

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

CHRISTMAS TIDE.

The Cathedral was tastefully decorated this season by members of the congregation, assisted by Mr. Godding and the choir boys. The screen across the chancel, which was composed of a lattice work of ivy, fir, and berries, and surmounted by a gilt cross, was executed by Miss Nelson; the pulpit decorated in quite a new and very tasteful manner by the Misses Crease and Miss King; the altar rails by Miss Sorby; the font by Miss Ward; the pillars and windows wreathed with ivy, by the Misses deVeuille; the choir stalls by Miss Drake, and the altar vases by Miss Hills. The choir men and boys on Christmas eve reinstated the old English custom of singing carols at the houses of the principal church members. They were very kindly received and hospitably entertained. The Christmas and New Year's day congregations, notwithstanding the inclement weather, were very large and seemed thoroughly to enjoy the hearty services, and special music which had been carefully prepared by the choir under the able leadership of Mr. H. Kent.

The following is a list of the Carols:

Good Christian Men Rejoice; Earthly Friends will Change and Falter; Earth To-Day Rejoices; Christ Was Born on Christmas Day; Here is Joy for Every Age; Carol, Carol, Christians.

ST. JAMES' VICTORIA.

The first Confirmation in this Church was held on Sunday, January 15th, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

In spite of inclement weather a large congregation assembled to witness the Holy Rite, among whom were many of the parents and friends of the candidates. Many of the Choir also were present to assist in the Service, which began with Hymn 270. The Litany was then said, followed by Hymn 347. The Preface was read by the Archdeacon, who is Incumbent of St. James, after which the Bishop, coming forward to the chancel steps, delivered an impressive address to the candidates who occupied the two front seats. At the close of his address the solemn question was put, to which the candidates, "standing in order before the Bishop," gave a reverent and audible response.

The laying on of hands followed, the candidates going up, four at a time, and kneeling at the altar rails, and the organist playing a soft voluntary as they left and returned to their seats. Then followed the Collects and Hymn 349, after which came the Bishop's second address, and the Ser-