

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Sunday School festivals come fast and furious during January. St. John's parish enjoyed two. The one in St. John's Hall gave food and enjoyment to a crowd of happy children, who cheered vociferously as a friend shewed a large number of views from a magic lantern. Prizes were given to eighteen who had not missed one mark throughout the year, to two who had not lost more than three, to fifteen who had not lost more than twelve, to thirteen who lost less than eighteen. Then six prizes were given to the best children in the infant classes. This is a satisfactory shewing, but is expensive, as prizes nowadays must be of good quality.

The Anglesea Square S. S. festival, delayed until Mr. Mackay had recovered sufficiently to be present, was held on Thursday, the 21st. The room has recently been painted and decorated and looks very bright and cheerful. A number of flags and Chinese lanterns were tastily arranged and added very much to the pleasant effect.

When tea commenced at six o'clock there were about one hundred and twenty children with happy smiling faces ready to partake of the bountiful supply of sandwiches and cake, etc. Many eager glances were directed towards the table well laden with prizes, and to the beautiful Christmas tree of many colours.

After tea there was a short programme. The children recited and sang very nicely, and Miss Beardwood also recited. Before presenting the prizes the superintendent, Mr. L. O. Egleson, gave the report for the year, showing a steady increase in the attendance. There are 13 teachers and officers, 121 scholars, the largest attendance being 92, and the average 65. This very satisfactory report was well received, and prizes were then given to those who obtained the highest marks. The Rev. H. Pollard gave an interesting address.

The Christmas tree was then despoiled of all its fruits, and both old and young were supplied with suitable presents. Mr. Featherston, on behalf of the teachers and workers, presented Rev. A. W. Mackay with a handsome copy of the new edition of Webster's Dictionary. The present was much appreciated and the workers were heartily thanked.

The annual missionary meetings were held in St. John's Church on Sunday, Jan. 24th. Rev. S. Daw, rector of Christ Church, Belleville, gave an earnest address in the morning, and also in the evening when he was assisted by Rev. Mr. Whalley (formerly a R. E. minister in Belleville). The claims of the mission fund were clearly stated and the dread of a considerable deficiency this year forcibly dwelt upon. Alas, that sickness should have kept several away, and the collections shewed a falling off from last year of over \$6. The total amount was \$37.00.

Rev. Canon Sweeny, D.D., Rector of St. Philip's, Toronto, will preach at both services in St. John's on Sunday, February 14th, and address the

Sunday School in the afternoon. The day will be observed as the anniversary of the opening of the new Sunday School Hall.

On Monday evening a parishioners' social meeting will be held, when addresses will be delivered, interspersed with music and refreshments.

The junior male Bible Class gave an entertainment in the hall on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, and scored a success. A goodly number were present, and amusement was written in every face; may we add, also shone through the burnt cork on the performers' faces. The songs and recitations were very creditable, Mr. Grounds gave two piano solos, and the Y.M.C.A. Club exhibited their excellent skill in club exercises. The chief interest culminated in the comedy, "The White Rose of the Plantation," when the young men in the mimic cotton field displayed their histrionic ability, and they deserve credit for their energy, and for the sum they earned for the S. S. Building fund.

Next in order is another entertainment got up by the junior girls' Bible Class, who are determined not to be beaten this leap year especially.

CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR.

The annual missionary meeting was held on Sunday January 17th. Rev. P. W. Samwell of Mattawa, delivered an excellent address at the morning service, in which he gave an account of the work in his extensive mission. At the evening service Rev. Canon Burke made a strong appeal on behalf of the mission fund: the response to which was an offering which together with a cheque for \$5 subsequently sent in amounted to \$50.78.

The third of the monthly entertainments was given by the Women's Guild on Monday evening January 25th. The number present was large notwithstanding counter attractions and the prevailing epidemic. The receipts were very satisfactory and the programme excellent. To this Mr. J. F. Watters contributed three readings; Miss Bertha Jones, Mr. C. D. Fripp and Mr. Brewer, vocal; and Mr., Mrs. and Mr. Bert. Brewer, instrumental music. Mr. Grounds was conductor and accompanist.

The chapel has lately been renovated and decorated under the direction of Miss Reiffenstein. The walls have been tinted, the chancel carpeted and a handsome crimson curtain hung behind the altar. The cost was defrayed by some funds in *Miss Reiffenstein's hands supplemented by offerings* made at the Wednesday evening services.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

The annual Sunday School festival was held on Jan. 17th and was well attended. Instead of a Christmas tree the children were given a sleigh-drive, which was thoroughly enjoyed. About 250 little ones sat down to the tea table. Many of the