

The office of vice-president being now vacant, Mesdames Roy, O'Meara and Baker were nominated for the position, the election being deferred till next month.

### A VISIT TO THE VALLEY RIVER INDIAN MISSION.

(Communicated by Rev. George Gill, Russell.)

This Indian mission, as perhaps many of your readers know, is in connection with the Russell mission, and some might like to hear an account of our quarterly visit. We started on Tuesday, Feb. 9, reaching the reserve on Wednesday at noon, on the way baptising six children and one adult. The Indians were all glad to see us, and, with the exception of two, were all well. While the catechist's wife and the wife of the chief were selecting suitable things for each Indian from the bale of clothing sent us from Eastern Canada, supplemented from the Russell and Shellmouth Ladies' Guilds, I visited the school, finding fifteen scholars doing well, writing very good, reading (English) fairly well, and puzzling greatly over sums. After school was closed, the catechist, Mr. John Flett (from St. Peter's), took me to an Indian's house named Kagacamekapow (always standing.) Here, with a solemn, but joyful, service, I baptised his mother, an old woman named Nagaranacato (before the day), aged 87. The old lady was stone blind, and her face lit up with joy as she acknowledged herself on the side of the Lord Jesus.

At 7 p. m. over 70 Indians met in the chief's house, he having the largest room, where we had a short service, with an address, the catechist interpreting for me. Then came the baptisms of two children, Anna Belle (Kakapoocho), 13 months; Elizabeth (Miskagooch), 13 years, and two adults, John (Miskagooch), 16 years, and Mary (Quaquakospique), (turned round about), aged 51.

Then came the giving of the things sent to us, and a social time, with tea and candies for the children, etc. Needless to say this was enjoyed by all.

After that Mr. Cunningham and myself gave a talk on "Scenes from the Bible," illustrated with the magic lantern, and interpreted by Mr. Flett. The interest taken in the "Old, Old Story" was keen, and I could not help thinking how much more these people seem to care for that good old book to what many of our white people do. The service finished, and all went home about 1 o'clock.

Next morning, at 8 o'clock, the bell of the mission room went, and quite a congregation assembled. We had prayers, and then a celebration of "The Holy Eucharist." After that there were two more baptisms, one, Elizabeth, aged 2,

daughter of H. Rattlesnake, and Mary Jane (Tapekaapowe), aged 19. Then we started for home, reaching Russell at midnight, very tired. All interested in the Indian mission work may indeed thank God for sending us such a good catechist as Mr. Flett, one who knows his work and does it whole-heartedly. He has only been with us a short time, but is beloved by every Indian on the reserve, and filled as he is with that Divine Love of God, cannot fail to be a blessing to others.

### Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

Bishop—Right Rev. J. Grisdale, D.D., D.C.L.



REV. H. G. WAKEFIELD AND HIS TEAM

### MOOSEJAW.

On account of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle being at present in England, the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary (Dr. Pinkham) will visit St. John's church, Moosejaw, some time during Lent, for the purpose of holding a confirmation.

### YORKTON.

The Ladies' Aid Society here gave a promenade concert and tableaux vivants on Feb. 11, in the Meredith hall, under the presidential guidance of Mr. F. K. Herchmer. There was a goodly attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The proceeds, which amounted to \$22, were

donated to the charitable work of the society.

### Diocese of Mackenzie River.

Bishop—Right Rev. W. D. Reeve, D.D.,  
St. David's Mission, Fort Simpson.

Bishop Reeve, of Mackenzie River, has a mission on Herschell Island, in the Arctic ocean, for the Eskimo and crews of whalers who winter there. Eskimo from as far west as Behring Straits come there. They are still heathen, not one of them having yet been baptized, but they are anxious to learn all about Christianity, because it has so altered the character of

the Indians, with whom they used to be always fighting and quarrelling. These Indians are now peaceable, mild, and have no bitterness towards the Eskimo, who think there must be something in a religion that can so change men. The Bishop's extensive mission consists of nine tribes of Indians, besides the Eskimo. They are the Tukudh, Hare, Mountain, Nehaley, Thirkai, Dogrib, Beaver, Yellowknife, and Chipewyan. There are nearly one thousand Indian communicants in the diocese. There are also one hundred and sixty scholars in the schools. The only native clergyman in the north is a Tukudh in the Bishop's diocese. In January, 1896, Bishop Reeve's house was burned. Mrs. Reeve lost all her clothing, and the Bishop