

The meetings and entertainments held in connection with the Guild of St. Matthew have been well attended, the success being partly due to the interest taken in the welfare of the young people, the musical ability, and the genial disposition of the President, the Rev. M. C. Custance. All being well, the Guild expects two literary treats during the month of January, the Very Rev. the Dean of Rupertsland having promised a lecture entitled "How to create a patriotic spirit in Canada," on Jan. 31st; and the Rev. R. C. Johnstone, a lecture on "Sir Walter Scott and his ballads."

Many of our readers will be sorry to hear of the departure of Mr. J. S. Brayfield. Mr. Brayfield has always been kind in offering his services free, and has done much good work in Brandon and neighboring missions. He will now be attached to the Mission of Russell, and assist the Rev. Geo. Gill.

ST. MARY'S, VIRDEN—Rector, Rev. E. L. King, B.A.
Lay Readers—Mr. A. D. Jolliffe, Mr. R. Bloxam.

Churchwardens—Capt. E. A. C. Hosmer, J. Joslin, Esq.

Sunday Services—Holy Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month, 11 a. m.; Matins and Sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday School and Bible Class, 3 p. m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p. m.

Wednesdays—Evensong, 8 p. m.; Fridays, S. S. Teachers' meeting, 8 p. m.

The Bishop of Qu'Appelle visited this parish on Dec. 7th, and confirmed seven candidates. One, unfortunately, who had been prepared, was unable to be present. We were fortunate in having such a fine night, as most of the candidates had long distances to come, three driving from Hargrave, a distance of nine miles. The large congregation that gathered to witness the solemn rite, and join in the prayers, bore witness to the interest taken by the parish in this apostolic function, and to their sympathy with those who that night took such an important step in their progress from the font to the altar. We trust that the impressive service, and the simple direct truths of the Bishop's address went home not only to the hearts of the candidates, but to many a one also of the congregation who that evening remembered and renewed his or her own vows.

The Day of Intercession for Foreign Missions was duly observed on Sunday, Dec. 5th, the Special Form of Service

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being used, and a sermon on the Church's work and the world's need preached from St. Matthew xxiv, 14. The offertory was devoted to the Indian Mission Fund.

The usual services were held on Christmas Day. At the 11 o'clock service the congregation was unusually large, though very few of the country parishioners attended, in spite of the mild weather. The communicants, too, especially at the early celebration, were fewer in number than they should have been. The decorations of spruce, evergreens, holly, etc., with the lovely altar flowers, and the Festal hangings, made the interior of the church a pretty sight, and well repaid the efforts of those who worked at them so willingly.

Why is it that people who live in the town itself, within a few minutes' walk of the church, are yet so often late for the services? Nearly every Sunday there are late-comers, who disturb the worship of others, and lose for themselves the most important part, the Confession and Absolution. Surely a little care and a little forethought would remedy this, especially when a warning bell is rung fifteen minutes before the service hour. Moreover, if one is unavoidably late, why enter in the middle of the Absolution, or one of the prayers? Is it not more fitting to wait reverently at the door, till some break or pause in the service affords an opportunity for proceeding to a seat without disturbing others?

A "watch-night" service was held on New Year's Eve and the dawning of another year spent in self-dedication and prayer to God.

A copy of the "Western Churchman" is sent to each parishioner who has been receiving the "Church Monthly" and we would ask: of those who have not yet paid their subscriptions to that paper for the past year would pay them to the rector, or to Mr. A. D. Jolliffe; and, we would further ask your support for the "Western Churchman," which will be substituted for the "Church Monthly." Subscription for Virden parishioners, 50 cents a year.

ALL SAINTS, WINNIPEG.—The Confirmation Service so long looked forward to in this parish, took place on Dec. 5th, at 3.15 p. m. The Bishop of Qu'Appelle officiated, in the absence of the Archbishop, and seventeen candidates received the Apostolic rite of Laying on of hands. The service was very beautiful and impressive, the choir helping very much with the hymns appropriate to the occasion. The Bishop gave his address to the candidates from the chancel step, speaking without notes; in plain and simple words he spoke of the blessing to be looked for by the candidates, and afterwards of the means of grace to be used in building up the Christian Life.—Prayer, Bible-reading and Holy Communion. The names of those who received the laying on of hands were Harry Hodkisson, Fred. Alderson, Claude Aldous, Seymour Sweatman, Arthur Chalk, Cecil Hurst, Thomas Hack, and William Hack; Misses Shanly and Nora Denison, Kate and Alice Hayward, Lillian Talbot.