

Jack." The little ones were heard to say "I do wish *He* would come." He of course meant "Santa Claus." So to amuse the children the organ played some familiar hymns and the children sang from memory the well known tunes with much precision, which speaks well for their training. Just after all were seated and many mothers and friends had come in to share the joys of their little ones, the curtain was drawn aside and there was the tree seen beautiful to gaze at and richly laden with a present for each child. Old "Santa Claus," apparently feeling his advanced age, gave the children a short address and then distributed to each child (64 in all) a present by number. The children received what they most longed for, and their happy faces showed that the evening would long be remembered.

Many were sorry that the good Rector was unable to share their joys; but the Rector of Cambridge was present and assisted to amuse the little ones. After the choir had sung the Xmas anthem and three good cheers were given for Santa Claus, the doxology was sung by all and the happy evening closed.

CAMBRIDGE:—All our Churches were trimmed with extra care for this Christmas, and the Services were hearty and well attended notwithstanding the bad travelling. At a meeting of the Parishioners a "Basket Social" was decided on for January 18th, the proceeds to be added to our "Building Fund." The promises of wood and stone are being fulfilled, and we hope before long to see them on the ground. Our subscription list is still open. Who will aid and cheer us with our New Stone Church?

WATERFORD:—"The Church looks prettier than it ever did before." So spoke several on Christmas morning, and it really did seem more like GOD'S House than it had in time past. The decorations were very simple but very effective, and we all felt that the "Sanctuary was beautified." The rough frozen ground, without snow, hindered from getting to Church those who live at a distance, and yet there was a fair attendance at Matins, and 31 communicants. Three made their first Communion on Christmas Day. At Matins the Psalms were chanted very smoothly to simple chants and the Service, to say the least of it, was bright and hearty. The Celebration was a most solemn one, made so by the reverence of our people, who have learned to realize the awful nearness of the Most Glorious Presence of Our LORD and Master in this "wonderful Sacrament."

In the evening the Sunday School Children, their parents, and friends met in the Hall and spent two very enjoyable hours together. Several of the children had learned short poems bearing on Christmas, which, when recited, were loudly applauded. Between the recitations, Carols and Hymns were sung, in which all who could sing took part. Then came fun for all in the shape of a magic lantern exhibiting very laughable pictures. After this the Sunday School Children were treated by their teachers to cake, apples, candy, and nuts, and a Christmas card for each, all done up in paper bags. But the great surprise was kept until the last. A beautiful Raccoon-skin sleigh-robe was taken from its hiding place, when the Parson's back was turned, and quietly spread out so that he met it "full in the face" when he turned about, and then it was announced that this was a present from the Parishioners of Waterford.

The Parson feels that he cannot express in words his gratitude to his dear people who have not only supplied him with a valuable and most serviceable present, but have given him a token of their love and loyalty to the Church and have shown an appreciation of Her work among them. May GOD'S blessing rest on the Parish!

ST. MARK'S (SUSSEX):—The most enjoyable Service since the Church resumed her work in this Parish was the Celebration of the Holy Communion, at eight o'clock, on Christmas morning. Ten of our twenty communicants and five visiting communicants were present, besides a goodly number of non-communicants. The young people had taken great pains in practising the Kyrie, Gloria, etc., which were chanted for the first time, and the Hymns and Carols were sung "lustily, and with good courage."

Steadfast perseverance with prayer is the only way to succeed in any undertaking for GOD and His Church. If our work in this Parish be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of GOD "*ye cannot overthrow it.*"

The work of the Church of England was, through misfortune, stopped in Saint Mark's Parish for nearly eleven years, now GOD has revived it, in His own good time, and we say to the World in the boldness of our Faith "*ye cannot overthrow it.*" Let the members of this community be but faithful to their 2nd Baptismal vow, namely: to "believe all the articles of the Christian Faith" and they shall find joy and peace in believing.

On the 21st of December we laid to rest our Brother Wm. Tait, aged 75 years, who was Confirmed on the 14th of October last, and made his first Communion on the 22nd of the same month. "Grace be with all them that love our LORD JESUS CHRIST in sincerity."