. The Rector of the parish, who presided, opened the proceedings in a few well chosen words by referring to the flourishing condition of the school and to the means required to still further enhance its prosperity. The school children next rendered with capital effect a series of carols, songs, dialogues and recitations. All acquitted themselves with much credit; but special mention must be made of the Misses Edith Walker Winnie Fyles, and Master Charles Tofield, who acted their parts exceedingly well. A very impressive and eloquent address was then delivered by the Rev. J. M. Thompson, rector of Danville; speaking first of all to the scholars he bade them follow in the footsteps of their Divine Master and carry out in everyday life the lessons learned in Sunday-school, and then turning to the older members of the congregation he showed the paramount importance of Sunday-school work, and the obligations resting upon all to rally round their pastor in the spiritual training of the young.

The carol 'Merry Christmas' having been sung, eager eyes were now turned to a Christmas tree laden with good things from Santa

Claus. Each child received an appropriate gift, and not a few adult members of the congregation had their taste for sweets gratified. The Rector and his esteemed wife were not forgotten, the former receiving a generous present of money from his Hadlow parishioners, together with four handsome volumes of poems from the Sunday-school children of Holy Trinity Church.

The singing of the National anthem brought to a close one of the most successful entertainments ever held in Levis.

The interior of the Church of the Holy Trinity presented on Christmas day a very pretty and attractive appearance, being richly and tastefully decorated with evergreen; a result due to the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. M. G. Thomson, Mrs. Tofield, Mrs. T. A. Poston, Mrs. Wm. Simson and the Rector, ably assisted by other ladies and gentlemen of the congregation. The musical portion of the service was heartily and effectively rendered, and reflected great credit upon the choir and the organist, Miss N. Piton.

STANSTEAD.—The Christmas festival was duly observed in this parish with appropriate services and decorated Churches.

BEEBE PLAIN.—*All Saint's*—The Christmas festivities were ushered in by a Christmas tree celebration on the eve of the festival. The hearts of the children and many adult friends were gladdened by kindly gifts and presents, nor were the Clergyman and the two organists forgotten. A programme of songs and recitations was carried out by the children—and considering the short time of preparation, all were well rendered.

On Christmas morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., when 13 communicated.

PORTNEUF.—On the Sunday night before Christmas a Christmas tree entertainment was given in the school-house for the Sunday-school children; Mrs. Greenough, who is always a friend to the children, was the prime mover in getting up the tree; but the scheme being once started she found many willing helpers. Mr. Ford, who usually acts upon the principle that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" was forward also on this occasion, and added largely to the sweetness of the children's pleasure. Supper was provided for the children at half-past five; after which they played at their own sweet will until half-past seven, there being some fifty or sixty children present the noise can be more easily imagined than described. At half-past seven they were called to order by their pastor, and immediately assembling about the organ, (which had been brought from the church for the occasion), sang one of the Christmas hymns, while the tree was being lighted. Then followed, what of course was after all the most interesting part of the programme, the curtain being drawn aside revealed to expectant eyes the lighted and laden tree; the glittering ornaments, the coloured bags of candy, the many presents and the lighted tapers nestling amongst the dark green branches of the fir tree, altogether formed a pretty picture, and to complete the scene appeared old Santa Claus, true to life, with the furs and white beard, (the reindeer was not visible), whose work was to distribute to the children the many gifts already provided to his hand; not a child was overlooked, but each one received something, also the incumbent was not forgotten.

The branches being stripped at length of their fruit, the children closed their part of the entertainment with another hymn. After which the older ones partook of refreshments before starting for their homes.

On Christmas day the usual services were held in both churches, both being prettily decorated. The congregations were good and the services hearty.

QUEBEC.—*St. Matthews*.—The congregation of this Church had the gratification of having among them on New Year's Day the Right Rev. Dr. Charles Hamilton, Bishop of Niagara (Rector of this parish till May, 1825), who celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and preached a very able, instructive and comforting sermon to the large congregation who had assembled at the 10.30 a.m. service. At the 7 p.m. service they again had the pleasure of welcoming another former Rector, the Rev. Dr. F. J. B. Allnatt, Professor of Pastoral Theology at Bishops' College, Lennoxville, who preached the sermon.

The Rev. Dr. C. W. E. Body, Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, was also present at the 7 p.m. service, and read the lessons.

St. Peter's.—At the morning service in this Church on New Year's, the Rev. Dr. Adams, Principal of Bishops College, Lennoxville, preached, and at the evening service at 7 p.m., the congregation had the pleasure of listening to an able sermon from the Lord Bishop of Niagara, who many years ago was Rector of this Parish.

In the various city Churches, services suitable to the Festival of the Circumcision, were held on Sunday, January 1st.

QUEBEC.—*S. Matthew's*.—The Festival of the Epiphany was suitably observed in this Church. There was celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., Matins and a second celebration at 10:30 a.m.; Litany service at 5 p.m. and Evensong and a sermon at 8 p.m.

The Choristers of St. Matthew's Church were invited by the Clergy on Tuesday evening last to a sliding party at Miss Price's, on the St. Louis Road. They went out in a street railway van, and had a most enjoyable time. On their return to the city they were entertained at the Rector's house.

St. Paul's.—On Thursday evening last a Missionary service was held in this Church, and a very interesting paper was read on the last Missionary journey and Martyrdom of Bishop Hannington.

COMPTON.—St. James's Church, Compton, has been enriched by some handsome stained glass windows in the East wall given by the Hon. M. H. Cochrane as a Thankoffering for deliverance from great peril. The centre window is a beautiful representation of the Ascension of Christ; that on the left represents the Nativity, and that on the right the Baptism.

There are also two small windows in the south wall of the sanctuary representing the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, and the Journey to Emmaus. These are placed by the Rector to the memory of a child and brother-in-law. All are the work of Messrs. J. C. Spence & Sons, Montreal, and are beautifully executed.

Shortly after Christmas the ladies of the congregation presented the Rector with a handsome fur coat, an act of thoughtful kindness which he thoroughly appreciated.

PERSONAL.—The Rt. Rev. J. Williams, D.D., Bishop of Quebec, the Rt. Rev. Chas. Hamilton, Bishop of Niagara; the Rev. C. W. E. Body, Provost of Trinity College, Toronto; the Rev. Dr. Adams, Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville; and R. W. Heneker, Esq., Chancellor of Bishop's College, left by the mid-day C.P.R. train for Montreal, to attend a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Provincial Synod to come to some arrangement on the Montreal Theological College question.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACHINE.—Church work in this Parish is progressing favourably. The Bishop of Montreal held a Confirmation in St. Stephen's Church during Advent, when the Rector presented twelve candidates for the Apostolic rite