

planting of His Church, and the building up of that holy structure with living stones energized by the indwelling spirit; either as priests in the Temple of God, ministers in His sanctuary, or as sisters engaged in the education of our children, the care of our sick, and the instruction of our poor. To this end it was requisite that in the northern part of the Diocese also there should be put into the field immediately four priests; two Deacon and four Lay readers and School masters, without taking into consideration either the central or southern part of the Diocese.

After the collection, which amounted to nearly \$30, the Benedic tion was pronounced by the Rector of St. John's.

St John's—Here a good work is going on amongst the young of the parish, who are being cared for and gathered to a special service in the Diocesan schoolroom by Mr. Swabey on Sundays, with an attendance of about 150 children. There is also a very successful Branch of the Juvenile Union in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society.

The vestry and members of the Church are now taking steps not only to rebuild and enlarge the present vestry, but also to rescoat the old Parish Church, a consummation devoutly to be wished for—it is much needed. The Scripture Union, in connection with the Parish, lately inaugurated by Mr. Swabey, is making steady progress.

St. Mary's—This parish has been without a resident priest from the early part of the year, until the arrival of the Rev. F. R. Murray at the end of December.

Still through the able supervision and self-denying labours of the Rev. Mr. Nethercott, with the burden of the two parishes upon his shoulders, and the whole souled and devoted work of the late and deeply lamented churchwarden and secretary-treasurer, Mr. Wier, ably assisted by the efforts of the congregation, the works of the parish have been kept going.

The new church is rapidly approaching completion, and it is expected will be ready for the Holy Week and Easter services. At the annual meeting of the parishioners held last month the following officers were appointed for this year's work:—Rector's Churchwarden: H. Gauz, Esq.; People's warden: Hon. J. H. Phillips; Church Committee; Messrs. E. Evans, Jas. E. Fuller, E. McDonald and Jos. Gillott; Messrs. H. Gauz and J. E. Fuller were respectively appointed Treasurer and Secretary.

Mr. Gauz having been appointed a member of the Lay Corporate Body. Messrs. Evans and Fuller were appointed Lay representatives of the Synod.

The Hon. J. H. Phillips was appointed by the Rector a member of the School Managing Committee, and Messrs. Gauz and Fuller were elected members of the same Committee by the Church Committee.

It is the intention of the parishioners after the completion of the church to take active steps towards the immediate erection of a rectory.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Including the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Athabasca, Qu'Appelle, Mackenzie River and Calgary.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—*Personal*—The Rev. H. A. Tudor, Rector of All Saints' Parish, is expected home this week from a three months' visit to England.

Rev. W. St. John Field, M.A., who has been in charge of the Parish leaves for England on Mr. Tudor's arrival.

Rev. G. B. Childs, M.A., is assisting Rev. F. W. Davis at Selkirk. We regret to learn that Mr. Davis is seriously unwell.

The appointment of a successor to the late Mr. C. J. Brydges, as Hon. Treasurer of the Synod has been referred to a sub-committee of the Executive committee. As the Synod, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, and St. John's College, hold a large amount of property, it has been suggested that an agent be appointed to manage all these properties instead of having separate treasurer's for each body. This would involve a Synod office in the city, which would be an excellent arrangement.

The Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Rector of Christ Church, left this week for England. At the unanimous request of the vestry, notified by the congregation on motion of Hon. John Norquay, Mr. Pentreath goes to England to plead for funds towards the rebuilding and enlarging of Christ Church. The congregation contains a larger English element than any other town congregation in Canada, and the Church is close to the Immigration buildings and railway station in a poor part of the city. The Rector is constantly brought into contact with the Immigrants, both as Rector of the parish and Chaplain of St. George's Society. A number of the clergy from England who have visited Winnipeg have promised to assist him. Mr. Pentreath will be absent four months. From Easter Sunday to July 1st, he has deputation work for the S.P.G., and on his return will bring back a party of Immigrants to Manitoba. Rev. F. Hole, M.A., formerly vicar of Constantine, Diocese of Truro, and Rev. G. B. Childs, M.A., will take the parish during his absence. The churchwardens presented him with \$300 towards the expenses of the trip. No deduction will be made from any sums collected, except a small amount towards the salary of the clergyman in charge.

DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

The Synod devoted the Session, after the opening recorded in our last number, to a consideration of the Constitutions and Canons for the new Diocese. These were adopted almost entirely from those in force in the Diocese of Rupert's Land. After their adoption the Synod adjourned.

According to the announcement made in his Primary charge, Bishop Pinkham has divided his Diocese into two Rural Deaneries. He has appointed to the Northern Deanery, Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, M.A., Rector of Calgary, and to the Southern Deanery, Rev. J. F. Pritchard, incumbent of Lethbridge.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Wyoming and Idaho Mission suggests as "Lent's Opportunities":—

1. To sow generously in your heart the Word of God that as the result of this spiritual Spring-time, there may appear later on a rich harvest of devotion, of good deeds, of holy living.

2. To put your soul on trial, to examine vigorously its motives and doings, to judge it by God's standard of right, and to ascertain your actual progress heavenward.

3. To retire from the world and its vanities that you may commune more closely with God and learn how best to resist the every day temptations that constantly beset your path.

4. To say, in penitence, with the Prodigal Son "I have sinned," and returning home, feel the joy of forgiveness in your loving Father's embrace.

5. To enjoy the spiritual refreshment which souls weary of sin and seeking God, find in Lenten prayers and fasting and meditation.

L E N T.

The time has come when Holy Church calls to the duties of its most Solemn Season. Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima, are

three sober tones to moderate the gaiety of Christmas festivity. The soul must now retire to take particular account of its condition. Debit and credit, profit and loss, should be scanned the year over, and a fair estimate made of spiritual standing; but in Lent a more searching examination is called for, Pressure of business, toils, disappointments, and thousand distracting causes, freight the soul through the year with neglect and carnal ease. Mother Church, faithful to her watch, halts her children with solemn warnings to turn thoughts more to God. This season is not for fits and starts in religious life, not a set time for revival enthusiasm, but the appointed occasion for earnest educational appliance. The Church's method of growth does not contemplate a series of Lenten spasms as the impulse and attainment of spiritual progress; but a Mother's instruction under most touching reminders. This is the very Spring time when all laws of grace are active to bless the sower's toil. Every child of God bears a light more than ever now. The Christian earnestness in handling all instrumentalities for husbanding the soul, is the most effective warning to the indifferent, of life's solemnity. Most followers of Christ are striking the hardest blows at the nails of His cross by acting a part contradictory of all His sufferings. His agony attests powerfully that that man's soul is in danger. He makes a blood appeal for sins of the whole world. But cold, formal professors, by their lives deny all that He says. No parent can induce a child to believe that its soul is in danger so long as actions belie professions. No congregation can expect a rector's discourses, however persuasive, to move men to repentance so long as communicants act as though there were no danger. There is only one way in which the loyal heart can help the mission of the cross. Be true to solemn duties that all may feel from these precautions that there is danger.—*The Minnesota Missionary.*

ATROPHY BY DISUSE.

We need not be surprised that many of the Church's ways are unappreciated by those who have grown up in long-continued ignorance or disuse of them. The lofty spirituality, devotional fervour, and stately proportions of the well balanced liturgy are lost on those in whom reverent use has not educated and maintained the power of appreciation. The sweet reasonableness and Christ-instilling power of the Christian year are thrown away on those who have, to their loss, neglected it, and fallen back on the free but fruitless principle that one day is as good as another. We must taste and see, before we can know how good and sustaining the best things are. Not many years ago there came to one of our Home Mission rooms a worthy Presbyterian who had never seen the Church's service before. When asked afterwards how he liked it, he said:—"Oh, verra weel—a' but the white goon!" To this his questioner replied:—"Well I dare say you would get over that in time; and in any case you must allow that a white gown reminds one of good and heavenly things better than a black one!" "Weel, I wunna say but you may be richt there; but I was better used to the black." And so it ever is. The innate reasonableness of the better way will always commend it to men's sympathies and acceptance, unless their power of appreciation has been lost through ignorance or destroyed by neglect. Let us not harshly condemn those who cannot see eye to eye with ourselves in regard to things we most dearly prize. Most likely the case calls purely for considerate dealing and gentle leading. The powers required for appreciation have, probably through no fault of those with whom we have to do, become atrophied.—*The Scottish Guardian.*