

the afternoon by steamer "Ruby." A pleasing feature in the day's proceedings was the presentation of a well-filled purse to the Rev. Dr. Beaumont. The presentation was accompanied with the following address, read by Mr. Alfred Healey on behalf of the ladies and contributors:

Rev. Dr. Beaumont.—

We, the congregation of St. John's church, take advantage of this fitting occasion to present to you, our beloved pastor, our sincere thanks for the Christian zeal and untiring energy you have shown in your labours among us since coming to St. John's parish, and as we think it would be beneficial to you to take a short season of rest and recreation, we would respectfully ask you to accept this small token from us to assist you in a measure to take the needed rest. (Here the well-filled purse was handed to the Rev. Dr.) If you can take a short respite from your arduous labours, it is our hope that you may return invigorated in body and mind to again take up and carry on the good work among us. Our fervent prayer to God is that you may long be spared to point the way that leads to that fair land where all is rest and peace.

St. Thomas, July 25th, 1890.

Rev. Dr. Beaumont very feelingly expressed his full appreciation of the kindness and liberality of the congregation of St. John's.

DEANERY OF GREY.—The fifth annual Convention of this Association was held in Christ church, Markdale, Wednesday, July 16th.

The officers present were—President, Rev. Horace E. Bray, Markdale; Vice-President, Miss Mockler, Durham; Cor. Secretary, R. D. Bigger, Esq., Markdale.

There were also present—Rev. A. D. Dewdney and 24 delegates, Durham; Rev. T. E. Fairlie and 9 delegates, Meaford; Rev. W. A. Graham, Shelburne; Rev. T. L. Armstrong and one other, Chatsworth; Rev. A. Corbett, Dundalk; 8 delegates, Owen Sound; 3 delegates, Berkeley; 1 delegate, Sarawak; Miss Kingsmill, London; also about 25 from Markdale.

About 75 sat down to dinner at the rectory. The ladies of the congregation had spared no pains to make a success, the large reception room where the tables were set being beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns.

The service in the church at 1:30 p.m. was well attended, and about 50 communicated. The service was conducted by the Revs. W. A. Graham, A. D. Dewdney, T. L. Armstrong, and the rector. At 2:15 the president called the meeting to order in the school room, and the following papers were then discussed:

- I. How to teach little children, read by Miss Kingsmill, London.
- II. How to get and train young teachers, by Rev. A. D. Dewdney, Durham.
- III. Sunday School records, the best method, by Rev. A. D. Dewdney, Durham.
- IV. Merits of the different leaflets in use, by Rev. T. L. Armstrong, Chatsworth.
- V. The importance of teaching Church history and polity in our Sunday Schools, by Rev. T. E. Fairlie, Meaford.
- VI. The duties of a Sunday School teacher with regard to his or her class besides the actual teaching, by Mrs. Gregg, Owen Sound.

These papers, which were exceptionally good, called forth much praise, and also considerable discussion.

Discussion also followed upon the subjects of "Ruri-Decanal Statistics" and "Catechising," after which the appointment of next place of meeting and the election of officers took place.

Owen Sound was the place selected and the time of meeting the second Wednesday in July, 1891.

The following officers were then elected: President, Ven. Arch. Deacon Mulholland; Vice-President, Miss Mockler, Durham; Cor. Secretary, Miss Gordon, Owen Sound; Rec. Secretary, R. D. Bigger, Esq., Markdale.

The president then adjourned the meeting with the Benediction.

Tea was partaken of in the rectory by the delegates, and the group afterwards photographed on the lawn.

The visitors then departed, expressing themselves as well pleased with their reception, and congratulating the Markdale congregation on the beautiful church, grounds and rectory which they possess.

MITCHELL.—The Rev. W. J. Taylor has received an invitation from St. Mary's church, and it is more than probable that he will accept it and remove to that town. This one thing we say, Trinity church, Mitchell, will suffer a great loss in the removal of the Rev. Mr. Taylor, but our loss will be St. Mary's gain. It is a long time since Trinity church has had such a popular, clever, and talented preacher as their present rector.

ALGOMA.

ILFRACOMBE.—The Rev. L. Sinclair desires to thank Mrs. Boddy, of 21 Winchester St., Toronto, for a box of books sent to him for the lending library of the mission of Ilfracombe; also Miss Henderson, of the Rectory, Orangeville, for a barrel of clothing for the Sunday School.

MANITOWANING.—All Church papers and magazines intended for this mission should be addressed to the present incumbent, Rev. Henry Rollings, not Rev. Mr. Cole, as he left this mission about two years ago.

SUDBURY.—Rev. C. Piercy desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$4 from "H. F." Toronto, towards the furnishing of the new church at Sudbury. The building is now nearly ready for the plasterers, and it is hoped, will be completed this month. Much is needed to furnish appointments for divine worship, and for the accommodation of worshippers. An appeal is earnestly made to the members of the Church throughout Canada to assist in the work. Address the missionary at Sudbury.

QU'APPELLE.

The Bishop of Qu'Appelle has been on a tour through his diocese for confirmation and the consecration of a church; but on August 12, he arrives at Winnipeg for the provincial synod. On August 17, he is expected at Church Bridge and Saltcoats on the Manitoba and Winnipeg line, and from thence he will drive to Fort Pelly, one of the most outlying stations in his jurisdiction. On the 31st he is expected at Kinbrae, Sumner and Redpath, and on September 7 hopes to preach at S. Peter's, Qu'Appelle station. The principal of S. John's College School (Rev. W. Nicolls) is gone to England for the vacation, but returns before the school re-opens on September 10. The prospects of the grain harvest are very good and hay-making is beginning in this neighborhood.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The Rev. J. Hines, Missionary in the North-West, gives the following account of church work there:—"Tell me, what is our Church, the Church of England, doing in the northern part of this continent in the shape of missionary work, for we hear so much of what the Presbyterians and Methodists are doing, and so little of what our Church is doing, that we feel discouraged and self-condemned."

I have been asked this question so many times and by so many people—both clergy and laity—since I have been in Toronto, that I have decided to ask your permission for a small space in your paper to answer it.

I shall not indulge in any unnecessary animadversions, but state facts which will bear investigating.

I purchased a book the other day called "By Canoe and Dog Train," by E. R. Young, Methodist missionary, and describing his first visit to the North-West. He speaks affectionately of Archdeacon Cowley, and mentions the "flourishing Indian mission on the banks of Red River" under his charge. See page 45 of this book. I quote this to show that our Church was not last or late in the field; and I shall now proceed to show that she has not been slow in her missionary operations. Mr. Pearce, the gentleman who wrote the preface to Mr. Young's book, speaks of him as being "away in the Great Lone Land." "Norway House," however, on Lake Winnipeg, is the place where the rev. gentleman resided. The missionaries of the Church Missionary Society regard Norway House as being on the borders of civilization; perhaps it is because we have missions at least 2,500 miles further inland. I presume the readers of *The Empire* have heard of the diocese of Athabasca, the southern boundary of which is, as near as I can tell, the "Athabasca Landing" latitude 55° or 56°. It extends northwards parallel with the Rocky Mountains, until it joins the diocese of Mackenzie River, the largest and most isolated diocese in the world, extending as it does to the Arctic ocean and thence easterly until it is joined to the diocese of Moosomin. This latter diocese takes in the eastern extremity of this continent, all "Hudson's Bay and James' Bay"—in short, the three dioceses I have named cover two-thirds of this country known as British North America. Besides having a bishop for each diocese, the Church has a number of clergy, catechists, school teachers and lay readers whose work is entirely among the Indian tribes, too numerous to mention here. The Indians in these parts are in a peculiar sense the children of the Church Missionary Society, England, for the whole of the work of carrying to them the pure Gospel of Christ has been done by it, and almost every one of the 10,000 Protestant Indians among them is the fruits of its labours. The Presbyterians

and Methodists have not and never have had a single agent working in the area covered by these dioceses; if they have, I should be glad to know when and where he worked.

I come now to the diocese of Saskatchewan. In this diocese the Church has eleven ordained men for missionary work, seven native or country-born and four from England, and besides these she has a number of lay-helpers, school teachers, etc., working among the Indians. She has a college at Prince Albert, erected for the purpose of training native students for pastors and school teachers among their own countrymen, and most of those who are now engaged in missionary work received their education at this college. Now what are our Presbyterian and Methodist brethren doing for the Indians in the Saskatchewan diocese? I will answer this question, for no one is more competent to do so than I am. The Presbyterians have one missionary; he lives on Snake Plain Reserve, near Prince Albert. The band numbers about 155 all told. This is the extent of their missionary operations in this diocese, and these Indians, by the way, were located, taught the rudiments of farming, brought through the critical period of their transition state, and nearly all baptized, the chief and head men included among those who were, by the writer of this letter. It was not until I had worked five years among these Indians that the Presbyterian missionary went and settled on their reserve. *Re* the Methodists, the truth is soon told. They have not a single agent at work among the Indians in the diocese. If the life of a Church is to be measured by the amount of missionary effort it puts forth, then thank God and take courage, brethren of the Episcopal Church, for there is life in the old Church yet. Like her Lord, though her voice may not be heard in the streets, she is ever at work; her agents have gone out into all lands, and the sound of the everlasting Gospel through them is heard in the uttermost parts of the earth, and soon she will have accomplished the command of the risen Saviour. And then! Ah, then what? Why, the time will soon come for her to hear the voice of the Bridegroom, calling her to Himself to dwell in that city of mansions, the new Jerusalem. Men and women, clergy and laity of the Episcopal Church, do you wish to consider yourselves included in that invitation to enter those mansions? Then exclude not yourselves from a share in the command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"; for, "If you love me," says it, "keep my commandments." You can't all go into the mission field, the Lord knows that, but you can help and encourage those who are willing to forsake all and follow Him, by your prayers and by your offerings.

CALGARY.

ALBERTA.—The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of the diocese returned to Calgary to-day, after an extended trip through his diocese of Saskatchewan. His Lordship will remain in Calgary till the first week in August, when he goes to attend the provincial synod in Winnipeg.

PINCHER CREEK.—The Rev. H. Havlock Smith was the recipient of a purse of \$50 from some of his parishioners. Mr. Smith has been very poorly of late and purposes taking a trip to Banff, on the Pacific Coast, in order to restore his health.

MACLEOD.—The new town, so long under construction, has at last been completed to Christ church; it is the highest in the diocese, and can be seen in 6 or 8 miles in almost any direction. The new bell was placed in position lately, and is a great boon to the parish. It has been heard for 6 miles. Menely & Co., of New York, are the founders. Mrs. Miller is about to present Christ church with a handsome coconut matting to cover the entire aisle. The kind gift will fill a much required want.

British and Foreign.

The new altar cross which has been presented to St. Paul's cathedral, London, by the Duke of Newcastle, is now in use. It is placed upon the high altar, is upwards of six feet in height, and is a magnificent specimen of modern art.

It is announced that the Queen has approved of the appointment of Canon Maclure, vicar of Rochdale, to be Dean of Manchester, in the room of the late Very Rev. John Oakley, D.D. *The Manchester Examiner*, referring to the parochial work of the Dean-designate, says that at Habergham Eaves he remained for fourteen years, working assiduously, and originating and perfecting parochial organization.

Great irritation is stated to be felt in the highest