

## OUR NEIGHBOURS

Three members of St. George's, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Cowan, and Mr. Chadwick, are among the persons named as a Building and Finance Committee of the Church to be built on the Island for the benefit of the summer residents, and which is to bear the name "St. Andrew on Toronto Island."

We have the pleasure of congratulating our friends of St. Philips' on the completion of their new Church, which was opened for service on Sunday, 27th January.

A bill is before the Provincial Legislature to legalize the settlement made in the suit of Ball v. The Church of the Ascension, which, if it becomes law, will have the effect of applying the endowment intended by Mr. Smith, to the liquidation of the debt due to him by the Church, and leaving the Church free from debt and without an endowment.

## OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Christmas Festival of the Sunday School was held on Thursday, January 3, for the elder scholars, and for the infant class the following Tuesday. The scholars on the first occasion numbered some 140; on the second, about 100. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much, and a large number of prizes were distributed to both divisions of the school.

Now that the treat is over, the bills have come in, and have been paid—by the Rector. In response to his appeal on the Sunday preceding the Festival, five members of the congregation have sent him four dollars and ten cents, which have been applied (so far as they will go) in covering the expenses, amounting to \$50. It may safely be assumed that every member of the congregation wishes the children to enjoy their Annual Christmas Treat, and is willing to contribute something towards it, and is capable of the exertion required to put that contribution in a marked envelope on the plate in Church, or to send it to the Rectory, and that no one is content that the Rector should enjoy the sole privilege of giving pleasure to the children. Sir John's advice the other day to a member of the House of Commons seems to be quite as applicable to a member of a congregation. "If the honourable member wishes to do something, let him begin by doing something." While we are upon this subject, it ought to be said that the congregation does not in any adequate degree realize its duty towards the Sun-

day School. Of the 250 children who belong to it, three-fourths do not come to Church; five-sixths receive no religious instruction at home, or in the day-school; nearly all depend for their knowledge of Christian truth upon the one hour of teaching in Sunday School. Were these facts realized as they ought to be, there would be no lack of teachers, and no need for begging, and subscriptions in support of the school would be amply sufficient to furnish it with the best appliances, methods, and equipment, without the constant remembrance of the need of careful economy.

We take this opportunity of furnishing some information as to the present condition of the Sunday School.

As regards numbers there has been little variation during the last ten years. It is somewhat larger now than in 1874: but since that year three large Sunday Schools, Grace Church, S. Philip's, and the Ascension, have been established on the borders of the Parish, and naturally draw upon families living within the Parish. The numbers now on the books are in all about 250. The average attendance has been since the beginning of Advent, 195; for the previous six months, 175. There are 12 classes of girls, and 9 of boys in the Main School. The infant class is under the efficient management of Mrs. Armstrong, and Mrs. Charles Holmes. Mr. Harry Hayes has lately resigned charge of the Library after four years of unremitting attention to its duties. No permanent appointment to the post of Librarian has yet been made.

The staff of teachers is as follows: Superintendent, Mr. J. R. Cartwright. Teachers:—Girls: Mrs. J. D. Cayley, Miss M. Moffatt, Miss Margaret Bain, Miss Susie Baldwin, Miss Minnie Boulton, Miss M. A. Cayley, Miss Gamble, Miss Susie Jones, Miss Lightbourn, Miss Mary Lough, Miss Augusta Robinson, Miss Emma Street, Miss Sidney Tully, Miss Eva Van-Koughnet. Boys: Mrs. Baker, Miss Laura Boulton, Miss C. Boulton, Miss Chewett, Miss Harvey, Miss Jones, Miss Morecroft, Miss Ruth Morphy, Miss Wyatt, Mr. F. Cayley, Mr. E. C. Cayley, Mr. C. Foster.

Besides the above, the following have resigned or left the Parish during the year: Mrs. Spragge, Miss Burton, Miss Mackellar, Miss Malins, Miss Phillips, Miss Sweet, Miss Rose Chadwick, Miss Jeanie Stewart, Miss Walker, Mr. David Burns, Mr. Ruttan.