

The Norquay congregation are going to form a Guild, to be called the "Guild of the Redeemer", consisting of all members willing to do any work in the Church.

### Manitou Mission.

The repairs to the Rectory are progressing favorably. The kitchen and woodshed are now practically finished, and most of the main building is already reshingled. The Incumbent and his family have moved into the house lately occupied by Mr. Best, and will remain there till the Rectory is plastered.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, at which the usual appeal will be made on behalf of the Home Mission Fund, will be held in St. Paul's Church, LaRiviere, on Sunday, October 16th, at 3 p.m.; in St. Mathew's Hall, Manitou, at 3 p.m., and in St. John's Church, Manitou, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 23rd.

Our Annual Harvest Tea and Concert will be held in Rutherford's Hall, LaRiviere, on the evening of Wednesday, October 19th. The proceeds will be devoted to the building fund of the Church.

It is hoped that all three of our churches will be decorated for the Thanksgiving Services. No doubt the usual number of willing hands will be found ready to help in this work.

### General Notes.

Rev. J. C. Deardon, formerly Incumbent of Treherne, has lately received the appointment of Harbor Chaplain, at Bomby.

The Grants Committee met on Thursday, Sept. 8th, in the Synod Office, Winnipeg, to allot the grants to the various missions of the Diocese, for the year beginning at Easter, 1900, and to apportion the amount to be raised by each mission towards the Home Mission Fund this year. In many respects, this is the most important Committee of Synod, and its work is very directly felt by every Mission in the Diocese. The Committee has always a difficult task on the one hand, to estimate how much can be raised from every possible source towards the Home Mission and the Indian Mission Funds, and on the other hand, to make the funds available go as far as possible in granting aid to the large number of our Missions that are not yet able to maintain themselves. It is always a painful duty for the Committee to reduce the grant to a needy Mission, but the time has come when a very considerable reduction must be made in the grants to nearly every Mission of the Diocese. Some of the clergy and some congregations cling very tenaciously to their grants, as if these were of the nature of a vested right, which must not under any circumstances be interfered with. The more thoughtful of the clergy and the more liberal of the congregations try to help the Committee in their arduous work and frequently such clergy and congregations, of their own accord, sug-

gest that their grant be reduced. It is believed that no Mission grant will exceed \$300 a year, after Easter, 1900. Let the clergy and parishioners prepare themselves to meet by local effort, the amount withdrawn. If there is proper zeal for God and His church, more self denial will be practised and the necessary funds raised by direct giving.



### Rat Portage Notes.

The Rev. M. Custance, who has been for some time assisting the Rev. J. W. B. Page, at Rat Portage and Keewatin, has taken typhoid fever. He is at present a patient in the Rat Portage Cottage Hospital.

On Sunday, Sept. 18th, we held our Annual Harvest Festival. The girls of the Guild of St. Agnes, under the direction of Mrs. Page, Miss Carpenter, and Miss Tucker, arrayed the Church in its festal garb of flowers and golden grain, and fruit; and truly, if the outward and visible sign were any indication of the gratitude of the hearts, the people of St. Albans, Rat Portage, were very thankful for all the mercies of 1898. There were large congregations at all the services.

### SELKIRK AND MAPLETON.

#### CONFIRMATION.

After prolonged cold and wet, Sunday, Sept. 11th, opened with bright and festal weather, a perfect day, lending the influence of its bright beauty to the services which were the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of Rupert's Land to Christ Church and St. Clements. The first service was a celebration of the Holy Communion at Christ Church at 8.30 a.m., the Archbishop being celebrant, the Rev. C. R. Littler assisting. Then at 11 o'clock there was Morning Prayer at St. Clements, after which His Grace administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. The prayers were read by the Rector, who also presented the candidates, eighteen in number. The special lessons were Joshua 24: 14-26, Acts 8: 5-18, Acts 19: 1-8 and Hebrews 5: 12, to 6: 4. The Archbishop delivered two very helpful and instructive addresses to the candidates. The Church was very prettily decorated and the altar was garnished with flowers.

In the evening service, was held in Christ Church when the prayers and lessons were read by the Rector, who presented twenty-two candidates for the rite of Confirmation. Again, His Grace delivered two deeply sympathetic, helpful and encouraging addresses to those who sought in Con-