

needs of the case demanded. This circular came into the hands of the Hon. and Rev. Canon Anson, then rector of Woolwich, a parish with 15,000 souls, in the spring of 1883. Learning from this the great need there seemed to be for men, and the impossibility of obtaining means sufficient for their maintenance, he offered himself to the Bishop of Rupert's Land as an unpaid worker for any part he might specially desire to fill, and further he offered to endeavor to enlist others for the same work. Before attempting, however, to raise money and enlist other workers, he determined to visit the district and see for himself the character of the work needed. He travelled through the country in the fall of 1883, and visited Moosomin, Broadview, Qu'Appelle Fort and Station, and Regina. The growth of the country since the railway had entered it, only a few months previously, seemed to be a most fabulous. He returned to England, and by the account he was able to give of what he had seen and the probable future extension of population in the country, he succeeded in enlisting three other clergymen, and two laymen, who all offered to come without stipend, simply for the payment of the necessary expenses of the work in which they were to be engaged; and he also raised £2,500, and about £400 a year in subscription for five years, besides grants from S. P. G. and S. P. C. K. Societies for carrying on the work.

In the meantime the Provincial Synod at Winnipeg had determined that Assiniboia should be made a separate Diocese, and the Archbishop of Canterbury was asked to appoint a Bishop. The Archbishop offered the Bishopric to Canon Anson, who accepted it after much hesitation, only in order that he might devote the income that it was necessary should be secured for the See, to the maintenance of more clergy, and himself work on the same terms on which he had at first offered himself to the Bishop of Rupert's Land, and on which he had been asking others to join him. In consequence of the delay caused by the preparations for the consecration, the Bishop was unable to leave England until the beginning of July. Not wishing to let a large portion of the summer slip by without work being done, the Bishop asked the Rev. W. W. Bolton, one of the clergymen who had volunteered his services, to go out before him. Mr. Bolton worked with great energy during the six weeks that he was here before the arrival of the Bishop, travelling to almost all parts of the Diocese. The Rev. J. W. Gregory and two laymen arrived with the Bishop at Regina on July 25th, when special services were held. Immediately after his arrival, the Bishop placed Mr. Bolton with a layman at Moosomin, and Mr. Gregory and a layman at Qu'Appelle Station. The Rev. D. Lewis had been appointed to Qu'Appelle Fort in December, 1883. Later in the same year the Rev. F. W. Pelly and the Rev. H. Tudor arrived. The former came as principal of the college that was to be built, but as the erection of the building was delayed owing to the want of funds, Mr. Pelly was appointed to a district of which Broadview was made the centre. The latter was appointed to Medicine Hat, with district extending to Maple Creek. In 1885 the Rev. A. W. Cooper, the Rev. W. St. John Field, and Mr. W. E. Brown were added to the staff of the district. Mr. Brown was ordained Deacon soon after his arrival, together with Mr. Agassiz and Mr. Lyon, on Trinity Sunday. The Moose Mountain and the Montreal, Saskatchewan and York Colonies, all of which had previously been under Mr. Bolton, were made separate districts. A further addition was made to the staff by the arrival in the autumn of Mr. W. Nicoll, of St. John's, Winnipeg, who was ordained Deacon just before Christmas at Moosomin. During the year also eight churches, with 850 sittings, were built in the diocese, at a cost of about £2,650, only £450 of which was contributed from grants of societies from England, and half of this was on loan. With the exception of these loans, in no case exceeding \$200, all these churches are free of debt. These churches are situated at Moose Mountain, Moosomin, Kinbrae, Grenfell, Qu'Appelle Fort (stone), Qu'Appelle Station, St. Cloud (South of Indian Head), and Medicine Hat, small houses for the clergy were also built at Moosomin and Medicine Hat, and one was pur-

chased at Moose Jaw. Two large donations of £1,500 (anonymous) and £1,000, besides other smaller contributions, enabled the Bishop to purchase a section of land near Qu'Appelle Station, and to erect upon it a large building for the purpose of an Agricultural and Theological College. This building was opened at the end of October. Since then the same generous anonymous benefactor has given another £1,500 for the erection of a school, which has been built close to the farm house with a chapel between.

At the Synod held this year the Bishop was able to announce that the returns of the clergy showed that services were held at 51 stations, and that there were over 600 communicants. Mr. Bolton and Mr. Pelly have unfortunately both been obliged to leave on account of ill-health, but there are now thirteen clergymen and four laymen readers working in the diocese. Six more churches are being built this year at Fairmeade, (S. W. of Moosomin), Wapella, Ketapawa, Touchwood Post, Abernethy and Fort Pelly. At the latter place a very successful school has been commenced by the Rev. Shafto Agassiz, for the Indians on the Keys reserve. At Touchwood Hills at the old C. M. S. mission on Gordon's reserve, Mr. Owen Owens is also conducting an excellent school. At both places there are 25 children in attendance.

The number of members of the Church of England, according to the census return last year, was 5,722, this being slightly the largest religious body in Assiniboia.

Few dioceses, we believe, have had more bestowed upon them by the generosity of outsiders, or have had a fairer start. It now remains for church people in the country itself to show their appreciation of the liberal manner in which they have been helped, by doing all they possibly can for themselves, in the maintenance of what has already been commenced and further developing the work.

FAIRMEADE.—The Bishop has consecrated the Church of St. Barnabas here. A church will shortly be consecrated at Gleichen.

No principal has yet been found for the Boys' School at Qu'Appelle.

A chancel has been added to St. Peter's Cathedral, Qu'Appelle, increasing the accommodation to 150, and greatly improving the appearance of the Church.

FOREIGN.

The Leeds Triennial Musical Festival brought in £10,501, £1,950 of which will be divided among the hospitals and dispensaries of the city.

Confirmations were held in the nave of Lincoln Cathedral lately, for the first time. The service was said to be one of the most remarkable ever held there.

The Bishop of London has become a patron of the City of London School Music.

Sir R. Wallace has given £10,000 toward the new English Church in the Rue des Bassins, Paris, the successor of the Marboeuf chapel.

Baron de Burckheim, an English Churchman, has initiated a very interesting and useful mission work among the cabmen, carmen and grooms of Paris.

The site for a church to cost £8,000, has been generously given by the warden and fellows of all Souls' College, Oxford, in College Park, Bethnal Green.

Miss Eason, of Gurdon, has given £1,000 and a site for a new church in Parkgate, Darlington, and the Bishop of Durham has made a conditional promise of £700 toward the same object.

The number confirmees in the Dioceses of Dublin, Glendalough and Kildare during the autumn, is eight hundred and sixty-two.

The Nonconformist states that the Rev. W. H. Stent, an Independent minister at Weymouth, has gone over to the Church of England, and will shortly be ordained by the Bishop of Salisbury.

The figures of the religious census of London show that on the Sunday of enumeration, the attendance at the Church of England places of worship outnumbered that at all Dissenting Chapels by from 80,000 to 100,000.

The late Alderman Thomas Rose has bequeathed £22,000 to Manchester charities, including £10,000 to the Royal Infirmary, £5,000 to the Salford Hospital, £2,000 to St. Mary's Hospital for women, and £1,000 each to the Eye Hospital, Lock Hospital and Clinical Hospital.

On November 18th the Bishop of Rochester consecrated the new church of St. Stephen's, Battersea. This is the last but one of the number needed to complete the Bishop's "Ten Churches." The Sunday school children are collecting the money for the stained east window.

That famous old Church of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, has just been re-opened for divine service, after having been closed three months for alterations and repairs. It has been entirely redecorated, a new stained-glass east window has been inserted, and the organ almost rebuilt.

By direction of the Archbishop of Canterbury a visitation of all the parish churches in Canterbury is now being carried on by the rural deans. A long list of queries, drawn up by the committee, has been placed in the hands of the rural deans, who make their visitations and enquiries in the presence of the incumbent and churchwardens.

The London *Echo* states that Mr. J. M. Fox, who was formerly minister of the "Free Church of England," at Teddington, has seceded from that body, and is about to be ordained by the Bishop of Rochester.

The Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for waifs and strays is prosecuting a wonderful work in the great metropolis. Although it is less than six years ago since it was established, there are at the present time six hundred and fifty orphan, destitute and out-cast children under its care, either in its own homes, boarded out under proper supervision, or placed in affiliated homes.

At a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter of Edinburgh, held in November, it was decided that, in order to mark the seventh year of the cathedral existence and work, a daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist should be commenced with Advent. Hitherto, there have been celebrations on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with two on all holy days.

At the Lichfield Diocesan Conference, Prebendary Grier remarked that "We had had a flint age, an iron age, and a brass age, and this seemed to be a wooden age." He added that "the claims upon the clergy were increasing, and a parson was expected to know everything, to do everything, and to be everything—an eloquent preacher, a convincing controversialist, a learned theologian, a perfect organizer, a successful catechist, a ready debater, a good man of business, a diligent visitor, a lively conversationalist, a skillful hand at lawn-tennis, and a finished beggar."

Miss Thompson, daughter of the Archbishop of York, on Saturday week laid the foundation-stone of parochial rooms, to be erected in the Newhall district of Sheffield, at a cost of £2,000. The Archbishop of York at the re-opening of St. Jude's, Eldon, Sheffield, which has been re-seated, and has received a new pulpit and porch, said that there was a great deal of generosity in Sheffield. It raised last year by the church collections and subscriptions for good and godly purposes nearly £30,000, or nearly the interest on a million of money.

Forty-eight years ago, a notorious prize-fighter in Liverpool, was converted to God. "Ned Sunners," the champion, became the cabman's missionary and soon earned the title of the "Cabman's Bishop." His figure was massive, his face beaming with love and pity, his heart overflowing with compassion for all who needed it. During nearly half a century he laboured with abundant success, and won the respect of all men. A few days ago he was found dead, kneeling at his bedside, his hands clasped in prayer. When "Happy Ned," as he was called, was laid in the grave, the Bishop of Liverpool, and all the clergy and ministers of the city attended the funeral, while thousands of wealthy citizens, 150 cabmen, with their vehicles, and 150,000 persons attempted to join the procession.

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