

Evans treasurer, and Albert Larson as librarian. Every one was sorry to have Mrs. G. B. Cummings retire from the office of secretary, but she is entitled to a respite. This is Mr. Evans' fifth election to that office.

THE EPISCOPALS.

Trinity gathered her little ones Saturday evening, filling the church full, with Superintendent Hipwell in charge. It is worth going a good way to see our friend Hipwell smile as the children gathered around him. Some folks speak of a person's face as "wreathed in smiles." Ah, the smiles covered brother Hipwell's face as the waters cover the great deep.

The exercises began with music and a procession of the school coming in from the side room; led by Rector and Superintendent upto their places in front, each class having its banner and all was as orderly and decorous as a Sunday service. Fastidious people those, with rarely exalted ideas of the proprieties of such occasions, and people with delicately strung nerves can go to Trinity without fear. They have nothing bordering on or suggesting the opera-bouffe labelled "this is a religious service." The operatic is never present and the religious is always a marked feature, as it should be. They had a most beautiful tree lighted with tapers, handsomely trimmed and richly laden with gifts whose distribution we could not stop to witness.

Supt. Hipwell gave the general statistics of the school, 84 enrolled, these all children, average attendance 70, unusually large we thought, with six classes, one or two of which he will forthwith divide. When his clarion voice rang out "I want more teachers," we almost sprang to our feet saying "Here am I, use me," when we saw those bright, active daughters of the church and our accustomed bashfulness and modesty rivetted us to the seat. We were surprised as he read of the amounts the school had given to various benevolent organizations, and emphasized the need of the church caring for the school, while all the gifts of the children should be for benevolence. He touchingly alluded to

Trinity's two soldier boys. Messrs. Jennings and Carver, both safely returned. Rector Wolcott emphasized the religious phase of the festival.

When it came to prizes St Margaret's class took the banner again, as it had many times before. Dan Cobb, a very little fellow too, took a prize for attendance at church and school lessons, etc, from Easter to Christmas, and "Dan" walked up like a little major and took his prize, a choice book.

Supt. Hipwell very pleasantly told the school he would have to "cram," to fit himself to examine the contestants on the church year studies.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

We reported some last week, but did not emphasize enough the idea of giving to others, instead of receiving all themselves. Hence the beauty and significance of those bundles and packages piled on the platform for the wise committee to distribute. The pastor was remembered by a very elegant edition of Longfellow, Supt. Patton very happily suggesting that the people wanted a choice bit of poetry now and then. The pantomime of the "Children in the Wood," or something of that kind, was charmingly rendered. The little folks in the above and other parts took the palm as the actors for the evening. Indeed it was planned for and operated chiefly by the children. Decorator Hodson's work for that evening and the Sunday following were unique and in faultless taste and style. He has a genius for such work.

FIRST UNITED EVANGELICAL.

Our friends in the "brick church" held their Christmas festivities Saturday evening, as did so many others. They had a packed house, including the Sunday school room and auditorium, and at the close everybody went home satisfied, which would seem to indicate a large measure of success. There was a tree of the old-fashioned kind filled with cakes and candies for the children. Of course there was plenty of good music, quartets and a duet by Misses Olive Haelele and Gertrude Brand, and one or two octets. There were excellent recitations by the children

and youth, and a very handsome and unique bell drill by the primary class, which was an immense success. The school is in a healthy, vigorous condition, as is the church in all its life, with Rev. August Haelele as pastor.

BETHANY CHURCH.

This was their first Christmas in their beautiful new meeting house. They had a tree of course, with its load of presents for their children with the usual program of singing, addresses, recitations etc.; we could not get there in person. If our schools would not have more than a dozen trees the same evening we would endeavor to take them all in.

THE LUTHERANS

Had their festival the same Saturday evening, but the particulars we have not been able to get.

ST. MARY'S

Had their Christmas in special services Sunday, having an extra mass, all of which were well attended.

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