



WITH all the evidences of a re-kindled affection for a friend just returned to our circle after a long absence, the boys and girls of our Colony will, we feel sure, welcome *Ups AND Downs* in its monthly dress. It is true the exit of the quarterly was magnificent, the New Year's number of our magazine being of a quality most creditable to our respected editor in the East; but the writer believes he is speaking for those he represents in these newer parts of the Dominion, when he expresses a conviction that in its more frequent appearance *Ups AND Downs* will add to its value as a news medium in a most appreciable degree.

The holiday season has come and gone in the Christian world, and, speaking for the North West, its joys were unbounded. At the Winnipeg Branch, through the efforts of Messrs. White, Davis and Heap, a happy re union for the boys and girls within reasonable distance of the city was arranged, followed by that function so dear to an Englishman's heart, a dinner, at which some forty seven covers were laid. Games of different kinds followed the dinner, and altogether the celebration was voted a great success by those who were fortunate enough to have invitations and attend.

At the Farm House, the same evening, presided by our Visiting Minister, were elaborate dinners, fried chicken and blue butter, ginger and mark and, pleasing evidence to the roomers, very big attention from the inmates.

Completely satisfied with the arrangements, Bardonia's Chaplain, the Rev. C. C. Clarke, presided at the evening tea, prepared by the ladies of the colony, and in the evening, the

which service, our Chaplain administered the rite of the Holy Communion, a fitting commencement for the happy day. On the stroke of 11.30 the boys, great and small, filed one by one, on the invitation of the manager, into his private sanctum and were initiated into the Order of King Edward VII., reaching the outer world, after going safely through the mysterious ordeal, with smiles on their faces, which betokened their pleasurable acceptance of the ceremonies appertaining to the rite, also of the shilling which accompanied it.

At 12.30 a tempting dinner was served to the lads in residence and their guests from a distance, in the mess room, an innovation for this year, and one which the boys of 1901 will, we believe, long remember, being the serving of a whole fat roast chicken to each guest, and the different methods of attack adopted by the valiant youths upon their smoking birds proved a complex set of lessons to that portion of the Staff who pride themselves on their skill as carvers.

The dinner ended, a very necessary rest was enjoyed by all who had participated, and at the hour of three the Brass Band appeared upon the scene and, and taking seats in sleighs provided for the occasion, proceeded to Russell for the purpose of serenading a few of their many friends in the village, and in the afternoon a collection was made for Christmas Day in Manitoba the first ever made, and led by the minister.

The day closed with a very happy gathering, and with the most successful results, and the most successful participation by the clergy, and the most successful participation by the clergy, and the most successful participation by the clergy.