

tion in this parish. It would greatly strengthen the hands and facilitate the working of the Parish by its indefatigable rector, but the debt has first to be removed. However it is to be hoped that the rectory will be the next effort. The church is tastefully fitted up internally and though externally it is not all that the church people in this growing town would like it should answer for some time. It is likely that a mission room may soon be established in a part of the town needing it. This parish has suffered grievously from the death or departure from the city of leading members. One of the oldest and most helpful members of the church, Mr. Parker, died just before the visit of the Archbishop.

On the 16th the Archbishop consecrated the new church at Melita. This is the 5th church he has consecrated since his return from England in June. Of these Souris has been built for two or three years, but the churches at Florenta, Neepawa and Woodlands had been built within the past year—all of course are free of debt.

They are all neat buildings the churches at Souris and Neepawa being large stone and brick buildings. There were good congregations during the day at Melita. At the afternoon service eight were confirmed four males and four females of whom six were adults.

The services of the Rev. E. A. Davis seem very much appreciated. The Archbishop was kindly entertained by Mr. Campbell.

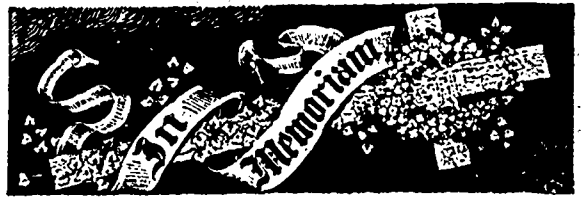
On Friday Oct. 21st the Archbishop visited Treherne and was a guest in Mr. Goulding's hospitable home for five days. Owing to the broken weather he was afraid to drive across the country again and, as no suitable freight train came after Sunday, he had to return by the Tuesday train. The rain kept off on Sunday, and the congregations were good; still they were seriously affected by the roads and the threatening weather. Four candidates two males and two females were confirmed at the morning service at Treherne, and 9, of whom 4 were males, and five females, at Rathwell. There was also an evening service at Treherne, at which the Archbishop preached. There is a good Sunday school at Rathwell but there are only a few children in the church families at Treherne so that the Sunday school is small. There is no debt on the church here. A great need in this mission is a sufficient parsonage; but apparently, though Mr. Goulding seems to have the regard and kind feeling of both congregations, it will be difficult to get the two to combine in one effort in either town. There was unfortunately rather a long vacancy after the late incumbent resigned owing to bad health and the mission was in a weak state. Mr. Goulding by constant visiting has pulled it well together but he has had heavy work. The other out-stations were doing satisfactorily.

On Sunday October 30th the Archbishop consecrated another new church at Cartwright a very tasteful stone church with furnace. In the afternoon he held a confirmation service when 11 were confirmed 5 males and 6 females all under 21. The Archbishop preached again in

the evening. He was very kindly entertained during his stay at Cartwright as on former occasion by Mr. Laughlin. The erection of this very tasteful church free of debt is very creditable to this parish, for though it is improving it is still weak not so much in members as in the means of the people. It is a pretty hard struggle to maintain the mission.

All the churches that have been mentioned have been aided by grants from the S. P. C. K. a society that has given invaluable aid in the building of churches in this diocese. The churches at Neepawa, Melita and Cartwright also had helpful grants from the S. P. G. out of the Marrott Bequest.

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It was a great blow to us to receive on Saturday, Nov. 12, the sad news of the death, by drowning, of our erstwhile pupil, dear little Norman Springate. Brimming over with life and spirits, full of merriment and withal most affectionate, Norman was loved by all who knew him. For several years he had been one of the Christ Church choir boys. He was only 11 years and seven months old. Only the other day, the Principal of the School he attended sent in an excellent report of his abilities and conduct. The body was not recovered till Sunday afternoon. On Monday the last rites of the church, sad yet comforting, were said over the mortal remains of the little dead chorister, whose body vested in cassock and surplice, as when he led the choir into church, lay peacefully in its white coffin, covered with lovely flowers tokens of affectionate regard. During the morning, the Rector and Curate of Christ Church went to Mr. Springate's home and conducted a short service with the family. At 2.30 p.m., the funeral procession left for Christ Church, where it was met at the west door by the Rector and choir—vested.

The opening sentences of the burial office were solemnly recited! and on the coffin being placed in the chancel; just opposite the place where the little fellow used to sit every Sunday, the choir sang the 90th Psalm. The Rector read the lesson, and then, after singing the beautiful hymn—"On the Resurrection Morning" (499 H.A. & M.),—the long procession of white-robed choristers and sorrowing relatives left the church for St. John's churchyard. While the choir stood around the open grave, the solemn committal was performed by The Rev. S. G. Chambers, curate and precentor of Christ Church, and the hymn—"Christ will gather in his own" was sung, after which the large crowd of sympathetic followers dispersed to their homes. During the time the service was taking place in Christ Church, the church was filled with members of the congregation and friends of the bereaved family.