

enthusiastic about the commencement of a church, for which they had been most zealously gathering subscriptions for about six months. Nearly the entire sum needed, about \$1,200, has been collected. They are resolved not to have any debt, and therefore not to begin building till the money is practically in hand. This is one of the only towns in the Diocese where the Church has been the first religious body to erect a place of worship.

Occasion was taken of the Bishop's visit to ask him to lay a foundation stone for the new building. This was done, with a short religious Service, on Monday afternoon. The weather was everything that could be desired for such an out of door ceremony, and the people assembled in goodly numbers. In the evening a reception was given to the Bishop, and the school room was crowded. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies, and an entertainment of music, songs, and recitations, though got up in promptu, was most creditable and fully appreciated by all present. A lady from Winnipeg during the evening gave a most appropriate recitation—a legend concerning the building of an old Cathedral. We hope to be able to give it in our next issue. The following address was presented to the Bishop:

SALTCOATS, August 31, 1891.

MY LORD,—On behalf of my fellow parishioners, I desire to convey to you our deep sense of pleasure at your presence here this evening. As Churchmen, we welcome you, my Lord, to our town and into our midst. As Chief Pastor and Bishop of the Church in this Diocese, we feel highly honored that you should thus favor us with your presence. We are sensible of your many noble and self-sacrificing deeds as Bishop of this vast

Territory, and therefore the pleasure and honor of owning you as our Chief Pastor is the greater. As yet our town is but in its infancy, but the prospect of growth is good, and the extension of the Church in these parts is promising. We desire to see the number of Churchmen increase, and the boundaries of our Church extended even to the unsurveyed country which is to the north of us. We are certain that, with you, my Lord, at the head of our Church, we shall before long count the hundred of our faithful members where now we only count the ten. May God grant you health and strength for many years to come, so that as Pastor of the Church you may, with God's blessing, govern this Diocese.

The Church people of Saltcoats are very anxious to have a clergyman resident amongst them. We sincerely hope that next year this may be done, as the population is growing in this part more than anywhere else in the Diocese owing to the extension of the M. & N. W. Railway.

We are thankful to hear from the Rev. J. W. Gregory that he will again be able to raise £10 in England specially for the Interpreter at Fort Pelly.

Our Treasurer has received an addition to our funds from the Treasurer of the D. and F. Mission Society of Eastern Canada.

The general census returns are now out. The population of this Diocese appears to be now about 30,000, somewhat larger than we thought that it would be. The increase must be chiefly in the northeastern section along the M. and N. W. Ry. and probably, also, chiefly foreigners. We await with interest more details.

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