

Escuminiaac, where a Service was held in the Public Hall on Dec. 10th, at which about thirty were present. On the next morning there was a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at half-past six a. m., at the house of Philips Lloyd, Esq., where several partook of the Communion with the sick.

We shall greatly miss our organist, Miss Gertz, at the Christmas Services. She has gone to her home in Newcastle for the Christmas holidays.

DERBY AND BLACKVILLE.—The Church folks of Derby are anxious to pay off the debt remaining on the Church of St. Peter and to have the Church painted, which it badly needs. We feel confident that if a start is made the success of the undertaking is certain. Our Lay Reader, Mr. Harte, seems to have raised the hopes of the Congregations in this Mission, and we trust the Sacraments and Ordinances of the Church will soon be regularly administered among us again.

The Parish Church at Blackville was filled at the recent services held in it by Mr. Harte.

Reverend Mr. Sweet, of Newcastle, held a Service in St. Peter's, Derby, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23rd.

RICHIBUCTO.—The Bishop Doane Series of Sunday School Manuals were introduced into St. Mary's Sunday School, on the First Sunday in Advent, through the kind assistance of the Coadjutor Bishop. They will prove a most valuable aid in teaching definitely the principles of the Faith. Our Special Advent Services will, it is hoped, be productive of much good.

NEWCASTLE AND NELSON.—Services are held in Nelson every Sunday by the Parson with very satisfactory results. It would be a great advantage to have a properly furnished Church to hold the Services in, as justice can scarcely be done to the Church Services in a School House. Some progress has been made in collecting funds for a new Church, but much more is still wanted before the work can be safely undertaken.

Special Advent Services are being held in St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle. On Friday evenings the Services are intended to be preparatory to the Christmas Communion.

Our plans for the decoration of St. Andrew's have been suddenly frustrated by the violent snow storm which has rendered it impossible to get evergreen in time to prepare it.

WELDFORD.—Church work is going on well in this Parish, and the outlook encouraging. The

worthy ladies of St. Mathew's Church are about to hold a concert which will no doubt be successful. The decorations for Christmas in both Churches will surpass anything we have had in previous years. The Parson is in good health, and we all wish him "A Happy Christmas!"

BATHURST.—"Parson Peters" is busy at work, and will be heard from in next K. D. M. He has been little at the Rectory, being occupied with Parish visiting and Church building in Clifton, etc., and endeavouring to turn to good account the work of the Lay Readers who were with him last summer.

CHATHAM.—The Christmas decorations for St. Mary's Chapel rendered God's "Holy Habitation" warm and bright in honor of the coming of the King. The workers met in St. Mary's School Room, and no doubt "the more, the merrier" was proved a true old saying. "Old St. Paul" was not decorated this year on account of the few workers available. Some have joined the exodus, some have joined the company of fishermen, and some have made matrimonial alliances, and hence the shortage in needful help. The Choir of St. Mary's sang the Christmas Anthem, "There were Shepherds," etc., very well, and some new Chants also. There were the usual Services, including a midnight Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve.

The juveniles, under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Howard, gave a Christmas Service of Song, "Glimpses of Bethlehem," which proved both interesting and instructive. The children sang Christmas Carols before the Morning Service on Christmas Day.

The members of the Juvenile Guild will, it is hoped, spend some pleasant evenings in the School Room with their friends between Christmas and Lent.

The Women's Guild is going bravely on, and we hope for more members after Christmas and New Year's Day. "Come one, come all," and help to beautify the place of God's Sanctuary and to make His Rest to be glorious!

We have had the pleasure of a brief visit from the Hon. Chief Justice Allen, now Sir John C., who has been spending a day or two with our Churchwarden F. E. Winslow, Esq. We were glad to see His Honor's genial countenance, and note with thankfulness his good example in being present at both Services, at 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., in St. Mary's on Sunday. Some of our careless and irregular people, of much fewer years, would