Ryening Mercury

The grand festival was duly observed at Bt. George's in a bright and attractive form. Least week the faithful workers of the congregation, young and old, devoted hemselves to the decoration. There is nothing ornate or gandy, but the effect of the beautiful wreathing, especially in the chancel arch, is very pleasing, as it is also in the foot and pulpit. On the Sunday morning the Rev. Mr. Ross preached a surmon appropriate to the close of the Advent season, the text being from the Bustles Regiotes in the Lord always, and sain I say rejoice." At the children's survice, which was held at 5 p.m. the Bunday school choir ang very sweetiy carols are appropriate by mns. and Mr. Ross gave a pleasing address on the lessons impressed upon all by the great festival. In the archieston preached on the preparations needed to secure the full blessings of Christmas. The fext was from lessing if the outcome of the confort and alleviate, as far as people, it is not supported by the great festival. In the archieston preached on the preparations needed to secure the full blessings of Christmas. The fext was from lessing it to comfort and alleviate, as far as people, it is not supported by the great festival. In the archieston are and alleviate, as far as people, it is not supported by the great festival. In the archieston and alleviate, as far as people, it is not supported by the great festival. In the content we have a supported by the great festival in the first of the choir, who had joined in reviving the old English custom of Christmas waits, stood in front of the choir, and the supportion of the choir, who had joined in reviving the old English custom of Christmas hymns and carols which had sone so highly appreciated during their cound of visits the previous week.

There was an early celebration of the Holy Communion Christmas morning, at which a large portion of the choir, who had joined in the first of the counter of the middle service and a very strong choir. The services began with the manifest the middle service and the

S. JAMES.

The decorations at S. James this tear were the prestitest with which this hurch has been adorned. Long festoms it cedar and holly hung from the beams of the dear and holly hung from the beams of the wells, presenting a very graceful appearance, while the three arches aided to give the church a very festive dress. The large chancel arch had suspended from it a star of flowers, while other groups of nowers lens their brilliant colorings to beautify the church. On the wall under the sallet y, panelled in green, was the word "Emanuel" in red, and under the south window "Peace on Earth" in green. After the service on Sanday evening, the eighteen choir boys proceeded to the residence of Miss B. Chicholm, the leader of the choir, where they sang Christmas bymns and carols, leading off with "Hark, the herald angals sing." They presented Miss Chicholm with a finely bound copy of Whittier's poems. Proceeding next to the residence of Mr. Wm. Reynolds, County Tressurer, the boys repeated their Christmas music, and presented Miss Kate Reynolds, organist of the choir, with a handsome volume of Longfellow. At both houses they were hospitally estertaired, and a pleasant time was spent before parting with mutual Christmas morning services were held at and 11 hoth heir more largely at 12 hoth heir more largely at 13 hoth heir more largely at 14 hoth heir more largely at 15 heir heir more largely at 15 heir heir more largely at 15 heir mer mer largely at 15 heir mer mer largely at 15 heir mer mer largely at 15 heir mer largely S. JAMES.

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Christmas morning services were held at 8 and 11, both being more largely attended than ever before. The rector, Rov. A.J. Belt, preached from Isaiah 9, 6 v. The musical service was appropriate to the Christmas festival. In the authom, "Oh Come Unto Bathlohem," Miss B. Chisholm and Miss Thomas took the solo patts, and during the offertory Miss Chisholm sang a Christmas carol. Next Sunday evening the nucleos service will be repeated. The Christmas tree entertainment will be held in the schoolroom on Wedenesday evening.

The services in the Church of Our Lady were of a character befitting well the lessive occar in. Masses were said at 6 and 7:30 a.m., and at 10:30 a.m. solemn high mass was celemn high mass was celemn high mass was celemn high mass was celemn and me choir rendering 'Fowler's Mass,' after the composition of J. A. Fowler, of Montal. The tenor soles were taken by Mr. G. Duignan; soprano, by Miss Rena Heffenan, Mrs. G-laigher, Miss Minnie Hayden, and Miss Emms Quinn; alto, by Miss Adderson, Miss Aggie Quinn, and Miss Minnie Gay; base, by Meers. T. J. Scanlon and J. A. Gallagher. The Mass abounds in basulfied quartettee, trios and dusts. This was the first time it had been ring in Guelph, and it was pronounced the best that had been heard for many years. The choir was under the direction of Miss Gay, to whom great credit is due for the able rendition of the Mass. In the wasing solemn vespers and benediction was sunder the direction was sunder the direction of the best that had been heard for many years. weating solemn veepers and benediction were sung by Rev. Father Kavanagh, who also preached a very eloquent sermon nitable to the coaxion. The 'OSaluter." by Mrs.Campbell, the "Salve Regins," 'Miss Haydes, and the "Tantum Ergo, 'the full choir, Mr. J.A. Gallagher sing of the obligato, were features of the music part of the services. The regular nristmas hymns, "Adeste" and "Haxt, a Herald Angels Sing," were sung both orming and evening.

Bev. J. C. Smith, B.D., pr. ached in the crining from Galatians, \$\delta_i\), chap., 4th 46th verses. He sh. wed the process preparation the wor'.d had been going lough for the inor. antion, in respect to rining and intellectual culture, and also a deay in the "cellect of mythology; the avalance of "ne Greek language and the pandacoy of the Roman Empire; and segmer'.d expectation of some stupend "o" at in the history of the world." I would interpret all that had gone and throw a new light on the o, the advent itself and the end constad by that event. In the evening, in the prached an able sermon—an for the poor. His text was Palm I. The subject was geverally the ry of benevolence. One of the hiffently problems the world has to with its the right administration of y, the condition of things which itself the exercises of charity, the of poverty and social distress rincipal causes were enumerated—so, improvidence and intemperance, sucher regarded it as no part of the new formulation of the presental distress regarded it as no part of the order regarded it as no part of the order than the state of God that the Siate world, that there is no sanotion word of God that the Siate in tenourses; that the necessaries and intens of life should in every instance be id for by the consumers, when practice. For any class to be fed or even

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For any class to be fed or even sted at the public expense, tends to catering of a servile spirit, which is ya indesirable. As to the wisdom or mo of the plebicatic, which is to be do to the community, he would not mu undertake to say anything As to the exercise of a rights or liberties in all such testions he believed it was not the

The music at this oburch on Sunday was special, the choir giving, some fine Christmas anthems in excellent style. In "There were Shepherds," Mrs. Moore took the obligato, and alse gave a sole during the offertory, "How Brightly Dawns." In the evening the first anthem was "It came upon the midnight clear," and the second "Claim on the listening aar," Mr. Wilson taking the sole. Miss Maud Stevenson sang "Jerusalem" during the offertory. The pastor presched from Psalm 94; 20, on the prohibition plebisoite question. His main theme was the responsibility of the people for the svils of the liquor kraffic, if they acquiseced un the libensing of the sale of liquor.

On Christmas day, service was held at 11 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Headerson preaching on the Advent of Christ.

DUBLIN STREET METHODIST. Rev. A. H. Ranton, evangelist, occupied the pulpit of Dublin street church on Suuday morning, and the Rev. Geo. Fowler in the evening, both sermons being able expositions of Truth. The choir, under the leadership of Miss Patterson, gave three Christmas anthems in capital style with a full choir.

On Sunday evening Rev. John D. Free-man, pastor of this church, preached a strong sermon dealing with the plebiacite, taking as his text. Esther 8 and 6. He pointed out the Haman of sur land to be the liquor traffic. He vividly depicted the havoc which this curse had wrought upon the family, community and state. The common arguments of the day against prohibition were refuted and met in a clear and masterly manner by the speaker. The national and individual responsibility in the matter was impressed upon his hearers, and an urgent appeal made for every man to discharge his duty when the ballot is placed in his hand. Mr. Freeman in discussing the question showed by his arguments that it had received careful thought at his hands.

FIRST BAPTIET CHURCH.

In the First Baptist church Prof. Pan-ton preached in the morning. Mr. Ray-mond presided at the song service in the evening. There was a good congregation at both services.

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Drave of Mes. Rost. Martin.—Mrs. Martin. (Elizabeth Weighars Kennedy), wife of our well known and highly esteemed of dizen, Mr. Robt. Martin, died in Bowmarville on Baturday morning, at the residence of her son in law, Mr. Geo. Laing. After being a short time with her son David here, she went, early in November, on a visit to the various members of the family, to her sons John and George in Toronto, thence to her dasaghter Robins (Mrs. C. F. Stewart) Whitby, and about the middle of Docember proceeded to Bowmanville to visit her daughter Jessie (Mrs. Geo. Luing). It is supposed she caught cold on the journey. She was taken to her bd on her arrival, and never arose from it. Every possible care and medical attention was bestowed upon qer. Notwithstanding sill that kind friends and medical attendance could do she passed sway on Saturday morning at eight o'clock, at the rips old age of 77 years and 6 months. The Jeceased was fully prepared for the great and final change. Mirs. Martin was one of the old-ast residents in Guejh. Bre came her in 1836 with her sister Mrs. Hugh Macdonald, Eremous, and settled in that towaship. For four years abe underwent all the hardships incidental to the early pioner life. She was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and was one of a family of 14, Mrs. Andrew Quarrie, formerly of Paisley Block, being the only surviving member. She was married in 1840, to Mr. Robort Martin, who was then a general merchant of Guelph, and is to-day one of our most respected citizens, who has been a leading elder and member in Knox church from its inception. This is the first break that Mr. Martin has sustained in the family by death, admired their period of 54 years of married life. The cause of her death was influenza, general debility and old age. She leaves behind a service maid where, D. Guthrie, Mr. P. P., and Thos. Martin, nephew, Mount Forest. The remains were taken from the station to the centeery, where fre whom are alive.

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The Revised Version of the Bible.

Thousands of Bible readers, it seems, much prefer the Bible of their fathers, the one that for centuries, in all the languages of Christendom, has been the fountain head of Soriptural wisdom and theological influence in the home and the pulpit, to the Revised Version. On May 6, 1885, the complete Revised Version was in the hands of the publishers and enormous sales were anticipated, but not realized. But the Revised Bible is the one used by the clergy, by scholars, and by students generally. In some of the Congregational and in a few of the Methodist churches it is read from the pulpit.

Clergymen say they can assign no reason for this apparent prejudice against the Revised Version other than the likelihood of its causing confusion and controversy, and there appear to be no good grounds at the present time for making a change. This will come later, they say. The Revised Version in all respects is claimed to be almost absolutely perfect. In constructing it the "three greatest treasures the Christian church possesses"—the clotest copies of the Bibles in the world—were used. These are the Vatican, the Sinaitic and Alexandrian manuscripts, which were not accessible to those who prepared the Authorzed version in 1611.

Naturally the Revised Version has met with opposition. That has been the history of the Bible the same thing cocurred. The Matthew's Bible the same thing cocurred. That was improved in 1537. The Great Bible, 1539, was followed by the Geseavan in 1560, and by the Biblope' in 1588. That gave way to the authorized, or King James' Bible, 1611, which still is very generally read. Bible.



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