

force, and deep spirituality of his sermons place him, at once, in the front rank among preachers and teachers. These services were attended by deeply interested and reverent congregations, and we feel sure that all who have the privilege of hearing him will retain a grateful sense of his efforts on their behalf.

FORT ERIE.—St. Paul's Church was totally destroyed by fire on the night of March 1st last. Insurance on building for \$7,000, organ \$1,200, S. S. furniture \$300. These amounts will not nearly cover the loss. This church was one of the prettiest in the diocese.

QU'APPELLE.

The Synod of the diocese will be held on Wednesday, June 15th.

The Bishop particularly desires that all confirmations this year may be arranged to be held before October.

MOOSOMIN.—The Women's Guild of St. Alban's Church held a most successful sale of work in aid of the church funds. The total proceeds amounted to \$225.

GRENFELL.—An entertainment in aid of St. Michael's Church was given by the Amateur Dramatic Society, \$47 was realized. The new bell has arrived; it was cast by the well known firm of McShane & Co., Baltimore. At a special meeting of the vestry the following resolution was passed: "That the grateful thanks of this vestry be conveyed to the Rev. T. V. Baker for many services faithfully rendered to the District of Grenfell and Broadview, the two and a half years that he worked amongst them; and in true appreciation of these services, they would express the wish that his future work, in whatever sphere it may be, may be attended with as great a measure of success."

REGINA.—During the past month, the congregation of St. Paul's, Regina, have, in appreciative terms, presented to the late rector, the Rev. Leonard Dawson, a handsome testimonial, consisting of a purse of \$125.

SOURIS DISTRICT.—The Bishop has received the following most interesting account of the progress of settlement now being made in the Souris District, some 100 miles south of Moosomin, from the Rev. J. Sisley Thomas, now in charge of that district: "Your Lordship is probably aware of the change that has taken place in this part within the last month, through the extension of a branch of the C.P.R. from Manitoba to reach the coal pits. At present the trains run only as far as the Ox Bow City, two and a half miles east of the store in Alameda, and on the other side of the Creek. On the new line three stations and a siding have been made in this district. The first nearest Manitoba is Gainsboro', about one mile from the old Antler P. O. Some active Church people live round here. At my last service at Claremont they guaranteed to provide funds for a church, in the new town, on the conditions of your letter. [Usual Diocesan terms.] So that they are ready to start it as soon as possible. The town is small but growing. At present, services are held in the new hall. Carievale is the next place to this, where there is a siding lately made, so that there has not been time for a town to be formed. Not more than two stores have been built yet. The Church congregation is, I am afraid, a little too small to think of a church building for some time. At Carnduff, the new station about one and a half miles from the old town, there is a flourishing place already. Some twenty or thirty houses have been put up since Christmas. Here I should like to have a church, but unfortunately we are not strong enough, there being only about four or five families belonging to our Church. The Ox Bow City is the station nearest to Carnduff on west side. A most flourishing town is growing up there. Within a month some thirty houses have been built. The cold weather has not prevented the building in the least. Here there is certainly a good place for a church. With a good number of Church people who seem willing to contribute to the erection of a church, I think there will be no difficulty in getting money enough to build one soon. In the spring the railway will be finished to the coal fields, and a station will probably be made near Alameda, some eight or ten miles from the Ox Bow City. Several people at the coal fields are eager to build a church, and seem to think they could manage to get funds enough together for that purpose. There is expected to be quite a large town there when the mines get to work."

The Bishop regrets to say that Mr. Thomas has expressed his desire to leave the diocese in June. We earnestly trust that some one may soon be found to take his place, as it is most important that there should be a priest-in-charge to look after these rapidly growing places.

SASKATCHEWAN AND CALGARY.

Calgary Bishopric Endowment Fund.—The Bishop left for England to do what is possible towards raising the Calgary Bishopric Endowment Fund, last month. While he is in England, letters for him may be addressed to 116 Westborne Terrace, London W., or care of S.P.G., 19 Delahay St., Westminster, S.W.

CALGARY.—The second meeting of the Synod of the diocese was held on January 14th. The proceedings began with shortened morning prayer, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion. The Bishop read his address after the Nicene Creed. The Synod met for business in the afternoon. The next morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion, with an eminently practical and most helpful address to the clergy by Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, rector of Calgary. The Synod then met at the close of the service, and, before rising, concluded its business. The following minute was presented by a special committee of three clergymen and three laymen, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Justice Macleod, C. M. G., seconded by Rev. R. Hilton, unanimously adopted, viz:—"That this Synod desires to express its unqualified approval of all that has been done by the Lord Bishop in the organization and development of the diocese of Calgary; as well as its gratitude to the S.P.G., and the council of the Colonial Bishopric Fund, for the promise from each of £1,000 stg. for the Bishopric Endowment Fund. The Synod has heard with pleasure of the Bishop's proposed visit to England in the interest of the fund: and believing with him that the growth and prosperity of the Church in the North-West call for a bishop for each of its Dioceses as soon as the necessary funds are forthcoming, it desires to assure his Lordship of the earnest hopes and constant prayers of its members that his efforts may be abundantly successful and that he may return in health and safety to his work amongst them." Rev. A. W. F. Cooper on behalf of the special committee named by the Bishop to draw up an address to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, with reference to the deeply lamented death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, submitted the address, which was unanimously agreed to.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A Pioneer of the Church.—Wednesday, the 24th February, Rt. Rev. Dr. Hills enters his 34th year as Bishop of Columbia, having been consecrated in Westminster Abbey, on St. Matthias' Day, 1859. There are only three bishops in the Church with a longer record—Austin, bishop of Guiana, 1842; Medley, bishop of Fredericton, 1845; and Pelham, bishop of Norwich, 1857.

NORFIELD.—St. Luke's Church Room, one of the prettiest buildings in the Diocese of Columbia, is now finished, and was opened last month, by the Lord Bishop. It is a singularly useful and ornamental building, at a moderate cost, and, as such, it is thought, a short description of it may be acceptable, as other congregations may follow out the idea. It consists of a large room, 40 x 26, surmounted by a small spire and an octagonal chancel annexed. This is finished with sliding doors, which can be opened and closed at will, thus allowing the building to be used as a church or a concert room as may be necessary. The whole of the interior is in hard oil finish, and looks exceedingly pretty, and the chancel is furnished with two handsome colored windows, generously presented by members of St. Alban's church, Nanaimo. The room will accommodate over 150, and is supplied with seats, lectern, reading desk, a very handsome altar (the gift of Mr. Parker), and a movable platform. The plans of the building were kindly given by Mr. George Taylor, of the New Vancouver coal company, who has also superintended and helped in every possible way. The work has been done by Messrs. Parker and Phillips, of Victoria, and certainly reflects great credit upon them. The Northfield people are greatly indebted to Mr. Robbins for his generosity and kindness in helping to forward the work, and thanks are also due to the committee, and to those who so kindly collected and contributed towards the building fund.

British and Foreign.

It is proposed to restore the interesting old Cathedral Church of St. Adamnan, Raphoe.

It is stated that a conference will shortly be held in St. Petersburg, between the Russian Orthodox and Armenian Churches, with a view to the ultimate union of the two bodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Christie-Miller, of Kircassock, have generously given the sum of £1,000 to enable the

parish of Magherajin to procure the services of a curate.

The S.P.C.K. will bring out a book in May, of which Canon Maclean and Mr. Brown are joint authors, on the Life, Manners, Custom, Ritual, and Books (old and new) of the Assyrian Christians.

A theological library has been started in the Diocese of Cork for the use of the clergy and laity. The books will be kept in St. Fin Barre's Library, and will be under the management of the Cathedral clergy.

It is stated that the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol is about to appoint an assistant Rural Dean to assist Canon Mather in his work in the Bristol Deanery. This step is rendered necessary by the increase in population and in Church organizations in the Bristol Deanery.

No fewer than eighty special preachers have been taking part in the daily services in forty-five churches in Leeds during the General Mission there. Canon Scott Holland and Canon A. J. Mason are the principal missionaries.

The Bishop of St. Alban's has been elected president of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa in place of the late Bishop of Carlisle. Dr. Festing has a thirty years' connection with the mission, and was once one of its Hon. Secretaries.

Dr. Vaughan, of Salford, will probably succeed the late Cardinal Manning as Archbishop of Westminster. Dr. Vaughan is not only an ecclesiastic, but a landowner and a newspaper proprietor, for he is owner of *The Tablet*, and lord of the manor of Courtfield, near Ross, in Herefordshire.

The *Indian Churchman* declares that "Not even the most ardent of Mr. Booth's admirers have considered his visit to Calcutta a success. No doubt large numbers of people went to hear him, but there was neither enthusiasm in the hearers nor any decided amount of animation in the lecturer. The proposition of his social scheme fell flat, as indeed was likely when its propounder had so little acquaintance with the conditions of India."

The Bishop of Wakefield has intimated to his clergy that he takes the same view of the duties of Deacons as does the Northern Primate. The two sermons a month which they are allowed to preach are to be sent at once for his Lordship's inspection. The Bishop in a pastoral letter pleads for more careful and minute instruction in the meaning of the various parts of the Prayer-book.

At the "Good Samaritan" office, St. Mary-at-Hill Rectory, Eastcheap, the advertisements of the morning papers can be seen regularly at eight o'clock a.m. Two Evangelists labouring under the Church Army Social Scheme are always on the look out to try and help men into situations. In many instances circular addressing and letter writing is provided for men to bridge over a period of difficulty until they can get regular situations, thus saving many men from despair and the casual ward.

The Archbishop of Paris has offered to go to Rome to confer with Leo XIII. on the present position of the Church in France. Cardinal Richard declares that the French Episcopate is quite prepared for the disendowment of the French Church if the legislation on this subject is conducted in a fair spirit. So far the French bishops ask only for the preservation of the cathedrals and other parochial edifices. The Cardinal maintains, however, that the majority of the Chamber would never vote a measure which would disturb the electoral life of France.

Signor Nitti, the distinguished economist, notes the curious fact that while Italy has even now no regular rate or tax on behalf of the poor, it has a tax on the poor. This refers to the Government lotteries, which bring the public treasury a gross income of seventy-five millions of lire (about three millions sterling), more or less, which is levied on the superstition and ignorance of the poorer population. "No country in the world," says Signor Nitti, "possesses an institution more hateful and more anti-social than the Italian and Austrian lotteries, in which the State defrauds the poorest class with complete consciousness of the fraud, and continues to implant in the people the disastrous belief that fortune comes far more from chance or from miracle than from work."

It is said that £10,000 have been promised for an endowment fund, conditionally on the project being carried out, for the establishment of a Bishopric of