

been deposited in the box, Bishop Baldwin stepped forward, and in the name of the Trinity pronounced the stone laid, at the same time tapping it with the silver trowel which he held in his hand. At the conclusion of the services his Lordship addressed the gathering. Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. Rural Dean Deacon, Rev. Jeffrey Hill, Mayor Macpherson, of Kincardine, and Mayor Scott, of Listowel. A silver trowel was presented to his Lordship the Bishop of Huron. An offertory in aid of the Building Fund was taken up, after which the gathering was dismissed with the Benediction.

BRUCE DEANERY.—The midsummer meeting of the Sunday-school Convention of this rural deanery was held in the Church of the Messiah, Kincardine, on Thursday, July 30th. There was a good attendance, although many of our best workers were busily engaged in the harvest field. The following parishes were represented: Hanover, Kincardine, Lucknow, Paisley, Ripley, Pine River, Southampton and Walkerton. The clergy from all these parishes were present, together with the Rev. W. L. Armitage, assistant at the Memorial Church, London, who was on motion given the privileges of the floor. The exercises opened at 11 a.m. with a celebration of the Holy Communion, in which the Revs. Rural Dean Robinson, Franklin and Duthie took part, the rector being celebrant. The service was semi-choral. The Convention assembled at two o'clock under the chairmanship of the Rev. Charles Miles, B.A., rector of the church, who, after prayers, formally welcomed the visitors. The programme included the following papers: 1. "How can we Retain our Young People in the S.S.?" by Mrs. G. M. Franklin, of Ripley. 2. "The Advantages of the Study of Church History," by F. C. Powell, of Kincardine. 3. "The Teacher with His Class," by G. H. Mooney, of Ripley. 4. "The Relation of Parents to the S.S.," prepared by the Supt. of S.S., of Paisley, and read by the Rev. A. P. Moore. During the afternoon Miss Walker rendered Gounod's "Holy City" with fine effect. The business was quickly settled. The invitation to hold the next Convention at Paisley was unanimously accepted. A committee was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-laws and report at next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks to the rector and parishioners of Kincardine was also heartily adopted and a suitable acknowledgment made by the chairman. Evening prayer was said by visiting clergy, the Revs. Messrs. Jennings, Duthie and Moore each taking part, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Rural Dean Robinson from I. Samuel xxviii. 12. As an offertory Miss Macdonald sang "Nazareth," and the offertory realized handsomely over the expenses. The papers presented at this session were: 1. "The Relation of Parents and Teachers," by the Rev. G. M. Franklin, of Ripley. 2. "Some Facts of Indian Teaching," by B. R. Wanless, teacher in the Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste Marie. 3. "The Management of a S.S. Library," by G. Abel, of Kincardine. Interesting discussions followed each paper, and the essay upon the advantages to be gained from the study of Church History will be offered for publication, at the unanimous request of the Convention. Rev. E. C. Jennings is the secretary, having been re-elected to the office. This was one of the best Conventions ever held in connection with Bruce Deanery, and the chief regret expressed was that not more of the S.S. workers were present to enjoy it. The entertainment by the Kincardine friends was most generous, and both hosts and guests will long remember the gathering.

BRANTFORD.—The Rev. Charles W. Hedley, B.A., at present in England, has accepted the curacy of Grace Church, and enters upon his duties the 1st of October.

ALGOMA.

EDWARD SULLIVAN, D.D., BISHOP, SAULT STE. MARIE.

DEANERY OF ALGOMA.—The recent meeting of the chapter of this deanery was held at Thessalon. Present: Rural Dean Renison, the Revs. Seaborne, Ecclestone, Smitheman (secretary), McConnell, Morgan and Mr. J. E. Hand, lay reader. Among the resolutions passed were the following: 1. That the Rural Deanery of Algoma request the bishop to appoint a clergyman to work in the lumber camps in winter, and relieve the clergy in summer as the necessity may require. The missions to pay part of the stipend for such services. 2. That the bishop be requested to obtain for the use of the clergy and Sunday-school teachers a simple and concise history of the Church and Prayer-Book, so that both the teaching and doctrines of our Church may be more fully understood in our Sunday-schools and congregations. 3. That the following be the subjects of discussion at the next meeting of the chapter: 1. How to deal with the unconverted, paper by Mr. Smitheman. 2. Causes of failure in mission work, paper by Mr. McConnell. 3. The deepen-

ing of the spiritual life of individuals, paper by Mr. Ecclestone. Among the notes of progress in this deanery may be placed the enlargement of the Sault Church, the proposed building of a parsonage at Korah (headquarters of the Goulais Bay Mission), the building of a church at Webbwood, the establishment of new stations in connection with the Garden River and St. Joseph's Island Missions.

RUPERT'S LAND.

ROBT. MACHRAY, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP AND PRIMATE.

WINNIPEG.—A meeting of laymen interested in the question of promoting better and more Scriptural methods of supporting the Church than those too often adopted in many parishes in the present day, was held in the Synod office on Monday afternoon, 27th July, to consider how best to bring the matter before the General Synod at its approaching meeting in September. Amongst those present were Messrs. J. N. Brock, H. S. Crotty, E. D. Martin, G. R. Howard, W. P. Sweatman, Jos. Carman, C. Graham, Robert C. Scott, J. Johnston, Geo. A. Simpson and J. R. Sutton. Letters of regret at inability to be present were read from Messrs. W. R. Mulock and E. N. Taylor, while many others were absent owing to business and other reasons. The subject having been fully discussed by those present, a committee of five was appointed to draw up a circular, copies of which will be sent to all the delegates. It was also decided to ask one of the lay delegates from Rupert's Land to introduce a resolution at the meeting of Synod bearing upon the subject. The following is the circular issued by the committee:

DEAR SIR,—A number of the laity of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, feeling that the time has come when an effort should be made to have generally adopted more befitting and proper ways than those now too often resorted to of supporting the services of the Church, if she is to retain her hold upon the people, are of opinion that a recommendation from the General Synod at its approaching meeting, on this important question, is desirable. We believe that no better system can be suggested than that already adopted, with most satisfactory results, in many parishes throughout the land, viz., that of direct giving on the part of the people, proportionately as God has blessed them, as compared with present methods, such as bazaars, teas, and such like, by means of which we believe much valuable time and money are lost to the Church, not to speak of the humiliating position she is made to occupy.

The object aimed at by the circular, which is being sent to all the delegates, both clerical and lay, is to arouse if possible a deeper interest in the consideration of this subject, in the hope that a larger portion of faith in the divine origin of our precious heritage being more generally realized, may be the means of convincing our congregations that to be thoroughly effective as her Lord intended, her people must be more prepared by self-denial to see to it that her work, which is God's work, is not hampered by lack of temporal support; for if it be true that "God's work must be done in God's ways" (I. Cor. xvi. 2, II. Cor. ix. 7), it follows that many of the methods now adopted to raise money for Church purposes can bring no blessing either to their originators or to the particular church they desire to benefit. Until such a state of things exists, and not before, can the Church accomplish her divine mission. As one means to this end, it is suggested that a unanimous effort be made throughout the different dioceses to bring the envelope system into more general use. A resolution bearing on this subject will be introduced by a layman at the coming meeting of the Synod, and it is hoped that having given the subject full consideration you will be prepared to support the same.

Bishop Newham of Moosonee has arrived here from his far northern diocese to attend Church gatherings to be held here and at Regina. The bishop left his episcopal seat, Moose Factory, on James' Bay, to come to Winnipeg on June 23rd, and has been travelling steadily six weeks up till August 8th. He first coasted up to Albany, at the mouth of the Albany River, where Archdeacon Vincent's headquarters are, and together they ascended the river and its lakes to Lac Seul, and so reached the C.P.R. at Wabigoon Station. The voyage along the coast to Fort Churchill is almost impossible for a canoe. The shore is flat and muddy, and the tide runs out for miles. At night, when it would be necessary to camp, the canoe party would have to walk, or wade, through two or three, or perhaps more, miles of mud before they got a spot dry and firm enough to camp on. Even if the Hudson Bay Railway were built, and Bishop Newham wished to get from Moose Factory to Churchill, he would have to come to Winnipeg and go out on the railway. In connection with the Hudson Bay Railway, the bishop says that in a former interview he was made to appear ridiculous by reason of a reporter confusing the bay and the straits. The bay is open for a long period each

year, in fact Archbishop Vincent thinks the centre of the bay may remain open all winter, but the straits are a very different part of the question. When Bishop Newham came out on the Hudson Bay Company's sailing vessel four years ago, in July and August, the ship could not make any headway through the ice pack for days at a time. Ice was continually coming down from the north pole, and for two or three days together the man in the main-top would not be able to see as much open water as would cover the foundation of a house. A steamer would have got through a little more rapidly, but not much, as it was water, not wind, they chiefly lacked. Rivers at Albany and Moose Factory this year broke up on April 21st, but the average date is about May 6th. The work among the Eskimo is progressing slowly but steadily.

COLUMBIA.

WILLIAM W. FERRIN, D.D., BISHOP, VICTORIA.

VICTORIA.—The annual meeting of the Diocesan Synod of British Columbia opened July 21st, in the morning, with special services at the cathedral, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet preaching an able and eloquent sermon. Luncheon was then served to the delegates in attendance, a numerous and thoroughly representative body, by the ladies of all the city churches, and of St. Paul's, Esquimalt, the business session of the synod occupying the afternoon. Rev. J. B. Haslam was elected as clerical, and Mr. E. Baynes Reed as lay secretary, and the executive committee having also been chosen, His Lordship the Bishop, in his address, said: "Since last we met in synod I have been allowed to minister in all the churches of the diocese and to hold an official visitation in all except one; and I have administered the right of confirmation to 103 candidates in the following parishes: Christ Church, St. Saviour's and St. Barnabas, Victoria; St. Alban's, Nanaimo; St. Matthew's, Wellington; St. Luke's, Northfield; St. Peter's, Quamichan; St. Mary's and St. Mark's, Salt Spring Island; St. Philip's, Cedar; All Saints and St. Michael's, Chemainus. This list does not include any confirmations after March 31, 1896.

"I have also consecrated a new cemetery at St. Michael's, Chemainus.

"I was unable to be present at the opening of the new church at Union Mines, but I have since visited the district, and the Rev. J. X. Willemar is for the present able to undertake the services at Union in addition to his work at Comox, but in the near future the need of a resident clergyman is sure to make itself felt. Services have been held regularly by Canon Paddon at Mayne Island, which forms a convenient centre for the neighbouring islands, and there is an immediate prospect of a new church being built in Plumper's Pass upon a beautiful site which has been kindly offered by Mr. Warburton Pike. A lady in England who had collected \$500 for a steam launch is willing that this sum should form a nucleus for the new church, as communication amongst the islands is well provided by steamboats, and with additional sums that have been promised there is a good hope that the church will be built without debt.

"I am also thankful to be able to give a hopeful report of my first visit to the Indian mission at Alert Bay. The Rev. A. J. Hall, whose absence from the synod we all regret to-day, is supported by an efficient body of missionaries, and the work at the Industrial school, under the charge of Mr. Corker, is producing excellent results. The attendance at the services of the church and the extreme reverence of behaviour were most satisfactory. I was able to visit several tribes of neighbouring Indians, and should indeed be thankful if it were possible to enlarge the work by obtaining another missionary for the northern part of the island. Our profound thanks are due to the Church Missionary Society, which for the past 18 years has supplied the funds for this mission.

"During the past six months, on account of the absence of Rev. Canon Good through ill-health in the early part of the year, and of the Rev. C. E. Cooper since March, the time of the Archdeacon has been occupied in taking charge of St. Paul's, Nanaimo, and St. Matthew's, Wellington, so that he has been prevented from doing any itinerating work in the diocese, but very shortly it is hoped that Alberni may be visited, and services commenced.

"The voters' lists show a considerable increase in the number of settlers in Gabriola and Denman islands, which will demand our attention, and the re-opening of the sawmill at Chemainus and the several small settlements scattered in the neighbourhood of Duncan are too great a strain for the clergy engaged in these districts.

"A small beginning has been made by the Rev. C. E. Sharp at Esquimalt, of a club room for the sailors belonging to the royal navy, and as there is a prospect of H. M. ships visiting Comox more frequently for firing practice, a need will arise there for some 'Sailor's Rest.'