

that the design will be in keeping with the standards lately made by that firm now in position in the Sanctuary. We hope it will be ready for Lent.

Candidates for confirmation are requested to send in their names to the clergy without delay, as classes are now in course of construction.

There are still a few copies of the Parish Almanac remaining for distribution,

We expect a visit from the Rev. Arthur Goulding, Chaplain of the Stony Mountain Penitentiary, as soon as Mr. Wood is settled and able to perform his duties as Parish Priest of Stonewall.

RURAL DEANERY OF TURTLE MOUNTAIN.

A meeting of the Ruridecanal chapter of this district was held at Boissevain on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 19 and 20. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was small, but, the discussions were interesting and profitable.

Rural Dean Hill of Boissevain occupied the chair, and Rev. H. Beacham, of Killarney, was appointed secretary of the chapter.

The secretary read the first paper on "The urgent needs of my parish." The needs indicated came under the heads of Organization, Spiritualization and Socialization.

1. It was contended that the several members of a parish should be unified. There should be a common interest, and a common sympathy among them all.

2. There was need of deeper spiritual life, especially among men—of deeper interest in the services of the church, especially in week-day services.

3. There was need of a stronger feeling of brotherly love among the individual members of the church. The Christian virtues of meekness, patience, forbearance and charity, should be more common characteristics of church members.

A profitable discussion followed the reading of the paper. With respect to organization, Rural Dean Hill thought it would be well to have a Central Board composed of representatives from the several members of the parish. This body could take corporate action on any matter of common interest, and so would serve to unify the parish. Under this system, too, country Sunday Schools could be supplied with teachers.

With respect to Spiritualization, Rev. W. Stocker was of the opinion that the reason why so many, especially men, did not attend church, was because of the want of good example by professed Christians. There was a coldness and indifference, on the part of many such, that influenced others to a great extent.

He thought that lay helpers had a far greater influence in inducing men and women to attend services than even the clergy had.

Mr. Hurt, of Boissevain, believed that indifference on the part of some, with respect to attending church, was due to early education or training. Those brought up in the church were not, as a rule, so indifferent. An organized committee, to use their influence in getting people to attend church, was suggested.

Rev. W. Stocker held that the work must be done voluntarily—organization would destroy the influence.

Mr. McKnight, of Boissevain, thought that organization gave an incentive to work.

Rural Dean Hill thought that men and women should be made to feel that love was the sole reason for a clergyman's care of his flock. This was the secret of power among all people. Earnest prayer was needed, and the prayer should be the consequence of a real hungering and thirsting after the thing prayed for.

At the morning session on Jan. 20th, the first subject discussed was "Church Magazines." It was deemed advisable to support a local paper, and it was decided that if the publishers of the "Western Churchman" would add a Sunday School lesson department to their paper, the matter would be placed before the incumbents of the various parishes, and their aid and co-operation solicited in supporting this paper.

A short address was given by Rev. W. Stocker on the subject of a general circulating library for the district Sunday Schools. Such a library was held to be of great advantage, by bringing a wider range and a better class of reading within the reach of each school. The result of this was the adoption of a motion to the effect that in the opinion of this meeting a general circulating library for the Sunday School, of the district is desirable, and that immediate action be taken to establish such.

At the afternoon session, an interesting and instructive paper on "Church Music" was read by Mr. Barber of Boissevain. The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m., to be called again as soon as necessary arrangements can be made.

In the evening, divine service was held in St. Matthew's church, at which there was a large congregation present. Rural Dean Hill read prayers, and Rev. H. Beacham gave a short address.

RURAL DEANERY OF LISGAR.

A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Lisgar was held in the parish of St. Andrews on Jan. 19th, 1897. The proceedings commenced with the administration of the Holy Communion in the church, at 10 o'clock,