

DIOCESE OF HURON.

AILSA CRAIG.—The Rev. W. M. Shore, the incumbent, has arranged for a Mission to be held here, by the Rev. W. J. Taylor, rector of Mitchell. It commences on Saturday, January 12, and lasts ten days. The prayers of all believers are asked for, that God may own and bless this work.

MITCHELL.—The service on Christmas Day was well attended, the church very tastefully decorated, the singing of two carols by the children of the S. S. good, and the offertory a liberal one. A largely attended service of an hour was held to commemorate the outgoing of the old year, and incoming of the new year. It was a deeply solemn one, consisting of part of the communion service, a hymn, sung while kneeling, reading of Scripture, &c., with an address from the words, "It is finished."

The S. S. festival was a great success; the Town-hall was filled, and everybody was delighted. The entertainment consisted of a cantata, entitled "New Year's Eve," in which appeared Father Time, the Old and New Year, the Four Seasons and their attendants, Santa Claus, Christmas, &c. One scene, in which appeared the Star of Bethlehem, with shepherds watching over their flocks, and an illumination with the words, "Peace on earth, good will towards men," was strikingly effective. The chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest," was beautifully given, an excellent tone pervaded the piece throughout, and all was rendered in a most thorough and reverent manner. A large number of choruses and carols were given by the children, in which they were trained by the Rector. To Mrs. Taylor, Miss Howard and the Church choir, great credit is due for making this the most successful S. S. festival ever held in Mitchell.

POINT EDWARD.—The annual Christmas Festival, in connection with the Sunday School of St. Paul's Church, came off most successfully on Friday evening, 28th ultimo. About one hundred children put in an appearance and the best of order prevailed throughout. The programme consisted of Christmas carols, choruses and recitations by children of the Sunday-school, and drew down the well-merited applause of the large assemblage gathered in Oddfellows' Hall. A cantata by six young girls dressed in white, and entitled "The Two Paths," interspersed by singing appropriate to each path of "duty and pleasure," was well received. Towards the conclusion of the programme an address was presented to Mrs. Geo. Mellon by six young girls of the Sunday-school who had been under her training, accompanied by a beautiful inkstand in a gilt stand. Also an address by the choir of St. Paul's Church, to Miss Sophie C. Steele, organist, accompanied by a very handsome toilet set in a morocco case; to both of which addresses suitable replies were given. Santa Claus then distributed to all the children present gifts from an illuminated Christmas-tree. Several valuable prizes were also awarded by the Incumbent, in the name of the teachers, to successful competitors in the different classes for regular attendance, good conduct, and perfect lessons. The financial result was gratifying. *Laus Deo!*

EXETER.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese opened the handsome Trivett Memorial Church here on December 23rd. There are few churches equal to this in the Diocese. It cost about \$25,000. The stained glass windows throughout the building are handsome in design and rich in coloring and beauty. Indeed, the entire building, interior and exterior, is so complete in every particular that nothing remains to be wished for. Money has not been a consideration in the erection of this magnificent church, as Mr. Trivett only wished to have

it perfect, irrespective of cost. The congregations, three in number, were very large, the building being packed in every corner with eager listeners and earnest worshippers. The Bishop was the preacher on each occasion, and with his usual earnestness propounded God's truth. In the afternoon he held a confirmation service, when a goodly number received the rite of laying on of hands. The collections during the day amounted to exactly \$250.

The Rector, Rev. S. Robinson, is to be congratulated, as well as the congregation. They have all worked hard, and now feel that their labors are rewarded. It would be well if others followed the good example of Mr. Trivett in erecting memorials of this kind during their life-time.

HYDE PARK.—The new brick church in this village was opened for Divine Service on Sunday, December 30th. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron preached a most able and eloquent sermon at the morning service. Rev. Canon Davis preached at the 3 p.m. service, and Rev. J. T. Wright at the 7.30 service. The Rev. G. B. Sage officiated during the day. At each service the church was crowded. Many were unable to get seats even in the porches. The collections amounted to a little over \$100.

For a few years past Mr. Sage has been holding service in a school house here, and the congregation has continued growing until they felt it necessary to have a church, and with becoming zeal and earnestness set to work some months ago to accomplish this end. They are now in a happy and prosperous condition and deserve much praise for what has been done.

LONDON.—His Lordship the Bishop preached in St. Paul's on Christmas Day. The day was wet and most unpleasant. The congregations in the several churches were, in consequence, rather small. The music specially good. The churches are neatly decorated. The several Rectors occupied their respective pulpits (excepting St. Paul's.)

The Bishop again preached in the Cathedral Sunday evening, the 30th, and also at the Watch night service on the 31st.

An ordination will be held in Christ's Church on Sunday, Jan. 31.

The Rev. Canon Richardson has secured the services of Mr. Wood, a Divinity student of Huron College, to assist regularly in the services at All Saints' Chapel.

FOREST.—His Lordship the Bishop is to open a new Church in Forest on Sunday next.

SARNIA.—The handsome new school-house is to be opened here on the 13th. There has been great delay, caused by the Stained Glass Window Company of Toronto not forwarding their work weeks and weeks ago. The building is a very neat and convenient one, costing about \$4,000. The Rev. Principal Fowell will preach on the occasion.

The total voluntary income of the Diocese last year amounted to \$18,744, being a gain of \$2,902.69 over the previous year. The Mission Fund debt has been reduced from \$4,916.48 to \$335.08, and it is hoped this small balance will soon be removed. This is most gratifying and shows the Diocese is in a most prosperous condition.

The Christmas offertory in St. George's Church, Sarnia, was \$91.

On the Sunday before Christmas all of the members of Trinity Church, Mooretown, put an envelope on the offertory plate, which, when opened, contained \$25 as a Christmas gift to the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, the Rector of the church.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

Notes of a visit to the Indian tribe of Cherokees:

There are two great parties in the Cherokee

nation; the Nationalists, answering to the American Republicans, and the "Downing" similar to the American Democrats. The Nationalists had been in power for some time past, but at a recent election they have been defeated, and now the Downings were at the top of the tree, and their favoured candidate, Mr. Mayes, was now the Governor. The next day was to be the opening of parliament, and the newly elected Governor would deliver his message. All this I learned from the Cherokee lady in her conversation with the Cherokee driver of the stage. I learned moreover that potatoes and fruit were cheap in the Territory and that everything else was unusually dear; My, said the Cherokee lady, but 15 cts. for eggs is a price! and turkeys they tell me are worth a dollar apiece and chickens 40 cts. a couple! I ventured to moot the question what proportion of the Cherokee Nation are full blood? The opinions expressed by the passengers and driver were a little varied, one sixth of the whole population is full blood, said one; about thirty per cent, said another. We reached Tallequah, the capital of the Cherokees at one o'clock. There were two hotels at Tallequah. I went to the "National" and had dinner. It was not very cleanly or nicely served, and the bedroom they gave me upstairs was of a decidedly third class character, they said however that the place was overcrowded on account of the opening of Parliament. After dinner I sought out Senator Foot to whom I had a letter of introduction, they said he was having a nap, so I thought I would see him by and by, and I went out to see what was going on.

In the square near to the hotel, and opposite the entrance to the Parliament House was a large gathering of Cherokees, and I dropped in among them. There were several large trees in the middle of the square, and under their shade a platform had been erected, and just as I joined the throng a stout, comfortable looking gentleman of about sixty summers mounted the platform followed by two or three satellites; this was the signal for a round of applause; the gentleman who had mounted the platform was the Hon. J. B. Mayes, the newly elected Governor, and his object in mounting the platform was to deliver his message to the assembled senators, councillors, and general public. The Governor was not very much Cherokee. I was told that his mother was half Cherokee and his father was a full blooded Irishman. The election of Governor it appears takes place every fourth year. In the upper House are 10 senators, and in the lower House are 36 councillors, all elected every second year. The Territory is divided into nine electoral districts. Each district is entitled to be represented by two senators and by from 3 to 8 councillors. Laws are read three times in the lower House and three times in the upper House and then have to be approved and signed by the principal Chief or Governor. The Executive Council consists of the Governor and three councillors, they hold office for four years. It costs about \$150,000 a year to run the Government.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—The Christmas services were well attended in all the churches. The weather up to date has been mild and delightful, and on Christmas morning it was perfection. The six churches in the city were all tastefully decorated. Some of the decorations at All Saints are intended to be permanent. At All Saints', Rev. H. A. Tudor, there were celebrations; the Rector was assisted by Rev. W. St. John Field, late of Moose Mountain, Assinabojia. At Christ Church, Rev. Pentreath, there were celebrations at 7.30; 8.30, and 11, and a children's service of carols at 10. The Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary preached and celebrated at the Choral Communion. At Holy Trinity there were two celebrations; 123 communicating at the Easter service. Rev. Archdeacon Fortin