

ST. MARY'S, VIRDEN.—Rector, Rev. E. I. King, B. A.

Lay Readers—Mr. A. D. Joliffe, Mr. R. Bloxam.

Churchwardens—Capt. E. A. C. Hosmer, H. Dayton.

Sunday Services—H. C. 8.30 a.m. 1st Sunday in the month, 11 a.m.; Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible Class, 3 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m.

Week-days—Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Choir practice 8.30 p.m.; Fridays, 4 p.m.

Services at Hargrave, 3 p.m., 5th and 19th June.

" River Valley, 2.30 p.m., 12th and 26th June.

Services in the country missions have been resumed for the summer, and will be held fortnightly at Hargrave and River Valley. The congregation at the former place is a particularly satisfactory one, composed as it is almost entirely of loyal and zealous Church people. The regularity of their attendance, and the heartiness with which they enter into the service is a comfort to the Rector, and he will feel amply rewarded for his efforts, as long as he can discern these signs of appreciation of spiritual privileges. Last Sunday, the singing was assisted by an auto-harp. The congregation gathers this year, in a partially empty warehouse, kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. Hoims, but it is hoped that the day is not far distant which will see the erection of a little church, where services can be held "decently and in order", and with the additional aid to reverence of consecration. Speaking of reverence reminds us that kneeling boards have been provided, and the reverent and right attitude for prayer, viz; kneeling, was generally followed.

The Valley Congregation is of the nature of a union congregation, and though one cannot but wish that all of those who fill the schoolroom each fortnight, were Church men and Church-women, yet it is pleasant to find that the service is helpful to the Dissenters, and we cordially welcome them.

The somewhat decidedly small congregations who assembled in the Parish Church on May 8th, listened with great attention to Rev. J. A. Richardson, Rector of St. Luke's, Winnipeg, and found his sermon so helpful, that he will find a warm welcome when he next visits St. Mary's. His appeal for St. John's College was worthy of a better response than \$17.00. Mr. Richardson talked to the Sunday School scholars at the afternoon service, and the "My but that was fine!" of one eager listener, expressed the feeling of all.

The Ladies' Aid have started on the new financial year with a determination as strong (though not couched in the same language) as that of Lars Porsena of Clusium, in Macaulay's Immortal Lay, to wipe out an old old debt. Fired by the success of last year, they are determined to do greater deeds still, this year. Certainly they made a splendid start on Arbor Day, when the proceeds of their Tea and Sale of Work, brought in some \$80.00 of clear

profit. One is very grateful to the women of the church for their activity, and their strenuous efforts to reduce the debt, but one cannot help but regret that the direct giving of the parishioners is not sufficient to meet all current expenses and annually reduce the debt. When will Christians understand that they owe God the title of their net income?

It is pleasant to see on the horizon—not such a very far off horizon, either—a prospect of pews for the Church, instead of the present benches; the legacy left by Mrs. Rothmund, is available now, and a real and general effort will place the Vestry in possession of the remaining sum needed.

Is it a necessity that the congregation should fall off in number as soon as the summer comes? The rows of empty seats that greet the Rector at well nigh every service now, is discouraging. The choir, too, is about half the size it ought to be, these days. Of course the weather is hot, and driving and cycling are pleasant, but then one is not to consider church-going as a matter of convenience, but as a positive duty. Is it true that we can only worship God when we have nothing better to do?

The Rector attended the Rural Deanery meeting at Oak Lake on May 31st. Engagements on that day prevented the Wardens and Synod delegates from attending.

A word to parents.—The Sunday School is a *school* for your children. A school is a place where children are expected to learn something. Many of the Sunday school scholars come Sunday after Sunday with great regularity, but knowing absolutely nothing of Catechism and texts. You can help in this matter. Indeed the Sunday school

EVANS' Gold Cure for Drunkenness. Testimonial (No. 93.)

Mr. Geo. Muirman Writes a Strong Letter of Endorsement, After Twenty Months Have Elapsed Since Leaving the Evans' Institute.

WINNIPEG, Feb., 25, 1898.

To the Evans' Gold Cure Institute, 52 Adelaide Street.

GENTLEMEN:—In the full enjoyment of my new and happy life, I gladly take this means of letting the people of Winnipeg know what a soul saving institution is in their midst, and what a grand work it is doing for victims of intemperance. It is now over twenty months since I left your institute, cured of all need or desire for stimulants which has been the one bane of my existence for years. When I began the treatment, I was a complete, nervous and physical wreck from drink, and my life was despaired of by my physician who advised, your treatment, and the wonderful change in me is simply miraculous. I gained over twenty pounds after leaving you, and have continued feeling better than since many years. My appetite is good, and sleep comes naturally, and leaves me refreshed and rested. Surely I cannot say too much for the Evans' Cure. I am now a regular attendant at Westminster Church, and Rev. Mr. Patullo knows my case well. Your cure has proved a moral help as well as physical cure, and I believe the Gold Cure is in perfect harmony with Christianity. I will always be glad to answer any letters regarding my case that may be sent me.

Most Gratefully,

GEO. MUIRMAN,

(With Rodgers Bros. & Co.) 387 Pacific Avenue.