

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own correspondents.)

THREE RIVERS.—The Rev. E. C. Parkin has been holding fortnightly services at Riviere du Loup and St. Leon Springs. The services at the Springs have been much appreciated, many feeling the advantage of having some religious influence cast upon the waters of busy life at a summer resort for invalids. Some of our American brethren have kindly referred to these services in an American periodical with words of gratitude.

SHERBROOKE—St. Peter's Church.—A special meeting of this Church was held in the Church Hall, on Monday, 4th inst., for the purpose of taking action respecting the resignation of the Rector, the Rev. C. P. Reid, and to elect a board of concurrence to receive nominations by the Bishop of the Diocese to the vacant Rectorship. A fair number were in attendance, and organized by the appointment of Mr. Robert N. Hall as Chairman, and Mr. Wm. Farwell as Secretary.

The Secretary read a letter from the Bishop to the Wardens, informing them that the Rector had tendered his resignation which he had accepted, and requesting them to call a meeting of the congregation to elect a board of concurrence. On motion by R. W. Heneker, seconded by Lt. Col. Bowen, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, "That we, members of the congregation of St. Peter's Church, have received with deep emotion the intelligence that our beloved pastor, the Rev. Dr. Reid, has felt constrained to place his resignation as Rector of this Church and Parish in the hands of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. We appreciate thoroughly the motives which have influenced him in his desire to be relieved from the great responsibility necessarily attendant on the ministrations of the Church in a city growing so rapidly as Sherbrooke, and although we have his assurance that he intends still to live amongst us and to render aid in whatever way his services may prove acceptable to his successor and beneficial to the people, yet we cannot but feel that it is the severance of a tie of more than twenty-eight years striding, a tie formed by continued and constant care and service on his part, and of loving trust and affection on the part of the congregation. During this time the middle aged have grown old, the young middle aged, and whilst numbers have been born and brought into the Church by Holy Baptism, not a few have been consoled by Dr. Reid's tender and Christian ministrations. Our only hope is that in his retirement from the active work of the Christian ministry, he may find a foretaste of that rest which can be only completely realized in the eternal Kingdom of our Father. His name will always remain and be esteemed in Sherbrooke as a standard of Christian life, an example to be followed by both clergy and people.

"We desire now to record our sense of his great services and devotion during the whole of his ministry amongst us."

The Rev. Dr. Reid, who was present, was greatly affected during the reading of the resolution, and in thanking the meeting for this expression of their feelings, he said he had always endeavored to do his duty to the best of his ability, and he hoped his ministry here in Sherbrooke had been productive of some good results. He assured the meeting of his continued warm sympathy with his congregation, and hoped a successor would be secured who would give general satisfaction and advance the work of the Church in this city.

Remarks were made by Mr. L. E. Morris and others, after which, on motion, the salary of the new Rector was fixed, and a board of concurrence elected, consisting of the following gentlemen, viz: Lt. Col. Bowen, R. N. Hall, R. D. Morkill, H. D. Lawrence, R. W. Heneker, E. T. Brooks, R. D. Morkill, Jr., L. E. Morris, and Wm. Farwell.

The question of altering the system of leasing pews, and leasing sittings instead, was brought up for consideration, but it was ruled that this meeting had not the authority to deal with this question.

After the benediction the meeting adjourned.

Province of Rupert's Land.

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

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN MISSION BOARD.—A meeting of the Mission Board was held in Winnipeg on the 31st August. Present—The Metropolitan in the chair; Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham, Secretary; Revs. Rural Dean Fortin, Canon Matheson, S. Pritchard, E. S. W. Pentreath, A. E. Cowley; Hon. Sheriff Inkster, Hon. W. Tait; Messrs. W. Leggo, Howell, Whitchee, and Murdock. The Committee appointed last meeting reported as follows:—

"My Lord and Gentlemen:

"Your Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the question of providing means for building parsonages for new settlements beg leave to recommend:—

"1. That a fund for the building of churches and parsonages be raised, amounting to \$100,000, to be called 'The Bishop Machray Building Fund.'

"2. That subscriptions to this fund be made in four equal annual payments, extending over a period of four years, the first payment to be made within a month after signature.

"3. That all monies contributed to this fund be administered by the Diocesan Mission Board, who shall have power to make loans on real estate, mortgage for the building of churches and parsonages, on such terms as to the said trustees may seem desirable.

"4. Besides contributions it is recommended that gifts of land be secured when possible.

"On behalf of the Committee,

"W. CYPRIAN PINKHAM,

"*Convener.*

"Winnipeg, Aug. 30th, 1882."

The consideration of the report was deferred for one week. Letters were read from the Secretaries of the C. M. S. and S. P. G., and various other clergymen. On motion of the Archdeacon, seconded by Rev. Mr. Pritchard, the Rev. J. J. Morton was recommended for appointment to Birtle. On motion of Rural Dean Fortin, seconded by Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, the Rev. C. A. Gollmer, of England, was recommended for appointment to Minnedosa, and the Rev. P. T. Rowe to Regina, the contemplated capital of the new Province. A new grant from the S. P. G. of £100 for 1882 and the same for 1883 was given to this latter place. The announcement of the receipt of \$400 from the Diocese of Quebec, making \$1000 for this year from that Diocese for our missions, was received with expressions of surprise and gratitude. The Missionary Diocese of Quebec deserves the thanks of the Church for her generosity. *O si sic omnes!* The meeting adjourned for one week. At a previous meeting of the Executive Committee the sum of £200 sterling was given from the S. P. C. K. block grant in aid of the building of churches towards the new church in Brandon. The Rev. Jas. Boyden expects to have it opened in a month.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. W. Hinde, of Huron, the Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, and Rev. J. P. Lewis, of Grace Church, Toronto, have returned from their Western trip and are now in the city.

CANONS ON RURAL DEANERIES.—(CONTINUED.)

VI.—On Rural Deanery Chapters.

On the determining of the bounds of a Rural Deanery by the Bishop the clergy within the district holding the license of the Bishop shall form the Rural Deanery Chapter.

The Bishop may from time to time alter the limits of a Rural Deanery.

The Cathedral of St. John's shall form a separate Deanery under its Dean and may have attached to it as a Deanery such parishes or missions as are worked by the Cathedral or Cathedral Mission as the Bishop may think proper.

The Chapter shall be called by the Rural Dean at pleasure or at the written request of a majority of the members of the Chapter.

It shall be the duty of the Chapter:

(a) To consider questions submitted to it by the Bishop:

(b) To consult generally for the spiritual benefit of the Rural Deanery and for the interest of the Church in it;

(c) To have all new settlements within its limits visited, and information obtained respecting Church families or individual churchmen, and as far as possible to arrange for a supply of services and to see to the formation of Sunday School associations from time to time, in any district where there is no missionary, and to report through the rural dean to the mission board on all such subjects.

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(d) To consider questions submitted by the Rural Dean, and to arrange for assisting him in any visits to the parishes or missions in connection with Synod assessments or other object.

(e) To consider what would be of advantage to be brought before a Rural Deanery meeting;

(f) To assist in carrying out the wishes of the Synod, and especially in securing throughout the Rural Deanery the efficient working of the arrangements for the Mission Fund;

(g) To form a Rural Deanery Library for books of reference for the clergy.

VII.—On Rural Deanery Meetings.

In any Rural Deanery the following persons may be called together by the Rural Dean with the Rural Deanery Chapter, and shall form a body called the Rural Deanery Meeting:

All clergy in the Rural Deanery, holding the license of his bishop, the church wardens, and the lay representatives of any parish or mission within the Rural Deanery, all lay readers holding the license of the bishop, and residing or officiating regularly in any parish or mission in the Rural Deanery; and any other clergy or laity specially invited before such meeting, by a vote of the Rural Deanery Chapter.

The Rural Deanery Meeting shall be presided over by the Rural Dean, or in his absence by one of the Rural Deanery elected by the meeting.

Their duty shall be to consider any questions submitted to them by the Bishop, Archdeacon, Mission Board, or Rural Deanery Chapter; or any questions proposed by any of themselves and generally to consult for the spiritual welfare of the district or the interests of the Church.

The Rural Dean shall have the power of suspending or dissolving the meeting at his pleasure.

There may be combined meetings of the Rural Deanery meetings in an Archdeaconry at the request of the Bishop or Archdeacon, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

MR. CROMPTON'S REPORT.—(Continued.)

"Only last week a neighbour of ours about four miles away, wished to have a steer calf of my sons. The bargain was made. I do not know in exactly what proportions; I only know that *five turkeys* formed the chief part of the payment. This country needs an outlet for its productions, and then there may be some hope for us; but even then the settlers will require from five to seven years to place themselves upon such a footing for necessities as will make them feel safe.

"But not only have I my *home* experience, but I have the knowledge of a parson who travels over and visits, more or less, some 2,000 square miles of this country, going from shanty to shanty, and at their own stove-sides (we have no fire-places) hearing and seeing the daily life of the settlers.

"I would I could say more than I have done to make the brethren in England faintly realise the necessity there is for increased and greater exertions made by themselves, that their self-same settlers should be certain of the meals of grace.

"The great majority of them, really about two-thirds, come from England. No matter what brought them, they are here, and we must take the world as we find it. And it is not the least remarkable feature in my experience as travelling clergyman to find many who, by their own confession, must have been totally indifferent to Church and church-going at 'home,' are here the most desirous of the services of their Church.

"It is the *children* I think about the most, and