

Jacob remarked that often hindrances became helps and that while man is crying out in despair "all these things are against me," God is leading him silently and quietly for his own good and His glory. Let us lift up all our difficulties into the Higher Ground seeking for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our work and go forward in faith, taking for our motto, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

In the evening a Missionary meeting was held in the Church Hall at which the Bishop gave an interesting description of the area and work of the Diocese and several of the clergy brief addresses.

#### SECOND DAY.

After morning prayer convocation re assembled. Subject for consideration was:

5 The *Algoma Missionary News*. Resolved The Rev. E. F. Wilson having intimated to the Diocesan Conference that until their next meeting he was willing to retain the editorship and considering that the work to which he is devoted is happily extending, and must therefore increasingly absorb his time and attention, this Eastern District Convocation suggests to the next Diocesan Conference that the *Algoma Missionary News* be removed to Parry Sound as a more central position and that the Rev. G. H. Gaviller be the editor, also that the clergy of this Eastern District Conference desire to record their thankful sense of Mr. Wilson's labours in the past.

6. Better development of the internal financial resources of the Diocese. Resolved—that it is expedient in the interests of liberality on the part of the people, and their spiritual welfare, that the clergy endeavour to impress upon their respective congregations the duty of contributing to the utmost of their ability towards the income of their respective missions, both as a duty and a privilege, with a view to the extension of Christ's Kingdom and the advancement of the Church.

After Evensong the Bishop and Mr. Sullivan gave a reception in the Church hall, affording the Huntsville congregation an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the clergy and their work. The enjoyment of the evening was added to by solos, part songs, recitations &c, by members of the congregation and numerous addresses by the Bishop and some of the Clergy. Thus passed a most pleasant evening long to be remembered in Huntsville, which was brought to a close with the Benediction.

(To be Continued.)

**SAULT ST. MARIE.**—David Osahgee, a pupil at the Shingwauk Home, Sault St. Marie, received a certificate with honors at the recent Civil Service Examination, and will now enter on his duties as a junior clerk in the Indian Department at Ottawa.

#### DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

**BRANDON.**—The Christmas festival enabled us to see the marked improvement that has taken place in Church matters in Brandon, more especially within the last twelve months.

The day commenced with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m., at which we had some forty communicants; whilst at the mid day celebration there were even more; this is nearly twice as many as last year, and three times the number of communicants in 1886; a most substantial sign of progress, for which we are all very thankful.

The 11 o'clock service, which consisted of Matins and sermon, followed by the second celebration, was most hearty, and the church was completely filled, indeed many times lately, especially on Sunday evenings, there is not a spare seat; a result which is largely due to the fact of all sittings now being unappropriated.

One sad thought was in our minds throughout the day, and that was for the poor fellow who was to suffer the extreme penalty of the law on the following Friday. The poor man,

Wm. Webb, had been comforted and helped by the unceasing attention of the Rector, Rev. E. P. Flewelling, to make his peace with God, and having expressed a wish to once more hear a Christmas service, about forty of the congregation accompanied the Rector to the gaol and we had such a bright hearty service that it was a great source of enjoyment to our poor friend, and indeed to all; the service consisted of Evensong, Litany and sermon, followed by a metrical Litany, and as we had plenty of hymns throughout the service, it was a true service of joy and peace.

At the hour of execution on the following Friday, a service was held at St. Matthew's Church at 7:15 a.m., followed by celebration of Holy Communion, both on that morning and on the previous Sunday, the Rector had administered the Holy Communion to the prisoner at his earnest request, and that solemn service in the early hours of the Sunday morning will long remain in the minds of those friends who were enabled to share in it.

I should not omit to mention the many proofs, received by the Rector and Mrs. Flewelling, of the esteem in which they are held by all, who know them, and in Brandon that means by everybody.

On the Christmas Eve amongst many other presents, was a gift from the Rector's Bible Class, consisting of carving knife, fork and steel, enclosed in a handsome case, accompanied with a suitable and very touching expression of the regard in which the class held them both.

The offertory at the mid-day service, by rule of the Synod, goes to the Rector, and the fact of such a sum as \$162 being contributed, was one more instance of the congregation shewing that they fully appreciate the unparing efforts of the Rector to further the Master's work, amidst many discouragements and difficulties.

On New Year's Eve there was service at 11 o'clock, followed by sermon, and as the old year passed away a few moments of silent prayer, that God might in the coming year give us all even greater earnestness to enable us "to shew forth his praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives." At the celebration of Holy Communion, which followed, there were twenty-seven communicants, and as we came out into the keen air we could but be thankful for such a good start for another year's work.

On the New Year's night there was a Christmas tree for the children attending the Sunday-school, which has increased largely of late, and before the distribution of presents began to the children, the members of the choir and a few friends asked the Rector to accept from them a very handsome clock, together with an address which set forth the motives that had prompted them to make him and Mrs. Flewelling this gift.

Up to the very moment of presentation, it had been kept a profound secret, and it was, with difficulty, our good Rector could overcome his emotion to enable him to acknowledge it, which he did most feelingly.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, an entertainment which had been arranged for the children, was postponed until Tuesday, January 15th, when before a crowded hall of the school children and their teachers and friends, a most successful performance was given, consisting of the sketch of the "Area Belle," followed by a few songs and recitations, and concluding with an original sketch of "Photography under difficulties," which especially pleased the children, owing to the trouble, to which the artist was put, in persuading his "dusky" customer to sit still. From first to last, the entertainment was a great success and unlike the general run of such affairs, not a single hitch occurred throughout, and the efforts of the promoters of the evening's amusement were thoroughly appreciated by the children.

If only we could secure the room in which our entertainment was given permanently for a Church Reading Room, &c, it would enable

us to provide a "home" for numbers of young men who are working in the town, and have no where to go except to their boarding houses.

The Methodist and other bodies are making great efforts to absorb into their ranks all they can get, and we have large numbers of young men attending Church more or less regularly, that we cannot well get acquainted with unless we have some place to meet during the week.

We are met at once with the financial difficulty, but we are hoping to overcome that, and a great work can be done amongst young men in this direction; but the difficulties can be little understood by those unacquainted with Manitoba; if any who see this would feel inclined to help us, I am sure that the Rector would gladly receive any contributions for that purpose; but he is not aware that this matter is being mentioned in the *CHURCH GUARDIAN*.

It is also in contemplation to organize a Guild or some such body of young men, who would conduct services within a radius of ten or twelve miles round Brandon, especially on Sunday afternoons. There are such long distances to be travelled, and in some instances the settlers are so far apart, that it is impossible for services to be held in many places, except by the agency of laymen. We are hoping to make a start in this direction before long, and by providing our young men with regular work to do, we shall doubtless lead them to feel an ever increasing attachment to the Church into which they have been baptized.

This account of Church matters deals principally with the work in town; if room can be found for it, another will deal with the difficulties experienced by Church workers on the prairie.

#### DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

**LETHBRIDGE.**—St. Augustine's Church has lately been presented with several very handsome additions to its furnishings by members of the congregation. Amongst these are a very handsome chair which stands within the altar railings, embroidered dossal curtains behind the altar and a neat carpet around the platform on which it stands. These add very much to the appearance of the Church which is already acknowledged to be one of the prettiest in the Territories.

The musical and dramatic entertainment at the Barracks on the evening of the 15th inst., proved a rare treat. The principal part of the programme was carried out by children belonging to the Sunday School, and the results achieved by them under Mrs. Godwin's careful training were a most pleasant surprise to the large audience.

#### DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

**QUIDI VIDI.**—The tea and entertainment given to the Sunday School children at Quidi Vidi on Tuesday evening the 8th inst., by the Superintendent and friends, was in every sense a complete success.

Among those from town were noticed the Rev. A. C. F. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Mrs. McCowen and Miss Ellis. The Lord Bishop sent a letter of regret that another engagement prevented his being present. The children were all comfortably seated around the table at 5 o'clock, and after a blessing by the Rev. Mr. Wood, they "turned to," and in a very short space of time, relieved the groaning table of many of its luxuries—and the ladies in attendance were kept going for an hour or more. As soon as the juveniles were finished, the older folks present took their turn in helping to reduce the cakes, &c.

After thanks had been returned the table was taken down, and seats arranged, and at 7 o'clock the parents and friends were admitted and the little school room quickly became packed to the door.

The entertainment consisted of a Magic Lantern exhibition, the uncovering of the Christmas