

cote and Hicks, Lay readers. The following was the programme of services:—Tuesday, 15th July, 6 p.m. Evensong; at 8 addresses, and 9:30 compline.

Wednesday and Thursday—7:30 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 o'clock Matins and address; 12:15 p.m. Instruction; 4 o'clock Litany and address; 6 o'clock Evensong; 8 address: 9:30 compline.

Friday—9 a.m. Holy Communion.

The addresses were on the 'Seven last words,' with special application to the spiritual needs of clergymen. The Instructions were on the duties of the Priesthood: the *threefold office*, (Prophet, Priest, King), was explained, and the *three qualifications* defined, (authority, knowledge and personal gifts). The services throughout were of a deeply devotional character. Before the gathering dispersed all who were present joined in heartily thanking the conductor of the Retreat for giving them such a profitable season of retirement and spiritual refreshment. The hospitality of Rural Dean Shortt was also duly acknowledged.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

THE W.A.M.A.—We learn from the July number of the *Monthly Letter Leaflet* of the Women's Auxiliary, that the annual meeting of the W.A. for this Diocese was held on the 10th June, in the Cathedral Schoolhouse, being preceded by service at 10 a.m. and administration of the Holy Communion by the Bishop of the Diocese, the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. Sweeney, D.D., of Toronto. A number of the clergy, who were in attendance at the Synod were present. Twelve new branches had been formed during the year; the contributions had increased \$500. On Tuesday evening a Missionary meeting was held, when Rev. Dr. Mockridge and the Rev. Mr. Fessenden gave addresses, which were followed by a short concert of instrumental and vocal music. Mrs. Hamilton, the President, was presented during the evening with a magnificent bouquet of roses and ferns, which she kindly gave to form the cross on the altar of the Cathedral at the Synod services. The officers for the year are as follows: Mrs. Hamilton, President; Mrs. Stuart, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. McLaren, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. G. Martin, Treas.; Mrs. McGovern, Organizing Secretary; Mrs. Gregory, Assistant Organizing Secretary; Mrs. Crawford, Dorcas Secretary; Mrs. Ramsay, Editor of *Leaflet*; Mrs. C. Stiff, Sec. Treasurer, Literature Department.

The Diocese has only twenty-five Branches including all the Children's Branches, and some only number about twenty members; some have only just been formed, and the work done during the past year really only comes from fifteen branches, so the prospects for the current year are bright and very encouraging, as a great increase of work may very reasonably be expected from ten extra branches; and no doubt other branches will be formed in the autumn, and will be at work.

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

Dear Sir,—If you will kindly allow me a little space I would like to tell the result of my recent trip with two little Indian boys through the Maritime Provinces and to England, also our prospects for the future as regards our Indian Homes. I will make it as short as possible.

My Canadian trip was, I think, most satisfactory. I felt, everywhere I went, in Ottawa, in Montreal, in Quebec, in New Brunswick and in Nova Scotia, that there was a kindly and growing interest in my work among the Indian children. The pecuniary results were in round numbers: Montreal \$115; Quebec \$147; New Brunswick \$327; Nova Scotia \$264; Total, \$909.63. Of this amount the two boys' expenses and their tickets to England cost \$250.

31. My own expenses I paid myself) leaving a net balance of \$659.32.

Our English Trip.—We spent three weeks and three days in England. During that time I preached six times and addressed twenty-two meetings. We also did some sightseeing in London; saw the Queen at Windsor, and went down a coal mine at Newcastle. I also had very favorable interviews with the Secretaries or Committees of the great Missionary Societies. The money result of my English trip, including receipts on the Ocean, was \$1,078.79, from which expenses have to be deducted \$151.48; leaving a net balance of \$927.31. These balances amount together to \$1,586.63. I am appropriating it as follows: Elkhorn Maintenance, \$350; Shingwauk building, \$86 63; Medicine Hat, \$1,150.

Our Present Homes, consisting of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh, at Sault Ste. Marie, and the Washakada and Kasota, at Elkhorn, are going on most satisfactorily, the two former being more than full, and the Elkhorn Homes, although not yet quite a year in operation, having an attendance already of 48 pupils. But we are very much behind with funds. Our books show on the 1st of July, taking into account all that was due from all sources at that date, showed a deficit of \$600 on the Maintenance Fund. Taking the accounts of the various homes separately, we find that it is the Elkhorn ones that are so far behind. The Elkhorn deficit is \$800; so that if this were paid up, the Sault Ste. Marie Homes instead of being behind would have \$200 to the good, as mentioned above. I am applying \$340 of my receipts while travelling to Elkhorn Maintenance.

Medicine Hat.—We have land already purchased for our proposed new Homes at Medicine Hat, and I hope to erect three buildings similar to those at Elkhorn. I have already plans and specifications prepared for 'the Central building,' which is the one we propose to begin with; the walls will be concrete, and it will cost probably nearly \$4,000. Towards which we have only about \$2,100, available for building purposes, so shall be able only to make a start. My application for a Government grant this spring having failed has put us back for the present, but we hope a grant will be made next year. My brother, Mr. Wilberforce Wilson, a civil engineer, who has acted as local Superintendent of my Sault Ste. Marie Homes since 1st January, and was left in charge during my absence in England, goes up this week to Medicine Hat and will superintend the erection of the new buildings.

Our position I think is perhaps scarcely yet understood. My Homes are connected with three Dioceses, those of Algoma, Rupert's Land, and Qu'Appelle. The Bishop of Algoma is President of my S.S.M. Homes; the Bishop of Rupert's Land is visitor of my Elkhorn Homes, and the Bishop of Qu'Appelle is President of my prospective Medicine Hat Homes. The Bishops of these Dioceses while very warmly endorsing my efforts and helping me in every way they can by their personal influence, undertake no pecuniary responsibilities, but leave me to raise my own funds and to carry on the work in my own way. The Bishop of Algoma has kindly continued a grant which was originally made to us by the Synod of Toronto before the Algoma Diocese was formed, and within the last few years has very kindly increased that grant so as to somewhat augment my own salary; at the present time I am receiving \$200 per annum from the Diocese of Algoma towards support of my Sault Ste. Marie Homes, and \$360 towards my own salary. This is the sum total that I receive from any Diocesan source. The Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions gives me nothing. Over and above the Indian Department grants and an annual grant of £150 from the C.C.C.S.; £110 of which is personal salary, and £40 to Elkhorn, I am myself responsible for raising all the funds needed for carrying on my now extensive and

fast extending work. I hope that both the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of this country and the great societies in England will see the importance and necessity of assisting this distinctive work which it has pleased God for me to be the means of raising up from nothing to its present proportions, and so relieve me in some measure of the great anxiety which must necessarily attend the carrying on of so large a work with so insufficient and fluctuating an income with which to maintain it. I should mention perhaps that my own position in regard to these various Homes is that of Chief Manager and Secretary Treasurer. All the funds for their support come through my own hands. I have a local Superintendent at each centre to whom I pay the cheques for the maintenance, &c., each quarter.

Thanking you for your kindness in allowing me so much of your valuable space. Yours,

E. F. WILSON.

Shingwauk Home, July 15th, 1890.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Including the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Athabasca, Qu'Appelle, Mackenzie River and Calgary.

DIocese OF RUPERT'S LAND.

ST. ANDREW'S.—We regret to learn that the Rev. W. D. Barber, B.A., who has been lately appointed to this Mission, intends going to Victoria in the fall.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

Much interest is taken in the approaching Conference on the Union of the Church of England in Canada to be held during the session of our Provincial Synod. Hospitality will be extended to all members of the Conference from Eastern Canada, who will communicate with Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Secretary of the Hospitality Committee. It is desirable that the names of those who actually intend to come should be made known to him at once. The Provincial Synod meets on Wednesday, August 13th. On Thursday evening there will be a *Conversazione*. On Friday the representatives of the Provincial Synod will meet the delegates to the Conference from the East. On Friday evening there will be a Missionary meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary. On the Wednesday evening special services will be held in all our churches, with distinguished members of the Conference as preachers. A special choral celebration has been provided at Christ Church on the Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. The most important business on the agenda paper of the Synod is the formation of the new Diocese of Selkirk. The Bishops of Mackenzie River and Athabasca have given the following notice:

Whereas, the present size of the Diocese of McKenzie River, and especially the barrier which the Rocky Mountains interpose between the eastern portion in the McKenzie River basin and the western portion on the Youcon and its tributaries, render any effective supervision of the whole diocese not only difficult but almost impracticable, and whereas the work in the western portion is growing both in area and importance, and whereas the Bishop of McKenzie River has been for some time past anxious for a division of his present diocese, in accordance with this resolution, and whereas the Church Missionary Society is willing to make a similar arrangement for the support of the Bishops of the two dioceses as for the Bishop of the present Diocese of McKenzie River, a diocese to be called the Diocese of 'Selkirk' be formed out of the present Diocese of McKenzie River, to consist of that portion of British Territory to the west of the Rocky Mountains, bounded on the north by the Arctic Ocean, on the east by the Rocky Mountains, on the south by the 60th parallel of latitude,