

place in the Crypt for some time, and the promoters thoroughly deserved the support accorded them.

On Monday the 17th, the Crypt was again in use, but this time for a somewhat novel kind of entertainment. After it was all over the well known line—"A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet" recurred to the writer of these notes, but he doubts if an entertainment under any other name would have been half so nice or successful. It really was novel as far as Truro was concerned. It was styled a "Birthday Party." Invitations (addressed) together with "little wee sacks" were issued some time before, and the following lines, which appeared on the cards, left no doubt as to what was required of all who received one:

"This birthday party is given to you.

'Tis something novel, 'tis something new;

We send to you this little sack,
Please either send or bring it back

With as many cents as years you
are old,

We promise the number will never
be told.

Kind friends will give us something
to eat,

And also will furnish a musical
treat.

The ladies all, with greetings
most hearty,

Feel sure you will come to your
own birthday party."

Being Monday night the preponderance was largely in favour of the ladies and every one must have been very honest, (if not too honest) for with some bags outstanding the amount realized has passed \$84.00. It will be a surprise though to some, that a few members of S. John's congregation have not only passed the allotted three-score and ten, but turn the scale at a century the highest reaching one hundred

and five—but perhaps it was a young person doubting the honesty of the "tellers" as to secrecy, putting in a cent for every pound of flesh instead of one for each year's growth, anyhow, one bag contained one hundred and five cents.

The programme for the occasion though much too long was well rendered, and as might be expected much enjoyed; whilst, as regards the refreshments, PROFUSION is the only term applicable, and the ladies are to be congratulated on the success of their undertaking in every detail.

Since the last issue of this paper, another meeting—this time of men has been held to consider the matter of the completion of the Tower. It was small but very business like and a small committee was appointed to get information as to probable cost of various styles and plans. The committee is to make a report at some date not later than Easter. This, as will be seen, is a decided step in the right direction, and although some considerable time is likely to elapse ere the extra stones and mortar required for a Tower appear, yet, when it is known what sum (approximately) will be required to get them, there will be a greater stimulus to work.

With Ash-Wednesday, s in past years, all parish entertainments etc cease for a season. This is as it should be, if each individual will use the Lenten season as it should be used. The Archdeacon will give a course of addresses bearing on the season on Wednesday evenings, and the Rev. E. Underwood (Curate) will conduct the Friday afternoon service held each week at 4 o'clock in the Crypt. It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend these services, as they will, in all probability, materially help each one to give point to the abstinence that each one is using in order to

subdue the flesh to the spirit, so that it may ever obey the godly motions of Jesus Christ.

All readers of the Church Monthly will be pleased to hear that the Archdeacon is almost entirely recovered from the attack of "La grippe" which confined him to the house at the beginning of the month for two weeks.

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**SALMON RIVER &
BEAVER HARBOR**

Correction, "The effect of the whole on green" should have read "The effect of the white on green."

The singing of the carols by the choir on Christmas night before and after service, was appropriate to the Holy Season, and were well rendered. The carols sung were "Ring the Christmas Bells" and "The Bethlehem Song" (This was on the 4th last month.) The Bible Class at the Rectory will be continued during the Lenten Season on Wednesday evenings. That most noble English Institution "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" has certified to the Rector of the parish that a grant of a Bible and two large Service Books, value \$10 has been made to S. John's chapel, Smith's Cove. The Rector is advised of the arrival of the books in Halifax, and the earliest opportunity will be taken of bringing them to their appointed destination—as a result of the unswerving perseverance of "willing workers" at Smith's Cove. We are pleased to observe that two large and handsome swinging lamps have been hung in the church of S. John, which will light the whole building so that week night services will now be held, in addition to the occasional Sunday evening services, which, although far from dull were of a somewhat dark description.