

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

EMSDALE.—On the evening of Tuesday, July 28th, the Rev. P. L. Spencer of Thorold, Ont., delivered a lecture in the Orange Hall, Emsdale, for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of the new burial ground. The Incumbent, the Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, was in the chair.

The lecture was entitled 'A Missionary Tour Round the World,' and was profusely illustrated with very fine stereopticon views of various scenes in many countries. The lecture was agreeably interspersed with an address and a recitation from the Rev. L. Sinclair, Incumbent of Ilfracombe, and also with songs and instrumental music by various members of the congregation and others who displayed great talent. Mr. Tate of Huntsville, who was visiting in the village that evening, favoured the audience with a few of his choicest selections. Refreshments were served in the office of the Parry Sound Railway Company adjacent, the use of which was kindly granted for the evening by the contractors.

Altogether a pleasant, instructive and profitable evening was spent, for which the ladies of the congregation deserve a large share of the credit.

On Wednesday evening the Rev. Mr. Spencer delivered his lecture at Eberston, in the Township of Bethune, in the Eastern portion of the Emsdale Mission. The proceeds were for the purpose of buying lamps for St. James' Church of that place.

On Thursday evening the lecture was repeated at Katrine, in the northern portion of the Mission, for the purpose of raising funds for the building of St. Mark's Church driving shed at Emsdale which is much needed. The attendance at all places was good and all were delighted at the able manner in which the Rev. Mr. Spencer illustrated both by word and picture the progress of Christianity at home and abroad.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks the very kind note containing \$2 from A. F., New Brunswick in response to his appeal. Will not others kindly help this new mission in like manner?

OUR INDIAN HOMES.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—A few days ago I addressed an official letter to the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, setting forth the difficulties under which I have been laboring in endeavoring to carry on my now extensive work among the Indians with so little steady support to depend upon; and definitely offered to hand over to the Society the whole of my work at Sault Ste. Marie, at Elkhorn, and at Medicine Hat, if they would undertake it and merely employ me, if they saw fit to do so, as general manager or superintendent. I at the same time sent copies of my letter to the Board, to the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Algoma and Rupert's Land, asking them if they saw fit to do so to endorse my application. The Bishop of Algoma is at present crossing the Atlantic, so that I have not been able to hear from him; but the Bishops of Qu'Appelle and Rupert's Land have both answered me very kindly, and I hope they will not mind my now sending you copies of their letters for publication. I take the liberty to append also an extract from a letter received lately from the Ven. Archdeacon Phair, Superintendent of Indian Missions in Manitoba.

The Bishop of Rupert's Land writes:—

Dear Mr. Wilson,—I am sorry that you are finding such difficulty in the support of your Homes, and I think it would be well for you if the Church in Canada would take the burden off you. I should be very glad if the Church in Canada would take up your Elkhorn Home or open Missions here, and I shall gladly cooperate with them and allow them to manage matters, and I look for their generous help to our efforts.

But the management of our own Home and efforts must be with ourselves. We cannot think of passing them over to the Board in Canada. We welcome efforts of theirs here and these they can fully manage. We welcome also aid to our efforts. But our own Home and Missions we must manage ourselves, whether, when the Church is united, if that happens, there can be a joint organisation is a different matter. I am faithfully yours,

R., RUPERT'S LAND.

The Bishop of Qu'Appelle writes:

My Dear Mr. Wilson,—I certainly most thoroughly and cordially agree with the contents of your letter to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. Speaking of this Diocese at least I feel that we are in a very critical position with regard to Indian Missions, and that there is very great danger of other bodies entirely taking up the work that we ought to be foremost in doing, owing to our insufficiency of means and lack of united effort in our Church. As you truly remark the Government is subsidizing largely the efforts of those religious bodies that shew themselves willing and able to make large offers on account of their centralised organization. We, depending on Diocesan efforts, in such a poor Diocese as this, are powerless. I am convinced that the only hope for the work of Indian schools being carried on in a manner worthy of our Church, is that the Church through some central agency such as the B. of D. & F. M. should undertake the work with real energy and determination, as a work for which the whole Church is responsible. It is not fair that the burden should be left to a private individual like yourself. It does seem a disgrace to our Church that a building like the one you have erected at considerable trouble at Medicine Hat should be left empty for want of means to carry it on. Unless our Church arouses herself to her responsibility very soon and throws herself into the work that the C. M. S. is now almost abandoning, the opportunity will have passed away, and others will have completely occupied the ground.

I am yours sincerely,

ADELBERT, Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

Archdeacon Phair writes me:

'I can assure you I understand well what is meant by being pressed and anxious, and to lack sympathy also, but I am far from believing that the good work the Lord has enabled you to accomplish is going to remain under its present cloud. Let us spread the matter before the Lord in faith. If he is not able to solve the difficulty it is certain we cannot. I quite agree with you that there is a special need for pressing the claims of the Indian Homes upon the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and I shall be astonished if something is not done by that body at once rather than see these most important Institutions become crippled or get into the hands of those who will give us all more work to do. Surely no thinking Churchman can fail to see that this is the first work of the Church. If our Homes for training of these poor Red children have to be closed or even partially closed for lack of means it will be time to sound a loud note throughout the length and breadth of the land, but I would fondly hope such will not be the case. There seems to be money enough for every conceivable form of amusement, for anything of the world, but for the little ones, the poor and needy, there is not much. Sincerely yours,

R. PHAIR.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

The Bishop announces that he has received information that just a few days before the anniversary of his consecration (June 24) the Endowment Fund of the Diocese of £10,000 was at length completed. Only £130 had been needed for the last year to obtain the last

instalments of £500 each from S. P. G. and the Colonial Bishopric Fund. But this £130 seemed very difficult to obtain. However, Mr. Williamson, the treasurer of our fund in England, paid the sum required to S. P. G. in June, and £1,174 4s. 2d. was remitted to our Diocesan Treasurer, completing the £10,000 for investment in this country. The Diocese may be congratulated upon this amount having been raised so soon.

GRENFELL.—At the last entertainment given by the Ladies' Aid Society the sum of \$36 was raised. This will be devoted to the repainting of the church and vicarage. Very great credit is due to the several ladies who kindly provided the provisions, and who by their untiring energy made the dinner and tea the success they were.

All connected with Grenfell and the surrounding district will be glad to hear that the Rev. F. V. Baker will return some time during September.

QU'APPELLE STATION.—The pro-Cathedral has been further enriched during the last month by the arrival of the Font Ewer, which has been obtained from Messrs. Pratt, of London, England, out of the surplus of the Font Fund raised last Autumn by the Children's Guild. It is of polished brass, standing 18 inches, and is a handsome addition to our church furniture.

FORT QU'APPELLE.—A very successful concert and ice cream social at the Fort, under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church, on June 25th, realized \$34 towards the fund for necessary repairs of the vicarage.

MEDICINE HAT.—On Sunday, June 12th, a Confirmation service was held in St. Barnabas' Church by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, when six candidates—all females—received the rite of the laying on of hands.

WOMAN IN THE GOSPELS.

In the Old Testament, sin entered into the world by the first woman, and death by sin, and the whole race suffered for it. But there is a marvellous contrast in the Gospels. There, our Lord is born of a woman, and the whole position of the sex seems to change. Our Lord's life was sought, shortly after he was born, by the wicked king Herod, who was a man. St. John the Baptist, indeed, came to his martyrdom through a wicked woman and her wicked daughter. But as to our Lord himself, all that was said and done against Him was said and done by men, never by any woman. Faithful women followed and ministered unto Him of their substance, but we do not read of any men doing that. While men were shouting 'Crucify Him,' 'His blood be on us and on our children,' women were weeping over Him in tender pity. Even Pontius Pilate's wife, Pagan as she was, interceded for Him, and tried to preserve Him unharmed. Faithful women watched His burial, even after all men had left the closed tomb. Women were at the Sepulchre earlier than men on Easter morning, and to them first the risen Lord showed Himself. The slow-hearted Apostles themselves heard first from women that the Lord had risen, and even then they had not the grace to believe. It is no wonder then that Christianity has elevated women more highly than she has stood anywhere else throughout the history of the whole world. And the woman who is not a Christian is a traitor to her own sex.—Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D. D.

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