

WHITEWOOD.

On Thursday, Christmas eve, there will be a midnight service, with carols and short addresses, at 11.15 p.m.; Holy Communion will be celebrated immediately after midnight. On Christmas Day, there will be choral matins, and second celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

Bishop:—Right Rev. C. Pinkham D.D.
D. C. L.

Residence:—Bishop's Court Calgary.

Calgary Industrial School.

On Dec. 5th the new Industrial School erected on the banks of the Bow River, four miles to the south-east of Calgary, was formally opened by His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen. Two years ago, the municipality of Calgary gave to the Crown a quarter section of land, as a site for an Industrial School, to be under the control of the Lord Bishop of Calgary and a committee of the Church of England Indian Missions, under the supervision of the Indian Department. The Dominion Parliament made a grant for the erection of a stone building for the purpose last year. Plans were prepared by Messrs. Child and Wilson; the contract was given to Mr. Underwood of Calgary. The building was completed last summer. It is intended as a nucleus for a series of buildings, to be erected as they are needed. The children to be trained will be drafted from the English Church boarding Schools, now in operation on the Blackfoot, Blood, Piegau and Sarssee reserves. In order to provide more lands for agricultural purposes, the Crown this year acquired another quarter section. The School at present will take in 50 pupils, and will be large enough for a year or two. The building is substantial, well planned, comfortably heated, and provided with all modern conveniences.

At 12:30 P. M., on the 9th, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, accompanied by Lady Marjorie Gordon and Hon. Archibald Gordon, attended by their aides-de-camp, Capt. Sinclair and Inspector McPherson, and escorted by a detachment of the N. W. Mounted Police, under the command of Insp. Harper, arrived at the School, and were received by the Bishop and Mrs. Pinkham, by whom they were conducted to the dining hall where the distinguished visitors and a number of citizens were entertained at luncheon. The following Indian Chiefs were presented to their Excellencies:—Running Rabbit, Eagle Rib, White Pup, and Big Road, all of the Blackfeet tribe, and Jim Big Plume, a Sarscee Chief, who with some other Indians and fourteen boys and six girls from the Sarscee boarding School were in attendance. A hymn was then sung (Rev. W. F. Webb presiding at the harmonium), a Scripture lesson was read by Rev. G. H. Hogbin, Principal

of the school, and prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop of Calgary. The Bishop then in an eloquent speech, gave an account of the history of the building, and said that the opening day had long been looked forward to by members of the English Church in Alberta; and, in conclusion, asked His Excellency to formally open the school.

Lord Aberdeen said that they had met together to inaugurate a great work, a national work, a work that implied a discharge of national responsibility. For himself, he had now two Indian names—being a chief of the Six Nations, and as such he welcomed his brother chiefs, as he was sure they wished success to the institution. He went on to give a resume of the history of the Indian Industrial Schools, and the difficulty there was at the outset of getting the Indian chiefs to countenance them. As illustrations of their success, he drew attention to the fact that Indian schools provided the music at the Regina Exhibition, and that the Indian boys at Regina and Elkhorn had earned \$1,000 in one season harvesting for neighboring farmers. He culminated the system under which the Indian department administered the schools, and paid a well deserved compliment to Commissioner Forget, for the impartiality exercised by him in discharging the difficult functions of his office. His Excellency concluded his interesting speech by formally declaring the school open for the reception of pupils.

His Lordship the Bishop thanked His Excellency for his presence there that day; and after the singing of a hymn, closed the proceedings with the Apostolic Benediction.

Diocese of Saskatchewan.

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Halero.

Rev. J. F. D. Parker and family expect to move into the new St. Andrew's Parsonage shortly, which is quite near the handsome church, and will be a fine and commodious house when fully completed. Both the parsonage and the church are situated in a lovely place, commanding a magnificent view of the Saskatchewan valley and river.

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The lecture entertainment given by H. W. Richardson in the school house, Halero, on Friday night last under the auspices of Rev. J. F. D. Parker, rector of the parishes of Halero and St. Leonards, gave great satisfaction to the people of this neighborhood. Though they expected a good deal from Mr. Richardson as a lecturer, the highest expectations of all were fully met. The lecture was pronounced very bright, humorous, musical and instructive, and was greatly enjoyed by all present. Before the lecture two young men, Thos. Monkman and Alfred Birk, favored the audience with some choice instrumental music. Rev. Mr. Parker sang two excellent pieces. One of the oldest

settlers in that part, the venerable Joseph Halero, rendered a quaint old song very acceptably.

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DIOCESE OF HURON.

Bishop: Right Rev. M. S. Baldwin,
D.D., Residence, London, Ont.
Meeting of Executive Committee of Synod.

A regular quarterly meeting of the Executive of this Diocese was held on December 10th, in Bishop Cronyn Hall.

The Bishop took the chair at 2:30 p.m. and, there were present 25 clergy and 15 lay delegates. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The report of the Finance Committee was presented, showing the accounts passed, and recommending that the tender of the Southan Printing Company for Synod printing next year be accepted, as being the lowest. Report adopted.

Messrs. V. Cronyn and G. D. Sutherland were appointed a committee to purchase a new furnace for the See House.

The Mission committee report was considered clause by clause, and consisted mainly of assessments on the various congregations throughout the Diocese. The consideration of this occupied the greater part of the session. The list of assessments will show a slight increase in the diocese.

At the evening session consideration was given to the questions referring to the re-organization of the parishes of Barkhill, Forest, Beachville and Tilbury; and the Bishops were asked to appoint a commission in each case to visit and report.

Special grants to the Indian missions at Tuscarora and Moraviantown were continued and a sum placed in the Bishop's hands for the support of services on the Sarnia reserve. Grants to Indian teachers and interpreters were held over until next meeting for further information. No action was taken in regard to the proposed special grant to Brookholm.

The report of the Land and Investment Committee was adopted, it having been shown that the investments were in all respects satisfactory.

The report of the Rev. Canon Smith, Bishop's Commissioner to Port Stanley and St. Thomas East, recommended a separation of these two parishes. After a long discussion it was referred back in order to take in the question of the reorganization of other parishes in Elgin.

Mr. A. C. Clark's motion with regard to the proposed new church on Walpole Island was presented, recommending that the petition be granted, and permission given for the erection of a mission chapel. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Income and Expenditure reported that a beginning had been made in the canvass of the diocese for the Mission Fund debt, and the sum of \$6,731 had been already