

word should be added in appreciation of the reverent behaviour of the congregation. Our hearts seemed lifted up to God who has bestowed upon us this wonderful gift of Music. The programme was as follows: "Offertoire," Batiste; "Ave Maria," Schubert; Sacred Song, "The Palms," Faure, sung by Mr. J. S. Hurst; "Barcarolle," Sterndale-Bennett; Reading, "The Singing of the Magnificat," Rev. F. V. Baker. Violin Solo, "Raff's Cavatina," Fred Alderson; "Benediction," Saint-Saens; Aria, "It is Enough," from Mendelssohn's Elijah, Capt. Peters; "Andante," 1st Organ Concerto, Handel.

The attendance at the Lenten services has been very fair, although the stormy weather has interfered a good deal. The Wednesday evening services have been especially unfortunate in this respect, for which we are sorry as the series of addresses on Our Lord's titles and offices has proved very instructive. As Lent deepens into Passiontide we hope that more will be able to take advantage of the services. The Rector's Sunday evening sermons on "The Way of Grace," have proved suggestive; and we pray they may help in the deepening of the religious life of the hearers. The topics have been illustrated by Scripture examples as follows: 1. "Repentance," David; 2. "Confession," The Prodigal Son; 3. "Forgiveness," Healing of the Paralytic; 4. "Atonement," Abraham and Isaac; 5. "Faith and Grace," Naaman the Syrian; 6. "The New Life," The Resurrection. The early Communion have been well attended, and glad we are to see this means of grace used more generally during Lent. The attendance on first Sunday in March was 50, (with Communion of members of St. Mildred's Guild; on the second Sunday, 35, (with Communion of Brotherhood of St. Andrew.) This shows a good increase on our average attendance, which is generally about 20 on an ordinary Sunday.

We were glad to welcome Ven. Archdeacon Cooper at our service on 6th March. The excellent sermon he gave us on the right use of our words is printed elsewhere in this paper. The Archdeacon has done a good work for the Church in this country during the past twelve years. He will be greatly missed in Calgary where he has been Rector for nine years, and the Church in the Province of Rupert's Land will be the poorer for the departure of such a learned, spiritually-minded and withal genial-hearted clergyman. We wish the Archdeacon every blessing on his return to take up his work again in the Church of Ireland, the Church of his baptism and ordination.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE NOTES.—The Secretary of the Church Society is to be complimented on the way in which he has made provision for speakers at the various meetings. Since my last budget to you we have been favored with several able and interesting lectures.

Just before Lent, the Editor of the **WESTERN CHURCHMAN** addressed the Society on "Reform in Sunday Schools." He pointed out the many difficulties in the way of procuring suitable teachers, and spoke of the great necessity there was for care in the selection and in the after training of the teachers. In speaking of infant classes

he spoke very strongly in favor of illustrative teaching, and emphasized the fact that the infant teacher ought to be one of the best equipped teachers in the school. The lecturer was listened to with close interest, and his treatment of this important subject called forth quite a long and interesting discussion, in which Rev. Canon Matheson and others took part.

The Rev. McAdam Harding, of Brandon, gave a lecture last month on "Some Needs of the Parish," which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Harding is well qualified to speak from experience on this subject. He said that one of the most essential needs of a successful parish priest was sympathy. He must feel for his people, and pray for them even individually. The principal men in a parish must be appealed to, to go to church for the sake of example to other members of the congregation. In cases of sickness, the Church must be brought to the invalid. The priest should be very particular as to appearance and be very consistent as to practice.

During Lent we have also held our regular meetings at 5 p.m., at which addresses have been given by the Revs. J. A. Richardson, S. Chambers, W. T. Mitton, Canon Coombes and Ven. Archdeacon Fortin.

Good entertainments have been provided by the Literary Society. On March 4th the following was the programme: Piano Duet, Miss McFarlane; Reading, Mr. Pritchard; after which came a debate, "Resolved that for the sake of Truth, Col. R. Ingersoll should not be prevented from lecturing against Christianity in Winnipeg." The affirmative was maintained by Messrs. Cassap and Briscoe, the negative by Messrs. Clarke and Fox. On being put to the vote, the affirmative won the debate.

On March 25th, a mock parliament gave a capital evening's entertainment. The government brought forward a bill for the prohibition of liquor. Mr. Davies ably filled the Premier's chair, while Mr. Belford acted as leader of

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