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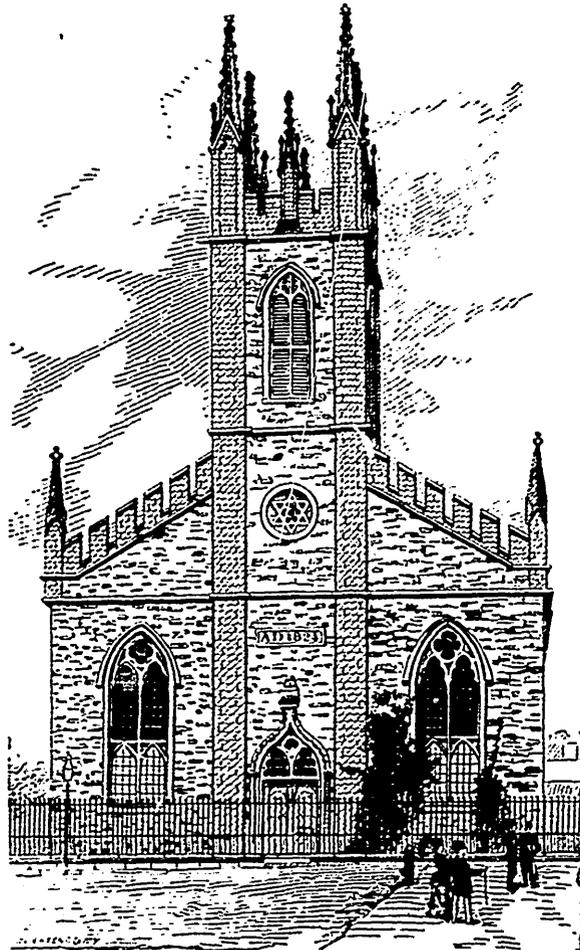
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Sunday.—Morning Service at 11; Evening Service at 7.

Wednesday.—Evening Service according to notice.

The HOLY COMMUNION will be administered on the first Sunday in the month, after Morning Service, and on the third Sunday, at 8 A. M.; also on great festivals.

City Applications for pews to be made to the Vestry Clerk, F. O. ALLISON, at the Shipping Office, The Ushers will show strangers to vacant seats.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 2, 1891.

Parish Notes.

THE month before Advent is usually a quiet and uneventful
period in the life of a parish, but our Thanksgiving Service
and the annual examination of our Sunday School gave interest
and occupation, while in other spheres of labour our societies
were more than usually diligent.

THE selection of the day and hour for the Thanksgiving
Service has always been a matter of difficulty. In former
years both the Sunday recommended by the Bishop and the
week-day appointed by the Governor-General have been used,
although the objections to a double festival are obvious, and it
is much to be wished, as Canon Roberts remarked in his sermon,
that our secular and spiritual authorities might agree as to a
fixed time.

This year it was determined to hold but one service on the
official holiday. The disadvantage of a week-day service was
not so apparent as usual, and a fair congregation was gathered
together, although not a fourth part, probably, of the assemblage
on a Sunday evening on any special occasion. The music was
very effectively rendered, and it was abundantly manifest that
a harvest Thanksgiving Service does not need any theatrical
decorations to be devout, hearty and solemn.

THE annual examination of our Sunday school commenced
on Sunday November 15th as previously announced. On that
day the junior classes were questioned *visa-voce*. The elder
students assembled in the school-house on the following Tuesday,
for a written examination. Unfavorable weather kept some
at home, and is at present under deliberation to hold all the
examinations in future on the concluding Sunday before
Advent. Once more the highest place was taken by a girl,
Miss May Ward's papers obtaining almost the highest possible
marks, and reflecting the greatest credit upon her teacher
and herself. Other results are given below. The prizes
were presented to the successful candidates by Mrs. T. W.
Daniel on November 29th, after Sunday School.

THE death of Mr. Peter Besnard removed from our city a
notable inhabitant. Even those who had only known him

in later years of physical decay, were at once attracted by
the striking physiognomy, and the genial flow of recollection.
The funeral service was attended by a large assemblage of
old friends. At the desire of the relatives the hymns 'For
ever with the Lord,' and 'Nearer my God to Thee' were sung
by the choir. Miss Wilson, who kindly undertook the organ
in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Ford, played Handel's
Dead March as the bearers left the church.

OUR Advent services have been already announced. The
special feature is the holding a deanery service in the evening,
at a time convenient to the general congregation. We hope
that the service will maintain our traditions of dignity and
beauty, and that the body of clergy expected to be the present
will meet a large congregation.

THE DEBATING CLUB.

By far the most successful and stimulating meetings held last
winter by the Y. M. A. were those when the doors of the
association room were thrown open to the public, and this season
it has been resolved "that all debating in connection with the
club shall be open to the public unless otherwise previously
ordered by a motion carried at a previous meeting by a three
fourths vote; the public shall be excluded"; and further that
all males over the age of sixteen years of any denomination
shall be eligible for membership. The entrance fee to any
who are not members of the Y. M. A. is 25 cents while the
annual fee is put at 50 cents. Thus for a mere nominal sum
the young men of St. John have afforded them an opportunity
to exercise and develop whatever debating talent they may
possess.

Nature has endowed every one with the ability to express
more or less clearly their thoughts, while engaged in ordinary
conversation, but the cases are rare where a man without
practice can stand before an audience and express his thoughts
in a clear and forcible manner.

During ordinary conversation, a remark from one party
almost invariably calls forth a reply from a second, and this
in return by introducing some new line of thoughts calls forth
a rejoinder from a third and so the ball of conversation is
kept moving without a great amount of effort. But in
addressing an audience all this is changed, the speaker starts
forth alone, his hearers settle back in their seats with a
feeling that on the speaker alone rests the responsibility of
entertaining them. With them remains the privilege of being
carried along and guided solely by his utterances, but they
also may remain tangibly unsympathetic, and coldly critical,
which latter has frequently the effect of completely
dumbfounding a brilliant conversationalist when he appears as
a speaker. A debating club cannot strike deep thoughts into
a shallow mind, but a persistent and diligent use of its
opportunities enables a man to overcome to a great extent the
terrible sensation of one's thoughts "sinking into one's boots"
so perplexing to the inexperienced debater.

The first public meeting of the debating club was held on
the 26th ult., when the following resolution was introduced
and discussed :-

"Resolved, that this house approves the policy recently outlined by Mr. Laurier, in his speech at the banquet at Boston, as calculated to advance the best interests of Canada."

The school room was well filled with spectators, indicating most clearly the deep interest which is manifested in the discussions of important practical questions by the young men of the city. At a business meeting of the association, before proceeding to the debating room, the names of eight persons outside of the Y. M. A. were proposed for membership in the Club, including one so well prepared to take part in any discussion as the esteemed Editor of the "Telegraph."

It is to be earnestly hoped that the addition to the membership on the first evening may be considered as indicative of similar increase to be made in the future. The affirmative was led by Mr. J. Milligan, and was supported by Messrs. J. S. B. McCready, A. O. Skinner, and E. H. Turnbull, all of whom entered heartily into subjects, and expounded the underlying principles of the platform of Mr. Laurier and his party.

The Negative was led by Mr. E. P. Raymond who was supported by Messrs. H. C. Tilley, and H. C. Wetmore. After all had spoken who desired, the President called on Mr. Milligan to close the discussion, when he took the opportunity of reviewing the remarks of his opponents. There appeared to be some difference of opinion as to whether the leader of the negative should also be allowed to speak at the close. Whatever decision is arrived at in regard to this matter, should be done so early, so that it may be clearly understood by future opposers of resolutions. We would also like to offer the suggestion to future leaders, which we trust will be taken in good part, that they secure as nearly as possible the names of those who desire to speak and allot to them their places, so that any slight misunderstanding as to the order, may be avoided, as well as the occurrence of slight intermissions between the addresses.

The meetings will be held on each alternate Thursday and the next will therefore be held on the 10th. The subject on that occasion will be the following resolution:

"Resolved, that this house disapproves of the establishment of denominational Schools and Colleges in the Maritime Provinces."

The resolution to be introduced by H. C. Wetmore, and Mr. J. B. McCready will lead the negative.

OUR RIDING TOUR.

(Concluded.)

The morning ride along the Nashwaak valley was through some of the prettiest country we had yet traversed. At times we were on very high ground and could obtain a grand view of the river and surrounding hills. There appeared to be many well-to-do farmers in this district, and if one could judge by the genial and pleasant "good morning" they gave us, there seemed to be no cause of discontent among them. Though a farmer is a farmer, no matter where you may meet him, he is the same happy, go-lucky, good-natured fellow all the world over, and for true hospitality there is no class of people who can surpass them in

that respect. If you do not credit this statement, just go among them and judge for yourself, or, if you will, just ask No. Two's opinion on the subject.

Having ridden twenty miles from the Capital, a halt was called at a farm-house for dinner. After two or three hours' rest, during which No. Three tried to do a little fishing in a neighboring brook, but without success, the only reward he received for his trouble being the loss of his hat in the water, and a slide off a slippery rock after it, much to the amusement of No. Two, reposing quietly on the bank.

The weather, which had been gloriously fine ever since leaving St. John, now began to look a little threatening, so we quickly packed our saddle-bags and started off. We had not proceeded far, however, when the rain began to fall in torrents. A halt was called, the horses tied to a fence, the water-proofs extracted from the bags, and at once donned. Off again we started on what proved to be the most uncomfortable and disagreeable piece of riding on the whole tour. To say it rained would be putting it very mildly,—it fairly poured, not a mere summer shower, but a steady downpour which lasted well into the night. Boiestown had to be reached that evening, however, at least that was the place we had arranged to spend the night, so rain or no rain, it must be done. On and on we rode through a most forsaken piece of country; darkness was coming on apace, and yet there remained a good ten miles to be covered. The water-proofs could stand it no longer, so they began to leak in grand style. The slight gap between the top of our riding-boots and trousers made a splendid channel or opening for the surplus water off the waterproofs to trickle down. No. Three's boots were half-full by the time Boiestown was reached. Glad indeed were we when at about 8 o'clock we arrived at our destination.

Forty-two miles that day, and the last twenty in a pouring rain, was a sort of pleasure one does not call for every day.

After having partaken of our evening meal (our old-time favorite ham and eggs, by the way), we at once turned in for the night. Our host kindly lighted a fire in the hall stove, and carried down our wet garments, so that they might be dry for us in the morning.

It was not long before my *compagnon de voyage* and I were lost in the land of slumber, sleeping the sleep of the tired and weary, and dreaming of the pleasures of the last few days.

Wednesday morning, day broke bright and clear; once more our digestive organs were called upon to assimilate ham and eggs. Horses and riders were both a bit weary, after the fatigues of the previous day, but soon the clear and purified atmosphere put them in the best of spirits, and they bowed along cheerily to Doaktown for dinner. Deep beds of straw for the steeds, noon-tide rest, a hammock (vacated by a girl and a book) and used at first alternately and later simultaneously by the riders were the chief attraction of hospitable little Doaktown. The shades of night overtook us at a small hamlet called "Dunphy's." Of course in Dunphy's was the house we sought and No. 2 brought a dreary look in No. 3's eyes by remarking to our host that "we did not require much

for our evening's repast, anything at all, say bread and eggs," and bread and eggs it was. While refreshing ourselves with this old "chestnut" we heard Mrs. Dunphy vainly trying to smother the giggles of her three pretty daughters by saying "those young students have turned the heads of you girls." Taking our cue from this remark we asked one of the girls to play accompaniments to some college songs. After tea she mildly protested that she could not play without her notes, at the same time slyly glancing at a No. 1 Moody and Sankey songster. The hint was taken, and beginning at the first hymn, No. 2 gallantly turning the leaves, we sang that book through from cover to cover. To say that the villagers were charmed, is putting it mildly, they were completely captivated, and but for No. 3's strenuous opposition, No. 2 might have been there yet, or at least would have remained as long as Mr. Dunphy would have boarded him and been satisfied with "I, O. U.'s" for payment. On Thursday morning having bade adieu to our new friends, and being seen well clear of the village by Mr. Dunphy we rode to the famous fishing house kept by Frank Jardine. No young ladies, but a fascinating dinner of fresh-caught trout awaited us. Evening found us at New-Castle, on the Miramichi. Here No. 2 introduced No. 3 to a widowed lady, her two daughters and a niece, and leaving him to their tender and solicitous attention, he took his departure early next morning by train for St. John.

Friday No. 2 saw the thriving town of Chatham under the aforesaid auspices, and on Saturday rode to Richibucto intending to there spend Sunday. From there he pushed by easy stages to Moncton and then following No. 2's precedent "trained" it with his foot-sore steed to St. John. To say that the whole trip was enjoyable is tame, morning after morning we started on our pilgrimage, singing and shouting for very glee, night after night we laid our weary heads down to dreamless sleep, vowing that each year we would take another "Riding Tour."

THE RETURN OF NO. 1 TO ST. JOHN.

It was with great feelings of regret that No 1 turned his face homeward and looked forward to a lonely ride of seventy miles, even the horse was loathe to leave his companions and neighed plaintively after them as they parted on the main street of Fredericton.

It was most certainly a beautiful sunny morning, one which ought to make every thing cheery, but both horse and rider appeared to feel the depressing influence of the long stretch of dreary flat wooded country between the mills below Fredericton and the Junction, where rest and dinner were in contemplation.

The 23 miles through a desert like this especially without companions seemed doubly as long and by the time the destination was reached, dismount seemed more than a relief.

A good meal at Sheehan's hotel, a pleasant smoke, "Sandly" once more saddled, and No 1 was on the road again. Everything went well for some distance until our old foe the freshet appeared again as an obstacle and a waster of time, an overflowed, bridge was too great a risk for horses legs, so a detour had to be made—a neighbouring farmer's direction as to

the way to be taken which seemed simple enough and as he said "only three miles," turned out to be very perplexing and double the distance, a mistake in the road and a turn too soon brought the rider again to the river with the highway he hoped to reach on the opposite bank. Rather than go back and find the bridge to which he had been directed he determined to make a ford if possible, but after a great deal of urging, and success as far as getting the now frightened horse into the middle of the stream with the water rushing past almost up to the saddle, the attempt had to be abandoned.

Another three hours, the greater part of which was spent in anathematizing the farmer and exploring roads brought No. 1 to Patterson Settlement where he was kindly taken in for the night. An early start next morning, a rather uneventful ride down the beautiful Nerepis Valley, with a stop at Welsford for dinner and our equestrian was at home again, feeling thoroughly delighted with trip and determined on such another as soon as occasion offered.

Y. M. A.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on the 6th ult., and the regular business for that meeting was transacted. Also the committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Debating Club submitted its report which with a few slight amendments was adopted. In another column will be found an epitome of the constitution associated with a comprehensive idea of the proposed method of conducting the meetings. The committee on Lectures and Entertainments reported that they had arranged for a series of five entertainments during the season; the first of these consisting of dramatic readings from Shakespeare's "As you like it" given by the members of the Eclectic Club, was successfully carried out on the 11th ult.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were submitted and received. That of the treasurer will be found in another column.

The report of secretary, which on account of want of space we are unable to publish, outlined very clearly the work which had been accomplished by the association during the year, and indicated that the year had been one of more than the usual amount of work, while the results were on the whole very satisfactory to all. Many new names had been added to the roll, and the interest manifested by the members indicated that in the future still greater results would be accomplished.

The association then proceeded to elect its officers for the ensuing year: For President Mr. A. O. Skinner was unanimously re-elected; Vice-President, G. G. Ruel; Secretary-Treasurer, H. C. Wetmore. The committee of management consists of the President, Vice-President Secretary, and following additional members, E. H. Turnbull, H. C. Tilley, A. H. Wetmore and S. G. Olive. Mr. H. C. Tilley was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Ushers Committee. The names of the other members of that committee will be found in another column.

It was decided to make no alteration in the staff of Parish Notes until the completion of its first year, in February, 1892.

A Second meeting was held on Nov. 20th ult. when the business management of *Parish Notes* submitted their accounts up to date, with an estimate of the probable income and expenditure for the balance of the first year.

The committee in charge of the course of entertainments reported that all arrangements were now completed, that the first lecture (Dec. 14th) would be by F. W. Denmare, subject, "Experimental Chemistry," and that the second (January 25) would be by Dr. Alward, subject, "John Bright."

Considerable discussion arose as to the extent and nature of the Christmas decorations to be arranged for, for the coming season; it was finally agreed to leave the matter entirely in the hands of a committee with power to act. The members were of the opinion that the school room as well as the church should receive attention though the decorations would undoubtedly differ in both nature and extent. The Vestry will be asked to make the usual donation to aid the committee, without which, but little could be accomplished.

Report of Y. M. A. Treasurer for the year ending October 30th, 1891,

C. F. SANFORD, Secretary Treasurer, in account with the Y. M. A. of St. John's Church.

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To Balance received from former Sec'y Treasurer (Mr. Ruel)	\$29 51
To Dues from twenty-five members	12 50
	\$42 01
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By paid for postal cards	\$ 5 75
" printing cards	3 00
" cards, re Parish Notes	30
" stamps	40
" F. O. Allison (S. S. B'ng F'nd)	28 63
Balance on hand,	2 93
	\$42 01

In another column will be found the names of those who have been appointed on the Ushers' Committee for the ensuing year, as well as the days on which they are expected to be on duty. Since several of the persons whose names there appear, were unable to be present at the annual meeting, we repeat for their benefit, as well as to impress the more firmly upon the minds of such as were present, the very commendable suggestion made by the Chairman of that committee on that occasion, in the hope that all will accept it, and in future be governed thereby.

Briefly, it was that members of that committee, on finding that they could not conveniently attend to the duties of usher on any of the days assigned to them, would communicate the fact to him at least on the Saturday preceding, thus affording him an opportunity to secure a substitute for the occasion. Heretofore it has frequently happened on account of the

that absence of one or more members of the Committee one of the doors has either been entirely unattended, or during the arrival of the congregation a member of the Y. M. A. who is enjoying a day off will be stopped when about to enter the church, and assigned to the vacant position. While, should those on duty be unsuccessful in thus securing a substitute they are compelled to perform as best they can the work of all. The suggestion made by the Chairman would if acted upon entirely obviate a recurrence of such a condition of affairs in the future, and would not only be more satisfactory to the members of the congregation, and preclude the necessity of extra work by their fellow ushers, but would also permit visitors to the church to receive always prompt and ready attention.

Mr. H. C. Tilley, the chairman of the Ushers' Committee has appointed the following persons to serve on that Committee during the ensuing year :

- 1st Sunday in month—Geo. W. Jones, Arthur Adams, Geo. H. McKay, Geo. Clark.
- 2nd Sunday in month—H. C. Tilley, A. E. Raymond, J. E. Secord, Fred Daniel.
- 3rd Sunday in month—Ernest Turnbull, Gerard G. Ruel, Gillis Keator, Harry Fairweather.
- 4th Sunday in month—H. C. Wetmore, C. F. Gorham, A. C. Wetmore, Chas. F. Sanford.
- 5th Sunday in month—F. O. Allison, Geo. Kimball, Stanley Olive, W. A. Lordly.

Ladies Society of Church Workers.

The Ladies Society of Church Workers are preparing for their Annual Sale which takes place on the 3rd and 4th as has been already stated. Arrangements are well advanced for it and the various committees are doing their utmost, so the ladies look forward with hope to a very successful entertainment. The Refection Committee cordially invite the members of the congregation to be present at the "high tea" in the Association room on the evening of the 3rd, while the ladies in charge of the various departments in the main hall will be delighted to display their attractive wares to intending purchasers.

S. M. B. A.

During the month meetings have been held regularly each week in the School Room. The members appear to appreciate the new methods of entertainments, and under Mr. Tilley's supervision are making considerable progress in mastering the details of the drill. The equipments are now fairly complete, consisting of a sufficient number of guns, swords for the officers, and a bugle.

The regular night of drill is Monday and of late the large hall has been used on account of the greater area of floor on which to perform the Company movements.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Advent Sunday the prizes awarded in the recent examination were handed to the recipients by Mrs. Daniel. Among those present, including many elder members of the congregation, was Mr. W. J. Wilson, who spoke a few words of congratulation to the prize winners, and expressed his warm hopes for the future propriety of the Sunday School.

The prize winners were as follows:

GIRLS:	1. Miss Barlow's class,	Florence Law,
	2. Miss G. F. Smith's class,	H. M. Ward,
	3. Miss Puddington's class,	Bell Hunter,
	4. Miss DeForest's class,	Alice Dickson,
	5. Miss Keator's class,	M. Ward,
	6. Miss Seeley's class,	{ Edna Gilmour,
		{ Emma Titus,
	7. Mrs. McAvity's class,	Louise Dunfield,
	8. Miss Hunter's class,	{ Marion Belyea,
		{ Lulu Wetmore,
	9. Miss Ketchum's class,	{ Minnie McAllister,
		{ Constance Smith,
	10. Mrs. Merritt's class,	{ Hazel Merritt,
		{ Hattie Robinson,
BOYS:	1. Dr. Wetmore's class,	Palmer Waterbury,
	2. Miss Sadleir's class,	{ Guy McLeod,
		{ Ernest Roach,
	3. Mrs. J. S. Armstrong's class,	Harold Kimball,
	4. Mr. Tilley's class,	Harold Likely.
	5. Miss Lesters' class,	Roy Skinner,
	6. Mrs. Howe's class,	{ Allan McAvity,
		{ Walter Emerson.

S. M. G. A.

COUNCIL.

Mrs. F. O. Allison,	Mrs. G. H. Flood.
Mrs. S. Alward,	Mrs. R. Jardine,
Miss J. Barlow,	Miss Katie Jones,
Mrs. J. A. Belyea,	Mrs. G. L. Robinson,
Mrs. Coster,	Mrs. G. F. Smith,
Mrs. deSoyres,	Mrs. Wardroper.

Secretary: Miss Jarvis.

Treasurer: Miss Puddington.

Girls' Committee:

Miss McKean,	Miss Payne.
Miss Alice Armsteong,	Miss Mabel Fairweather,
Miss Nellie Perkins,	Miss Emma Payne,
Miss Minnie Beverly,	Miss Lottie McKean.

Managers of Junior Girls' Society:

Mrs. T. S. Adams,	Miss Hunter,	Mrs. J. A. McAvity.
Mrs. T. S. Adams,	Mrs. W. Lordly,	

The various branches now incorporated under the general title of the "Girls' Association" are now actively engaged in work. The Seniors, who enjoy a separate organization for purposes of self-culture and recreation, are mainly occupied in the labours of the Mite Society, but contemplate an entertainment to be arranged as soon as the Church Sale is over. The great success of the Shakespearian reading in our School room may suggest in the future an excellent outlet for literary taste and energy.

The members of what may without disrespect be called the "middle class" had been quiescent for a long time, until the Rector submitted the proposal of a Christmas Party for the poor of our parish. A meeting was held on Monday, November 23rd, in the vestry room, and it was decided to take up the scheme and to combine with a Christmas Tree for children, a tea and entertainment for mothers. Mrs. F. O. Allison and Mrs. J. A. Belyea have kindly consented to act as directors of the undertaking, in which we are sure that willing workers from other branches will gladly co-operate.

The Junior girls may be said to outstrip almost all other agencies in energy. A glance into our Vestry Room, any Tuesday afternoon between 4 and 6, will disclose a busy hive of labourers engaged upon needle work. Now and then the bow is relaxed, and for a few minutes there is a burst into the adjoining school room, and an improvised contest at base ball displays a game which, if energy and good will were alone requisite, would be formidable to the league-champions themselves.

SENIOR BRANCH.—Miss Melick has been obliged to resign her position as collector for the Mite Society. The association accepted the resignation with regret; Miss Florence L. Law has kindly consented to take her place.

JUNIOR BRANCH.—The members of this branch re-assembled Nov. 3rd, after a vacation of several weeks. Mrs. Thos. Adams, Mrs. W. Lordly, and Mrs. J. S. Armstrong have been added to the managing committee. At present this branch is engaged in preparing a Christmas box to be sent to one of the poor Parishes of the diocese.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

The prizes offered by the Rector for the best answers to the questions published in *Parish Notes* have been gained by: Miss Bell Hunter (Seniors), Miss A. L. Clark (Juniors).

The books were handed to the prize-winners at the Sunday school at the time of the presentation of the class-prizes, of which (as will have been seen) Miss Hunter was also a recipient in Miss Puddington's class. Arrangements for future competitions will be announced in a later issue.

Order of Week-Day Services and Meetings.

MONDAY: District Visitors meet first Monday of month in Vestry room, 2.30 p. m. Boy's Association (*Brigade Drill*), 7.30.

TUESDAY: Ladies' Association of Church Workers meet in Association Room, 2.30 p. m. Junior Girls' Society V. R., 4.

WEDNESDAY: Service in the Church, 5, (usually with Address or Bible reading).

THURSDAY: (Alternate Thursdays) Y. M. A. meeting and Debating Society, 7.30.

FRIDAY: Sunday School Teachers' Class, 4.30. Vestry meeting, second Friday in month, 8.

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"WAITING AT THE GATE OF HEAVEN."

Day is closing, aged Christian,
Brightly sinks the setting sun,
In thy quiet chamber lying,
Seems e'en now thy rest begun.
Waiting at the gate of heaven,
Ready for the call art thou,
With the peace that passeth knowledge,
Written on thy saintly brow.

Now the waves of earthly sorrow
Toss thy laboring bark no more;
Thou hast reached the calmer waters
Sparkling on the heavenly shore.
Thou art near the wished-for haven,
Shining ones are on the strand,
And beloved ones gone before thee
Wait to welcome thee to land.

Thou hast toiled, and hast not fainted,
Now thy work on earth is done;
Thou hast run the race with patience,
And the "crown of life" is won.
Waiting at the gate of heaven
Till the word at length shall come,
"Come, ye blessed of my father,
Enter thy eternal home."

Seest thou not the glory streaming
From the portals bright and fair,
As the white-robed ransomed spirits
One by one are entering there?
Hear'st thou not their songs of rapture,
And their golden harps' sweet tone,
Stealing through the silence round thee,
Caught by thee, and thee alone?

Minister of Christ's pure Gospel,
Silently thou teachest now,
As we read the blessed tidings
Traced in light upon thy brow.
Oh! When we our course are ending,
May such peace to us be given,
And the summons find us ready,
Waiting at the gate of heaven.

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