

themselves. A committee of ladies will take the principal management, and moral influence will be brought to bear on convenient occasions by two or three of the city clergy. Though the Society will be under the management and guidance of the Church of England, all prisoners will be assisted, irrespective of creed or faith. Supervision will also be exercised over habitual drunkenness. The lines of management generally, will be those adopted with so much success in similar institutions elsewhere.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

We are sorry that the notice of our Sunday School Festival was not ready for the January number. With this apology, and a promise not to be so negligent in the future, we say at once that the Christmas Festival was a great success. On Holy Innocents' Day, the Sunday School children, with some others, the teachers, and a fair number of parents and friends, met in the Cathedral at 6.30 p.m. for a short service. We are glad to say that only one child of those on our books, failed to attend this service, and that absence was unavoidable. We sang our carols, and listened to a short address by the Reverend J. B. Heweston, on the subject of the day, and then adjourned to the schools. Here a very pleasant evening was spent. Some of the girls under the auspices of Miss Arden and the Misses Bell, had prepared a surprise for us, in the form of the "Fairy Voices" Waltz, with Marjorie Woollaston, as Fairy Queen. After an encore, the next event was the presentation of prizes by Mr. T. R. Smith, (Churchwarden) to those choir boys who had been very regular in their attendance at the Friday Evensong. Eight boys received their prizes (given by the Bishop and other friends) and we hope that on the next occasion the numbers will be no less.

Bran pies— a portion for each boy and girl in the school— took the place of a Christmas Tree, and the rest of the evening was taken up in the playing of various games to the accompaniment of trumpets, pop guns and other delights. Our only regret was that the Bishop was not well enough to be present, but we were able to report to him of the happiness of our gathering.

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On Wednesday, January 20th, a concert was held in our schools, with the object of raising funds towards an enlargement of the buildings. Some of those who had promised to help us, were prevented by "sudden indisposition" from doing so. For this we were very sorry, but others kindly volunteered to take