

come was almost too much for a tired man. But he enjoyed it. He entered keenly, in fact enthusiastically, into all the special church functions that were then going on at Armagh. He felt it was good for him to be there; and, in his touchingly beautiful sermon, which you printed in your last issue, it seemed as if a foretaste of that unseen land, to which he was so soon to come, had been given to him. One thing that struck me in particular was the great stress which he laid on some of the church movements of the day. Surely the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew should feel themselves strengthened and encouraged from the fact that this saintly clear-sighted man—the Patriarch, so to speak, of the great Anglican communion—regarded the work of the Brotherhood as one of the great movements of the time. The whole sermon so charmed and captivated me, that I felt I must call the attention of those who have not yet read it, to its powerful utterances, so full of hope for the future of our beloved church.

With many apologies for trespassing on your space, I am, yours etc.,

A Member of St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Dear Mr. Editor:

My attention was drawn by Anglo-Saxon in your issue of the 21st ult., to the letter of "Cantab" in the previous number. There is a man in this diocese who passed the Cambridge Local Exams in England, and is accustomed to sign his letters with that *nom de plume*; thus showing how well he appreciates the distinction. And there are other irregularities in connection with a university education which will no doubt pass away as our young province settles down in the maturity gotten of time. Until the last few years no stringent rule existed in the Manitoba University in regard to the hood to be worn by graduates, consequently many of our clergy adopted the Cambridge hood without practising any deception whatever; for our country parishioners know full well the university to which their clergyman belongs.

I, for my part, should be very sorry to see the college and university hoods banished from the church. Nay, I feel that there is not sufficient distinction made in this diocese between graduates and non-graduates. After a man with patient perseverance has plodded through a long course of study to make himself the better fitted for his life's work, and shown that he has the ability to achieve success, he is entitled, in my mind, to some recognition. This must be conceded by the non-graduates themselves; except the few who have neither the brains nor the patience to obtain an education. I hope the time is not far distant when no one will be received as a candidate for Holy Orders who does not possess a university degree. Our church has long stood, and ever will stand the standard bearer of truth and

knowledge. Wherever a traveller may go in this province he will find many of our churches occupied by a priest whose Gospel message is weighted by the authority of learning as indicated by the hood of some University or Theological College. Long may our church be defended from those who would remove this symbol of authority is the prayer of

Yours Sincerely,

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## NEWS FROM WESTERN DIOCESES

### ST. GEORGE'S, WINNIPEG

The third annual anniversary of the formation of St. George's church Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, was the occasion of a successful social held in the school house last night. The president, Mr. J. T. Williams, presided, and the past presidents of the society each spoke briefly and hopefully of the future of the society. The pastor spoke of the good work and helpfulness of the C. E. young people to the church, and Mr. A. E. Scott, president of the local union, also spoke briefly. The programming in detail was as follows: Violin solo, Mr. W. Clift; song, Miss Jaynes; song, Miss McGregor; song, Mrs. Knox; song, Mr. Knox; song, Miss Clara LeCapellain; song, Miss Sampson; song, Miss Livingston; accompanist, Miss Maud Cross. Refreshments were served.

### SIoux MISSION, OAK LAKE.

The above mission was visited lately by the Rev. Canon Rodgers and Miss Montazambert, who made a careful inspection both as regards school and church work and the general condition of the Indians, and it is very gratifying to know, both were highly pleased to find the mission in so flourishing a condition, the material as well as the spiritual wants of its members having been carefully attended to.

Much credit is due to the Rev. W. Robertson, whose indefatigable labors amongst the Indians has produced such a favorable state of things, the services being at all times well attended, and the school much more appreciated now than in the past. Another good result springing from his work, is his purchase of furniture by the Indians, thereby adding to the comfort of their homes.

This year has also seen a marked improvement in agricultural pursuits as compared with last and former years, for example, 7,000 bu. of grain grown in 1895, while this year over 20,000 were raised. They have also purchased the following implements: 5 new binders, 7 sets new harness, 4 new plows, 3 new wagons, all of which are paid for, except \$50, owing on one binder.

The farm instructor, Mr. Joynt, is to be congratulated on so good a result. He has certainly worked hard among his dusky friends, who are much

attached to him, and not slow to appreciate his great services to them. Much regret is expressed by them at his anticipated resignation, and it is sincerely to be hoped that so unfortunate a step may be avoided.

When it is remembered how unsatisfactory was the state of things in this mission prior to the appointment of Mr. Robertson, there is room for much thankfulness for the success that has attended his energetic labors in the past, and trust that still greater success may reward him in the future.

### HOLY TRINITY, WINNIPEG

The 21st anniversary of the opening of Holy Trinity church in this city was observed by the rector and congregation yesterday. A sermon relative to the occasion was preached at the morning service by the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin. He took his text from Jeremiah, chapter 13, verse 20, "Where is the flock that was given thee; thy beautiful flock?"

"The church has had many beautiful anniversaries" said the preacher "but the present is the most interesting of them all. The 21st is a significant number; at that year of their existence men reach the beginning of a new era, and it means much to them. When a clergyman has had the privilege of ministering to the one congregation for twenty-one years, he should call special attention to the fact. As I look back over that period of time, I ask myself many questions, but none are more suggestive than the text. In 1875 I accepted the rectorship of Holy Trinity church, and what has been the result of my work? Popularity is not always a true gauge of a man's work, and the lack of it should not be set to his discredit. The Lord has said: 'Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you.' My aim has been to preach Christ and Him crucified. I might have been preaching science, sociology, politics, etc., but I was not ordained for that, and it is the Word of God that the flock needs.

"Where is the flock?"

"Some of them are in the far north preaching to the Indians and Esquimaux. Others are laboring in the Indian schools in the east and west. Others are among the people of the towns and villages as far west as the Pacific coast. There is scarcely a settlement along the line of the C. P. R. west that does not contain some of the former members of this congregation. Nor should we forget the faithful departed who have gone to join the church triumphant above. But if large numbers have gone, a large number can still be pointed to that is being shepherded within the walls of this church. It is a large and beautiful flock; beautiful in the sense of its good works, and if measured by that standard, what should be said of his flock? On an occasion of this kind, the rector might be permitted to view the various channels of Christian activity within his church. Holy Trinity is in the very fore front of Christian works. The Sunday