

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

MADRAS SCHOOL CLOSING.

"The closing exercises of the Madras school taught by Miss Underhill took place on Thursday Dec 16th, and, as usual, the parents and friends of the pupils and patrons of this most excellent church school were present in large numbers. The pupils are an exceptionally bright lot of little ladies, and the exercises were carried out in a manner that delighted those present, and greatly gratified their painstaking teacher.

Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, rector of St. Paul's, presided, and G. Sidney Smith and Ald. T. Barclay Robinson, members of the board of the school, were also present officially. There were also present Rev. Canon DeVeber, Rev. Mr. Withycombe of St. Jude's church, and Rev. Mr. Shipper of St. Martins. Rev. D. J. Fraser of St. Stephen's church was also an interested visitor.

The recitations were all excellent and the carols were sung sweetly. A very nice feature was the "plea of the small birds," recited by fifteen girls, each one representing one of our favorite feathered songsters. They pleaded eloquently not to be killed because their feathers are beautiful.

Rev. Mr. Dicker then catechised the pupils and their ready answers delighted everyone. The presentation of prizes next took place, the awards being made in turn by Mr. Dicker, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Smith, each of whom had a kindly word of encouragement for the pupils as they proudly stepped up to receive the rewards of their diligence. The fortunate ones were:

5th class—Gladys Hegan and Alice Starkie.

4th class—Alice Nichols and Muriel Gandy.

2nd 4th classes—Marjorie Lee and Elsie Jardine.

3rd class—Annie Roden and Rhita Barber tied for first, Bessie Foster second.

2nd class—Hazel Babcock.

1st class—Muriel Gandy and Gladys Hegan.

Special Prayer book prize—Gladys Hegan.

Prize for Bible knowledge—Iona Kerr and Alice Schofield.

The roll of honor for this term contains the following names: Alice Starkie, Louise Rowe, Alice Schofield, Gladys Hegan, Sadie Moran, Iona Kerr, Wenonah Brennan, Muriel Gandy, Alice Nichols, Grace Fleming, Annie Roden, Rhita Barber and Bertha Dixon.

After the presentation of prizes the members of the board complimented Miss Underhill on the excellent showing of her school. The pupils were, after singing the doxology, dismissed with the benediction.—St. John Sun.

The new choir room and chapel adjoining St. Paul's church has been completed; but to carry out the original plan it now remains to move the organ from the north to the south side, in order that the space at present taken up by the organ, may become

a vestry for the clergy, opening into the new building. The estimated cost of moving the organ, together with the necessary repairs, is about \$350; the ladies of the congregation had raised about \$240. Mrs. Dicker proposed therefore to organize a Christmas tree Entertainment in which members of the congregation were asked to assist us, either making or buying three things, one of the value of 5 cents, another of 10 cents and a third of 20 cents, or by subscribing 35 cents, the value of the articles asked for. The plan was to have a 5 cent tree, a 10 cent tree, and a 20 cent tree, on the evening, every article having its own number, there being also corresponding numbers in a box from which those paying 5 cents, 10 cents, or 20 cents, were allowed to draw once for their money. The date was Tuesday, January 4th, the admission to St. Paul's School-house being 10 cents.

We are glad to be able to report that the scheme proved a great success. On going to press we are informed that the proceeds amounted to \$87, making a total in hand of \$327.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of \$1 from Mrs. J. C. Schofield towards the Madras School organ and \$2.50 from Mrs. John Peacock towards the furnishing of the choir room and chapel.

There will be a meeting of the Needlework Society on Monday Jan. 10th, at Mrs. DeVeber's.

Miss Seely's class (III, girls) won the Banner of Honour in the morning Sunday School: those in the class are:—Helen Evans, Louise Pedersen, Fanny Triftz, Josephine McKay, Annie Taylor, May Drew and Alice Wetmore. Miss Seely is to be congratulated upon the fact that her whole class obtained perfect marks during the month, a result very rarely attained!

In the afternoon school the banner was won by Miss Scovil's class. The following are in the class: Bertha Dixon, Agnes Drew, Hazel Seely, Lottie Hornbrook, Gertrude Sturdee, Constance Sturdee, Hazel Hodges, Eliza Grover, Alice Nichols, Annie Nuttall, Gladys Hegan and Muriel Gandy.

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You will notice that our Magazine has (as we should all be wise to do) literally "turned over a new leaf." We have been emboldened by the hearty support given to us in the past year to enlarge it and adorn the cover with a picture of our beautiful church, executed by our friend Mr. Pickett of the well known firm of Wesley & Co.