

ENDERBY AND ARMSTRONG.

THE concert and dance given by St. George's Ladies Guild on Nov. 5th. was very successfully carried out drawing quite a large audience who seemed to enjoy themselves very well and realized for the funds the sum of \$40.25. Subscriptions had been received up to time of the Incumbent's last visit on the 7th. towards building the proposed Church at Grande Prairie amounting to \$145, which it is hoped will be considerably increased and Mr. F. Jones has promised a very nice site for the building, together with sufficient land for a Cemetery.

A new floor has been laid in St. James' Church, Armstrong, which will make the building much more comfortable and the Ladies of St. James' Guild are busily preparing for their sale of work and Dance which comes off on Dec. 3rd.

Mr. Scarlett, late of Toronto who had resided at Armstrong for about a year and a half, died after a very short illness on Oct 30th. in his eighty-second year; the Burial Service was held at St. James' Church Nov 2nd. at 2 p. m. whence the Funeral proceeded to the cemetery at Lansdowne for the interment. Mr. Joyce our esteemed Lay Reader kindly took services both at Armstrong and Enderby on the 21st. when the Incumbent was unavoidably absent in attendance at the Synod held in New Westminster, but the usual service on Thanksgiving Day was omitted as the Incumbent had been uncertain as to date of his return and accordingly no notice had been given for it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOL.

The most interesting debate of

the Synod took place on the Thursday morning over the question of the reappointment of the Synod Committee on Religious Education.

Some very excellent speeches were made on the need of religious teaching in the Public Schools, and the matter of a Church boys' school. The speech of Mr. W. M. Gray was especially noteworthy. He feared with reason for the future of a province where the general tendency of education seemed to be to make clever rogues and educated criminals; he deplored the increase of juvenile crime, and traced it directly to the neglect of all religious teaching.

The Rev. C. Croucher pointed out that in this Province a stigma is placed upon religion that is not placed upon it in any other part of the world, namely that no minister of religion is allowed to be a member of any board of school trustees.

Mr. H. Hewke expressed himself as opposed to any teaching of un denominational religion, contending for the rights of the children of the church to be taught the whole body of Catholic Truth.

We may add a note of warning gathered from the reports of Schools in Australia as printed in the *Guardian* of September 22nd. this year, which however do not come down later than 1894 apparently. We quote from an article in the *Guardian*. "For sixteen years the system of purely secular education has been at work in New South Wales and for twenty-three in Victoria. In New South Wales in 1894, one hundred and sixteen boys of fifteen years and under, who have presumably passed through the schools, have been sent to gaol, there having been no reformatory till last year; seven hundred and forty-six youths of twenty years and under have been