

THE SOWER IN THE WEST.

companied by Archdeacon Mackay, visited the Sturgeon Lake Indian Mission twenty five miles from town, where, for the past few years Mr. Dyke Parker has been teacher and lay reader. On arriving at Mr. Parker's and hearing that Chief William Twat was unable to leave his house they went there to see him, and received a kind welcome. The Chief and all the members of his small band are heathen, but he spoke as if they were beginning to value Christianity. He seemed to have a high opinion of Mr. Parker and wished him to remain on the Reserve. Mr. Parker has done faithful and good work in the school, and matters are in a more hopeful state than ever before. The appearance of the mission premises was very satisfactory.

Thursday May 28th was spent in travelling, the night being spent under canvas, and Sandy Lake Mission was reached early on Friday afternoon. On arriving, the Bishop visited the day school and examined the pupils—a bright lot of children who said the Creed, Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments in Cree and English, and sang hymns creditably in both languages. The teacher is Mr. Louis Ahenuku, who belongs to the Reserve and received his education in Emmanuel College.

During the afternoon Chief Star-Blanket called upon the Bishop.

On Whit-Sunday morning the Bishop preached, and confirmed a class of ten persons. In the evening he conducted service at Snake Plain, the Presbyterian Church having been kindly placed at his disposal for the purpose. Afterwards the Bishop drove all night in order to catch the semi-weekly train at Duck Lake, and he reached home on Wednesday morning.

The Rev. John Badger who has been temporarily in charge of the Sandy Lake Mission since last autumn, doing faithfully the work of this relatively large mission, has found time greatly to improve the mission property.

Sunday June 9th the Bishop spent with Rev. W. R. Burns M. A. In the morning he preached and administered Holy Communion at Banff, and in the evening at Canmore he inducted Mr. Burns Incumbent and preached. The day was a very happy one. Mr. Burns seems to have won his way a ready to the hearts of his people in these two little towns.

On Sunday 16th. the Bishop admitted Messrs H. A. Gray, B. A., University of Manitoba, and E. F. Hockley, Wycliffe College Toronto, to the Holy Order of Deacons. The Bishop himself was the preacher. The candidates were presented by Rev. Dr. Cooper.

On Thursday, June 20th., the Bishop went to South Edmonton, and on Friday he saw by appointment Rev. C. H. Andras of Wetaskiwin, who is actively engaged in the erection of his church.

On Sunday, June 23rd the Bishop conducted morning service at Olds; afternoon service in St. Matthew's Church, Bowden; and evening service in St. Mark's Church, Innisfail. During the drive between Olds and Bowden there was a severe hail and rain storm.

On Monday, June 24th., the Bishop privately baptized the infant daughter of Mr. W. A. Richards, Churchwarden, Innisfail, and he returned home on Tuesday.

In conversation with the Bishop the Indian Commissioner expressed himself as being highly pleased with the site of the Calgary Industrial School.

BLACKFOOT RESERVE.

A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Calgary was held at S. John's Mission on Tuesday, June 20th.

The proceedings commenced with a celebration of Holy Communion in the mission chapel, after which the chapter engaged in devotional study of Acts iii 22 ff. After luncheon, a very helpful paper was read by Rev. S. J. Stocken, the subject being: "Our duty, as clergy to settlers, towards the heathen in our midst, especially the Indians." In the evening service was held in the chapel, and a number of Indian children were present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Swainson, missionary at the Blood Reserve, who also attended the meetings during the day, as a visitor.

CALGARY.

Rev. H. A. Gray, one of the newly ordained Deacons, preached at Evensong on the Sunday of his ordination, and again on the Wednesday evening following.

The Ladies' Guild of the Parish held a very successful luncheon on June 19th and 20th. The amount realized for parochial objects was about \$85.00.