

of our Church people in the organized dioceses, illustrating, as they do, the peculiar nature of the work incumbent on a Bishop in so scattered a diocese, and showing how in many places where the soil seemed as unpromising as the natural surroundings, and there was no visible likelihood of success, a door was opened and opportunities of sowing the good seed provided by the Good Shepherd and Bishop of Souls.

On Saturday morning, July 4th, the "Evangeline" commenced her missionary labors for 1885 by steaming out from the dock of Sault Ste. Marie, under the guidance of her faithful pilot, Joe Grecksky, having for her passengers the Bishop of Algoma and the Rev. J. F. Sweeney, Incumbent of St. Philip's, Toronto, bound for the North shore of Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay on a tour of exploration, with a view to the discovery of any isolated settlement along these rock-bound coasts, in which scattered members of the Church of England might be found in need of the sympathy and public and private ministrations of their own communion. A liberal supply of Bibles, mission services, tracts, and general literature had already been stored away, with, of course, the supplies necessary for passengers and crew during a three weeks' cruise. A start having been effected about 11 a.m., our first stopping place was Bruce Mines, which was reached in five hours. Here the Missionary Rev. F. C. Berry had commenced the erection of a church edifice after plans drawn by himself and approved by the Bishop, the people lending a very willing and energetic co-operation. A solid stone foundation has been put in, and the skeleton of the building set up, giving promise of a structure at once substantial and church-like. The need of the church has been sorely felt, as the congregation has hitherto been dependent for its services on a partial use of a Union Church, an arrangement which, according to all past experience, had worked very unsatisfactorily. In the evening a meeting of the parishioners was held, at which the church people gave very unmistakable evidence of their desire for a church in a contribution list (made up prior to the Bishop's visit), amounting in money and freewill offerings of labor, to upwards of \$300. The Bishop was only too glad to be able to second this earnestness by a promise of assistance from the Diocesan Fund, and also of a grant, which might be relied on, from the "S.P.C.K." He was also able to say that a contribution of about £30, which had been given him while in England for another district, in which it was now no longer needed, would, with the donors' consent, be transferred to the Mines, an announcement which was received with no little satisfaction. About \$200 more, however, will be needed to complete and furnish the church, but this lack will doubtless be supplied from some source or other, in God's good time and providence.

Early on the following morning (Sunday, the 5th) the "Evangeline" transferred us to St. Joseph's Island, opposite Bruce Mines, where the Bishop had arranged to do duty for the Rev. H. Beer, who supplied services at the Sault. After a hot and dusty drive Jocelyn was reached and service held at 3 p.m. in the Church of the Holy Trinity, the Bishop reading and preaching, after which the return journey of 12 miles was accomplished, and the Bishop officiated again at Marksville. The congregations were large in both places, a fact which furnished no slight testimony to the Missionary's faithfulness, as the Bishop's visit was wholly unexpected—he had simply "dropped in" on the mission, and thus was better able to form an estimate of the average church life and interest than if he had come with the flourish of trumpets, which usually ushers in Episcopal visitations. The night, like the preceding one, was spent on the "Evangeline."

(To be continued.)

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE

We have received the first Pastoral of Bishop Anson, addressed to all persons in communion with the Church of England in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. It contains so much interesting information regarding the work of the Church in this new field, and so many excellent suggestions of general application, that we give the Pastoral at length.

Brethren, beloved in the Lord:

As it is just a year since, in the Providence of God, I was called to the oversight of this Diocese, I think that the time has arrived for me to place before you, in a manner that shall reach a larger number than are reached by an address at the Synod, some information concerning the present position of the work of the Church in the Diocese, its prospects, and its wants.

I feel, and I trust I am only in this interpreting the feelings of many others, indeed of all who have at heart a real desire for the welfare of our Church, that every member should take an interest not only in the congregation or parish in which he happens to be placed, but as far as possible in the whole body. The Church, indeed, will never prosper as it ought until this is the case. We want above all, more union and brotherly love, and wider sympathies. We want to realize more profoundly that the Diocese, and not the congregation, is the unit of the Church's Divine system. Through the Diocese we are united with the whole body of the Church Universal throughout the world. The advantages of having such a large field of unity are many. Chiefly it enables the strong to help the weak, and the rich the poor, as members of one Body in which if one portion suffers all suffer with it. It also, however, enables those who from some cause or another may be in adversity to rejoice as they look beyond their own small circle, and hear of the prosperity that has been vouchsafed to the Church in other parts, and in which they feel that they, as members of the same Body, are privileged to have a share.

It is good for us, therefore, to know what is going on among our brethren. It helps us to take an interest in the general work. It encourages us in the task that lies more immediately about our own path; it stirs us up to godly emulation.

It is with this purpose, and with the earnest hope that it may be thus blessed by God, to the awakening of a more active interest in the work of our Church amongst its members, that I have determined to address to you this Pastoral.

Let us first see how God has blessed our work. This time last year, there were in this Diocese, which, as most of you know, is coterminous with the District of Assiniboia, (450 miles in length by 200 miles in width) three Priests and one Deacon. There are now, besides myself, nine Priests and three Deacons, and another Priest and a Layman (the latter to take charge of an Indian school), are on their way out from England.

Of buildings there were, at the same time, two school rooms used as churches, and two parsonages. There are now, besides the above, two duly consecrated churches and one portion of a church sufficient for the present requirements of the place in which it is situated, and two more houses for the Clergy. Five more churches are already in progress, and will be finished, I trust, before the end of the summer.

The Clergy are situated at Moosomin, Fort Pelly (Indian school and mission), Kinbrae (for York and Montreal colonies and all the country north of the Qu'Appelle), Grenfell, Qu'Appelle, the Port, Regina, Moosejaw and Medicine Hat. The Priest who is coming from England will be stationed at Moose Mountains, where a log church has been built and consecrated, and

will have charge of the whole country south of the Little Pipestone to the frontier (about seventy miles).

For all this increase we must offer our most earnest and heartfelt thanksgiving to God. To Him alone be all the glory. Under Him we are chiefly indebted for the possibility of this work being done to the very great liberality of the help that we have received from England.

I was enabled while in England during the winter of 1883-4 to collect about £2,500, and about £400 in subscriptions for five years. Of this capital sum, £1,450 was paid over to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. That Society voted £1,000 for the Endowment of the Bishopric, to be paid in proportional instalments towards an endowment of £10,000; and it also promised £400 a year for the income of the Bishop till the endowment has been completed. This income, as I stated in my Charge to the Synod last year, "I regard as simply so much added by the Society to the common fund out of which all expenses of the Church work in this Diocese are to be paid, at least till the increase of the wealth in this Diocese renders voluntary work on the part of the clergy unnecessary—that is, till the Diocese does not require help from England."

As I then also stated, the Clergy and Laymen who came out with me, and those who have joined the work since, "have come without stipends, receiving only out of the common fund what is necessary for their maintenance and for carrying on the work."

The S. P. G. also voted £800 for the maintenance of the Clergy to the end of 1885.

The same Society also voted £500 for the erection of buildings in the Diocese, and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has given a similar grant of £500 for churches.

The S. P. G. has also since given £132 14s. 7d. out of a special fund for work among the Indians.

The Colonial Bishops' Fund and the S. P. O. K. both also voted £2,000 towards the Endowment of the See. These grants, however, will lapse at the end of 1889 if the further sum of £5,000 needed to make up the endowment to £10,000 is not secured by that time. They, like the S. P. G. grant, are given in proportional instalments to meet any sums that are collected.

Upwards of £3,000 has been subscribed, chiefly in the last four months, and by two most munificent donors of £1,000 and £1,500 (the latter anonymous), given in the offertory at St. Paul's Cathedral, on St. John Baptist's Day, for the Church Farm, which is to be a temporary home and place of instruction in agriculture for young men coming out to settle, and also a College for the preparation of candidates for Holy Orders.

We have also received, in the last twelve months, £980 from the Church in Eastern Canada.

The grants for buildings from the Societies in England are distributed by the Executive Committee of the Synod. One-fifth of the cost price of building churches or parsonages, up to £1,000, being given as a grant, and one-fifth in addition, if needed, as a loan.

The Synod has met twice during these twelve months, and at the last session in June passed a constitution and canons for the government of the Diocese. A copy of this constitution, &c., can be obtained by any member of the Church desiring one, from Rev. H. H. Smith, Regina.

An Act has also been passed by the Dominion Parliament incorporating the Synod, and thereby enabling it to hold property.

So much for the past. We have much reason to thank God, and to take courage. *Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.*

We must now look on to the future. (To be continued.)