

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondents.)

**REMOVAL.**—The Synod office, which for many years past has occupied rooms on Toronto Street, has been removed to more commodious quarters in the Merchants' Bank Chambers, 15 Wellington Street West. All agitation respecting the erection and purchase of a Synod Hall, which is greatly needed, seems to have ceased, and no effort in this direction is put forth, though the "city of churches" has hundreds of merchant princes well able to take part in such a work and to carry it to a successful issue.

**SEE HOUSE.**—It is a still greater disgrace to the Diocese that a Bishop's residence has not yet been secured. Since Bishop Sweatman entered the Diocese he has been obliged to move several times, and through this he has been greatly inconvenienced. A large sum was subscribed in the city parishes towards the purchase of a See House nearly two years ago, and a special agent to finish the work was appointed, but nothing has been done since. Nearly \$2,000 was promised from eight city parishes after a partial canvass, but although this was reported to the Synod in November, 1881, the matter remains *in statu quo*. His Lordship favours the Low Church element it is evident from all his recent appointments to office: but though the question of a See House was first broached by that party, and the Committee are almost all so-called Evangelicals, they have declined to put their shoulder to the wheel and carry out their original proposition. In the meantime the Synod accounts are saddled with the payment of \$800 annually towards the Bishop's house rent.

**PERSONAL.**—We regret exceedingly to learn that the Rev. John Langtry, of St. Luke's Church, Toronto, is suffering from ill health. He has been ordered South for the remainder of the winter.—It is reported that the Rev. John Farncomb has been offered the Mission of Bobcaygeon. We do not think he is likely to accept the position.—No Curate has as yet been appointed as successor to Mr. Rainsford.

**SYNOD COMMITTEES.**—The various committees, embracing Executive, Clergy Fund, Widows' and Orphans, Divinity Students', Mission Fund, General Purposes, Audit and Sunday School, transacted business generally of a routine character at their late meetings. The attendance of members was not quite so large as usual, owing to the snow blockade on the various railroad lines. The meeting occurring at the very beginning of Lent was rather awkward, and no doubt this kept some clergy away who had arranged for daily services in their parishes.

**LENTEN SERVICES.**—It would be helpful if the Bishops of the various Dioceses issued a Lenten Pastoral each year, informing the people how the season should be observed, and pointing out suitable objects for their charity. Lent is being well observed throughout Toronto Diocese, special services being the rule in almost all the city, town and village parishes.

**IN MEMORIAM.**—Your correspondent has just been informed that shortly after Mr. Avant's death a memorial service was held in the *Methodist* Chapel at Bobcaygeon, Mr. Emsley, the minister in charge, alluding to his loss. The *Independent*, in reporting the occurrence, says:—"The reverend gentleman delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon, and expressed the feeling of sympathy held by the Methodists for their Christian brethren of the English Church in the recent loss of their Pastor. The good Christian spirit shown in the action of the Rev. Mr. Emsley will undoubtedly have its effect in lessening that undesirable friction which exists among the different churches, and in encouraging that respect which all should have for the religious opinions of their fellows, no matter how much those opinions may differ from their own."

**TEMPERANCE LECTURE.**—Rev. Mr. Clark, the

talented and able Curate recently appointed at St. George's, Toronto, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on temperance in the school-room of that church the other evening. The attendance was small, but appreciative.

**CONCERTS.**—The Young People's Association of the Church of the Redeemer gives concerts every fortnight during the winter. A small admission fee is charged only on alternate nights. At the last concert over 400 persons were present.

A costume concert, quite a novelty in its way, was recently held in St. George's school-house. All the performers appeared in costumes illustrative of their songs. The special feature of the entertainment was Miss Hillary's song, "Auld Robin Gray." The chorus consisted of thirty voices.

**THE SISTERHOOD.**—The proposed Sisterhood to be established in Toronto makes some progress, and the promoters of it are sanguine of ultimate success. Already nearly \$10,000 has been subscribed in Canada, and a circular has been issued by an English committee soliciting subscriptions from devout Church people in England. It is expected that \$25,000 will be amply sufficient for an endowment, and one-third of this amount is asked towards this object in England. The work has the sanction of our Bishop and the support of the Metropolitan of Canada. The sisters are to undertake mission work among the poor, nursing, and the establishment and management of an infirmary and convalescent home, and of houses of refuge for fallen women. Two ladies, one of whom is to be the Superior of the new community, are now in training at St. Mary's Sisterhood in New York. Their novitiate will last two years, so there is ample time to complete the work of collecting a sufficient sum to start the establishment without fear of debt or mendicancy. The title of the community is to be the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine. Recently Dr. Mockridge, of Hamilton, preached on "Woman's Work," alluding to the project, and asking the support of the audience (who assembled at St. George's, Toronto) in favour of the Sisterhood. His text was S. Mark xiv 8.

## Province of Rupert's Land.

*Including the Dioceses of Rupert's Land  
Saskatchewan, Moosonee & Athabasca.*

## DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

**DEPUTATION TO RAPID CITY.**—At the request of the Board of Home Missions the Lord Bishop appointed a deputation to visit Rapid City, which Mission was vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. P. Sargent. The deputation, consisting of Rev. Canon O'Meara, of St. John's College, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, and H. S. Crolly, Esq., left on Friday morning, and took the cars to Brandon. From Brandon they drove to Rapid City by stage, 22 miles. The weather was very cold, and the ride over the bleak prairie without shelter was not a very pleasant one. Arriving at Rapid City at 6.30 p. m., they proceeded to the church, but only a few being present, it was decided to adjourn the proposed meeting until Sunday night. The clerical members of the deputation were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay is a son of the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Montreal, and his wife is the daughter of the Rev. Geo. Merrick, of Adamsville. The next day the deputation visited all the Church people in the village. Rapid City is a collection of a few houses very pleasantly situated on the banks of the Little Saskatchewan, with sloping banks on each side of the river. From want of railway communication it is now suffering, as the grain has to be teamed so far that the profits are all eaten up. The Portage & Westbourne R. R. will come next summer within 8 miles, and it is hoped that the Souris and Rocky Mountain R. R. will pass through it. In that case Rapid City will become an important point, as the land is exceptionally good. On Sunday Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath preached in the morning and administered Holy Communion, and in the evening the little church, which seats about 70, was comfortably filled. The Rev. Canon O'Meara preached, and after a hearty

service the deputation requested a conference with the congregation.

The Bishop's warrant under his hand and seal was then read, and the congregation were asked to state whether they desired a continuance of the services, and if so, how much they could guarantee, and to consider the method of raising the amount. The meeting unanimously decided that they wished the services, and agreed to raise \$200 in Rapid City, and \$100 from the out districts. The deputation then explained the envelope system, and at their suggestion the matter was at once put to the test and \$200 were immediately subscribed. The deputation further urged the necessity of providing a house. One member of the congregation offered a lot, and the feeling seemed to be that a house would be provided if a suitable clergyman could be obtained. We have since heard that the subscription list has been increased, and that the Souris and the Rocky Mountain R. R. intend building through the town next summer. If so, an active clergyman would find this a good point. There is a grant from the S. P. G. of £100.

**MINNEDOSA.**—Rev. Canon O'Meara visited Minnedosa on the next Sunday. It is distant 20 miles from Rapid City. He describes the road as passing through a beautiful rolling country, and was much pleased with the situation of the place. It is on the main line of the Portage and North-Western, which report says is really under the control of the Grand Trunk, and will run through to the Pacific coast, forming another Trunk Line. There was a congregation of 50, and the Service was hearty. Rev. Mark Jukes is the Missionary in charge.

**BRANDON.**—There is in this town a very pretty church, with weekly communion and a good service. Rev. J. Boydell is the Rector. Brandon is beautifully situated, on ground which slopes down to the Assiniboine, and is rapidly becoming a large and influential centre. Mr. Boydell is also Inspector of Schools.

CONSTANT applications are made from settlers in Manitoba for services and assistance in building churches, Carberry, Greenfield, Moose Jaw, Qu'Appelle, Crystal City, Charwater, and many other small points are importuning for services. These places are small, but there are scattered families of English Church people, and some of them will grow rapidly. The Bishop and Mission Board are at a loss to find the men and means for Manitoba now. At the end of this season the wants will be tenfold greater. And yet the Church in Canada fails to see the magnitude of the interests here, or to cease from party strife long enough to unite in a vigorous effort to follow up the settlers in the North-West with the Church they love. The \$4,000.00 a year promised has dwindled down to less than half. An hour or two spent with the Bishop or the Mission Board would convince the most sceptical of the great needs of the Church.

**WINNIPEG.**—The new ecclesiastical district mentioned some time ago in our columns, has been set apart by the Bishop with the consent of the Rectors and Wardens of Holy Trinity and Christ Church. It embraces a part of Holy Trinity, beginning at Notre Dame St. along Gertie St. to Alexander, then proceeds north one block to Prairie St., then along Prairie St. in Christ Church Parish to the C. P. Railway. The western boundary is McPhillip's St. The district will be known as St. George's Parish, and a mission will be at once started by the clergy of the Cathedral.

**ROUNTHWAIT AND MILFORD.**—The Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham recently visited these Missions, which are situated about 28 miles from Brandon. The Rev. F. C. Rounthwaite and his brother have recently settled at the first-mentioned place, which takes its name from them. The Rev. Mr. Rounthwaite was recently Head Master of Wilton Grammar School, in Cheshire, England, and came out to this country to farm. The Mission Board has made an arrangement with him to take services at the two points, devoting a portion of his time to ministerial work.