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Usually, when Easter is past, the activity of Church life begins to lessen, and signs of the coming summer's rest are apparent. The month of May, on the contrary, was memorable to us in many ways. In the first place, the Confirmation, after many postponements, was held in our Church by the Bishop Coadjutor. Up to the very last our venerable Metropolitan, while transferring other duties to his colleague, had hoped to be with us. But it was rightly thought unwise to tax his strength with the double strain of journey and service. Accordingly, on the evening of the 1st of May, in the presence of a congregation which completely filled the body of the Church, the following candidates were confirmed:

Richard P. Peake.	Elizabeth Clarke.
Arthur Ellis.	Edith Cochran.
Sidney Mills.	Ada Howe.
David Waterbury.	Isabell Patchell.
Palmer Waterbury.	Mary Pheasant.
Ernest Boyce.	Jane Patchell.
Piercy Hunter.	Sarah Pheasant.
Florence Peake.	May Ward.
Annie MacGregor.	Ethel Butt.
Louise Wetmore.	Alexandra Clarke.
Lucy Berton.	Anabella Dole.
Minnie Beverly.	Johan Vassie.
Ethel Allison.	Lydia Short.

nearly all of whom received the Holy Communion on the following Sunday. The two addresses delivered by the Bishop Coadjutor were interesting and helpful; and we trust that our Church gains strength from those who have now taken upon themselves her full franchise, with all its privileges and responsibilities.

A week later, on the evening of Ascension Day, a service not less interesting took place. The Sunday School Association of the Deanery held their annual Children's service in our Church, the schools of Trinity, [St. Paul's, St. Luke's, St. James', St. John the Baptist's, St. Mary's, St. George's, St. Jude's, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, sending their representatives. It was estimated that nearly

800 children were present, and the congregation was the largest that our Church has ever contained. Prayers were read by Rev. W. O. Raymond, the lessons by Canon Brigstocke and Rev. C. Lutz, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Dyson Hague, of Halifax. Of this sermon a very good synopsis appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* on the following morning; but only those privileged to be present could understand its masterly effectiveness. It was indeed an ideal sermon to the young, and the incidental exhortations to teachers and parents were marked by no less force and appropriateness. On the following evening a Missionary Meeting was held; and it was hoped that, after a considerable interval of time, and with a speaker whom few had heard, a good attendance might be counted on. But it seems that the parish Missionary Meeting, as a speaker at a recent clerical assemblage declared, is dying if not dead. It may be that it must seek the aid of "dissolving views", as another speaker intimated; but we may hope that a still more original notion of draping the orators in the costumes of the countries where missionaries are working will not be a fact of the future. Even the widest construction of being 'all things to all men' might shrink from saving the missionary meeting by the aid of ministerial '*tableaux vivants*.' Left to unaided attractions, the attendance in our School room was scanty; but those present listened to a very full exposition of the needs of the North West Provinces from Canon Brigstocke, to an able vindication of the work of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions from Mr. A. P. Tippet, and to a very fervid appeal from Mr. Hague as to the duty incumbent on every Christian community and individual, to support missionary work by prayer and offering.

It hardly falls within the province of 'PARISH NOTES' to record the events of the Convention of Sunday School Teachers, held in our city on Wednesday, May 13th. But a meeting so important in itself, so helpful to all concerned, and which drew its hearers from our own as from all the other city parishes, cannot be suffered to pass unnoticed. The paper contributed by Mr. Mullin would alone have conferred distinction on the assembly; and the writer of this notice will be permitted to avow his own feelings of personal satisfaction at hearing those views which he had so frequently expressed,—as to the absolute need for teaching our teachers, the danger that long habit should be mistaken for experience, and inured and perpetuated blunders for acquired routine,—receiving the endorsement of Mr. Mullin's high authority. But many other papers of real value were read: among which Mr. Lloyd's able address on Teachers' Meetings and helps, Rev. C. P. Hanington's vivid account of Country Sunday Schools and their difficulties, and Canon Roberts' most suggestive 'Model Lesson', upon the first question in the Catechism, merit special notice. Altogether the convention must be pronounced to have been a great success, and we doubt not that it will be repeated in future years.

Turning to our own concerns, it is pleasant to be able to announce that the final operations in the new Sunday School are in full progress, and this summer will witness the adornment of the front by a turfed space planted with trees, and