

### Reduced Fares to Triennial Council.

Application has been made for reduced rates to delegates, clerical and lay, who attend the Triennial Council at North Bay. Certificates agreeing to conditions of the railways have been signed. In order to obtain a rate of one and a-third fare for the return journey fifty delegates or more in all must travel and hold standard convention certificates.

Delegates must purchase first-class full rate one-way tickets to North Bay and obtain certificate to that effect on standard certificate form. Ticket agents are supplied with standard certificates and are instructed to issue them on application. Ask for it.

The convention certificates must be presented at the meeting to the secretary, whose duty it will be to fill in the particulars required, certify to the person and actual number of delegates.

For the return-journey tickets, delegates will present and surrender the certificates held by them to the ticket agent at North Bay (having taken care that they are properly filled in and signed), when tickets for continuous journey will be provided at the reduced rate.

If there be less than fifty delegates who hold said standard certificates, the return fare will be two-thirds of regular single fare.

Certificates will not be honoured unless presented to the ticket agent not less than ten minutes before the train is due to leave, nor unless surrendered within three days after adjournment of Council.

Certificates are not transferable.

Delegates' wives when accompanying them are entitled to reduced rates on same conditions.

If through ticket cannot be procured at the starting point, the delegate should purchase to the most convenient point where such through ticket can be obtained and there re-purchase.

All who attend the Council at North Bay will perceive that any neglect of the above details will cost them the loss of their privilege, also their not doing their part will risk the failure of the whole scheme, since there must be fifty delegates in all attending the Council who have complied with the requirements and hold certificates.

### Bracebridge Mission.

REV. JAMES BOYDELL, M.A., INCUMBENT.

In consequence of the enforced absence of the people's warden on Easter Monday, the usual annual Easter meeting was adjourned until Monday, April 18th. After the audited accounts had been read and adopted by the Vestry, the Bishop's circular asking from the congregation an increase of \$150 towards the stipend of the incumbent was considered. It was resolved that the incoming church wardens should canvass the congregation with the object, if possible, of making up the amount, and report to the Vestry two weeks from date. Mr. F. Cochrane was nominated by the incumbent as his warden and Mr. B. Pringle was elected by the congregation. Three lay delegates were then selected as representing the diocese at the next session of the Provincial Synod, and Mr. A. A. Mahaffy was elected delegate to the forthcoming Triennial Council. Three sidesmen were also elected by incumbent and congregation respectively for the present year, the incumbent nominating Messrs. Lawrence, Hodgson and George Sibbett, and the congregation Dr. Bridgland, Mr. Buckersfield and Mr. T. B. Aulph.

The Vestry meeting at St. George's, Falkenburg, was held on the afternoon of the same day, viz., 18th, as owing to the absence of the wardens, who were doing battle to a devastating bush fire which was threatening one of their farms, they were unable to be present on Easter Monday. Mr. John Gosgin was nominated by the incumbent and Mr. William Dever by the congregation, as churchwardens for the current year. The form of agreement sent by the Bishop was duly read and signed. The church in Falkenburg is to have a new foundation of stone, which is to be placed under the building. They have also purchased an altar and re-table, which will be placed in position in a few days.

With regard to Bracebridge, the incumbent cannot help stating his conscientious conviction that the time has arrived when it should (in justice to other and newer missions) be placed forevermore upon the list of self-supporting missions. It has been helped to the uttermost, and there is ample wealth in the place to supply all the needs of the church out of its own resources. If the congregation of St. Thomas value the gift of God they will rise to the emergency and gladly assume a responsibility which they are quite able (if only willing) to assume.

We owe this effort to our God, to our Church, to our beloved Bishop who has made such self-denying and successful efforts to reduce the debts of the diocese, and I trust that this and other congregations will acquit themselves like men and be strong. It will need

effort, united effort, hearty effort, and above all self-denying and prayerful effort, to accomplish the duty that the Church and the Great Head of the Church have given us to do, and by His help alone it can be done.

JAMES BOYDELL,  
Incumbent of Bracebridge,  
Falkenburg and parts adjacent

### Port Arthur.

REV. I. W. THURSBY, INCUMBENT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. --February 27th was the 107th anniversary of the death of John Wesley. The services on this day commemorated the event; one of this eminent Churchman's own sermons being used on this occasion, viz.: "The Christian Priesthood." Some comment has ensued from the fact that while the Church (in Port Arthur) did not forget to mark, in some slight degree, her appreciation of his services, the Methodist body did not do so, and, apparently, thought it not worth while to respect the memory of one whom we always understood was accorded the most prominent position on their "roll of honour."

Daily services were held in this parish throughout the season of Lent, with a celebration every Sunday, and, during Holy Week, every day at 8 a.m., with the exception of Good Friday. On this day there were two services: Morning Prayer at 10.30 o'clock which included "A Meditation on The Passion," and Evensong with sermon and offertory in aid of the propagation of the gospel among the Jews.

March 8th being the date of the Bicentenary of the S.P.C.K., a special celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 8 a.m., and a public meeting was held in the school-room in the evening, when the following gentlemen addressed an audience upon missionary work in general and the society in particular: the Revs. J. W. Thursby and E. J. Harper, and Messrs. G. H. Feldtmann, F. H. Keefer, W. F. Langworthy and C. H. Shera.

The organization of a Communicants' Guild was undertaken by Mr. Thursby during Lent, and is progressing most satisfactorily.

Since the departure of Mr. Bell, in the early part of the year, Mr. Thursby has used every endeavour to provide the mission at Oliver with regular services every Sunday. Once a month throughout the winter he personally administered the Sacrament of the Eucharist; on other occasions sending a layman to read the morning service with sermon. Mr. John Forde has volunteered in this connection, and has made many journeys in all sorts of weather to this parish, and has assisted in no small measure in keeping a congregation together, which might otherwise have drifted into attending