

their church wardens Messrs. Lewis and Bishop, made the rev. gentleman the parting gift of a purse of \$300 accompanied by an admirable address, which was read by Mr. Lewis. The purse afterwards received an addition of \$80, \$50 coming from Fort William and \$30 from friends in Neebing. Mr. McMorine's reply was very feeling, and in his farewell sermon yesterday morning, he also made a very touching allusion to the kindness and liberality of the people and testified to the intensity of his regard in return.

Province of Rupert's Land.

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSEHAWK, MCKENZIE RIVER, QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

THE REBELLION.

The Half-Breed rising may be said to be practically over. Riel and all his Councillors, except Dumont, are either captured or dead. The storming of Batoche was a gallant affair, and showed the material our brave volunteers are made of. The 90th lost two of its members. Private Hardisty was born in the North-West Territories, and educated at St. John's College, where he was a great favorite. He had only lately returned from Egypt. Private Fraser, shot in the charge, was a member of Christ Church congregation. The misery that Louis Riel, the scheming traitor, has caused in Canadian homes can be ill atoned for by the forfeiture of his life. No one in the East should be deceived by imagining him to be insane. That is all a pretence. However embarrassing his capture may be, justice must be done; and the dignity of the Dominion would have been better upheld if he had at once been tried by court martial and sentenced to be shot. He has brought upon us the horrors of an Indian war, with all its attendant cruelty. The last stand of the Indian race in the Dominion is to be made between Prince Albert and Battleford, near the Eagle Hills. It is providential that their tactics in capturing supplies were not commenced a month since, for 10,000 men would have been required to crush them and the Half-Breeds. It is likely that one pitched battle will be fought, when it is hoped that a crushing defeat will be inflicted on the Indians, who are assisted by a small number of men of mixed blood, painted and disguised like themselves. The Montreal Garrison Artillery arrived this morning, and marched to their quarters, headed by their band. They were universally admired, and, on account of not having to cross any gaps, they came in fresh and active, with spotless uniforms, and presented a fine appearance.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Rev. J. Bridger arrived here this week with a party of about 100 immigrants. Mr. Bridger was accompanied by his wife, and starts for Sherbrooke, Que., to-morrow, where he opens the "Girls' Home," recently founded by subscriptions in England.

BRANDON.—The Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land visited Brandon last week, and, on Sunday morning, administered the rite of confirmation to a large class of young people at St. Matthew's Church, who made their first communions at the celebration, which immediately followed the confirmation. In the course of his address to the newly confirmed, the Bishop took occasion to say a few words to the congregation generally, in which he announced that the Rev. R. Hicks, late curate of Holy Trinity at Winnipeg would probably be Mr. Boydell's successor as Rector of this parish. His Lordship spoke in the highest terms of the Rev. Mr. Boydell, who leaves shortly to fill the appointment he has received as Rector of Bracebridge, Ont. With his work and conduct here, the Bishop expressed his entire approval. At evening his Lordship preached to a large congregation, and the following day returned to Winnipeg.

MANITOU.—A small church is now going up in Manitou, and will be opened June 14th. Preparations are being made for the erection of one at Pembina Crossing.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

Bishop Anson publishes the following card in the *Church Times*:—"The Bishop of Qu'Appelle desires to express his very deep sense of gratitude for the ready sympathy with which his friends have come forward to make good the loss incurred by the fire at his house. Many remembrances of former days were there lost which, of course, cannot be replaced; but as far as money could replace what was lost, the generosity of people in England has far more than amply supplied the need. For this he feels very deeply thankful, as all the money that can be obtained is needed for the important work that lies before the Church in this Diocese. and he rejoices to feel that what was a personal loss has proved a real gain to the work. He desires also to express his gratitude to the Bishops of St. Albans, Rochester and Lichfield, for having so kindly made the appeal, which has resulted in such a liberal response; and, above all, to one who is unknown to him, 'A London Nonconformist Minister,' who wrote to the *Times* in support of that appeal, and whose generous words concerning his son have been a special cause of thankfulness."

PERSONAL.—Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, B.A., Trinity College, Dublin, lately Incumbent of a parish in Ireland, has placed himself at Bishop Anson's disposal, surrendering any claim for stipend, and depending for necessities on the common purse of the Missionary band working with the Bishop. Mr. Cooper is expected immediately.—A Divinity student for the Diocese came out with Rev. Mr. Bridger's party, and will be ordained by his Lordship on Trinity Sunday. This will increase the staff to a Bishop and ten clergy.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Rev. J. Clarke, late Principal of the Industrial School, Battleford, has reached Winnipeg with his wife. The Industrial School building is still standing, but the interior was wrecked by the Indians, and the furniture destroyed. In wanton mischief they broke pictures and articles of furniture. They have no idea of the value of silver or plated ware. Articles of this kind they broke and threw away. In some houses, feather beds were emptied of their contents, which were strewn about different rooms. During the siege, Mr. Clarke gallantly shouldered a rifle, and took his turn at sentry and active duty.

British Columbia.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.

ESQUIMAULT.—Rev. Mr. Badgley, Principal of the College School, and Rector of St. Paul's, Esquimault, has resigned, and will soon leave the Province.

VICTORIA.—Rev. Mr. Malachi, Curate at Christ Church Cathedral, has resigned, and will return to England.

Seventeen candidates have recently been confirmed by Bishop Hills, in the Cathedral.

It shows the many-sidedness of the late General Gordon's character that he could appreciate with other writings, those of Cardinal Newman. Among the books he prized and scored with pencil marks, was a copy of Newman's poems given to him by Mr. Power in Khartoum. The copy eventually came into Miss Power's hands, who had it forwarded to the Cardinal. Dr. Newman has written back a letter, highly eulogistic of the deceased General, to Miss Power.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Church (Philadelphia) furnishes in full the address of the Bishop of Pennsylvania to the 101st Annual Convention, held in Philadelphia, Tuesday, May 5th, 1885, and from it we quote the following as worthy of careful consideration:—

Of Confirmation, the Bishop says: Suffer me, dear brethren, to say a word or two in reference to the preparation of your classes for confirmation. I am sorry to know that while many are strictly conscientious in preparing their candidates for that apostolic rite, other rectors do not give that attention to them which that solemn office demands, and which the spiritual needs of the candidates require.

Each confirmation season, as it is announced, is itself a direct appeal to the hearts of all baptized persons, who have arrived at years of discretion, and who have not yet received the rite of laying on of hands.

The most diligent advantage of this season ought to be taken by the clergy to lay before the people their duty to consecrate themselves to the service of God, in and through this holy rite.

Preliminary instruction, beyond the mere surface knowledge of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, should be carefully given, so that the candidates should be as the rubric requires, "sufficiently instructed" in the great truths succinctly stated in the catechism. Head-knowledge and lip-service are not "sufficient" preparation for that rite.

The first prayer offered by the bishop in that office presupposes and takes for granted that God has "regenerated them with water and the Holy Ghost, and has given unto them forgiveness of all their sins." But "forgiveness of sins" follows only on repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Where these are wanting forgiveness is wanting, because the conditions of pardon are absent; and so, those who receive this rite without the condition precedent to its proper reception, cannot thus be seated by or receive the Holy Ghost. This is a most serious matter, and should be carefully looked into by all the clergy, for had the true intent of and qualifications for this confirmation been rigidly adhered to, many who have been before me would have been kept back until they had reached "years of discretion," and had given more evidence of repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus.

Such a precious season for dealing with the souls of the young people especially, ought to be most conscientiously and prayerfully used by the parochial clergy. It is the one spring-time of a life, when the affections are receptive of the best influences; when the heart responds most quickly to the appeals of the Gospel; when it is more easy, before the strong fetters of evil are fastened on the soul, for it to yield to the sovereign claims of Jesus, and enlist under His banner.

A very weighty responsibility rests upon the clergy as to how they deal with souls at this period, for it is often the turning point of the life, when the soul needs the wisest pilot, and the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.—Much interest is being aroused on the subject of "the laws of Marriage and Divorce." Existing laws in this State, on both these points, are unsatisfactory, and need revision. Laxity in the law of marriage will necessarily produce laxity in the law of divorce. Loosely framed contracts will always result in loosely fulfilled duties.

In this State marriage in the eye of the law is a simple civil contract, made in no prescribed form, requiring the presence of neither clergyman nor magistrate. It is a simple agreement in words in the present tense made between parties capable of contracting matrimony, uttered with a view, and for the purpose, of establishing the relation of husband and wife.

The Church feels every day the sad defects of this law, and how it imperils the purity of conjugal life and the sanctity of home.

It is gratifying to know that the Governor of this State, in his message to the Legislature, made some excellent suggestions relating to these sub-