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APRIL, 1891.

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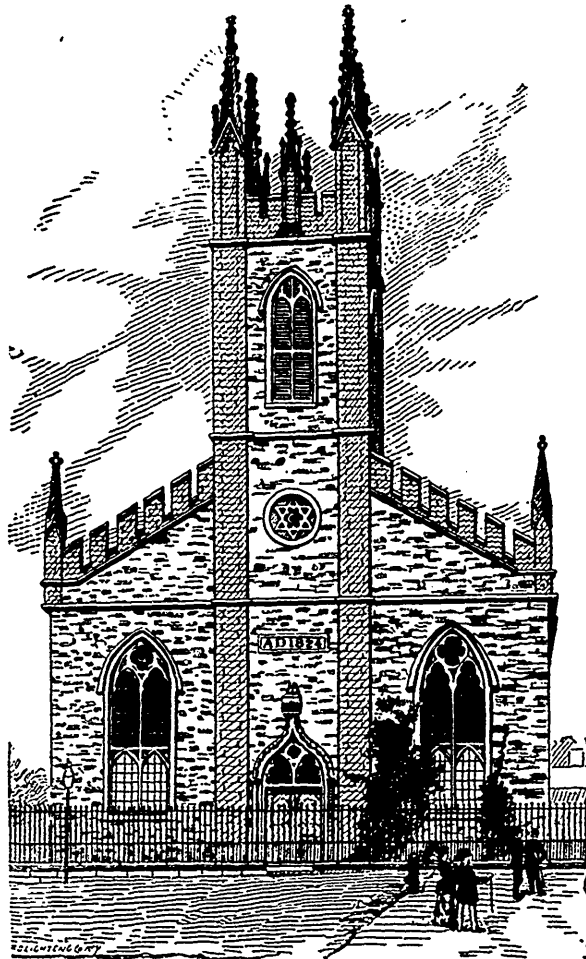
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Sunday.—Morning Service at 11; Evening Service at 7.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 1, 1891.

NOTES.

We at first intended to publish in extra columns in this issue the accounts of the parish and the Sunday School, but time and space have compelled us to simply lay before our readers a short report of the totals which will be found in another column. As, however, the Vestry will as usual forward to those entitled the regular printed accounts, it may be that our article will serve a useful purpose in presenting in digested form the contents of the various statements.

No better showing could be desired than that which these accounts present. We have a handsome and costly School house more than half paid for and the balance satisfactorily secured. A floating debt of only a little over \$700.00 shows how carefully the S.S. Committee have attended to their duties. The Sustentation fund is in excess of the amount required and an improvement on even last year's excellent return. The Pew rents too show an increase of \$134.00.

But the best feature is the Subscription List to the Sunday School, which amounts to \$3059.63. Some 57 members of the Congregation subscribed; many most handsomely in amount, others with no less liberality in accordance with their means.

We are always ready to record any kind or generous act which comes to our attention, and now take pleasure in thanking Mr. Carson Flood for generously furnishing a piano for the Springhill concert and declining recompense even for the trouble of conveying the instrument to and from the Sunday School.

The new Organ for the Sunday School will be completed on Tuesday and will remain a lasting tribute to the energy of the members of our Girls' Association. It is a very neat little instrument with 2 manuals and seven stops. It was built by Mr. F. A. Peters, Jr. at a cost of \$850.00

Through no fault of our business staff, our Subscription list has been found to be inaccurate in one or two cases.

Do any other of our readers find themselves treated as subscribers, although they have not requested it or do not wish to subscribe? If so, a post card of the fact to our Business Manager will confer a favour. We wish to conduct our paper on strict business principles.

It is intended at an early date to begin a series of articles tracing the history of our Church from its erection to the present day. Mr. James R. Ruel has kindly consented to undertake the preparation of the papers.

We announce with great pleasure that the Rev. Dyson Hague of St. Paul's, Halifax, will preach in our Church at the Anniversary Service of the Sunday School Association on the evening of Ascension Day, May 7th.

The Rector was prevented by illness from delivering the proposed lecture on 'Law's Serious Call,' in the Lenten course. Some account of the book and its writer will appear in a later number.

We are glad to lay before our readers the Rector's Annual letter. The present number of Parish Notes, it can easily be seen, is largely confined to business matters.

We appear a little earlier than usual this month that the issue may be in our readers hands before the Easter Meeting

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

Looking back upon the year that is past,—and the parochial year ending with Easter has its own significance side by side with the reckoning of the almanac and of the Church's Calendar,—the first impression is one of quiet progress. Apart from the completion of our Sunday School there was no incident to vary the peaceful routine of our work. And yet these times of quiet are important tests of our religious strength. It is then that the real workers' value is manifested, when no adventitious appeals are heard, and no passing excitement is experienced. It is then that we can truly measure our growth, can gauge our short-comings, can plan efficiently for future improvement.

Our Church had not, in the twelve months past, to mourn the many bereavements of the former years. But in the late Michael McCarthy, we lost not merely a generous helper in former times of need, but one who was beloved by those who knew him best for sterling qualities and unostentatious virtues. But a far wider circle of mourners were called upon to realise the lessons of a christian's death, when Lucretia Frost, after a few days' illness, was called to her eternal rest. The trusted helper in one of the worthiest Institutions of our city, the efficient teacher in our Sunday School, it needs all the value of her example left to us to balance the loss which cannot be replaced.

Our Church Services have been continued on the scale of former times, and there has been a cheering increase of attendance of the various week-day services. Unlike the

previous year, the Rector was unable to secure the assistance of many helpers in the pulpit. But the sermons of the Bishops of Iowa and North Dakota will not be soon forgotten. And, of nearer neighbours, we welcomed the presence, and profited by the excellent sermons of Rev. G. Lloyd of Rothesay, and of a former assistant minister of our Church, Rev. W. H. Sampson, now once more labouring in our city.

The results of missionary offertories have not been equal to that of former years. For this the special efforts needed for our Sunday School must be considered to account. It was a disappointment to many that the sum of \$500, raised for the Diocesan Society in the year 1888-89, was not equalled last summer. With an enlarged congregation, we are sure that this sum should be the minimum of our efforts. The deficit was due to oversights easy to remedy in the future; for we are convinced that the surest way of prospering as a congregation will be found in the proportion of our unselfish energy on behalf of our Church in other districts. We might well take example from our brethren of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, who feel the strongest *esprit de corps*, and never suffer a country congregation to be deprived of ministerial help, until every effort has failed. Even though the ministrations in the country parishes may not, in all respects, be congenial to our personal opinions, yet the surest means of influencing them for the better is not by frigid abstention, but generous help. There could be no better object in the future, than the establishment of a mission from St. John's Church, in some neglected country district. We might obtain the appointment of a minister faithful to the old teaching of the Church of England, whose work would be the expression of our love for souls, passing beyond the frontier of a parish.

In another department of Missionary intents we have to record a more satisfactory result. There had been an informal engagement, on the part of the parish, to subscribe sufficiently to the Shingwauk Indian Home to defray the education of one Indian child. These payments were not completely made in the period previous to the appointment of the present Rector, and an appeal was made to us last year to clear off these arrears. This involved practically a double payment, of \$150 instead of \$75; but thanks to the energy of one who is still the ablest and best of our parish workers, the money was duly collected and forwarded. The usual collections for the Church Missionary Society and the Diocese of Algoma, were taken up on Advent Sunday.

Naturally, a retrospect of the year dwells with somewhat of a sense of satisfaction upon the completion of the Sunday School. But we must not claim for last year's efforts more than their due share. The germ of success had been placed already, not only in the considerable sum of money earned by the sewing circle, but in the fixed purpose of our Congregation. It remains now to prove that all these labours shall be fitly rewarded. We may claim for our Sunday School that it aims at the highest standard, and that teachers and scholars alike realise the earnestness and consecration of their work. Already the zeal of the Girls' Association has placed a handsome pipe organ in the gallery, and each room

in the building has found its usefulness, as well as the recognition of architectural beauty. We trust that those social uses, of which our Lieutenant-Governor spoke so forcibly at the opening, may find fullest scope for exercise; that our Congregation may be welded together in sympathy and joint energy, and that the house which we dedicated to God so recently may be used to His service, and receive His perpetual blessing.

J. de S,

Easter, 1891.

THE PARLIAMENT OF OUR PARISH.

There are but few Parishes we think as well endowed as ours with all those aids so conducive to the welfare of a Church. We have associations of all kinds, from the Junior Boys' to that most valuable association, the Ladies' Society of Church Workers; we have presidents, secretaries, treasurers, committees and councils, almost, we might say, without number, and although, as must necessarily be the case in every society, a few members are compelled to bear a greater share of the work than others, and some will do almost no work at all, yet we know that in their various departments and societies, the members of our congregation are workers, and willing workers, for the good of our church.

Individually, too, our parishioners are most responsive when their aid is solicited, whether it be by way of contributions toward a needed fund, or by special work in any particular direction; and that bane of many churches, the carelessness or indifference of members as to their attendance at the regular services, has no place whatever in the Parish of St. Mark.

But, for in spite of all this there is a "but," there is one serious defect, easily remedied it is true, but serious while it exists, our congregation as a whole does not sufficiently interest itself in the affairs of the Parish. As we have said, individually, and in their various departments, our members display most commendable zeal, but when the attention of the whole congregation is required, or united action is called for, indifference, and even most astonishing apathy, is very apparent. Take, for example, those special congregational meetings called to consider that important question, the erection of the Sunday School, how many attended those meetings, and how many of our congregation were there who actually did not know until after the Sunday School was completed just what kind of a building it was going to be?

This is not as it should be. Just as a speaker cannot create a lasting impression who has not the sympathy of his hearers, so a church, unsupported by the intelligent appreciation of all its actions by all its members, must fall far short of that lofty ideal which it is possible to attain in the field of Christian endeavor. In a recent article by Dr. Cuyler, the same idea is excellently expressed, "It is the united movement of the whole regiment which carries the redoubt; it is the united pull of the whole church that sends it forward 'with the living spirit within its wheels!'"

It is our present object in writing to lay particular stress on one defect, our general Parish Meetings on Easter Monday and

other times are not sufficiently well attended. Surely the Parliament of the Parish ought to be representative; both young and old, and in short every voter should attend, and those who have not the privilege of franchise could well show by their attendance and attention the interest which they feel in the general concerns of the Parish.

It is here that our Wardens and Vestrymen to whom the business affairs of our Parish are intrusted, are chosen and elected. Here all matters of united interest, whether complaints or charges, recommendations or changes, can well be laid before the Church and decisive action taken. Here our fiery anonymous correspondent, who kindly furnished our waste basket with an epistle, can obtain an impartial hearing for the grievance which so (though justly so) oppresses him. And is it not better that complaints and grievances, however trivial, should be laid before such a meeting, than that they should be whispered around from person to person, ever growing, never cured?

We do not ask that our Parish meetings should exhibit a congregation ever in hot water, divided against itself, with unnecessary complaints and personal abuse the order of the evening, far better no meeting at all; nor do we seek that class of meeting where twelve, or fewer, Vestrymen the only attendants, solemnly approve their past career and vote themselves a further term. We would like to see a representative meeting, intelligently aware of its *privileges*, and anxious to exercise these privileges to the best advantage. What an impetus this would give to Church work, and how cheering to those in authority! The law provides that all male persons over twenty-one years of age, who have been owners or lessees from the Church, of pews, for one year or longer, (not being in arrears of rents,) or having been stated attendants for 6 months at least, have paid ten dollars, or upwards, in aid of the Church funds, have the privilege of voting. In the Parish of St. Mark some 225 persons have the franchise. *Thirty-five* exercised their right last year! How many may we expect on Easter Monday next?

OUR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

The accounts of the Parish having been duly approved and audited, will, doubtless, before the week closes, be placed in our Parishioners hands. With the peculiar privileges of an editor we have examined the returns beforehand, and submit to our readers a summarized statement.

Turning first to the general accounts we find that the receipts for the year (excluding the balance brought forward) amounted to \$6,006.84, against \$5,631.09 in the previous year, an increase of \$375.75. All the items of earnings are in excess of the last return. The pew rents advance from \$1988.56 to \$2,121.86; the sustentation fund with 102 subscribers grows from \$1,814.95 to \$1,871.05; the morning and evening collections aggregating \$1,402.58 last year, in these accounts are found to total \$1,582.43, an addition of \$179.85; and in the rents the trifling advance of \$6.50 complete the total increase above mentioned. It should, however, be stated that while it is true that the pew rents

advance \$133.30 yet we find in the statement of debts due the Church that the balance of pew rents remaining due is some \$80.91 less than the previous year, a tribute, surely, to the energy of our most valuable Vestry Clerk.

In the disbursements, the item of salaries advances \$91.03 and that of interest from \$240.09 last year to \$339.02 in the year just ended. The reason of the growth of this latter item will be apparent on slight consideration. From the Insurance item expanding from \$163.50 to \$537.29 we find that the Vestry have, beside increasing their insurance from \$19,000 to \$30,000, taken advantage of the change in insurance rates and have affected a 3 years policy on payment of two single premiums, this of course compels the present year to bear an item of expense properly distributable over the whole three years. The combined items of light and heating show a slight reduction, \$21.00 over the previous year, while printing and stationery also cost \$15.64 less. The item of miscellaneous expenses, so largely increased last year by the \$324.00 repairs to our organ and other unusual items, in the present account appears reduced about \$381.81. On the whole the redepts being in excess \$375.75, and the disbursements in excess \$235.15 of the showing for the previous year, the balance on hand increases proportionately from \$61.34 to \$201.94.

To treat the Sunday School account in similar detail would be merely repeating in other language the statements and figures which the Building Committee have set out in their report. We are sure that we cannot do better than to insert this report in full; as follows:—

The Sunday School Building Committee beg leave to report that the work assigned to them by the Vestry has been completed to their entire satisfaction, and that the cost thereof, has been as follows:—

Excavating rock for Building,	\$ 742.00
Erecting Building per contract,	10,600.00
Extras, duly certified by Architect,	1,149.21
Sundry charges, advertising, &c., &c.....	59.48
Furnaces, per contract,	483.10
Gasfittings and placing in building,	346.63
Gas from street to Sunday School,	31.81
Architect's commission,	688.20
J. & J. D. Howe, furniture,	72.50
Contractors' extra on final settlement,	79.47
F. E. Holman, acct. glaciars,	9.12

The moneys received on account of this work has been:—

From Ladies' Committees' and accruing interest,	\$4,015.85
" Children Services, Mar. '90	17.55
" Y M A Lecture Course,	140.41
" Collections in Church,	234.60
" Bequest late E. Sears,	50.00
" Donation late J. F. Secord,	27.17
" Senior Boys' Association,	5.00
" Sunday School Collection,	8.39
" Subscriptions, sundry parishoners,	3,059.63
" Debentures issued,	6,000.00
Leaving balance, unprovided for, of..	705.89

\$14,261.52 \$14,261.52

It will thus be seen that the cost of the Building is very

close upon the original estimate, and the receipts on account of it, quite up to their expectations. A slight effort will clear the balance off, especially as there are a few parishioners who have not yet contributed towards it, and are no doubt quite willing to do so when called upon.

The Committee congratulate the Vestry upon the possession of a building in every way fitted for its special work, and which is equal to any of a similar character in the city. The contractors, Messrs. Causey & Maxwell and Mr. James Myles, as well as the sub-contractor, Mr C. H. S. Johnson, have fulfilled their engagements to the letter, satisfying both your committee and the architect most completely, and proving themselves to be good faithful workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. RUEL,
 GEO. F. SMITH,
 WM. M. JARVIS,
 J. R. ARMSTRONG,
 T. B. HANINGTON,
 W. H. MERRITT. } Committee.

St. John, N. B.,
 Mar. 13th, 1891.

LADIES' SOCIETY OF CHURCH WORKERS.

We referred in our last issue to the Secretary's report presented at the recent annual meeting of the Society. The report is as follows :

In presenting this the Second Annual report of the Society of Church Workers, mention may be made of the fact that fifteen months have elapsed since our last annual gathering. This delay was deemed expedient for a two-fold reason : first that at this time our new building would be available ; secondly, that the beginning rather than the close of the year was a more fitting season. This year has been signalized by the completion of our School House, and it certainly is a matter for congratulation that we have a building which for beauty and convenience certainly fulfills our most sanguine expectations. During the year five business meetings and nine evening meetings for sewing were held in the old school house. Since then, four business and four afternoon sewing meetings at the residence of several of our members who very kindly offered the use of their rooms for the purpose. The average attendance at the business meetings have been fifteen, while at those for sewing, thirty. Two sales of work have been held : the first with Christmas Tree and Afternoon Tea, on the 5th December, 1889. This, although on a small scale was highly gratifying in the result. The gross receipts being \$331.56. On the 10th of December, 1889, \$300 of this amount was placed on deposit in the Bank of New Brunswick. The second sale, which was originally planned for last December, was deferred until the 6th of February, and took place in our new building. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable state of the weather it was well attended. High tea was served during the early part of the evening, and a very pleasant time was spent. The total receipts amounted to \$476.45 ; in these returns are included a donation of \$10 for which the ladies are indebted to Mr. James Myles. After defraying expenses, a portion was appropriated to the purchase of a stove and table for the kitchen, also for tables for

use in entertainments, all of which is subjoined in the Treasurer's report. The Society is indebted to one of our members, who has directed the Fancy Work Committee this year and who has been largely instrumental in making this department so remunerative at our sales.

On Sunday, the 18th of January, through the kindness of our President, printed notices were placed in the church pews, calling the attention of the congregation to the proposed Sale and inviting their assistance. To all who so liberally responded, we would take this opportunity of accordng our most hearty thanks. We may mention J. & J. D. Howe, who sent a handsome donation of goods ; Lordly & Sons, for the loan of some tables, and Emerson & Fisher for a discount on the stove. A special meeting was held at the residence of the President, on the 9th of November, in the interest of the "Lady Tilley Hospital Fund." The large attendance attested to the interest felt in the cause and it was unanimously agreed that at the Sale to be held in June next, our church should be well represented. It has been a matter of regret that one of our vice-presidents—a most zealous worker—has been deprived by a severe illness from meeting with us for several months ; and although still incapacitated from taking any active part, continues a very lively interest in all that appertains to our work.

Our membership for this year numbered forty-three. This ought to be largely increased, so we trust that many more ladies of the congregation will enroll themselves as members of the society, for all are needed.

The building is finished, but our work in its behalf is not yet done ; and as we enter on another year it is with the prayer " that all our doings may be ordered by His government," and our efforts crowned with abundant success.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. LAWRENCE, Sec'y Treas.

February 24th, 1891.

The financial statement presented is as follows :—

M. B. LAWRENCE, Treasurer, in account with Ladies' Society of Church Workers.

DR.	
To gross proceeds Sale, Dec. 1889,	\$ 331 56
" Cash,	1 00
" Membership Fees,	10 75
" Gross proceeds Sale, Feb. 1891,	476 48
" Interest on deposits,	11 45
	<u>\$ 831 24</u>
CR.	
By Balance due Treasurer from previous year,	\$ 1 64
" Expenses Sale Dec. 1889,	18 93
" Paid for Crockery,	5 60
" " Bank discount,	15
" " for materials for the Society,	16 00
" Expenses Sale Feb. 1891,	38 12
" Paid for Stove and Fittings,	31 45
" " " Tables,	18 04
" " " Kitchen Tables,	3 00
" " " Postals,	1 56
" " F. O. Allison, for Building Fund,	685 00
" Balance cash on hand,	11 75
	<u>\$ 831 24</u>

St. John, N. B., Feb. 24th, 1891.

THE OFFICE BEARERS for ensuing year, and Committee of Management are:—*Patroness*, Lady Tilley; *President*, Mrs. Geo. F. Smith; *Vice-Presidents* Mrs. de Soyses, Mrs. G. M. Armstrong, Mrs. W. K. Crawford, Mrs. H. D. McLeod, Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mrs. C. H. Fairweather, Mrs. W. F. Butt, Mrs. T. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. F. Hatheway, Mrs. G. S. deForest, Mrs. J. J. Kaye, Mrs. G. R. Pugsley.

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THE Y. M. A.

Parliament has been convened. A rehearsal meeting, at which a large number of members were present, was held last Friday in the Association Room.

The next general meeting will be open to the public and will be held in the main hall of the Sunday School, on Thursday, April 3rd. The Governor General, Mr. F. O. Allison, will commence the proceedings by reading the speech from the throne, which will be followed by appropriate addresses, the introduction of bills, etc.

Mr. H. C. Wetmore, leads the government with a cabinet composed of Messrs. Clarke, Denny, Hare, Humphrey, Mott, McKay, Pheasant, D. W. Puddington, A. E. Raymond, H. C. Tilley, L. P. D. Tilley, Trueman, and A. H. Wetmore. The other supporters of the government are Allison, Golding,

Jones, Keator, Law, Magee, E. B. Manning, Maunsell, Richardson, J. E. Secord, Temple and Wilson.

Following Mr. E. H. Turnbull, the leader of the Opposition, are Messrs. Beverly, Daniel, Fairweather, Gorham, E. G. Kaye, Kimball, Knodell, Knowlton, Lordly, Murray, Morrisey, Jas. Manning, C. M. Manning, Olive, H. Puddington, Ruel, Sanford, Schofield, and A. O. Skinner.

It was settled in advance that the Mock Parliament was to be conducted on Dominion lines, and in allotting the members of the Association to one side or the other, but little regard could of necessity be entertained for their private political leanings. As a result the writer was more than once button-holed by members on either side, and an anxious whisper would tell him "You might just explain things *some way* in your paper, will you? And mention that some of us will have to argue against our convictions." We solemnly promised, and now rise to explain that in Mock Parliaments *alone*, loyalty to party is a higher duty than loyalty to principle.

The speech to be delivered from the Throne points out some of the matters which will be laid before the Parliament. There is the Behring Sea matter; the reports of a delegation sent to Washington with a view of securing closer trade relations with the United States; a measure providing for the extension of the franchise; a resolution calling for the abolition of the Senate; and a bill to establish one official language in the districts and territories of Canada. As the Opposition also, throws out hints of sundry sage and important measures, it is more than probable that the session of 1891 will go on record as the Long Parliament, and will furnish to all concerned, not only abundance of amusement, but also of intellectual benefit.

THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

It is with regret we mention the resignation of two of our active collectors of the Mite Society. One being unavoidably prevented from continuing the work, the other about to remove from the city. These vacancies have been filled by Miss Minnie Beverly kindly volunteering to take Miss Bessie Swann's district in addition to her own, and Miss Ethel Butt adding that of Miss Nellie McGivern to her district.

The Association's first work is now nearly completed though more money is still required. We append a short description of the organ:

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The Association intends to give a miniature Organ Recital in the Sunday School on Easter wednesday. There will be a very good musical programme and light refreshments will be served at moderate cost. The admission will be only ten cents. Doubtless many will avail themselves of this opportunity to help the girls in their work.

The annual meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday, March 24th, at the Sunday School, the Treasurer, Miss A. Puddington, and Secretary, Miss Jarvis, were each re-elected for the ensuing year. The committee elected was, Misses Alice Armstrong, Grace Hanington, Emma Payne, Lottie McKean, Minnie Beverly and Helen Perkins.

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THE CHOIR.

Musically speaking, no greater success could have been desired than that attained by Mr. Ford in his Annual Organ recital on the 25th. Financially, however, success was far distant—a net profit of 12 cents is not encouraging. But the weather, week-day, and season were adverse, and we have no doubt that if repeated at a slightly later day, a most appreciative audience could be obtained. We are glad to have had Mr. Daniel with us longer than was first announced, but regret his final departure on the 1st. of April. The Emergency Quartette intends giving him a grand benefit concert in the Institute on the 31st.

The music at Easter will be as follows:—
At Morning Service, Hymns 183, 177; Te Deum, W. H. Woodward. Anthem, "On the first day of the week", Edwin M. Lott.

At Evening Service. Hymns 185, 178, 187. Magnificat and Nunc dimittis by Thos. Morley. Anthem, "Lo! the winter is past." Henry Gadsby.

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QUESTIONS.

[Answers to the following questions must be sent before the 15th of the month, to the Rector. Correct answers with the initials of the sender, will be acknowledged in the next number. A prize will be given at the end of the year, for the best answers.]

1. Name the persons of whose childhood the Bible gives an account.
 2. What persons were present when Jesus was crucified, and what is told of them?
 3. What is the lesson taught us by Easter?
- [Correct answers received for last month's questions from C. M. (3***); M. B. C. (3***); B. S. H. (3***); F. G. H. (3**). The asterisk (*) denotes excellence in any answer, and adds one mark.]

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