

On Thursday evening, January 13th, the Upper School held its Festival, which began as usual with a sit down tea for each separate class. Carols were afterwards sung, prizes given, and the evening wound up by a little entertainment given by some of the children. The tableaux and singing were very pretty, and self-possession was the distinguishing characteristic of all the small performers. The following are the names of the prize winners:—Nellie Lowe, Gertrude Cable and Nellie Godard were the only children in the school who never missed one Sunday during the year, Elsie Nash following them closely with a record of forty-nine Sundays. Other prize winners were: Doris Baines, Annie Drew, Nellie Nash, Eva Keay, Hazel Davies, Alice Buckle, Annie Bakewell and Maud Thornton. Ella Winsor and Eva Kemp both received consolation prizes, as illness alone had prevented Ella from receiving her usual first prize, and Eva, a new scholar, was specially recommended by her teacher. Very few of the boys in the school came up to the standard required to receive prizes. This is not entirely their fault, as in the summer most of their teachers are away, and a general uncertainty prevails as to who will teach them. There is only one man in the whole of St. George's congregation who will teach a class in Sunday School, and the result of such indifference is already being felt amongst the boys. Charles Godard won a prize, and Charlie Deane, John Stephenson, Ernest Duffill, Willie Deane, Artie Godard and Tom Crashley.

The Sewing School reopened on Saturday morning, January 8th, and on Tuesday, January 11th, the Chancel Guild resumed its work. The Woman's Auxiliary are extremely busy on some special work for the Parish, and the Mother's Meeting under Sister Eliza, is fast becoming a power for good. The demand for clothing is still insistent, and the appeal in last month's Magazine was not responded to with enthusiasm.

The Chancel Guild desire to acknowledge the following contributions:—

Mrs. Cawthra . . .	\$6 00
Mrs. Parsons . . .	1 00 for January.
Mrs. Pringle . . .	0 25 "
Miss Gamble . . .	0 25 "
Mrs. Cayley . . .	0 75 for Nov., Dec., and Jan.
Mrs. Gosling . . .	0 75 " " "
Mrs. Morson . . .	0 25 for January.
Mrs. Stratford . .	0 25 "

MR. LOWE.

It is now definitely understood that Mr. Lowe leaves us in the course of the first week in Lent. He has been selected as Rector of the Parish of Calgary, in succession to Archdeacon Cooper, who has been in charge for the past ten years. The matter was practically settled at an interview between the Bishop of Calgary and Mr. Lowe on the arrival of the Bishop from England the first week in January. It was actually settled when the Select Vestry met on the 16th inst.

Usually in such cases three months' notice is given and required, but the Rector did not feel justified in requiring such notice in the present instance, as the resignation of Archdeacon Cooper made it necessary that his successor should be ready to take up his work at the beginning of Lent.

Mr. Lowe began his work in this Parish on Quinquagesima Sunday, 1895; and on Quinquagesima Sunday of this year it will cease. To say that Mr. Lowe will be missed is a small thing. Any one who has laboured in a Parish acceptably for three years would be missed. But Mr. Lowe will be more than missed. His going from us will be felt to be a personal loss by all whose respect and regard he has won during his three years' ministry, and still more by those to whom he has endeared himself by his work, his teaching and his sympathy.

We must not, however, be selfish. Our loss brings to Mr. Lowe a good and permanent appointment, and increases his happiness in another direction. The Curates Assistant of St. George's have for twenty years past been such excellent men that we must not complain if their coming to us leads to good appointments and happy marriages. Let us be humble, and be content to be a stepping-stone.

Last month an appeal was made for clothing of any kind for the poor, who suffer much from cold at this season. The result of the appeal was one response: many thanks to that one. We repeat the appeal, just remarking that the season is colder as we get deeper into winter. And we add a special appeal on behalf of an old parishioner, Martha Lovell and her family of five children in British Columbia, of whom we hear as we go to press that they have been completely burnt out. There was no time to save anything. Mrs. Lovell snatched up her youngest and escaped, and in fifteen minutes everything was burnt. They have neither money nor clothing. There is a girl of 10, boy 8, girl 7, and two younger. We are sure that we need only to make the facts known. Mrs. Cayley will forward any gifts.