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group till Mr. Thompson was priested in 1903, and took full control of his Mission. At their Easter meeting in 1903 the parishioners of St. Mark's, Minnedosa, decided to build a new church. The old church represented very earnest and real effort on the part of those who built it, but in the passing years it had become quite inadequate to the needs and comfort of the congregation. Plans and specifications were procured from Mr. Geo. Browne, architect, of Winnipeg, for a church to be built of the granite boulders which are found along the valley of the Little Saskatchewan (running through Minnedosa), with brick coigns and arches for all windows; the length of the church to be 74 feet, width at transepts 52 feet, with a seating capacity for a congregation of three hundred people. Excavating for the basement was begun at once, and in the opening week of July the first stones were drawn in for the work. Between four and five hundred loads of stone and thirty thousand bricks were required for the entire building. Of the stone, about one hundred loads were dug from the prairie and drawn in by volunteer labour, farmers and others of all denominations helping with their teams and in digging out and loading the stones. When the farmers became too busy with their farm work to help further, the necessary supply of stone to keep the masons going was provided by means of one, or sometimes two, hired teams, the rector going out with the team in the morning and helping the teamster to load, and then remaining on the prairie to dig out stones for the next load. By the end of October the walls were built to the top of the basement floor, a wall twelve feet high, three feet thick at the bottom, running to two feet thick at the top. Work was then stopped for the season, and recommenced in the middle of May this year. By the middle of August the last stone was drawn and laid in the wall, and from that date to its opening on October 30th the carpenters, plasterers and painters were kept very busy in getting ready for the opening. The basement, which is the full size of the church, well lighted and with a high ceiling, will supply excellent quarters for a Sunday School of two hundred children, and will be of great value to the parish for many other purposes. The pews and other furniture for the church itself did not arrive till the week following the opening services, which was regretted, as in many ways it marked special offerings to the new church. The handsome oak pulpit is the gift of young Englishmen who have recently come from home; the oak choir stalls are given by young men who have grown up in the parish since the coming of the rector, nearly fifteen years ago; the carpet for chancel and sanctuary, the gift of the young ladies of the parish; the coloured east window, the offering of the Sunday School children, and the oak lectern given from the proceeds of a social evening given by Mrs. A. C. Sewell on the Monday following the opening. The W.A. of the parish have nearly three hundred dollars on hand, which they purpose devoting to some special portion of the work—probably either the pews

for the body of the church or the new organ. The entire cost of the church will be about eight thousand dollars, not counting the work given and the value of the stones, which were given by Mr. J. S. Armitage, Mr. Hugh Dyer and others, and which add considerably to the value of the building. There will be a debt of nearly four thousand dollars, rather a serious sum, but unavoidable, if the work is to be thoroughly and permanently done; and the generosity of the congregation during the past years is full of promise for their continued efforts to duly maintain the cause of the Church of England in their little western town. It is hard to realize the growth in the strength of the Church in a Manitoba Mission by comparing this year with last, but when points farther apart are taken, it is, of course, more readily apparent, as may be seen by two comparisons, one in things spiritual, the other in material progress. In 1890 in Minnedosa and the outlying country missions there were under fifty-one communicants; now in the same sphere of work there are two hundred. In 1890 the whole Mission gave \$300 towards the support of their one clergyman; this year the outlying Missions contribute \$550 towards the stipend of their clergyman; and the town parish of Minnedosa is entirely self-supporting, giving their rector a stipend of \$925.

Carman.—St. John's.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held in this church on Sunday, November 6th, the sacred edifice being appropriately decorated for the occasion. There were large congregations present at all the services. The rector, the Rev. E. A. Davis, preached both morning and evening. The musical portions of the services were very well rendered by the choir.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

John Dart, D.D., Bishop, New Westminster, B.C.

Vancouver.—All Saints'.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese has appointed the Rev. E. W. Summerscales, M.A., curate-in-charge of St. Mark's mission, Rachael St., Winnipeg, to be vicar of this parish, in the place of the Rev. A. E. Silva-White, M.A., now rector of St. Paul's, Nanaimo, B.C. Mr. Summerscales will leave Winnipeg for the Coast during the second week of this month in order to enter upon his new duties.

CALGARY.

Wm. Cyprian Pinkham, D.D., Calgary, N.W.T.

Calgary.—A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Synod Office on Friday, October 28th, at 3 p.m. There were present, the Bishop in the chair; the Very Rev. the Dean, the Archdeacons of Macleod and Calgary, the Revs. Canon Stocken, and G. H. Hogbin, and Messrs. E. N. Brown, A. W. R. Markley, and M. Morris. After prayer, the Bishop gave a verbal report of the meeting of the Board of Management of the Missionary Society, held in Montreal on October 13th. The outcome of this meeting (so far as the diocese of Calgary is concerned) is, that the society will assist the diocese to the extent of \$8,000, while the diocese will be expected to contribute \$1,000 to the society's work during 1905. The committee voted the sum of \$200 from the Home Mission Fund towards the expenses of delegates attending the Provincial Synod, the maximum amount to be \$40, and if more than five delegates attend, the sum to be divided equally between them. The treasurer was authorized to pay the sum of \$50 each to the Revs. E. L. Macnaghten and B. G. Way, on account of their expenses in coming to the diocese. The treasurer was also authorized to pay the livery and other travelling expenses of the Bishop, incurred in his visit to the "Edison" Settlement. At the request of the Bishop, the committee gave its consent to the removal of the Church of St. Mat-

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thew, Bowden, from its present site to a suitable position in the Bowden town site, should the congregation find that they were able to move it. The committee authorized a loan to the Rev. W. G. James, as requested, and stated the conditions upon which it was to be made. The Rev. G. H. Hogbin and the secretary were appointed a committee to suitably insure the presses and plant of "The Diocesan Press," after which the Bishop closed the meeting with the Benediction.

—Do not be troubled because you have not great virtues. God made a million spears of grass where He made one tree. The earth is fringed and carpeted, not with forests, but with grasses. Only have enough of little virtues and common fidelities, and you need not mourn because you are neither a hero nor a saint.

—At times the best way to progress is to stand still. An ocean steamer, caught in a fog in a dangerous channel, wisely drops its anchor and waits. To every life comes times when it should simply stand still and wait. To go backward is needless; to go forward is rash. Just to be still and see what God will do is often highest faithfulness, as it is always the hardest duty. Waiting is a severer test of faith than working.

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