

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND SERVICES.

THE decorations this year are composed chiefly of texts, the letters of which, beautifully cut out in colours and gold, were made by Mr. William Freeland, who, although a stranger to St. George's, kindly volunteered his services. Over the altar a retable has been erected on which is "God with us." Over the transept doors are, "Unto us a child is born," and "Unto us a son is given." At the east end of the north aisle "The Prince of Peace," and on the front of the west gallery, "+ Alpha + Thou art God from Everlasting + Omega +". On each side of the east window is a scarlet panel, the design and workmanship of Mr. Boyd, on one of which is a cross with "Jesus, Saviour," and on the other a crown and "Christ anointed," all in gold. On the dado at each side of the altar are blue medallions with scarlet monograms I.H.S. and X.P., the work of Mr. Chadwick. Mrs. Baines and her young lady helpers have dressed the pulpit, lecture desks, &c., tastefully with evergreens.

The Services on Christmas Day were largely attended, especially in the evening, when the Sunday School children sang several carols. The anthems were the same morning and evening: "In the beginning was the Word," and during the offertory, "O holy night," a translation from the French. In the latter the solos were sung by Vaux Chadwick and Richard Cowan, being the first occasion on which the boys' voices have been used this way.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

An amendment to the Constitution of the Diocesan Synod was passed at the last session, and is now in force, providing for registration of persons entitled to vote at elections of Lay Delegates. In accordance with this Canon it is necessary for each person desiring to be registered to sign a declaration to the effect that he is a member of the Church of England and of this congregation; that he is an habitual worshipper with this congregation, and that his connection with it as such commenced at least three months prior to 1st January; that he is not registered as an habitual worshipper with any other congregation; and that he is of the full age of twenty-one years. This declaration is now prepared, and may be signed by members of the congregation on and after 2nd January. It is very desirable that all qualified members of the congregation should sign it before the 15th of January. After this date a list of those registered will be posted up in the vestibule of the Church, and up to 15th February any member of the congregation may object to any name on the list, or any one whose name does not appear on it may apply for leave to sign the declaration and to be registered. In order to decide any question which may arise as to the correctness of the list, or as to the admission of persons claiming the right of registration after 15th January, it will be necessary for the Vestry to elect two members of the congregation, who, with the Rector and Churchwardens, will form a tribunal for determining such questions. A special Vestry Meeting will require to be held shortly to elect such two members, who will hold office until the election of their successors, which should take place at the next Easter Vestry Meeting.