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No. 100—WORK IN MOOSONEE.

THE clergy working in the diocese of Moosonee (which lies in the region of the Hudson Bay) are the Venerable Thomas Vincent, D.D., Archdeacon, who is stationed at Albany; Rev. E. Lofthouse, of Churchill; Rev. R. Dick, of Trout

Lake; the Rev. E. Richards, Rupert House; Rev. W. G. Walton, of Fort George; Rev. E. Peck, of Ungava, and Rev. J. Sanders, Matwakumma. This is in accordance with the list of last year. York Fort was reported vacant.

Archdeacon Vincent is a missionary of considerable renown. He belongs to the Northwest, for from his cradle he has been associated with it. His father was in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, and held the position of senior clerk in the service. When his son

Thomas, the present Archdeacon, who was born in the Albany River District, was about six years old he retired from the company and settled in St. Paul's Parish, Red River Settlement. Here his son received his primary education, the completion of which took place afterwards at St. John's College, Winnipeg. When the young man was twenty years old (in 1855), he went out with Bishop Anderson, the first Bishop of Rupert's Land, to Moose Factory, where he remained as a catechist for five years after which he was advanced to the diaconate. Three years afterwards (in 1863), he received priest's

orders in St. John's Church, Winnipeg. He has been in charge of the Albany mission since 1860, and has done a great deal of hard, self-denying work.

Something may be gathered regarding the kind of work to be done in Moosonee from the following account given by Rev. Mr. Lofthouse of a trip which he recently attempted to make in what we would call the early autumn of the year :

I started in a small schooner belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company for York Factory, on a visit to the Indians of that post. We had very fine weather and a pleasant voyage of three days. I have twice been three weeks making the same voyage. On our arrival I met with a most hearty reception, both from the Indians and the company's officers. Many of the former had left for their hunting grounds, but a good number still remained at or near the post, and the following Sunday we had fair



THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON VINCENT,
Albany, Diocese of Moosonee.

congregations at all three services. I was pleased to find Joseph Hart had regularly conducted Indian services, twice on Sunday and also during the week, and that the people attended very well. The English service has been given up, but nearly all understand Indian and attend these services. I spent three happy weeks with the people, during which time many Indians came in from the woods. Six children were baptized during my stay, and on the second Sunday over thirty partook of the Lord's Supper, and on the last Sunday of my stay about half a dozen more, who came in later.