

sive force, which must lift the Diocese of Niagara to a front place in the Canadian Church.

The plan of the services was well ordered, and although in some points the details were not perfectly executed, yet on the whole all who have an internal sense of the beautiful and can appreciate the orderly and reverent carrying out of the ritual of the Church could not but have been struck with the last improvement in the services over any previous meeting of Synod. The early celebrations of the Holy Eucharist were well attended, especially by the country clergy, and highly appreciated by them. It will be found in the future that more attention will be paid to the great central act of Christian worship. The Bishop of Niagara celebrates so reverently yet so *unostentatiously* that it will be the ambition of most of his priests to copy his excellence in this respect.

In the Synod room it could easily be seen that the old party lines of high and low have been wiped out, but an evil almost as great was struggling for existence, that is, a combination of what in politics might be called the right and left wings for the advancement, not of party, but of personality. The leaders of the movement (it had two), like all cases where extremes met, killed most effectively their own prospects for the future, by the manner which they assumed towards the chair and towards the house.

The Bishop's charge was well received. It was clear, plain and forcible. The report of the Mission Board was rather roughly handled on all sides. Unfortunately the Mission Board is neither an elective nor a responsible body. On the clerical side it is made up of dignitaries most of whom know but little of condition and needs of the struggling congregations and of the younger clergy. Occupying, as most of them do, the old Government rectories, and receiving their commutation in full, they can hardly appreciate the position of their younger brethren in districts where the population is decreasing through various excuses, and where through the lack of distinctive church teaching in the past many are only nondescript Christians, willing to throw themselves in with any form of religious thought that may be most convenient to them. The report which the Board presented was badly received on all sides; and while the Board had decided to make reductions in all their grants without making any corresponding effort to prevent the loss coming upon the clergy, the Synod freely expressed the opinion that the Board should rather seek to increase the very small incomes of the Missionary clergy, as it was shown that those in the Diocese of Niagara were the most poorly paid of any in the Dominion. The discussion brought out some striking facts, and it is hoped will produce good results. The chief interest seemed to centre around the Canon on the diaconate. A great deal of discussion was provoked on this head and some good speeches made. The voice of the Synod was decidedly against the Canon of the Provincial Synod, as the experience in the Diocese had proved that the result so far has been anything but satisfactory. A great deal of important business was left over until next meeting, for as it drew to the end of the week many of the clergy had to return home to their parishes. The house became thin, and when threats were indulged in of counting out it was thought best to adjourn on Friday evening.

There is a bright prospect before Niagara Diocese, for although Bishop Hamilton has so far found it anything but a bed of roses, he has shown such a capacity for work and such a thorough consideration for the interests of all his clergy, that he has obtained such a place in their hearts as will make him not only their honored chief pastor, but also their personal friend.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

ROSSEAU.—The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne

begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the kind response made by the Rev. Vincent Clementi, to his appeal in the circular for a pocket Communion set.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND,

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, MACKENZIE RIVER, QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—*Personal*.—Rev. L. N. Tucker, of the Diocese of Montreal, visited the city last week, on his way to the Rocky Mountains. He preached in Holy Trinity Church last Sunday.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson, of Sault St. Marie, is visiting the Province, in reference to the establishment of an Indian Industrial School.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—A Missionary meeting was held in Christ Church school-house on the 26th ult., which in some respects was a noticeable one. The Rector, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, presided, and on the platform were Ven. Archdeacon Conley, for over forty years C. M. S. Missionary in this Diocese; Ven. Archdeacon McDonald, for thirty years a Missionary in the Diocese of Mackenzie River; and the Ven. Archdeacon Vincent, for thirty-one years a Missionary in the Diocese of Moosonee. Archdeacon Vincent is a native of the Red River settlement, but has not been here for ten years. He was the principal speaker, and gave a graphic account of the Diocese, and some experiences of his hardships as a Missionary.

Archdeacon McDonald gave a short account of the work among the Indians in Mackenzie River Diocese.

Both these Missionaries have translated the New Testament, part of the Prayer Book and Hymns into different Indian languages, and both have printed and bound most of the books with their own hands. Archdeacon McDonald has just completed the Psalms in Tukudh. The book has been printed and bound in Winnipeg.

The little school-house was full, and several Missionary hymns were heartily sung. The collection (\$9.55) was for the Indian Mission Fund of the Diocese. Nearly all the city clergy were present in the audience.

Archdeacon Vincent leaves next week for his field of labor. He is stationed at Albany, and it will take him two months to reach it. Churchill, the proposed terminus of the Hudson Bay Railroad, though in the Diocese of Moosonee, is 1,000 miles from Albany.

The Bishop of Rupert's Land has inducted the Rev. C. N. F. Jeffery, B.A., to the incumbency of St. Mary's, Portage la Prairie. His Lordship has visited recently Stonewall and Shoal Lake. He intends visiting England in August, for the first time for some years. The Synod will probably be held before his departure, instead of in October.

WINNIPEG.—*All Saints*.—Two stained glass windows will be placed in the church—one given by Mr. W. L. Boyle, and one purchased by subscription—in memory of the Volunteers who fell in the Northwest Rebellion.

The Rev. H. M. Fletcher, Vicar of Grassmere, Diocese of Carlisle, assisted at All Saints' on Sunday. He is on his way to the Rocky Mountains.

St. George's.—A successful concert has been held in aid of the enlargement of the church.

PERSONAL.—Mr. W. A. Jowett, organist for the past three years of Christ Church, has given up his position, and Mr. Fredk. Dunster has been appointed. Mr. Dunster is an organist and pianist of exceptional ability, and is destined to make his mark in the musical world.

He has only recently arrived in this country, and is a son of Mr. J. C. Dunster, organist of Holy Trinity. He was the solo boy at Dr. West's church in Paddington, and later in Chester Cathedral, where he received his training. He is a decided acquisition to musical circles in the city.

The three choirs of Holy Trinity, Christ Church and All Saints' intend giving a choir festival of three nights' duration in Holy Trinity Church. The music performed will be the Elijah, Messiah and Hymn of Praise.

DIOCESE OF MOOSONEE.

We learn from Archdeacon Vincent that the population of this large Diocese is about 10,000. The inhabitants are Indians and Esquimaux. With the exception of some of the Esquimaux, all are Christians. They gain their living by fishing and hunting, and are in scattered bands, only coming in to the Hudson Bay posts at intervals. The season is too short for farming.

Including Bishop Harden, there are six Missionaries employed in the Diocese. The Church of England has the honor of being alone in this arduous field, except, of course, the Roman Catholics. The Archdeacon states that in his district, numbering 500 souls, £27 were raised and given by the natives in one year for the support of the Church.

DIOCESE OF MACKENZIE RIVER.

Archdeacon McDonald states that he has baptized during his missionary career 1,600 Indians. The population of this Diocese is about 8,000.

It may not be generally known that the Archdeacon, who is a native of Winnipeg, married in the far north an Indian of the Loucheux tribe, a very estimable woman. He has been residing in Winnipeg of late, busily engaged in translating the Prayer Book and Psalms. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, with their family, leave next month for their remote field of labor.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

MEDICINE HAT.—We give our readers the benefit of the following interesting account of successful Church work being done in this place and neighborhood, and which was contained in a letter from the incumbent, the Rev. H. A. Tudor, to the Editor (enclosing the names of seven new subscribers), not primarily intended for publication, but which we feel sure will be of general interest:—

I am thankful to be able to report progress at Medicine Hat. Our little church of St. Barnabas, with its bell, turret, porch and vestry, high-pitched roof and Gothic windows, proclaims itself at once to be a church, and, by its cross on the summit of the turret, preaches silently to all "Christ crucified" whilst the cross and crown on the east gable reminds every passer by "No cross, no crown." Our architect and builder is a member of our choir, and the church reflects great credit on our local talent. We have a beautiful bell, presented by friends in my late parish in England, whilst the building is heated by a small hot-air furnace beneath the church; and the best of it all is that it is all paid for, except \$100 loan from the Diocesan Fund. We have indeed great cause for thankfulness, not only for the past, but also for the future. Our church, as it stands, has cost about \$1,900, exclusive of a very handsome jewelled brass altar cross and a very beautiful set of altar linen, the gift of the Misses Price, of Quebec, and a full-sized and graceful set of altar vessels, given by Mrs. Mountain and family in memory of the Rev. A. W. Mountain, late of Stony Stratford, England, and Quebec Diocese. And now I have