

This synod recommends alterations along the following lines:

(a) That any diocese in this provincial synod having twenty (20) licensed clergy in priests' orders may have the right of electing their own bishop;

(b) That until a diocese has this number of clergy, the power of appointing bishops for such dioceses be in the hands of the House of Bishops of the Province of Rupert's Land, Canada, with the assent of the clerical and lay members of the executive committee of the diocese affected."

Heartily votes of thanks were passed to the S. P. G., S. P. C. K., to the Bishop for his charge, the Women's Auxiliary of Eastern Canada, the C. P. R. and M. & N. W. Rys., the Secretary and Assistant-Secretary, Mr. R. S. Lake, to the Bishop and Mrs. Grisdale for their hospitality, and to the ladies of Indian Head for the sumptuous tea provided for the tired members of the synod at the close of its meeting.

A NEW CHURCH.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. THOMAS' MISSION NEAR QU'APPELLE.

On the afternoon of Thursday, the 28th ult., an interesting ceremony took place at the Vernon Settlement, six miles west of Qu'Appelle Station. At 3 p.m. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Grisdale and Mr. and Miss Ackroyd, arrived at the site, having driven from the Qu'Appelle Lakes, where they are at present camping. The laying of the foundation stone was at once proceeded with, the bishop being assisted by the Venerable Archdeacon Sargent, Vicar of the Parish. After singing hymn 215 and a short, appropriate service by the Venerable Archdeacon, Mr. A. T. Whiting, chairman of the building committee, requested the Bishop to lay the foundation of the new church. Mrs. Cameron, of Edgeley farm, supported by the chairman and secretary-treasurer of the building committee, then, in the name of the congregation, presented the Bishop with a silver trowel with ebony handle, in a handsome leather case, the trowel bearing the following inscription:

Presented by the congregation to—

THE LORD BISHOP OF QU'APPELLE,

On Laying the Foundation Stone of

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH. Vernon,
July 28th, 1898.

A box was placed in the stone, in which was deposited a history of St. Thomas' Mission, in the parish of St. Peter's pro-cathedral, Qu'Appelle Station, written by the Ven. Archdeacon Sargent; the names of the Lord Bishop and officers of the diocese and this parish, the names of the building committee, a list of donors, the current coins of Canada, other documents relating to the history of the diocese, together with the latest issue of the Qu'Appelle Progress. The Bishop, with the assistance of Mr. Morrison,

mason-contractor, then laid the stone, which was a square block of native red granite, taken from the farm of Messrs. Sykes, at Edgeley, A.D. 1898, being inscribed on the side facing north. The Lord Bishop then addressed the people, of which there were a large number present, but unfortunately his remarks were cut short by a heavy shower coming on. The singing of hymn 391 and prayers and benediction by the Bishop brought the first part of the afternoon's proceedings to a close.

On leaving the church site, all those present were invited to an adjoining bluff, where the good ladies of Vernon, superintended by Mrs. A. T. Whiting, Mrs. Mattock and Mrs. Hill, had in a tastefully erected bower, over which a considerable amount of hunting was displayed, prepared an abundant supply of tea, cake, lemonade, etc., Mr. Whiting's ice creams also being in great demand. At 5.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop and party made their departure for the Qu'Appelle Valley. Before leaving, the Bishop took this opportunity of meeting with and talking to many of the people in this part of his diocese in his usual courteous and kind manner.

Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Bishop—Most Rev. R. Machray, D.D., D. C. L.
Residence—Bishop's Court, Winnipeg.

ST. MATTHEW'S BRANDON.—Clergy—Rev. McAdam Harding, 11th St.; Rev. Edward Archibald, Brandon. Rev. S. Ryall.

Lay Readers—Mr. George Coleman, Mr. T. S. F. Taylor. Churchwardens—G. R. Coldwell, Esq., B. A., Q. C.; W. L. Harcourt, Esq., M.D.

Sunday Services—H. C.; 8.30 a.m.; H. C. (choir), 2nd Sunday in month, 11 a.m.; H. C. (plain), 4th Sunday in the month, 11 a.m.; on all Sundays, Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.; School and Bible Class, 3 p.m.; Men's Bible Class, 4.15 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m.

Saints Days—H. C. at 8 a.m.

Week Days—Wednesdays: Choir boys' practice at 4.15 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m.; General Choir practice, 7.15 p.m.; Fridays: Evensong at 5; Sunday School Teachers' meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Services are also held regularly at Alexander, Chater, Poplar Hill and Curry's Landing.



ST. MATTHEW'S, BRANDON.—Rev. S. Ryall preached as his initiatory sermon, on July 31st, a very practical discourse on the parable of the lost coin. The