

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

MONCTON.—The Christmas services at St. George's Church here were very bright and hearty, and the attendance large. The decorations were in good taste and beautiful, doing credit to those who designed and carried them out. Chancel, chancel walls, reading desk, pulpit and font were all decorated with texts, banners, evergreens and flowers; the central panel of the reredos bearing a star and handsome floral cross, and the side panels texts. In front of the chancel was a pretty rood-screen, bearing on white letters on a scarlet ground the words "King of Kings," "Lord of Lords." The Rev. Mr. Talbot, the Rector, preached from Prov. xxv. : 25. The Mission Chapel on Vulcan st., was well decorated in honor of Christ's birth, and a service was held there on Christmas evening. The Sunday services at the Mission are under the charge of Mr. J. H. Aron.

BATHURST.—Christmas has been a very different matter from last year with us. Then we were without a spiritual father and our Church was closed and desolate. Now we have a priest who loves his work and people, and our hearts were warmed and gladdened by our handsomely decorated Church, and the round of bright and well rendered services. The Church had been beautified by a handsome new altar and reredos made by Messrs. Ross and McPherson, of Sussex. The former article was the gift of Rev. W. H. Street, the former rector, and the latter, of some young men of the congregation. A handsome red superfrontal was also presented by some members of the congregation, notably Mr. Aretas des Brisay, of Petit Roker. The decorations were very neat and effective, the chief feature being a graceful rood screen with colored shields and devices. On one side of the Church, between a heavy display of evergreen are the words of the Angels' song "Glory to God," &c., and on the other the song of the Blessed Virgin, "My Soul doth magnify the Lord." Some bright banners were hung at the East-end. The altar was adorned with six vases of flowers and a neat brass cross.

The first service of the Festival was midnight celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This service was sung to Gilbert in G, and was very well rendered by the choir, who for months have been in careful training. There was also plain celebration at 8; Matins at 10, and full choral celebration at 11 again—on Christmas Day. Full choral Evensong with carols was sung at 7:30 p.m. The service used was Tallis', with Stainer's anthem, "O Sion that bringest Good Tidings." Notwithstanding the heavy rain, there were ten more communicants at the Festival than at any other time since the Rectors coming. To God be humble thanks! The Rector had numerous tokens of his people's love, in the shape of handsome gifts. The congregation presented him with a fine fur cap. So he need not be afraid of North Shore blizzards. On Epiphany we have a tree and feast for the Sunday-school children.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The Christmas Festival services, and also those on St. Stephen's Day were well attended, and all the Churches, with but one exception, were beautifully decorated. The only Church that was not decorated is extremely evangelical, and the congregation and the Priest in charge do not allow of any decorations being put up in the Church even at Easter, and in no way beautify their Church or make any alteration in their services for any of the Church festivals. It is really wonderful that they do not admit of something being done to beautify their Church, especially when some of the sects in the city have special musical services, and we believe even had decorations.

The Cathedral.—Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m., and after Morning service at 11 a.m. After the Evening service on St. Ste-

phen's Day a number of carols were splendidly sung. They were also repeated on the Tuesday evening following.

St. Matthew's.—The Festival services were commenced with Evensong at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Petry, M.A. On Christmas Day celebrations were held at 6:30 a.m.; 7:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. All of these celebrations were well attended, and at the latter service the sermon was preached by the Rector, Rev. F. J. B. Allnatt, D.D. The decorations in this Church were very handsome, and a number of plants in pots were placed around the pulpit. The altar was covered with flowers in vases. On Christmas afternoon at 4 o'clock Evensong was said, and immediately after a selection of carols, from "Carols Old and New," published by the Rev. Mr. Bramley, of Oxford, Eng., and arranged by Dr. Stainer, were sung by the surpliced choir, assisted by the Auxiliary Choir of ladies. They were beautifully rendered and the Church was filled to overflowing, many being present from the other city congregations.

On St. Stephen's day celebrations were held at 8 a.m., and at 10:30 a.m. The afternoon service consisted of choral Litany, and the carols were again repeated.

On St. John the Evangelist Day and also on Holy Innocent Day there were celebrations at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and the usual daily service at 5 p.m.

On New Year's Eve, evening service with meditation was held at 8 p.m., and on New Year's Day celebrations as on Christmas Day at 8 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.

During the season of Advent a special course of sermons were also preached on Wednesday evenings by several of the city clergy.

St. Matthew's.—On Thursday afternoon last the members of the Bands of Hope and Mercy, and the Ministering Children's League were entertained to a special tea in the Parish room.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—The Christmas services were well attended in all the churches, the decorations are very handsome. The ladies of St. James' lately held a successful sale of work by which a handsome amount was realized.

Sunday School Entertainment.—The annual Christmas entertainment, was given to the children and teachers of St. George's Cathedral Sunday School, on the evening of the festival of Holy Innocents. At 7:30 o'clock a short service was held in the Cathedral, then all adjourned to the Synod hall, here a very fine exhibition of the magic lantern was given by Mr. W. Neish of H. M. Customs. This was followed by carol singing and a distribution of sweetmeats to the children. The reports showed the school to be in a flourishing state. A new and complete library has lately been added.

ODESSA.—A Christmas service was held in this village on Tuesday the 26th., the attendance was good and the decorations handsome.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

WELLANDPORT.—If the Church has heretofore been slow in recognizing her mission to evangelize this land, to take possession of it in every corner, to go into the highways and hedges and to compel them to come in, there are few who will deny that she now waking up to a fuller and better performance of her duty than she has ever seemed to have grasped in this country before.

There has been unfortunately in the past and it raises its head very often still, the awful and deplorable idea that the Church was made to be the servant of the priests. As this idea dies out and a new generation of men come up (as they are now coming all too slowly), who will

be able to recognize that they are made to be the servants and ministers of the Church, so in proportion will the true work of the Church be carried on with that enthusiasm which ensures success. Much encouraging work has been done in all the Dioceses in this Dominion in the last few years. Nowhere, perhaps, has more been done of sound and enduring work than in the Diocese of Niagara, and that upon true Church lines. So long as work is done upon Church lines it is certain of permanency. The architecture of the Church is like its teaching, it is distinct and marked. The trouble in past years was want of definite Church teaching consequently one system was just as good as another for many people who should have been Church people all their lives, and would have been had they been taught Church doctrine.

In Every parish where Church teaching has been given fearlessly a revival has sprung up and the dust and sloth of the past year have been shaken off. The new bright spots which are springing up indicate what is coming and what can be done when the Church is presented in a fair and honest light. Although this Diocese has been called the parlor Diocese of Canada there are still many important places large tracts of country with thriving villages where there is no service. The wants and needs of those who have been left without the Church's services, are not fully understood, and cannot be supplied until more men are forthcoming and more means to support them. Some years since the statement was made at a missionary meeting in Hamilton that no less than seven townships between Grimsby and the Falls were without the ministrations of the Church. An effort was made; the first attempt did not seem to result in much. But a little over three years since the Rev. F. E. Piper was appointed to Forthill, Wellandport, Smithville, and the awful unknown, described as parts adjacent. From the day of his appointment there was a movement along the whole line. He has worked with patience, courage and fortitude, and his work has been abundantly blessed. Two Churches and a substantial parsonage stand as a monument to his zeal and devotion in a district which at first was most unpromising. The second Church was opened in Wellandport on Wednesday 22nd. The congregation at this station had been worshipping in an old Union meeting house which had been abandoned by all the other bodies of Christians. The building was much dilapidated and so far outside the village that in spring and fall it was as much as a person's life was worth to attempt to reach it as the mud is something which requires to be seen in order to be appreciated. A lot was secured in the centre of the village and a handsome frame Church well proportioned with all the requisites for due performance of the service was built upon it. The formal opening was attended by the villagers of all religious professions and of no particular profession. The services were hearty, the choir of St. Luke's, Smithville, leading the praise. The Revs. Howitt, Smith and Geoghegan preaching during the day and evening.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—Christmas Day found all the city churches beautifully decorated suitable for the occasion.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron preached in St. Paul's. The congregations were all very good and the music unusually bright.

On Sunday, the 26th, His Lordship preached in St. Matthew's, East London, and in the morning in St. James', London South.

A handsome memorial window has been put in St. James' Church, London South. It consists of a large life-sized figure representing St. James with a pilgrim's staff and water pouch in his hand. The passion flower forms a very ap-