

vis to the congregation, instead of a sermon, and which was at once affectionate and practical.

We hear that about a thousand people attended these two services, and that the offertory of the day was very large.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PORT HOPE.—At the recent Christmas Examinations of the Trinity College School, Port Hope, the following boys were awarded prizes for general proficiency:

5th form, Martin, A. P. R.; 3rd form Parfitt, C. D.; upper 2nd, Bethunes, A. M.; lower 2nd, Lyon, L. M., and Renison, R. J.; upper 1st, Burham, I. H.; lower 1st, Russell, A. D.

The following boys also are entitled to honorable mention for general proficiency, having obtained over sixty per cent. of that number of marks in their respective forms:

Upper 2nd. form, Sweeney, R.; Lewis, C. S.; lower 2nd. form, Bethune, F. H.; David, O. W.; Asbury, H. E. S.; Armstrong, J. J. P.; Richardson, A. A.; Coen, E. W.; upper 1st. form, Jewett, W. D.; Crombie, E. R.; McGiverin, W. L. S.; Allan, H. T.; Syer, W. R.; Neilson, R. Wagner, G. O.; lower 1st. form, Macintosh, C. St. L.; Taylor, W. J.; Symmes, E. W.; Bethune, R. A.; Ireland, A. L.; modern form, Seton, R. A.; Baker, E. C.

BOWMANVILLE.—On Sunday, 18th inst., the Lord Bishop of Toronto held Ordination service in this Church according to the solemn ritual of the Church of England, at which service Mr. George Warren, of Trinity College, Toronto, and for the past six months assistant to the Rev. Dr. Macnab, rector of the parish, was admitted to Holy Orders as Deacon. The proceedings commenced at 11 o'clock with a part of the Morning Prayer, after which "Veni Creator Spiritus" was sung by the choir and congregation. The sermon was then preached by the Rev. Professor Roper, of Trinity College, from the text: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people," 1 Peter, xi, 9. The preacher, after referring in most affectionate terms—which revealed the strong ties of true fellowship that bind together the members of the College—to his personal acquaintance and respect for the candidate for Orders, dwelt at some length upon the universal priesthood of Christians, the privileges and blessings which they receive by their union with Jesus Christ, and the consequent responsibilities of Christian life. Christians are kings and priests: kings, exercising complete control over themselves, overcoming their lusts by the power of the Incarnation; priests, continually pleading at the Holy Eucharist the one meritorious sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, and, being crucified with Him, offering up themselves in lifelong service, sacrifices to God. But within this priestly kingdom, by divine appointment there is a class of men who have special duties, those of ministering to the Christian body. The Rev. gentleman went on further to show how necessary it is that the clergy should have the hearty sympathy, co-operation and sincere prayers of those to whom they minister; and, that only when there is this harmonious action can the work of the ministry be effectual. The whole discourse was characterized by a depth of feeling and an impression which brought its teaching home to the hearts of the congregation. The sermon being over, the candidate was presented to the Bishop by Professor Roper, the deputy for Archdeacon on the occasion; and in due order was admitted to the Diaconate. At the administration of Holy Communion, a large number received the sacrament at the hands of the Bishop. The whole service lasted two and three quarters of hours, being well sustained throughout. The choir, kindly assisted by some members of the town band, acquitted itself in a most creditable manner.

At the evening service the sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop; the text being: "But ye beloved building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God," Jude xx, 11. Careful thoughts and practical application, as usual, emphasized the Bishop's discourse. One thing too often neglected was brought into prominence,—the necessity of holding the true faith, as a basis for a holy life. The congregation was very large at both services. The day was a notable one in the history of St. John's Church; an ordination never having been held there before.

EAST YORK.—Plan of Missionary Meetings in the Rural Deanery of East York, January next.

South-west Division:—

Monday, January 33rd, Christ Church, Scarborough; Tuesday, 24th January, St. Jude's, Scarborough; Wednesday, 25th January, St. Paul's, Scarborough; Thursday, 26th January, St. Philip's, Unionville; Friday, 27th January, Grace Church, Markham.

Deputation, Rural Dean Kirkby.

North-west Division:—

Monday, 23rd January, Christ Church, too-ville; Tuesday, 24th January, St. Paul's, Uxbridge; Wednesday, 25th January, St. Mary's, Sunderland; Thursday, 26th January, All Saint's, Cannington; Friday, 27th January, St. Paul's, Beaverton.

Deputation, Rv. W. C. Allan, A.M.

East Division:—

Monday, 23rd January, St. George's Church, Pickering; Tuesday, 24th January, St. John's, Port Whitby; Wednesday, 25th January, St. Thomas, Brooklin; Thursday 26th January, St. Paul's, Columbus; Friday, 27th January, Ascension, Port Perry.

Deputation, Rev. John C. Davidson, A. M.

Sunday, 29th January, All Saint's Church, Whitby.

Deputation, Rev. John Fletcher, A.M., R.D.

The Incumbent of St. George's Church, Oshawa, will make arrangements for a Sunday Missionary service in that Church.

TORONTO.—*St. George's.*—On Advent Sunday there were 163 communicants, of whom 63 came to the early service. The Advent offertories were for the Church Home, which is in need of funds owing to the heavier expenses of winter.

The work of the Church Army is at present being carried on by the clergy of the parish, Capt. Eccleston having been transferred to Detroit. Another officer has been cabled for to England. Capt. Munn is working in St. James' Parish and with good results. What is needed for the complete success of the work in this country is that a few more parishes take it up; at present it is simply parochial, and therefore of limited influence. However, the work is spreading; a shortened form of evening prayer is now being used at the Sunday evening services, which are well attended, and the responses heartily joined in by all present. There are over 100 children in the mission Sunday-school. The Ladies' Aid Society is now fully organized, and has lately held a very successful Sale of work and Christmas Festival in the Schoolhouse, with carols, concerts, a Christmas tree, and five o'clock tea.

St. Peter's.—The Ladies of the Missionary Society of this Church, held one of their very popular Sales of ladies' work and Indian articles, imported direct from India, on Thursday, the 15th December.

Ch. of the Ascension.—The band of Mission Helpers of this Church, held their annual Christmas "At Home" and Sale of work in the Schoolroom, on Thursday, 15th Dec. There was a concert in the evening under the direction of Mr. Doward.

St. Matthew's.—A Church of England Tem-

perance Society has been formed in connection with this Church. The officers elected for the present season, are:—The Rev. J. Scott Howard, Incumbent, President; H. R. Alley, Vice-President; Alfred L. McTear, Secretary; and A. A. Allen, Treasurer. A Committee of six members was also nominated to arrange the business to be brought before the Society at its meetings each week. An entertainment in connection with this Church was held last week in the Schoolroom, which was crowded; the Rector presided. An excellent programme consisting of glees, piano solos, songs and recitations, was rendered.

New School.—It is proposed to establish in this city a new school for boys after the Christmas vacation which it is intimated, will compare favorably with the best Public schools in Great Britain and which will obviate the necessity some Torontonians have considered themselves under of sending their boys to be educated at Rugby, Harrow, and other leading schools in the Old Country. The Committee has chosen for head master Mr. Benjamin Freer, M.A., who has had long experience as a teacher in Canada, and who brings with him the best possible record from the Educational Department of Ontario. Mr. Freer took his college course at Oriel College, Oxford, and afterwards proceeded to his degree at Trinity College, Toronto; so that the new head master brings with him the advantage of an English training combined with a lengthened and successful Canadian experience. The Council of the school also intend to secure the services of two other thoroughly efficient masters, and are making arrangements to add to the staff when required. The school will for the present be carried on in the school-house of St. Luke's Church, on St. Joseph Street.

HAYSVILLE.—The St. James' Church congregation, Wilmot, presented the Rev. J. Edmonds with a handsome and valuable "cutter" on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd. The Christmas Day offertories from the three congregations in his charge were also most liberal.

PETERBORO.—The Christmas entertainment of the St. John's Church Sunday-school children took place on Thursday evening last. The attendance was fair but not as large as it should have been. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, readings, recitations, magic lantern, cantatas and tableaux, and was well carried out. The best pieces on the programme were the duet by Misses Beck and Wrighton, the cantata of the children visiting the fairies and the duet by the children on the piano. The Fairy Queen was decidedly the little star of the evening, and she was well supported by her six attendants. The whole of the cantatas reflected great credit and showed wonderful patience on the part of the young lady who accompanied and trained the children. A fair sum was added to the fund with which it is intended to purchase a library for the Sunday-school.

ASHBURNHAM.—The Children's Annual Christmas Festival in connection with the St. Luke's Church, was held on Friday evening last. Two large Christmas trees on the platform were loaded with Christmas presents, but they were hid from the large audience by a curtain until the festival commenced. A programme of music, consisting of choruses, carols and solos was presented, in which the Sunday-school children, Miss E. Tivey, and Mrs. Bowman took part. Wm. Dixon delighted the people with ventriloquism. The presents were then distributed. The Rector made a short address in which he stated that the Sunday-school had been prosperous during 1887, the average attendance for the first six months being 140, and the last five months 167. Many of the children had attended every Sunday during the year and deserved prizes. The plan of distribution