

## TREHERNE AND RATHWELL.

On Thursday, the 25th prox., the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Mark's church, Treherne, held their annual bazaar and entertainment in the town hall. An earnest effort had been made to prepare a large stock of useful and fancy articles for sale, and to provide an entertainment worthy of our prestige in this town. Only one serious drawback was met with; that was a lack of buyers, owing to last year's poor harvest, and a consequent scarcity of money. Considering this difficulty, the result was very gratifying, the receipts amounting in the total to over \$15. This was the second effort of our active lady helpers this winter. And they well deserve all credit for maintaining as they do the church free from debt, and a balance of cash on the right side of the books.

An acre of land has been secured as a church site at Indian Ford. The foundation logs are now in position, and before the spring is far advanced, we hope to have a new parish formed, and a nice little church ready, free of debt, for our beloved Archbishop to consecrate on his return from England.

## MARQUETTE.

A meeting of St. John's congregation was held on the evening of Tuesday, March 23, when the case of the absconding treasurer occupied the greater part of the time. It was stated that Malcolm Ferguson, who had acted as secretary-treasurer of the congregation since October, had been collecting money, on behalf of St. John's, in Winnipeg, Rat Portage, and the East, for which he had rendered no account to the members of the congregation; and that, about two months ago, he had disappeared, and had not since been heard of. It has been ascertained that Ferguson had in his possession funds belonging to the church to the sum of \$152; and, it is quite likely that the amount of the defalcations will be increased when fuller information comes in. As may readily be understood, this loss will be sorely felt by this small congregation; and, it is thought that a statement of the circumstances is due to the church and the public at large. Rev. R. F. Nie and Mr. H. L. Stewart have been appointed joint secretaries, and it is requested that all outstanding subscriptions be sent to them. The church and congregation of St. John's, Marquette, are not the only sufferers by Ferguson's departure. The Pine Tree Lumber Co., in whose employment he was, and others, will also lose to the tune of about \$1,500.

## MIDDLECHURCH NOTES.

A special offertory was taken up in St. Paul's church on the last Sunday in Feb-

ruary, in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, and the sum of \$13.45 obtained. At this service the choir sang as the evening hymn, "Sun of My Soul, Thou Saviour Dear," set to a tune composed by our talented organist, Mr. R. R. Taylor. The hymn went with a swing which spoke well for the composition, which is harmonious and free.

The chief attraction here lately has been the concert held on Tuesday, March 2 in the parish school room. The entertainment was given almost entirely by students of St. John's College, and was in every respect, both from a financial and musical point of view, a huge success. The first part consisted of instrumental and vocal music, interspersed with an exhibition of Indian clubs by Mr. E. Fortin. Three encores testified to the appreciation of the audience, Miss Mary Fortin quickly winning the hearts of the audience. The musical sketch by Mr. Sidney G. Chambers, who is an old favorite here, was very cleverly rendered, and it is hoped we shall have the pleasure of again hearing him. This concluded the first part. Then followed a comedy, entitled "Dorothy Clyde, or the Squire's Daughter," in two acts. The second scene, which was a masquerade ball, proved very brilliant and attractive, the dresses being bright and effective. The ladies in this play were very clever and won the plaudits of the audience by their pretty acting. The St. Paul's people unanimously pronounce this concert to have been the best yet held in the parish. The Ladies' Aid put the finishing touches by providing refreshments for the crowded house. Thanks are due to the Rev. Canon Coombes and the students of St. John's College, who so kindly journeyed down here to give us such a pleasant and entertaining evening. May they soon come again is the universal wish of St. Paul's.

A vestry meeting was held on Thursday, March 4th, to arrange for the building of a stable in the vicarage grounds, there being now on hand about \$40 as a result of the last two concerts.

A confirmation service was held in St. Paul's parish on Saturday, March 20th, when 12 candidates presented themselves for the apostolic rite of the "Laying on of Hands." The ages ranged from 14 years to 52 years.

The three branches of the C. E. T. S. held their closing winter meetings last month. This society has been of inestimable benefit to the parish for the past two years, and its work has been felt and recognized by all.

At the last vestry meeting it was decided to inaugurate the "One Fund System" next Easter in the parish.

## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE NOTES.

Several new students have entered the college this term. Of these, Mr. W. Pinn and Mr. Buttram are taking the Previous, while Mr. Belford is trying the Preliminary. Messrs. J. F. Belford and MacFadyen have also resumed classes.

Mr. Chambers has been appointed choir-master of Christ church, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Downard. We congratulate him on his new position, and feel sure that his rule will be satisfactory to all concerned.

We understand that Mr. R. Fletcher, who graduated B. A. last June, has been appointed to succeed the Rev. J. A. Richardson, B. A., as resident master in the college school. Mr. Fletcher was formerly a student of Trinity College, Toronto, but completed his mathematical course here, taking first-class standing. He is at present principal of Norman school, and acts as layreader there and at Keewatin.

We have received interesting news of Mr. J. F. Rounthwaite, an old boy of St. John's, now studying Theology at Trinity College, Toronto. In the Christmas examinations for the third year, Mr. Rounthwaite obtained first-class honors in Theology. He has also been elected treasurer of the Trinity Association of Alumni for Missionary Work. The immediate object of the association is to erect a church in Nagano, Japan, during the present year, to be opened if possible on Christmas Day, 1897. We hope the association will succeed in its most excellent object. We congratulate Mr. Rounthwaite on his success, and trust he will meet with a continuance of it, and be another of the old Johnians who have won honor in other universities.

The constitution of the Literary Society has been fully and completely revised. The reading-room has now been reopened, and members of the college can see all the daily papers and many magazines, by making a pilgrimage to the top flat.

## CANON ROGERS' WORK IN THE EAST.

The Rev. Canon Rogers, who has been in the East, pleading the cause of missions in the Province of Rupert's Land, has now returned home to Winnipeg. His trip this year has not been so extended as last year, but it has been on the whole most satisfactory. In a conversation which we had with the Canon the other day, we learned that he had spent a goodly portion of the time in the Province of Quebec, where he says the missionary spirit is particularly strong. There he received a most cordial reception from both Bishop and clergy. The diocese of Quebec has all along warmly supported the work in the west. St.