

Hamilton, and on May the 14th, (Ascension Day,) will hold a Confirmation in Christ Church Cathedral.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—Services were held daily in the churches during Passion Week. In St. Paul's at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Revd. Mr. DuVernet continued his services in the Memorial Church at 4 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., daily. His work is encouraging and we look for good and lasting results. The Mission will be brought to a close on Sunday evening, Bishop Baldwin preaching on the occasion.

LONDON SOUTH.—St. James Church.—Services were held in this Church each evening of Passion Week, and the attendance was large. The following were the subjects of the addresses. Sunday evening, Christ's entry into Jerusalem, and the scenes by the way. Monday, The barren figtree and Christ's words in the Temple. Tuesday, Traps laid for Christ and His answers to the questions. Wednesday, Gethsemane and watching with Christ. Thursday, The betrayal. Friday, 11 a.m., The crucifixion; 7 p.m., The events that followed. Saturday, The interment. Sunday, Easter victories. Holy Communion administered at 8 a.m., after the midday service and also after the evening service.

Province of Rupert's Land.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSENEE, MCKENZIE RIVER, QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

NORQUAY, MANITOBA.—The first episcopal act of the Bishop of Athabasca was performed at Norquay, in Southwestern Manitoba, on Sunday, March 15th., when he administered the holy rite of Confirmation to ten candidates, for the Bishop of Rupert's Land, whose collegiate duties would not permit him to do so himself.

A large congregation was present and joined heartily in the services. Evening Prayer was said by the lay reader, Mr. J. B. Ashby, who also read the lessons.

The musical part of the service was taken by the Incumbent, Rev. A. G. Pinkham.

After the candidates were presented by the Incumbent, the Bishop gave a short explanatory address to them and then called upon the congregation to join in silent prayer that those upon whom he was about to lay his hands, might be filled with the Holy Ghost and kept from the power of the destroyer. Then His Lordship performed the act of Confirmation and a hymn was sung.

A very impressive sermon by the Bishop followed, from Deut. xxvi., 17 and 18, which was most attentively listened to.

Those who were present will not soon forget the solemnity of the service, nor the very kind remarks of the Bishop who, although not the Chief Shepherd of this Diocese, was yet the first to visit us.

The district which has been assigned to the care of the Rev. A. G. Pinkham, embraces three parishes viz:

The Church of the Redeemer, Norquay; St. Stephen, Swan Lake; St. Barnabas, Beaconsfield. In none of these parishes is there, as yet, a church—the services being held in school-houses or in private dwellings—nor are the parishioners in a position to do much in the way of church building, as the crops for the past two years have been a failure; still an earnest effort is being made, and we hope, with the blessing of Almighty God, soon to commence building operations in each parish.

At St. Stephen, Swan Lake, there is sufficient money collected to justify us in making a beginning. The Incumbent has volunteered to superintend and assist personally in the work at all the above named places, and he has been assured of the hearty co-operation of the parishioners, who are all

zealous churchmen.

In spite of the numerous difficulties which they have had to contend with, they have paid up in full their share of the stipend, which cannot be said of many of the older parishes in the Diocese.

In view of all this an earnest appeal for help is made to all who have friends in any of these places, that we may be enabled to successfully carry on the work we have undertaken.

Brethren of Toronto, Brantford, Brockville and other cities and towns in Ontario, we have many here who formerly belonged to your congregations, and whose thoughts often revert to the relations and friends left behind. They gladly contributed, when they were among you, towards your churches and church purposes. Will you not in your turn help them to build churches wherein they may render those prayers and praises that have so often rejoiced and soothed the hearts of generations of faithful men in all the varying vicissitudes of life—contained in the grand old Liturgy of our beloved Church?

NORQUAY.—A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Dufferin was held at Norquay, on Tuesday, March 17.

Present: Revs. Wilson, R. D., Jephson, (Manitou) Pinkham (Norquay) Messrs. Ashby (lay reader) Baldwin, Dowell, Hall (Norquay) Harvey (Beaconsfield) Clouston, O'Malley (Somerset) Tulloh, Hawkins, Skipworth (Swan Lake) and Black (Manitou), churchwardens and delegates. A session was held in the school-house at 3 p. m., where an interesting discussion took place upon an able and comprehensive paper read by the Rev. A. G. Pinkham, upon the difficulties of supplying services every Sunday at outlying districts in country parishes and the best means of overcoming the same. It was also resolved that branches of the Church of England Temperance Society should be established in the Deanery where practical. The visitors were most hospitably entertained by the ladies of the district under the superintendence of Mrs. Pinkham at the parsonage, both at dinner and supper; the good things provided were highly appreciated by those present. Evening service was held in the school house at 8 p. m., the Rev. Jephson reading prayers, the Rev. A. G. Pinkham taking the organ, and Mr. J. B. Ashby reading the lesson; the sermon was preached by the Rural Dean.

MANITOU.—Eight hundred dollars have been promised towards a chapel for this Mission at Manitou, and six hundred dollars for a church at Pembina Crossing.

PERSONAL.—Rev. S. Trivett, of the Diocese of Saskatchewan is in the city. Mr. Trivett, who is a C. M. S. Missionary among the Indians with head quarters at Fort MacLeod, is on his way to England.

At a concert on behalf of St. Patrick's Society on St. Patrick's Day, besides the representatives of the sister Societies of St. George, St. Andrew and the Scandinavian's; the Grand Master of the Orangemen sat beside Mr. T. J. Lynskey, President of St. Patrick's Society. The Society is formed on the broad basis of nationality only. In no place is there more good feeling between Romanists and all religious bodies than in the North West. In education the Church of England, Roman Catholics and Presbyterians work harmoniously together in the University of Manitoba.

A little more of that *esprit de corps* which Bishop Sullivan advised the Toronto churchmen to cultivate would be desirable in the interests of the Church in Winnipeg to draw the congregations closer together. It was not very productive of this to find Holy Trinity and Knox Presbyterian Literary Societies holding in Lent a grand meeting to discuss the not very Lenten subject whether "Twere better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." The negative was maintained by Holy Trinity Society, and the question was decided in its favour. The debate was preceded by "Onward Christian Soldiers" and a prayer, and there were several songs and recitations, the meeting concluding with the Doxology.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Louis Riel, the French half-breed, who was the leader in the Red River Rebellion, has been again creating trouble among the half-breeds and Indians near Prince Albert. Alarming news has come from that part of the country, stating that Riel has under his control, 1,000 half-breeds and Indians. Prompt measures will have to be taken to avert destruction of property if not of life. Prince Albert is 280 miles from the nearest point of the railway. The spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction with the existing state of things seems to be general in all parts of the world. Troublous times appear to be at hand, and "wars and rumours of wars" come thick and fast.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

FORT QU'APPELLE.—Rev. D. Lewis is the clergyman at this point. Mr. Lewis was sent out to the North West before the new Diocese was set apart, and is working very acceptably among the people. The first winter he passed in a shanty, and suffered many privations. A parsonage was built last year, and it is hoped a church will be built this spring.

PERSONAL.—The Minnedosa *Tribune* says: "About four years ago much excitement was caused in Rapid City by the mysterious disappearance of a daughter of the Rev. Mr. Sargent, now of Moose Jaw. No trace of the missing one was found. It is now stated on reliable authority that the lost girl was found with a band of Indians near Qu'Appelle, and that she has returned to her parents."

Easter Sunday in Montreal.

This highest of Christian Festivals was duly marked in the city by special services and an increased number of celebrations of the Holy Communion. Notwithstanding the extremely unfavorable weather, the congregations were large, and in some instances the number of communicants greater than in previous years. Floral decorations were found in use not only in many of the churches of the Church of England, but also in the places of worship of our dissenting brethren, St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) and St. James Street Methodist churches being specially noticeable in this respect. In view of the very general use of floral decorations by all denominations it is astonishing to find that some congregations of our own Communion still object. We trust, however, that all objections will soon vanish.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The Easter services were specially bright and attractive, and were chiefly choral, the musical portions of the morning and evening services being excellently rendered. The congregations were large, and the number of communicants greater, we understand, than in previous years. The Rector preached in the morning and the Rev. J. Newnam in the evening. At the Litany service, the Bishop of Algoma was present, and delivered an appropriate address.

St. John the Evangelist.—At this church there were, besides the usual services, several extra celebrations of the Holy Communion. At the morning service Rev. Edmund Wood, M. A., Rector, preached a most appropriate and eloquent sermon. At all the services the music was very fine, as is always the case at this church on festival occasions. At Evensong, Gounod's Messe Solennelle and Dr. Amie's Evensong in A and Burnett's in F were chosen, and were well rendered.

St. Martin's.—Here, too, the services were very impressive and were largely choral, the selections being choice and exquisitely rendered. The church, as usual, was beautifully decorated with flowers. The Rector preached eloquent sermons at both services.

St. Stephen's.—A marked advance was noticed in this church in the very beautiful decorations, and also in the beautiful Easter banners in white satin and gold which adorned the lectern and pulpit. The services were very hearty and congregational, and the singing excellent, the con-