

the opposition. The bill was defeated after some hot and amusing speeches had been delivered. The Hon. Member for three Rivers, Mr. J. S. Mahood, captivated and amused the audience by a speech which bristled with powerful arguments, and was full of sparkling humor.

Our student-missionary, Mr. E. R. Bartlett, has returned to college to complete his B. A. year. His trip from Fort Francis, where he has been stationed for some time, was one of considerable difficulty. He had to walk behind a dog-train for over 70 miles, as the state of the roads would not permit him to ride.

The Mental and Moral Science Class, together with the Professor, The Very Rev. The Dean, were photographed the other day at Steele & Co's. If any of the old boys wish to get a copy, they may apply to Mr. F. C. Douglas.

The College Halls are becoming quiet now, as the students are buckling down to work to meet the onslaught of the papers headed "The University of Manitoba."

RUSSELL.—This Mission, on Sunday, March the 13th received a visit from the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle, who held a Confirmation in the absence of the Archbishop. The day began by a special celebration of Holy Communion in Christ's Church, Russell, at 8.00 a.m. The first Confirmation service took place in St. Peter's Mission Room, Balmerino. A very large congregation witnessed the administration of the Apostolic Rite. The incumbent, Rev. George Gill, presented 8 candidates to His Lordship. He next drove to Russell, where 10 more candidates were presented, and confirmed by His Lordship, before a crowded congregation. The collections for the day were given to the S.P.C.K. Bi-Centenary Fund. Both Churches were beautifully decorated with white flowers, in honor of this occasion, and His Lordship's visit was much appreciated by all.

BIRTLE NOTES.—On Sunday March 13th at 11.00 a.m. a Confirmation Service was held at St. George's Church, Birtle, the Right Rev. Dr. Grisdale, Bishop of Qu'Appelle, acting for the Archbishop, who is still in England. Through the indefatigable efforts of the Incumbent, the Rev. W. Robertson, an unusually large number of candidates were presented, being in all, 33, which also numbered several adults, he being successful in persuading them to come forward. The service which was fully choral, was conducted by the Incumbent, the Bishop reading the lesson specially adapted for the occasion. The address, which was unique for directness and pathos, was listened to with rapt attention by the candidates. He admonished them to be faithful to the new vows they were about to make, and to be true to their colors as soldiers of Christ, not to expect the battle to be an easy one, but to "trust in God and do the right." Seldom is there seen such a gathering as assembled to witness the rite. The church, which is always attractive, was literally packed, many having to stand in the porch. His Lordship, who during his stay in Birtle, was the guest of Dr. Wheeler, returned there after service, for lunch, where several pro-

minent members of the Mission were invited to meet him, the geniality and courtesy of His Lordship winning for himself golden opinions. In the afternoon he drove to Balmerino and Russell to hold similar services.

POPLAR POINT.—The winter now about over has been in many ways a pleasant one. A kindly disposition has been, on the whole, manifested, the general health has been good, and the weather such as to render the work of the country clergyman a pleasure. Such being the case, the regular church-goer has added to the pleasure of the incumbent's labors by putting in an appearance at the appointed services. And this regularity of attendance, as every clergyman, I suppose, feels, is preferable to a spasmodic increase in numbers, which, when one comes to strike an average, is apt to reveal a falling off. Our average here, in the case of the six congregations, shows a perceptible increase.

The attendance at the meetings of the young people's society have not been satisfactorily large, especially at the religious meetings; but on the other hand there has been a pleasing willingness to assist in getting up the meetings, and a desire to do all in the pleasantest manner possible to all interested. Besides the benefit to the parish of this society, from a social and moral aspect, it will have a small sum of money to spare towards parsonage repairs.

There has been a pleasing acquisition to the choir of St. Ann's, in the addition to its numbers of Miss Talbot and Mr. Bond.

The historic parish of High Bluff continues to have its rich share of the changes and chances of life, but continues to hold its own with manful persistency. The old parsonage once occupied by Rev. Mr. Wilson, and afterwards by Rev. Mr. Jukes, has had to be pulled down. It was latterly used as a driving shed, but the congregation intend to construct a more becoming one.

Mr. Fred Brown has left this parish for a time, and his hearty singing and responding is much missed. He was always a ready helper, but he had to go towards the Klondyke. May he succeed and return to High Bluff.

At Ossawa most of the worshippers have to drive some distance, and the mild winter has been to them an especial boon. The arrival in this district of the families of Mr. Hetherington and Mr. Boyce, has been a benefit to the church and district.

The work at Oakville, commenced this winter, has fulfilled all expectations.

Baie St. Paul has developed into a systematically working parish, and has given up half its Sunday services for a ser-

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