

Bishop, explaining all about the memorial window, the reason why it was put there, etc., showing how the Church of England keeps in mind the lives and deeds of her faithful departed, not by paying to them any act of adoration, or setting them up as saints or ideal persons, but by lovingly and reverently remembering the good deeds they had done in some such way as this. Sometimes the memorial took the shape of a tablet in the wall, or a beautiful painted window, or, again, a lectern or some other piece of church furniture. After the address the incumbent took hold of the cord to unveil the window, and here one could detect all eyes directed eastward in anticipation. After the unveiling Hymn 437, A. and M., "For all the Saints," was sung.

Morning Prayer was then proceeded with, after which three young people were presented by the incumbent to the Bishop for the rite of confirmation. The Bishop addressed the candidates upon their duties, and also spoke to the congregation upon the duty of parents in regard to their children. Instead of a sermon the Bishop gave an address, in which he pointed out and explained why the Church of England made use of certain ritual in her services, and explaining the uses and position of different articles of the Church's furniture—altar, why placed in sanctuary, choir stalls, position of the priest in different parts of the service, etc., showing all these things to be symbolical. The Bishop spoke also on the position of the church, standing on the hill, and overlooking the village, as though it would cast a blessing on all around it; and with its turret pointing heavenwards, teaching everyone a lesson on the great duty of life, viz., to prepare to meet our God.

The service of Holy Communion was choral, the Bishop being celebrant; there were a good number of communicants at this service. The offertory was a very good one. I may here mention that several people from a distance, who for various reasons could not come, sent their offerings.

After the service was concluded, all those who had come any distance were invited to a substantial dinner in the Church hall, which had been provided by the members of the Churchwoman's Aid.

The evening service was choral, the Bishop read the lessons and preached, his text being I. Cor. xii. 12—"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ."

The next morning the Bishop was driven by the incumbent to Huntsville.

A. W. HAZLEHURST.

WE trust that the many friends and admirers of our late Bishop (Dr. Sullivan) will remember the memorial to his memory being established in the form of a Mission Sustentation Fund.

## Port Arthur.

REV. J. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

The usual 8 o'clock Communion was celebrated on Ash Wednesday, followed at 10 o'clock by Matins and the Communion service. In order to avoid any misapprehensions of the duties and privileges of the Lenten season the incumbent provided every parishioner with a leaflet embracing a table of the Church services and a short address, and it may be in consequence of this earnest appeal to strengthen and deepen the spiritual life, not only for forty but for all the days, "that we notice a considerable number at our daily services and this in spite of heavy snow storms and much sickness." The Ember Days have been marked in a special manner by the reading and explaining of the various Ordination services and as these are too little known and seldom witnessed by the laity in general it is to be hoped that this may call attention to these ceremonies, certainly some of the most important in our Book of Common Prayer. There is a desire in this part of the diocese that at some future but not distant date we may participate in this most impressive service.

The departure from town of Mr. C. H. Shera and family is a decided loss to the community. He was for several years churchwarden and when not serving in that capacity made himself useful in other ways, his helpful hand being ever ready to assist in any work that needed to be done, his kind heart ever ready to assist a fellow creature. Mrs. Shera was during the past year president of the Woman's Auxiliary and was at all times a most efficient and cheerful worker in any cause to which she gave her attention and presence. It is with sincere regret we bid them "farewell," with our hearts full of hope we bid them God speed. May the new country in which they make their home be the better for their influence and good example.

We regret to hear of the continued indisposition of the Rev. T. Hay, of Oliver. He has now been off duty for three weeks and we are hoping to hear better accounts very shortly. The services have been maintained in his absence by Mr. Forde, lay reader, and taking into consideration the state of the barometer during the winter it certainly is more than kind of him to consider those less fortunate than ourselves who are able to enjoy the full complement of services at all times without fail. Do we really appreciate our advantages?

St. Matthias' Day.

B.S.

## Fort William.

REV. E. I. HARPER, B.A., INCUMBENT.

FORT WILLIAM, ST. LUKE'S.—This parish has, by removal to Winnipeg, lost one of its foremost families in Church work. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phipps,

daughters and young son have for the past eight or nine years been closely identified with the progress of all that has gone to make the mission self-supporting. For about three years Mrs. Phipps was president of the local branch of the W.A. To show their appreciation of her services in this connection the members presented Mrs. Phipps with a handsome fern *jardiniere* and five o'clock tea kettle. The presentation was made at the home of Mrs. C. W. Jarvis, whither a large number of the members of the W.A. had been invited to wish *bon voyage* to their friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Nibloch and young family are also about to set out for the far west, Mr. Nibloch having received an appointment on the C.P.R. near Revelstoke. As parishioners and friends they will be much missed. Two years ago Mr. Nibloch was appointed one of the Select Vestry of St. Luke's Church. It is to be hoped that Church families may soon move in to take up the work left unfinished by these removals.

Under the leadership of Mr. Harry Sellers, the choir gave a sacred service of song or sacred concert in the church just before Lent with the view of paying off a balance on the organ. A devout congregation was present who appreciated the numbers, which were very creditably rendered. The amount taken up as voluntary offering was upwards of \$21.00. Though this did not cover the balance due on the organ, Mr. J. J. Wells, people's warden, generously made out a receipt in full for the whole amount.

Storms and cold weather have seriously interfered with church attendance since early in January.

WEST FORT WILLIAM—ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.—This mission has recently been presented with a handsome solid silver communion set, consisting of chalice, paten and glass cruet, in a neat oak box nicely lined with velvet, from the St. Matthew's Branch of the W. A. of Quebec. Since coming to Fort William, the incumbent has many times wished that some Churchman or Churchwoman might come to the rescue and provide St. Thomas' with decent vessels for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries. This is now an accomplished fact, and all interested are devoutly thankful to the kind friends for their beautiful gifts.

Rumors are in the air that West Fort is on the eve of a little share of prosperity, through the building of the P. A. & Rainy River Railway, which is likely to employ men in its shops in this immediate neighbourhood. If this be true, St. Thomas', which has suffered much by removals, may yet rejoice in well-attended services, and good congregations.

During Lent, the Rev. Mr. Hay, of Oliver, who has moved to West Fort for the winter, has kindly conducted services on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Mrs. Hay ably assists Mrs. Geo. Cleaver, the veteran Sunday-School teacher, in her work with the children.