

Articles, Bishop Lightfoot's Commentaries on the Epistles, and his "Apostolic Fathers," Canon Robertson's Church History, Canon Gore's works, Canon Mason's "Faith of the Gospel," the learned works of Dr. Salmon of Trinity College, Dublin, etc. We feel assured that the majority of the clergy would only be too glad to contribute a small sum annually in order to obtain the privilege of borrowing from the library. But, the laity ought to bestir themselves. It is they who should at once raise funds for the College, both by way of donations and regular annual subscriptions. No church is doing its duty which does not make strenuous, self-denying efforts, for the training of its own clergy. Our venerable Archbishop has been left too long to bear the burden and heat of the day in respect of St. John's College. It has been with him a labor of love, and no one will ever know all that he has done, and is doing, for the college as an institution, as well as for individual students. But for his large hearted generosity, many a student would never have been able to finish his college course, and the church would have been all the poorer therefor. Now is the time to show our appreciation of his work, by making better provision for the carrying out of higher education in the West. Nothing that could be suggested would so fill his heart with real gladness as to see the College getting the support it so richly deserves at the hands of churchmen.

Let those who have not yet seen the January number of the College Magazine obtain a copy; let them give it their most thoughtful consideration; let them, above all, carefully read Mr. Hewison's trenchant editorial; and then say if we are not within the mark when we lay the onus of the college deficiency on the shoulders of churchmen themselves.

WESTERN CHURCH NEWS.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

On Friday evening, January 8, the town hall bore an aspect of festivity, the occasion being the New Year's treat to the children connected with St. Mary's church. The first stage of the proceedings opened with a feast at six o'clock, to which ample justice was done by the participants. Following this was an entertainment consisting of songs, dialogues, etc., of a remarkably fine character. The proceedings reflected great credit upon the Sunday School teachers, and the ladies and gentlemen of St. Mary's congregation.

ST. MATTHEW'S, BRANDON.

CLERGY: Rev. McAdam Harding, 11th Street; Rev. Edward Archibald, Brandon.

LAY READERS: Mr. George Coleman, Mr. T. F. S. Taylor, Mr. Frederick Wimberley.

CHURCHWARDENS: Richmond Spencer, Esq., M.D.; John Hanbury, Esq.

SERVICES.

SUNDAY: Holy Communion, 8.30 A.M.
H.C.—Choral—Second Sunday in month, 11 a. m.
H.C.—Plain—Fourth Sunday in month, 11 a. m.
Mattins and Sermon, 11 a. m.
School and Bible Classes, 3 p. m.
Men's Bible Class, 3.15 p. m.
Evensong and Sermon, 7 p. m.

SAINTS' DAY: Holy Communion, 8.30 a. m.

WEEK DAYS: Wednesdays—Ladies Aid, 3 p. m.
—Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p. m.

Friday—Evensong, 5 p. m.
—Meeting of Sunday School Teachers,
7.30 p. m.

On Sunday, December 20th, the Rector made a special appeal for the "Church Debt." The offerings on that day amounted to over \$300.

Many friends in Brandon were pleased to hear of the marriage of the Rector of Moosomin. The Rev. Clement Williams labored faithfully in St. Matthew's parish for nearly a year, and won both the esteem and affection of the congregation. We join in wishing bride and bridegroom every happiness.—*Communicated.*

The Incumbency of Birtle has been offered to, and accepted by Rev. W. Robertson, of Alexander. Much regret is expressed on all sides at his leaving his present sphere of work, having by his self-denying and energetic labors endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. Alexander's loss will be Birtle's gain.

MIDDLECHURCH.

One of the brightest services held here for a long time took place on Sunday evening, January 10, when the Rev. Canon Matheson was the preacher in St. Paul's. The pretty little church was thronged with an earnest and attentive congregation, and the Canon preached, as is his wont, a most helpful and practical sermon from the text, "And thou shalt call His name Jesus." The singing has improved wonderfully within the past few months, and at this service the choir seemed to surpass themselves. The service appeared imposing from the fact that there were four officiating priests, the Revs. Canon Matheson, J. H. Fairlie, Thomas Pritchard, and the incumbent. At the last quarterly vestry meeting, the Vestrymen resolved to inaugurate at Easter the One Fund System for all church expenses. The Rev. T. Pritchard, of Lac Seul, preached at Bird's Hill on Sunday afternoon last, and in the evening in the Parish church