

a very fine church built by English settlers between three and four years ago, but three years of bad crops, and some well-to-do farmers leaving to take up second homesteads, a debt remains on the church to the amount of \$800.

"These districts are about 14 miles apart and have a service every Sunday. At first it was, Millford 11 a.m., and Rounthwaite 3.30 p.m. The people in the last named mission are very much scattered, some having a drive of 10 miles, the average from 3 to 4 miles.

"To suit the people south of Millford we have altered the services. Now Millford and Rounthwaite take it in turns, and have service in the morning one Sunday, and afternoon the other, with very fair attendance.

"As Easter this year comes about seedling time, we have called a meeting and appointed officers for the coming year. Arrangements were also made to build a shed for the comfort of horses driven from a distance, and already several members have been energetic in supplying material.

"As this part of the country is new to me, and the roads in a very bad state, I have not been able to visit more than 20 families, but hope by the end of the month to be better acquainted with our people."

(e) A report was read from Rev. C. T. Weatherley, who has no regular work, but is taking services in a few places not included in any existing mission.

Moved by Dean Grisdale, seconded by Canon Matheson and resolved:

That the cordial thanks of the executive committee of the synod of the diocese of Rupert's Land be hereby offered to Mr. T. A. Hanbury, who has very effectively and successfully taken Sunday services at Morris for more than a year past.

Moved by Rev. O. Fortin, seconded by Canon O'Meara, and resolved:

That the regular quarterly meeting of the executive committee take place on the second Wednesday in April (after this year), July, October and January, instead of the present dates of meeting.

Archdeacon Pinkham submitted the following notes of districts where the need of a resident clergyman is most pressing and in every one of which the people may be expected to give from \$300 to \$400 per annum towards his stipend.

1. NORQUAY.

The mission of which Norquay is the chief

place embraces the townships of Swan Lake, Beaconsfield, Somerset, etc. etc., in the Municipality of Lorne, in the Deanery of Dufferin. It will be vacant at Easter. There is an excellent parsonage at Norquay mainly built from contributions received in former years from St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and a mission church at Swan Lake; and preparations have been made for the erection of a church at Beaconsfield. Four years ago St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, promised the grant for this mission, but for the past two years the total amount sent has been \$167.58 only, received last year.

2. GLADSTONE.

Gladstone is a village on the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway, between 30 and 40 miles from Portage la Prairie, in the Deanery of Marquette. The mission embraces townships 13 to 18 in ranges 11 and 12. There is a parsonage, on which there is a debt of nearly \$900. There is no church. It will be vacant after Easter.

3. NEEPAWA.

Neepawa is a thriving village on the Manitoba and Northwestern railway 61 miles from Portage la Prairie and 117 miles from Winnipeg, in the Deanery of Minnedosa. It is the county town of the county of Beautiful Plains, one of the finest agricultural districts in Manitoba. The country about the town is well settled. There are between 80 and 90 church families in the county. Fortnightly services have been held for some time at Neepawa and at Glendale, a settlement about thirteen miles S.W. of Neepawa, by the clergyman who resides at Minnedosa, but there are other settlements nearer Minnedosa requiring his attention as soon as arrangements can be made for a resident clergyman at Neepawa. The clergyman to be stationed at Neepawa would have for the present to minister to all the church people in the county. Preparations are being made for the erection of churches at Neepawa and Glendale. \$400 will be contributed towards the support of a resident clergyman. There is no church or parsonage.

4. OAK LAKE.

Oak Lake is a growing village on the Canadian Pacific Railway, 35 miles west of Brandon. It is the centre of a most excellent agricultural district. The proposed mission of Oak Lake would adjoin the Virden mission on the west, and embrace the