

firmation the gift of the Holy Spirit, and by the renewal of their Baptismal vows pledged themselves publicly to Christ's service. His Grace urged upon them the necessity of individual fellowship with God in prayer, in reading of the Word, in sacramental worship, and the obligation to be helpful and active in Christian service was pressed home with practical sympathy.

The Church was crowded from end to end, many having to turn away from the doors, being unable to find even standing room. A beautiful array of flowering plants lined the approach to the Sanctuary, which was itself beautified with vases of flowers and a magnificent floral cross of white dahlias.

It was a great pleasure to the parishoners to see His Grace looking so well after his long and serious illness last winter.

Services were also held at the Asylum and at St. Clements in the afternoon.

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St. John's College Missionary Letter Cycle.

By arrangement with the students who were doing missionary work during the summer vacation, the Editor of the "Western Churchman" received the students' letters, had copies of these made, and forwarded them to all who were working under the direction of the Home Mission Board. As these will be of interest to many of our readers, we publish them, either partly or in full.

Mr. W. H. Cassap writes as follows from Penrith:—

"My field of labor is in the District of Bradwardine, under the Rev. D. A. B. Stoddart. I have only two services on Sunday. At Penrith services are held in Palmerston School every Sunday morning at 11, and at Lenore, twelve miles distant every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. My congregations so far have averaged thirty-two and twenty-seven respectively, but I am glad to say that the attendance is steadily on the increase. In our school rooms we have no organs, so that the musical part of our services is entirely vocal; this: great drawback, yet I suppose we have to be "thankful for present mercies" especially in a district where services are held irregularly.

Sixteen miles north is Hamiota, where the Rev. W. I. Cheney is stationed; twenty-three miles east, Bradwardine, under the charge of the Rev. D. A. B. Stoddart; eighteen miles south, the Rev. E. L. King at Virden: all three St. John's men, while at the west I suppose I am bounded by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

Last week I visited Arrow River, five miles from me, and discovered five church families there. These people have been rather unfortunate as regards being supplied with services. I have expressed my willingness to give them a service some week-day night, and I am now awaiting a reply.

One thing I am sure of:—If an ordained man, or even a layman, was available to work here permanently, the people would make every provision for his support. Our collections are very good at both services. At Penrith we have five good church families, three or four bachelors and some wandering, though not lost, sheep which could easily be brought into the fold; at Lenore there are seven church families and three bachelors. Our services are well attended and supported by Dissenters. The Presbyterians have two men in Virden, one takes charge of the town, the other holds services in this district every Sunday. The Methodists come to Lenore only. The Salvation Army comes from Virden now and again, to hold meetings in Palmerston School, but I am told they do not come so frequently now. There is a great deal to be done. The work demands another ordained worker. Mr. Stoddart owing to his large field can only visit occasionally. On Sunday, June 11th, I rode over to Bradwardine on my shaggy nappy to exchange duty with Mr. S., thus permitting him to come to my people and celebrate the Holy Communion. The day following I held service in Wheatland at 11 a.m., Ancrum 3 p.m., Verity at 7 p.m. At the latter place lives Mr. Stevenson, father of the Rev. R. G. and Sidney. As we were leaving service a furious thunder storm with pelting rain overtook us. That night I stayed with Mr. Stevenson. As I was only seven miles from the Indian Mission near Griswold on Monday morning went to see our friend Mr. J. H. Cox, but he was not at home.

The country here is very beautiful. The farmers go in for wheat growing. One of my parishoners at Lenore has four hundred and fifty acres of wheat sown; he has agreed to give free land for a church site and \$50.00 as a subscription towards its erection.

The work on the whole is very interesting and certainly encouraging."

Mr. James Brisco, who was stationed at Reston, sends a very happy letter to his fellow-students, from which we cull a few extracts:—

"After a series of adventures I arrived at my destination, where I was an unlooked for, but not unwelcome, stranger. The church people were not at all expecting me. The Rural Dean of Souris had been intending to come up and make arrangements for my summer's work, but he was unavoidably prevented from doing so. There was nothing left

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