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with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."-Eph. vi. 24 contend for the faith which was the delivered unto the saints,"-Jude

MONTREAL, WEDNES!

JANUARY 7, 1885

SIASTICAL NOTES.

ON MISSION. — The Church Times

(t.) Lodging-house Services.

"One of the most remarkable gatherings was that in a well-known lodging-house in New Nicholl Street, Brick Lane, willingly placed at the disposal of the Sisters of the Church, who are working very zealously in the parish. It is a truly astonishing sight to see Sisters of Mercy and ladies of rank from Belgravia, in conjunction with working men, speaking words of comfort to some of the most deplorable looking of men, whose countenances brightened under the influence of well-known hymns and the soul-stirring words of Mr. C. Powell and Mr. J. T. Widgery, formerly a Methodist preacher, but now a prominent member of the Church of England Working Men's Society. The former speaker at once arrested the attention of the men by telling them that he was once a watchman within a hundred yards of the spot on which they now stood, and they listened with sustained attention to the earnest evangelical addresses, many being moved to tears, and most audibly repeating the Lord's Prayer, while evidently touched by the kindness and sympathy of the ladies. The men gave an evidently earnest invitation for similar addresses to be delivered to them. Addresses of a similar kind were also given in the evening by Mr. J. H. Thomas, another working man, to dock laborers, at St. Catherine's Restaurant, Dock Street, where a considerable number of men were evidently affected, and appreciated the he sisters and others to help them-

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tian, his parents and near relations meet together, week. Some time back a young lady of fair educa-

and go through a ceremon tearing of their tion, and of genuine clothes-(Mr. Rosenthal humorously remarked, "they always take care to put on very old ones commissioner to report the for the purpose")—they sit upon the ground, and satures of the Mission. The fol- they mourn for seven days as for one dead. Thencegets are taken from the issue of the 8th forward the renegade convert is always mentioned in their prayers, the substance of the prayer being that God would either restore him to the Synagogue, or would blot him out of the Book of the living: He is publicly cursed in the Synagogue at every service as long as he lives. More than, this, every perience of the lay h Jew is taught that it his bounden duty to do all in his power to injure the character and position of the convert, in the hope that by this means he may be induced to return to his allegiance, to the an-lissued from the cient faith, or if he should fail, others may be frightened and be prevented from taking a similar step.

Hence it will be seen that the sacrifice which a Jew makes when he accepts Christianity, and is baptized, is a very serious one, and one would think that it is enough to prevent any man from taking such a step unless he was really convinced of the truth of Gospel teaching. I have come across more than one instance during the Mission in which there can be no possible mistake as to the reality of the motives which have actuated Jewish converts. Here is one. A young Jew, who formerly earned £5 a week, was converted to Christianity, and was virtually ruined thereby, for in place of the high wages which he used to earn, his character has been so malined that he is now glad to get five and twenty shillings weekly at his business. Nevertheless, he managed out of this small sum to lay by money, and just before the Mission he went to the clergyman who had been the means of his conversion, and told him that he had in the savings bank enough money to keep him for a fortnight without work, and that he wished to devote himself to laboring during that time in behalf of e people whom he had just left. A fact like this worth more than a thousand theories or arguents, and I am right glad to put it on record.

(3.) The Attitude of the Salvation Army towards the Mission.

I took pains during the Mission to enquire here and there about the attitude the Salvation Army was taking in respect to the week's work in East London. Everybody knows that the special claim made by the "Boothites" that they are in nowise sectarian, but simply desire to stir up people any how to a sense of their eternal interests, and they profess not to care in the least bow this is done supposing that it is done. One would naturally have supposed that they would have hailed the movement last week and would have done what could to help it forward. I find, howover that this is very far from being the case. Indeed 318,358; contributions, \$9,042,628.84. the attitude which they have assumed is mainly one of distinct hastility. Let me give an instance When a Jew is baptized, and becomes a Chris- which came to my knowledge in the course of last

the Salvationists un were simply endear and to affect them don Mission began part in it, believing help to herself perso 'officers,' she was of attend the instruction distinctly refused. isolated case. In or stronghold of the Salva so much in the way that a great many expressed themselve services, but has ance was forb that the Salv nization, w but now I can to let of

THE "CHURCH OF THE EIGH. On the evening of Thursday, December 11th, the Right Rev. Dr. H. C. Riley, late Bishop of the Valley of Mexico, delivered a lecture in New York, on "The Work of the Church in Mexico." He said :--

"The thought of organizing a Mexican Breych of the Catholic Church of our Lord Jesus Christthat should be a faithful guardian and teacher of the Holy Sriiptures-that should have an entirely independent and patriotic Mexican character, and that should base its liturgy on the ancient Mozarabic liturgy of old Sdain, has gradually taken shape and form in Mexico. The magnificent old church of San Francisco in the centre of the capital of Mexico, is now the cathedral of the Mexican Branch of the Church. Some fifty congregations have united with its organization. By its side a Children's Guardian Society has for years been carefully educating a large number of Children in the Christian faith. Through this patriotic Mexican branch of the Church the friends of an open Bible in other lands, by generously contributing in behalf of its work, may, by God's help, aid in rapidly extending and firmly establishing a most precious Christian work throughout Mexico,"

THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH.-The following statistics are taken from "Whitaker's Church Almanac for 1885 :- Diocese and missionary districs, 66; bishops, 69; bishops-elect, 3; clergy, 3,645; parenes, 2,482; missions, 1,549; candidates for Orders, 367; ordinations, deacons, 99; priests, 107; baptims, 49.582; confirmations, 30,204; communicants, 331,894; marriages, 14,-442; burials, 26.645; Sunday-school scholars,

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Cathedral .-- An ordinard Bishop on Sunday hen Mr. A. D. Sylvester

onate. at 9 o'clock, the regular in at 11 o'clock, when acting Chaplain, the ried the Pastoral Staff, oin and the Rev. F. R. hedral, and the choir, hymn 231 Church ar, Almighty Lord,' Murray preached the s remarks S. Matt. non was a plain statein Scripture and history, fold line, Bishop. Priest the Episcopate and of transmitting authority to the Master Himself, the form of Church and the incontroe Day of Pentecost, Jesus, for fifteen vith her com-

The preacher nembers of the Catholic Characteristics and the powers of ordination to non-Episcopally ordained men, who had not received any authority direct from Christ on the Church who had been duly and properly ordained, as all the clergy of every branch of the church in all parts of the world of over 1,500 years had been. Having dwelt upon the importation. Sp ance of the Ministry into which the candidate was seeking admission, the preacher then referred to the personal qualifications which were requisite for every one who contemplated taking such a step as his brother before him was about to do that day. A complete consecration of self—body, soul and spirit, mind and intellect, time and talents-was strongly inculcated, without which the preacher felt there could be no real success in the work of the Ministry. More especially was the duty of self-abnegation and sacrifice dwelt upon at this time, for he who was about to be ordained was to become a co worker with the Rector himself in the care of souls then before him.

After the singing of hynnn 252 the Rev. R. N. Raven sang Helmore's Litany Service. Another hymn having been sung, the Bishop as celebrant commenced the Communion office, when the Ven. the Archdeacon (who presented the candidate) acted as Epistoller and the newly made Deacon as Gospeller. Between fifty and sixty communicated.

Rev. A. D. Sylvester has been licensed as Assistant Curate to the Cathedral and parish church.

A very interesting and important service took place on Monday, December 22nd, at Evensong, arcading panelled in white, green and crimson when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese set apart with Maltese crosses effectively introduced. The Messts. W. H. Wiswell and F. C. Sumichrast to the office of Reader. The candidates were presented ly the Rev. F. R. Murray, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain for the occasion. The candidates having Word of God." The reading desk is similar to the conditional of the candidates having who acted as Bishop's Chaplain for the occasion. answered the usual questions put on such occasions, and the ceremony of separation and dedication having been performed, the Bishop presented each panels of crimson velvet, and is surmounted by a nicely decorated. candidate with his License. There is plenty of large crown of evergreen and red berries, on top at 11 a. m. work for several more Readers, and we rust soon of which is a large Maltese cross doubled of spruce; The new

we tender our be hes to those now set apart trusting that the blessing may rest upon all their labors 1

CHRISTAS IN HALIFAX.—Christmas Day was a very stormy and wet one in Halifax, but notwithstanding this the Festival was well observed in all the Churches. The storm affected the attendance at early communion, although both at St. Luke's and at St. George's the number was large. Special pains had been then with the Christmas music, and the decorat fost of the churches in town have excelled as of former years. We can only just touch the effective points in the decorations. usual, the effect of the text and arches under the windows being particularly good. Banners play the chief part in the decorations here; some these were exceedingly rich in material and artistication in execution, nearly all being the work of members of the congregation. There was a profusion of cut flowers on the altar, and pot plants on each side of the sanctuary. The Rector and all who assisted deserve great praise for the trouble they must have taken in thus excelling the decorations of former years. We would here suggest that proved. The historical perhaps it would be a good thing if the kind ladies who make the banners would next year remember the many forms of some poor parish in the diocese. This is the case in England, and in the larger cities of the States.

The Bishop's Chapel was prettily decorated, and in perfect taste. The chancel arch was simple and world was there effective, and was surmounted with a cross and found which the line, "Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory Ministry of to the new-born King." Around the chapel were ine origin of shields and banners bearing appropriate devices. The sanctuary looked very rich in its silken t some length. needlework and beautiful cut flowers. Much pains, too, had been spent upon the font.

At St. Paul's the decorations were wholly confined to the chancel and the back of the altar. White, gold and silver were the prevailing colors. by miracle, or from the Head of the Church by The pulpit looked very effective, with crimson and direct transmission through the laying on of hands evergreen panels. Rich banners in gold and white through the Apostolic line, seeing that they did found a place, and the choir stalls and organ were not allowed like power either to a Deacon or Priest wreathed in spruce. The text was "Hosanna to othe Church who had been duly and properly the Son of David," and one side panel contained

At St. George's more pains than usual have been taken. Spruce and shields with ecclesiastical designs have been freely used around the dome, and a very effective chancel arch of crimson, gold and spruce were the principal features. The chancel is in a central and two side arches, with a red ground trimmed with evergreen. The straight connections at the top on each side bear the word "Peace." The side arches bear the words, "King of Kings" and "Lord of Lords," and the central, "Come let us adore Him." The letters are in gold of the 16th century, taken from the Henry VII. chapel, Westminster Abbey, an exact copy, and cut with very great care and exactness Beneath the screen is "Emmanuel, God with u in white letters on a red ground, and these left also are of strictly ecclesiastical origin. reredos is almost perfect in itself, just " Christing fied" by a slight addition of holly and a Bethlehe star.

Trinity Chapel has gone far ahead of previous efforts. The chancel is remarkably well done. There is a reredos of-white and evergreen, and over the altar the sacred monogram. Above these are the texts, "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism," and "Unto us a Son is given." On each side pulpit is covered with evergreen, excepting the dossal wing narrow panels, which are in crimson plush, and retables pulpit, and is very pretty, having also a text. The choral is tastefully with evergreen, to be able to record further additions to the workers the base is massed in evergreen wreathin. The cated to St. Peter, is being pushed forward under

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of it. This Christmas the than usual. Every available upon and de text at the Lord delign The side and notal

chancel end is the than usual. A massive a which is, perhaps, a little toods chancel, and hides the view, decorated and a floriated cross centre. Four vases of choice cut lydere on the altar, and many pots of pli to the general effect. It is impossible full description of St. Mark's, there are to tall work. We can only sum up, in the words of the whole church is an artistic bower and all is in direct harmony with the architecture. in direct harmony with the architecture

The Garrison Chapel looked better than usual. Flowers were plentifully used with much effect. The reredos was in scarlet, white and evergreen, and contained Christmas texts. The pulpit was particularly well decorated.

St. John's Church has a text over the altar in crimson letters, "Unto us a Son is given," and a good deal of wreathing has been done. At the Mission Chapel at the North West Arm, appropriate wreathing and ecclesiastical devices adorn the little chapel, and a very tasteful and effective piece of reredos work, containing a handsome evergreen cross, stands behind the altar. We congratulate the people at the Arm upon the taste displayed and the pains taken in the matter.

At St. Matthias there was no attempt at decoration. The people of the Mission were straining every nerve to free it from debt before Christmas, and have succeeded, with the exception of the sum of \$23. During the past six months nearly \$600 have been raised for this purpose, and it was thought better to not even incur one dollar's expense in decorations, while the contractors, who had been waiting so long for their money, remained

The Sunday after Christmas was especially noticeable this year in the churches for the promin-

ence paid to carol singing.

The poor of this parish, who are numerous, have not been forgotten. Many families were made happy on Christmas Day by the materials for a good dinner and by a supply of coal, from a handsome donation handed to the Rector by the generous kindness of the Lord Bishop, and the endowments for the benefit of the poor have been faithfully administered.

King's College,—It is announced in the daily paper to the Rev. D. Neish will on the case of the last will be the

arrange he rich Ro scrolls.

The new Church at Sandy Point, to

in this growing congregation. In the meanwhile banners are in strict ecclesiastical lettering and the energetic and generous management of Captain

he Vicarage by a number of his male parishioners, following address: "As a slight token of our preciation of your faithful services and earnest special his and many another happy Christmas, among its To this address the following reply was made: "My dear friends;—I cannot find words to thank you for your kind and handsome Christmas gift. It is the more touching, and agreeable to me, from the fact that I have only just come as a stranger among st you. Your kindness has made travelling missionary for the country parishes— Cookshire, Coaticook, a stranger amongst you. Your kindness has made this a happy Christmas for me, and I can heartily re-echo your wish that I may live to spend many a Christmas Day among you."

AMHERS Mr. F. C. Sumichrast gave the second of the Guild lectures in this parish on the 15th December. We do not wonder that the School for young ladies recently opened in Halifax under the management of this talented gentleman is so rapidly becoming known and prized by Churchmen of the Maritime Provinces.

The decorations of Christ Church are chaste and simple, any more would rather diminish than add to the beauty of this little gem of a Church. The temporary rood-screen is trimmed with spruce, and wreaths of the same are gracefully draped from the roof of the nave and twined around each pillar. Two very pretty banners of white and crimson occupy conspicuous places on each side of the Altar and two more at the entrance to the chancel, Notwithstanding the severe storm on Christmas Day quite a good congregation assembled to cele-brate the Nativity of Our Blessd Lord. Holy Communion at eight a.m., and at the eleven o'clock service, at which a number of the faithful partook. On Christmas Eve a feast was given the Sunday School by the teachers, in the school-room, and an entertainment in Magic Lantern views, which sent the pupils home highly pleased. Rev. V. E Harris was presented by the parishioner with a seal cap, and by the Sunday School with a handsome ink bottle, as a slight token of their esteem and good will towards him. Mrs. Harris was also the recipient of some silver plate. Rev. Mr Harris has been successful in establishing a Guild, composed of the younger members of the Church, called the "Guild of the Good Shepherd." It now comprises over forty members. We have been highly favored lately in hearing two very instructive and interesting lectures. The first from Rev. F. R. Murray of St. Luke's, Halifax, on "Temperance," and the second on the "Education of the Young," by Professor Sumichrast, of "Girton House," Halifax.

Note.—We wish to add several thousand new

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

TETOWN.—The many friends of the chdeacon of Prince Edward Island will be hear that his health has considerably imsince he arrived in Cornwall, and that he to be fully able to return in the spring and among the people who seem to dearly love inistrations.

Rev. W. B. King, who has labor s Boys' School, has non, and will sever his con from St. next June. Mr. King has aithful ering work at

has made. though held in Charlot, One in aid of St. Peter's Rev. J. Ridley, of the Cathedral, Quebec, from Church, held in the Market Hall, which was in Gal. vi. 14. The offertory was on behalf of the speaking missionary in the Deanery of Bedford. every way a complete success. The Sewing Society have added about \$400 to their funds by this On the evening of the same day a Missionary faithfully before your congregations, and urge them,

There was service in the School House venture. This was followed by a no less brilliant Meeting was ker in the fancy in the chair. The fancy larish, Rev. G. J. D. Peters, was waited in one held in St. Paul's School in the chair. The fancy larish, Rev. G. J. D. Peters, was waited in the sum of St. Paul's School in the energetic latter than the sum of St. Pilliant large in the sum of St. Paul's School in the chair. The Vicarage by a number of his male parishioners, committee of ladies deserve gress praise for their District for Church to presented him with a purse of \$70.00, and the pains in the matter. A little more than \$300 this sum \$26,813.6 was realized at this sale.

We wish that a little more interest could be Domestic and Foreign M work in this Parish, we beg lease to hand you the taken in keeping the work of the Church here outside of the Diocese. It accompanying purse, and trust you may long be before the eyes of all the Church people on the more than \$7,000 over last Island. Work is being done, but we can seldom \$12,000 over 1882. In re get any information regarding it either from the ing, the report stated that parishes or from the papers. Many friends away had been built and conbecome of the movement for the appointment of a \$6,007.53 had been paid travelling missionary for the country parisheshas it died out? And is there any chance of the were reported as become important parishes of Georgetown and Cherry next year. Allusion w Valley securing permanent clergymen? At one closing of the Compton time each of these parishes had a rector, then both parishes had one rector between them-now for some years past neither parish has had a rector.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. John, N.B.—Christmas work of the Church of England Institute.—The ladies' committee of the Church of England Institute who visit the Marine Hospital every week, provided a treat for the sailor. A Christmas Eve. At 5 p.m. the inmates and lown to a substantial tea—turkey, blanc-mange, jelly, etc. The chaplain, Rev. Mr. Spencer, said grace, and after tea there was a short service of song. Miss Black presided at the organ. kindly lent by the steward, Mr. Barnes, whose good management can be seen in all the household arrangements. Among those present were Mrs. T. W. Daniel, Rev. Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Armstrong and Dr. Botsford. The new hospital offers a great contrast to the confined quarters so long occupied by the sick sailors. The present building is well arranged, lighted and furnished with all modern inventions for comfort and ventilation. It is a credit to our city and to the Dominion.

Several members of the Ladies' Public Hospital Committee of the Church of England Institute, accompanied by Miss Katie Berryman, visited the Public Hospital on Christmas afternoon. Money had been supplied by kind friends for the purchase of grapes, and jelly was supplied by others. A bunch of grapes and a Christmas card were carried to each patient. They seemed very grateful for the kind attention. Before leaving the ladies sang Christmas hymns in the male and female wards. At the request of a sick man, Miss Berryman sang "Jesus, Lover of my soul," and they closed with the evening hymn, "Abide with me."

DORCHESTER.—In common with their brethren everywhere, the Churchmen of this parish have Subscribers to the Guardian's list during the been rejoicing in Christmas-tide. The day itself coming year. Will you help to do it? It can be may very cold, and a blustering snow-storm raged, done if the present Subscriber will aid. of PEACE ON EARTH. Notable among the Christian works of piety and charity done by individual parishioners were the entertainments got up with unstinted hand for the children by the widow of the late Joshua Chandler and the Misses Backhouse, the latter of whom entertained on the Eve of the Holy Innocents nearly thirty poor colored children of the Church in a sumptuous manner. There the spirit of Christ is, where the poor are the better for Christmas.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING .- The Anniversary held in St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday morning, some 40 miles in rear of Lachute; and a fifth Jand, te may notice, December 10th. The Bishop and twenty clergy a view to the division of the missions between and were present. The sermon was preached by the inclusive of, Huntingdon and Hemming ord. Missionary Diocese of Algoma.

in the chair. The r that the sum of \$3 District for Church on \$2,777.22 for Dioce Cookshire, Coaticook. were reported as become appeal made to Churching selves in its support. report, most interesting by the Rev. Dr. Lobley The former spoke upon M India, showing the chara the Christian Missionarie various State official rej proof of the work done.

The Rev. Mr. Rid objection that "Miss This statement the spe recital of facts of work ary fields the world earnest appeal to Ch the work of their

The following Bishop to the Clerg

e of Montreal: Montreal, 1st January, 1885.

DEAR BROTHER,

As about this time, throughout the Diocese, by sundry means, viz., -missionary meetings, sermons, and house-to-house collections,—contributions are sought in aid of the fund for "Home Missions," better known as "The Mission Fund," I thought that I might strengthen your appeal by a few words on this behalf.

I earnestly ask the members of our Church to increase their offerings this year, because of the great need of opening new missions, as well as of sustaining in efficiency some of those in the more remote districts.

And I humbly remind our people that their offerings are not made to man, but to God, in the name of the Lord Jesus.

My last year's visitation of the Diocese has made me feel, more keenly than ever before, the demand for more energetic and extended work, especially in the northern part of the Diocese.

In the outlying missions, the effort, by already over wrought missionaries, to respond to the cry of the "backwoods," is breaking down some of the very best men. For example, I had peremptorily to command one to leave his post for a season, to save his life, and another, whose average journey was 600 miles a month throughout the year (and over such roads!) has been compelled, by the exigency of his health, to reduce the average to 460 miles each month, lest, as he says, "I should

be thrown quite worthless upon your hands."

Now, this is a portion of the immediate wants of the Diocese, viz.: An additional missionary at the head of the Gatineau; another beyond the "Thornton Mission; a third at "Portland" (whence I have received a most urgent appeal, Services of the St. Francis District Association of backed by a very liberal guarantee,) between the Peter's, and will be the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec, was Lievre and the Gatineau; a fourth at Arundel,

There is also great need for an additional French-

Dear brother, pray bring this communication

largely to "The rs in Christ,

W. B. MONTREAL

Bishop of the Diocese St. George's Church on er ult., at which the Rev. ct, of Lachine, was adand the Messrs. Thos. aces Carmichael were inidates were presented Montreal, the Exam mached the ordination haand J. Johnson were undist or Wesleyan body r important position of a leading chapel h, E.ig. He has been es of St. George's, and Services on the 28th, ines connected with the frendon, where he has me past with much ac-Ve extend a hearty welentering the regularly Church, and pray that a em in their work. The

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YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT SERVICE. -This was held in St. Stephen's Church, the elergy present being the Bishop of the Diocese, the Very Rev. the Dean, Ven. Archdeacon Evans (Rector), Revs. J. G. Norton (Rector of Montreal), Canon Mills, Revs. J. G. Baylis, and Evans. Addresses, practical and impressive, were delivered by the Bishop, Dean Carmichael, Archdeacon Evans, R.v.s. J. G. Norton and Baylis. The Litany being said by Rev. - Evans. Appropriate hynnis were sung, the whole service being joined in heartily by the very large congregation present. 👙

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, COTE ST. PAUL. The circumcision of our Lord (New Year's Day) was marked at this Church by a special service at ten a.m., at which a good number were present. The New Year's greeting of pastor and superintendent of the Mission was conveyed through that most beautiful text "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make his countenance to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; the Lord give thee peace." The service was rendered the more impressive by the recollection of the departed-present the year previous-and specially Mr. G. M. Rendell and Mr. Dickinson, each of whom (the former since the commencement of the Mission) had acted as organist.

The sale which the ladies held on the 22nd December last was very seccessful, and added \$50 to the fund for the reduction of debt on the Parochial Hall. Decided progress marks the work of this Mission. During the year 1883-84 is not considered quite the thing to have Christmas services were held in the Church, the Sunday-Trees in consecrated churches, but in this Mission school increased to 41, and the number of communithere is neither hall or school-house large enough cants has advanced from 22 to 30. Laus Deo.

Saviour's Nativity was marked by the usual approprinte services in the Bishop Stewart Memorial Party" would convene at Mr. Stowe's house in the C surch, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, interest's of the clergyman and his wife. A fine Connected with the former took place the annual new cabinet organ has been lately obtained for guthering of the Sunday-chool, which was of a pleasing and satisfactory character, indicating per-organized about a year ago is working harmonious-organized about a year ago is working harmonious-organized for this Church, and paid for this Church, and paid for this Church, and paid for the Service of the Service o severing and successful application on the part of ly and profitably, and has already aided in prothese scholars in their weekly lessons from Scripture curing necessary papers and catechisms for the from St. Luke's account of the scholars in their weekly lessons from Scripture curing necessary papers and catechisms for the interesting as well as depoting and the Catechism. The members of the Sunday-working of the Sunday-school. school occupied planes in the chancel with the choir, and gave lively representation to the joyous

pressive carols to "Iesus, our King," and throughout the service taking their part in the devotions of the sanctuary. Rector, in his address to the congregation, referred to the credit marks for punctuality, church attendance, and lessons attained by the scholars, the one securing the first prize having reached, for lessons committed to memory, the goodly number of 2,150. The amount of Sunday-school offertory collections was a little under \$20. On the conclusion of the service, at the final chorus of the carol words "Then ring, ye the Lord rules over all, of heaven and earth the King," the scholars moved into line, and with their banners proceeded to the Memorial Hall, where, amid all the attractiveness of festive surroundings and Christmas symbols and sentences was found an illuminated silent Christmas bell, and another whose sounding tongue gave echo to the Church tower bell and riveted the attention of every eye. Father Christmas made a magic appearance, and after addressing his expectant auditors, became himself bell-ringer, and from successive oscillations and striking tones produced an unstinted supply of all things which could gratify the taste, please the eye, or inform the mind, many of the little ones being at a loss where to store his profuse liberality. The Rector received the gifts from Father Christmas, with warm thanks on behalf of the scholars, and distributed them to each according to their several addresses. Christmas bells of 1884, will, in bright memory, hold no secondary place with cherished remembrances of brilliant, time-honored Christmas trees, Christmas ships, letter "A.'s" and such like, which have their lodgment in minds whose vista is ever and steadily extending beyond the lines of youth. To Father Christmas (a kind of composite being) is tendered the hearty appreciation of all concerned, and the venerable personage will, we are sure, forgive the attempted disintegration in singularizing such ready and efficient co-operators as S. M. Sansum, Esq., of Boston, Miss Reid, Mrs. Struthers, Miss Reynolds, Mr. Philip Krans, and Mr. Peter Young, with many others who were practical and willing helpers in this happy work.

The next meeting of the Parochial Ladies' Association is appointed to take place in the Memorial Hall, on Thursday evening, Jan. 8. Tea at six o'clock sharp, after which will follow a programme of pleasing exercises.

GLEN SUTTON .- Christmas Day was duly observed here by a service with celebration in the morning, and a short service with distribution of gifts from Christmas Trees, in the evening. Eastern Township congregations are not by any means large on this day, seldom, if ever, overflowing as is the case in other portions of the Diocese, nevertheless a congregation fully up to the average assembled in the morning. In the evening the children of the Sunday-school with their parents and teachers assembled in the Parsonage where they were entertained at tables spread with good things and by a visit from Santa Claus. After which an adjournment was make to the Church, very tastefully festooned for the day, where a short service was entered upon, followed by an address from Rev. W. R. Brown, of Mansonville. The gifts from the trees followed, all being quietly and decently done. We know it for the purpose. It was a satisfaction under the circumstances to see that the distribution was con-FRELIGHSBURG.—The festal anniversary of a ducted with due decorum. The preacher announced that on the festival of the Epiphany a " Donation good

ance Society and to enlist in it persons of other communions, but the attempt has not been suc cessful Another attempt however will be made, but in a quieter and more congregational way. A guild called "The Helping Hand" has been organized and is directed by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Parker. It is composed of young ladies ranging from to years to 20. The object being to elevate the tone and to edify and instruct by read ing and conversation for the first and doing em broidery and church needle work for the sec merry bells, and Sing, ye children, sing, for Christ An altar guild composed of three young ladies, communicants, has been some time in existence whose object is the care of the Holy Table and all its accessories. The organization in its devotional aspect is not yet perfected.

> AYLWIN.-The new (St. James') Church, in Wright Township, was used for the first time on Christmas Day. A large congregation was present, and the reverence and heartiness of the service bore witness to the thankfulness of the people, at the accomplishment of the desires and efforts of many years. The building will comfortably seat over 150 persons, and is churchlike and convenient in all its appointments.

> On Tuesday, 30th, a grand union service for the several Sunday-schools in the Mission was held in the Church of St. John, in the Wilderness, which was crowded with the scholars and their friends. After the processional hymn (316, A. & M.), a special lesson was read (Matt. ii.) and the Sacrament of Baptism administered to two infants. As the clergy returned to their places in the chancel Nunc Dimittis was chanted, and the latter portion of the service for Evensong proceeded with. The carol "Once in Royal David's City," was then heartily sung by the children, who were afterwards catechised by the Incumbent. For upwards of an hour this service lasted, the answers from Bible history and Prayer-Book being highly satisfactory.

> Number one of Baring Gould's Church Songs, "The March of the Church Army" followed, sung in the heartiest manner by the ninety or a hundred children present. Rev. H. Plaisted M.A., of River Desert, then gave the children some sound practical advice, after which prizes were distributed and the service closed with the Collect, Blessing and the Doxology.

> The weather was unfavorable, being damp and dark, and prevented some timid ones from crossing the newly-formed ice on the Gatineau. But most of the children had been driven over ten miles to the Church, and some must have travelled over thirty-five miles when home was reached at night.

> RIVER DESERT.—This year the Church of Rome was not the only witness to Christ in this place to remind men of the birth of Him who was "born to save."

> The Church of England Mission, opened a few months, since, has given the settlers hereabouts many deportunities of worshipping God, to be used or neglected, for good or for ill, and this, the first Christmas Services of the Church of England at the Desert, was one more of such opportunities

The Services were held in the little log sch house, which, to make outward things in measure accord with the joyous thoughts of mas time, was caused to look cheerful by kindly hearts and hands of a few members of congregation, and who made a little offering time and trouble whereby God's worship was rein dered more joyous and diguified. Festoons of balsam apa xts on ground of red and blue, with u is born, etc.," had a simple

The Morning was attended by a sn but devout ation. Evensong was join

interesting as well as devotional ccupation to hearts and voices. The hymns, "While shepherds Mansonville.—An attempt has been made in watched," "Hark! the herald angels," and "O sentiments of the lesson, in a number of very ex- this parish to form a Church of England Temper- come all ye faithful," seem just made to be sung

with St. Lukewii., and the addition of one or two other carols, and "little pilgrim," from Baring Gould's Church Songs, together with suitable readings, made quite a little "Service of Song." The great charm was that people did not come to hear affew "performers" sing to them, but themselves, hymn-book in hand, had a share in what was sung. May we who sing of Christ, born on earth, hereafter gather around Him and join in the song of Moses and the Lamb.

The missionary (Rev. H. Plaisted), on behalf of those who benefit by them, expresses gratitude to the kind friends in Montreal and elsewhere who have sent useful books, papers, etc., for the Mis-

At the Northfield Station the Christmas Services were held on the Sunday following Christmas Day. An English service, at the house of Mr. J. Wright, and a French one at a house in the Township of Cameron.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA Christmas. — Christmas Day, 1884, will long be remembered by the people of Ottawa as an unusually propitious one, in as far as the weather was concerned, the morning opening clear, bright and cold, and exceptionally beautiful having succeeded days of storm and snow. continued fine during the entire day, and well in keeping with the great and cheerful event which it commemorates. The city and suburban churches were appropriately decorated for the occasion, the services were well attended, and the collections which, according to a Canon of the Diocesan Synod are presented to the clergy, were, as a rule,

CHRIST CHURCH. - Christ Church, the old parish church of Ottawa, and mother of all the churches in this part of the Diocese, was beautifully decorated for the festival of the Nativity. The old bell rang out a hearty welcome to the people at 8.30 a.m. and again at 11, a.m, to come to God's Holy Temple. Archdeacon Lauder and the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, M.A., officiated at the early celebration of the Holy Communion, and His Lordship, the Bishop of Ontario, the Archdeacon, and Mr. Muckleston, at the mid-day service. Mr. Mr. J. W. F. Harrison, organist and choirmaster, presided at the organ. The hymn, No. 60, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn, gave a key note to the devotions at 11 a.m. The singing and music was very fine, the rendition of the anthem "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together for the revealed, and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it," being particularly good. The choir and its master deserve great credit for the way in which the musical por-tions of the service were rendered. The Archdeacon addressed the congregation, which was unusually large, impressively, on the event which they celebrated on that day and concluded by wishing all a joyous and happy Christmas. He took his text from Luke ii. Il "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." About two hundred and forty partook of the Holy Communion, being a slight increase on the number last Christmas, while the collections amounted to \$145, showing a decrease those of last year. The Communion Table, pulpit and baptismal font were beautifully ormented and bannarettes of various colours and bearing scripture passages, were suspended on the walls of the aisles, while the handsome marble pillars were encircled with wreaths. Although the lecorations were not as profuse as is usual at hrist Church, they were exceedingly neat and retted much credit on the ladies and gentlemen to erected them. On Christmas Eve, the ladies d gentlemen of the choir presented Mr. Harrison, organist, with a handsome pair of gold cuffcribed with his monogram.

Church was peaulifully decked in the garb of joy for the Christmas festival and the services were all well attended. The Rev. H. Pollard officiated, and

usual good taste and effective execution. The of the word, the weather anthem was taken from Luke ii. 10. 11. 14. "And the Angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen." The choir rendered the musical portions of the services in a manner which reflected great credit on the ladies and gentlemen who compose it. The chancel presented a very attractive appearance, and the effect of the entire decorations is most tasteful and pleasing and could not be other than satisfactory to those who wrought with such diligent and loving hands to beautify the sacred edifice. Services were held at 8.15 and 11 a.m., and at 4 p.m.

CHURCH OF SL. ALBAN THE MARTYR .-Alban's evinces unusual care and skill in its Christmas decorations, which were under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Irwin. The ladies of the congregation have been most painstaking in their work and as a result the church presented a beautiful appearance. The baptismal font, which was adorned with real flowers and the windows—particularly one of the memorial windows-were especially admired. The Rev. J. J. Bogert, M.A., officiated and Mr. D. Brown presided at the organ. The anthems were taken from the words, "And there were Shepherds," etc., by Handel " Glory to God," and the sermon was preached by the rector, from Luke, ii. 9. 10. 11. There was a large number of communicants at the services at 8 and 11 a.m. Evening Prayer was said at 5 p.m.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH .- At Saint Bartholomew's, New Edinburgh, a large congregation assembled for the Christmas services, among the number being His Excellency the Governor General, the Marchioness of Lansdowne and family, Lord Melgund and several members of the Vice Regal staff. The decorations were not as extensive as usual, owing to alterations in the nave, now in progress. At the back of the Communion Table, the full width of the clancel, was the text, in evergreens upon a white ground, "Glory to God in the Highest." Pots of flowers were placed in the chancel. The baptismal font was decorated with moss and scarlet berries, surmounted with a cross of the same and banners and evergreens decked the lectern and reading-desk. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. and Morning Prayer, with the Holy Communion at 11 a.m. The musical portions of the services were approrpriate to the festival, the first lines of the carol being

"Shepherds watched their flocks by night
When they saw a heavenly light."
The Incumbent, the Rev. E. A. W. Hanington, preached a suitable sermon from Luke ii. 15.

The County of Carleton General Protestant Hospital, situated on Rideau Street, Ottawa, is a very popular institution, and the interest taken in it by the Church people of the Capital has of late considerably increased and it was not forgotten by them at Christmas. On that festive day, Christmas trees were deposited at the Hospital and nothing could be more interesting than to note the pale face of illness illuminated by the interest manifested in them, and the happy distraction which showed that for them there was a Christmas. Before the trees were relieved of their treasures a religious service was held. The Rev. J. J. Bogert, M.A.. had a service in both wards—the men's ward and the women's ward—and Archdeacon Lauder addressed the men, and the Rev. E. A. W. Hanington the women. Then in each ward he trees were stripped and each patient was presented with an article of warm clothing, a bag of candies and a Christmas card. The ladies who organized this truly charitable episode of hospital life felt thankful to those citizens who contributed with such great liberality on the occasion.

Mr. Evelyn Steele presided at the organ with his Kingston. It was a Christmas Day in every sense though the weather was anything but favorable,

sleighing all that could be tions at St. Ceorges Carreed very handsome very handsome and refle good taste, activity and seal gentlemen who worked hard to edifice appear as attractive as pos ful occasion. The first thing to st on entering was the bantismal arose a pyramid of evergreens silver star-Saint Paul's Chur decorated. An arch of palm the chancel. The arch had from its middle was suspen representing the "Star of propriate symbol at this propriate symbol at this ettes adorned the walls of presented a very beautifu

St. James' Church, soll looked so well that it was ornament the edifice. Christmas morning while and o'clock Communion regardless patrick, rector of St. Jan-found to be unconscious, in removed to the Vestry and in a quarter of an hour wa ance, the service ended w There being no oth Rev. F. H. Du Vernet be requested to conducta preached extemporance worthy of the happy th The choir was pres the musical portions ceptance, the singing and Miss Saunders service was a very hear

one sad strain in the hearts so the thought of the rector's illness, just Kirkpatrick is recovering from a long indisposition Mr. Kirkpatrick leads a very active life and the usual cares of Christmas and the New Year falling at the conclusion of the Mission services, have overtaxed his strength. In addition to his regular parochial work he is performing duty at Wolfe Island. The event had a saddening influence upon the members of the congregation who earnestly hope for his speedy recovery. Symptoms of bronchitis have since developed themselves. The Revs. A Spencer and A. W. Cooke officiated at St. James' on the following Sunday.

It is with very deep regret that we announce the death of one of the most faithful and efficient priests of this Diocese,—the Rev. W. F. Kirk-patrick, M.A., Rector of St. James' Church, Kingston, and Rural Dean, who fell asleep on the Feast of the circumcision, after only a week's ill-We tender to the bereaved family and parish our deepest sympathy in their great trial.

Personals.—The Very Rev. the Dean of Ontario and Miss Lyster, left Murney House, Kingston, on the 26th ult. for a short visit to Toronto.

On Sunday the 28th ult, Mr. R. F. Taylor, a student of the Montreal Theological College, assisted the Rev. W. B. Carey by reading the lessons at St. Paul's Church, Kingston.

Mrs. Jones, wife of the Rev. R. N. Jones. has been presented by the members of the congregations at Farmersville and Lansdowne with a Christmas present of \$75.

On the occasion of his leaving Brockville for Morrisburg, the Rev. C. L. Worrel, late principal of the High School, Brockville, was presented with an address and beautiful silver communion service by the pupils as an evidence of their esteem. He was also presented with an address by the Board of Trustees of the High School.

LANARK .- A late evening service, with cele-The festival of Christmas was duly observed at Paul's Church, Lanark, on Christmas Eve. Alyet nearly all our people were present, some having come six miles through drifting snow. Thirty communicated. The service was entoned by the Incumbent, and the music, under the leadership of Miss Jackson was bright and cheerful. The services at St. John's Church, Balderson, and St. John's Church Innisville were also largely attended, and the collections for the clergyman were much larger than last year's.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Personal.—It is with extreme regret we announce the serious illness of the Rev. A. J. Fidler, the esteemed Incumbent of Whitby.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL .- After long delay the first step has been taken towards the commencement of a Cathedral. Some weeks ago the Church Guardian referred to the prospect of securing an excellent site in a most desirable locality. has now been done and a plot of four and one-half acres has been purchased north of Bloor street. The site is 300 feet by 643 and is made up of 26 lots. The price seems a large sum, viz., \$10.288, but one half of this amount is given as a donation on condition that a See house is erected upon the grounds within two years. The owners of the property also promise donations of \$2000 towards the erection of the choir and chancel of the intended cathedral provided this portion of the building is also completed within two years. The district is in an excellent portion of the city and is rapidly filling up. When the cathedral is erected, there will doubtless be a sufficient number of inhabitants to form a very desirable parish. It is not likely to trench upon any of the existing parish boundaries, as the site is at least three quarters of a mile from the nearest City church. This will doubtless help to give effect to the scheme of erecting a suitable residence for the Bishop, a matter which has now been pending for several years. Last June the See House Committee reported that the amount subscribed was over \$13,000, of which one-third had been paid. With this sum on hand work ought to begin at once.

OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS. - From all sides come favourable reports concerning the proper observance of this great Festival. The Churches everywhere were well attended, the offerings liberal, the number of communicants larger than ever before. Strenuous exertions were made to beautify the Sanctuaries in a befitting manner, and good music was the order of the day.

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At St. James's Canon Dumoulin preached from Psalm cxviii. 15:—" The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly."

At All Saints, Rev. A. H. Baldwin delivered an impressive Sermon from the words: "Good will towards men."

towards men."

At Grace Church, Rev. S. C. Thicke preached from the words, "The Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince

CREDIT.-Perhaps in no country parish through out the Diocese (and indeed in very few anywhere else,) was the Christmas offering so liberal as in this place. It certainly shows the esteem in which the energetic Incumbent, the Rev. T. Walker is held, and should be chronicled as an incentive to richer and more populous districts. Although the congregation recently presented Mr. Walker with a very valuable young horse, his own having been quite worn out, this was to them no reason why they should show less liberality. They accordingly presented him with an offertory of \$147—about \$114 of the sum being contributed at St. Peter's Church, the remainder at Trinity

building in former years, is relieved by bright vermillion Maltese crosses in alternate panels. The font, prayer desk, altar, &c, are gracefully hung with evergreen wreaths. There was a good congregation on Christmas Day and the offertory amounted to \$48.

ASHBURNHAM.—St. Luke's.—Number of communicants, including those within the Octave, 145. Collection nearly \$60 Church very tastefully decorated, congregation fair. Text: "They shall call His Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." During the year the congregation have contributed liberally towards the Endowment Fund and the parish has been constituted a rectory.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—The results of the Christmas examination of the Divinity class are as follows:-Class I.—C. C. Kemp, B.A., E. A. Oliver, B.A., J. M. Snowdon, R. Harris, C. B. Beck and S. D. Hague (eq.), J. G. Lewis and J. F. Snowdon (eq.). Class II.—F. E. Farncomb, B.A. Class III.—L. Smith. Conditioned in Greek Testament and Hebrew, C. Scadding. Conditioned in Greek Testament and Church History, J. G. Hooper. Prize List.—Hebrew and Old Testament, E. A. Oliver, B.A.; Greek Testament, J. M. Snowdon; Historical, Dogmatic and Apologetic Theology, E. A. Oliver, B.A.

Associations.—The St. James' (Toronto) Young People's Association held their regular meeting recently. The attendance was large. Hon. S. H. Blake, read Dickens' "Christmas Carols," and piano solos were given by Miss Hodgetts and M. Cutcheon.

Trinity Church Y. P. A. held their last regular meeting as a "spelling match," with Miss Edmunds and Mr. Smith as captains, and Miss Kettles to give out words. The gentlemen came off winners, but had very little to boast of. Solos and quartettes brought a pleasant meeting to a close at an early

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—The Christmas Day services held at Christ Church Cathedral were as follows: Early celebration of Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Special Service of the Young Men's Bible Class, 9.45 a.m.; Regular Service, with celebration of the Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 4.30 p.m.; At the 11 o'clock service, a beautiful and very interesting sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, from the text, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem," illustrating very clearly the two trains of thought which this Christmas season should bring to us, namely: 1st, As regards ourselves and our duties towards God, on account of His merciful loving-kindness, and 2nd, as to our Saviour, in coming down from the abode of love and happiness, and taking upon Him the sins of the whole world. Dr. Mockridge also alluded in a very touching manner to the drapery in the church, placed there out of respect to the late Bishop Fuller, mingling with the Christmas evergreens, showing how inseparable is death from our greatest joys. It is in this spirit that the Church, while rejoicing over the birth of the Saviour, connects with it the memorials of his death in the Hely Communion.

Besides the regular services at Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas Day, a special service of the Cathedral Young Men's Bible Class was held in the chancel at 9.45 a.m. The service was conducted by Mr. G. A. Harvey, assistant to Dr. Mockridge, and superintendent and instructor to the class. The musical part of the service was well rendered. At the close of the service a good Church, Port Credit and St. John's, Dixie.

LAKEFIELD.—St John's.—The Christmas decorations in this pretty stone church are unusually tas y and effective this year. The trellis-work of

evergreens which has been put around the whole esteem" and regard in which he is held by the class, "esteeming him not only in the light of instructor and spiritual helper, but also as a loved and elder brother, and hoping it would please God to spare him to them for many years to come." Mr. Harvey made an appropriate reply The class is now working upon a good basis, numbering 23 members, and every probability of the number soon being doubled.

> CHRISTMAS CHEER .- The Rev. Dr. Mockridge, besides an offertory of \$184, was the happy recipient of numerous Christmas presents useful to himself and household.

> Hamilton.—St. Thomas Church. — Midnight service was held in this Church on New Years Eve, commencing at 11 o'clock, and lasting instil the Advent of the New Year. The service was conducted by Rev. Canon Curran, Rector, assisted by Rev. Geo. A. Harvey of Christ Church Cathe-dral, the service was very interesting and impres-sive, an appropriate and sound practical address was delivered by the Rector, which was greatly appreciated by a most attentive congregation.

> Hamilton. - Church of the Ascension .- The first of the series of Sunday morning lectures to be delivered by the Rev. Hartley Carmichael was given in the school-room at a quarter to ten o'clock: The subject was the "uncertainity of Geological evidence," in which he, in an able manner, pointed out the unreliable nature and shifting character of the theories of scientists regarding the age of the earth, stating that what has been assumed to have taken thousands of years to reach its present stage can, and has been accomplished by earthquakes, in other instances in a few seconds of time; and deprecated their practice of propounding ill-supported statements as facts, paying tribute at the same time to the candour of Huxley and Tyndal, in admitting the fallacies of their theories, when they found them to be untenable.

St. Catherines.—The resignation of Rural Dean Holland of St. George's Church has been tendered, and accepted.

ELORA.—The service on Christmas Day was largely attended. The decorations were neat and tasteful. The offertory collection was liberal, being considerably in excess of that of last year. The Incumbent has just concluded the fifth year of his occupancy of the parish. He has in active operation a branch of the C. E. T. S. including a flourishing Band of Hope. The Sunday School is more largely attended than it has been for year. is more largely attended than it has been for years. The Baptist congregation having become dissolved, the Incumbent has obtained the use of the Chapel formerly occupied by it. The building is in good condition and admirably serves many purposes for which the Church could not properly be used.

FERGUS.—The Winter meeting of the Run deconal Chapter of Wellington will be held in the Parish on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13 and 14th. The Rev. R. S. Radcliffe will be the preacher. The subject of the addresses on the evening of the second day, will be F. evening of the second day will be Education.

ERIN.—Rev. G. B. Bull has benn compelled by ill-health to cease from work and undergo medical treatment. He hopes, however, to resume charge of the mission in a month or two. Meanwhile the services will be maintained by Rev. R. T. Webb Luther and his Lay assistants.

in deep mourning. In the morning the service was preached from the text, "Thanks be to God was preached from the text. "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. xv. 57. The speaker, in referring to the long term of usefulness which characterized the life of the late Bishop, said. — "Victory was indeed the end of our beloved Bishop; his was an earnest noble life of service. We all know that he was a noble, kind hearted, Christian gentleman, a careful and even active shepherd of the flock; a Bishop whose great aim was the glory of God, and the building up of the Church he so much loved. One of the last appointments he made was that of your humble servant, for Christs sake, to the care of this parish, Oh! may it be a blessed appointment, resulting in eternal good to you, and some victory to myself. Our Bishop fought long and well, and now he has won the well fought battle. He enlisted under the banner of the cross in early youth, and from that hour he fought the good fight of faith until his death, and having overcome in the grace of our Lord, he has now won the crown of Life. We all have a conflict in which we must engage. The Bishop has fought this battle nobly for several years, while labouring under the attacks of an insidious disease. When he fell asleep in Jesus there was nothing to be done, no wedding garment to be sought. But what of the bereaved one, yes, she has our deepest sympathy in this great af-fliction, for she is a noble, Christian woman. "Our Christmas services were well attended both here and in Stewardtown, and both churches were tastefully decorated. We have just made a great improvement in the heating apparatus which was very much needed. This, our people greatly appreciate, as they have suffered for some years from inefficient heating: many needful improvements have also been made on the parsonage."

BINBROOK.—On Sunday December 14th the new church at Woodburn was formally opened for Divine Service. The building is of dark stone, well painted with darker lines. The masonry is well painted with darker lines. The masonry is worthy of admiration, and does great credit to the contractor Mr. Squires of Stony Creek; it cost over \$2000 exclusive of interior arrangements, furniture &c. The seating capacity is 200. The first or opening sermon was preached by Rev. Rural Dean Bull of Barton who took for his text Psalm cxxxii. 7. 9. The sermon at the evening service was preached by the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, from the text, "A sower went out to sow," St. Luke viii. 5. this was an earnest and forcible discourse, and deeply impressed the minds of the

LUTHER VILLAGE.—St. Alban's Mission.—On Tuesday December 30th St. Alban's Sunday School held their annual Christmas Trae and entertainment in Mr. McLellan's Hall, at 5.30 p.m. the Evensong by the children which was very heartily and excellently rendered; the Church being crowded to the doors. After service the scholaus marched to the Hall headed by a processional ābanner.

Entertainment opened by the children singing "Brightly gleams our banner" followed by a number of recitations and choruses &c &c, after which Mr. B. Appleyard, Librarian, proceeded to strip the large and well loaded tree. When all had received their presents the children sang the carol "Christmas comes again," followed by a short address and benediction by the Rev. R. O. W. Webb Missionary in charge.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

Sn. Thomas (East).—On Sunday the 28th inst. the Rev. S. L. Smith of St. Thomas (East,) preach to the Free Masons of Port Stanley. The service is occasion was at 3 p.m. the Incumbent assisting. It is perhaps not necessary to state that the "Brethren," were present in full force, the Church being well filled.

The sermon was well adapted to the occasion. The going, however, was not so good as it had been, owing to the soft condition of the weather. Those who came from a distance thus experiencing difficulty, from the state of the roads.

TYRCONNELL.—The holy Festival of Christmas was observed at Tyrconnell by the members of St. Peter's Church with something more than ordinary enthusiasm and holy joy. The Church was decorated not perhaps in strict accordance with the artistic rules given by a correspondent in the Canadian Missionary, yet elaborately and taste-fully and with such an abundance of evergreens as would satisfy the evergreen demand of the Church

In addition to wreaths and festoons, there is a large screen of gothic form, made of evergreens at the entrance of the Church conststing of three arches, one in the centre and one over the Reading desk, and a third over the Pulpit. It was the joint work of the Rector and Mr. Liberty, assisted by Miss Ada Liberty and other young ladies. There are twelve shields of different patterns, in colours of crimson and blue, having titles and names of Christ in letters of gold, and every one is surmounted by a cross, a crown and star or some other device in foundation work filled in with sprigs of red cedar, hemlock and pine. The shields were made at the Rectory and are much admired: The Reading Desk and Pulpit have decorations of their own and are very elaborate and beautiful and owe their beauty to Mrs. Wilson Miss Pearce and Miss Tweedale. The font also was tastefully decorated Tweedale. The font also was tastefully decorated by Mrs. J. Sifton and her sister Miss Louisa Bobier.

The attendance at Church on Christmas Day was very good, and all joined heartily in the beautiful service. The choir with Miss Backus as organist did admirably. The anthem, "The Grace of God which bringeth salvation" was excellently rendered, Miss Lily singing the solo with much expression. The sermon from the text "The Desire of nations shall come" was much appreciated. The number of communicants was the largest ever administered to at one time in this Church. The collection for the Clergyman was large according to the usual liberality of the people. The entertainment for the Sunday School children will take place to-morrow Evening at the house of Stephen Backus, Esq., which judging from the pre-parations made cannot fail in being successful.

-Services were held in the several city churches on Christmas Day, and were well attended. The Bishop preached in the Chapter House. Some of the churches were neatly and appropriately decorated for the season of the Nativity.

LONDON SOUTH .- The services in St. James' Church on Christmas Day were particularly bright. children assembled at the Parsonage where a The musical portion was well rendered and much bountiful supper was provided for them. After credit is due the organist, Mr. Wm. Ellis and his tea all adjourned to the Church for full Choral choir. The Holy Communion was administered at 8 a.m., and also after the mid-day service. The Rector (Rev. Evans Davis, preached in the occasion, and is now able to officiate occasionally after being laid up for eleven months.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron held confirmation services at Dorchester Station in St. Peter's Church on Monday evening, Dec. 29th; at St. John's Church, Harrietsville, on Tuesday, Dec. 30th., at 10.30 o'clock a.m., and St. George's Church, Belmont, at 3 o'clock p.m.

DEATH OF ARCHDEACON NELLES .- The Ven. Archdeacon Nelles, probably the oldest clergyman in years and length of service in the Diocese of Huron, and one of the most prominent and best known members of the Synod, died at Brantford on the 19th Dec. after a long illness. He will be missed by his many friends and the clergy generally of Western Ontario, who were wont to meet him at each annual Synod, and with whom he always interchange'l a most kindly and hearty greeting.

Archdeacon Nelles was born in Grimsby, Ont.,

in 1805, and educated under the late Bishop lost one of her best clergymen. The monument Strachan at York. He was ordained deacon in has been erected by his brethren in the ministry.

1829, and priest in 1830, by the Bishop of Exeter. The whole of his long and useful life in the ministry has been devoted to the missionary work among the Six Nation Indians, on the Grand River Reserve, near Brantford. He was made a Canon and Rural Dean of Brant in 1868. On the elevation of Archdeacon Sweatman to the Sec of Toronto, Bishop Hellmuth appointed Canon Nelles Archdeacon of Brant, selecting the 50th anniversary of his entrance into the ministry as a most appropriate day on which to confer upon him the well-deserved honor and titular dignity of Archdeacon. The church at which the deceased officiated was the old Mohawk Church of St. Paul's, the most ancient and historic church in the Diocese of Huron, and said to be the first church erected in Canada West. Within the precincts of its churchyard lie the remains of the great Indian warrior and chief, Joseph Brant. The late Archdeacon entered service of the New England Company who held the Indian Reserve under a Charter from Charles II as a missionary, and during his long and useful life has been an honored and valued officer of the Company. He was twice married, his first wife having been a Miss Macklem. He leaves a widow and several children. A blamless life and a consistent Christian's daily walk, gave evidence of his love to the Master, whom he served devotedly, and whose gospel of love and peace he has for the past 65 years been endeavoring both by precept and example to convey to the simple minded Red men of the Grand River. By them he will be most sorely missed.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

St. Johns.-The Rev. J. F. Phelps, formerly vice-principal of the Theological College, left this city in the early part of December for England, where he takes an incumbency in the Diocess of Manchester. Mr. Phelps has resided in Newfoundland for thirty years, during the latter part of the time having been head master of the Church of England Academy in this city, and precentor of the Cathedral, a position for which his fine voice and thorough knowledge of music eminently fitted him. Socially and ecclesiastically his removal from Newfoundland leaves a blank not easily filled.

The Rev. Reginald Heygate arrived from England last week, as an assistant curate at the Cathedral.

The publication of the accounts of the Synod for the year ending 30th April, 1883, seems to have been delayed beyond the usual time this year, as the report only reached the subscribers in the month of October. It is satisfactory to see, however, that the subscriptions for Church work throughout the diocese continue to increase. financial position laid down by the Synod being that it is the duty of every Churchman to contribute according to his means for the support of the Church, both in his own parish and generally through the Diocese, a collection for this purpose is made annually in every mission, a part of which -regulated by the amount of his stipend from other sources—the clergyman retains for himself, and pays the remainder to the treasurer, to be expended in grants for church building and other objects.

Several other funds, however, put in their claims for support annually, among which the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and that for Home and Foreign Missions take forward places and meet with liberal support, judging by the largely increased subscriptions. The latter fund, which is but newly formed, seems to be duly valued, the special object of it being to open new missions and to provide stipends for clergymen in others, which, for want of means, have been temporarily

Foye.-A handsome memorial brass has been placed in the church in this Town in memory of the Rev. Christopher Meek, who was for many years the S. P. G. missionary there, and by whose sudden death, last Juty, the Newfoundland Church lost one of her best clergymen. The moment

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" 6.—EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.

11.-First Sunday after Epiphany.

-Second Sunday after Epiphany.

25.--CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

A Happy New Year.

With this number of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, we enter upon the New Year, and right heartily do we wish that advancing days and weeks may bring joy and rich blessing to our numerous readers. The future is before us, but enshrouded in mystery. We know not what a day may bring forth. The scroll of time is crowded with events and circumstances; it is written within and without. It is sealed with seven seals; no human hand can break them. But the scroll is in the right hand of Him who sitteth upon the throne; this is our security and comfort. "My times are in Thy hand." We must expect more or less anxiety, and perhaps sorrow, but we trust that these will be as passing clouds in a bright day to all who read these lines.

Our Position.

We are glad to say that during the last eight months the Church Guardian has made steady progress in the estimation of the members of the Church of England in Canada. We are determined that no effort shall be wanting to make it the best, as it is the most widely circulated Church paper in the Dominion. The editors can promise that the literary contents of the paper shall be both interesting and instructive. We shall continue our efforts to secure full and fresh news from every Diocese, so that our papers may present a complete and accurate record of Church work throughout the Dominion. The clergy will, we trust, find in our columns much mental and moral stimulus in their work; and every member of the family circle will find enjoyment and information. The conductors of this paper have no party ends to serve. own principles, and intend to stand by them, as we expect other people to stand by theirs. It is not our business to rebuke or interfere with the Word, and the Wisdom of God, the Revealer, cherished opinions of others, so long as they are hearing the old Testament speakers, and asking tic and Foreign Missionary Society of our Charch not inconsistent with loyalty to the "One Lord," and the "One Faith." Truth is diversified, and from Him, point to Him, gather round Him. He Dioceses, and which, we suppose, men's conceptions of it must be varied, but are is in the midst of them: the prophet like unto every church last Sunday, the Bishops appeal,

credit others with the same honesty of intention Job, the Wisdom of Solomon, the Singer, in His that we claim for ourselves. We would see and seek that which is good in all men. We desire to be loyal to sound churchmanship, to the Prayer Book, and to all in authority over us. Whilst we He is in the midst of the doctors in the temple, would avoid vain strife, we wish at the same time, to give ample opportunity for the free statement of contending views, that differences of opinion may be duly appreciated, and, if possible, reconciled, speaker; and He asks them questions, for it is To this end we open our columns for courteous and candid correspondence.

We earnestly ask both clergy and laity who sympathize with our aims, appreciate our efforts, and wish to see a sound church paper maintained and prosper, to assist us not alone by kind and appreciatory words addressed to ourselves (of these we could print columns) but also by aiding to increase the number of subscribers and adver-We would gladly reduce the subscription to the old rate of \$1 per annum if it were possible: it is not possible at present; but if the number of subscribers were doubled, it might be done, perhaps, with safety. We hope that the clergy perhaps, with safety. We hope that the clergy will not forget to call the attention of their people to the GUARDIAN as a desirable paper for family reading; and will recommend it to them. Hearty endorsation of it will, we feel sure, induce many to subscribe—and we think that we can confidently point to the tone and matter of the paper, in the Received as past, as justifying such endorsation. it is by every Bishop (save one) of this Ecclesiastical Province, by the Bishops of Newfoundland, those in the North West, and in British Columbia and by nearly two thirds of the clergy, there would seem to be no reason why the already very large list of lay subscribers should not be doubled if the influence of present subscribers be really exerted. Shall it be done? If done, we will do our part to make the GUARDIAN realy worthy of the to make the GUARDIAN realy Church in Canada.

First Sunday After the Epiphany.

BY THE BISHOP OF ALBANY.

While it is true that the season of the Epiphany is specially charged with the manifestation of the Deity of Christ, whereas Christmas was specially concerned to reveal His manhood, we are not to forget that even the Epiphany manifests the Godman, ' the incarnate Deity."

In the successive and progressive series of Sundays in this season, we come, one after another, upon evidences of different attributes of Deity in the holy Child and in the perfect Man. This week it is the Epiphany of Wisdom, which we contemplate in Him, and desire for ourselves; the kind of wisdom which the collect really defines in its petition, first clearness, and then courage of convictions, "to perceive and know what we ought to do," and to have "grace and power" to fulfil it.

Of course the striking picture, and the central figure of that picture, is the Boy of twelve years old in the midst of the doctors in the temple, manifesting here not merely Divine wisdom, much less the human wisdom in which He grew, but far more revealing Himself as "the Wisdom of God"; as Solomon's Proverbs revealed Him long before.

Looking into the rich depth of meaning of this We are animated by no party-spirit. We have our picture of the Christ-child in the temple, we can somewhat realize how marvellous its Epiphany is; for Christ in the midst of the doctors is Jesus, the them questions. They all speak of Him, start not necessarily on this account, false. We wish to Moses; the true Joshua, the real Isaac, the actual because it comes to us with the direct authorization

own person, of David's psalms, the veritable Jonah, the Antitype of all types, the substance of every sacrifice, the point and purpose of all prophecy. that is, of the inspired teachers in that great temple of God, which revelation is. He hears them speak? as the echo of his own voice comes back to any Christ's catechizing of the Old Testament writers which brings their meaning out. The Christ of history unrolls the manuscript that prophesied of

This is the manifestation of the Wisdom of God in Christ, as Christ is manifested in the Scriptures. It is hardly too much to say that as the boyhood somewhat veiled the Godhead in that strange scene, so, now in the very simpleness, and now in the difficulties of the language of the Bible, the Word of God is veiled. Is it not also true, that as we look upon the Scriptures in this Epiphany light, the Wisdom of God increases, to us at least, as the Child Jesus increased in wisdom?

We find the second manifestation of the Deity in the Child's answer to His mother's complaint, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing." As though He said, "My Father sought me not, for I am about His business." Owning the human motherhood, He asserts Himself the only-begotten Son of God. The great concerns of the will of God which He "came," and "was content to do," weighed already upon Him. By the omniscience of inherent Deity, He "perceived and knew," and by the omnipotence of the inherent Deity, He had "grace and power to fulfil what things He ought to do." And far below it in the earthly parallel comes the manifestation of that great and growing human wisdom, perceiving, knowing, and fulfilling the duties of His relationship to Mary, that led Him down from His Heavenly Father's house to Nazareth, and to filial subjection. And when one makes the thorough application of these far apart parallels of duties owed to God, and duties owed men, of the duties of earthly, and the duties of heavenly sonship and citizenship, we must surely come to learn, not only that there is no antagonism between them, but that each is incomplete without the other; that He is God's best son, who is most dutiful to parent, pastor, ruler, to every obligation of His human life.

Set beside this the practical and personal teaching of the epistle for the day. The presentation of the living sacrifice of our bodies unto God, more than suggests, first, the parental dedi-cation of the child, in Holy Baptism and Confirmation, as here the Child, who had been brought at eight days old to circumcision, is brought again at twelve years up to Jerusalem; and second, the personal devotion of our own lives, in submitting to the outward institutions of Christianity, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Communion, keeping the Church's feasts, frequenting the house of God, and diligence in the study of His Word. This is not all; but this is essential. After this, and with this, comes the being about our Heavenly Father's business; the obedience, by which alone we can prove, that is, make trial of, "the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God," the reasonable service that we owe to Him.

The Epiphany Appeal.

We might call the circular which has been addressed by the Board of Management of the Domesto the Clergy and Congregations of the various

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN. SIR,—A letter from Mr. E. C. Parkin, that you published lately, was brought by our secretary before the last meeting of the Executive Committee of this Diocese and I was asked to state what is and has been the actual cost of administering the various funds of the Diocese. The statement prepared by our Treasurer, Mr. C. J. Brydges, for our Secretary to give to the Church in England, and the Sister Church in Board of Management of the Domestic and

Foreign Missions was simply a summary of receipts for the period he had held office and did not supply the material for such a calculation as Mr. Parkins made.

under \$500.

There is, however, in this Diocese in addition to the Missionaries, the Cathedral Mission staff for supplying Missions. There is a direct grant to it of £170 from the S. P. G., but beyond this, the only cost to the Diocese is travelling expenses very heavy from the long distances travelled. This is a large item that probably did not come under the notice of Mr. Parkin. The services of am inclined to say, that the growth and almost the messengers, &c. existence of the church both in Winnipeg and outside of it have been largely owing to them. Frequently 8 or 10 Missions have been served regularly, weekly or fortnightly-some at great distances. There was a Mission served for some months fortnightly at a distance of 350 miles, and now, there is a new Mission being opened to be served fortnightly at a distance of 180 miles. The majority of our Parishes and Missions have in their infancy or during a vacancy been served from the Cathedral The problem to be solved here in furnishing the means of grace to so many new and weak settlements over such a vast extent of country has been something very different from any experience in Eastern Canada.

The expenses of the management of our funds have been hitherto almost nominal, and that is one main cause of that growth of the tunds. were no invested funds, when I became Bishop, except the See Fund for the Bishopric held then as now by trustees in England.

For over 12 years till Easter, 1878, I managed all the funds and correspondence of the Diocese. The total of all expenses charged to the Diocese in these 12 years came to about \$500, only a share of the printing of the reports-all other expenses I paid myself.

The Trust Funds, now reaching \$350,000, largely obtained by myself, are held by the Corporation "The Bishop of Rupert's Land." The management of these is necessarily, in my hands: I have, however, now the aid of an Honorary Advisory Boaad. This management has never cost the Diocese apything -not even for stamps or stationary. There have been no charges whatever, but the necessary legal expenses in connection with deeds, loans, and mortgages.

At Easter, 1878, the present Dean was elected secretary-treasurer with a salary allowance of \$400, towards which I gave \$150 a year for 3 years. He took charge of all funds under the Synod. I observe the expenses from Easter 1878 to Oct. 5th., 1881, in addition to the salary came to about \$150, mainly for printing the reports.

The Dean at Easter, 1882, was succeeded as treasurer by the Rev. S. Pritchard with a salary of \$100, having been previously succeeded, as secretary, by Archdeacon Pinkham with a salary of \$300. Mr. Pritchard was treasurer for about 15 months. The expenses were similar.

another At the Synod of May 2nd., 1883, arrangement was made, which took effect about the end of September 1883, when Mr. C. J. Brydges became honorary treasurer, and the Venerable Archdeacon Pinkham, financial secretary. Archdeacon Pinkham was able to undertake the office under the statutes of the Cathedral, of which he is a residentary Canon. This arrangement is costing the Diocese about \$1,300 a year of salary. It would be incorrect, however, to regard this expense as simply a charge of management. It wa . no doubt intended that Archdeacon Pinkham's duties should include the raising of funds, but since his appointment there has been such a financial pressure, both in our city parishes and all our Missions, that an increased effort has been impracticable. But Archdeacon Pinkham has The average grant to our Missionaries is not important Mission duties. In this country much correspondence and visitation have been necessary in organising Missions and settling the pecuniary arrangements of congregations. It is undesirable that this should fall on the Bishop. The urgency of the situation has forced a similar officer on the Presbyterian Church. During the past year a room has been fitted up in St. John's College for the Secretary at a cost of Though these expenses are almost limited to the charges of vehicles and rail, yet they are at times about \$250. The visitation of Missions has also involved travelling expenses, but these have had nothing to do with the raising or administering of our Home Mission Funds. There have been no other expenses. No charge has yet been made this staff have been simply invaluable. Indeed I in this Diocese for rent of rooms, fire, light,

> I have spoken of the heavy travelling expenses. I should say we could not have done the work we have at all, but for the kindness of the Railway Companies in remitting half the fare. The Canadian Pacific Railway is in this way from its large mileage a great benefactor of our

The struggle of the Church has been severe. For the first 11 years of my Epicopate, the country was frequently more or less troubled with locusts, and there have been various difficulties since. Our settlements are all very weak from the course taken by immigration owing to the marvellous pushing forward of the Canada Pacific Railway. Our trust funds enable us to carry on much necessary work, but only a small portion of them directly aids our Missions.

We were never in such straits as at present owing to the large number of our Missionaries and the depressed state of our people. The Superintendent of the Presbyterian Missions told us last week, that they had received in the past year in the North West from Eastern Canada for Missions, college, and buildings about \$40,000. The most of this went to what forms my Diocese. We have received in that time under \$1,200 from our fellow-Churchmen in Canada. We were led to expect more, and in fact we have depended on more, but this is a hope that has often been deferred.

I have in the past pressed for the appointment by the Canadian Church of a qualified deputation to see and report for the Church. course others have taken.

Considering the struggle we have had from various causes we have nothing to be ashamed of. I fancy we have as many at work as any other body, but their salaries are very far from what should be. Generous help and sympathy from Canada are much needed and would be very precious. They would be well repaid. One thing, however, is certain enough, it would not require much knowledge of our institutions or work to be satisfied that they have not reached their present growth by spending 20 per cent on the expences of the management.

BISHOP'S COURT, R. RUPERT'S LAND. Winnipeg, Man.,

Dec. 27th., 1884.

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and commendation of our right reverend 'Fathers' in God. As such it demands and will, we trust, receive the most serious and prayerful consideration of every member of the Church. The duty of contributing to the support and extension of Foreign Missions, which is so powerfully set forth in the letter above referred to, is one that has not, hitherto, received a proper amount of attention from the Canadian Church. While the Mother the United States, have been yearly extending the spheres of their operation in sending the Gospel of Christ to the heathen, the Church in Canada has not displayed that interest in this important department of Church work. We thank God that our beloved Church appears to be at last, awakening to a sense of the too long neglected duty. Our representatives in the Provincial Synod, by the organization of a Missionary Society, whose membership is co-extensive with the membership of the Church, have summoned us, one and all, to take our part in the great work of evangelizing the world, and we are now called on to respond to the invitation, by our sympathies, our prayers, and our free will offerings at this holy season when He who came to be the Light of the World, was first manifested to us sinners of the Gentiles. The glory of God, the honor of our Redeemer, our own prosperity-may we not say, our prolonged existence as an independent Church, are bound up in the answer which we give to this appeal.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN.

The remarks of the writer in the article entitled "Over and over again"—in your paper of Dec. 3rd are very good as far as they go, and are no doubt well calculated to meet the objections of many, to our admirable liturgy. But it seems to me that he has omitted many arguments of an equally forcible character, and which may possibly be better adapted to the minds of some whom we would reach. One of those unancerable arguments to which reference is made, is, The continued use of the same Rible. No one thinks of objecting to that Book of Books, because the same truths that are therein contained, admit of no variety, but are written down, for all the generations of mankind. If novelty and change is sought for, and considered indispensable in Divine truth, why not begin here, and have the Bible changed from time to time, to satisfy the demands of these seekers after novelty. If the complaint of repetition is justifiable in the one instance, it surely is in the other. If we are to be assaulted for singing "over and over again" the same things, and especially when those things are largely taken from the Bible itself, what grounds of objection can there be, to so Scriptural a worship as ours? What is often brought forward as an objection, is really, as our writer remarks, one of the great advantages of a pre-composed form, inasmuch as it prevents that undesirable sameness, which is so often observable in its absence.

Our Blessed Lord evidently did not regard the repetition of anything as a cause of objection. He doubtless had been accustomed from His youth up to repeat over and over again the same truths, and so when He came to teach, He did not scruple to say over and over again the same precepts, while in that inimitable prayer which He left the world, the same petitions, indeed, the very same words are employed by Him again and again. If a thing is right in itself why should any one object to tepeat it over and over again. But these few thoughts suggested by the article in question, are all that will be offered concerning it, for which you may possibly make room.

Yours very truly, PORT STANLEY, Ont. HENRY BANWELL Dec. 29th, 1884.

(For the Church Guardian.) John Talbot, the First Bishop in North America.

BY THE REV. CANON W. R. CHURT N, KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

(Concluded.)

After this Talbot succeeded in securing the bequest of the Nonjuring Bishop Frampton for the endowment of St. Mary's Church, Burlington. Two years passed, and had it not been for another arrival, Talbot might have gone on unmolested. Dr. Welton, who had been consecrated Bishop with Talbot, had been deprived of the Rectorship of Whitechapel, for being a Nonjuror, and had suffered imprisonment for continuing his ministrations in a private house. In consequence of this he removed to Philadelphia, and was received at Christ Church in the room of Urmston. It soon transpired that Welton was a Nonjuror, and in their Episcopate. Governor Keith took alarm, and wrote, July 24th, 1724, to the Bishop of London, that it was confidentially reported that some of these Nonjuring clergymen pretend to the authority and office of Bishops in the Church, which, however, they do not own, and dare not practice; he adds that he had threatend to prosecute persons who shall attempt to diffuse any schismatical or disloyal principles. The Governors of New York and New Jersey made similar complaints against Talbot. The excitement over the two Bishops increased. Their influence was so great that it was said that nothing could counteract it but the speedy arrival of one of their own order to confront them. Meanwhile, Talbot was increasing his parochial work in Burlington. He instituted the daily service, morning and evening, with frequent celebrations of Holy Communion; he used to preach on Sunday mornings, and to catechize or homolize in the afternoon. Welton was of a different spirit, and they soon avoided each others company. But the Vestries were too strong for the Governors to exercise any restraint upon them. In 1725 the Rev. J. Beniman wrote from London to the Rev. Samuel Johnson, of Connecticut, "We hear of two "Nonjuring Bishop's, (Dr. Welton for one,) who "are gone into America; and it is said the Bishop of London will send one or more of a different " stamp as an antidote against them."

Information of Welton's privately exercising the functions of a Bishop was sent to the Lords Justices of England, who ordered a writ of privy seal to be served on him, commanding his return forthwith to England. He retired to Lisbon, where he died in August, 1726. Among his effects was found an Episcopal seal. Talbot was discharged from the service of the S.P.G. and ordered to surcease officiation. vice of the S.F.G. and ordered to succease officiating. He went to Maryland and resolved to submit quietly to the order prohibiting him from officiating in any of the Churches. His friends lost no time in remonstrating. Mr. Cummings wrote in his behalf to the Bishop of London, stating that he was universally beloved, even by Dissenters, and had done a great deal of good, and that he had no share in the rash chimerical projects of Walter. share in the rash chimerical projects of Welton; also that he promised by his friends to be peaceable and to do all the good he can for the fature. Similar pleas in his favor were urged in a memorial addressed to the Society by the leading laymen of Burlington and Philadelphia; adding that Talbot by his exemplary life and ministry, extending over thirty years, had been "the greatest advocate of "the Church of England that has ever appeared "on this shore." No response was ever returned "on this shore." No response was ever returned to this memorial. Then followed Talbot's marriage with Mrs. Annie Herbert, a widow with some property, and many excellent qualities. The venerable couple lived at Burlington, until the death of Talbot on November 29th, 1727. His widow survived him for a short time, and before her death dictated a will, which, as an historical document, is of great value as throwing light on several importand points. It was sealed with her husband's privy signet, the impression showing a mitre with flowing ribbons, and beneath it, in large letters, ingeniously interwining one another in bold relief, the full name, John Talbot. She died in May, 1731.

The whole career of John Talbot was remarkably free from vanity, self-seeking and personal ambi tion. It is impossible to come to any other conclusion but that in seeking consecration he was actuated by the purest desire to advance the real interests of religion in the Colonies. His Episcopal acts are involved in great obscurity. The parish register which he kept from 1702 to 1720 has no entries in his hand after he became a Bishop. There is no record to be found of any ordinations or confirmations, or of any acts that can be shown beyond question to have been Episcopal acts. The schoolmaster, Mr. Searle, whom he appointed to read prayers and preach on Sundays at Spring-field, may have been only a "lay reader." Hawks, in his history of the Church in Maryland, mentioned the case of Mr. Whittlesey, ordained among the Congregationalists, who being in doubt about the validity of his ordination is said to have resorted secretly to Talbot or Welton to have his doubts removed. In 1855 an essay on the American Episcopate, by Hugh Davey Evans, of Baltimore, spoke of Samuel Seabury as the first Diocesan Bishop in America, adding, he would have been the first Bishop but for one fact. In the early part of the century two Bishops of the line of English Nonjurors had resided in the country. They, howover, claimed no diocesan jurisdiction. The fact that they were Bishops is not generally known, and their existence has left no consquences in the history of the American Church.

The impression of Bishop Talbot's seal has been photographed, and it has been reproduced on a mural monument, in the old Church, in Burlington; beneath, in black and red letters, there is the following inscription: "John Talbot, founder of "this Church, 1703; a Bishop by Nonjurer Conse "cration, 1722; died in Burlington, Nov. 29th, "1727; Beloved and lamented.' St. John xi.17." The monument was unveiled by Dr. Hills, in the evening of Nov. 29th, 1878, the 151st anniversary

of his death.

The story of John Talbot's self-denying labors forms an interesting chapter in the history of the Church in America, and may be regarded as one link in the chain of events which led to the ininstruction afterwards given by the clergy in Connecticut to Samuel Seabury, to go down to Scotland and receive ordination from a Nonjuring Bishop, in case none of the regular Bishops of the Church of England would ordain him. (Beardsley's life of Seabury, page 104.)

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Sorrow and care and bitter pain They've brought fire, every one; But thou, with thy pale, shining face, A loving heart must own.

Oh, sweet New Year, I hold thee fast, I dure not let thee go! From all thy bounteons store one gift— But one—I need it so!

Not worldly fame, nor wealth, nor joy : I ask—give me at least, From all thou hast for others' bliss, Oh, New Year, only peace!

" These all are God's good gifts-not mine," The answer came at last;

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-N. Y. Churchman.

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CHAPTER I. HOMELESS.

It was early day, and the great city lay in the hush, the unwonted hush, of Sunday morning. The sounds of busy labor and restless human life were stilled. Weary working-men and women, tired apprentices, clerks in offices, porters and shopkeepers, slept-on in undisturbed repose; for it was Sunday, and there was no need to hasten, as on other mornings, to get breakfast ready, or to swallow it in haste, to begin the burden and toil of the day before the more luxurious part of the population had stirred from their soft pillows.

Those who have gone to bed on Saturday night in London, or any great city, with the rumble of carts and omnibuses in their ears, and have awoke to the quiet of the Day of Rest, know how striking is the contrast, and how delicious the sense of repose which it brings. Even the caged thrush or blackbird in some dingy mews or court seems to sing its matins with more zest and energy, the sound loud and clear, and brings thoughts of the woods and fields, of those dwellers in the lanes and alleys who know what such words mean. But, alas! how many there are who have never had a glimpse of God's beautiful earth, who yet may have some strange, vague yearning for loveliness and purity, which takes no defined form, and comes only now and then like an angel's visit, with a sort of hazy glimpse of something beyond and above the endless tiles and chimneys and blocks of warehouses and breweries and shops which hem them in on every side.

How little do we think of these multitudes of

human souls, to whom the country and flowers and overhanging sky convey no distinct idea; and to whom shops brilliantly lighted at night, with all their garish adornments, in the principal thoroughfares, into which they sometimes wander, as a treat, out of the shadow of the bricks and mostar amongst which their days go on, constitute their idea of beauty, and afford the only change in

their lives.

A pair of dark, wistful eyes opened upon the Sunday morning of which I write, in a cellar beneath a great storehouse, somewhere in the neigh-bourhood of St. Dunstan's church, in the very heart of East London. It did not make much, or indeed any difference, to that little, ill-clothed figure, that it was Sunday morning. She had passed the night in a heap of straw or rags, which we will not call a bed. She had had no supper, and there was no breakfast for her; but that too was a circumstance of too common occurrence to affect the child. But nevertheless she was very hungry: and raising herself upon her elbow, peered curiously at another heap of rags in another corner of the cellar. Then she crept towards the man who lay there in the heavy slumber which follows drunkenness.

There was no fear of waking him, and little Matsie boldly passed him, and opening the door close to his head, began to ascend the narrow steps towards the daylight. On the way out she nearly stumbled over two more sleepers, waifs and strays of humanity, who had curled themselves up under the bricked passage to which the steps led; but though one of the boys turned and growled out something in an angry mutter, he did not take any further notice of the child.

Matsie passed out into the narrow alley, and threaded her way through a labyrinth of lanes and streets which she knew well, for she sold matches to the inhabitants, or sometimes watercresses, which she bought at the pump in Stepney Market, and retailed at a higher price.

(To be continued.)

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