

whose ages range from 17 to 24. On the occasion referred to, 14 were present in this class.

Connected with the congregation are several guilds, etc.: the Guild of St. Andrew, with 30 members; the Guild of St. Agnes, (for girls) with a roll of 70, and an average attendance of 45, the Boys' Brigade, with 30 members, and the Ladies' Aid, which has on its roll 60 names of paying members. This last named society, of which Mrs. Plither is the esteemed and energetic president, has done noble service for the church. For several years after its inception, it collected annually a sum of \$300, for the last few years its annual receipts have been over \$500.

Mr. Page, who has in this the valuable aid of Mr. R. Fletcher, B. A. (as layreader) carries on effective work at Keewatin and Norman.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday, 25th inst., a pretty wedding was celebrated at the Sioux Mission church, Griswold, when Miss Emily Margaret Hooper was united in marriage by the Rev. W. Robertson to Lewis Gordon McLeod, of Alexander.

Miss Hooper is a daughter of Rev. G. H. Hooper, Shoal Lake. Miss Hooper taught the Indian school here for the last four months and was much beloved by her pupils. May they have a long and happy life.

MEETING OF THE RURAL DEANERY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

An interesting meeting of this Deanery was held at Portage la Prairie on the 18th and 19th inst. Besides the Rural Dean, there were present the Revs. Girling, Cheunev, Nie and Garth. Divine service was held in St. Mary's church on the 18th. On the 19th there was early communion, followed by morning and afternoon sessions of the chapter, in the vestry. Each of the clergy read a paper, which was followed by discussion. It was decided to hold the next meeting again in the Portage, leaving it to the Rural Dean to fix the date. An expression of opinion was asked as to the prospective effectiveness of the "Western Churchman" and it was agreed that if it was to be made interesting to the ordinary reader, the clergy generally of the Diocese and the west must regard themselves as in some measure responsible for its

success, and see that the edition is kept supplied with the necessary news.

The chapter meetings were interesting and helpful, and every matter brought up for consideration was discussed in a thoroughly Christian spirit.

A. C. GARRIOU,
Secretary.

MELITA.

A meeting of the members of Christ Church, Melita, was held on Nov. 9 to decide whether a church should be built. A building committee was appointed to prepare plans and specifications. It was decided that on finding the approximate cost of a church capable of seating about 125 persons, tenders should be invited, and a subscription committee appointed to solicit subscriptions. That when such subscriptions and promises insure building free of debt, the work shall be proceeded with at once.

On Sunday, Dec. 6, His Grace The Archbishop of Rupert's Land, will hold a confirmation in Christ Church, Winnipeg, at 11 o'clock. The service will be Litany and confirmation service. The choir will render the anthem, "What are those that are arrayed in white?"—Stalner. Morning prayer will be read in the Church at 10.

DIocese OF COLUMBIA.

The bishop has appointed Rev. R. A. Bosanquet, M. A., vicar of Brightwell, with Foxhall and Kesgrave, Ipswich, to the rectory of St. Alban's, Nanaimo, British Columbia.

DIocese OF CALGARY.

The bishop has appointed Rev. G. H. Hogbin to the principalship of the Calgary Indian Industrial school. Mr. Hogbin has been for some time the S. P. G. missionary at Battleford.

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DIocese OF TORONTO.

A most interesting Sunday school convention was held lately at Millbrook, for the rural Deanery of Durham and Victoria, in the Diocese of Toronto. The convention opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Thomas' and an address by Rev. Canon Farncomb, of

Newcastle, on the benefit of systematic reading of Holy Scripture. The afternoon meeting was held in the town hall, when papers were read and discussed as follows:—

1. By the Rev. E. Daniel, of Port Hope, on "The Recognition of the Sunday School by the Church." He considered the Sunday school a department of church work, and that as such it should be duly reported upon at the Easter vestry meeting. He argued that it is advisable to appoint a regular deputation or committee at the Easter vestry meeting whose duty it should be to visit the school from time to time and report the result of their inspection.

2. By Miss Jennette Osler, of Toronto, on "For Whom do we Teach in Sunday School?" Miss Osler said that doubts would often arise in the minds of Sunday School teachers over the mixed motives which impel to work in the Sunday school, and that such teachers are often discouraged by people insisting that devotion to Christ should be the only motive. Miss Osler showed very clearly from our Lord's example and teaching, that there are many less lofty motives which are allowable and good, and which may be used as stepping stones to lead to better. Such motives as "For the sake of the church"; "For the sake of the clergyman"; "For the sake of a friend"; "For the love of children"; "For the good of the nation." But while these are good and allowable, Miss Osler urged that the teacher should not be content with these, but by prayer, Holy Communion and constant reading of God's Word, should strive to draw nearer to God and to learn of Him.

3. By Mr. W. W. Needler, of Millbrook, on "Mutual Relations of Teachers and Scholars." The relations chiefly depend upon the teacher. There should be mutual confidence and respect. The teacher should know the scholars and should try to be to them an ideal teacher.

4. By Miss Twamley, of Lindsay, on "An Ideal Teacher." A teacher should be an earnest Christian, should always teach by example as well as precept. Should be regular in attendance and always on time. The lesson should always be thoroughly prepared, so that it can be brought before the class clearly. Love and sympathy for the children are also needed. Teachers should take every opportunity and also make opportunities of learning to know their scholars. Lastly, the ideal teacher must be a "praying teacher," taking all the difficulties to God and receiving guidance from Him continually.

5. By the Rev. R. H. A. O'Malley, of Cameron and Cambray, on the "Relation of the Home and the Sunday School." The Sunday school should never be allowed to take the place of the homes, where the religious teaching of the child should always find its chief place. The success of the Sunday school depends very largely upon the home, whether the parents take an interest in the Sunday