

Dickson, were placed in the chancel and sang several carols very sweetly and effectively. Altogether the service was heartily entered into and greatly enjoyed, not only by our own people, but by many of other communions who were present.

GLADSTONE.

On Christmas day Morning Prayers and celebration of Holy Communion were held at All Saints' Church. A very fair congregation attended and the service was bright and cheery. Probably this is the only church outside Winnipeg where the Psalms are chanted every Sunday evening. Our faithful organist, Mrs. Creary, has now for several months come in from her home five miles out of town to practise, in order that we may have this pleasant addition to our service. On Christmas the Psalms were chanted and the choir sang an appropriate anthem, "O Zion that bringest good tidings." Add to these two of the time-honored Christmas hymns and a Communion hymn—all joined in with great heartiness—and you will have some idea of our Christmas service. The church was tastefully decorated by the ladies with evergreens, texts, etc. The offering amounted to \$11.20, a much larger sum than has been given hitherto during the present incumbency.

A Christmas tree and entertainment by the Sunday School children will be held on January 5th. The children are practising carols and songs for the occasion.

LAKE ST. MARTIN.

Lake St. Martin, Man., Dec. 1.—The Rev. H. Cochrane, Indian missionary, arrived here last Saturday, being his first visit since his appointment to the Jack Head mission. Failing to reach his headquarters by open water, he returned here from Mandahkae river, in order to fulfil his promise to visit the reservation monthly. The mission field is a very large one, and a monthly visit here necessitates him driving eighty miles through a country where there are no roads whatever, every step of the way having to be broken. The Indians were much pleased to have him visit them. On Sunday very large congregations assembled in the school house to hear the reverend gentleman, who is very popular. Many friends from Lower Fairford reserve, Mr. Cochrane's former charge, and from Sandy Bay reserve came to meet him here. Conspicuous among the congregation were the three chiefs, two of whom are Christians. The other, though still a heathen, takes an active part in all that conduces to the moral and spiritual welfare of the Indians, and never fails to do all that can be done to accord the missionaries a hearty welcome. At the close of the service, holy communion was administered, thirty-

seven participating. One prominent Baptist publicly announced his desire to rejoin the Episcopalian church, if permitted. Permission having been granted, he joined in the communion service. This has been, so far, the first genuine return here and others are declaring their intention of following the example. Mr. Cochrane started off for his headquarters Thursday, intending, however, to conduct services at every favorable point along the road.

ST. ALBAN'S, RAT PORTAGE.

The children of St. Alban's Sunday School, together with their relatives and friends gathered in the Music Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, for that most interesting event of the child's year—the Christmas tree. The usual carols were sung by the children, and a short two act play founded upon the tragic career of one Bluebeard was very cleverly produced by a distinguished company of juvenile artists among whom were the Misses Cameron and Bishop as Fatima and Sister Anne, Masters Willie Mather as Papa Schababae, Willie Davison as Bluebeard, Ralph Beairsto as Hassan, and Stewart Scovil and Jim Holland as Attendants, Soldiers, etc., as the conditions of the play required them in different capacities. The Misses Coughlin, Jefferson, Swanson and Hughes gave appropriate recitations after which the distribution of presents from the tree was begun. Mr. Machin played the part of the benevolent Santa Claus.

ST. GEORGE'S, WINNIPEG.

Rev. J. J. Roy, conducted the Xmas services at St. George's, which were largely attended. There was early communion at 8.30, and regular service at 11 a. m., when Mr. Roy preached an appropriate sermon. The musical part of the service, under Mr. J. M. Johnston, choirmaster, and Mr. S. Clark, was excellently rendered.

HOLY TRINITY, WINNIPEG.

On Christmas Day there were services at Holy Trinity at 8.30 and 11 a. m. There was a large congregation at the mid-day service and a large number of communicants at both. At the 11 o'clock service the prayers were taken by Rev. C. Owen, and the rector, Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, preached from Phil. ii; 8, "He humbled himself." He pointed out that the two most striking characteristics of Christ's coming to earth were love and humility. As the love was from all eternity, and as the humility was begun at Christ's birth it would seem that humility was the most striking thought at Christmas. The preacher then went on to show how this was exhibited in every act of Christ's life, and closed by pointing out what