

accepted. Mr. Wooden is an American and his wife is an Englishwoman. Many Canadian clergymen go to the States, it seldom happens that an American clergyman comes to work in Canada. He is expected in August.

The people of St. Paul's Parish, Prince Albert, are actively engaged in the erection of a parsonage for Rev. Harold Foote.

PINCHER CREEK.

An oversight of some importance took place in your correspondent's item for June. The Guild of St. John's, besides reducing the mortgage on the rectory property by \$300, also spent the sum of \$50 in improvements on the building. These improvements were much needed, and when done added greatly to the comfort of the Incumbent and his wife. The Guild are anxious to raise further funds, and are just now talking of an entertainment of some kind, which we hope will materialise through the summer sometime.

In looking over the enclosure within which our little church stands, one's eye is offended by the leaning over of some of the fence posts. The present fence was erected some four years ago, and as the timber used generally does not seem to stand for a longer period than this, it would be a labour of love for some members of the congregation, who are able, to replace this shabby structure with one that would add to the greater neatness and beauty of the premises.—something in keeping with the neat, substantial gate, which was made and placed in position by an individual member of the church. The Incumbent or churchwardens would be glad to have suggestions from any who wish particularly to interest themselves in this. We cannot do too much for the house of God, nor for the beautifying of the grounds upon which that House of God stands. The internal arrangements for Public Worship and for the convenience of worshippers might well compare favourably with older and more favoured parishes, but the ascent with which we go up to the House of the Lord as necessity demands should also receive some attention at our hands.

The cemetery grounds are also requiring oversight, more particularly now, as lately some handsome memorials have been erected

to some "who have fallen asleep." The wish of the officers of the church is that the present acre be divided into four quarters and marked off in lots, duly numbered, so that difficulty in finding graves may be obviated.

The promise of good fir posts and a roll of barbed wire has been made by two individuals, and probably when the time arrives for the erection of the fence, there will be others ready to offer voluntary labour in the digging and setting up if it is necessary.

We have a little contention just now in the matter of "conduct of service," but it is hoped that love for God, and for His church, will much more greatly abound, in the restraining of our personal opinions, and to the edifying of the Body of Christ.

THE BLACKFOOT MISSION.

The Rev. J. W. Tims, who has been a Missionary on the Blackfoot Reserve for the past twelve years, has just retired from the direct supervision of that mission, and applied to the Church Missionary Society for removal to some other sphere of work in the Diocese.

When the boarding school system was introduced on the Reserves in this Diocese, they were without government support, and children were permitted to enter and leave at the will of the parents. Since the Government has undertaken to support this work by grants-in-aid, it has made regulations about the detention of children in the schools that have been particularly obnoxious to the Blackfoot parents, although there is no doubt that they are for the welfare of the young and in the interests of education. The burden of carrying out these regulations has fallen on Mr. Tims, as principal of the schools, and the Indians, having got it into their heads that Mr. Tims is the originator of them, made things so unpleasant for him that he felt it best to retire.

Since the murder of Mr. Skyner and the shooting of his murderer the Indians have been excited and menacing towards missionaries and government officials on the Reserve, and for some time the greatest fear was entertained lest they should commence a revolt. There is no doubt that several grievances the Indians have, the school question amongst them, accounts for this state of affairs: but the recent visit of the Indian Commissioner will have a beneficial effect as any grievances the Indians have are sure to receive attention at his hands.

The C. M. S. Finance Committee has recommended the appointment of the Rev. H. W. G. Stocken as Mr. Tims' successor, but until the mind of the Committee in England is known Mr. Tims will continue to manage the affairs of the Mission.