

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL INTELLIGENCE.

*(For the Young Churchman.)*ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL,  
TORONTO.

The annual distribution of buns to the children of the above Sunday-School took place on Wednesday, the 1st of January. Divine Service commenced at half-past nine: the children, to the number of 280, being ranged with their teachers in the centre aisle, presented a most interesting appearance. Service being concluded, the Incumbent (Dr. Lett) delivered an address to the children and their teachers; of which the following is an outline:

"MY DEAR CHILDREN,—Doubtless, you have noticed, when admiring the very beautiful decorations with which your teachers have ornamented our church, previous to the happy season of Christmas, those words under the gallery, traced in handsome Old English characters,—'Prophet, Priest, and King.' I trust you all understand their meaning: they signify the three-fold office of our blessed Lord. He came as a Prophet, to instruct His people, to impart to them lessons of heavenly wisdom; as a Priest, to offer a sacrifice for them; and, what was peculiar in this offering, he himself was at the same time the Priest and the Sacrifice. It was to save little children such as you from eternally suffering the dreadful anger of a sin-hating God, that the blessed Jesus left his Father's throne, and became man,—a helpless infant, whose only shelter was a stable—whose cradle was a manger—but who now, as the third word imports, is a mighty King upon his throne; and woe be to that being, be he young or old, who rejects his authority, for he himself has said, 'These mine enemies, who would not that I should reign over them, bring them thither, and slay them before me.' But, my dear children, we would hope better things of you, and things which accompany salvation. I feel sure that many of you have found that Saviour to be precious; and that you can look back on the hours you have spent in your Sunday-School with pleasure, and can say, 'It was good for me that I had been there; for it was there my kind teacher told me of a loving Saviour, and it was there the Holy Spirit blessed to me the instructions thus imparted.' Since last we were met together, on a similar occasion, the hand of death has removed some of our numbers, and transplanted them from the Church below to the Church above; and (strange, my dear children, as it may seem to you) it is with pleasure I refer to the removal of these holy children: for those whom I attended on their death-beds, gave undoubted testimony, if such were wanting, of the value and benefit of our School. And when our school is assembled again, on a next New Year's Day, none of us can say that we will not have been removed to 'that bourne from which no travel-

ler returns.' Lay this, dear children sincerely to heart, and consider it well; see your great advantages,—children of wrath, you have been made as your catechism teaches you, by baptism, the children of grace, and called unto a state of salvation. You have been instructed, moreover, in that holy religion, the truth of which a glorious company of martyrs sealed with their blood; and you have thus been, the especial object of the Church's fostering care; may your advantages and opportunities never render up in judgment against you an account of your neglect of them.

And to the teachers a few words must be spoken; the great requisites for the important office of a Sunday-School Teacher are, Patience, Perseverance, Prayer. Let this be fixed on your memories,—patience to enable you to overcome the many difficulties that will present themselves to you in your work—perseverance is also essential. Your children are possessed of more observation than you may be inclined to give them credit for, and if they see you remiss in your efforts, or irregular in your attendance, you must not be astonished that they will follow your example; and any class, whose teacher wants steady perseverance, invariably falls off: but all your doings, patience, perseverance, regularity, learning, aptness to teach, all will be useless without fervent prayer to Almighty God, to bless to yourself as well as to your young charge, the instructions which you impart. Your office too is an awful one, for the word of the Saviour is to you, 'Take heed that ye offend not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.'"

At the conclusion of the address, the benediction was pronounced, after which Mrs. Lett, assisted by the ladies present, proceeded to distribute to the happy family substantial buns provided by the Churchwardens.

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