

hall. The children assembled about five o'clock and amused themselves with games previous to the preparation of tea which was served at 6.30 and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and also by the many friends and members of the congregation. After the good things had been consumed, a pleasant hour was spent by the young folks in games and other amusements. Rev. T. G. Beal gave a series of views with the magic lantern, which consisted of scenes from different parts of the world. The curtains were then drawn aside which brought to view a well filled Christmas tree. Two prizes for the best attention to Sunday school were presented to Miss Eva Copeland and Master W. Bushe. A present and bag of sweets was given to each one present. During the progress of the latter part of the entertainment a handsome present was given to Mrs. Beal from the children of the Sunday School, showing their appreciation of her kindness since the Sunday School was first opened. The proceedings were brought to a close by a few words to the children from Mr. Beal, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. K. C. McDonnell to those who had provided and assisted at such an enjoyable evening's entertainment, which was approved of by loud cheers.

Rev. T. G. Beal received a handsome New Year's gift, consisting of a purse of \$50 from friends and members of the congregation.

Mr. Beal gave a magic lantern entertainment at the Sunday School treat at Whitewood, which was held in Immigration Hall on Tuesday, January 5.

REGINA.

Church work progresses quietly but steadily at St. Paul's, Regina. The feast of the Nativity was, as usual, well observed here. Our services were bright and well attended, and the Communicants were all but a hundred in number. We had our Sunday School Christmas tree on the 6th (Epiphany), and the young folks had a very enjoyable time.

Rev. Leonard Dawson, B.A., who was Rector of St. Paul's, Regina, from 1890 to 1893, and afterwards for a time in charge of the Indian Mission at Touchwood, has recently been elected to the post of Assistant Secretary of the S.P.G. for the London district. This is an important post, for which Mr. Dawson's great activity and organizing powers, with his colonial and missionary experience, will render him well fitted. Mr. Dawson has been curate of St. Matthew's, Chapel-Allerton, Leeds, for the last three years, and will leave for his new position about the beginning of February.

On Sunday evening, January 10, an incident occurred in a Western church, which was such as to merit a passing notice. Just as the clergyman had said the words of the Collect, "Lighten our darkness, etc.," with a slight crack out went the electric lights and the church was plunged in darkness. The wardens had to hunt up lamps, and all they could find were just enough to make the darkness visible. The text for the sermon happened to be, "To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, etc.," from the Nunc Dimittis, while the closing hymn was No. 266, "Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom." There was a broad grin on several faces, when this was given out, many thinking the hymn had been selected to suit the occasion; whereas the hymns had all been arranged several days before.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Bishop: Right Rev. C. Pinkham.
Residence: Calgary.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

On Sunday, January 3, the dedication service of St. George's parish church was held by the Bishop of Calgary, the Right Rev. Cyprian Pinkham, D.D., D.C.L. There were also present of the clergy the Rev. H. A. Gray, B.A., of South Edmonton; the Rev. R. Connell, of Beaver Lake, and the Rev. G. C. d'Easum, priest in charge. The church was crowded, the settlers in the adjoining district for fifteen miles around thus showing their interest in the solemn opening of the mother church in this settlement. The service was musical throughout, and the singing most hearty, ably led by the capital choir. Mr. Gray intoned the first part of the service, after which followed the prayers of dedication, offered by the Bishop. His Lordship also preached, and showed that from earliest times men have felt the necessity and suitability of building houses for the worship of God, to set them apart from profane or ordinary uses. The Bishop also congratulated the people on their beautiful church, saying he was most agreeably surprised to find such a nice commodious building. Then followed a celebration of the Holy Communion, in which the Bishop was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. G. d'Easum. In the evening Rev. R. Connell preached to another large congregation, his theme being, "The true idea of the Christian Church."

Large numbers of various denominations were present at both services, and expressed their great pleasure and interest in the solemn, reverent and beautiful services of the Anglican branch of the Catholic church. It is to be hoped the dedication of this little church will mark a fresh era of spiritual influence in Fort Saskatchewan.—*Communicated.*