

## THE EVENING SESSION.

The evening session which was a missionary meeting, opened at 8 o'clock, with the archbishop in the chair. In opening the meeting and introducing the subject of the evening, he outlined briefly the progress which has been made in Anglican missions in general, and of the steadily increasing interest evinced by all the parishes. The home missions among the Indians of this province and the territories, while not so prosperous as might be desired, are still doing good work. The principal drawback in this work is that the people will not sufficiently interest themselves in it.

He then introduced Rev. H. G. Wakefield, of Dauphin. Mr. Wakefield said that the place from which he came was a farming country about which many people were curious. It was a country lying beyond the range of hills which are visible from the M. & N. W. railway by Gladstone and Minnedosa, trending away to the north and west. It is a hard country to get into and harder still to get out of. The journey thither does not present very enticing prospects. But when the mountains are passed the land opens out in great rolling prairies, not limitless, but beautiful.

The mission is progressing favorably. It is very young. Rev. Mr. Mitton, when he was stationed at Birtle, paid the place frequent visits and was instrumental in establishing a church there. He told of his own experiences in the early years, some of them amusing, some of them pathetic. The coming of the Dauphin Railroad was an event which excited intense excitement. Each of the small towns or rather villages thought they had the best right to the terminus of the road. Finally the railroad corporation picked out a site of its own and then there was a general rush to secure lots at this spot. The old churches were moved to this place, which was called Dauphin town. One of the churches stuck on the track, but as a train was not immediately due it was, with difficulty, moved. The field, he said, is very very large. In many places he can hold only monthly services.

The people are now flocking by hundreds to Swan Lake which will be a second Dauphin, only larger and richer. He wanted, he said, to urge upon the synod the necessity of sub-dividing this large field. The work is too much for one man.

Rev. Mr. Gill, of Minnedosa, was next called upon. He could hardly be called a missionary, he said, because church life at Minnedosa is entirely different from Indian work or Dauphin work. The people are old settlers, and it is their home. There are three parishes in the neighborhood, besides that of the town. The work is now a work of consolidation rather than building up. The regular church societies have been organized and are flourishing.

There is withal a certain humdrumness in the life of the clergy in connection with these stations that constitutes the chief danger to the success of the work. He thought it was a mistake changing the ministers so often, as it did not give them opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted

with their people. One of the difficulties with which a country clergyman has to deal is the much closer relationship, socially, existing in small towns than in cities.

At the conclusion of this address the meeting adjourned.

## A TEMPERANCE MEETING.

After the session ended, a meeting of the Diocesan Church of England Temperance Society was held.

The secretary, Rev. A. Silva White presented the third annual report.

After briefly outlining the difficulties met with, the report stated:

"We regret that we cannot report as to any new branches being formed this year, except one branch in Portage la Prairie, with a membership of 14. Several applied to me for information as to what methods to pursue in order to organize branches, and to each of these I replied fully and at great length. But no one responded to my earnest appeals to conscientiously take up the case and give it a fair trial. Either the work, as outlined by myself, was too heavy and exacting, or else the matter was quietly dismissed for the present."

He asked for co-operation among the clerical brethren in this work, and hoped there would be greater interest evinced among the clergymen than heretofore. In closing his report Mr. White said that he was going to England for the next year and would be compelled to resign. This report was adopted.

Archdeacon Fortin emphasized the fact that it was very seldom the people who came out to the temperance meetings that required to be talked to, but it was those who were opposed to them and would not come. He thought private work was more fruitful of good results.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. J. Roy; first vice-president, Rev. C. C. Owen; second vice president, Rev. J. G. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. A. Richardson.

Mr. Mulock, Q. C., resigned his position on the executive committee and as a member of the society because he considered the work of the society a mockery, as they had two pledges, one of total abstinence and the other of moderation.

Rev. Cecil Owen suggested that a wagon and horse be secured to place at convenient places round town, with coffee and cocoa for sale.

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The annual conference of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in Winnipeg, was held in Holy Trinity Schoolhouse,