

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK

MINNEDOSA PRESBYTERY

Routine business took up quite a portion of its time at Shoal Lake, on Monday, July 21st. There are four Indian reserves and the Birtle Boarding School within the bounds, and now that Presbyteries are to have oversight, considerable attention is given to the work. The school is being thoroughly remodelled and will prove up-to-date and capable of holding ninety pupils.

On the Monday evening a public meeting was addressed by Rev. H. McCulloch, Oak River, on "The Boy Scouts," and by Rev. J. Hodges, Minnedosa, on "The Missionary Awakening of the Past Decade."

Mr. J. D. McNair and Mr. A. Matthews, approved catechists, are soon to be ordained by permission of the Assembly.

Two names were added to the roll, viz.: Rev. Marans Cteven-son, M.A., from the Irish Presbyterian church, and Rev. John Danylchuk, one of the Ruthenian ministers received by assembly.

Presbytery was addressed by Mr. C. Hanska, president of the Indian Y. M. C. A.

The order for recruits for the ministry was dealt with.

PETERBORO PRESBYTERY

We have just had our July meeting of Presbytery. This mid-summer meeting is never well attended for reasons obvious to every Presbyter. It was a good meeting nevertheless. It has long been felt by some of us that Presbyteries should meet for some other purpose than simply the determination to wade through the docket. There might be some time given to subjects, the discussion of which would be a spiritual uplift, and a relief from the monotony of dry-as-dust routine. As ministers in ministering to others we are too apt to forget our own spiritual wants. It was evident from the remarks of members that the congress was an oasis in the desert in this respect. The good effect of that great gathering will be felt for the rest of life. Its dominant notes could not be otherwise than uplifting. Three of these were pointed out, viz., the greatness of our inheritance; the greatness of our responsibility, and the great need of strenuous effort to