

Edith Harris, both the young ladies receiving encores. Mr. Ellis, in his character sketches, kept his audience in continual laughter, and received an ovation at the close. The distribution of diplomas for regular attendance, and good conduct, and prizes in the shape of Bibles and story books, for marks in lessons, then took place. The happy evening was brought to a close by a selection from the orchestra, and the doxology.

Mr. H. A. George, a member of Holy Trinity Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, left for the west yesterday to join Mr. Weaver's Mission at Athabasca Landing. Mr. George will go by rail to Edmonton, thence 270 miles north and west, by stage and on snow shoes. A number of friends were at the station to see him off and wish him god-speed. Before leaving he was presented with a small library of useful books by members of the Brotherhood.

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#### SELKIRK.

The annual Christmas gathering of the Sunday School of Christ Church, Selkirk, took place in Pearson's hall, on December 29th. A number of Christmas carols were sung, and tea was served to the young folks,—after which Mr. D. D. Aitken, of Winnipeg, gave a magic lantern entertainment.

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#### CYPRESS RIVER.

The English Church social at Cypress River in Christmas week was a great success, in spite of the inclemency of the weather. The hall was crowded by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. After the conclusion of an excellent programme of music, etc., refreshments were served by the ladies. The collection amounted to \$35.75.

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#### BRANDON.

The annual entertainment of the St. Matthew's Sunday School took place in the city hall on Tuesday, December 29, and was a very enjoyable affair. Everybody was on time, and when the programme opened at 8 o'clock the hall was filled upstairs and down.

Prof. O. Henneberg's orchestra of twelve performers gave the first selection, and delighted the audience. Their playing was excellent. During the evening they appeared three times, and although the audience demanded encores three times, the Prof. was inexorable and would not allow the already lengthy programme to be increased.

Next came a Christmas carol sung by 21 boys, led by Rev. Mr. Harding and the accompaniment being played by Mr. Willie Eccles. Then Dr. McInnis recited "Christmas Fires," by James Whitcomb Riley, and Miss Jessie Lee, dressed up as a quack physician, sang "Medicine Jack" in spirited style.

"Little Red Riding Hood" was the next on the programme, and one of the best numbers of the evening. Little Miss Carrie Gray was a very dutiful Red Riding Hood and performed her part faultlessly; Miss Hanbury personated the mother, Miss Jennie Barton the grandmother, Fred Barton the woodman, and Willie Eccles the wolf. The wolf was so cunning that he took the audience by storm, and when he was shot by the woodman his last kicks were so natural that everybody was convulsed with laughter.

Distribution of prizes came next, and this was perhaps the happiest event of the evening. After Mr. Harding had, on behalf of their classes, presented three or four teachers with handsome volumes, he called upon the superintendent of the school, Mr. G. B. Coleman, for a short report of the work during the past year. This was an encouraging one. Of the twenty-three teachers the average attendance at teachers' meetings had been nineteen. There had been an increase of 50 pupils in the year, and since Mr. Harding became pastor, the average attendance had gone up from 120 to 210. Mr. Coleman then called upon Mr. Wales, who came upon the platform with a fine fur cap on his head, and after doffing it to the audience, he turned to the pastor and read a kindly worded address from the young men of St. Matthew's Church. It expressed their keen appreciation of the interest taken in them by Mr. Harding, and concluded with the decision that such a warm heart was worthy of a warm cap. Mr. Harding thanked the donors in suitable terms and expressed the hope that the kind bonds of good fellowship existing between himself and the young men of St. Matthew's might long remain intact. The remainder of the prizes were then distributed.

After a selection by the orchestra, and a chorus by pupils in costume, Dr. McInnis again appeared on the scene and asked the children if they knew the story of Cinderella. They did and liked to help the doctor tell it by assenting with a hearty "yes." The story was enacted in four scenes, each explained by Dr. McInnis before the curtain went up. Little Miss Cossey Lee was a pretty Cinderella, and Miss Hilda Hesson a charming Prince. The other performers acted their part well, the little attendants of the Prince and Cinderella being especially worthy of mention.

Mr. Harry Hooper's comic song received an encore and was followed by a unique interpretation of Bellamy's "Looking Backward." Eight young ladies dressed in white, with white headgear, came marching out slowly backwards to the sound of music, and it took the audience some time to understand why they bowed backwards instead of forwards, and in fact did everything backwards. Their golden or raven locks,