

large district, every part of which he visited during the year; he is now engaged in getting up a new church at Matawakumme; a part of his extensive journeys he is able to perform by rail, although it does not touch Moosonee; this enables him to deliver his message at one or two small stations along the line where the Word would not otherwise be heard.

My divinity class is progressing favorably; one of the students will, I trust, be ordained in the early part of the summer; for a time he will be retained at Moose as schoolmaster and Indian pastor; he has not only been taught book-learning, but is proficient likewise in everything needed in missionary life in Moosonee; he is helpless in nothing; he is too, thoroughly dependable, and quite proficient in both the Cree and Ojibbeway languages. I have the support of this class on my own hands, assisted by a grant from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. For several other heavy expenses I am likewise responsible.

I have been able to perform a great deal of translational work of late, and have now ready for the press our prayer book, revised and rewritten; it contains all the services with the exception of the ordinal and state services; my enlarged hymn book is likewise ready for transmission to England; it contains one hundred and fifty hymns, fifty of which I have added to the new addition, all my own translation except three or four. For the completion of this work I greatly rejoice; it will benefit not only the present generation but every succeeding one as well, until the coming of our Lord.

I may add that I could not have so efficiently performed my duties as I have done, had not God been pleased to help me with exceptionally good health; since I last wrote, there has not been a single day in which I have not been equal to them.

Assured of your cordial and active sympathy, believe me my dear Christian friend, your substitute in the Lord,

JOHN MOOSONEE.

### MINNEDOSA, DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

The Rev. Mark Jukes, Incumbent of Minnedosa, writes to us as follows:—

Your readers will doubtless be glad to learn that since your last kind notice of work in this far off corner of Manitoba the little church spoken of as being under construction in Glendale has been so far finished that we are able to make use of it, and hope that as time goes on we shall be able to complete it, promises of help to this end having been already received.

The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated in St. Mark's, Minnedosa, on Sunday, June 26th. There was a large congregation, which was called together for the first time by the sound of a beautifully toned bell, a jubilee gift from the Ladies' Aid Association

in connection with the congregation. A very handsome plated lamp had been also donated for lighting the chancel, which greatly improves the appearance of the church. The service was most hearty and the whole congregation joined in with a will. The ordinary congregation has been steadily improving since the special services held during Lent.

We have been very much cheered this week by the generous gift of \$50 from an unknown friend in Quebec, to whom we are very grateful, toward the reduction of the debt on our parsonage. This I hope will encourage our people to make strenuous efforts in the same direction.

Efforts are being made for the erection of another church about thirteen miles to the south of us, where we are anxious to establish regular services, which are greatly-needed. Will not some reader of the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE come forward and offer himself for the ministry and help to shepherd these scattered sheep of our Church, who are so earnestly longing to have the Gospel preached and the sacraments of our Church regularly administered among them.

### The Society of the Treasury of God.

All communications relating to this Society should be addressed to Rev. C. A. B. Pocock, Commander, R. N., Bellevue Avenue, Toronto.

THE Bishop of Madras, Rt. Rev. Dr. Gell, replying to the secretary's enquiries concerning the example which is being set by the converted heathen of Tinnevely, sent the following memorandum from the Rev. Arthur Margoschis, of Nazareth, South India, which follows well upon the article on "The Example of the Heathen," in our last number. It is also suggestive. It reads as follows:

#### OFFERINGS.

Besides the offertory, offerings given in fulfilment of vows, and other voluntary offerings given to the Church by our native Christians, they have been taught for some years past, the duty of offering first-fruits of every kind, and also to pay tithes, or at least to set apart a fixed portion of their income for God.

The offering of first-fruits is carried on with success in several of the congregations of our district, the custom being carried out as follows: When a paddy (rice) field is harvested and the sheaves are brought to the threshing floor, the paddy is beaten out from the ear, and when the men begin to measure; the first measure of paddy is set apart for the Church. The same custom is observed with other grain, such as sami, cumbu, gram, peas and vavagu. With regard to fruits and vegetables, such as brinjals, chillies, onions, plantains, mangoes, cocoanuts, calabashes, pumpkins, etc., the first fruit which becomes ripe, or the first vegetables ready for consumption, are offered in the Church. No one would think of offering these things for sale or of using them for food before God's portion was