

BRANDON.—Rev. E. P. Flewelling has had the painful task of preparing Webb, the wife murderer, for death. He has been most faithful and devoted to the unfortunate man. At the time of the hanging a service of intercession was conducted in the church by the Rev. C. T. Weatherby, of Carberry.

The weather is like spring. The writer of this has scarcely worn an overcoat this winter. Such weather was experienced in 1877 and 1878.

DIocese OF QU'APPELLE.

Bishop Anson is not expected before spring. He is busily engaged in collecting funds for the Diocese, and in getting renewals of the annual subscriptions of five pounds for another five years. It is anticipated that the Endowment of the Diocese will be completed when he returns. It will be a matter for congratulation if this be the case. To raise \$50,000 in less than five years for a new and small diocese like Qu'Appelle, which can furnish no assurance itself is a gratifying evidence of the interest taken among English Church people on behalf of the Bishop's work.

MOOSE MOUNTAIN.—Rev. W. St. John Field having resigned, was presented with an address and a purse. Another clergyman has arrived from England to take charge of the Mission.

MOOSEJAW.—A boarding school for Indian children is in contemplation. It will be assisted by the "Sisters of the Church" and St. Edward's Orphanage, Great Malorne, England. Any work undertaken by the Kilburn sisters is sure to be successful.

MINNEDOSA.—Rev. Mark Jukes, incumbent of this parish, has been spending his Christmas in Ontario. The Rev. F. R. Hole, M.A., has been taking his duty during his absence. On Christmas day at 10 a.m., Matins and choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist was held in St. Martin's Church. Mr. Hole preached an eloquent sermon, which was attentively listened to by a large congregation. Mr. Hole is very earnest in his manner, thoughtful and thoroughly scriptural in his arguments. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreen and suitable texts. The offertory as is the custom on Christmas day was presented to Mr. Hole by Messrs. G. W. R. Anson and John Wales, the Churchwardens, on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Denison presided at the organ and rendered some choice music suitable for Christmas. On Monday afternoon, the 24th inst., the Sunday-school Christmas tree took place at the parsonage, and Mrs. Jukes, the esteemed wife of our incumbent, did everything in her power to make the same a success. There was a large attendance of children and teachers, and all seemed to enjoy the hospitality of the parsonage.

REGINA.—Nothing of special importance had occurred in the parish during the last month, but we are glad to be able to report steady progress. The offertories during the last few months have been in advance of those of the same dates of previous years, but we notice that a slight falling off seems to be setting in. The list of baptisms has now reached the century. December '87, number—68; December '88, number—100; thirty-two of these being in the last year. The Ladies' Aid are also hard at work and have raised a substantial sum towards the debt fund, and the wardens will be able to pay the Bishop another \$200 before the close of the year. This Society loses its energetic Vice-President, who will be very much missed from the weekly meetings.

MOOSE JAW.—A new church of concrete has been finished, size 36 by 28 cost \$1,100.00.

A bell costing \$100.00 has been bought by

the children. Mr. Hinton, formerly of Christ Church choir, Winnipeg, is choirmaster. The opening services were well attended, the evening service was choral. Rev. W. Nicolls B. A. is incumbent.

FORT Pelly.—The church is a log building whitewashed inside and out. The work has been done free by the half-breeds. It was open a short time since, but as Pelly is very far out of the way, the incumbent Rev. Shafto Agassiz was alone. The bell was a great attraction, many having never heard one before, and some of the men asked permission to ring it in turn. It rang at intervals all day. There were 26 communicants on the Monday following, the Indian children were given a holiday and provided with a dinner. On St. Andrew's day in this Indian Mission there were 14 communicants and \$9.60 offertory. White neighbors are limited to four men living at some distance.

ESTERHAS.—Those who have travelled from Whitewood to any settlement north will remember the Hungarian settlement known as Esterhas. Some will remember the place from the curious dress of the men and women, while others will never forget the hearty welcome and good cup of coffee each visitor received. The Hungarians, in their own country, do not know the blessing of liberty. Not only are they in many cases oppressed by the better classes, but the Roman Church holds them in bondage, exercising a wonderful yet fearful sway over their religious life. "What," said a man to me the other day, after I had baptized his child, "you have no fees? Why, in our own country we have to pay." "No," said I, "we are only too glad to have your children brought to Christ that they may be made members of Christ's holy Church."

We are having services now in the Colony. The prayers are read in English, with a sermon in Hungarian. Since I have been among them I have baptized eleven children and married two couples. Next year we shall have an English Church school, with about forty children. We are in great need of prayer-books and hymn-books.

SUMNER.—The S. P. C. K. have presented us with a case of books for the formation of a library which will be a great boon to the settlers during the winter months.

The Rev. Mr. Tetsbaum is the Missionary at these points.

DIocese OF CALGARY.

Bishop Pinkham who has been spending Christmas with his family in Winnipeg has issued a circular summoning the first Synod of the Diocese of Calgary to meet on the 23rd February next at Calgary.

The Synod will open with Divine Service, at 10.30 o'clock at which Holy Communion will be administered and a sermon preached by the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land.

ORDINATION.—By permission of the Bishop of Rupert's Land, the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary advanced to the Diaconate in Christ Church, Winnipeg, Mr. H. B. Collier of St. John's College. The candidate was presented by the Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Rector and Rural Dean. The service was very impressively rendered. The Litany was sung to the plain song in Helmore. His Lordship celebrated, the service being choral taken from Potter's "Church choir Manual." The sermon was on the Ministry, and at the close after addressing the candidate in brotherly and encouraging words, the preacher said:

"Our brother who is ordained deacon to day is to work in the diocese of Calgary. In 1887 on a memorable day just 100 years from the consecration of Chas Inglis, first Bishop of Nova

Scotia, and first colonial bishop, in our Provincial Synod held at Winnipeg, composed of representatives from the ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land, the district of Alberta was separated from Saskatchewan, and created a separate diocese under the name of the Diocese of Calgary, and placed under the jurisdiction of the bishop of Saskatchewan, who is Bishop of the united dioceses until such time as an endowment fund can be raised for a bishop of Calgary, when he resigns one of the sees, and an appointment is made to the other. It is marvelous how the work grows in this western country. Within seven years I have been privileged to take part in the formation of three dioceses—Athabasca, Qu'Appelle and Calgary—and to see the advance of the Church of England in her full ministry of bishops, priests and deacons, to occupy settlements on the prairie, and settlements amid the grandeur of those eternal hills whose snow-capped peaks have looked down for ages on a silence unbroken by the white man's voice. Our brother will work within sight of those lofty peaks that will help him to raise his thoughts and the thoughts of his people from nature to nature's God. As a young man he may well thank God and take courage that he is permitted to take part in the development of that western country. It is an inspiring thought to know that spot after spot is occupied by heralds of the Cross; that as Christmas after Christmas rolls around, the message of the Incarnate word will be delivered—wherever the foot of man treads. In the frosty air on the prairie, and echoing from peak to peak of those ancient mountains, the old Christmas hymns will be sung, those hymns that echo on through widest sun-drenched lands in Christian hearts all earthly Christmas days. Grandly that Christmas song of peace and good will rises and swells by the shore of the Atlantic, it soars upward in choral song in our villages and cities, it echoes over the prairies, reverberates among the mountains and floats out over the waters of the Pacific as if to catch the ear of the heathen nations beyond, "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

KIRKDALE.—By the energy and zeal of the Rector new life seems to be imparted to the large Parish of Durham. Since the induction of the Rev. A. W. Robertson in July last, large and regular congregations have attended at each of the three churches, namely at Kirkdale, South Durham and L'Avenir. Which seem to be situated at the three angles of a triangle and require a journey of more than twenty miles for the Sunday round. On the eve of the Epiphany, the congregation of L'Avenir visited the Rectory to the number of forty, bringing a fine fur coat and cap for the Rector, with many seasonable gifts, including about 60 bushels of oats for the horse—a very necessary helper in every country parish. On Tuesday evening, 8th inst., Mrs. Robertson gave a social at the Rectory to start a fund for a bell for the church at Kirkdale. The attendance was very general and a pleasant evening spent. Capt. Blackwell, who has ever been ready to assist at any service as Lay Reader, was present, and Mrs. Blackwell, whose gifts are everywhere acknowledged, favored with music. The proceeds of the evening with after donation reached nearly \$16. A good beginning for the worthy object intended. The Missionary at Windsor, who had assisted the place twenty years ago, spoke of the marked change and permanent appearance of church work, as shown by the fine brick church and rectory. Remarking further that a tower and spire would add much to the beauty of the church, and that if a bell was procured it would not long remain unsuspended, and as "they loved the bell that called to prayers" they would find their Christian graces increase and flourish.

On New Year's Eve there was a Christmas