

The first meeting of the Winnipeg Church of England Sunday School Association was held on May 31st, in Holy Trinity school room, when a large assemblage of Sunday school workers were present.

The minutes of the inaugural meeting and of the meetings of the committees appointed were read and approved. The constitution as drafted by Rev. Canon Coombes was also adopted, after which election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows:

President—Ven. Archdeacon Fortin.

Vice President—Mr. W. P. Sweatman.

Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. J. A. Richardson.

Ven. Archdeacon Fortin gave an address on "The Evolution of the Sunday School." Rev. W. T. Mitton spoke on the difficulties of Sunday school work, and Rev. J. A. Richardson pointed out in a practical address the responsibility, aims and qualifications of a teacher. At this juncture the meeting took the form of a *conversazione*, during which, Miss. Lizzie Pace sang "The Fisherman and His Child," and Mr. Ryall sang "The March of the Deathless Army." An instrumental trio was given by Canon Coombes and Messrs. Shrimpton and Rooke, and the orchestra rendered several numbers most acceptably. Refreshments were served and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent by all present.

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**RAT PORTAGE.**—Rev. J. B. W. Page, accompanied by Mrs. Page, returned from Winnipeg on May 21st, and is feeling greatly benefited by the rest he has had. Mr. Page preached both morning and evening on Sunday. In concluding the evening service he referred to the death of Gladstone, drawing a few lessons from his life, and showing how this man, universally acknowledged to be the greatest of his day, accepted Christ as his Saviour and was not ashamed to own his Lord, but could come and read the service in the little village church near Hawarden.

The funeral of Mr. Graburn, who lost his life in the Opera house fire, took place May 22nd at Union Park cemetery, when it seemed that the whole population of both sexes turned out to pay their last respects to the remains of the unfortunate young man.

The deceased was very popular amongst his numerous friends, as was evidenced by the expressions of sympathy heard on all sides. The funeral procession proceeded to St. Alban's Church, headed by the Citizen's Band, who played the Dead March in Saul. At the church, service for the dead was held over the body, Rev. J. W. B. Page officiating. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the procession formed again, and the Citizens' Band resumed the mournful melody and played along the route to the cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed in the presence of the largest concourse of people ever assembled at Union Park cemetery. Mr. K. Graham, a brother of the deceased, who resides in Winnipeg, was present at the funeral.

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**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.**—Arrangements have been completed for the erection of the new St. Mary's Church. The plans of H. S. Griffith were favorably considered, and the tender of F. J. H. Bossons, for \$6,000, exclusive of heating, seating, and other extras, was accepted. Portage is showing great development in its church life, this being the fourth St. Mary's Church to be built in the town. The first was erected more than fifty years ago; when this locality was known as St. Mary's Portage. Even before settlers came, a church had reared its dome and this spirit has gone on, with ever increasing energy to the present, when the old church is found to be no longer adequate to the growing needs of the congregation. A part of the old building will be added to and placed in the rear of the new church, to be used as a Sunday School, entrance being had through the vestry; while the main building will be placed in the centre of the lot.

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**DIOCESE OF MOOSONEE.**—In connection with the Diocese of Moosonee, a festival service was arranged to be held in St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, London, Eng., on May 31st. The preacher was the Lord Archbishop of Rupertsland, Primate of Canada, and the offerings were taken in aid of Indian and Eskimo Missions in the Diocese of Moosonee.

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### Diocese of Selkirk.

Bishop: Right Rev. W. C. Bompas, D.D.

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Even Bishops are not removed from the ordinary perils of life at the Klondyke. Bishop Bompas, writing from Dawson City in January, says:—"It is only by a merciful Providence that we are preserved from starving this winter. There is a very small supply of provisions on sale here, and what there is, cost about 5s. a pound." The Bishop adds: "About 1,500 dollars have been subscribed by the miners for the mission work here, mostly for church building, hospital, &c. . . . We are anxious to set on foot a Protestant hospital, as much sickness is feared next summer; but building is difficult and expensive, as the wages of the workmen are £3 a day. We have now a small school, church, and mission house erected with some difficulty." But Bishop Bompas is experienced in all the difficulties of the pioneer, and is the very man worthily to lead the work of the English Church at this place.

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