

DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

BISHOP PINKHAM.—The Right Rev. Cyprian Pinkham, Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary, arrived in Winnipeg on his way home from England after an absence of a little over seven months. His stay was partly to see the Metropolitan, whom unfortunately he was not able to meet here—and partly because he was due in Regina to-morrow to attend a meeting of the board of education for the Territories. To a *Free Press* reporter who called upon him at Bishop's Court, St. John's, he said in conversation:

"I have been in England for the purpose of trying to raise a bishopric endowment fund for the diocese of Calgary. When I became bishop, the whole of my two diocese was in chaos. I had already, in the lifetime of Bishop McLean, indicated what my wish was with regard to matters by moving, as early as 1883, that there should be a division of the territory for the purpose of organization; and then, when the division was made and the diocese of Calgary came into existence, I felt, and in this feeling I was heartily supported by the metropolitan, that, although the endowment fund which the bishop of Saskatchewan had raised was as much for what is now the diocese of Calgary as it was for the part that now is known as the diocese of Saskatchewan, yet, inasmuch as Bishop McLean had made Prince Albert his headquarters and had done so much for that part of the country; and also because he was the first bishop of Saskatchewan, we felt that it was proper that the whole of the endowment fund should go to the present diocese of Saskatchewan, it having been arranged, when the diocese of Calgary was formed, that the present bishop should be bishop of both dioceses until an endowment was formed, or other adequate provision made for the support of the bishop of Calgary. Feeling strongly the importance of having a bishop for each of these two sees, and having a diocese to confine his efforts to what might be termed a manageable jurisdiction, and with the very cordial support of the metropolitan bishop, I went to England to bring the matter before the Church there, with a view of getting an endowment. During the time I was there, I was not only actively engaged on Sundays in preaching, either in behalf of the endowment fund, or else for one of the great societies to which the Church in Rupert's Land owes so much, namely the C.M.S., the S.P.G., the S.P.C.K., and the C. & C.S., at the annual meetings of all of which I was a speaker."

The bishop left no stone unturned to accomplish the object of his visit; but many things stood in the way, among which may be mentioned the disaster in Mauritius, the fire in St. John's, and a similar appeal made by Bishop Smythies of Central Africa. The result is that the total amount obtained from all sources, including grants from the S.P.C.K., the S.P.G. and the C.B.F., is about \$25,000, a sum the interest of which is quite inadequate for the support of a bishop, but he expects the balance of the minimum sum required,

namely \$25,000, may come at any time, since the wants of the Church in these two dioceses have been put forward in every quarter where an opportunity was given for presenting them. The bishop was accompanied by one clergyman, the Rev. C. H. Rich, who come to take a position in the diocese of Calgary, and by a layman who comes to take the position of teacher in Emmanuel college, an institution of great importance in which boys and young men, most of them Indians, are being trained as catechists, teachers and so on. The bishop tried to get clergymen for vacancies in both dioceses, but he was not immediately successful. He expects, however, that one at least will come out for the diocese of Saskatchewan; he also expects to hold an ordination shortly, when two young men now in the diocese of Calgary, will be admitted to the diaconate. The bishop not only received the utmost support from the great societies above alluded to, but from many friends in different parts of England, who earnestly desire the successful accomplishment of the object for which he went to England. He received several gifts in the way of Bibles and church furniture for the work under him. He expressed himself as glad to find himself again in the province of Rupert's Land and said he was looking forward to taking up his important work where he had to leave it when he went away, with renewed vigor and encouragement.

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