

SUNDAY-SCHOOL festivals are now in order, and most of them are to be held just as this number of the magazine is going through the press.

THE rector of St. John's presented each of the Sunday-school teachers with a "Motto card" for 1896. The new almanac was distributed the last Sunday of the year.

THE Ottawa Episcopal Endowment Fund is slowly approaching completion. The committee only wait for the remaining subscriptions to be paid in, so that they can report to the Archbishop that the \$40,000 has been collected, and then his Grace will call the synod of the new diocese together to elect a Bishop. Of course it is only to be expected that a percentage of the amount subscribed will not be paid, and therefore those who are able are asked to contribute to make up the deficiency. Probably \$2,000 will be needed after all that can be collected is paid in. Donations towards this deficiency are solicited, and every one is urged to pay their subscription at the earliest possible moment. With united effort, January ought not to pass by without finding the necessary amount collected. It is hoped that all churchpeople will join in earnest prayer to the Almighty, that He will put it into the hearts of His people to help forward the completion of this work, and guide the synod in the choice of a fit person to rule and lead the new diocese.

THE Church of England day school in Albert street closed on Dec. 19th, the prize-giving, reports, and closing exercises taking place in Christ Church schoolroom at 8 o'clock in the evening. A new feature in the proceedings was the reading of a report from Dr. Bethune, the principal of Trinity School, Port Hope. Dr. Bethune kindly undertook to examine the senior girls in euclid and algebra, with the gratifying result that to one girl, Miss Beatrice Reiffenstein, he assigned full marks for her euclid paper; while to another, Miss Winifred Wicksteed, was accorded 96 marks out of a possible 100 in algebra. In the absence of Archdeacon Lauder, Mr. Bogert presented the prizes, which were awarded as follows:

- Form VII—Miss Isabel Macpherson.
- Form VI—Misses W. Wicksteed, Eva Allen, Mary Jenkins and Maude Morton.
- Form V—Misses Norah Shaw, Ethel Morris.
- Form IV—Misses Maude Fortier, Dorothy Fletcher, Marion Lindsay.
- Form III—Misses Delia Hunton, Mary Walsh, Vera Marston, Nora Smith.
- Form II—Misses Kate Fortier, May Hudson.
- Form II (Juniors)—Miss Adelaide Marston.
- Infants—Misses Madge Oliver, Lillian Fortier.

THE December meeting of the C.F.S. passed off pleasantly, though the chaplain was absent from illness and the attendance less numerous than usual. The president took the chair, and later in the evening Rev. Mr. Hodgins gave an excellent address, based on the St. Andrew's Brotherhood keynotes of service and prayer, but dwelling chiefly on the intense importance of prayer, and reality in prayer. The programme included readings, songs, recitation, and piano solo, and, owing to its length, the talk on "books and readings" was omitted. The January meeting will be held in St. John's schoolroom.

It is a matter of much rejoicing that the Venerable Archdeacon Lauder has recovered from his recent illness, and is able to be amongst his people in the church. His first appearance there since Advent Sunday was on Christmas Day, when he sat in the sanctuary during part of the celebration of the Holy Communion. On the Feast of the Circumcision he assisted in the services, and we hope soon will be quite well.

THE annual meeting of the Christ Church S.S. Guild was held in the chapel early in December. The reports of the superintendent, treasurer, and librarian were received and adopted. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Rev. W. M. Loucks; secretary, Miss Lewis; treasurer, Mr. Keefer Lindsay; librarian, W. G. Annable.

THE Christ Church Boys' Department of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew still holds weekly meetings, with an excellent attendance. Absentees from the Sunday school are looked up, and other work assigned by the clergy done.

MANY and sincere were the congratulations showered upon our oldest parishioner and churchman, G. W. Wicksteed, O.C., on St. Thomas' Day, when he celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday.

THE joyous festival of Christmas was observed, as usual, in Christ Church, by three celebrations of the Holy Communion, bright, hearty singing, and large congregations. The choir did remarkably well, rendering the well-known hymns and the anthem in an especially fine manner. The number of communicants was the same as last year—three hundred.

THE munificent bequests of Mrs. Fraser, widow of the former Bishop, to the diocese of Manchester, will, it is expected, reach the sum of £150,000. Amongst other bequests is one of £100 to twenty-two wives or widows of poor clergy in the diocese.