

preached. At St. John's Cathedral service was held at 11; the Dean being the preacher. Rev. J. J. Roy preached at St. George's, and Rev. A. S. Cowley at St. James.

Holy Trinity.—At a recent sale of work and lunch the Ladies' Aid realized \$350. A branch of the Girl's Friendly Society has been formed in this parish. There are now three branches in the city, and the members are working for the furnishing of a Girl's Friendly Lodge in the spring. This will be a home for the reception of girls arriving from England, and where girls can board.

Christ Church.—A Boys' and Girls' Guild has been recently formed for children between ten and 15. A Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is also in operation. The Brotherhood here rented and fitted up a hall on Main street for parochial purposes. Three hundred pounds of beef were distributed to poor English families on Christmas Eve in the Church Hall. This was partly from St. George's Society and partly the gift of Mr. G. W. Girdlestone. Mr. H. B. Collier will be ordained to the diaconate in Christ Church on the 30th Dec. by the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary. The candidate will be presented by the Rector. Mr. Collier will reside in Calgary and will work the outlying Missions.

The old English custom of the "Waifs" or carol singing on Christmas Eve has been kept up by a number of young men of Christ Church parish for the past five years. This Christmas Eve a party of twelve secured a double horse sleigh, and taking the organ from the school house, started about 11 o'clock to visit the houses of a number of the parishioners, where they sang outdoors Christmas hymns. They concluded early in the morning before Christ Church Rectory. About two o'clock in the morning another party of carollers were invited into the Rectory. They had been to several places and were starting out this year for the first time to keep up this good old English custom of ushering in the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

All Saints.—Children's Guild's are in successful operation in this parish. A parochial Society has been formed called the "All Saints' Church Association," to organize lay help, and divided into committees for various purposes.

St. John's Cathedral.—The late Mr. Magnus Brown, an old resident of the city has left by will \$2,000 to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, to be at their disposal for any purpose; also \$500 to found a scholarship at the Levis' school. Both these will be paid on the death of his aged wife, who survives him.

The College school is full, and the College has a large number of students.

The Bishop has confirmed in Brandon, Gladstone, Portage la Prairie and a number of other places, since his return from England.

We are looking on with interest at the communication anent the barrier of the Church in the Dominion. Any delay in bringing this matter before a Conference for discussion must be laid at the door of Eastern Canada. After the unanimous passage of a resolution in the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land appointing a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by the Provincial Synod of Canada and discuss a basis of union, the members of that Committee personally saw the authorities in Victoria and New Westminster, B.C., and gained their consent to have British Columbia represented at such Conference. When, however, communication was held with the committee appointed by the Provincial Synod of Canada, it was learned that that committee had no power outside its own Synod, and had no authority to meet or confer with any other committee. Consequently as far as we in the West are concerned the matter dropped. The two resolutions on the pages of your Provincial Synod are very misleading if they meant that no steps should be taken to meet or consult us in the West. If a meeting could have been

held in Toronto of representatives from Eastern Canada, Rupert's Land and British Columbia, to discuss a basis of union which, if agreed upon, could have been reported to the next Provincial Synods, the matter of union would have been much further advanced than it is now. One important point has to be taken into consideration. The prevailing sentiment of the Church in the Northwest is strongly opposed to the relinquishing of Provincial systems. The constitution and provincial institutions of Rupert's Land have been built up after years of labour and thought. British Columbia is about to form a Provincial Synod. As far as we are concerned, while there would be probably modifications required in the Provincial system, the union that would meet with favour here and in British Columbia would be a union keeping intact the present Provincial Synods, increasing their number in the future if necessary, with a General or Dominion Synod binding us all together. Amalgamation into one unwieldy Synod is impracticable. A Conference is imperatively needed to thoroughly ventilate the whole subject.

DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

LETHBRIDGE.—The Rev. J. F. Pritchard has been inducted into the incumbency of this parish by the Bishop of the Diocese. It is expected that Lethbridge will soon become self-supporting.

Additional clergy are expected from England in the spring for different points in the Diocese. A Diocesan school for girls is under consideration, to be located at Calgary.

CALGARY.—*Church of the Redeemer.*—There have been some marked improvements made in our Church lately, and the congregations that met in it on our bright sunny Christmas day, had reason to be grateful for the kindness of friends.

Early in the fall it was decided by the vestry that a change should be made in the heating of the building, and soon the unsightly stoves and piping were replaced by a furnace in the basement. Then Bishop Pinkham's visit to us last month, on his return from England, brought us a beautifully embroidered altar cloth and set of linen, from the good ladies of the Church Extension Association, Kilburn, who had promised them to the Rector of the parish when he was in the old country last spring. This kindly gift set other streams of liberality flowing, and some ladies of the parish set to work and provided a new white altar frontal for the season, and just in time for Christmas day came up a handsome sanctuary carpet and kneelers from Winnipeg, the gift of Mrs. Pinkham.

The church was as usual decorated; the chancel and altar being especially good this year. Upon the latter stood a pure white cross rising from a bed of real flowers, and the vases were filled with chrysanthemums and mignonnettes supplied from a greenhouse in our town.

The communicants at both services numbered only a little over 50; but weekly celebrations with a fair average have been held in the church for more than a year past.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

CHURCH IMMIGRATION.—We trust that our readers,—especially those of the clergy,—have taken note of the short account of the work of the Church Emigration Society which has appeared in the two last numbers of the GUARDIAN, and especially of that feature of it which contemplates the immigration of a better class, such as small farmers.

In this Province of Quebec, the withdrawal of the English population is a matter which seriously engages the thought and attention of many. Even in the Townships, where, a few years ago, the bulk of the population was large-

ly English-speaking, there has been a most marked change; and if clergymen and others would take an interest in this Church Emigration Society, and supply particulars as to farms likely to become vacant, we have little doubt that instead of being filled by Roman Catholics and French-speaking people, they might be occupied by Church people. We would beglad ourselves to assist in furthering this object by keeping a record of openings in the different parishes, and would like to see a local society formed which might act as a branch of the Parent Society, and through which information might be conveyed to those in England who, desiring to leave the old country, would wish to take up farms and continue farming operations in the older sections of the Dominion; and thus fill up the places left vacant by the departure of so many of our people in obedience to the cry of "Go West."

We do not, as a rule, meddle with politics or political matters, not considering that such subjects fall properly within the scope of our work. The frequency, however, with which political elections have been voided and the innumerable contests which have taken place within a few years, seem to give rise to the question whether The Church and the pulpit have not a duty to perform in regard to this matter?

Some definite and distinct teaching in regard to the moral aspect of the political franchise would seem to be absolutely necessary. It cannot be denied that the effect of the frequent avoidance of elections for bribery and corrupt practices, and indeed the delays and intrigues consequent upon an election trial, most injuriously affect the moral sentiment of the community. It is to be feared that at the present time there is hardly any recognition on the part of electors of the moral responsibility attaching to them in the exercise of the franchise; and everywhere people seem to regard with apparent equanimity the most unblushing and barefaced corruption. Perhaps in no Province of the Dominion has this been more fully illustrated than in this Province of Quebec. It is only a few days ago that an ex-member of the Government of that Province was declared guilty of corrupt practices in connection with an election in the neighborhood of Montreal, and was disqualified for a period of seven years; but so little did this result shock the feelings of the community, or render the offender despicable, that it is forthwith announced that disqualified by law for any honorable position in the Government, and debarred from the exercise of his political franchise, he would nevertheless appear as a candidate for the mayoralty of the chief city of the this Dominion!! And there are those who think that the mere fact of the judgment having been rendered against him will probably benefit,—and it may be, secure,—his election. If there were any moral sentiment such as should exist in every community, an effort of this kind would scarcely be possible. It is high time that The Church, through its clergy, enforced the duty of obedience to law and taught in unmistakable terms the heinousness of the offence of bribing and being bribed; and it is high time also that such legislation was had as might secure speedy trial in all cases of contested elections, and mete out punishment not alone to the briber, but equally to the person accepting the bribe.