

A Pioneer Missionary.

Ven. Archdeacon Macdonald, who left on June 4th, on a trip to the old country, has a large contract in front of him. He has translated the whole of the Old and New Testament into the most northern language excepting the Esquimaux of the coast. In 1862 he was called to undertake missionary work in the north, which he accepted. Since then, he has labored amongst the Indians east and west of the Rocky Mountains, not only within the Arctic Circle, but also to the south, and down to Behring Sea. He attempted to superintend the editing of his translation from Genesis to Revelations and besides several corrections in the Book of Common Prayer, and Hymnals, but as three revisions were required in his translations, he decided that he could more successfully and quickly achieve his object by going home and supervising on the spot. It is a laborious task and to one who knows the language it appears that the different revisions might be almost as arduous as the translating. It is hoped that one may suffice for this important work: If not, the work of the north will miss the kindly supervising power which he has been able to sustain since his first advent to the country in 1862. On account of his life long work which he wished to see carried through, the Archdeacon has refused more than one office in the church, the acceptance of which would necessarily have prevented him from carrying out his cherished design.

We wish him God-speed in his great work.

Annual Synod of the Diocese of Rupertsland.

The Diocesan Synod meets in Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg, at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, June 28th, 1898.

The following matters, among others, will come up for consideration:

The appointment of a Committee to consider the address of his Grace the Archbishop.

The appointment of a Secretary and a Treasurer.

A Synopsis of the business transacted by the Executive Committee.

The Hon. Treasurer's Report.

The Report of the Synod College Committee.

The following is a revised list of meetings to be held during Synod Week:

Tuesday, June 28th.—Quiet-day for the Clergy:

Holy Communion at 8 a.m., in St. John's Cathedral, with address to the clergy by the Rev. C. R. Littler, B.D.

Service with address to Clergy and Lay Delegates by Rev. W. J. Garton, at 10 a.m.

Opening service in the evening in connection with Synod in Holy Trinity Church, when the Archbishop will deliver his Charge.

Wednesday, June 29th:

Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church, at 9.30 a.m. after which the Synod will meet for business.

Missionary meeting in Holy Trinity School House at 8 p.m., with the Archbishop in the chair. Speakers: Rev. Rural Dean Gill, Rev. H. G. Wakefield, Rev. Edward Thomas.

Thursday, June 30th:

Sunday School Meeting in Holy Trinity School House, at 8 p.m.

Arrangements have been made with the Railway Companies for the double journey at a single fare, provided 100 Clerical and Lay representatives, who have paid railway fares, are in attendance. If, however, less than 100 attend a-fare-and-one-third will be charged.

Each delegate to Synod should receive from the Railway Agent at the starting point a receipt that a full fare has been paid in coming to Winnipeg, and before returning he should receive a certificate of attendance from the Secretary of Synod.

On presenting the receipt and certificate at the railway office in Winnipeg, he shall have the privileges stated above i.e., of returning free if 100 have attended, or for one-third fare if less than that number have been present.

The Women's Auxiliary will hold their Annual Service in Holy Trinity Church, on Tuesday, June 28th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. J. A. Richardson, M.A.

The Annual Meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m., in the School House. The Clergy are invited to this meeting at 5 p.m.

The Junior Auxiliary will have their Annual Meeting at All Saint's School House, on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

Delegates attending these meetings will receive the same reduction in railway fares as the Delegates to Synod.

