

NOTES FROM SELKIRK.

The children's service in Christ Church on Sunday last was well attended, about 150 children being present. Rev. Canon Matheson delivered an address, which was attentively listened to by the young people.

Rev. Canon Matheson preached in Christ Church last Sunday morning and evening in behalf of the Home Mission fund. The sum of \$75 was realized from both services. In addition to this amount Mapleton congregation gave \$15.

On Nov. 25, at Selkirk, by Rev. C. R. Littler, B. D., Miss Lillian Stephens was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to E. F. Comber. Both bride and groom are well known in Selkirk, and all good wishes follow them in their new life.

During the recent blizzard, which raged so fiercely in many parts of the West, a large stained-glass window on the north side of Christ church, Selkirk, was blown in and broken. The loss from this is considerable, and it is increased by the damages done to the internal fittings of the church, which were very much injured by the snow that blew in through the open window.

DELORAINÉ.

On Thursday evening the Ladies' Aid of the English church gave a "New Woman's" concert. The programme consisted of a series of exhibitions of men doing domestic work as sewing, millinery, washing, etc. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Rev. Canon O'Meara, D.D., of St. John's college, Winnipeg, will preach in St. Andrew's church, Sunday December 13th, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on behalf of the Home Mission Fund. Holy Communion in the morning. On Monday evening, December 14th, he will give his lecture on socialism, which gave so much satisfaction when it was delivered under the auspices of the Free Masons of Winnipeg, in their new Masonic Temple there.

ST. ANDREWS.

A bazaar and tea given on the evening of December first by the Ladies Aid of this congregation, was most successful in every respect. A short programme was rendered after the sale, which was also very pleasing. The proceeds amounted to over \$26. It must have been a satisfaction to Rev. Canon Rogers who has been visiting St. Andrews lately, to find that his efforts for the furtherance of the financial part of church work, are everywhere bearing good fruit.

GRAND TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Middlechurch, Dec. 4.—One of the best temperance meetings in the St. Paul's C. E. T. S. branch that has yet been held in this parish took place on Friday evening, Dec. 4, when our old friends, the Rev. J. J. Roy and Mr. Redfern Mulock, Q. C., of Winnipeg, were present and gave two stirring addresses.

The room was well filled long before the hour of meeting, and by the time the ceremonies opened it was packed to the doors, many having to stand. The proceedings opened by Mr. Mulock reading a passage of Holy Scripture from Gal. v, 16-26. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. J. J. Roy. The president before introducing the speakers opened with a few appropriate remarks, then called upon the Rev. J. J. Roy to address the meeting.

The reverend gentleman said he was going to speak to-night especially to the younger members. Taking a bunch of keys from his pocket he said there were various kinds on this bunch. One opened his cash box, another his desk, another his trunk, and so on. Coming upon a certain big one in the bunch, he said he would have to say a good deal about it. Then hanging the key up so that all could see it, he pointed out how this key locked out health, wealth, happiness, honor, goodness and salvation. It also locked in disease, poverty, crime, misery, disgrace and death.

"What was the name of this key?" the reverend gentleman asked.

"It is one we all know, and it is a very dangerous key. It is the whis-(k)e(y) that brings so much evil."

Then Mr. Roy proved from Scripture and statistical evidence all he had said of this whis-(k)e(y). The gentleman's remarks were listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Mulock then rose and gave a splendid address. He said he had often challenged on the public platform anyone to come forward and say that they could look back on three generations which had been abstainers. Once only had that challenge been accepted.

"There's a work," he continued, "for everyone to do in this parish, for there are always some against whom it is written—no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven."

He gave one instance of a man who in his own Bible class had once spent \$20 a month on drink, but now, having become an abstainer, he was able to build his own house, and his wife was thanking God daily for it. He showed how the drink bill of Canada was forty millions and the revenue from licensing only seven millions. The people were asked to spend forty millions in order to give the government seven millions of revenue from licensing. Mr. Mulock then made a strong plea for prohibition, showing conclusively from authentic statistics how it would increase the trade and material prosperity of the country. He told a story of how a farmer came to a doctor and said: "Doctor, look down my throat and tell

me if you see anything." The doctor examined his throat but found nothing. "Look again," said the farmer. The doctor complied with the same result. "Well," said the farmer, "two farms went down that throat and you see nothing for it."

Concluding, Mr. Mulock made an earnest plea for all to come forward and help in this good work for Christ.

The Rev. Silva White then addressed the meeting, urging the importance of the work. Three immediately presented themselves, most of those present being already members. After the visitors had received a very hearty vote of thanks the meeting came to an end with the singing of the Doxology.

A. SILVA WHITE.

ST. ALBAN'S LADIES' AID, RAT PORTAGE.

Among all the successful entertainments given by the ladies of St. Alban's church, and they have always proven of a high standard of excellence, that held at the music hall on Tuesday, December 1st, was quite above the mark heretofore attained.

St. Alban's congregation have set the pace in functions of this kind, and one that will be difficult to improve on. Under the able leadership of Mrs. R. J. N. Pither, an era of prosperity has set in with the financing for church indebtedness, and obligations have been met with regularity and without unnecessary friction. All who have been connected with similar duties will realize the many difficulties besetting those interested in church work. The tact that will enable the incumbent, and his most valuable assistants, the ladies of the congregation, to fully provide for all the requirements connected with church work, must be of no mean order. Rev. Mr. Page and Mrs. Page have been ably seconded in their interesting efforts towards this praiseworthy end by the ladies. On Tuesday the music hall was crowded for over two hours with people of all denominations to partake of the very excellent supper provided, after which the sale of work was continued until quite late, when it was found that a handsome sum had been realized. Space does not permit mentioning the names of the many who contributed very beautiful needlework for the sale, but some leaves and flowers worked by Mrs. Page excited the admiration of all who saw them. The money realized will be applied to reduction of the church debt.

CHRIST CHURCH, WINNIPEG

The second Sunday in Advent was a red-letter day in the annals of Christ Church. The Rev. Welbury T. Mitton, who entered on the duties of this charge last Easter, and who since that time has been making a valiant fight against great odds, had the satisfaction of presenting a goodly number of candidates to his Diocesan for the Holy Ordinance of Confirmation. According to the Church's ancient usage, the services of the day began with