

concluded by the singing of Te Deum from Jackson's well known service. The congregations at each service were large and the collections were devoted to the Qu'Appelle Diocesan Mission fund. The Church was nicely decorated with flowers, plants, wheat, oats, etc., due to the friends of the Church, who so lovingly gave their assistance in beautifying the sacred edifice.

THE VALLEY RIVER SCHOOL

INDIAN RESERVE, MANITOBA.

Our readers will be glad to hear something about the above-named school, which, although small and unpretentious, is laying a good and solid foundation for grand work in the future. There are some people who think nothing is worthy of notice unless it is big. When I meet such people I cannot help thinking of a saintly bishop's remarks in reference to this. A dear old friend of mine, who was a rector in this bishop's diocese (in the old home land) was lamenting to his diocesan that the congregations in his little village church were so small. The bishop, who knew what a fine foundation was being laid among the few, by my friend, laid his hand lovingly on his shoulder and said: "My dear brother, be of good cheer, congregations should be weighed, not numbered." May I venture to say to the good souls who are working in the Valley River Indian reserve:

"Dear Christian friends, be of good cheer; never mind if your school is a small one; lay deep in the hearts of your few the love of Jesus; and, when the great Scrutineer himself comes to inspect your work, He will say: "Yours is a small band, but, weighed in the balance they are strong; they will form the nucleus of a glorious work in the future.

Rev. C. A. Sadleir, of Wycliffe college, Toronto, who was the English church missionary at Russell in 1895, took a great interest in the Indians of the Valley River reserve.

They were all wild heathen, and the children were growing up without a knowledge of a Creator, still more without knowing of a loving Saviour who longed to be theirs. A young Englishman who was learning farming round here, and who had given his heart to the Lord, a Mr. E. Miller, felt a decided call from on high to devote his life to the service of His Master, and Mr. Sadleir, feeling that the time was ripe and God had supplied the man, opened up the mission in one of the huts, and Mr. Miller held school there till the Indians went hunting. Then he went with them, holding school for the children on the Duck Mountains during the day and camping with them at night. This hard life and exposure, with often barely enough to eat, caused him in June to have a severe attack of diphtheria, and for many weeks he lay in Russell very ill. But God raised him up to health and strength again, and in August he, accompanied by the missionary then in charge of

the Russell mission (Rev. George Gill), went to the reserve to see what could be done to reopen this work. After much prayer, and discussion with a local committee, we decided to erect a school house, and also a little shanty for the teacher to live in. This has been done. Then the matter was laid before Archdeacon Phair and the Diocesan Committee of the C. M. S., who made us a grant to help us, we raising the remainder required locally and by donations. The work began again, with a regular attendance of twelve children out of sixteen on the roll, and God has blessed it. Most of these children best of all really love Jesus Christ. Then they can read little words, do easy arithmetic, know the "Lord's Prayer," and "Jesus, tender Shepherd," both in English and Indian, and sing many hymns in Indian. The older Indians are invited in every evening to reading and prayers, and many regularly attend, and the light of truth is beginning to grow bright in their lives. We believe the chief is a true Christian.

While the Indians are hunting this year, or away picking berries and roots, the children are all left with one of the oldest, who boards and attends to them, so that they can attend school, and it is indeed a blessed thing to hear these dear little Indians singing, with hands clasped, the grace before meals, and kneeling night and morning repeating their prayers, about these good things?

God has also blessed us financially and supplied our needs; although, we often have an anxious time to know where the next money is coming from. This coming winter the government have thought it fit to alter the game laws, and we fear there will be poverty on this reserve and help will be needed to enable the women and children to keep from starving. Clothes and donations would be thankfully received by the Rev. Geo. Gill, Russell Post Office, Manitoba.

CHRIST CHURCH CONCERT

The annual concert of the Christ church choir was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3rd, in the school house, and was largely attended. The excellence of the programme was demonstrated by the numerous encores accorded the artists. The part songs by the choir were sung with such marked expression that Mr. Downard, the choir-master, was congratulated by all on the efficiency attained. Those who took part were: Miss Mabb, Miss F. Morgan, Miss N. Brown, Mrs. H. Springate, Mrs. H. Fry, Mrs. Innis, Messrs. Ryall, Downard, J. Neatby, Jackson Panby, and the members of the choir.

BREVITIES

Our readers who take an interest in the church in the Northwest will deeply regret to hear that Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum, of Saltcoats, who is now so well known on account of the splendid work he has done in connection with the new hospital at Saltcoats, opened

a short time ago, has lost his only little daughter from scarlet fever.

The members of the Rural Deanery of Brandon met at St. Agnes Church, on Wednesday, October 28th. The meeting opened with celebration of Holy Communion with the Rector as celebrant. Morning prayer was said at 10 a. m., evensong at 8 p. m., with Reverend McAdam Harding as preacher. At the morning session a paper was read by the Rev. McAdam Harding on the "Conduct of Divine Services." The next meeting of the Deanery is to be held at Virden the first week in February.

On Friday, Oct. 30th, service was held for the first time in the new church, built by Mr. G. A. E. Hyde, at Hyde. There was a short service of dedication followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a. m. Evensong was read at 3.30 p. m., and sermon preached by the Rev. T. G. Iscal. The church is prettily situated almost on the banks of the Qu'Appelle river. The building itself is—though small—very perfect in its way. At the east end is a well spaced aisle which takes the place of the chancel; on the south side is the vestry, and at the west end a porch, makes the building look well finished and complete. The windows in the aisle are filled with glacier prints, which give the effect of stained glass. The subjects of these two windows are groups of angels the Gothic of each window being filled with a crest surrounded by a halo, and underneath which runs the legend "In Cruce Salus." The church is seated throughout with comfortable benches.

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